

CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS

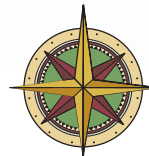


2013 COMMUNITY OVERVIEW: City of Ocean Springs

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The area's first settlement was made by the French in 1699 with the construction of Ft. Maurepas. In 1811, it became part of the United States and saw an influx of immigrants who fished, farmed, built a brickyard and a lumberyard. Steamboat trade developed with New Orleans. In 1853, the Ocean Springs Hotel was built as a spa, utilizing the natural mineral springs. In 1870, the Mobile to New Orleans Railroad was completed. Ocean Springs has seen steady growth since its incorporation in 1892. This was largely due to the seafood industry as well as to the city's location between the Biloxi military installations and the Pascagoula shipping manufacturers. In 1971, the Gulf Islands National Seashore was established and offers trails and campgrounds for outdoor enthusiasts.

A renowned artistic community, Ocean Springs is the home of Shearwater pottery launched in 1928, as well as the Walter Anderson Museum and the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center. Each fall the Peter Anderson Festival takes place in the downtown streets of the city. Since Hurricane Katrina, Ocean Springs has embarked on plans to redevelop its waterfront, turning it into a regional attraction, and to beautify the Highway 90 corridor. Ocean Springs is one of the Coast's most charming and vibrant communities

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2012 GOVERNMENT

MayorConnie Moran

Aldermen

Ward 1John Gill
Ward 2Matt McDonnell
Ward 3Chic Cody
Ward 4Greg Denyer
Ward 5Jerry Dalgo
Ward 6James Hagan

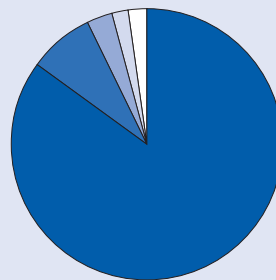


DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	2010	2000	Annual Growth Rate (%)
White.....	14,901	15,113	-0.1
Black.....	1,298	1,211	0.7
Asian.....	544	453	2
Other.....	311	190	6.4
Two or more races	388	258	5
Total Population	17,442	17,225	0.1
Hispanic or Latin.....	728	430	6.9
Land Area (sq. mi.).....	11.4	11.4	n/a
Pop. Density (pop/sq. mi.).....	1,530	1,511	n/a
Median Age.....	42.1	37.5	n/a

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

2012 POPULATION BY RACE



White.....85%
Black.....8%
Asian.....3%
Other.....2%
2 or more races2%

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 Ocean Springs.

EMPLOYMENT

Major Employers	# Employees 2012
Ocean Springs Hospital	855
ATT Call Center.....	724
Ocean Springs School District.....	562
Walmart Supercenter	500
City of Ocean Springs Government.....	300

Source: Gulf Regional Planning Commission

HOUSING STATISTICS

Indicator	2010	2000
Housing Units.....	7,814	7,072
Occupancy Rate.....	89.4	94
Apartment Occupancy Rate (8-units and up).....	89.7	n/a
Average Rent 2-bd Apartment (8-units and up).....	\$766	n/a
Average Household Size	2.48	2.56

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ocean Springs Municipal Library

525 Dewey Avenue 39564

228-875-1193

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HIGHEST TRAFFIC COUNT ROADWAYS, 2011

Ranking	Location	AADT*
1	US 90	47,000
2	Washington Ave (Hwy 609)	45,000
3	Hanshaw Road	12,000
4	Government Street.....	11,000
4	Ocean Springs Rd.....	11,000
5	Old Spanish Trail	8,000

* 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OCEAN SPRINGS!

In April each year, Ocean Springs celebrates its birthday. The celebration is coordinated by the 1699 Historical Society. Over several days, the festivities include a full-dress reenactment of the landing of D'Iberville and his crew, an arts and crafts festival, children's art contest, pet parade, a 5K run, a discovery regatta, fireworks display and live music. It is an annual celebration of the history of the city and an exciting display of the cultural heritage of the MS Gulf Coast. 2012 marks our 313th birthday. Please come celebrate with us, and visit www.1699landing.org.