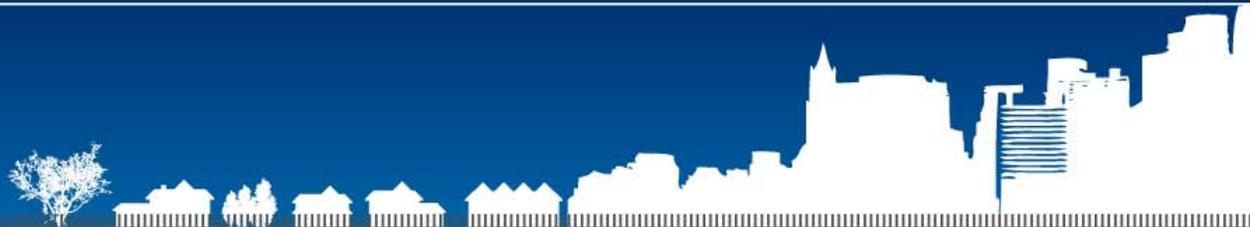


# Housing Recovery on the Gulf Coast

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# CDBG Disaster Recovery Assistance

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):  
a flexible formula-based block grant program  
administered by HUD since 1974.**

- **Grantees include 1,209 states and local governments.**
- **Distributed by formula, not a competitive grant. Grantees are required to submit an Action Plan each year to HUD, to ensure that the planned activities are eligible.**
- **Eligible activities include community development, housing rehabilitation, and production of affordable housing.**



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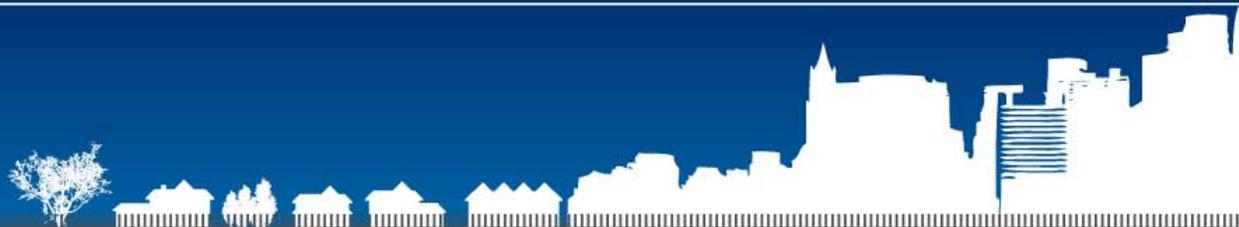
# CDBG Disaster Recovery Assistance

**After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, supplemental appropriations of \$19.7 billion went to Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.**

- **December 30, 2005; P.L. 109-148; \$11.5 billion**
- **June 15, 2006; P.L. 109-234; \$5.2 billion**
- **November 13, 2007; P.L. 110-116; \$3 billion just for Louisiana**



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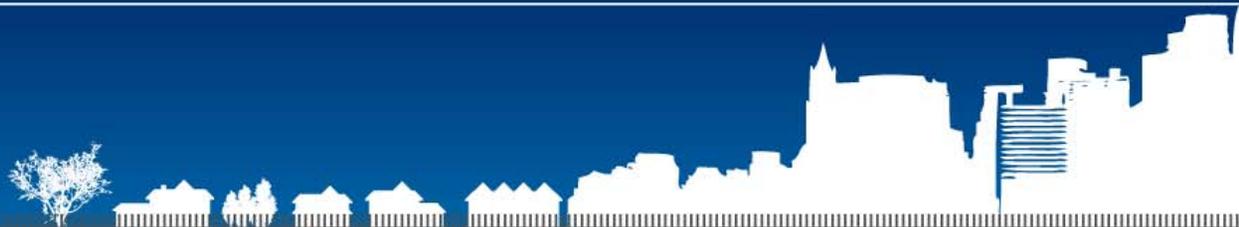
# Tracking Recovery in LA, MS and TX

## Two main components:

- **Windshield observations (assessments of exterior property condition, as viewed from the street) . Results to be published in Fall 2010.**
- **A telephone survey of the individual who owned a property in 2005. Results to be published in Summer 2011.**



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# Windshield Observations

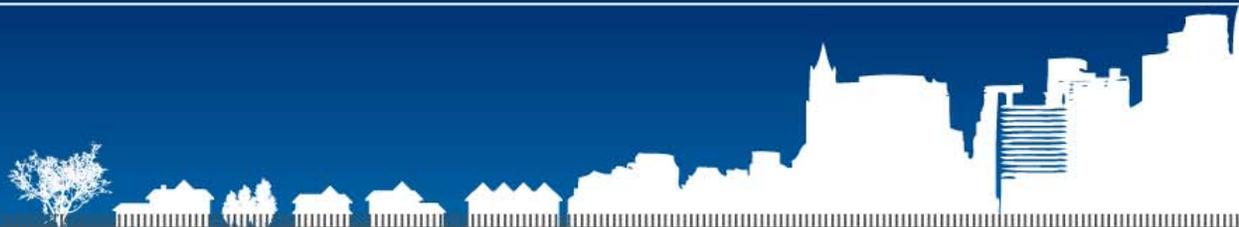


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# Tracking Recovery in LA, MS and TX

- **Study focuses on hurricane-damaged properties on “significantly affected blocks” (SABs) in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas**
- **Data on initial damage from FEMA damage assessments conducted August 2005 to February 2006.**
  - **875,543 total housing units suffered some type of damage. That included one third of all occupied housing units in Louisiana and one fifth of all occupied housing units in Mississippi.**
  - **90% of housing with major or severe damage was on a significantly affected block.**

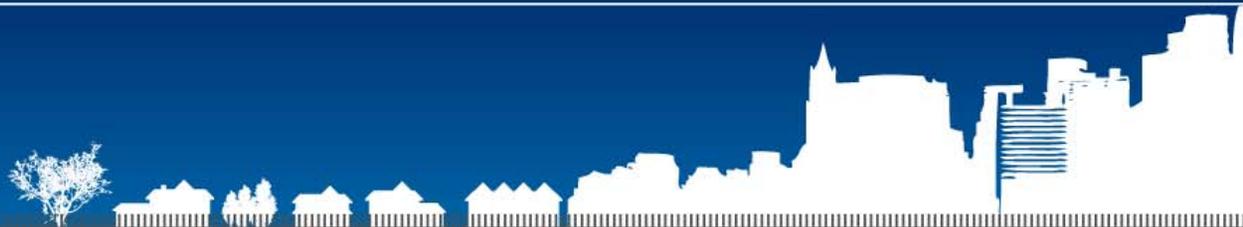


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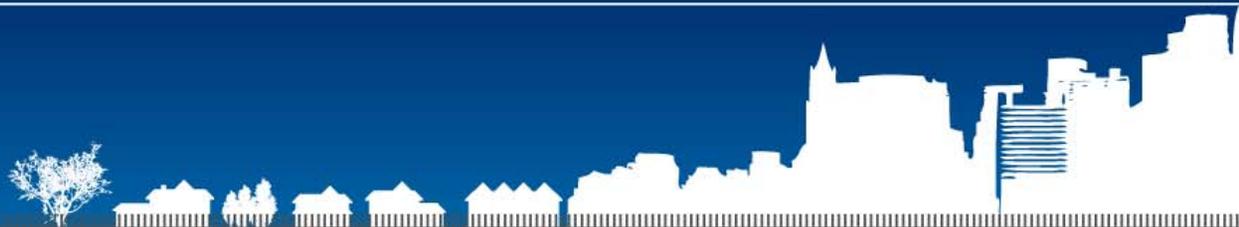
# Sampled SABs, Louisiana

- **Sampled blocks in Louisiana spanned the following parishes: Calcasieu and Cameron, Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany.**
- **Within Orleans parish, the sample was further stratified to provide estimates for the following neighborhoods (“Planning Districts”): MidCity, Lakeview, Gentilly, Lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans East, and Uptown.**



# Sampled SABs, Mississippi

- **Sampled blocks in Mississippi spanned the following counties: Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson.**
- **The sample was further stratified to provide estimates for the following cities: Waveland and Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, Gulfport, Pass Christian and Long Beach City, and Pascagoula.**



# Key Findings – Overall Recovery

Summary of conditions in all 3 states, as of early 2010:

- **74.6% of hurricane-affected properties on SABs had no substantial repair needs.**
- **10.8% of hurricane-affected properties on SABs no longer contained a permanent residential structure.**
- **The remaining 14.6% contained a residential structure with substantial repair needs.**



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# Conditions of Hurricane-Affected Properties, Early 2010 – Louisiana

Jurisdiction	Total # of affected properties	% vacant lots	% with repair needs
Jefferson Parish	46,930	1.2	3.1
Orleans Parish	94,415	6.7	27.7
(Lower 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward)	6,621	29.8	22.6
(MidCity)	15,291	3.2	54.3
(ByWater)	11,278	8.5	39.9
(Lakeview)	7,258	13.4	10.8
St. Bernard Parish	24,025	32.5	5.9
St. Tammany Parish	25,610	10.3	6.0
<b>Louisiana total</b>	<b>217,401</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>



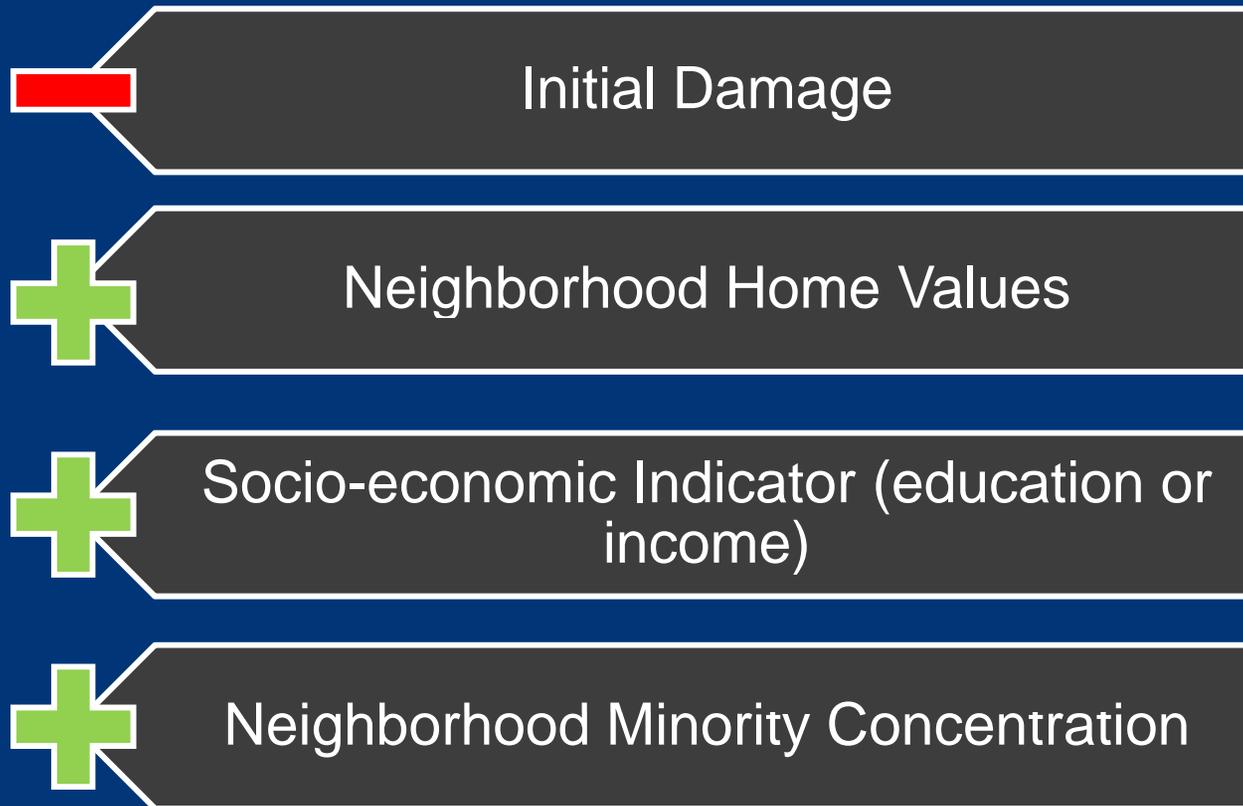
# Conditions of Hurricane-Affected Properties, Early 2010 Mississippi

Jurisdiction	Total # of affected properties	% vacant lots	% with repair needs
Hancock County	7,789	44.7	6.3
Harrison County	31,247	13.3	7.3
(Biloxi)	,323	32.4	12.4
(Gulfport)	11,701	3.8	3.1
(Pass Christian and Long Beach City)	8,506	19.5	13.4
Jackson County	32,571	15.4	6.5
(Pascagoula)	9,363	9.4	0.0
<b>Mississippi total</b>	<b>76,499</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>



# Key Findings – Factors That Influence Rebuilding

Effect of neighborhood conditions (Census 2000) on likelihood of a property being rebuilt:



# Next Steps

- **Publish interim report.**
- **Property owner survey: better information about financial resources and current condition. Context about challenges of rebuilding.**
- **Continued cleaning and analysis of administrative data.**
- **Analysis of impact of CDBG on rebuilding.**
- **Final report: expected around May 2011.**



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