

**Table 25. Population in Coastal Counties: 1980 to 2008**

[Population as of April 1, except as indicated (3,537 represents 3,537,000). Areas as defined by U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1992. Covers 673 counties and equivalent areas with at least 15 percent of their land area either in a coastal watershed (drainage area) or in a coastal cataloging unit (a coastal area between watersheds). See Appendix III]

Year	Total	Counties in coastal regions					Balance of United States
		Total	Atlantic	Gulf of Mexico	Great Lakes	Pacific	
Land area, 2000 (1,000 sq. mi.) . . . . .	3,537	889	148	115	115	511	2,649
<b>POPULATION</b>							
1980 (mil.) . . . . .	226.5	119.8	53.7	13.1	26.0	27.0	106.7
1990 (mil.) . . . . .	248.7	133.4	59.0	15.2	25.9	33.2	115.3
2000 (mil.) . . . . .	281.4	148.3	65.2	18.0	27.3	37.8	133.1
2008 (July 1) (mil.) . . . . .	304.1	157.5	69.2	20.1	27.4	40.8	146.6
1980 (percent) . . . . .	100	53	24	6	11	12	47
1990 (percent) . . . . .	100	54	24	6	10	13	46
2000 (percent) . . . . .	100	53	23	6	10	13	47
2008 (July 1) (percent) . . . . .	100	52	23	7	9	13	48

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census of Population, Vol. 1, Chapter A (PC80-1-A-1), *U.S. Summary*; 1990 Census of Population and Housing (CPH1); and unpublished data.