

# Mississippi Hurricane Katrina

*A Decade of Progress through Partnerships*

## Harrison County



It's been nearly 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 a third of the state's population, more than **one million people**, were affected by the historic storm.

FEMA provided more than **\$497 million** to individuals and families in Harrison County 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 nearly **\$1.1 billion**. In partnership with the state of Mississippi, FEMA provided communities in Harrison 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.



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**Hurricane Katrina — Aug. 29, 2005**

**Harrison County**  
**Population: 199,058**

**Nearly \$3.3 billion in FEMA and SBA assistance to Harrison County**

**Nearly \$1.1 billion**  
Public Assistance  
obligations for projects in  
Harrison County

**Nearly \$497 million**  
Individual Assistance  
provided to survivors

**79,923**  
Survivors assisted with  
housing and other needs

**\$51.2 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

**13,283**  
Temporary Housing Units for  
displaced families

**\$1.1 billion**  
U.S. Small Business  
Administration low-interest  
disaster loans to survivors  
and businesses



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**Biloxi City Hall**  
Harrison County



**Pass Christian City Hall**  
Harrison County

*“One day not too far from now, people are going to talk not so much about the devastation of Katrina, but the remarkable and inspirational recovery that came about when people worked together and made great things happen.*

*They’re going to talk about how government – MEMA, FEMA, Biloxi and the Gulf Coast – set the table to create viable, sustaining communities.”*

*Davis Nichols*

*Biloxi City Administrator*

## Individual Assistance

*Helping Survivors!*

- Nearly **\$497 million** in federal funds was dedicated to rebuilding homes, temporary housing, replacing lost property, medical bills and funeral expenses.
- More than **65,000** families received rental assistance, with more than **13,000** families provided with temporary housing units.

## Public Assistance

*Cleaning up / Protecting People & Property / Repairing & Rebuilding Infrastructure*

**Debris Removal/Emergency Protective Measures:** More than **\$255 million** has been obligated to protect people and property, and clean up debris.

**Health Care:** More than **\$4.5 million** has been obligated to rebuild and improve hospitals and other health care facilities in Harrison County.

**Education:** More than **\$94 million** has been obligated to Harrison County for K-12 public schools.

**Public Safety and Protection:** More than **\$15 million** has been obligated for the restoration of fire and police stations, court houses and jails.

**Historical Structures:** Nearly **\$59 million** has been obligated to restore historic properties in Harrison County.

## Hazard Mitigation Building

*Stronger, Smarter, Safer!*

FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has pledged **\$51.2 million** to fund designed to help make Harrison County communities stronger and safer. This is part of the **\$364 million** available to Mississippi for projects to reduce the impact of disasters on people and property.

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*“Hurricane Katrina was a storm of such historic magnitude, that it took everything we had and truly dedicated teamwork 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



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