

**2013 COMMUNITY OVERVIEW:
City of Biloxi**

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Biloxi was named for the Native American tribe in the area when the explorer D'Iberville arrived in 1699. Biloxi is one of two county seats of Harrison County. In its early history, Biloxi was a resort popular with urban southerners seeking the cooler air of the coast. During the Civil War, the city embraced a new industry--seafood. By the 1920's, Biloxi was the Seafood Capital of the world. In 1934, the Coast Guard installation began operation, and in 1941, Keesler Air Force Base was built in the city. The legalization of dockside gaming in 1993 resulted in the construction of eight casinos in Biloxi and strengthened the local economy. Hurricane Katrina was a setback in this growth, but the city has recovered and is once again a major tourist destination and remains a fresh seafood hub. Biloxi's downtown neighborhoods on the peninsula reflect the city's history and character, while much planned future growth is concentrated on the city's north side, above Interstate 10, where elevations are higher and land is abundant.

CITY OF BILOXI
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2012 GOVERNMENT

MayorA J Holloway

Councilmen

Ward 1 George Lawrence
 Ward 2 William "Bill" Stallworth
 Ward 3 Lucy Denton
 Ward 4 Clark Griffith
 Ward 5 Arlene Wall
 Ward 6 Edward "Ed" Gemmill
 Ward 7 David Fayard

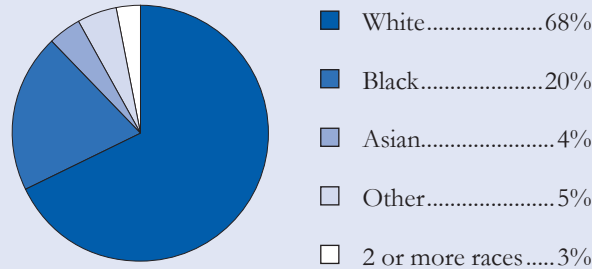


DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	2010	2000	Annual Growth Rate (%)
White.....	30,129	36,177	-1.7
Black.....	8,632	9,643	-1.0
Asian.....	1,951	2,590	-2.5
Other.....	1,991	1,031	9.3
Two or more races	1,351	1,203	1.2
Total Population	44,054	50,644	-1.3
Hispanic or Latin.....	3,847	1,848	10.8
Land Area (sq. mi.).....	47.7	19.65	n/a
Pop. Density (pop/sq. mi.).....	1,162.4	1,331.2	n/a
Median Age.....	33.5	32.5	n/a

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

2012 POPULATION BY RACE



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 Long Beach.

EMPLOYMENT

Major Employers

Employees 2012

Keesler Air Force Base.....	12,222
Beau Rivage Casino and Resort	2,785
VA Health Care System.....	1,985
IP Casino Resort Biloxi.....	1,866
Hard Rock Casino and Hotel.....	896

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

HOUSING STATISTICS

Indicator	2010	2000
Housing Units.....	21,278	22,115
Occupancy Rate.....	80.4	88.6
Apartment Occupancy Rate (8-units and up).....	88.0	n/a
Average Rent 2-bd Apartment (8-units and up).....	\$711	n/a
Average Household Size	2.40	2.42

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

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Biloxi Public Library

580 Howard Avenue
 228-436-3095

West Biloxi Library

2047 Pass Road
 228-388-5696

Margaret Sherry Library

2141 Popp's Ferry Rd
 228-388-1633

Woolmarket Library

8455 Woolmarket Rd
 228-354-9464



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HIGHEST TRAFFIC COUNT ROADWAYS, 2011

Ranking	Location	AADT*
1	Interstate 10.....	66,000
2	Interstate 110.....	50,000
3	US 90.....	42,000
4	Cedar Lake Road.....	32,000
5	Pass Road.....	37,000

* 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.

BLESSING OF THE SHRIMP FLEET AND FAIS DO DO (CAJUN PARTY)

A joyous party featuring live bands, craft vendors and seafood starts this two-day, annual event on a summer Saturday. On Sunday, both shrimp and recreational boats parade down the Biloxi channel to receive blessings for a bountiful and safe season. For more information visit, <http://www.biloxiblessing.com>.

