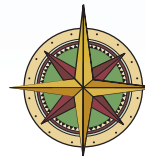


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Coast Transit Authority serves Gulfport, Biloxi, D'Iberville, and Ocean Springs with fixed-route service. ADA/Paratransit service is provided to disabled persons within .75 miles of a fixed route, and Special Services to Senior Center, shopping, medical appointments, etc. is provided to senior citizens. See coasttransit.com.



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2013 COMMUNITY OVERVIEW: City of Bay Saint Louis

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Bay St. Louis, referred to locally as “The Bay”, is the county seat of Hancock County. It is situated on the Bay of Saint Louis which empties into the Mississippi Sound. The Bay was first established as a French fort in 1699 and is the 3rd oldest settlement on the MS Gulf Coast. It was ruled by the British and Spanish before becoming a part of the United States in the Louisiana Purchase. The Bay has long been a popular holiday destination for coastal residents and, with its selection of art galleries, antique stores, restaurants and local festivals, it is also a recreational draw for people regionally and nationally. Since Hurricane Katrina, many new projects have been undertaken, including restoration of the historic courthouse, a new seawall and beachfront boulevard, piers, and parks. Currently, a new marina and harbor are beginning construction and will provide increased recreational opportunities and promote business growth in the historic Old Town.

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2012 GOVERNMENT

Mayor Les Fillingame

Councilmen:

Ward 1 Doug Seal
Ward 2 Wendy McDonald
Ward 3 Jeffrey Reed
Ward 4 Bobby Compretta
Ward 5 Joey Boudin
Ward 6 Ray Kidd
At-Large Bill Taylor

THE VISITOR'S CENTER AT THE HISTORIC RAILROAD DEPOT

1928 Depot Way



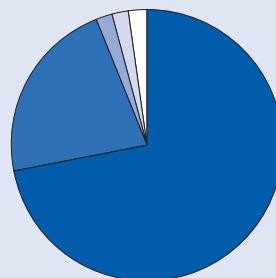
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DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	2010	2000	Annual Growth Rate (%)
White.....	7,656	6,586	1.6
Black.....	1,175	1,362	-1.4
Asian.....	108	91	1.9
Other.....	22	53	13.0
Two or more races	199	117	7.0
Total Population	9,260	8,209	1.3
Hispanic or Latin.....	332	138	14.1
Land Area (sq. mi.).....	14.7	6.1	n/a
Pop. Density (pop/sq. mi.).....	629.9	1,345.7	n/a
Median Age.....	42.5	39.2	n/a

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

2012 POPULATION BY RACE



White.....72%
Black.....22%
Asian.....2%
Other.....2%
2 or more races2%

INCOME & SALES TAX INFO

Median Household Income.....\$40,515
Main Operating Revenue Source..... Property Tax
Retail Sales Tax7%

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 Bay St. Louis.

EMPLOYMENT

Major Employers

**# Employees
2012**

Hollywood Casino.....661
Hancock Medical Center.....500
Bay-Waveland School District.....270
City of Bay St. Louis150
Hancock County Government.....150

Source: Hancock Chamber of Commerce

HOUSING STATISTICS

Indicator	2010	2000
Housing Units.....	5,241	6,001
Occupancy Rate.....	74.1	77.6
Apartment Occupancy Rate (8-units and up).....	77.8	n/a
Average Rent 2-bd Apartment (8-units and up).....	\$619	n/a
Average Household Size	2.30	2.41

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hancock Public Library

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<http://www.hancocklibraries.info/branches.htm#mainbranches>.



HIGHEST TRAFFIC COUNT ROADWAYS, 2011

Ranking	Location	AADT*
1	US 90	9,000
2	Hwy 603	21,000
3	Blue Meadow Road	8,200
4	Hollywood Boulevard	6,400
5	Old Spanish Trail	5,000

* Note: Average annual daily traffic on weekdays, holidays excluded.

*Source: Gulf Regional Planning Commission 2010 Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts
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RESILIENCY

is a term well known along the Coast. Each community has made strengthening its infrastructure a priority. The reconstruction of the Bay St. Louis Bridge is an outstanding example. Not only did the city incorporate new technologies to build a safer and stronger bridge, but they designed the project to honor the historic and artistic values of the community members.

