

Bastrop Texas Community Profile

Bastrop, Texas, is located about 30 miles southeast of Austin, Texas, and is considered a part of the greater Austin metropolitan area. The City of Bastrop serves as the county seat of Bastrop County, which includes the cities of Elgin and Smithville and many unincorporated communities. About three-quarters of the county is rural but has seen significant development in recent years. As of December 2023, are 30 actively building subdivisions and 17 future subdivisions planned within a 15-mile radius of the church. Major businesses in the area include the Tesla plant, SpaceX, Starlink, and X (Twitter) headquarters, which are also moving here. The county has a budding movie industry, and a new studio is being built in town. More than half of those surveyed reported that they commute at least 30 minutes to work, while about a quarter commute 60 minutes or more.

From 2020 to 2023, Bastrop County specifically saw a 13.9% increase in its population, making it one of the fastest-growing counties in Texas. There are approximately 83,000 people within a 15-mile radius of Calvary Baptist Church. The county population as of 2022 was 106,188. Most families live in one-to-two-story homes with a few apartment/condo complexes available. A three-bedroom home costs around \$300,000.

The county is diverse; 2023 census numbers show whites in the majority (48.36%), followed closely by Hispanic/Latino (41.2%), with the Hispanic/Latino population experiencing the most growth. English is the primary language in this area, with almost a fourth of the population speaking Spanish only. The City of Bastrop has a median age of approximately 42, with an increasing population over 65. The majority are married, but there are many singles due to separation, divorce, or being widowed. Within the 15-mile radius of the church, the median income is about \$84,000; however, about 10% of the population of Bastrop lives in poverty.

The county has three public school systems: Bastrop ISD, Elgin ISD, and Smithville ISD. There is a vibrant home-school community in Bastrop and several private schools for families that prefer an alternative to public school education. About 90% of the population graduated from high school, with just over 25% completing a college degree.

Bastrop offers recreation areas, parks, and Colorado River access. There are quaint shops and art galleries, and it is fast becoming a tourist destination with events at the Bastrop Convention Center and the Lost Pines Art Center.

While most religious groups are represented in the Bastrop area, recent statistics show most people are unchurched. These people living around us are living without Jesus. People who live without Jesus die without Jesus, and people who die without Jesus spend eternity without Jesus. We believe this must change.

*Statistical information provided by the SBTC, City-data.com, and government census data.