

Gulfport on the Edge Events Statistics

Among the many topics discussed, some of the recurring themes and concerns at the three events were the effects of climate change, affordable housing, the character and charm of Gulfport, and of course, arts and culture. The following are relevant stats about some of these topics.

Over 100 people attended each session for a total of about 177 individuals - many went to more than one and some didn't sign in. There was a fairly even distribution between long-term residents and newcomers, with at least 25% who had lived here less than 3 years.

Not everyone indicated where they lived on the map of Gulfport, but the breakdown between wards was approximately:

Ward 1 - 15%

Ward 2 - 65%

Ward 3 - 7%

Ward 4 - 13%

With a very small number from outside Gulfport

16 community organizations were at the last session and 31 were invited

Housing changes:

In the last 3 years, 1298 units have sold in Gulfport, 2060 units have sold in the last 5 years and 360 in the last year.

In the last 3 years, Gulfport has issued 34 permits for new houses.

Zillow Home Value Index for all homes in Gulfport:

2015 \$146,000

2016 \$167,000

2017 \$190,000

2018 \$200,000

2019 \$213,000

2020 \$240,000

2021 \$282,000

2022 \$352,000

2023 \$381,000

Median house sale prices now are between \$383,000 and \$445,000 depending on which realtor site you view.

Rentals on Craigslist for Gulfport 6/8/23:

1/1 375 sf \$1300 should make \$4333/mo = \$51,996/yr

1/1 na \$1550

1/1 425 sf \$1750 should earn \$5833/mo = \$69,996/yr

1/1 450 sf \$1495

1/1 620 sf \$2200 should earn \$7333/mo = \$87,996/yr

2/1 house \$1500, \$1795, \$1950, \$2400, \$3500

3/2 house \$2800 should earn \$9333/mo = \$111,996/yr

(Salaries required to cover rent at 30% of income)

Anecdotal evidence (story time at the library, playground usage, Rec Center) is that more families with children are moving here.

Sea level rise:

Between 1901 and 2018, the average global sea level rose by 15-25 cm or 1-2 mm per year. This rate is increasing; sea levels are now rising at a rate of 3.7mm per year.

Per US Global Change Research Program:

