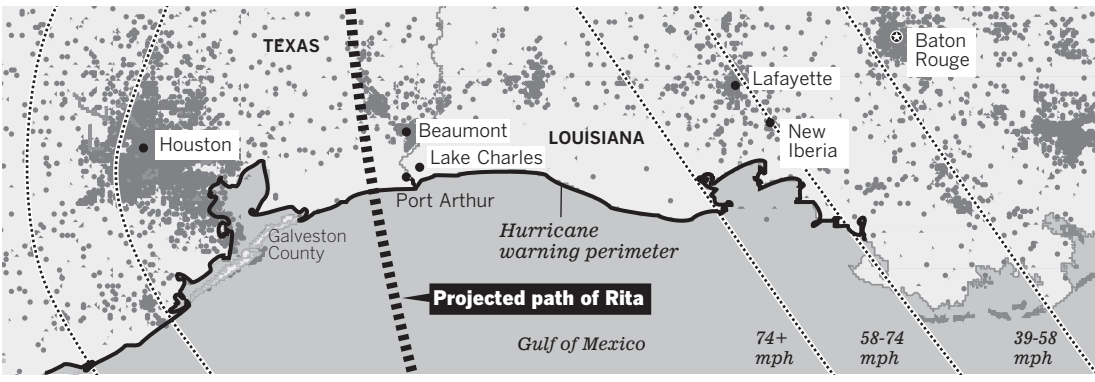


Rita closes in

Projected landfall for Hurricane Rita is along the southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana coastlines. If that path is maintained, Galveston and Houston would be hit by the west side of the storm, which is generally weaker.

Population density ● = 1,000 people ——— Wind speed

Lake Charles, La. (more than 70,000 population), and Port Arthur, Texas (just under 60,000 population), are in the hurricane's path.



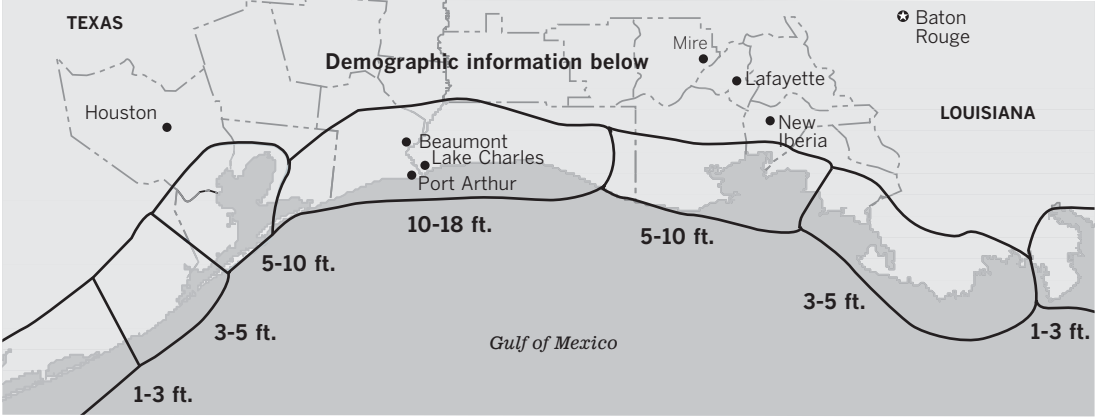
Elevations of threatened areas

■ Ocean □ 0-5 ft. ■ 6-9 ft. ■ 10-15 ft. ■ 16 ft.+

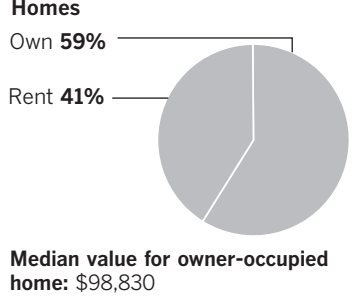
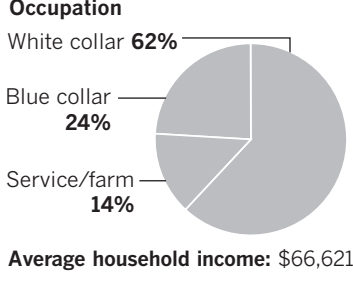
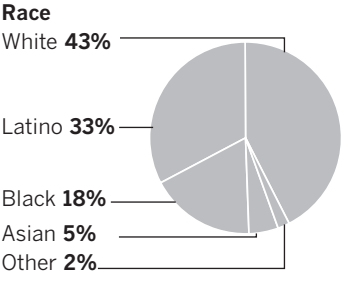


Projected Category 4 storm surge

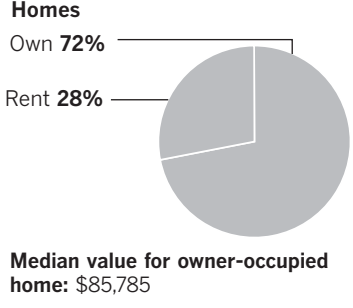
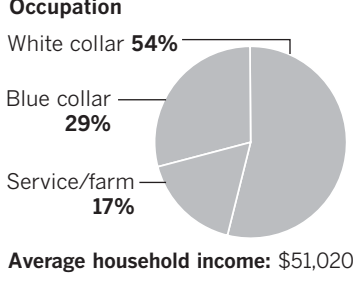
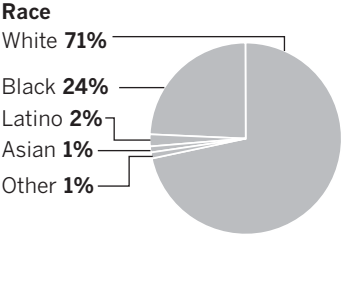
(Up to 18 feet in areas directly hit) □ Area of storm surge and height of water



Southeast Texas (population: 4,452,358)



Southwest Louisiana (population: 712,746)



Note: Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding

Sources: Chicago Tribune, 2005 estimates from Claritas, Boat U.S. Hurricane Center, Accuweather; National Hurricane Center; Associated Press; Reuters. Graphics reporting by JOEL GREENBERG, SCOTT WILSON and MARK PHILLIPS