

**Geographic Characteristics**

State land area (sq. mi): 50,744	% of U.S.: 1.43
Coastline (mi): 53	Shoreline (mi): 607
County equivalents: 61	Coastal: 8
	Marine: 2

**2000 Sex by Age: State of Alabama and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
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<b>Alabama</b>	4,447,100	48.3%	6.7%	14.3%	14.2%	13.6%	15.4%	13.5%	9.4%	7.1%	4.4%	1.5%
Fishing Communities	227,399	49.3%	6.8%	14.7%	13.7%	12.8%	15.1%	13.6%	10.0%	7.7%	4.6%	1.1%
		50.7%										

**2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Alabama and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
<b>Alabama</b>	4,447,100	71.1%	26.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	1.0%	1.7%
Fishing Communities	227,399	75.1%	14.8%	0.6%	7.3%	0.1%	0.5%	1.5%	1.6%

**2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total**

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
<b>Alabama</b>	4,447,100	\$34,135	12.5%	59.7%	Some college	3.9%
Bayou La Batre	2,313	\$24,539	22.9%	53.7%	HS graduate	29.1%
Bon Secour <sup>1</sup>	1,803	\$39,120	11.3%	65.3%	Some college	NA <sup>2</sup>
Coden <sup>3</sup>	1,318	\$24,750	24.3%	50.0%	HS graduate	NA <sup>2</sup>
Dauphin Island	1,371	\$44,219	6.0%	59.5%	Some college	4.7%
Foley	7,590	\$31,596	7.1%	57.0%	Some college	5.7%
Grand Bay	3,918	\$38,941	6.9%	57.9%	HS graduate	2.3%
Irvington <sup>4</sup>	1,750	\$26,310	18.0%	60.6%	HS graduate	NA <sup>2</sup>
Lillian <sup>5</sup>	1,610	\$35,813	14.6%	59.8%	Some college	NA <sup>2</sup>
Mobile	198,915	\$31,445	17.9%	58.7%	Some college	5.4%
Theodore	6,811	\$33,750	16.3%	58.6%	HS graduate	2.8%

**Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Alabama**

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population <sup>6</sup>	4,320,281	4,351,037	4,369,862	4,447,100	4,466,618	4,477,571	4,495,089	4,517,442	4,548,327	4,599,030
Building Permits	17,732	20,533	19,029	17,406	17,706	18,403	22,256	27,411	30,612	32,034
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.1	3.9	3.5
Disaster Declarations	1	3	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	0
Emergency Declarations	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

<sup>1</sup>Census data for Bon Secour was identified as Block Group 4, Census Tract 114.01 in Baldwin County.<sup>2</sup>NA = data not available.<sup>3</sup>Census data for Coden was identified as Block Group 1, Census Tract 73 in Mobile County.<sup>4</sup>Census data for Irvington was identified as Block Group 1, Census Tract 67 in Mobile County.<sup>5</sup>Census data for Lillian was identified as Block Group 4, Census Tract 116 in Baldwin County.<sup>6</sup>Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.

# West Florida Tables

## Geographic Characteristics

State land area (sq. mi): 53,927	% of U.S.: 1.52
Coastline (mi): 770	Shoreline (mi): 5,095
County equivalents: 67	Coastal: 40
	Marine: 35

## 2000 Sex by Age: State of Florida and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
		F										
<b>Florida</b>	15,982,378	48.8%	5.9%	13.1%	12.1%	13.0%	15.5%	12.9%	9.7%	9.1%	6.4%	2.1%
Fishing Communities	645,370	49.7%	4.4%	9.9%	9.5%	11.4%	15.3%	15.3%	12.6%	11.7%	7.8%	2.4%
		50.3%										

## 2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Florida and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
<b>Florida</b>	15,982,378	78.0%	14.6%	0.3%	1.7%	0.1%	3.0%	2.4%	16.8%
Fishing Communities	645,370	81.0%	14.9%	0.3%	1.0%	0.0%	1.2%	1.5%	7.3%

## 2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
<b>Florida</b>	15,982,378	\$38,819	9.0%	58.6%	Some college	23.1%
Apalachicola	2,334	\$23,073	19.9%	50.5%	HS graduate	2.6%
Cortez	4,491	\$36,577	7.3%	34.3%	Some college	4.8%
Ft. Myers Beach	6,561	\$48,045	3.0%	41.5%	Some college	7.2%
Key West	25,478	\$43,021	5.8%	70.1%	Some college	24.8%
Madeira Beach	4,511	\$36,671	4.1%	61.5%	Some college	6.8%
Marathon	10,255	\$36,010	9.4%	63.7%	Some college	23.6%
Panama City	36,417	\$31,572	12.1%	56.4%	Some college	7.2%
Port St. Joe	3,644	\$33,800	11.2%	49.8%	HS graduate	4.7%
St. Petersburg	248,232	\$34,597	9.2%	62.4%	Some college	11.7%
Tampa	303,447	\$34,415	14.0%	64.0%	Some college	22.9%

## Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Florida

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population <sup>1</sup>	14,683,350	14,908,230	15,111,244	15,982,378	16,354,728	16,682,250	16,981,800	17,366,593	17,768,191	18,089,888
Building Permits	133,990	148,603	164,722	155,269	167,035	185,431	213,567	255,893	287,250	203,238
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.7	5.7	5.3	4.7	3.9	3.4
Disaster Declarations	0	6	2	2	3	0	2	5	3	0
Emergency Declarations	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

<sup>1</sup>Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.

**Geographic Characteristics**

State land area (sq. mi): 43,562	% of U.S.: 1.23
Coastline (mi): 397	Shoreline (mi): 7,721
County equivalents: 64	Coastal: 38 Marine: 11

**2000 Sex by Age: State of Louisiana and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
		F										
<b>Louisiana</b>	4,468,976	48.4%	7.1%	15.3%	15.5%	13.5%	15.5%	13.1%	8.5%	6.3%	3.9%	1.3%
Fishing Communities	27,188	50.6%	7.1%	15.8%	14.7%	11.7%	15.0%	13.5%	10.0%	7.2%	3.8%	1.2%
		49.4%										

**2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Louisiana and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
<b>Louisiana</b>	4,468,976	63.9%	32.5%	0.6%	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%	2.4%
Fishing Communities	27,188	80.4%	10.0%	6.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.5%	1.3%	2.5%

**2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total**

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
<b>Louisiana</b>	4,468,976	\$32,566	15.8%	59.4%	Some college	9.2%
Abbeville	11,887	\$19,714	33.3%	50.9%	HS graduate	24.3%
Boothville <sup>1</sup>	291	\$49,375	11.9%	51.4%	HS graduate	10.0%
Chauvin	3,229	\$25,922	17.1%	44.7%	HS graduate	33.9%
Dulac	2,458	\$22,900	27.8%	44.9%	HS graduate	37.4%
Empire	2,211	\$27,208	24.1%	54.6%	HS graduate	9.7%
Golden Meadow	2,193	\$28,690	15.4%	50.1%	HS graduate	40.0%
Grand Isle	1,541	\$33,548	9.1%	57.8%	HS graduate	18.4%
Lafitte	1,576	\$33,872	14.4%	53.9%	HS graduate	7.6%
St. Bernard <sup>2</sup>	1,342	\$23,566	30.0%	36.9%	HS graduate	NA <sup>3</sup>
Venice <sup>4</sup>	460	\$30,000	22.2%	42.7%	Some HS	9.5%

**Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Louisiana**

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population <sup>5</sup>	4,351,390	4,362,758	4,372,035	4,468,976	4,463,421	4,470,543	4,480,925	4,495,706	4,507,331	4,287,768
Building Permits	15,144	16,483	17,836	14,720	15,653	18,425	22,220	22,989	22,811	28,671
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.4	5.9	6.2	5.5	6.7	4.0
Disaster Declarations	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	3	1
Emergency Declarations	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	0

<sup>1</sup>Census data for Boothville was identified as zip code tabulation area 70038.<sup>2</sup>Census data for St. Bernard was identified as Block Group 1, Census Tract 301.01 in St. Bernard Parish.<sup>3</sup>NA = data not available.<sup>4</sup>Census data for Venice was identified as zip code tabulation area 70091.<sup>5</sup>Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.

# Mississippi Tables

## Geographic Characteristics

State land area (sq. mi): 46,907	% of U.S.: 1.33
Coastline (mi): 44	Shoreline (mi): 359
County equivalents: 82	Coastal: 12
	Marine: 3

## 2000 Sex by Age: State of Mississippi and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
		F										
<b>Mississippi</b>	2,844,658	48.3%	7.2%	15.3%	15.7%	13.4%	15.0%	12.7%	8.6%	6.5%	4.0%	1.5%
Fishing Communities	120,074	49.4%	6.8%	14.3%	13.6%	13.2%	15.1%	13.7%	9.8%	7.4%	4.4%	1.5%
		50.6%										

## 2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Mississippi and Average of Selected Fishing Communities

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
<b>Mississippi</b>	2,844,658	61.4%	36.3%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	1.4%
Fishing Communities	120,074	67.6%	27.3%	0.7%	2.4%	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	1.3%

## 2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
<b>Mississippi</b>	2,844,658	\$31,330	16.0%	59.4%	Some college	3.6%
Bay St. Louis	8,209	\$34,106	10.0%	60.7%	Some college	7.1%
Biloxi	50,644	\$34,106	11.2%	66.8%	Some college	10.1%
Gautier	11,681	\$41,244	15.1%	64.8%	Some college	5.8%
Lakeshore <sup>1</sup>	910	\$31,071	5.7%	57.3%	Some college	NA <sup>2</sup>
Moss Point	15,851	\$32,075	15.8%	55.3%	HS graduate	2.3%
Pascagoula	26,200	\$32,042	18.1%	61.3%	Some college	6.8%
Pass Christian	6,579	\$40,743	8.2%	60.0%	Some college	7.8%

## Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Mississippi

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population <sup>3</sup>	2,731,826	2,751,335	2,768,619	2,844,658	2,856,108	2,863,091	2,874,171	2,892,668	2,908,496	2,910,540
Building Permits	10,079	12,879	12,871	11,270	9,908	11,276	12,010	14,532	13,396	16,618
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.4	6.3	7.8	6.8
Disaster Declarations	1	1	1	0	4	2	2	1	2	0
Emergency Declarations	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

<sup>1</sup>Census data for Lakeshore was identified as Block Group 5, Census Tract 302 in Hancock County.

<sup>2</sup>NA = data not available.

<sup>3</sup>Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.

**Geographic Characteristics**

State land area (sq. mi): 261,797	% of U.S.: 7.4
Coastline (mi): 367	Shoreline (mi): 3,359
County equivalents: 254	Coastal: 41 Marine: 17

**2000 Sex by Age: State of Texas and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
		F										
<b>Texas</b>	20,851,820	49.6%	7.8%	15.7%	15.2%	15.2%	15.9%	12.5%	7.7%	5.5%	3.3%	1.1%
Fishing Communities	2,262,819	49.3%	7.9%	16.4%	14.8%	13.1%	14.9%	12.4%	8.3%	7.1%	4.1%	1.1%
		50.4%										
		50.7%										

**2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Texas and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
<b>Texas</b>	20,851,820	71.0%	11.5%	0.6%	2.7%	0.1%	11.7%	2.5%	32.0%
Fishing Communities	2,262,819	70.1%	16.9%	0.5%	3.1%	0.0%	12.1%	2.5%	30.3%

**2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total**

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
<b>Texas</b>	20,851,820	\$39,927	12.0%	63.6%	Some college	31.2%
Brownsville	139,722	\$24,468	32.4%	52.4%	HS graduate	87.2%
Freeport	12,708	\$30,245	22.3%	54.3%	HS graduate	45.3%
Galveston	57,247	\$28,895	17.8%	59.7%	Some college	26.5%
Houston	1,953,631	\$36,616	16.0%	63.2%	Some college	41.3%
Nederland	17,422	\$45,188	5.5%	62.0%	Some college	8.2%
Palacios	5,153	\$27,623	19.8%	50.7%	HS graduate	49.9%
Port Arthur	57,755	\$26,455	22.9%	52.8%	HS graduate	23.2%
Port Bolivar <sup>1</sup>	715	\$38,631	8.8%	53.5%	HS graduate	NA <sup>2</sup>
Port Isabel	4,865	\$25,323	21.7%	57.2%	HS graduate	71.3%
Port Neches	13,601	\$47,523	4.4%	63.1%	Some college	8.6%

**Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Texas**

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population <sup>3</sup>	19,355,427	19,712,389	20,044,141	20,851,820	21,357,926	21,762,430	22,134,047	22,517,901	22,928,508	23,507,783
Building Permits	125,974	156,729	146,564	141,231	150,342	165,027	177,194	188,842	210,611	216,642
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.4	5.0	6.4	6.7	6.0	5.4	4.9
Disaster Declarations	1	3	2	1	2	3	1	0	1	2
Emergency Declarations	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0

<sup>1</sup>Census data for Port Bolivar was identified as Block Group 3, Census Tract 7239 in Galveston County.

<sup>2</sup>NA = data not available.

<sup>3</sup>Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.