

## Fact Sheet

# Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex and Hispanic Origin for East Baton Rouge, Ascension, and Livingston Parishes

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The disasters of 2005 were the largest in U.S. history and created an equally historic level of population turbulence in parts of Louisiana. This fact sheet provides updated population estimates for three parishes in the Baton Rouge metropolitan area.

### Key Finding

The population data for East Baton Rouge Parish show a steady population between 2000 and 2005 and a sharp net increase of 18,121 persons between 2005 and 2007. Although East Baton Rouge Parish gained far more than 18,000 persons immediately

following the hurricane, the net change between 2005 and 2007 better reflects the more permanent population changes in the parish.

### Parish Specific Findings

**East Baton Rouge Parish Trend: Growing diversity due to Pre-Katrina loss of whites and post-Katrina gains in African Americans and Hispanics**

There is no longer a racial majority in EBRP in 2007. Nonhispanic whites comprise 49.04% and Nonhispanic African Americans 44.69%

Changes in the racial make-up of the parish are being driven largely by a decrease in the number of Nonhispanic whites. EBRP lost

16,723 whites between 2000 and 2007. Much of the loss occurred pre-Katrina. Between 2000 and 2005 EBRP lost on average 2,734.4 whites per year. Between 2005-2007, this number was 1525.5. The hurricanes of 2005 clearly slowed this trend.

During the same period, the Nonhispanic African American population of EBRP grew by 27,127. Much of this growth (67.37%) occurred between 2005 and 2007.

The Hispanic population of EBRP is approaching 3% of the total population. The average annual increase in the Latino population between 2000-2005 was 493. Between 2005 and 2007, the average annual increase was 917.

In sum, EBRP growth is driven by an increasingly racially diverse population and the parish has experienced a rapid change in the racial make-up of the population. In 1990, EBRP was 62.3% nonhispanic white, 34.7% nonhispanic black, and 1.4% Hispanic. EBRP in 2007 is very different.

**Ascension Parish Trend---Across the board growth pre and post-Katrina with slight increase in racial diversity driven by post-Katrina population growth of Nonhispanic African Americans and Hispanics.**

Ascension Parish's racial make-up in 2007 is similar to that in 2000.

In 2007 Ascension was 73% Nonhispanic white. In 2000, the percentage was 76.3. The rate of population growth of Nonhispanic whites in the post-Katrina years lags far behind that of Nonhispanic African Americans and Hispanics.

In 2007 Ascension was 20.16% Nonhispanic African American. In 2000, the percentage was 21.6.

Ascension experienced a sharp increase in Hispanic residents between 2000 and 2007 (95.4% increase---1910 to 3732). Though this increase occurred gradually during the 7 year period, there is a large increase in the post-Katrina period.

Compared to 1990, Ascension Parish's racial make-up has changed little with the exception of the Hispanic population. In 1990, the population was 74.9% white, 22.5% African American, and 1.7% Hispanic. In 2007, the percent Hispanic was 3.7%---more than double the percentage in 1990.

**Livingston Parish Trend--- Across the board growth pre and post-Katrina with slight increase in diversity.**

Livingston Parish's racial make-up in 2007 was similar to that in 2000.

Nonhispanic whites comprised 93.6% of the population in 2000 and 91% in 2007.

Nonhispanic African Americans comprised 5.7% of the population in 2007 as compared to 4.2% in 2000.

The number of Hispanic residents in Livingston Parish doubled between 2000 and 2007 from 1018 to 2036. The percent of the population that is Hispanic in Livingston grew slightly from 1.1% in 2000 to 1.7% in 2007. However, the parish experienced a larger rate of growth in Hispanic residents in the post-Katrina years than Ascension and EBRP.

Compared to 1990, the Livingston Parish's racial make-up has changed little. In 1990, 93.1% of the population was Nonhispanic white, 5.4% was Nonhispanic African American, and 1% was Hispanic.

## DATA TABLE 1

### Historical Data from 1990 Census of Population and Housing (STF3)

	<i>East Baton Rouge Parish</i>		<i>Ascension Parish</i>		<i>Ascension Parish</i>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Nonhispanic White	236859	62.31%	43631	74.95%	65670	93.11%
Nonhispanic African American	132083	34.75%	13125	22.55%	3816	5.41%
Hispanic	5421	1.43%	1001	1.72%	741	1.05%
Total	380105		58214		70526	

### Total Population 2000, 2005, and 2007

(Source: 2007 Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin)

	2000	2005	2007	Post-Katrina Growth Rate, 2005-2007 (%)
East Baton Rouge Parish	412903	412196	430317	4.39621
Ascension Parish	77121	89056	99056	11.22889
Livingston Parish	92533	107480	116580	8.466691

### Nonhispanic White Population 2000, 2005, 2007

(Source: 2007 Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin)

	2000	2005	2007	Post-Katrina Growth Rate, 2005-2007 (%)
East Baton Rouge Parish	227790	214118	211067	-1.42492
Ascension Parish	58866	67199	72332	7.638507
Livingston Parish	86627	99152	106141	7.048774

### Nonhispanic African American Population 2000, 2005, 2007

(Source: 2007 Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin)

	2000	2005	2007	Post-Katrina Growth Rate, 2005-2007 (%)
East Baton Rouge Parish	165178	174029	192305	10.5017
Ascension Parish	15553	17547	21414	22.03796
Livingston Parish	3889	5371	6746	25.60045

### Hispanic Population 2000, 2005, 2007

(Source: 2007 Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin)

	2000	2005	2007	Post-Katrina Growth Rate, 2005-2007 (%)
East Baton Rouge Parish	7501	9966	11800	18.40257
Ascension Parish	1910	3051	3732	22.32055
Livingston Parish	1018	1588	2036	28.21159

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