

About Mississippi's Fourth District

Mississippi's Fourth District encompasses the entire coastline and extends northward including the cities of Hattiesburg and Laurel. The district consists of all or part of 15 counties, and the district is home to more than 711,219 Mississippians. Three of Mississippi's four most heavily populated cities, Gulfport, Biloxi and Hattiesburg, are in the Fourth District.

In the southernmost part of the district, sandy beaches line the coast. The University of Southern Mississippi is located in Hattiesburg. In the northernmost part of the district, rolling hills offer a picturesque background to miles and miles of farmland.

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the district. Although there is a lot of work to be done and many have yet to move back home, Mississippians are continuing to rebuild the region's infrastructure. The Gulf Coast would never have gotten this far if not for the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who began to clean up debris from the day after the storm to today. So many volunteers continue to make trips to the coast, making a huge difference in the lives of those who lost everything.