

# LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI

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## POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Long Beach	15,791	16,577	17,320	16,904	16,564
Harrison County	165,229	175,869	189,601	192,393	204,164

### Most populated cities in Harrison County:

City	2005 Population
Gulfport	70,894
Biloxi	50,410
Long Beach	16,904
D'Iberville	8,155
Pass Christian	6,459

### Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	20.4 %	40 to 49	15.8 %
18 to 21	7.2 %	50 to 64	15.5 %
22 to 29	12.6 %	65 and over	11.9 %
30 to 39	16.6 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 34.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population, 1990 and 2000; 2005 and 2010 Population Estimates, Demographics Now.

## LOCATION

### Distance to selected cities from Long Beach:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	394 miles	635 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	885 miles	1,427 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	542 miles	874 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	160 miles	258 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	365 miles	589 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	68 miles	110 kilometers

Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.

## LABOR UNIONS

Information on labor union activity in Mississippi can be obtained by calling MDA at 601-359-3449.

## WAGES

### Annual Average, 2004\*:

#### Manufacturing

Harrison County	\$685/week	\$17.13/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

#### Services

Harrison County	\$478/week	\$11.95/hour
Mississippi	\$508/week	\$12.70/hour
United States	\$724/week	\$18.10/hour

\*All rates include management personnel.

Source: County data-Mississippi Department of Employment Security, U.S. data-U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004 Annual Average.

## LABOR FORCE

### Annual Average, 2004:

	Harrison County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	94,310	207,260
Male Percentage	52%	
Female Percentage	48%	
Total Employment	87,620	192,230
Manufacturing	4,270	
Services & Misc.	63,037	
Total Unemployed	4,770	10,880
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%
U.S.	5.5%	
Mississippi	6.2%	

\*Commuting area includes all contiguous counties in Mississippi and neighboring states.

Source: Mississippi Department of Employment Security 2004, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## RETAIL SALES

### Gross Retail Sales (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Long Beach	\$ 107	\$ 128	\$ 122
Harrison County	\$ 2090	\$ 3160	\$ 3473

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, Annual Report, Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1995; 2000, 2004.

## INCOME

### Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Harrison County	\$18,629	\$24,157	\$26,673

### Earnings, Harrison County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$4,062,778,000

### Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	5.4%
Services-Other	21.6%
Wholesale Trade	1.9%
Retail Trade	7.1%
Government	39.7%
Construction	3.7%
Finance & Insurance	3.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	6.1%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	6.7%
Educational Services	0.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	13.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2003.

## ASSESSED VALUE

### Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Harrison County	\$ 886	\$1,519	\$1,647

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks based in Long Beach** None

**Banks with one or more branches in Long** 4

Source: Mississippi Banker's Association, Mississippi Bank Directory, 2005-2006 Edition.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways in Long Beach:

US 90

I-10

### Railroads in Long Beach:

CSX System

### Air Travel in Long Beach:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Gulfport-Biloxi International, Gulfport

Distance (miles) 5

Length of runway 9,000 feet/2,744 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 28

Major airlines serving the airport:

Air Trans, Continental Express, Delta/ASA, Northwest, Southeast

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Gulfport-Biloxi Internation, Gulfport

Distance (miles) 5

Length of runway 9,000 feet/2,744 meters

**Common carriers operating in Long Beach** 20

### Long Beach's nearest full-service port:

Port of Gulfport

Post Office Box 40

Gulfport, MS 39502

228-865-4300

Distance from Long Beach 4 miles/6 kilometers

Name of waterway Gulf of Mexico

Channel depth 36 feet/11 meters

Source: Mississippi Department of Transportation; Mississippi Port Authorities; unpublished data collected by MDA, 2005.

## HEALTH CARE

**Hospitals in Harrison County** 6

**Number of beds** 997

Source: Mississippi Department of Health, Directory of Mississippi Health Facilities, 2004.

## EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Harrison County and Mississippi, request an Education Profile. Education Profiles are prepared for all Mississippi counties and may be obtained by calling 601-359-3593, or online at [www.mississippi.org](http://www.mississippi.org).

## UTILITIES AND SERVICES

### Electricity distributor(s) in Long Beach:

Coast EPA

### Water/sewage service in Long Beach:

Utility name	City of Long Beach
Source	Wells
System capacity	5,380,800 gallons per day 20,382 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	2,000,000 gallons per day 7,576 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	NA NA
Storage capacity	500,000 gallons 1,894 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	3,270,000 gallons 12,386 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Oxidation ditch
Percent of community served	NA
Present load	NA

### Natural gas distributor(s) in Long Beach:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

## COUNTY FEATURES

**County Seat(s)** Gulfport, Biloxi

**Land area** 584 square miles/1,513 square kilometers

**County land area in commercial forests** 68 %

### National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

Beauvoir

DeSoto National Forest

Gulf Islands National Seashore

### State Parks:

None

**Tourism related information** Call 1-800-WARMEST

Source: Mississippi Elected Officials Directory; Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; unpublished data collected by MDA.

## LARGEST MANUFACTURERS IN HARRISON COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Northrop Grumman Ship Systems/Avondale	800	Fiberglass marine products, n.e.c.
Du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., E.I.	514	Titanium dioxide (white pigment) for paint and plastics industry
Oreck Manufacturing Co.	500	Oreck and Regina vacuum cleaners
Triton Systems of Delaware, Inc.	400	Electronic digital financial terminals
Gulf Coast Pre-Stress, Inc.	163	Prestressed concrete bridge beams

Source: Mississippi Manufacturers' Database, MDA, March 2006.

## FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Long Beach

Class 6

Source: Mississippi State Rating Bureau, August 2002.

## COST OF HOUSING

### Average Selling Price of Homes, 2004:

Jackson	\$199,485
Gulfport	\$189,900
Hattiesburg	\$204,780
Tupelo	\$192,228

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living, 2004.

## PROPERTY TAX

**General county millage** 21.76

**Property tax-** Counties and municipalities levy a property tax on real and personal tangible property. Most property is assessed at 15% of true value. Motor vehicles and utilities (excluding railroads) are assessed at 30% and owner-occupied residential properties are assessed at 10% of true value.

### To calculate annual property tax:

$$\text{Tax} = (V \times A \times M) / 1000$$

V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%), M = millage rate

Example: Home value \$100,449 millage rate 21.76  
 $(\$100,449 \times 10\% \times 21.76) / 1,000 = \$218.58$

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

