**A Glimpse of New Orleans Nearly A Decade After Hurricane Katrina**

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[Hurricane Katrina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Katrina) was the most destructive storm of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season. It caused approximately $81 billion in property damage. According to the Daily Beast, New Orleans still has "ghost towns" and barren areas where homes used to stand. Nearly a decade after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, the city has seen 79 percent of homeowners rebuild and a resurrection in business. The state displays a low unemployment rate and is a rich area for prospective artists to write, sing, and paint. The Mardi Gras parade still takes place in the city of New Orleans, the NFL Super Bowl took place at the Mercedez-Benz Superdome in 2013, and festivals such as the Louisiana Oyster Jubilee and the Jazz and Heritage festival still entertain locals and visitors.