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## **New Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) designations for 2025**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Beginning with the release of January 2025 employment data on March 17, 2025, data users will notice changes to the makeup of Louisiana’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

On July 21, 2023, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced an update to statistical area delineations based on the application of the new standards to data from the 2020 Census. Combined with the annual data benchmarking process, the January 2025 data release will reflect changes to the structure of six current MSAs, and the creation of a new MSA, Slidell-Mandeville-Covington. All historical data for the MSAs will be updated to reflect the new parish makeups.

### 2025 MSA changes are as follows

- Assumption Parish is being added to the Baton Rouge MSA
- Iberia Parish is being removed from the Lafayette MSA
- Jefferson Davis Parish is being added to the Lake Charles MSA
- Morehouse Parish and Richland Parish are being added to the Monroe MSA
- Webster Parish is being removed from the Shreveport MSA
- St. Tammany Parish is being removed from the New Orleans MSA, and will be designated as its own MSA, Slidell-Mandeville-Covington
- The Houma-Thibodaux MSA is being renamed the Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA

The 2025 MSA Parish Composition is as follows

**Alexandria MSA**

Grant Parish, Rapides Parish

**Baton Rouge MSA**

Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Iberville Parish, Livingston Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Helena, Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, West Feliciana Parish

**Hammond MSA**

Tangipahoa Parish

**Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA**

Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish

**Lafayette MSA**

Acadia Parish, Lafayette Parish, St. Martin Parish, Vermilion Parish

**Lake Charles MSA**

Calcasieu Parish, Cameron Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish

**Monroe MSA**

Morehouse Parish, Ouachita Parish, Richland Parish, Union Parish

**New Orleans-Metairie MSA**

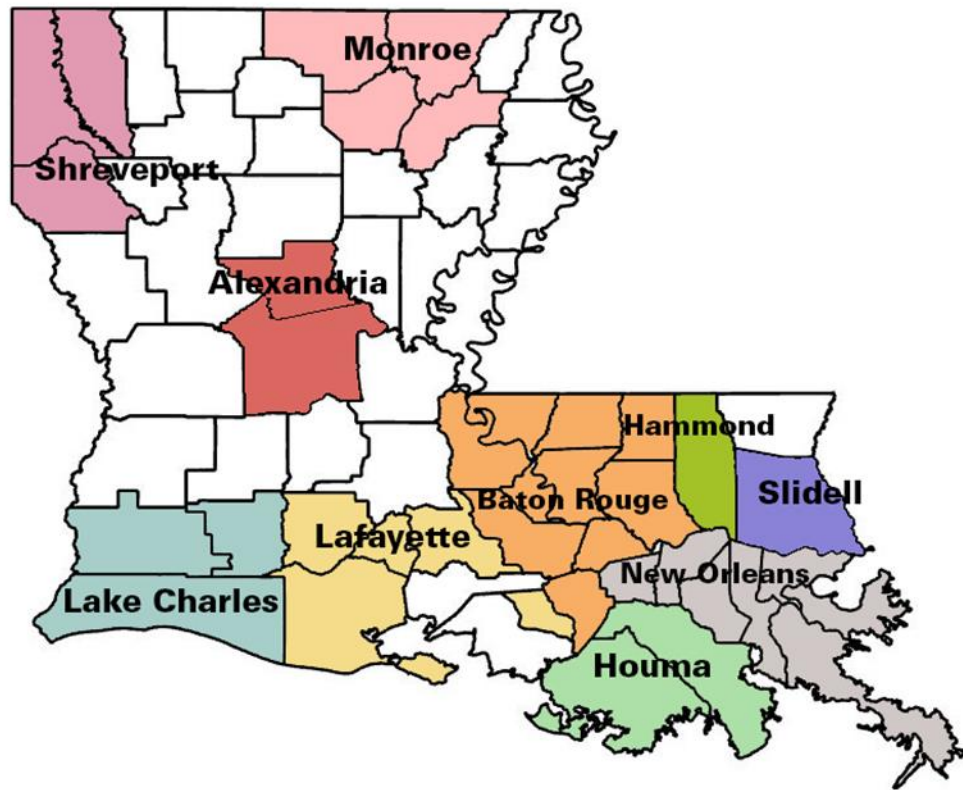
Jefferson Parish, Orleans Parish, Plaquemines Parish, St. Bernard Parish, St. Charles Parish, St. James Parish, St. John the Baptist Parish

**Shreveport-Bossier MSA**

Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, De Soto Parish

**Slidell-Mandeville-Covington MSA**

St. Tammany Parish



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