

Bastrop Independent School District Economic Condition and Outlook

Bastrop ISD is located in Bastrop County east of Austin and covers an area of approximately 400 square miles. The District's close proximity to Austin, its relatively few traffic problems, and its lower land prices have made the area attractive both to new home owners and new businesses. Bastrop is home to one of the largest new HEB facilities in Central Texas. A number of additional businesses have opened for operation in Bastrop. Among these are: Chili's, Home Depot, and the Bastrop Family Entertainment Center.

Bastrop County was one of the fastest growing counties in Texas in the 1990's. The county grew at more than double the rate of the State between 1990 and 2000. Since the 2000 census Bastrop County has remained one of the fastest growing counties in Texas. Most of the growth has occurred west of the City of Bastrop along the Highway 71 corridor.

The population within the Bastrop ISD boundaries has increased at a faster rate than Bastrop County. According to data from the 2000 Census, the population within the district boundaries increased by two-thirds since 1990. The 2000 population for the District was 34,401, an increase of 13,175 people or 66% since 1990. Of ten neighboring school districts, Bastrop ISD has increased at the fastest rate from fall 2001 to fall 2002. A complete demographic study is available on the Bastrop ISD website (www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu).

Bastrop ISD enrollment has increased annually for more than ten years. Enrollment grew 7.1% in 2002-03. The district budgeted a 5% enrollment growth for 2004.

Bastrop ISD – District Enrollment Projections

School Year	Historical Scenario	Moderate Scenario	High Scenario
	Total Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Total Enrollment
2003-04	7,574	7,660	7,773
2004-05	7,954	8,194	8,378
2005-06	8,316	8,833	9,097
2006-07	8,796	9,549	9,884
2007-08	9,379	10,323	10,778
2008-09	10,046	11,208	11,759
2009-10	10,832	12,194	12,868
2010-11	11,666	13,298	14,098
2011-12	12,638	14,537	15,491
2012-13	13,726	15,889	17,047

Source: DeskMap Systems, Inc.