

## 1 · Demographic Profile of the Mission Field

### POPULATION

**102,370**

21 census tracts

### 5-YR GROWTH

**24%**

+19,771 people · proj 12%

### HISPANIC

**44%**

31,199 Spanish-speakers (5+)

### BLACK

**6%**

non-Anglo total 50%

### UNDER 18

**26%**

### MEDIAN INCOME

**\$80,722**

population-weighted

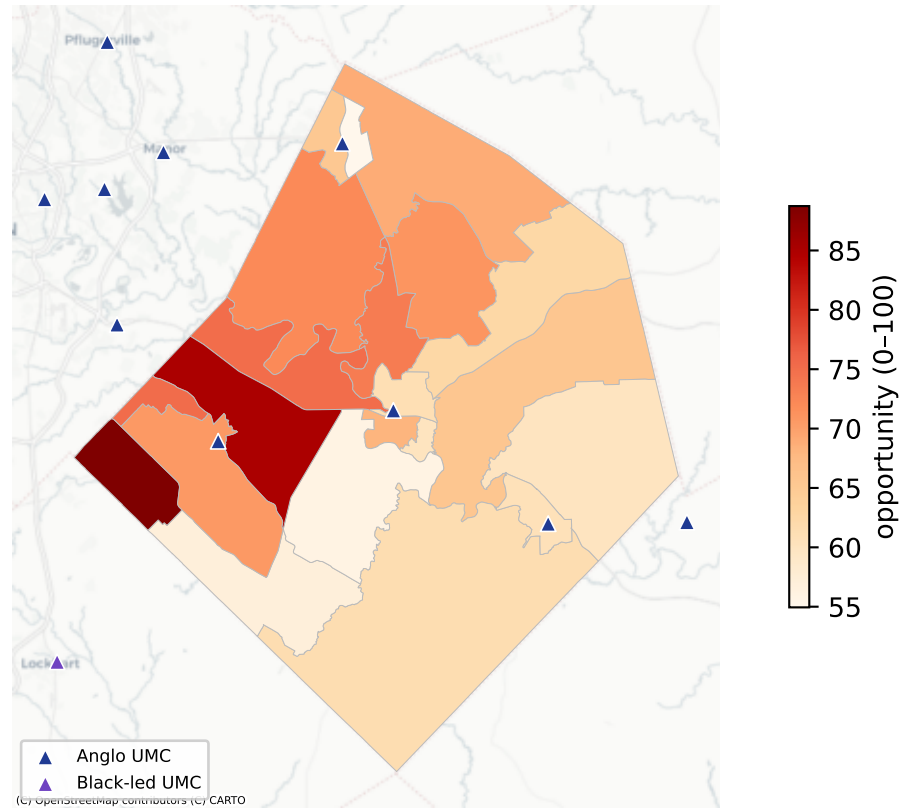
### Fastest-growing neighborhoods

Excludes tracts with fewer than 1,000 residents five years ago.

Place	5-yr growth	People added	Hispanic
Bastrop County (rural)	164%	4,151	86%
Bastrop County (rural)	121%	1,318	91%
Camp Swift	99%	2,808	47%
Bastrop County (rural)	67%	1,837	32%
Bastrop County (rural)	67%	1,089	28%

Bastrop County is classified URBAN on ACS 5-year (tract sum) — verify trigger against annual OSD list (102,370 residents). The Urban Ministry Strategic Plan requires the District Strategy Team to study the mission field before any urban church property is sold (2016 Discipline ¶2549.7, ¶212). This is that Study.

## Opportunity composite by tract (growth · gap · fit · density)



4 North District UMC(s) serve this county — 0 reach non-Anglo communities (0 Hispanic-led, 0 Hispanic ministry, 0 Black-led). ≈1 church per 25,592 residents in a field 50% non-Anglo. 8 tracts (33,197 people) have no UMC within a 15-min drive.

Top opportunity tracts	Opp	Grw	Pop
Bastrop County (rural)	89%	164%	6,679
Bastrop County (rural)	85%	66%	9,021
Bastrop County (rural)	75%	121%	2,409
Bastrop County (rural)	75%	46%	5,419
Camp Swift	74%	99%	5,636
Bastrop County (rural) ♦	72%	53%	6,490

Existing UMCs	Serves
Bastrop UMC	Anglo
Cedar Creek UMC	Anglo
Elgin UMC	Anglo
First UMC Smithville	Anglo

♦ = also clears Lens A's 6-mile-from-any-UMC plant filter.

## 3 · Proposed Restrictions & Priority for Proceeds

The mission field is 44% Hispanic — proceeds should give highest priority to Hispanic/Latino ministry, new Hispanic church starts, and bilingual outreach. The Black population (6% of the field, +60% over five years) supports a Black-ministry priority — note the Plan's caution that the legacy footprint of historic Black UMCs does not track where the Black population is growing today.

- 20% of net → Conference Trustees' Property Administration Fund (capped at \$400k).
- 75% of the remainder → North District Strategy Team (≈60% of net), restricted to Hispanic/Latino + Black ministry in the Bastrop County urban mission field.
- 25% of the remainder → Conference Office of Congregational Vitality & Development (≈20% of net), restricted to urban ministry conference-wide.

### Proposed restriction language

"These funds derive from the sale of urban church property in Bastrop County and are restricted to vital urban ministry that reaches the diverse people of that mission field, with highest priority to hispanic/latino + black ministry, new church starts, and missions — per the Rio Texas Urban Ministry Strategic Plan."

If the property was a former Rio Grande Annual Conference congregation, add the Latino/Hispanic highest-priority restriction the Plan requires, regardless of urban status.