

Walton County, FL

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 12131** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Plan	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)
Approved	2025-12-04	Expires	2030-12-04
As of	2026-09-28	Days	1,528 days to expiry

What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-12-04)

New federal declarations	none (0 declaration rows; 0 counted incidents)	Storm Events records since approval	27 (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now	FMA RL 29, SRL 40 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 298	Repeat-flood change	First release: no prior release to compare.

SOURCES: FEMA, OpenFEMA HazardMitigationPlanStatuses v1, version 2026-09-26T121003Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/HazardMitigationPlanStatuses> (API); FEMA, OpenFEMA DisasterDeclarationsSummaries v2, version 2026-09-27T010817Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v2/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries> (API); NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>; FEMA, OpenFEMA NfipMultipleLossProperties v1, version 2026-08-04T164045Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/NfipMultipleLossProperties> (API)

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Walton County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)	2025-12-04	2030-12-04	1,528		
DeFuniak Springs city	City	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)	2025-12-04	2030-12-04	1,528		member approved 2026-06-08
Freeport city	City	Plan 111019 approved 2025-12-04, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019), pending adoption here	2025-12-04 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-12-04 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Paxton town	Town	Plan 111019 approved 2025-12-04, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019), pending adoption here	2025-12-04 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-12-04 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Walton County School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)	2025-12-04	2030-12-04	1,528		member approved 2026-06-08
Argyle Fire District	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)	2025-12-04	2030-12-04	1,528		member approved 2026-06-08
Liberty Fire District	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)	2025-12-04	2030-12-04	1,528		member approved 2026-06-08
South Walton Fire District	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)	2025-12-04	2030-12-04	1,528		member approved 2026-06-08
South Walton Mosquito District	Special District	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	Walton County (FEMA plan 111019)	2025-12-04	2030-12-04	1,528		member approved 2026-09-23

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State plan status and tribal plans in this state: see the state page.

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Supports B1-a: hazards

Hazards NRI does not cover: check locally

- dam failure (incl. upstream dams)
 - levee failure
 - flash flood as its own subtype
 - ice jams
- debris flows
 - erosion (riverine and coastal)
 - land subsidence and sinkholes
 - expansive soils

The 18 National Risk Index hazards, ranked by expected annual loss (EAL)

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings modeled dollars per year	EAL agriculture modeled dollars per year	EAL population equivalence statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage	EAL total (see note) modeled dollars per year	Storm Events records since 1996 count	Evidence for an omission NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996	Storm Events coverage note
1	Hurricane	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$44,624,508	\$389,757	\$2,289,842	\$47,304,108	22		
2	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$10,734,204	\$21,548	\$411,820	\$11,167,572	143		
3	Tornado	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$1,991,913	\$423	\$2,970,236	\$4,962,572	44		
4	Lightning	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$109,999		\$1,614,643	\$1,724,642	21		
5	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$6,363	\$69,427	\$870,939	\$946,729	3		
6	Heat Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$86	\$334	\$807,191	\$807,611	10		
7	Coastal Flooding	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$512,998		\$92,429	\$605,427	11		
8	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$94,932	\$120	\$282,104	\$377,156	304		Includes 1 High Wind record and 1 Strong Wind record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
9	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$219,790	\$87	\$34,808	\$254,684	2		
10	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$151,380		\$57,196	\$208,577			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.

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11	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$14,469	\$93	\$33,284	\$47,846	53		
12	Winter Weather	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$8,344	\$30	\$10,466	\$18,840	4		
13	Ice Storm	Very Low	Very Low	\$11,590		\$942	\$12,533	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Drought	Very Low	Very Low		\$7,250		\$7,250	46		
15	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$886		\$11	\$897	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
	Avalanche	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates avalanche Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Tsunami	Insufficient Data	Insufficient Data					0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
	Volcanic Activity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates volcanic activity Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).

SOURCES
FEMA, FEMA National Risk Index 1.20.0 (December 2025), county and census tract tables, version 1.20.0, pulled 2026-09-28, https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_Counties.zip (download, 25 MB), https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_CensusTracts.zip (download, 635 MB)
NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>

Check your state hazard mitigation plan's hazard list for this county; explain any hazard you drop.

Supports B1-b: location

Where each hazard occurs

Hazard	Location	Census tracts rated <i>rated of all tracts</i>
Avalanche	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 20
Coastal Flooding	The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (https://msc.fema.gov) for this county.	12 of 20
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	20 of 20

Hazard	Location	Census tracts rated <i>rated of all tracts</i>
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 20
Earthquake	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	20 of 20
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	20 of 20
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	20 of 20
Hurricane	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	20 of 20
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	20 of 20
Inland Flooding	The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (https://msc.fema.gov) for this county.	20 of 20
Landslide	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	19 of 20
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	20 of 20
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	20 of 20
Tornado	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	20 of 20
Tsunami	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 20
Volcanic Activity	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 20
Wildfire	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	20 of 20
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	20 of 20

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FEMA, FEMA National Risk Index 1.20.0 (December 2025), county and census tract tables, version 1.20.0, pulled 2026-09-28, https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_Counties.zip (download, 25 MB), https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_CensusTracts.zip (download, 635 MB)

Supports B1-c: extent

Extent: scale, observed range and worst recorded event per hazard

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide	none in data (FIRM for depth)	11, 2002 to 2017 (9 zone-level)		Storm Surge/Tide, 2005-07-10, \$10,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2005 dollars); NWS zone FLZ008 (COASTAL WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		No event record names a member place. Zone-level records (9) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	3, 2022 to 2026 (3 zone-level)	1 day to 3 days (median 1 day); 3 with a recorded value	3 consecutive days, 2022-12-24 to 2022-12-26, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	0					Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.
Drought	US Drought Monitor D- scale	46, 2010 to 2026 (46 zone- level)	7 days to 337 days (median 67 days); 12 with a recorded value	337 days (about 11.1 months), 2010-10-05 to 2011-09-06, a run of 15 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone- level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	hail size (inches)	62, 1971 to 2026	0.75 in to 3.5 in (median 1 in); 62 with a recorded value	3.5 in hail, 1972-03-29		Event records naming member places: Freeport city (7 records), Paxton town (2 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	10, 2023 to 2023 (10 zone- level)	1 day to 5 days (median 2 days); 4 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2023-08-11 to 2023-08-15, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	22, 1998 to 2021 (22 zone- level)		Strongest recorded (records with damage, a wind speed or direct casualties first, then storm type, category and wind): Hurricane (Typhoon) record, 1998-09-28 to 1998-09-30, \$25,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1998 dollars); NWS zone FLZ008 (COASTAL WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's event type and category, so a Hurricane (Typhoon) record, especially an inland or remnant one, does not by itself mean hurricane-force winds here; read the damage and wind columns.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	0					Ice thickness: in event narratives only; local data required.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (FIRM for depth)	143, 1998 to 2026 (2 zone-level)		Flood, 1998-03-10, \$50,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1998 dollars); NWS zone FLZ007 (INLAND WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Event records naming member places: Freeport city (6 records), Paxton town (2 records). Zone-level records (2) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage can be \$0 or blank even for a major flood, so the worst record here may not be the worst flood; compare FEMA Public Assistance by declaration in B1-d.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	21, 1999 to 2022		Lightning, 2008-06-21, \$0 property; \$0 crops (2008 dollars), 2 direct deaths	Lightning, 2012-08-11, \$1,600,000 property; \$0 crops (2012 dollars)	No event record names a member place.	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only; local data required.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	2, 2013 to 2024 (2 zone-level)	45 kt (52 mph) to 50 kt (58 mph) (median 47.5 kt (55 mph)); 2 with a recorded value	50 kt (58 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2024-01-09; NWS zone FLZ108 (SOUTH WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	324, 1958 to 2026	45 kt (52 mph) to 92 kt (106 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 287 with a recorded value	92 kt (106 mph) measured gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2024-01-09	Thunderstorm Wind, 2009-02-18, \$500,000 property; \$0 crops (2009 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Freeport city (32 records), Paxton town (11 records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)	71, 1960 to 2026	F/EF0 to F/EF3 (median F/EF0); 68 with a recorded value	F3 tornado, 1967-12-10, 33 yd wide, \$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1967 dollars)	Tornado, 1985-10-28, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1985 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Freeport city (4 records), DeFuniak Springs city (1 record).	From 1996 on, tornado records are per-county segments and length is the path length within this county (NWS Instruction 10-1605); records before 1996 may give the whole path length, including the path outside this county, and before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with the whole path's rating; counties farther along the path may not list it. Length is not used to rank tornadoes.
Tsunami	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Volcanic Ash, Volcanic Ashfall	Volcanic Explosivity Index (local data)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	2, 1998 to 1999		Wildfire, 1999-04-17, \$300,000 property; crops not reported (1999 dollars)		No event record names a member place.	Acres burned: in event narratives only; local data required.
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall local)	4, 2010 to 2025 (4 zone-level)		Heavy Snow, 2025-01-21, \$0 property; \$500,000 crops, reported for the zone (2025 dollars); NWS zone FLZ008 (CENTRAL WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Snow depth: in event narratives only; local data required.

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records are placed with NWS zone-county files, which exist from 2020 on; an earlier record is placed by its zone number in the nearest later file only when its zone name matches that file, records from zones NWS renumbered are placed by name or left out, and a record whose zone is in no known file is left out of every count, so counts before 2020 can be low. Some current zones are also missing from the NWS files, so recent counts can be low too.

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

SOURCES

NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>

NOAA National Weather Service, NWS county-public forecast zones correlation file, version bp03mr20 to bp16ap26 (11 files; newest bp16ap26), pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.weather.gov/gis/ZoneCounty>

Supports B1-d: previous occurrences

Declaration rows

42

Counted incidents

31

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2024-09-28	2024-09-23	DR-4828-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE HELENE	Hurricane	\$10,926.71	within last 5 years	
2024-09-24	2024-09-23	EM-3615-FL	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM HELENE	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Strong Wind	none found	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4828
2024-08-10	2024-08-01	DR-4806-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE DEBBY	Hurricane	none found	within last 5 years	
2024-08-03	2024-08-01	EM-3605-FL	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM DEBBY	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Strong Wind, Tornado	none found	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4806
2022-09-29	2022-09-23	DR-4673-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE IAN	Hurricane	\$5,060.51	within last 5 years	
2022-09-24	2022-09-23	EM-3584-FL	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM IAN	Hurricane	none found	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4673
2021-08-16	2021-08-13	EM-3562-FL	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM FRED	Hurricane	none found		
2020-09-23	2020-09-14	DR-4564-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE SALLY	Hurricane	\$1,648,547.36		
2020-09-15	2020-09-14	EM-3546-FL	Emergency	HURRICANE SALLY	Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-4564
2020-05-07	2020-05-06	FM-5308-FL	Fire management	MUSSETT BAYOU FIRE	Wildfire	none found		
2020-03-25	2020-01-20	DR-4486-FL	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$400,310.12		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3432-FL	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4486
2019-08-30	2019-08-28	EM-3419-FL	Emergency	HURRICANE DORIAN	Hurricane	none found		
2018-10-11	2018-10-07	DR-4399-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE MICHAEL	Hurricane	\$1,338,708.41		
2018-10-09	2018-10-07	EM-3405-FL	Emergency	HURRICANE MICHAEL	Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-4399
2017-09-10	2017-09-04	DR-4337-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE IRMA	Hurricane	\$68,774.42		
2017-09-05	2017-09-04	EM-3385-FL	Emergency	HURRICANE IRMA	Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-4337
2014-05-06	2014-04-28	DR-4177-FL	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$1,687,690.28		
2013-08-02	2013-07-02	DR-4138-FL	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$5,531,352.84		
2009-04-21	2009-03-26	DR-1831-FL	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, TORNADOES, AND STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$4,671,780.93		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2008-08-21	2008-08-18	EM-3288-FL	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM FAY	Hurricane; Inland Flooding	\$22,250.52		
2007-05-08	2007-05-07	FM-2690-FL	Fire management	BLACK CREEK FIRE	Wildfire	none found		
2005-09-05	2005-08-29	EM-3220-FL	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	none found		same incident as DR-1602
2005-08-28	2005-08-24	DR-1602-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE KATRINA	Hurricane	\$449,537.84		
2005-07-10	2005-07-07	DR-1595-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE DENNIS	Hurricane	\$10,510,551.62		
2004-09-16	2004-09-13	DR-1551-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE IVAN	Hurricane	\$6,524,567.78		
2004-09-04	2004-09-03	DR-1545-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE FRANCES	Hurricane	\$30,360.04		
2004-08-13	2004-08-11	DR-1539-FL	Major disaster	TROPICAL STORM BONNIE AND HURRICANE CHARLEY	Hurricane	\$17,492.28		
2001-05-15	2001-05-14	FM-2360-FL	Fire management	FL - CHIPOLA RIVER FIRE COMPLEX - 05/15/01	Wildfire	none found		
1999-04-27	1999-04-15	EM-3139-FL	Emergency	FL-FIRES 04/15/99	Wildfire	none found		
1998-09-28	1998-09-25	DR-1249-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE GEORGES	Hurricane	none found		
1998-09-25	1998-09-25	EM-3131-FL	Emergency	HURRICANE GRORGES	Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-1249
1998-06-18	1998-05-25	DR-1223-FL	Major disaster	EXTREME FIRE HAZARD	Wildfire	none found		
1998-01-06	1997-12-25	DR-1195-FL	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, HIGH WINDS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	none found		
1995-10-04	1995-10-04	DR-1069-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE OPAL	Hurricane	none found		
1995-08-10	1995-08-02	DR-1062-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE ERIN	Hurricane	none found		
1994-07-10	1994-07-02	DR-1035-FL	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING (TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO)	Hurricane; Inland Flooding	none found		
1994-07-08	1994-07-02	EM-3114-FL	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-1035
1990-04-03	1990-03-16	DR-862-FL	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	PA not declared for this county		
1979-09-13	1979-09-13	DR-600-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE FREDERIC	Hurricane	none found		
1975-09-26	1975-09-26	DR-484-FL	Major disaster	HIGH WINDS, HEAVY RAINS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind	none found		
1975-08-22	1975-08-22	DR-479-FL	Major disaster	FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		

School districts and special districts in this county: \$311,197.70 (included in the county total above). Public Assistance matched by applicant name to the school districts and special districts FEMA lists as plan members in this county. They are not shown as member blocks, so their total is listed here. These dollars are already included in the county PA column of the declarations table (the FEMA record places each applicant in this county); do not add this line to the county total.

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

SOURCES

FEMA, OpenFEMA DisasterDeclarationsSummaries v2, version 2026-09-27T010817Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v2/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries> (API)

FEMA, OpenFEMA PublicAssistanceFundedProjectsSummaries v1, version 2026-09-26T151157Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/PublicAssistanceFundedProjectsSummaries> (API)

FEMA, OpenFEMA HazardMitigationPlanStatuses v1, version 2026-09-26T121003Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/HazardMitigationPlanStatuses> (API)

Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1995-08-03	1995-08-02	EM-3116-FL	Emergency	HURRICANE ERIN	Hurricane		
1964-09-10	1964-09-10	DR-176-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE DORA	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1964-09-08	1964-09-08	DR-175-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE CLEO	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1962-12-17	1962-12-17	DR-141-FL	Major disaster	ABNORMALLY HIGH TIDES	Inland Flooding		
1960-09-12	1960-09-12	DR-106-FL	Major disaster	HURRICANE DONNA	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1960-03-23	1960-03-23	DR-97-FL	Major disaster	SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS	Other, not an NRI hazard; not counted		
1953-10-22	1953-10-22	DR-12-FL	Major disaster	FLOOD	Inland Flooding		

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county. Listed on every county page in the state; not counted with county rows.

17 Fire Management declarations (1985-05-17 to 1998-06-28) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

SOURCE

FEMA, OpenFEMA DisasterDeclarationsSummaries v2, version 2026-09-27T010817Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v2/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries> (API)

Public Assistance not placed in a county in this state: 4 rows, \$9,327,951.42

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Why not placed
4564	2020-09-23	PowerSouth Energy Cooperative	Covington County	\$43,450.21	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4399	2018-10-11	PowerSouth Energy Cooperative	Covington County	\$8,524,655.17	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1595	2005-07-10	Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Covington County	\$391,312.46	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1551	2004-09-16	Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Covington County	\$368,533.58	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state

FEMA's Public Assistance summaries file these applicants under a county field that is not a county of this state (an Alaska school area, the former Valdez-Cordova Census Area, or another state's county), and the applicant name does not identify one place here. They are listed for the whole state and are not in any county total. Check whether any of them worked in your county.

SOURCE

FEMA, OpenFEMA PublicAssistanceFundedProjectsSummaries v1, version 2026-09-26T151157Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/PublicAssistanceFundedProjectsSummaries> (API)

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval records	During plan review records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Coastal Flooding	11	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Cold Wave	3	1	1	3	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	During plan review <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Drought	46	5	5	17	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	62	1	6	10	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	10	0	0	10	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	22	0	0	0	19	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Inland Flooding	143	1	0	13	11	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Lightning	21	0	0	2	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	326	17	11	95	6	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 1 High Wind record and 1 Strong Wind record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	71	2	1	20	4	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Tsunami	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Volcanic Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Wildfire	2	0	0	0	5	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	4	0	1	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

SOURCES
NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>
FEMA, OpenFEMA DisasterDeclarationsSummaries v2, version 2026-09-27T010817Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v2/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries> (API)
NOAA National Weather Service, NWS county-public forecast zones correlation file, version bp03mr20 to bp16ap26 (11 files; newest bp16ap26), pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.weather.gov/gis/ZoneCounty>

Notable Storm Events records

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2024-01-09	High Wind	50 kt (58 mph) estimated gust	\$5,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2024 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ108 (SOUTH WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2024-01-09	Thunderstorm Wind	92 kt (106 mph) measured gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2024 dollars)	0, 0	SANTA ROSA BEACH	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2023-08-11	Excessive Heat		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2023 dollars)	0, 0	Storm Events area NORTH WALTON (legacy zone code FLZ107), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2022-12-24	Cold/Wind Chill		\$50,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2022 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ008 (CENTRAL WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2017-01-02	Flood		\$0 property; \$0 crops (2017 dollars)	1, 0	POND CREEK		deaths or injuries recorded
2008-06-21	Lightning		\$0 property; \$0 crops (2008 dollars)	2, 0	CHOCTAW BEACH		deaths or injuries recorded
2006-01-13	Lightning		damage not reported	1, 0	GLENDALE		deaths or injuries recorded
2005-07-10	Storm Surge/Tide		\$10,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2005 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ008 (COASTAL WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/Tide
1999-04-17	Wildfire		\$300,000 property; crops not reported (1999 dollars)	0, 0	SOUTHWEST PORTION		B1-c worst recorded: Wildfire
1998-09-28	Hurricane (Typhoon)		\$25,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1998 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ008 (COASTAL WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
1998-03-10	Flood		\$50,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1998 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone FLZ007 (INLAND WALTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
1967-12-10	Tornado	F3, 33 yd wide	\$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1967 dollars)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado

The full list is in the **XLSX** file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (721 rows).

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records are placed with NWS zone-county files, which exist from 2020 on; an earlier record is placed by its zone number in the nearest later file only when its zone name matches that file, records from zones NWS renumbered are placed by name or left out, and a record whose zone is in no known file is left out of every count, so counts before 2020 can be low. Some current zones are also missing from the NWS files, so recent counts can be low too.

SOURCES

NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>
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 FEMA, OpenFEMA HazardMitigationPlanStatuses v1, version 2026-09-26T121003Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/HazardMitigationPlanStatuses> (API)

State-declared emergencies are not in federal data. Add them from your state emergency management agency.

Tribal and special-area declarations in this state are listed on the state page.

Supports B1-e: probability

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche		events per year					1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Coastal Flooding	2.06	events per year at a location (modeled)	about 2.1 per year at a given location in the county	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from NRI: the rate at a location is 1 or more a year, so the county rate is at least that.
Cold Wave	1.89	event-days per year	about 1.89 days per year	Possible	event-days in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	27.3	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 1.89 cold wave event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 2 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together. Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.
Drought	20.6	event-days per year	about 20.6 days per year	Likely	event-days in 10 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (33.3%)	700	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI gives about 20.6 drought event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 25.25 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 10 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.
Earthquake	0.000966	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.0966%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor not assigned: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county, and Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
Hail	0.946	events per year	about 0.95 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	36.0 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	6.03	event-days per year	about 6.03 days per year	Possible	event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	76.3	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 6.03 heat wave event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 1 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Hurricane	0.24	events per year	about 1 in 4 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	96	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are counted separately in B1-d and need not match.
Ice Storm	0.0408	event-days per year	about 0.0408 days per year		event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	2	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	No recorded event-days, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned
Inland Flooding	1.43	event-days per year	about 1.43 days per year	Likely	event-days in 18 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (60%)	40	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.175	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 6 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	83.3	days per year with a strike	about 83.3 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	1.63	events per year	about 1.63 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	50	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	1.03	events per year	about 1.03 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Tsunami		annual probability at the most exposed location (used in place of a county value)			Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No Storm Events record of this hazard, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned (the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county)
Volcanic Activity		annual probability				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Wildfire	0.00139	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.139%	Possible	Storm Events records in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county.
Winter Weather	0.293	event-days per year	about 0.293 days per year	Likely	event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	4.22	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) comes from the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025). It is not recorded events divided by years, and what it measures depends on the hazard. For most hazards it estimates how often the hazard affects this county each year: it counts events or event-days (drought, heat wave, cold wave, winter weather, ice storm and inland flooding are in days per year; lightning is the number of days per year with a recorded cloud-to-ground strike, from the NOAA Storm Prediction Center daily lightning climatology); it may count events in the surrounding area (hail, strong wind, tornado, hurricane and ice storm use a 49 km grid and buffers) and is averaged over the county's area; and some hazards use a minimum value for places with no recorded event. Earthquake, wildfire and coastal flooding are different: FEMA computes them for each census block and averages them over the county, so the value is the chance (for coastal flooding, the modeled number of floods per year) at a location in the county, which is lower than the chance that the hazard strikes somewhere in the county. Earthquake is the chance of at least minor-damage shaking (U.S. Geological Survey model); wildfire is the chance that a location burns in a large fire (U.S. Forest Service burn probability); coastal flooding comes from FEMA flood zones and NOAA high-tide flooding, so it can be above 1 where high-tide flooding is frequent. Tsunami is the value at the county's most exposed location, from recorded events and modeled return periods. For these four hazards the packet gives no "1 in N years" and takes the descriptor from Storm Events (none for earthquake) unless the value is 1 or more a year. Landslide is a U.S. Geological Survey modeled county rate spread by slope susceptibility. Volcanic activity is the chance that a volcano affecting the county erupts in a year. Drought counts only extreme and exceptional drought (D3 and D4). Source: FEMA, National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20, sections 5.2.2 (Table 5), 5.2.3, 7.4, 10.4, 16.5, 17.1, 17.3.1, 17.5, 20.3.1, 21.4, 22.4 and 6 to 23.

SOURCES
FEMA, FEMA National Risk Index 1.20.0 (December 2025), county and census tract tables, version 1.20.0, pulled 2026-09-28, https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_Counties.zip (download, 25 MB), https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_CensusTracts.zip (download, 635 MB)
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Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
annual probability	Possible	1% to under 10% chance in a given year
annual probability	Unlikely	under 1% chance in a given year
event-days (share of years)	Highly likely	event-days recorded in 90% or more of years
event-days (share of years)	Likely	event-days recorded in 10% to under 90% of years
event-days (share of years)	Possible	event-days recorded in some years but under 10% of years
lightning strike-days	Highly likely	cloud-to-ground strikes on 1 or more days per year

SOURCES
FEMA, FEMA National Risk Index 1.20.0 (December 2025), county and census tract tables, version 1.20.0, pulled 2026-09-28, https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_Counties.zip (download, 25 MB), https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_CensusTracts.zip (download, 635 MB)
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Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	25	30	0.833
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	259	30	8.63
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	5	30	0.167
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	21	30	0.7

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	40	30	1.33
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333

Hail smaller than 1 inch is not counted: on 2010-01-05 the National Weather Service raised its severe-hail threshold from 3/4 inch to 1 inch, so smaller reports became less common after 2009 (NWS Service Change Notice 09-52). NRI hail frequency uses a 0.75 inch threshold.

SOURCE
NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>

Optional: future conditions. Not a required item in the 2025 FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide; some states ask for it. The federal Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation (CMRA) site gives county exposure to future climate conditions.

Supports B1-f: variation across the planning area

Range of census tract risk within the county

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Avalanche	0 of 20				Not Applicable 20	
Coastal Flooding	12 of 20	76.6	91.6	96.3	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 8, Relatively Low 2, Very Low 1, No Rating 8	
Cold Wave	20 of 20	25.1	51.8	64.7	Relatively Moderate 13, Relatively Low 7	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Drought	12 of 20	68.0	72.6	85.6	Relatively Low 2, Very Low 10, No Rating 8	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. Agriculture is all of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range above mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is, not where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Earthquake	20 of 20	14.0	30.8	47.4	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 19	
Hail	20 of 20	23.8	34.1	39.2	Relatively Low 4, Very Low 16	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Heat Wave	20 of 20	16.2	52.3	75.1	Relatively Moderate 9, Relatively Low 10, Very Low 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Hurricane	20 of 20	91.9	97.8	99.9	Very High 12, Relatively High 8	
Ice Storm	20 of 20	2.3	6.0	34.3	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 19	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Inland Flooding	20 of 20	9.3	51.6	79.4	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 9, Relatively Low 7, Very Low 3	

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Landslide	19 of 20	46.5	65.2	89.5	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 18, No Rating 1	
Lightning	20 of 20	84.7	97.5	99.6	Very High 15, Relatively High 5	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Strong Wind	20 of 20	36.1	57.1	67.9	Relatively Moderate 12, Relatively Low 8	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Tornado	20 of 20	61.6	84.0	89.8	Relatively High 16, Relatively Moderate 4	
Tsunami	0 of 20				Insufficient Data 20	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 20				Not Applicable 20	
Wildfire	20 of 20	24.2	83.1	91.0	Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 14, Very Low 2	
Winter Weather	20 of 20	22.5	33.2	39.3	Relatively Low 20	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.

Rated tracts only: No Rating (score 0.0), Not Applicable and Insufficient Data tracts are counted but not used for the minimum, median and maximum.

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Per-member block (Starter, confirm locally)

Member	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance matched <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since the member's plan</i>	Notes
Walton County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	FMA RL 29, SRL 40; any 298	\$30,015,530.55	0; 0	Includes \$106,012.93 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4486-FL).
DeFuniak Springs city	City	Approved, expires 2030-12-04	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$556,671.15	1; 0	Includes \$6,887.95 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4486-FL).
Freeport city	City	Plan 111019 approved 2025-12-04, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$20,612.50	49; no approved plan	
Paxton town	Town	Plan 111019 approved 2025-12-04, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	15; no approved plan	

Member rows are whole NFIP communities and need not add up to the county total: a community that extends into another county is counted in full on each member row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

School districts and special districts get a plan clock row only.

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Supports B2-a and B2-b: assets and impacts

Local data required

County-level starter. The plan must describe impacts for each participant and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
 - A problem statement per participant per hazard
- Changes in development in hazard-prone areas since the last approval, or a statement of none (E1-a)
 - Future assets

County-level starter: exposure, expected annual loss and damage since the plan

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-12-04 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Avalanche											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Coastal Flooding	\$4,365,068,023		13,822	\$512,998		\$92,429	0.0118%				
Cold Wave	\$21,561,332,387	\$39,414,467	75,211	\$6,363	\$69,427	\$870,939	under 0.0001%				
Drought		\$6,238,644			\$7,250		0.116% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$35,681,695,253		75,305	\$151,380		\$57,196	0.000424%				
Hail	\$21,561,332,387	\$39,414,467	75,211	\$14,469	\$93	\$33,284	under 0.0001%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$21,561,332,387	\$39,414,467	75,211	\$86	\$334	\$807,191	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$21,561,332,387	\$39,414,467	75,211	\$44,624,508	\$389,757	\$2,289,842	0.207%				
Ice Storm	\$21,561,332,387		75,211	\$11,590		\$942	under 0.0001%				
Inland Flooding	\$21,512,179,417	\$1,353,800	9,663	\$10,734,204	\$21,548	\$411,820	n/a (see note)	\$0			NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b. EAL as % of exposure: n/a.

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-12-04 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Landslide	\$94,540,070		233	\$886		\$11	0.000937%				
Lightning	\$21,561,332,387		75,211	\$109,999		\$1,614,643	0.00051%				
Strong Wind	\$21,561,332,387	\$39,414,467	75,211	\$94,932	\$120	\$282,104	0.00044%	\$19,000			
Tornado	\$21,561,332,387	\$39,414,467	75,211	\$1,991,913	\$423	\$2,970,236	0.00924%	\$125,000			
Tsunami											NRI publishes no building exposure for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$1,658,871,744	\$8,786,709	15,658	\$219,790	\$87	\$34,808	0.0132%				
Winter Weather	\$21,561,332,387	\$39,414,467	75,211	\$8,344	\$30	\$10,466	under 0.0001%				

Totals since 2025-12-04 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 21 county-coded records, 21 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$144,000; 6 zone-level records, 0 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations none found (0 declarations, 0 with PA).

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column must not be added up; the unit total counts each declaration once.

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

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Supports B2-a: context

County context

Measure	Value
Population	75,211
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$21,561,332,387
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$39,414,467
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Moderate
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$58,970,533

Measure	Value
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$9,475,912
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Moderate
Community resilience rating	Relatively High
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss total adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; the two parts are shown separately so the property figure is not read as including the statistical value of life.

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Supports B2-c: repetitive loss

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	29	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	40
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	287	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	34

Your state NFIP coordinator's list may use the NFIP insurance definition, so its counts can be higher.

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Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	29	40	287	34	298	4	105
WALTON COUNTY *	29	40	287	34	298	4	105
State level, not in this county: county not reported	0	1	9	0	10	0	1

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Repeat-flood properties by plan member (NFIP community)

Member	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>	Note
Walton County (unincorporated area)	120317	29	40	287	34	298	4	105	
DeFuniak Springs city	120318	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Freeport city	120319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Paxton town	120423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Per-member types: XLSX sheet 'B2-c Members'.

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County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	25	31	223	26	233	4	85
2 to 4 unit residential	2	1	24	1	24	0	2
other residential	1	2	25	2	25	0	8
non-residential	1	6	15	5	16	0	10
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Institutional properties cannot be separated in this data: FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class, so they fall in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

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Your state NFIP coordinator's list may use the NFIP insurance definition, so its counts can be higher.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (as of 2026-08-02). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

Counts may differ from your state NFIP coordinator's list, which is the source the Handbook names.

In this county 7 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 265 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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