

Mississippi Hurricane Katrina

A Decade of Progress through Partnerships

Pearl River County



It's been almost ten years since Hurricane Katrina left widespread destruction in Mississippi. In less than 24 hours, more than **234,000** homes in the state were damaged or destroyed and more than **one million people** – a third of the state's population – were affected by the historic storm.

In Pearl River County, FEMA provided more than **\$40 million** to individuals and families for rebuilding homes, temporary housing, replacing lost property, medical bills and funeral expenses.

Public Assistance funds have been disbursed for numerous projects across the county, totaling **\$105 million**. In partnership with the state of Mississippi, FEMA provided Pearl River County with hazard mitigation funds for new community safe rooms, warning sirens and generators.

Today, with the Hurricane Katrina recovery mission nearly complete, Mississippi's new and rebuilt infrastructure will be **less vulnerable** to future storms than in 2005.



Poplarville Community Safe Room
Pearl River County, Mississippi

Hurricane Katrina — Aug. 29, 2005

Pearl River County
Population: 55,224

Nearly \$229 million in FEMA and SBA assistance to county residents

“Hurricane Katrina was a storm of such historic magnitude, that it took everything we had, truly dedicated teamwork and creative solutions to recover from it. FEMA was there to assist the state of Mississippi from day one, and we have a strong and genuine partnership with them. Today, we can see the results of our recovery efforts all across the state. We have come a long way, and we did it all working together.”

Robert Latham, Executive Director - Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

\$105 million
Public Assistance obligations for projects in Pearl River County

Nearly \$40.5 million
Individual Assistance provided to survivors

15,013
Survivors assisted with housing and other need

\$9.7 million
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for projects

100 percent
FEMA has paid 100 percent of the cost share for Public Assistance and up to 100 percent for Hazard Mitigation projects

1,713
Temporary Housing Units for displaced families

\$73.7 million
U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loans to survivors and businesses



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