

Best Places to Raise Your Kids: 2010

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**Best Place to Raise Your Kids: Mississippi**

Gulfport

Nearest city: Gulfport

Population: 66,913**Median family income:** \$49,589**Runners-up:** Hattiesburg, Jackson

Gulfport, the state's second-largest city, is a commercial and business hub with a large industrial park, an airport, a seaport, two colleges, and large shopping centers. Its public schools are also rated highly within the state.