

MOREHOUSE PARISH, LOUISIANA

2017 FACT SHEET

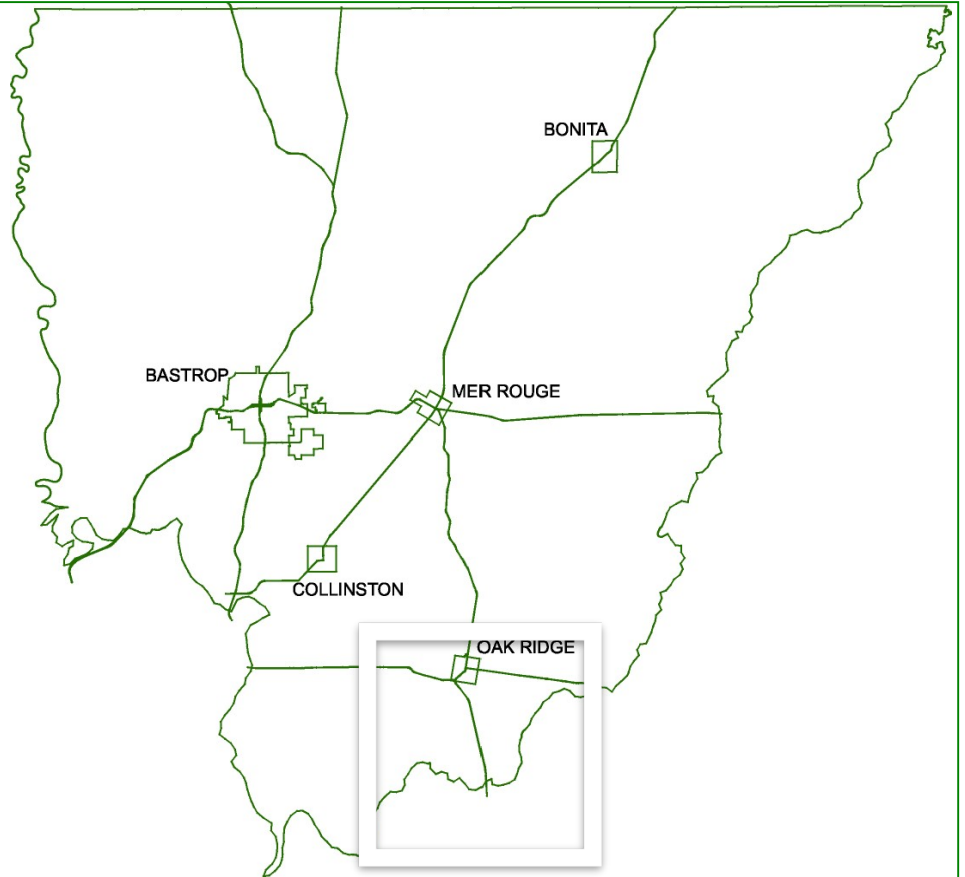
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Population: 4,438,000
Square Miles: 48,523



MOREHOUSE PARISH

Population:	27,979
Square Miles:	806
Navigable Streams:	21 Miles
Agriculture Acres:	295,145
Timber Acres:	161,927
Residential Improvements:	16,692
Commercial Improvements:	4,003
Gas Wells	1,335
Number of Taxpayers	20,998
Number of Taxpayers with Homestead Exemptions:	7,823
Number of Taxpayers fully covered by Homestead Exemption	3,075
Value of other Exempt Property:	35,813,262



ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The Assessor is required to locate, list, classify, value, and assess all property in Morehouse Parish for ad valorem taxation according to the Constitution of Louisiana and the laws of the state. Ad valorem means "according to value" - thus the amount of tax is based on the value of the property and not the ability to pay. This property includes all REAL (land and buildings) and PERSONAL (business movables).

The Assessor also tracks ownership changes; maintains maps of parcel boundaries; and maintains the legal description of each property parcel. All culminate annually, with the filing of the Tax Roll, a major source of revenue for law enforcement, education, fire protection, roads and drainage.

The Parish Tax Collector is the Sheriff and all ad valorem taxes for the Parish are due by December 31 of current year.

Bastrop, Bonita, Collinston, Mer Rouge and Oak Ridge send tax bills and collect taxes based on the assessments and millage rates for that particular municipality or village.

The Goal of the Assessor's office is to ensure that property is assessed fairly and equitably, and that is our pledge.

PROPERTY TAX TERMS:

REAL PROPERTY - Consists of the tangible land, buildings, and other improvements attached to the land.

PERSONAL PROPERTY - All property not defined as real property (machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, inventory, and airplanes).

PUBLIC SERVICE - Utilities, railways, pipelines, communications.

ASSESSED VALUE RATIO - Land 10%, Residential Improvements 10%, Commercial Improvements 15% and Public Service 25%.

TAX RATE - A levy per each one thousand dollars of assessed value, expressed in dollars and cents, and made by each of the local government bodies or agencies to support Parish, City, School and Special Services. Tax rates vary from one district to another according to the tax base, the needs and demands of the people.

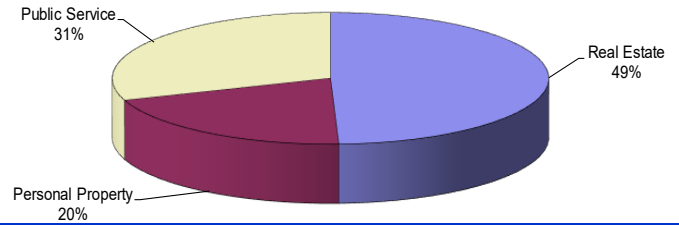
MILLAGE RATE - Millage is the percentage of value that is used in calculating taxes. A mill is defined as 1/10 of 1 percent and is multiplied by the assessed value after any exemptions have been subtracted to calculate the taxes. For example: if the tax rate is 150 mills and total assessed value is \$10,000 with no exemptions, the taxes would be calculated as $\$10,000 \times .150 = \$1,500.00$. If for the same house you had a homestead exemption the taxes would be: $\$10,000 - \$7,500(\text{H.E.}) = \$2,500.00 \times .150 = \375.00 in taxes. This demonstrates the importance of filing a homestead exemption.

2017 PROPERTY TAX DATA FOR MOREHOUSE PARISH

TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE

REAL ESTATE:	\$74,688,281
PERSONAL PROPERTY:	\$27,267,449
PUBLIC SERVICE:	\$43,684,490
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE:	\$145,640,220

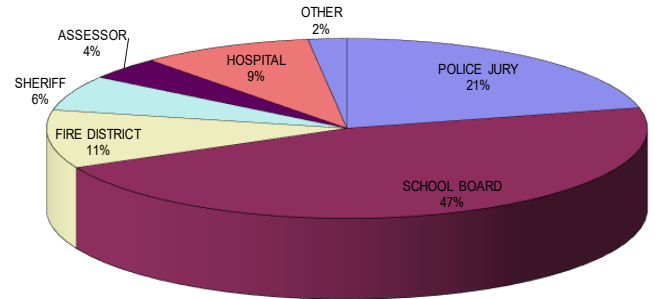
TAXABLE PROPERTY



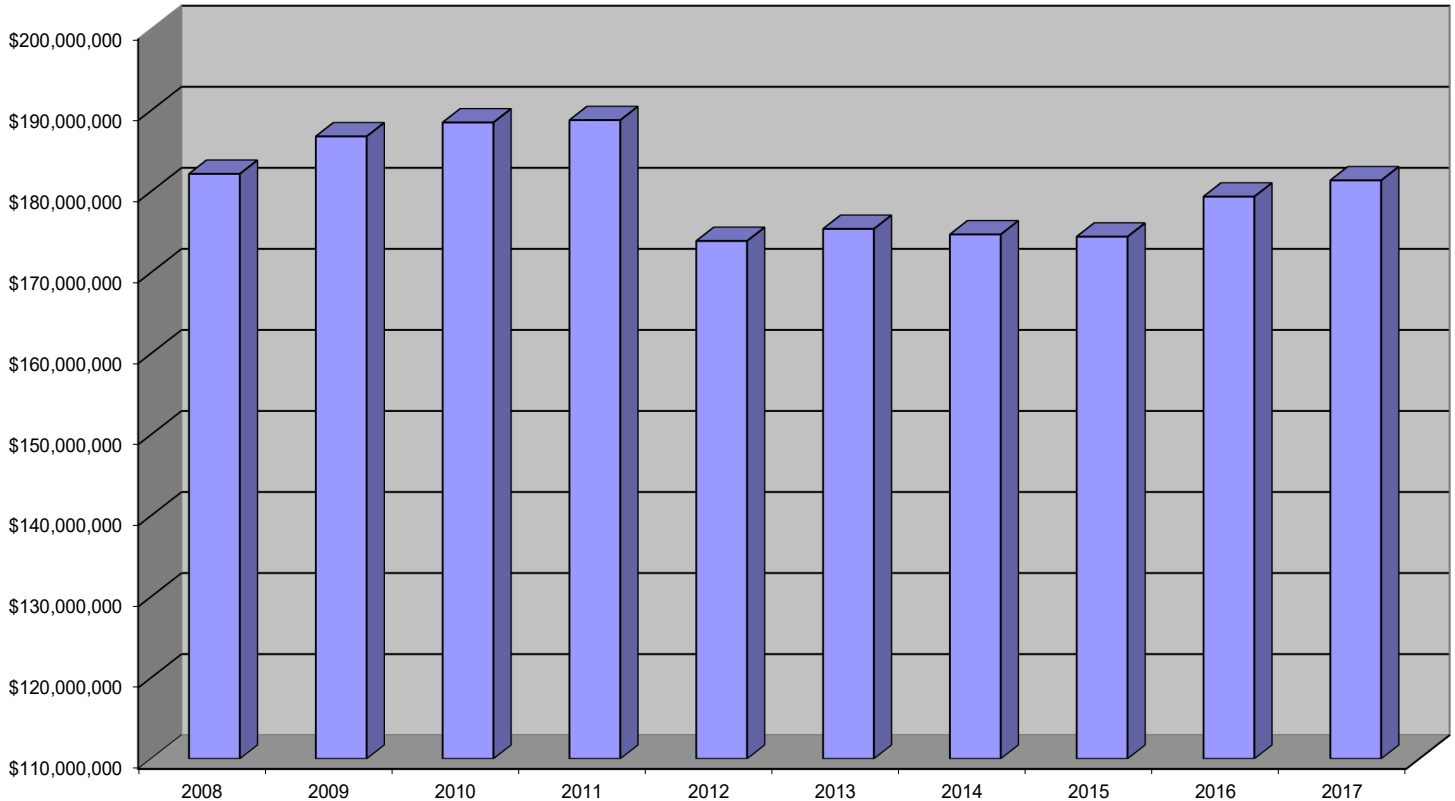
TAXES GENERATED BY DISTRICT

POLICE JURY	\$2,686,032.10
SCHOOL BOARD	\$4,616,434.62
FIRE DISTRICT	\$1,553,464.17
SHERIFF	\$795,199.01
ASSESSOR	\$509,754.50
OTHER	\$3,167,568.47
TOTAL TAXES	\$13,328,452.87

RECIPIENT OF TAX REVENUE



10 YEAR ASSESSED VALUE TREND



MOREHOUSE HISTORY

Original land grant to Baron de Bastrop	1796
Morehouse Parish created (named for Abram Morehouse)	1844
First Courthouse built around	1846
Courthouse Burned	1870
Town of Bastrop incorporated	1852
First known Assessor W.L. McMurtey	1860



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