

## Gulf South BMW Owners, Inc - "Ride Louisiana Challenge"

Parish	Parish Seat	Established	Origin	Etymology	Population
Acadia Parish	Crowley	1886	from part of St. Landry Parish.	Named for the Acadians who settled the area.	61,773
Allen Parish	Oberlin	1912	from part of Calcasieu Parish.	Henry Watkins Allen, the Confederate governor of Louisiana	25,764
Ascension Parish	Donaldsonville	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Named for the Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, which was named after the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven	107,215
Assumption Parish	Napoleonville	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Named for the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, the oldest in the state, which was named after the Assumption of the Virgin Mary	23,421
Avoyelles Parish	Marksville	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	The Avoyel Native American people	42,073
Beauregard Parish	DeRidder	1912	from part of Calcasieu Parish.	Confederate general P. G. T. Beauregard	35,654
Bienville Parish	Arcadia	1848	from part of Claiborne Parish.	Named after the founder of the city of New Orleans, Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville	14,353
Bossier Parish	Benton	1843	from part Claiborne Parish.	U.S. Representative Pierre Bossier	116,979
Caddo Parish	Shreveport	1838	from part of Natchitoches Parish.	Named for the Caddo Native American people	254,969
Calcasieu Parish	Lake Charles	1840	from part of St. Landry Parish.	Calcasieu, meaning crying eagle, is said to be the name of an Atakapa Native American leader	192,768
Caldwell Parish	Columbia	1838	from part of Catahoula Parish and Ouachita Parish.	Named for the Caldwell family, which owned a large plantation and remains politically active in the state.	10,132
Cameron Parish	Cameron	1870	from parts of Calcasieu Parish and Vermilion Parish.	U.S. Secretary of War Simon Cameron	6,839
Catahoula Parish	Harrisonburg	1808	from parts of Ouachita Parish and Rapides Parish.	Catahoula Lake, formerly within the parish's boundaries and named from a Taensaword meaning big, clear lake	10,407
Claiborne Parish	Homer	1828	from part of Natchitoches Parish.	Governor of Louisiana William C. C. Claiborne	17,195
Concordia Parish	Vidalia	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Name is of uncertain origin; may be from an early land grant called New Concordia, from the "concord" reached by local authorities over a mutual surrender of slaves or for a mansion called Concord which was owned by Spanish Governor Manuel Gayoso de Lemos	20,822
De Soto Parish	Mansfield	1843	from parts of Caddo Parish and Natchitoches Parish.	Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto	26,656
East Baton Rouge Parish	Baton Rouge	1810	from West Florida territory.	French phrase bâton rouge meaning red stick. A red stick was used by local Native Americans to mark the boundaries between tribal territories	440,171
East Carroll Parish	Lake Providence	1877	when Carroll Parish was divided.	Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the U.S. Declaration of Independence	7,759
East Feliciana Parish	Clinton	1824	when Feliciana Parish was divided.	Felicite de Gálvez, the wife of Bernardo de Gálvez, a Spanish governor of Louisiana (New Spain)	20,267
Evangeline Parish	Ville Platte	1910	from part of St. Landry Parish.	Acadian heroine of the poem "Evangeline" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	33,984
Franklin Parish	Winnsboro	1843	from parts of Carroll Parish, Catahoula Parish, Madison Parish and Ouachita Parish	Founding Father Benjamin Franklin	20,767
Grant Parish	Colfax	1869	from parts of Rapides Parish and Winn Parish.	U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant	22,309
Iberia Parish	New Iberia	1868	from parts of St. Martin Parish and St. Mary Parish.	Named by Spanish settlers in honor of the Iberian Peninsula	73,240
Iberville Parish	Plaquemine	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Explorer Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville, the brother of Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville	33,387
Jackson Parish	Jonesboro	1845	from parts of Claiborne Parish, Ouachita Parish and Union Parish	U.S. President Andrew Jackson	16,274
Jefferson Parish	Gretna	1825	from part of Orleans Parish	Founding Father Thomas Jefferson	432,552

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Jefferson Davis Parish	Jennings	1912	from part of Calcasieu Parish.	Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America	31,594
Lafayette Parish	Lafayette	1823	from part of St. Martin Parish.	French-born American Revolutionary War hero, the Marquis de Lafayette	221,578
Lafourche Parish	Thibodaux	1807	One of the original 19 parishes. Was named Interior Parish until 1812 and Lafourche Interior Parish until 1853.	French phrase la fourche or in English, the fork; Bayou Lafourche, or Fork Bayou, is a fork of the Mississippi River	96,318
La Salle Parish	Jena	1908	from part of Catahoula Parish.	Explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle	14,890
Lincoln Parish	Ruston	1873	from parts of Bienville Parish, Claiborne Parish, Jackson Parish and Union Parish.	U.S. President Abraham Lincoln	46,735
Livingston Parish	Livingston	1832	from part of St. Helena Parish.	U.S. Secretary of State Edward Livingston, brother of Robert R. Livingston who negotiated the Louisiana Purchase	128,026
Madison Parish	Tallulah	1838	from Concordia Parish.	U.S. President James Madison	12,093
Morehouse Parish	Bastrop	1844	from parts of Carroll Parish and Ouachita Parish.	Abraham Morehouse, who led the first settlers into the region	27,979
Natchitoches Parish	Natchitoches	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	The Natchitoches Native American people	39,566
Orleans Parish	New Orleans	1807	One of the original 19 parishes. Today coterminous with the City of New Orleans.	Named after the Duke of Orléans, the regent of France	343,829
Ouachita Parish	Monroe	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	The Ouachita Native American people	153,720
Plaquemines Parish	Pointe a la Hache	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	A word meaning persimmons created from the Louisiana Creole French and theAtakapa language	23,042
Pointe Coupee Parish	New Roads	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	French phrase la pointe coupée or in English, the cut-off point, which refers to a bend in the Mississippi River	22,802
Rapides Parish	Alexandria	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Named for local river rapids (French: rapides)	131,613
Red River Parish	Coushatta	1871	from parts of Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish and Natchitoches Parish.	Named for the Red River, which is part of the Mississippi River watershed	9,091
Richland Parish	Rayville	1868	from parts of Carroll Parish, Franklin Parish, Morehouse Parish and Ouachita Parish.	Named for its rich land	20,725
Sabine Parish	Many	1843	from parts of Caddo Parish and Natchitoches Parish.	Named for the Sabine River and the so-called Sabine Free State	24,233
Saint Bernard Parish	Chalmette	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Saint Bernard, patron saint of Bernardo de Galvez, the Spanish governor who granted land to the Canary Islanders settling the area in 1778	35,897
Saint Charles Parish	Hahnville	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Saint Charles	52,780
Saint Helena Parish	Greensburg	1810	from West Florida territory.	Saint Helena	11,203
Saint James Parish	Convent	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Saint James	22,102
Saint John the Baptist Parish	Edgard	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Saint John the Baptist	45,924
Saint Landry Parish	Opelousas	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Saint Landry	83,384
Saint Martin Parish	Saint Martinville	1807	One of the original 19 parishes.	Saint Martin	52,160
Saint Mary Parish	Franklin	1811	from part of St. Martin Parish.	Saint Mary.	54,650
Saint Tammany Parish	Covington	1810	from West Florida territory.	Legendary Indian Chief Tamanend.	233,740
Tangipahoa Parish	Amite	1869	from parts of Livingston Parish, St. Helena Parish, St. Tammany Parish and Washington Parish.	Comes from an Acolapissa word meaning ear of corn or those who gather corn	121,097
Tensas Parish	Saint Joseph	1843	from part of Concordia Parish.	The Taensa Native American people.	5,066
Terrebonne Parish	Houma	1822	from part of Lafourche Interior Parish.	French phrase terre bonne or in English, good earth	111,860
Union Parish	Farmerville	1839	from part of Ouachita Parish.	Named for the union of states which make up the U.S.	22,721

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Vermilion Parish	Abbeville	1844	from part of Lafayette Parish.	Both the Vermilion River and Vermilion Bay	57,999
Vernon Parish	Leesville	1871	from parts of Natchitoches Parish, Rapides Parish and Sabine Parish.	Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, the first U.S. President	52,334
Washington Parish	Franklinton	1819	from part of St. Tammany Parish.	U.S. President George Washington	47,168
Webster Parish	Minden	1871	from parts of Bienville Parish, Bossier Parish and Claiborne Parish.	U.S. statesman Daniel Webster	41,207
West Baton Rouge Parish	Port Allen	1807	One of the original 19 parishes. Was named Baton Rouge Parish until 1812.	French phrase bâton rouge meaning red stick. A red stick was used by local Native Americans to mark the boundaries between tribal territories	23,788
West Carroll Parish	Oak Grove, West Carroll Parish	1877	when Carroll Parish was divided.	Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the U.S. Declaration of Independence	11,604
West Feliciana Parish	Saint Francisville	1824	when Feliciana Parish was divided.	Felicite de Gálvez, the wife of Bernardo de Gálvez, a Spanish governor of Louisiana (New Spain)	15,625
Winn Parish	Winnfield	1852	from parts of Catahoula Parish, Natchitoches Parish and Rapides Parish.	Louisiana state legislator Walter Winn	15,313