

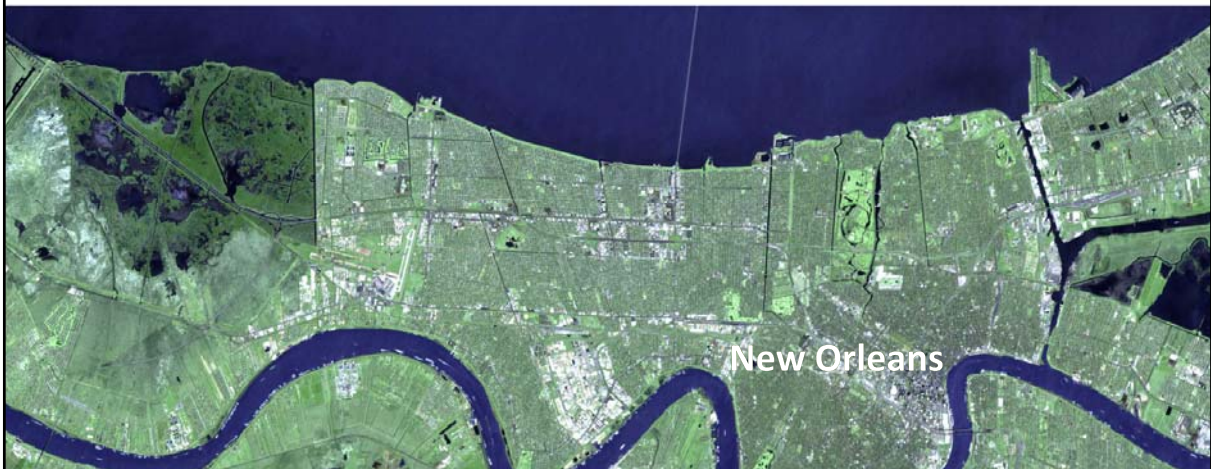


Hurricane Katrina Aftermath



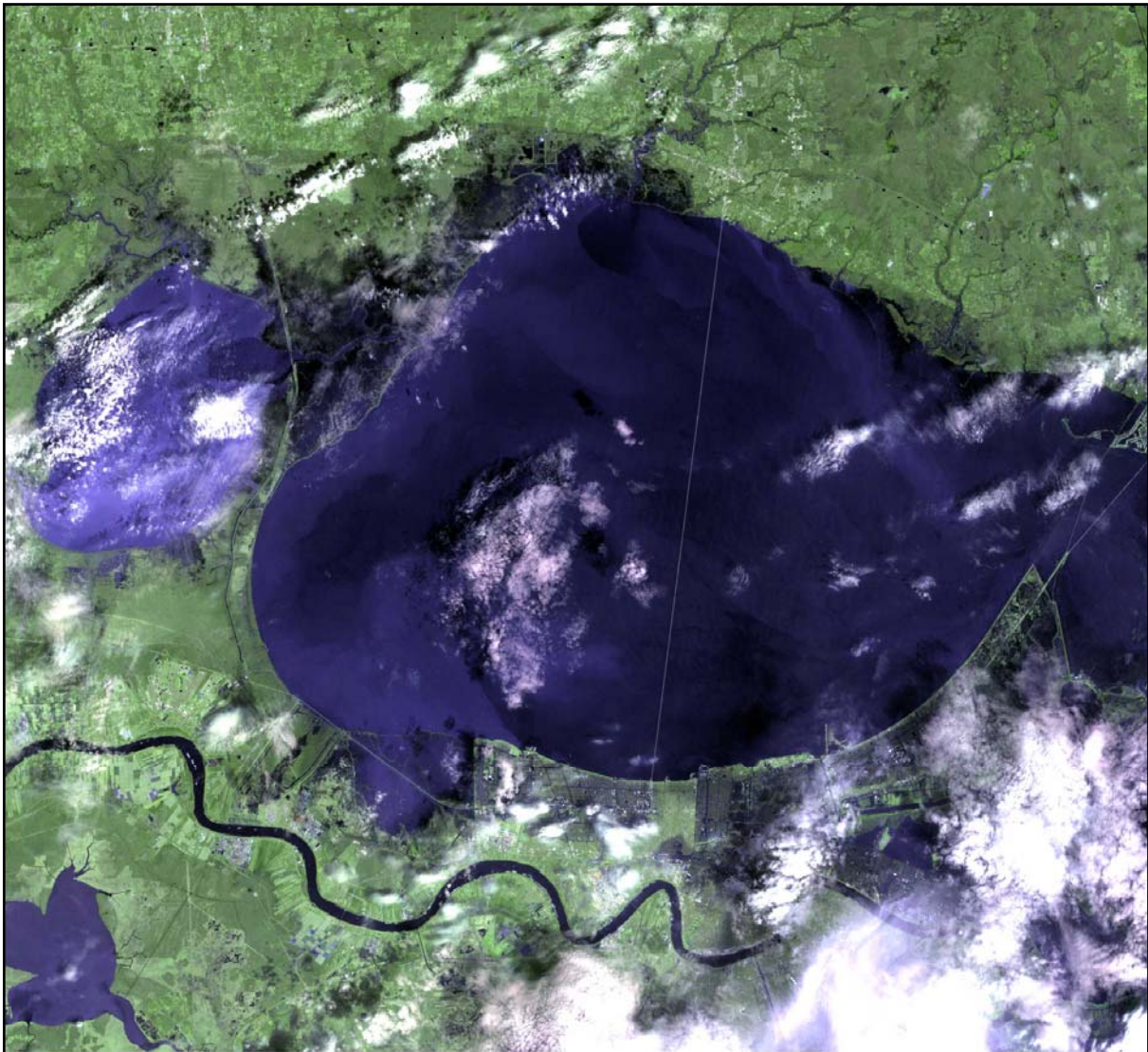


BEFORE HURRICANE KATRINA



New Orleans





AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA



New Orleans





Everyone's life story is out on the curb, soaked and stinky—  
furniture and clothing, dishes and rotting drywall, even formerly  
fabulous antiques.

-BY CATHY BOOTH THOMAS

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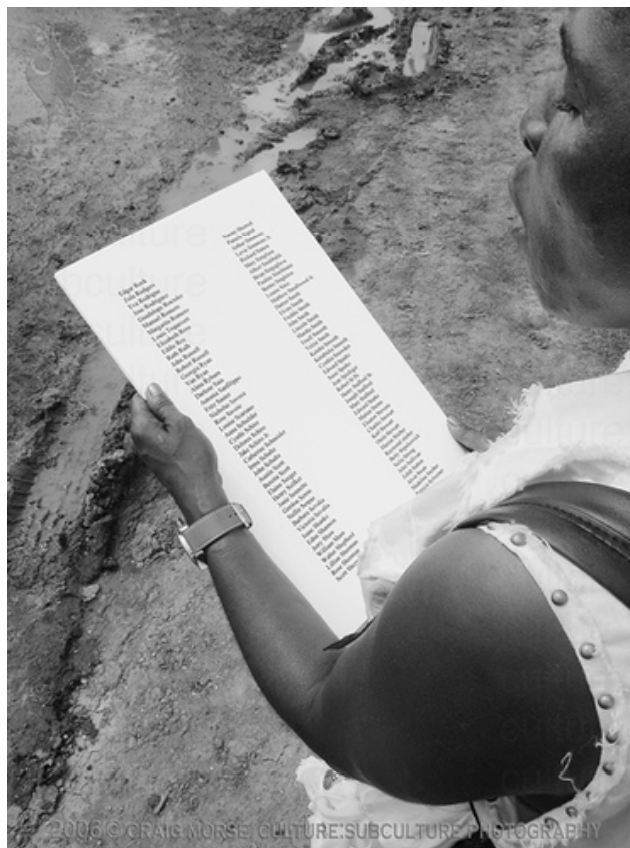
Total Records: 1889  
 Number of Missing: 595  
**Number of Deceased: 1294**  
 Number of John Does: 6  
 Number of Jane Does: 3  
 Number of Jane/John Does: 84

Breakdown of Residence  
**New Orleans, LA: 914**  
 Gulfport, MS: 9  
 Biloxi, MS: 20  
 Houston, TX: 3  
 Hancock County, MS: 16  
 Other: 462

Breakdown of Race  
**African American: 830**  
 Caucasian: 553  
 Hispanic: 36  
 Native American: 6  
 Asian / Pacific Islander: 14  
 Other: 0  
 No Race Specified: 444

Breakdown of Gender  
 Male: 953  
 Female: 831  
 No Gender Specified: 106

Breakdown of Age  
**over 75: 560**  
 65 - 74: 185  
 45 - 64: 490  
 25 - 44: 257  
 1 - 24: 139  
 less than 1: 9  
 No Age Specified: 249



A cemetery for the poor...



They're still finding bodies down here 13 weeks after Hurricane Katrina hit—30 in the past month—raising the death toll to 1,053 in Louisiana.

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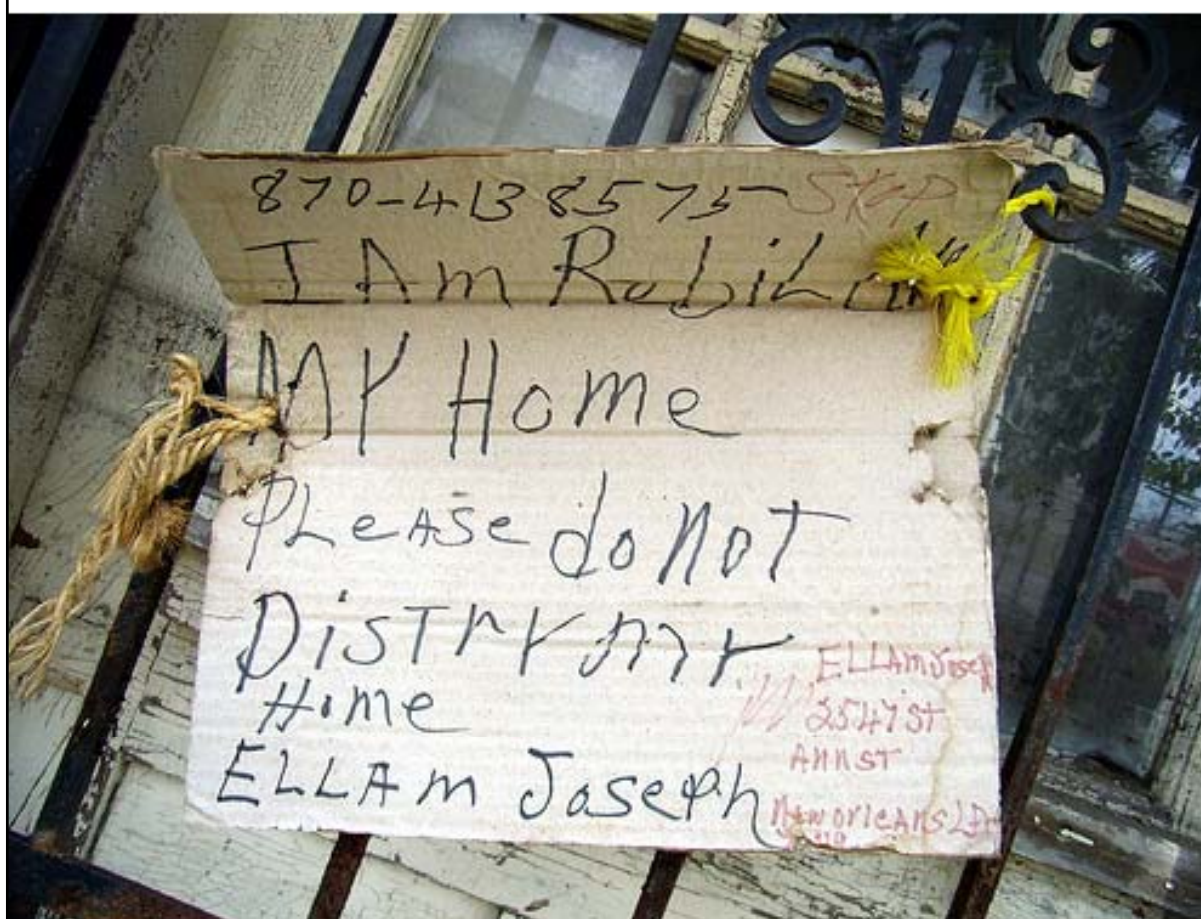
## NATIONAL BENCHMARKS FOR BLIGHT



How does New Orleans compare to other cities in terms of unoccupied residential addresses?

City	# of residential addresses (A)	# of vacant residential addresses <sup>1</sup> (B)	# of No-Stat residential addresses <sup>2</sup> (C)	Total # of vacant/No-Stat residential (B+C)	Total % of vacant/No-Stat residential ((B+C) / A)
<b>New Orleans</b>	<b>213,780</b>	<b>6,229</b>	<b>65,428</b>	<b>71,657</b>	<b>34%</b>
Detroit	354,021	57,029	6,182	63,211	18%
Flint	54,627	8,152	1,926	10,078	18%
Baltimore	287,600	23,673	12,782	36,455	13%
Pittsburgh	160,161	12,354	6,708	19,062	12%
Memphis	327,611	25,730	6,627	32,357	10%
Washington DC	285,627	10,877	9,636	20,513	7%
Philadelphia	648,548	25,137	7,069	32,206	5%

Source: GNO Community Data Center analysis of March 31, 2008 HUD Aggregated USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies



I am rebuilding my home. Please do not distry (destroy) my home, Ellam Joseph.









You have to see it, smell it, put on a white mask and a pair of plastic gloves, and walk into a world where nothing is salvageable, not even the mildewed wedding pictures.

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Across the greater New Orleans region, nearly 228,000 homes and apartments were flooded, including 39% of all owner-occupied units and 56% of all rental units (Brookings 2005).

In 2005, the metro area had a housing stock of about 550,000 and employed about 600,000 people (Richardson and Rhea 2007). As of mid-2006, employment had returned to about 73% of pre-Katrina levels, but only about 63% of the housing stock had been restored or replaced.

-BY THE URBAN INSTITUTE  
 "Affordable Rental Housing in Healthy Communities:  
 Rebuilding After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita"



Instead of a sitting idle, ravaged, rotting, and vacant, reminding passers-by of the recent death and destruction, this building imitates a dollhouse with stuffed animals, New Orleans memorabilia, and a love letter saying "Love Always, New Orleans."





WASHINGTON approved \$62.3 billion to help hurricane victims after the trifecta of Katrina, Rita and Wilma. With an additional \$8.6 billion in tax breaks and programs for the region, the total tab of nearly \$71 billion is far beyond the \$43.9 billion dedicated to emergency spending after the 9/11 attacks....

HOWEVER, Louisiana's recent request for \$250 billion, perilously short on details, got a contemptuous reception from Republicans ("Nonstarter," said a Senate aide), editorial writers (who dubbed it the "Louisiana looters' bill") and even a few Democrats ("They're thieves," said a House aide involved with budgeting for Louisiana relief).



FEMA trailers for temporary housing are a rare sight in East New Orleans, largely because there is no electricity and inundated city inspectors are behind on approving utility hookups.

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The New Orleans City Council unanimously voted on Dec. 20, 2007 to demolish the low-income housing, at the end of a tumultuous public hearing from which hundreds of residents were barred, leading to a police riot with tasers, pepper spray, and mace outside the Council Chambers.

Two and a half years after Hurricane Katrina, the official count is 12,000 homeless, but... Koné estimates the homeless population could be as high as 20,000.

Since before the storm, city officials and their allies have wanted to replace these poor communities with mixed-income developments, and Katrina has provided a plausible justification and the federal funding to demolish and rebuild.

The result, said Koné, is a transfer of land from the public sector to "the big developers, the multi-millionaires who stand to become billionaires."

-BY LINDA PINKOW  
 "For the Right of Return," *Dollar & Sense*  
<http://www.dollarsandsense.org/archives/2008/0108pinkow.html>

Simon had a small flood-insurance policy, but even so, she's not sure she can afford to rebuild or that she will be allowed to. The cost of demolishing a house is several thousand dollars and rising.

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Morphosis' design for *Make it Right*

Louisiana needs affordable housing for both renters and homeowners in order to recover fully and fairly from the devastation and displacement of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Even before the storms, decent affordable housing was in short supply and many low-income families and individuals faced housing hardship. But the hurricanes—and the flooding that followed—left the state with a severe housing shortage. In the greater New Orleans region, for example, almost half the housing stock was damaged or destroyed. So far, rebuilding has been slow and the prospects for the future are uncertain.

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