

“Grassroots: Biloxi-Gulfport Economy Keeps Coming Back,” by Charles Davidson, staff writer for *EconSouth*

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Discussion questions

1. What two factors have contributed to slow economic growth in the Biloxi-Gulfport region in 2011? Over the last seven years, what three events have held back recovery in the region?
2. What sector of the region’s economy is expected to lead economic growth in the future?
3. What impact has the area’s casino industry had on tax revenue and employment? How does the area’s casino market rank nationally?
4. How did the recent recession and Hurricane Katrina impact the leisure and hospitality sector in the Biloxi-Gulfport region? How important are these sectors to the area’s economy? How does this importance compare to the sector’s importance nationally?
5. What recent investments in the region point to economic recovery?

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[*Coin and Currency in the Casino Industry*”: Richmond Fed report](#)

[*Casino Gambling in America and its Economic Impacts*: St. Louis Fed report](#)

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