BASELINE ECONOMIC INFORMATION OF COASTAL MISSISSIPPI: ACCOMMODATION SECTOR

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The damages to the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) natural resources due to Gulf of Mexico (GOMOS) would take some time to be cleaned up and the restoration period to get the resources back to their original pre-GOMOS status is still indefinite. In the meantime, the production of goods and services by economic sectors located in the GOM states would be adversely affected leading to possible reduction in the levels of economic activity, employment and personal income, and tax revenues.

In order to understand the magnitude of the potential economic impacts of GOMOS to the Accommodation sector in the coastal counties, multi-year baseline economic information about the sector is compiled from various secondary sources.

The “Accommodation” sector corresponds to economic sector number 721 in the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Industries in the Accommodation subsector provide lodging or short-term accommodations for travelers, vacationers, and others. There is a wide range of establishments in these industries. Some provide lodging only; while others provide meals, laundry services, and recreational facilities, as well as lodging. Lodging establishments are classified in this subsector even if the provision of complementary services generates more revenue. The types of complementary services provided vary from establishment to establishment.

![Fig. 1. Number of Accommodation establishments in Coastal Mississippi Counties, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns.](image)

![Fig. 2. Annual payroll (in dollars) of the Accommodation sector in Coastal Mississippi Counties, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns.](image)

![Fig. 3. Number of paid employees of the Accommodation sector in Coastal Mississippi Counties, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns.](image)

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