

Mississippi Hurricane Katrina

A Decade of Progress through Partnerships

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

In Jackson County, FEMA provided more than **\$268 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 nearly **\$239 million**. In partnership with the state of Mississippi, FEMA provided Jackson County communities 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.



West Jackson County Community Shelter
13000 Walker Road, Ocean Springs, Miss. 39564

Hurricane Katrina — Aug. 29, 2005

Jackson County

Population: 141,137

Nearly \$1.2 billion in FEMA and SBA assistance to Jackson County

Nearly \$239 million
Public Assistance
obligations for projects in
Jackson County

Nearly \$268 million
Individual Assistance
provided to survivors

37,366
Survivors assisted with
housing and other needs

\$41.3 million
Hazard Mitigation Grant
Program projects

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

9,027
Temporary Housing Units for
displaced families

\$670 million
U.S. Small Business
Administration low-interest
disaster loans to survivors
and businesses



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Magnolia Middle School
Jackson County



Ocean Springs Small Craft Harbor
Jackson County

“After Hurricane Katrina’s historic devastation, local and state agencies - along with our federal partners - worked side by side with us to preserve Ocean Springs’ eclectic arts community, unique spirit and cultural heritage.

And throughout our road to recovery, FEMA and MEMA were there providing us with the vital support necessary to reestablish our community and make it better prepared for future storms”.

*Ocean Springs Mayor
Connie M. Moran*

Individual Assistance

Helping Survivors!

- Nearly **\$268 million** in federal funds was dedicated to rebuilding homes, temporary housing, replacing lost property, medical bills and funeral expenses.
- Nearly **37,366** families received rental assistance, with more than **9,000** families provided with temporary housing units.

Public Assistance

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

Debris Removal/Emergency Protective Measures: More than **\$49 million** has been obligated to protect people and property, and remove debris.

Health Care: More than **\$44 million** has been obligated to rebuild and improve hospitals and other health care facilities in Jackson County.

Education: More than **\$74 million** has been obligated for K-12 public schools and universities.

Public Safety and Protection: More than **\$6 million** has been obligated for the restoration of fire and police stations, court houses and jails.

Historical Structures: More than **\$18 million** has been obligated to restore historical properties in Jackson County.

Hazard Mitigation Building

Stronger, Smarter, Safer!

FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has pledged **\$41.3 million** to help make Jackson County communities stronger and safer. This is part of a total of **\$364 million** available to Mississippi for projects to reduce the impact of disasters on people and property.

“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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FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

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