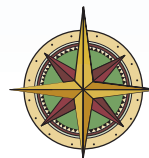


Coast Transit Authority serves Gulfport, Biloxi, D'Iberville, and Ocean Springs with fixed-route service. ADA/Paratransit service is provided to disabled persons within .75 miles of a fixed route, and Special Services to Senior Center, shopping, medical appointments, etc. is provided to senior citizens.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



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# HANCOCK COUNTY



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## 2013 COUNTY OVERVIEW: Hancock County

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Brochures are also available for the cities in Hancock County.**

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Hancock County was incorporated in 1812. In its early days it was sparsely settled, mostly along the water. Northerners became familiar with the area during the Civil War and afterwards began to flock to the beaches, helping to promote the area as a resort.

In 1963, our next claim to fame, the Stennis Space Center was created, allowing NASA to test rocket engines. Both private companies and public agencies, including the Navy's Meteorology and Oceanography Command, flocked to the area creating a concentration of research and technology. Today Stennis is the largest employment site in the county. In 1992, the state legislature allowed casino gambling on the coast, and Hancock is currently the site of two casinos. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated Hancock County, but today, most of the reconstruction has been completed, including a new, wider Beach Boulevard which has been declared a "scenic byway". Nine miles of broad sidewalks facilitate walking along the sand beach, and bikers can use a 5-mile trail.

In April 2012, a fabulous new attraction, Infinity Science Center, opened to educate and entertain thousands of people from near and far. Hancock County is home to the cities of Bay St. Louis, Diamondhead and Waveland and includes the census designated places of Pearlinton and Kiln.

**HANCOCK COUNTY**  
**854 Highway 90**  
**Bay St. Louis, MS 39520**  
**228-467-0172**



## 2012 GOVERNMENT

**President:** .....Lisa Cowand

### Supervisors:

District 1 ..... David Yarborough  
 District 2 ..... Kenny Hoda  
 District 3 ..... Lisa Cowand  
 District 4 ..... Steve Seymour  
 District 5 ..... Tony Ladner

## MCLEOD WATER PARK

This 328-acre water park is in the Kiln community on the Jourdan River. There are boat ramps, piers, RV and tent camping, a pavilion, a ball field and a nature trail.

Visit [www.pearlriverbasin.com](http://www.pearlriverbasin.com) for details.

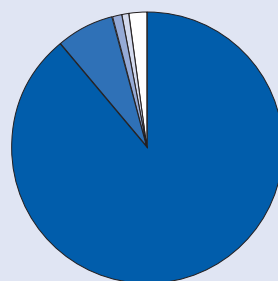


## DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	2010	2000	Annual Growth Rate (%)
White.....	38,842	38,752	0
Black.....	3,138	2,934	0.1
Asian.....	419	377	1.1
Other.....	604	416	4.5
Two or more races .....	926	488	4.7
<b>Total Population .....</b>	<b>43,929</b>	<b>42,967</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Hispanic or Latin.....	1,446	775	8.7
Land Area (sq. mi.).....	473.8	473.8	n/a
Pop. Density (pop/sq. mi.).....	92.7	90.7	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.....89%  
 Black.....7%  
 Asian.....1%  
 Other.....1%  
 2 or more races .....2%

## INCOME & SALES TAX INFO

Median Household Income.....\$44,494  
 Main Operating Revenue Source..... Property Tax  
 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 Bay St. Louis.

## EMPLOYMENT

Major Employers	# Employees 2012
US Defense Department (Navy & Army) .....	2,489
NASA.....	2,203
Hollywood Casino and Resort.....	661
Silver Slipper Casino.....	542
Hancock Medical Center.....	500

Source: Hancock County Development Commission; Hancock Chamber of Commerce.

## HOUSING STATISTICS

Indicator	2010	2000
Housing Units.....	21,840	21,072
Occupancy Rate.....	79.6	80.2
Apartment Occupancy Rate (8-units and up).....	65.8	n/a
Average Rent 2-bd Apartment (8-units and up).....	\$519	n/a
Average Household Size .....	2.50	2.52

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

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Kiln Public Library

17065 Hwy 603  
 Kiln, MS 39556  
 228-255-1724



\*These libraries are in the unincorporated county. For city libraries, see the city brochures or visit [www.hancocklibraries.info](http://www.hancocklibraries.info).

## HIGHEST TRAFFIC COUNT ROADWAYS, 2011

Ranking	Location	AADT*
1 .....	Interstate 10 .....	44,000
2 .....	Hwy 603 .....	21,000
3 .....	US 90 .....	29,000
4 .....	Diamondhead Drive.....	14,000
5 .....	Blue Meadow Road .....	8,200

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

Source: Gulf Regional Planning Commission 2010 Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts  
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## PORT BIENVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK STENNIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT & AIRPARK



Both of these facilities are operated by the Hancock County Development Commission. Port Bienville Industrial Park houses close to 20 companies, with over 1000 employees, in industries ranging from chemical manufacturing to warehousing. The Port connects to the Intracoastal Waterway and operates a shortline railroad which in turn connects to CSX rail lines. Stennis International Airport is a general aviation airport adjacent to Stennis Space Center with a 8,500-foot runway. For information, visit [www.hancockdevelopmentcommission.com](http://www.hancockdevelopmentcommission.com).