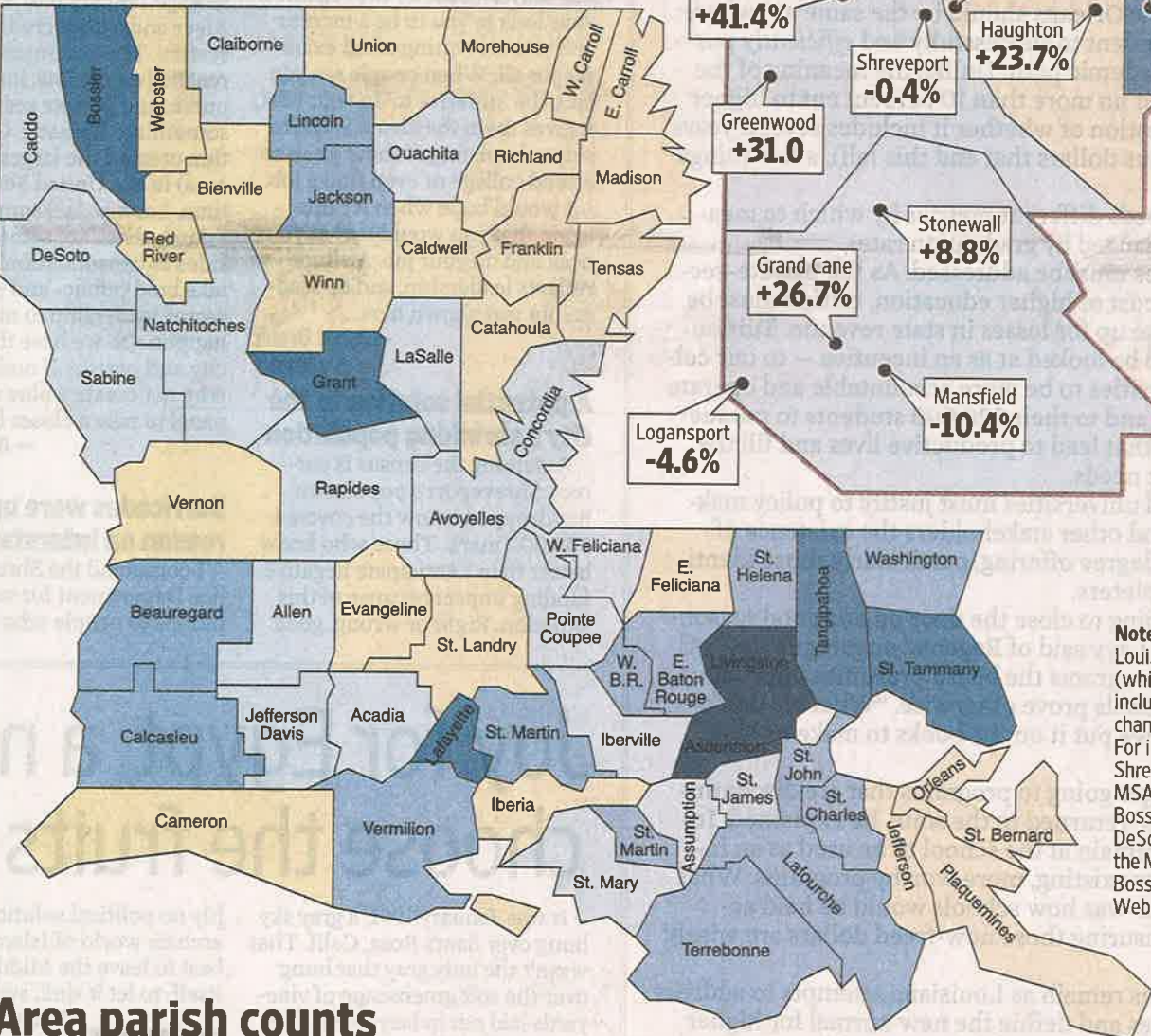# How we have CHANGED

U.S. Census counts have finally put hard numbers to the growth some communities have felt over the past decade. Others now know just how much their populations have declined. Here's a glance at some of the local population changes as well as glance around the region and throughout the state.

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Louisiana population: 4,533,372

Population change by parish: 2000-10

| LOSS | 0-5% | 5-15% | | 25% + |

Claiborne · Union · Morehouse · W. Carroll · E. Carroll
Caddo · Bossier · Webster · Lincoln · Ouachita · Richland · Madison
Bienville · Jackson
Red River · DeSoto · Caldwell · Franklin · Tensas
Winn
Natchitoches · Catahoula
Sabine · Grant · LaSalle · Concordia
Vernon · Rapides · Avoyelles
W. Feliciana · E. Feliciana · St. Helena · Tangipahoa · Washington
Beauregard · Allen · Evangeline · Pointe Coupee · W.B.R. · E. Baton Rouge · Livingston · St. Tammany
Jefferson Davis · Acadia · St. Landry · Lafayette · St. Martin · Iberville · Ascension · St. John · St. James · St. Charles · Orleans · St. Bernard
Calcasieu · Iberia · Vermilion · St. Martin · Assumption · Lafourche · Jefferson · Plaquemines
Cameron · St. Mary · Terrebonne

Population shifts in Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto and Webster

Ida **-14.3%**
Rodessa **-12.1%**
Plain Dealing **-5.2%**
Springhill **-3.1%**
Shongaloo **+12.3%**
Vivian **-8.9%**
Sarepta **-3.7%**
Hosston **-17.8%**
Cotton Valley **-15.1%**
Benton **-4.3%**
Oil City **-17.3%**
Mooringsport **-4.8%**
Bossier City **+8.6%**
Doyline **-2.7%**
Minden **+0.4%**
Blanchard **+41.4%**
Haughton **+23.7%**
Shreveport **-0.4%**
Sibley **+10.9%**
Greenwood **+31.0**
Stonewall **+8.8%**
Grand Cane **+26.7%**
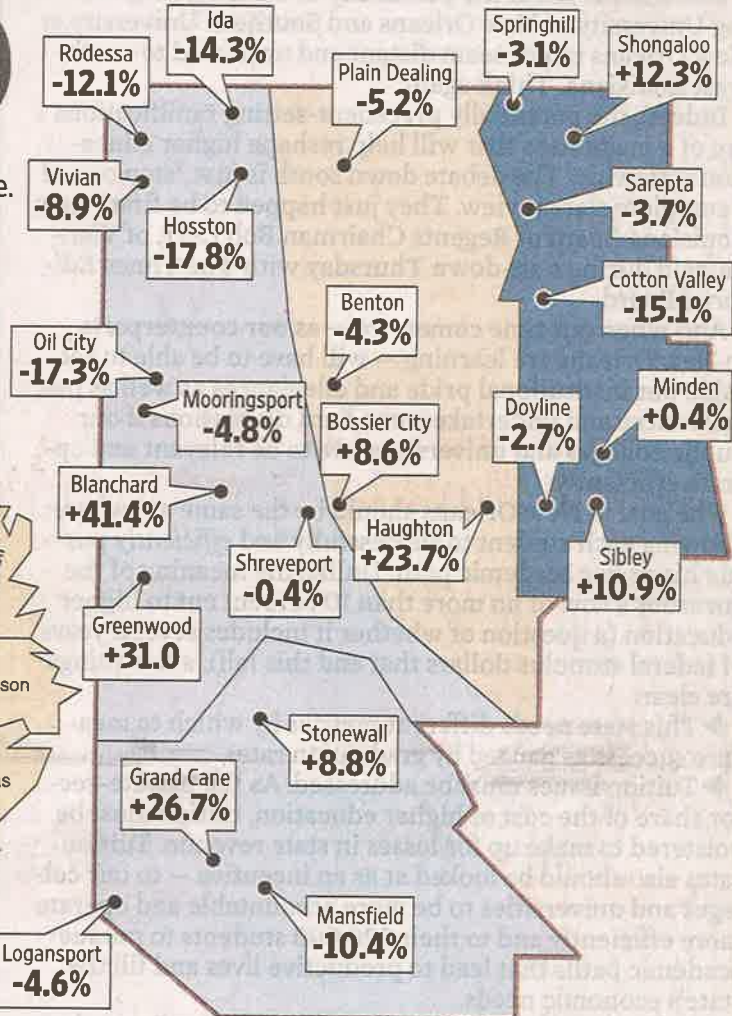Mansfield **-10.4%**
Logansport **-4.6%**

Note: The definitions of Louisiana's MSAs (which parishes are included in each) have changed over the years. For instance, the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA now includes Bossier, Caddo and DeSoto; prior to that, the MSA was defined as Bossier, Caddo and Webster)

Area parish counts

Parish	2000	2010	Change	Percent change
Bienville	15,752	14,353	-1,399	-8.9%
Bossier	98,310	116,979	+18,669	+19%
Caddo	252,161	254,969	+2,808	+1.1%
Claiborne	16,851	17,195	+344	+2%
DeSoto	25,494	26,656	+1,162	+4.6%
Lincoln	42,509	46,735	+4,226	+9.9%
Natchitoches	39,080	39,566	+486	+1.2%
Red River	9,622	9,091	-531	-5.5%
Sabine	23,459	24,233	+774	+3.3%
Webster	41,831	41,207	-624	-1.5%

Source: Times research

Louisiana metropolitan areas

Following are population counts for Louisiana Metropolitan Statistical Areas based upon U.S. Census Bureau data.

	2000	2010	Change	% change
Alexandria MSA (Grant and Rapides parishes)	145,035	153,922	+8,887	+6.13%
Baton Rouge MSA (Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana parishes)	705,973	802,484	+96,511	+13.67%
Lafayette MSA (Lafayette and St. Martin parishes)	239,806	273,738	+33,932	+14.15%
Monroe MSA (Ouachita and Union parishes)	170,053	176,441	+6,388	+3.76%
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner MSA (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. Tammany parishes)	1,316,510	1,167,764	-148,746	-11.3%
Shreveport-Bossier City MSA (Bossier, Caddo and DeSoto parishes)	375,965	398,604	+22,639	+6.02%

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