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2013 COMMUNITY OVERVIEW: City of Long Beach

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Settled by Europeans in 1788, the City of Long Beach was incorporated in 1905. Long Beach is known as the “Friendly City”, a name chosen by its early citizens whose courage, commitment and perseverance helped them to overcome obstacles as they developed their community. Many of today’s residents are descended from these early settlers, and the name still applies as residents continue to help each other work for the benefit of their “bedroom community”.

The sandy beachfront is marked by lovely live oaks, including the five-century old Friendship Oak, a mere sapling when Columbus discovered America. The Long Beach Harbor and Marina is home to recreational and fishing charter boats and is undergoing an expansion and upgrade to accommodate an increase in water-related development. The downtown buildings and storefronts reflect the community’s historic heritage. There is a weekly Farmer’s Market on Jeff Davis Avenue, the main street, and several new eateries. The new Harper McCaughan Town Green is a hub of recreation with a large park, performance amphitheater and picnic spaces surrounded by lush landscaping and fountains. With over 2,800 students, the University of Southern Mississippi’s Gulf Coast campus calls the city of Long Beach home.

CITY OF LONG BEACH
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2012 GOVERNMENT

Mayor.....William Skellie Jr.

Aldermen

Ward 1 Gary Ponthieux
Ward 2 Bernie Parker
Ward 3 Kay Couvillon
Ward 4 Ronnie Hammonds
Ward 5 Mark Lishen
Ward 6 Carolyn Anderson
At-Large Leonard Carrubba

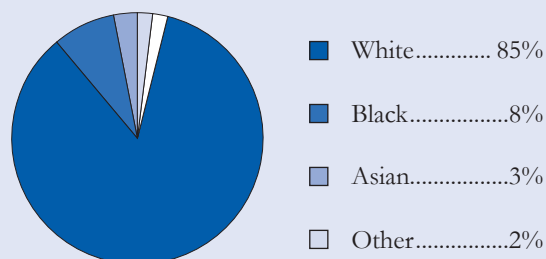


DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	2010	2000	Annual Growth Rate (%)
White.....	12,642	15,154	-1.7
Black.....	1,224	1,275	-0.4
Asian.....	382	445	-1.4
Other.....	243	196	2.4
Two or more races	301	250	2.0
Total Population	14,792	17,320	-1.5
Hispanic or Latin.....	196	144	3.6
Land Area (sq. mi.).....	10.1	10.1	n/a
Pop. Density (pop/sq. mi.)	1,464.6	1,714.9	n/a
Median Age	39.3	35.7	n/a

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

2012 POPULATION BY RACE



INCOME & SALES TAX INFO

Median Household Income.....	\$54,832
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 Long Beach.

EMPLOYMENT

Major Employers	# Employees 2012
Southern MS Regional Hospital	600
Long Beach School District.....	396
University of Southern Mississippi - Gulf Park	280
Triton Systems	200
City of Long Beach	136

HOUSING STATISTICS

Indicator	2010	2000
Housing Units.....	6,695	7,203
Occupancy Rate.....	85.7	91.1
Apartment Occupancy Rate (8-units and up).....	89.0	n/a
Average Rent 2-bd Apartment (8-units and up).....	\$712	n/a
Average Household Size	2.55	2.61

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Long Beach Public Library

209 Jeff Davis Avenue
Long Beach, MS 39560
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HIGHEST TRAFFIC COUNT ROADWAYS, 2011

Ranking	Location	AADT*
1	US 90	19,000
2	Railroad St.....	17,000
3	Klondyke Rd.	11,000
4	28th St.	9,800
5	Beatline Rd.	8,800
	Jeff Davis Ave.	8,800

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

Source: Gulf Regional Planning Commission 2010 Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts
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THE RADISH FESTIVAL

The Radish Festival pays tribute to the City of Long Beach’s status as the one-time Radish Capital of the World. The event celebrates the city’s rural heritage while recognizing the farmers of today and the future. There’s lots of fresh produce, dairy, meats, seafood, preserves, live music, cooking demonstrations & tastings, craft & trade vendors, historical exhibits and more. This festival occurs in November on the Harper McCaughan Town Green.