

# Gulf Coast at a Glance

*Critical facts concerning the Gulf Coast's recovery:*

**"Hurricane Katrina was the single most catastrophic natural disaster in U.S. history."**

*(FEMA, By the Numbers One Year Later)*

Physical Area Impacted by Katrina: **90,000 square miles**, roughly the size of Great Britain

Number Displaced by Storm: **Approximately 1.3 Million**

Initial Estimates of Cost to Rebuild New Orleans: **\$200 billion\***

*\*A widely cited underestimated value, the real cost is probably much higher.*

Direct Economic Impact of Katrina in Louisiana Alone: **\$120 Billion**

Federal Funds Allocated to Redeveloping the Gulf Coast: **\$107 Billion**

Proportion of Funds Actually Spent: **Less than Half (\$44 Billion)**

Proportion of Funds Allocated to Levy Reconstruction: **4% (\$4.3 Billion)**

Proportion Allocated to Mobile Homes: **7% (\$7.5 Billion)**

Funds Received by the City of New Orleans: **\$220 Million**

**One year Later:** Number of People Living in Mobile Homes (**113,000**); Number of Displaced Who Have Not Returned Home Yet (**289,000**); School Buildings Open in New Orleans (**29%**); Homes with Electricity (**60%**); Unemployment Rate Among Evacuees (**23%**)