

**City of Pass Christian**  
On the Mississippi Gulf Coast

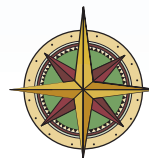


## 2013 COMMUNITY OVERVIEW: City of Pass Christian

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Pass Christian (pronounced Pass Chris-tee-ANN), fondly known as “the Pass”, was explored in 1699, but its heyday came in the mid-nineteenth century as a transportation hub for trade further north and as a resort city, providing rest and relaxation to New Orleanians and other urban-dwellers. In the 1850’s, Pass Christian was the most populated town on the Mississippi coast with over 6,000 permanent residents and many more summer visitors. Gulfport constructed a north-south rail line and deep water port in the early 1900’s which lessened the Pass’s importance as a trade center. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Pass has rebuilt its city hall and public library, yacht club and marina. The city boasts one of the largest oyster beds on the coast, and fresh oysters and shrimp can still be purchased from the boats arriving in the harbor. Today, the Pass is a delightful bedroom-community, and its public school district is the highest ranked in the state, with Pass Christian High School being declared a National Blue Ribbon School in 2005 and 2012. It is also a well-visited tourist attraction, known for its festivals, such as the Oyster Festival and Art in the Pass.

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## 2012 GOVERNMENT

**Mayor** .....Leo “Chipper” McDermott

### Aldermen

Ward 1 ..... Rory Robin Rafferty  
Ward 2 ..... Joseph Piernas  
Ward 3 ..... Anthony Hall  
Ward 4 ..... Huey Bang  
At-Large ..... Renee Brooks



## MS BLUES TRAIL

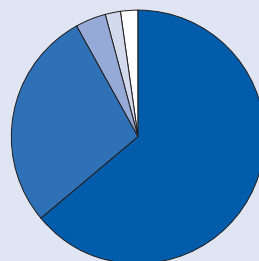
Pass Christian is a stop on the Mississippi Blues Trail and the site of the annual Jazz in the Pass Festival.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Race and Ethnicity	2010	2000	Annual Growth Rate (%)
White.....	2,964	4,336	-3.2
Black.....	1,285	1,853	-3.1
Asian.....	182	229	-2.1
Other.....	82	84	-0.2
Two or more races .....	100	77	3.0
<b>Total Population .....</b>	<b>4,613</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
Hispanic or Latin.....	138	115	2.0
Land Area (sq. mi.).....	8.2	8.2	n/a
Pop. Density (pop/sq. mi.).....	570.4	802.3	n/a
Median Age .....	44.8	41.0	n/a

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

## 2012 POPULATION BY RACE



White.....	64%
Black.....	28%
Asian.....	4%
Other.....	2%
2 or more races .....	2%

## INCOME & SALES TAX INFO

Median Household Income.....	\$49,306
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 Pass Christian.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Major Employers

### # Employees 2012

Walmart Supercenter .....	380
Gulf Coast Pre-Stress Concrete .....	360
Pass Christian School District.....	259
City of Pass Christian.....	123

Source: Harrison County Development Commission

## HOUSING STATISTICS

Indicator	2010	2000
Housing Units.....	2,494	3,351
Occupancy Rate.....	85.7	80.2
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 .....	2.45	2.38

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

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Pass Christian Public Library

111 Hiern Avenue  
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## HIGHEST TRAFFIC COUNT ROADWAYS, 2011

Ranking	Location	AADT*
1 .....	US 90 .....	16,000
2 .....	Menge Avenue.....	6,300
3 .....	North Street.....	4,800
4 .....	Henderson Avenue.....	4,600
5 .....	Espy Avenue.....	3,800

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

Source: Gulf Regional Planning Commission 2010 Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts  
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## SCENIC DRIVE

Scenic Drive offers a unique opportunity to view many historic homes, some of which predate the Civil War, and which range from mansions to cottages. One of these is this little jewel which stood originally on the grounds of the Mexican Gulf Hotel, one of the Pass’s grand resort hotels that prospered in the days after the Civil War by catering to northern visitors.