

University Elementary School (all data from CPSB / LDE / U. S. Census Bureau)

1. The Census Bureau shows population of school-aged children in Caddo Parish continuing to decline, **down -10.8%** between 1990 and 2013.
2. A claim of "population shifts" as a justification necessarily involves the entirety of **Southeast Shreveport / Caddo**, boundaries of which are **70th Street** on the north, **Red River** on the east, the **Caddo-DeSoto line** on the south, and **I-49 on the west**, a defined multi-Census tract area.
3. Since 1990, the number of **birth-to-17-year-olds in Southeast has increased +717 children**, from 5,771 to 6,488 ... **in 23 years!**
4. In this area are **A. C. Steere, Arthur Circle, Riverside** and **University Elementary** schools. Using more recent years, 1999-2000, the combined enrollment has **dropped by 14 STUDENTS**. Also in this area are private schools St. Joseph's, Southfield, St. Mark's, First Baptist, St. John's, and Montessori. Their total enrollment between 2000 and 2013 **grew by only 32 STUDENTS**.
5. University Elementary's **enrollment is dropping**, from **985** year-before last to **941** last year to **926** now. Even more dramatically:
 - a. When opened in 1970, the design capacity of the school, according to CPSB, was 800. In 2000-2001, an inflation-adjusted \$2.3 million expansion was completed with added 18 classrooms, after which CPSB recorded / reported its **total capacity as 1,340**.
 - b. The current enrollment is 926. CPSB's July 2000 enrollment history report shows the 1986 enrollment to have been 960, before the 2001 expansion added 18 classrooms. **University now has 34 FEWER students this year than in 1986, but 18 additional classrooms.**
6. University's principal confirms the data in her comments to the Shreveport Times and KTBS Television on August 5, 2014:

"We're not by any means overcrowded. I hear that all the time and we aren't a small elementary school, but we are not bursting at the seams. We have room to grow and my class sizes stay small or smaller than other schools."

Percent of Parish Households Paying Property Taxes

	CADDO	BOSSIER	DESOTO*	E. BATON ROUGE	CALCASIEU	OUACHITA	RAPIDES
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	98,284	45,776	10,270	167,422	73,726	57,551	47,606
Owner, Pays Property Tax	32,287	20,654	2,181	77,091	25,238	26,407	15,384
Owner, 100% Tax Exempt	24,342	8,039	7,096	24,014	23,782	9,710	20,998
Rent / Non-Owner-Occupied	41,655	17,083	993	66,317	24,706	21,434	11,224
% PAYING PROPERTY TAX	32.9%	45.1%	21.2%	46.0%	34.2%	45.9%	32.3%

- Census Bureau, *American Community Survey* data, 2009-2013. All other data from Louisiana Tax Commission Table No. 44.

* The Desoto Parish percentage of HHs paying property taxes - 21.2% - is now rising as a result of aggressive building of upscale homes in the Stonewall area.

Population Comparison: 1986 to 2014

	CADDO	BOSSIER	DESOTO	EAST BATON ROUGE	CALCASIEU	OUACHITA	RAPIDES
1986	264,653	89,351	27,185	387,186	171,398	146,832	136,579
2014	254,887	123,823	27,083	445,227	195,296	156,220	132,723
CHANGE	-3.7%	38.6%	-0.4%	15.0%	13.9%	6.4%	-2.8%

- All data from U. S. Census Bureau Official Estimates.

- **1986 was the peak year of Caddo Parish population**, followed by severe out-migration resulting from the oil bust.

- Other 1986-2014 population change: **United States 32.5%** **Louisiana 5.5%** **Texas 62.8%** **Arkansas 27.2%** **Mississippi 15.4%**

Dedicated School Property Tax Millages & Increase 1983 to 2013

	CADDO	BOSSIER*	DESOTO	EAST BATON ROUGE	CALCASIEU*	MONROE CITY DISTRICT	RAPIDES
1983	35.87	27.99	N/A	28.55	25.95	30.27	38.43
2013	75.66	52.73	53.88	43.45	31.59	37.77	50.16
% CHANGE	110.9%	88.4%	N/A	52.2%	21.7%	24.8%	30.5%

- Data from Louisiana Tax Commission Annual Reports and/or Louisiana Department of Education.

* Bossier, DeSoto, Calcasieu and Rapides include an added average of school-area millages. The Ouachita tax is the Monroe City district.

Three Decade, 1983 to 2013: Taxation As A Multiple of Total Assessed Property Value

	CADDO	BOSSIER	DESOTO	EAST BATON ROUGE	CALCASIEU	OUACHITA	RAPIDES
Total Assessed Value:							
1983	\$ 807,264,930	\$ 213,173,240	\$ 60,469,502	\$ 1,337,019,630	\$ 653,448,470	\$ 394,740,119	\$ 284,093,067
Inflation Adjusted	\$ 1,889,121,673	\$ 498,857,528	\$ 141,507,754	\$ 3,128,827,558	\$ 1,529,167,961	\$ 923,751,406	\$ 664,820,618
2013*	\$ 2,017,071,683	\$ 1,135,966,940	\$ 735,384,774	\$ 4,380,432,160	\$ 2,005,043,490	\$ 1,190,707,694	\$ 902,687,032
30-Year Increase:	6.77%	127.71%	419.68%	40.00%	31.12%	28.90%	35.78%
Parish & Local Taxes:							
1983	\$ 57,337,711	\$ 8,311,687	\$ 2,865,932	\$ 75,833,234	\$ 46,880,186	\$ 20,958,529	\$ 21,827,623
Inflation Adjusted	\$ 134,178,890	\$ 19,450,601	\$ 6,706,713	\$ 177,461,203	\$ 109,706,705	\$ 49,046,118	\$ 51,079,929
2013	\$ 230,350,740	\$ 97,054,728	\$ 78,432,531	\$ 418,982,999	\$ 188,491,178	\$ 92,846,865	\$ 84,482,433
30-Year Increase:	71.67%	398.98%	1069.46%	136.10%	71.81%	89.31%	65.39%
Increase in Taxes As Multiple of Increase in Total Property Value	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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- All data from the Louisiana Tax Commission Annual Reports.

- Inflation adjustment 1983-2013 = 134.02%

* Gross Value, i.e., before subtraction of Homestead Exemption.