

Polk County, NC

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 37149** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	Plan	South Mountains Regional (FEMA plan 110628)
Approved	2025-05-21	Expires	2030-05-20
As of	2026-09-28	Days	1,330 days to expiry

What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-05-21)

New federal declarations	EM-3637-NC (1 declaration row; 1 counted incident)	Storm Events records since approval	8 (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now	FMA RL 1, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 10	Repeat-flood change	First release: no prior release to compare.

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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
Polk County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	South Mountains Regional (FEMA plan 110628)	2025-05-21	2030-05-20	1,330		member approved 2025-07-30
Columbus town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	South Mountains Regional (FEMA plan 110628)	2025-05-21	2030-05-20	1,330		member approved 2025-07-30
Saluda city	City	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	South Mountains Regional (FEMA plan 110628)	2025-05-21	2030-05-20	1,330		member approved 2025-08-18
Tryon town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	South Mountains Regional (FEMA plan 110628)	2025-05-21	2030-05-20	1,330		member approved 2025-09-02

Plan 110628 lists 18 other participants not on this page, 1 of them not covered by it yet (named in the XLSX file).

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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	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$4,080,144	\$42,678	\$8,451	\$4,131,273	32		
2	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$313,458	\$200	\$654,046	\$967,704	3		
3	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$2,108	\$56,081	\$493,724	\$551,913	11		Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
4	Landslide	Relatively High	Relatively Moderate	\$22,401		\$489,286	\$511,687	1		
5	Ice Storm	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$467,146		\$29,565	\$496,712	6		
6	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$47,004	\$2,950	\$385,272	\$435,226	113		Includes 10 High Wind records and 1 Strong Wind record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
7	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$14,118		\$293,571	\$307,690	6		
8	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$176,561		\$30,556	\$207,118			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
9	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$147,244	\$4,799	\$4,523	\$156,566	1		

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	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 total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records since 1996 <i>count</i>	Evidence for an omission <i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	Storm Events coverage note
10	Hail	Relatively Low	Very Low	\$44,212	\$42,050	\$20,425	\$106,687	61		
11	Drought	Relatively Low	Relatively Low		\$81,883		\$81,883	18		
12	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$2	\$1	\$29,706	\$29,709	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
13	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$17,433	\$12	\$4,512	\$21,956	1		
14	Winter Weather	Very Low	Very Low	\$647	\$1	\$5,664	\$6,313	84		
	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).
	Coastal Flooding	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates coastal flooding 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	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates tsunami 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.
	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 8
Coastal Flooding	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 8

Hazard	Location	Census tracts rated <i>rated of all tracts</i>
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 8
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	6 of 8
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.	8 of 8
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 8
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 8
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.	8 of 8
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 8
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.	8 of 8
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.	8 of 8
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 8
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 8
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.	8 of 8
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 8
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 8
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.	8 of 8
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 8

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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)	0					Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	10, 2014 to 2026 (10 zone-level)	1 day to 3 days (median 2 days); 8 with a recorded value	3 consecutive days, 2015-02-18 to 2015-02-20, 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	1, 2007 to 2007 (1 zone- level)		Frost/Freeze, 2007-04-08, \$1,000,000 crop damage, reported for the zone (2007 dollars); NWS zone NCZ510 (EASTERN POLK), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.
Drought	US Drought Monitor D- scale	18, 2007 to 2026 (18 zone- level)	30 days to 276 days (median 122 days); 4 with a recorded value	276 days (9 months), 2007-05-01 to 2008-01-31, a run of 9 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)	75, 1970 to 2025	0.75 in to 2.75 in (median 0.88 in); 75 with a recorded value	2.75 in hail, 1985-06-04	Hail, 2002-03-16, \$3,000 property; crops not reported (2002 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Columbus town (15 records), Saluda city (11 records), Tryon town (5 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	0					Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	1, 2024 to 2024 (1 zone- level)		Strongest recorded (records with damage, a wind speed or direct casualties first, then storm type, category and wind): Tropical Storm record, 2024-09-27, \$4,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2024 dollars); NWS zone NCZ510 (EASTERN POLK), 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)	6, 2008 to 2026 (6 zone- level)		No damage reported in 6 records.		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	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)	32, 1996 to 2024		Flash Flood, 2024-09-27, \$15,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2024 dollars), 1 direct death		Event records naming member places: Columbus town (9 records), Saluda city (5 records), Tryon town (2 records).	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)	1, 2018 to 2018		Debris Flow, 2018-05-18, \$500,000 property; \$0 crops (2018 dollars), 1 direct death		No event record names a member place.	Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	6, 1996 to 2019		Lightning, 1997-06-02, \$100,000 property; crops not reported (1997 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Tryon town (2 records), Saluda city (1 record).	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)	11, 2006 to 2017 (11 zone-level)	40 kt (46 mph) to 70 kt (81 mph) (median 55 kt (63 mph)); 11 with a recorded value	70 kt (81 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2007-04-15; NWS zone NCZ509 (POLK MOUNTAINS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	High Wind, 2007-04-16, \$500,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)	Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	114, 1966 to 2025	50 kt (58 mph) to 65 kt (75 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 102 with a recorded value	65 kt (75 mph) estimated, Thunderstorm Wind, 2001-06-13	Thunderstorm Wind, 2003-05-02, \$25,000 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Columbus town (26 records), Tryon town (17 records), Saluda city (6 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)	4, 1977 to 2024	F/EF0 to F/EF1 (median between F/EF0 and F/EF1); 4 with a recorded value	EF1 tornado, 2017-10-08, 0.63 mi within this county, 200 yd wide, \$200,000 property; \$0 crops (2017 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Tryon town (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)	1, 2011 to 2011 (1 zone-level)		No damage reported in 1 records.		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	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)	84, 2007 to 2026 (84 zone-level)		No damage reported in 84 records.		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

23

Counted incidents

18

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2026-01-24	2026-01-21	EM-3637-NC	Emergency	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2025-03-22	2025-03-19	FM-5574-NC	Fire management	BLACK COVE FIRE COMPLEX	Wildfire	none found	during plan review, check whether your last plan included it; within last 5 years	
2024-09-28	2024-09-25	DR-4827-NC	Major disaster	TROPICAL STORM HELENE	Hurricane	\$11,029,431.78	during plan review, check whether your last plan included it; within last 5 years	
2024-09-26	2024-09-25	EM-3617-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE HELENE	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Landslide	none found	during plan review, check whether your last plan included it; within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4827
2022-10-01	2022-09-28	EM-3586-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE IAN	Hurricane	none found	within last 5 years	
2020-08-02	2020-07-31	EM-3534-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE ISAIAS	Hurricane	none found		
2020-05-08	2020-02-06	DR-4543-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	none found		
2020-03-25	2020-01-20	DR-4487-NC	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$6,310.14		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3471-NC	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4487
2019-09-03	2019-09-01	EM-3423-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE DORIAN	Hurricane	none found		
2018-09-14	2018-09-07	DR-4393-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE FLORENCE	Hurricane	none found		
2018-09-10	2018-09-07	EM-3401-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE FLORENCE	Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-4393
2013-09-25	2013-07-03	DR-4146-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, LANDSLIDES, AND MUDSLIDES	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide	\$22,291.35		
2005-09-05	2005-08-29	EM-3222-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	none found		
2004-09-18	2004-09-16	DR-1553-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE IVAN	Hurricane	\$21,569.12		
2004-09-10	2004-09-07	DR-1546-NC	Major disaster	TROPICAL STORM FRANCES	Hurricane	\$828,560.58		
2002-12-12	2002-12-04	DR-1448-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE ICE STORM	Ice Storm	\$5,078.29		
1996-09-06	1996-09-05	DR-1134-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE FRAN	Hurricane	PA not declared for this county		
1996-02-23	1996-02-02	DR-1103-NC	Major disaster	WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found		
1996-01-13	1996-01-06	DR-1087-NC	Major disaster	BLIZZARD OF 96	Winter Weather	none found		
1993-03-17	1993-03-13	EM-3110-NC	Emergency	SEVERE SNOWFALL & WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found		
1977-11-09	1977-11-09	DR-542-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		
1977-08-11	1977-08-11	EM-3049-NC	Emergency	DROUGHT	Drought	none found		

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.

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Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1964-10-13	1964-10-13	DR-179-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1962-03-16	1962-03-16	DR-130-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORM, HIGH TIDES & FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Coastal Flooding		
1960-09-16	1960-09-16	DR-107-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE DONNA	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1958-10-01	1958-10-01	DR-87-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE & SEVERE STORM	Hurricane		
1956-04-24	1956-04-24	DR-56-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORM	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted		
1955-08-13	1955-08-13	DR-37-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANES	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1954-10-17	1954-10-17	DR-28-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE	Hurricane (primary); also designated: 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.

1 Fire Management declaration (1986-05-10 to 1986-05-10) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

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Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

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
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	11	1	0	3	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Drought	18	2	0	2	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	75	1	0	2	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Hurricane	1	0	1	1	8	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	6	1	0	1	1	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
Inland Flooding	32	0	2	5	4	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	1	0	0	0	2	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Lightning	6	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	125	2	3	16	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 10 High Wind records and 1 Strong Wind record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	4	0	1	1	1	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	1	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	84	1	4	9	4	1	1996 to 2026-06-30	

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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
2024-09-27	Flash Flood		\$15,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2024 dollars)	1, 0	MELROSE to MT VLY	during plan review, check whether your last plan included it; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2024-09-27	Tropical Storm		\$4,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2024 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ510 (EASTERN POLK), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	during plan review, check whether your last plan included it; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
2018-05-18	Debris Flow		\$500,000 property; \$0 crops (2018 dollars)	1, 0	VALHALLA		deaths or injuries recorded
2017-10-08	Tornado	EF1, 0.63 mi within this county, 200 yd wide	\$200,000 property; \$0 crops (2017 dollars)	0, 0	TRYON		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
2015-02-18	Cold/Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2015 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ509 (POLK MOUNTAINS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage	Direct deaths, injuries	Location	Flags	Why listed
			<i>nominal dollars</i>	<i>indirect not counted</i>			
2008-06-27	Strong Wind	40 kt (46 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2008 dollars)	1, 0	NWS zone NCZ510 (EASTERN POLK), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded
2007-05-01	Drought		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ510 (EASTERN POLK), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2007-04-15	High Wind	70 kt (81 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ509 (POLK MOUNTAINS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)
2007-04-08	Frost/Freeze		\$0 property; \$1,000,000 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ510 (EASTERN POLK), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)
2001-06-13	Thunderstorm Wind	65 kt (75 mph) estimated	damage not reported	0, 0	COLUMBUS		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
1997-06-02	Lightning		\$100,000 property; crops not reported (1997 dollars)	0, 0	TRYON		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
1985-06-04	Hail	2.75 in	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Hail

The full list is in the **XLSX** file, sheet "**B1-d Storm Events history**" (364 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.

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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)	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
	<i>unit per row</i>								
Avalanche		events per year					1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.

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
Coastal Flooding		events per year at a location (modeled)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Cold Wave	0.783	event-days per year	about 0.783 days per year	Likely	event-days in 6 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (20%)	14.9	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.
Drought	38.2	event-days per year	about 38.2 days per year	Likely	event-days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	1,113	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI gives about 38.2 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 3 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	0.00217	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.217%			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	5.19	events per year	about 5.19 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	197.3 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	0.476	event-days per year	about 0.476 days per year		event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	8.27	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No recorded event-days, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned
Hurricane	0.0345	events per year	about 1 in 29 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	10	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	1.86	event-days per year	about 1.86 days per year	Likely	event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	125	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 1.86 ice storm event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 67 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 4 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.
Inland Flooding	0.821	event-days per year	about 0.821 days per year	Likely	event-days in 15 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (50%)	23	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	

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
Landslide	0.647	events per year (modeled)	about 0.65 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	56	days per year with a strike	about 56 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.13	events per year	about 2.13 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	81	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.125	events per year	about 1 in 8 years	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)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Volcanic Activity		annual probability				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Wildfire	0.000927	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0927%	Possible	Storm Events records in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	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	6.09	event-days per year	about 6.09 days per year	Likely	event-days in 18 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (60%)	116	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.

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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

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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	21	30	0.7
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	101	30	3.37
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

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
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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 rated of all	Risk score min NRI score, 0 to 100	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Avalanche	0 of 8				Not Applicable 8	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 8				Not Applicable 8	
Cold Wave	8 of 8	44.3	65.4	74.1	Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively 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.
Drought	6 of 8	80.5	86.7	94.2	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 5, No Rating 2	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	8 of 8	43.2	51.8	63.1	Relatively Low 8	
Hail	8 of 8	55.8	63.9	79.6	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 6	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	8 of 8	2.9	6.2	8.6	Very 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.
Hurricane	8 of 8	56.1	58.9	63.2	Relatively Low 8	
Ice Storm	8 of 8	94.3	96.0	97.5	Relatively High 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.
Inland Flooding	8 of 8	29.2	58.5	72.0	Relatively Moderate 6, Relatively Low 2	
Landslide	8 of 8	97.6	99.0	99.9	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 4	
Lightning	8 of 8	78.3	92.2	95.1	Relatively High 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.
Strong Wind	8 of 8	73.9	86.0	89.5	Relatively High 7, Relatively Moderate 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.
Tornado	8 of 8	57.9	68.5	75.5	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 7	
Tsunami	0 of 8				Not Applicable 8	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 8				Not Applicable 8	
Wildfire	8 of 8	59.0	73.0	82.1	Relatively Low 4, Very Low 4	
Winter Weather	8 of 8	25.5	33.1	36.1	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.

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	Public Assistance matched	Event records naming this place	Notes
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since the member's plan</i>	
Polk County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 9	\$4,803,611.80	0; 0	Includes \$6,310.14 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4487-NC).
Columbus town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$48,425.42	50; 1	
Saluda city	City	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$1,620,815.61	23; 2	
Tryon town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-05-20	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$1,404,839.72	27; 0	

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 2025-05-21 <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											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Cold Wave	\$4,320,276,946	\$8,497,421	19,286	\$2,108	\$56,081	\$493,724	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought		\$5,447,980			\$81,883		1.5% (agriculture)		\$0		NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$7,299,956,851		19,328	\$176,561		\$30,556	0.00242%				
Hail	\$4,320,276,946	\$8,497,421	19,286	\$44,212	\$42,050	\$20,425	0.00102%				
Heat Wave	\$4,320,276,946	\$8,497,421	19,286	\$2	\$1	\$29,706	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$4,320,127,027	\$8,496,823	19,286	\$147,244	\$4,799	\$4,523	0.00341%				
Ice Storm	\$4,320,145,668		19,285	\$467,146		\$29,565	0.0108%		\$0		
Inland Flooding	\$4,316,219,254	\$3,074,812	202	\$4,080,144	\$42,678	\$8,451	n/a (see note)				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.
Landslide	\$793,636,732		3,702	\$22,401		\$489,286	0.00282%				
Lightning	\$4,320,276,946		19,286	\$14,118		\$293,571	0.000327%				
Strong Wind	\$4,320,276,946	\$8,497,421	19,286	\$47,004	\$2,950	\$385,272	0.00109%	\$0			
Tornado	\$4,320,276,946	\$8,497,421	19,286	\$313,458	\$200	\$654,046	0.00726%				
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$302,206,295	\$1,665,595	3,479	\$17,433	\$12	\$4,512	0.00577%				
Winter Weather	\$4,320,276,946	\$8,497,421	19,286	\$647	\$1	\$5,664	under 0.0001%		\$0	none found (1 declaration)	

Totals since 2025-05-21 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 3 county-coded records, 2 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 5 zone-level records, 5 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations none found (1 declaration, 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	19,286
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$4,320,276,946
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$8,497,421
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Very Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$5,563,134
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)	\$2,449,301
Social vulnerability rating	Very High
Community resilience rating	Relatively Low
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)	1	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	10	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

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	1	0	10	0	10	0	5
POLK COUNTY*	1	0	9	0	9	0	5
Unknown (community ID Unknown in FEMA data)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
State level, not in this county: county not reported	0	0	2	0	2	0	0

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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
Polk County (unincorporated area)	370194	1	0	9	0	9	0	5	
Columbus town	370096	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saluda city	370610	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tryon town	370271	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

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.

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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	1	0	7	0	7	0	4
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	0	3	0	3	0	1
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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FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites; OpenFEMA's fmaRL field description omits the Increased Cost of Compliance clause of 44 CFR 77.2(i). NFIP repetitive loss (FEMA insurance definition, nfipRL) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years and can drop to false when a property is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured.

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 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 9 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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