

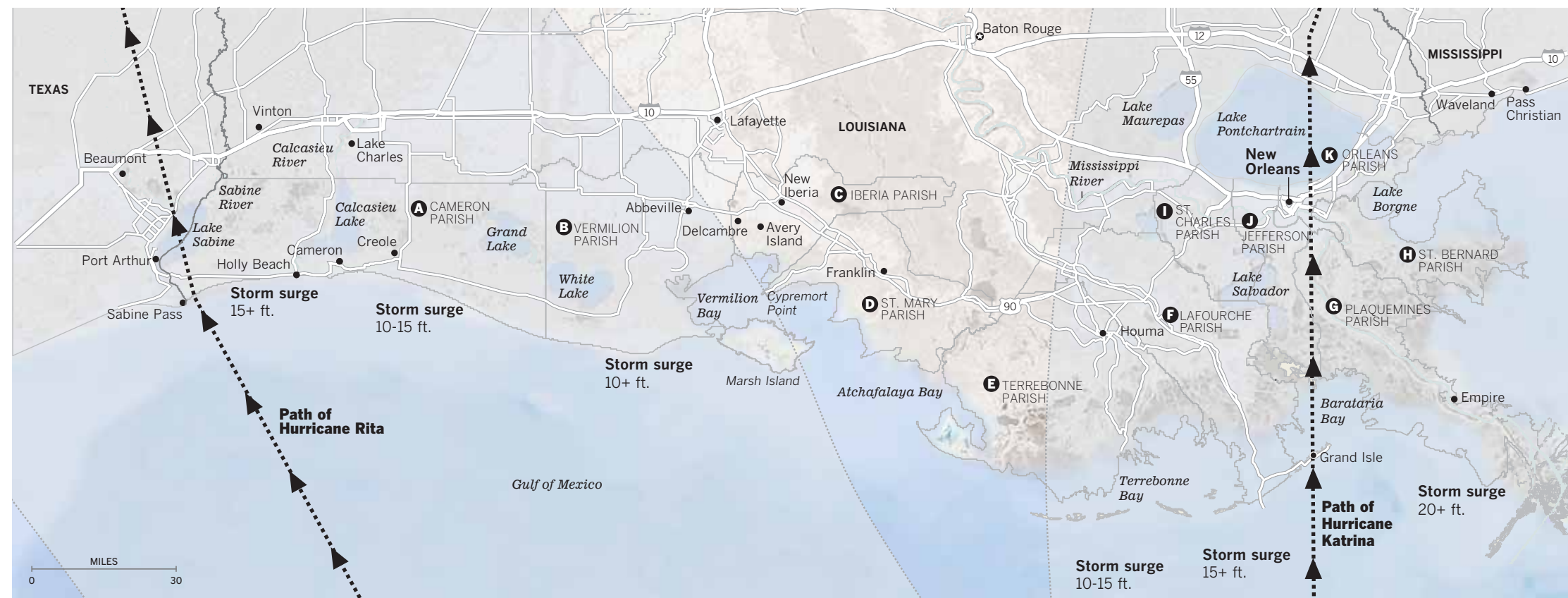
# Louisiana's devastated coast

All of the parishes along the Gulf of Mexico have experienced significant damage from hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with some areas nearly wiped out by raging winds, massive waves or relentless floodwaters. Here is an overview of the areas in the state hit hardest by the two disasters over the last month.

Parish	<b>A</b> Cameron	<b>B</b> Vermilion	<b>C D E</b> Iberia/ St. Mary/Terrebonne	<b>F G H</b> Lafourche/ Plaquemines/St. Bernard	<b>I J K</b> St. Charles/ Jefferson/Orleans
<b>Industries</b>	Oil, natural gas, fishing, trapping and tourism	Rice, sugar cane, cattle, shrimp, crawfish and alligator farming	Sugar cane, oil, salt, Port of Iberia, Avery Island's Tabasco	Shipping, fishing, livestock and bayou-oriented tourism	Manufacturing, fishing, tourism and services
<b>Population*</b>	9,260	50,055	223,365	161,923	987,681
<b>Main communities</b>	Cameron; no incorporated towns	Abbeville, Intracoastal City, Erath, Gueydan	New Iberia, Avery Island, Morgan City, Houma	Thibodaux, Chalmette and Pointe a la Hache	New Orleans, Hahnville, Gretna and Vieux Carre
<b>Damage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80% of buildings leveled.</li> <li>Up to 4,000 cattle perished in swamped fields.</li> <li>Much of the towns of Cameron and Creole destroyed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heavy flooding with 50% of homes submerged.</li> <li>More than 1,000 rescued by boat and helicopter.</li> <li>Widespread power outages.</li> <li>Thousands of cattle stranded.</li> <li>Shrimp boats hurled onto land.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Delcambre under 10 feet of water.</li> <li>Iberia Parish flooded south of U.S. Highway 90 and Louisiana State Route 14.</li> <li>A 9-foot storm surge from Rita pushed water at least 25 miles into Terrebonne Parish, causing widespread flooding south of Houma.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katrina swamped Grand Isle under 7 feet of water and Rita flooded the island town again after residents began to clean up.</li> <li>Storm surges overwhelmed much of the coast and dealt a crippling blow to the state's fishing, farming and cattle industries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levee breaks flooded 80% of New Orleans, killing hundreds and stranding as many as 100,000.</li> <li>Thousands rescued in New Orleans and surrounding communities by boat and air.</li> <li>Extensive property damage</li> </ul>

\*Pre-hurricane figure

## Extent of hurricane-force winds

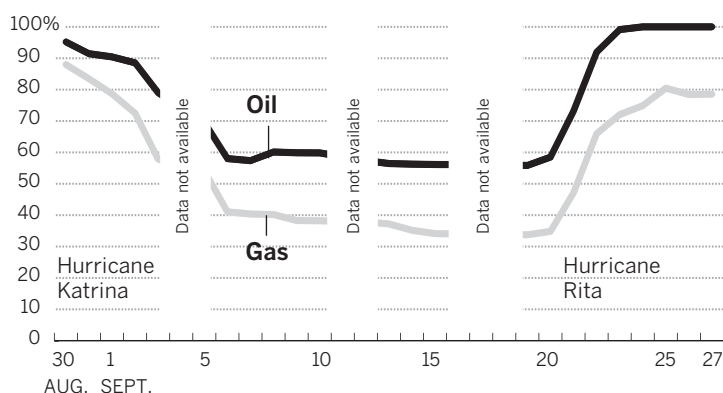


## Effects on major industries

### Gas and oil

Oil production has virtually halted in the Gulf of Mexico, and all refineries in Lake Charles, Beaumont and Port Arthur remained closed. Most oil refineries in the Houston area are restarting.

### Percentage of Gulf oil and gas shut down



### Agriculture, fishing

Hurricane Katrina cut a swath of destruction in areas that represent a large portion of Louisiana's agriculture, commercial seafood and fishing industries. Preliminary estimates of losses in revenue resulting from production losses:

(in millions)

#### Agriculture

Forestry	\$611
Sugar cane	63
Wholesale nurseries	19
Cotton	10
Citrus	9.7
Cattle	0.9
Vegetables	2.4
Dairy	1.0
Rice	0.48

#### Fisheries

Shrimp	\$72
Oysters	25
Menhaden	17
Crabs	15
Commercial fin fish	12.6
Turtles	5.3
Alligators	3.8

#### Recreational fishing

Charter fishing: \$0.986  
Finfish licenses: Loss of 160,976, \$199.5 million value

### Tourism

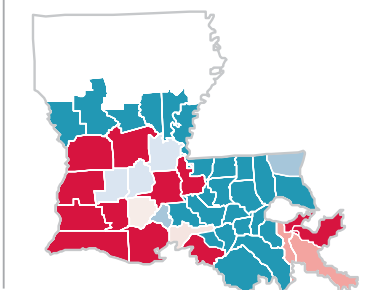
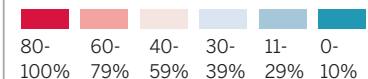
New Orleans accounts for about half of Louisiana's tourism — 110 million visitors and \$5 billion last year.

- Eleven conventions cancelled through March 2006.
- Mardi Gras, worth an estimated \$1 billion in tourism, could suffer from a lack of sufficient hotel rooms.
- The Sugar Bowl, which generates \$200 million in revenues, may have to move out of state for the first time in its 70-year existence.
- The Superdome is not available for the entire NFL season.
- Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is operating, on a limited schedule.

## Power outages

Electricity was restored gradually to southeastern Louisiana after Katrina, but now Rita has left several parishes to the west without power.

### Percentage of power outage



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