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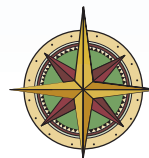
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2013 COMMUNITY OVERVIEW:
City of Gulfport

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Gulfport is the second largest city in Mississippi, after the state capital, Jackson. Gulfport began as a lumber town, but, with the development of the harbor and the addition of the north-south rail lines, it quickly became and remains a hub for goods movement. Since its incorporation in 1898, the city has flourished. The Port of Gulfport is the official state port and the second largest importer of green fruit in the USA. Currently, the port is enlarging to accommodate anticipated increased traffic due to the Panama Canal expansion. Downtown Gulfport has blossomed since Hurricane Katrina, with many commercial buildings benefiting from the "historic façade" grant program. Currently, eighteen restaurants are located downtown. Gulfport is home to military installations of the US Navy, US Coast Guard, US Air Force and Army National Guard. It is also the site of the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. Despite its commercial significance, its tourism role is not to be forgotten. Gulfport is home to a casino resort and has an impressive and pristine sand beach.

CITY OF GULFPORT
2309 15th Street, 39501
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2012 GOVERNMENT

Mayor .... George Schloegel

Councilmen
Ward 1 ....Kenneth L. Casey, Sr.
Ward 2 ....Libby Milner-Roland
Ward 3 ....Ella Holmes-Hines
Ward 4 ....F B "Rusty" Walker, IV
Ward 5 ....Ricky Dombrowski
Ward 6 .... Robert "R. Lee" Flowers
Ward 7 ....Cara L. Pucheu

DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	2010	2000	Annual Growth Rate (%)
White	38,544	44,229	-1.3
Black	24,453	23,848	0.3
Asian	1,149	891	2.9
Other	1,799	992	8.1
Two or more races	1,848	1,167	5.8
Total Population	**67,793**	**71,127**	**-0.5**
Hispanic or Latin	3,519	1,814	9.4
Land Area (sq. mi.)	55.74	55.74	n/a
Pop. Density (pop/sq. mi.)	691.5	793.5	n/a
Median Age	33.5	33.6	n/a

Source: Population Data, US Census 2010 and US Census 2000

2012 POPULATION BY RACE

- White 57%
- Black 36%
- Asian 2%
- Other 2%
- 2 or more races 3%
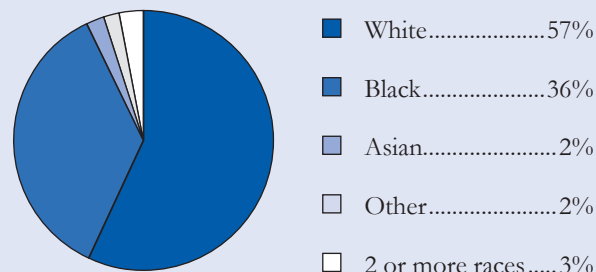
INCOME & SALES TAX INFO

Median Household Income $47,772
Main Operating Revenue Source ....Gaming Revenue
Retail Sales Tax 7%

Source: Income Data, American Community Survey. The median household income is based on 2006-2010 data adjusted to 2010 dollars. Sales Tax Data, MS Dept. of Revenue; Revenue Source, City of Gulfport.

EMPLOYMENT

Major Employers	# Employees 2012
Naval Construction Battalion Base	5,400
Gulfport Memorial Hospital	3,290
Island View Casino Resort	1,154
Gulfport Public School District	817
Ingalls Shipbuilding	730

Source: Casinos-MS Gaming Commission; Others-Harrison County Development Commission

HOUSING STATISTICS

Indicator	2010	2000
Housing Units	30,602	29,559
Occupancy Rate	83.2	91.1
Apartment Occupancy Rate (8-units and up)	87.0	n/a
Average Rent 2-bd Apartment (8-units and up)	$708	n/a
Average Household Size	2.50	2.51

Source: Housing units and occupancy, Census 2010; Apartment Data, 2010 Gulf Coast Apartment Survey

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Gulfport Public Library
1708 25th Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501
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www.harrison.lib.ms.us

HIGHEST TRAFFIC COUNT ROADWAYS, 2011

Ranking	Location	AADT*
1	Interstate 10	69,000
2	US 49	58,000
3	State Route 605 (Cowan Road)	40,000
4	US 90	29,000
5	Pass Road	28,000

Note: Average annual daily traffic on weekdays, holidays excluded.
Source: Gulf Regional Planning Commission 2010 Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts For more detailed info, visit www.grpc.com.

SHIP ISLAND

Many colonists took their first steps on American soil at Ship Island, considered the "Plymouth Rock" of the Gulf Coast. Home of Fort Massachusetts, Ship Island played a significant role in the Battle for New Orleans in the War of 1812. Ship Island is part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. Tours of the fort and the island are available from National Park Service Rangers. Ferry excursions run from March to October. For the ferry schedule and more info, visit www.msshipisland.com.