

Seward County, NE

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 31159** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Plan	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)
Approved	2025-04-18	Expires	2030-04-17
As of	2026-09-28	Days	1,297 days to expiry

What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-04-18)

New federal declarations	DR-4868-NE, DR-4896-NE (2 declaration rows; 2 counted incidents)	Storm Events records since approval	43 (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now	FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 2	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)

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Plan clock**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
Seward County	County	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-03-03
Beaver Crossing village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-05-01
Bee village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2026-05-20
Cordova village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-12-01
Goehner village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-09-18
Milford city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-08-19
Pleasant Dale village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2026-05-20
Seward city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-05-01
Staplehurst village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2026-05-20
Utica village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-03-03
Exeter-Milligan Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2026-10-25	Little Blue/Lower Big Blue Natural Resource District (FEMA plan 107750)	2021-10-25	2026-10-25	27		member approved 2021-11-19
Milford Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2026-05-20
Raymond Central Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-06-01	Lower Platte South Natural Resources (FEMA plan 110567)	2025-06-02	2030-06-01	1,342		member approved 2025-12-01
Seward Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-04-17
Cordova Volunteer Fire Department	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2026-05-20

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Milford Volunteer Fire Department	Fire/EMS District	Plan 110503 approved 2025-04-18, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503), pending adoption here	2025-04-18 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-17 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Tamora Fire Department	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-06-13
Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District	Natural Resources	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503)	2025-04-18	2030-04-17	1,297		member approved 2025-05-01
Utica Volunteer Fire Department	Fire/EMS District	Plan 110503 approved 2025-04-18, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Upper Big Blue NRD HM Plan (FEMA plan 110503), pending adoption here	2025-04-18 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-17 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Plan 110503 lists 22 other participants not on this page, 2 of them not covered by it yet (named in the XLSX file).

SOURCE

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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 <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
1	Inland Flooding	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$4,398,011	\$3,454	\$2,007	\$4,403,472	30		
2	Hail	Relatively Moderate	Relatively High	\$1,040,432	\$2,040,652	\$47,925	\$3,129,009	173		
3	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$1,459,944	\$22,080	\$1,361,619	\$2,843,643	17		
4	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$709,943	\$334,581	\$331,381	\$1,375,904	129		Includes 30 High Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.

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5	Drought	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate		\$630,790		\$630,790	19		
6	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$316,484	\$581	\$13,732	\$330,796	1		
7	Ice Storm	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$214,763		\$108,058	\$322,821	5		
8	Cold Wave	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$535	\$2,331	\$184,547	\$187,414	36		
9	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$47,860	\$845	\$96,657	\$145,363	76		
10	Lightning	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$18,850		\$87,919	\$106,769	3		
11	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$7,838	\$7	\$74,618	\$82,463	20		
12	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$20,632		\$4,139	\$24,771			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
13	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$35		\$17	\$52	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.
14	Hurricane	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	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)

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 4
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 4
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	0 of 4
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
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 4
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 4
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.	4 of 4
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4

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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.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
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	36, 1996 to 2025 (36 zone-level)	1 day to 5 days (median 2 days); 32 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2024-01-12 to 2024-01-16, 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. Cold/Wind Chill records from May to September (a frost night, not a cold wave) are counted but not used for the longest run.
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	0					Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.
Drought	US Drought Monitor D-scale	19, 1999 to 2026 (19 zone-level)	22 days to 312 days (median 80 days); 4 with a recorded value	312 days (about 10.2 months), 2012-07-21 to 2013-05-28, a run of 11 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)	218, 1958 to 2026	0.75 in to 4.25 in (median 1 in); 218 with a recorded value	4.25 in hail, 2014-07-26; same size also recorded on 2009-03-23	Hail, 1995-09-02, \$100,000 property; crops not recorded (1995 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Utica village (32 records), Milford city (24 records), Seward city (24 records), Pleasant Dale village (18 records), Staplehurst village (15 records), Goehner village (9 records), Beaver Crossing village (7 records), Bee village (5 records), Cordova village (3 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	20, 1999 to 2025 (20 zone-level)	1 day to 13 days (median 3 days); 18 with a recorded value	13 consecutive days, 2001-07-28 to 2001-08-09, 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	0					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.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	5, 2007 to 2017 (5 zone- level)		No damage reported in 5 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.
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (FIRM for depth)	30, 1996 to 2025 (4 zone- level)		Flood, 2005-05-12, \$200,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2005 dollars); NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Event records naming member places: Staplehurst village (9 records), Seward city (7 records), Milford city (4 records), Utica village (4 records), Beaver Crossing village (2 records), Cordova village (1 record), Goehner village (1 record). Zone- level records (4) 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)	3, 1996 to 1996		Lightning, 1996-06-15, \$250,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Goehner village (1 record), Milford city (1 record), Seward 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)	30, 1996 to 2025 (30 zone- level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 60 kt (69 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 30 with a recorded value	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2008-05-29; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 2006-05-26; NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), 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)	126, 1956 to 2025	50 kt (58 mph) to 91 kt (105 mph) (median 53.5 kt (62 mph)); 106 with a recorded value	91 kt (105 mph) measured gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2019-05-05	Thunderstorm Wind, 2025-08-09, \$1,410,000 property; crops not reported (2025 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Seward city (21 records), Utica village (19 records), Milford city (17 records), Goehner village (12 records), Beaver Crossing village (5 records), Pleasant Dale village (5 records), Staplehurst village (5 records), Bee village (2 records), Cordova village (2 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)	38, 1953 to 2024	F/EF0 to F/EF4 (median F/EF1); 35 with a recorded value	F4 tornado, 1957-04-25, 19 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 333 yd wide, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1957 dollars), 1 direct death, 8 direct injuries	Tornado, 1992-06-15, \$25,000,000 property; crops not recorded (1992 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Beaver Crossing village (3 records), Milford city (3 records), Cordova village (2 records), Goehner village (2 records), Pleasant Dale village (2 records), Seward city (1 record), Staplehurst village (1 record), Utica village (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, 2014 to 2014 (1 zone-level)		Wildfire, 2014-03-15, \$150,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2014 dollars); NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		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)	76, 1996 to 2026 (76 zone-level)		Heavy Snow, 1997-10-25, \$2,000,000 property; \$300,000 crops, reported for the zone (1997 dollars); NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), 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

19

Counted incidents

16

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
2025-10-22	2025-08-08	DR-4896-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind	\$484,179.29	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2025-05-21	2025-03-18	DR-4868-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM AND STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS	Winter Weather	\$226,712.07	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2020-04-04	2020-01-20	DR-4521-NE	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$31,039.34		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3483-NE	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4521
2019-03-21	2019-03-09	DR-4420-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Winter Weather	\$335,682.53		
2015-06-25	2015-05-06	DR-4225-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$211,724.59		
2014-06-17	2014-05-11	DR-4179-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Tornado (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Strong Wind	\$151,483.65		
2010-04-21	2010-03-06	DR-1902-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, ICE JAMS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		
2010-02-25	2009-12-22	DR-1878-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORMS AND SNOWSTORM	Winter Weather	\$32,462.71		
2008-06-20	2008-05-22	DR-1770-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$173,078.71		
2007-01-07	2006-12-19	DR-1674-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORMS	Winter Weather	none found		
2005-09-13	2005-08-29	EM-3245-NE	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	none found		
2005-06-23	2005-05-11	DR-1590-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$11,115.24		
2004-05-25	2004-05-20	DR-1517-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	PA not declared for this county		
1997-11-01	1997-10-24	DR-1190-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE SNOW STORMS, RAIN, AND STRONG WINDS	Winter Weather	none found		
1993-07-19	1993-06-23	DR-998-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance		Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	
1993-04-02	1993-03-07	DR-983-NE	Major disaster	ICE JAMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Winter Weather	none found		
1976-04-08	1976-04-08	DR-500-NE	Major disaster	ICE STORMS & HIGH WINDS	Ice Storm	none found		
1967-07-18	1967-07-18	DR-228-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	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.

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
1964-07-20	1964-07-20	DR-174-NE	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1963-07-17	1963-07-17	DR-156-NE	Major disaster	HEAVY RAINS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1962-09-05	1962-09-05	DR-134-NE	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1962-05-10	1962-05-10	DR-131-NE	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1960-04-04	1960-04-04	DR-98-NE	Major disaster	FLOODS	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.

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: 7 rows, \$3,747,676.55

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated	Why not placed
				<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	
4786	2024-05-24	High West Energy	Laramie County	\$2,659,017.27	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4420	2019-03-21	Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District 2 (Bostwick Irrigation District)	Republic County	\$752,963.17	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4420	2019-03-21	Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative	Harrison County	\$35,574.43	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4225	2015-06-25	Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District 2 (Bostwick Irrigation District)	Republic County	\$6,406.13	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4013	2011-08-12	Harrison County Rural Electric Cooperative	Harrison County	\$26,849.36	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1770	2008-06-20	Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District 2 (Bostwick Irrigation District)	Republic County	\$7,046.35	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated	Why not placed
				<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	
1373	2001-05-16	High West Energy	Laramie County	\$259,819.84	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 <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	36	0	2	4	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Drought	19	7	0	7	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	218	20	1	42	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	20	2	1	4	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Ice Storm	5	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	30	2	1	5	11	1	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	3	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	156	11	8	25	4	1	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 30 High Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	38	0	1	3	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

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
Wildfire	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	76	1	1	8	6	1	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
2024-01-12	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2019-05-05	Thunderstorm Wind	91 kt (105 mph) measured gust	damage not reported	0, 0	PLEASANT DALE		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2014-07-26	Hail	4.25 in	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)	0, 0	STAPLEHURST		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2014-03-15	Wildfire		\$150,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2014 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Wildfire
2012-07-21	Drought		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2008-05-29	High Wind	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2008 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)
2006-05-26	High Wind	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 5	NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded
2005-05-12	Flood		\$200,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2005 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
1997-10-25	Heavy Snow		\$2,000,000 property; \$300,000 crops, reported for the zone (1997 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ065 (SEWARD), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
1996-06-15	Lightning		\$250,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars)	0, 0	GOEHNER		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning

				Direct deaths, injuries			
Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	<i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
1985-05-10	Tornado	F2, 0.5 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 400 yd wide	\$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1985 dollars)	0, 4	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded
1957-04-25	Tornado	F4, 19 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 333 yd wide	\$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1957 dollars)	1, 8	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded

The full list is in the XLSX file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (602 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/>
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>
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		events per year at a location (modeled)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Cold Wave	4.11	event-days per year	about 4.11 days per year	Likely	event-days in 17 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (56.7%)	78	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.

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
Drought	28.7	event-days per year	about 28.7 days per year	Likely	event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	742	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI gives about 28.7 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 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.
Earthquake	0.000576	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.0576%			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	7.84	events per year	about 7.84 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	297.9 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	6.95	event-days per year	about 6.95 days per year	Likely	event-days in 10 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (33.3%)	106	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 6.95 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 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.
Hurricane	0	events per year	none modeled	Unlikely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	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	0.768	event-days per year	about 0.768 days per year	Likely	event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	52	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	0.786	event-days per year	about 0.786 days per year	Likely	event-days in 16 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (53.3%)	22	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.111	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 9 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	44.3	days per year with a strike	about 44.3 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	

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
Strong Wind	4.5	events per year	about 4.5 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	172	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.55	events per year	about 0.55 per year	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	0.000986	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0986%	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	13.3	event-days per year	about 13.3 days per year	Highly likely	event-days in 28 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (93.3%)	253	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)
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/>

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

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
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	93	30	3.1
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	16	30	0.533
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	82	30	2.73
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	15	30	0.5
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	11	30	0.367
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
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 4				Not Applicable 4	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 4				Not Applicable 4	
Cold Wave	4 of 4	35.6	46.2	48.3	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 3	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	4 of 4	84.1	93.9	98.2	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 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	4 of 4	16.7	17.7	23.3	Very Low 4	
Hail	4 of 4	96.4	98.3	99.9	Very High 2, Relatively High 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 65% 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.
Heat Wave	4 of 4	16.5	27.8	29.7	Relatively Low 3, 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	0 of 4				No Rating 4	
Ice Storm	4 of 4	94.1	95.6	96.2	Relatively High 4	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	4 of 4	52.8	74.8	83.8	Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 2	
Landslide	4 of 4	24.8	50.8	71.7	Very Low 4	
Lightning	4 of 4	59.8	75.3	76.0	Relatively Moderate 4	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	4 of 4	96.6	98.3	99.6	Very High 4	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	4 of 4	93.1	97.4	98.4	Very High 3, Relatively High 1	
Tsunami	0 of 4				Not Applicable 4	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 4				Not Applicable 4	
Wildfire	4 of 4	83.2	90.7	96.3	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 2	
Winter Weather	4 of 4	93.7	96.7	97.0	Very High 3, Relatively High 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.

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.

SOURCE
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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
Seward County	County	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	0; 0	
Beaver Crossing village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	17; 1	
Bee village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	7; 0	
Cordova village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$0	8; 1	
Goehner village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	25; 1	
Milford city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$4,710.56	49; 3	Includes \$3,764.22 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4521-NE).
Pleasant Dale village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$1,266.24	25; 4	
Seward city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$915,851.26	54; 6	
Staplehurst village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	30; 3	
Utica village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	56; 2	

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 2025-04-18 <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	\$4,923,806,697	\$323,132,417	17,577	\$535	\$2,331	\$184,547	under 0.0001%				
Drought		\$144,494,002			\$630,790		0.437% (agriculture)		\$0		NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$8,495,159,187		17,609	\$20,632		\$4,139	0.000243%				
Hail	\$4,923,806,697	\$323,132,417	17,577	\$1,040,432	\$2,040,652	\$47,925	0.0211%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$4,923,806,697	\$323,132,417	17,577	\$7,838	\$7	\$74,618	0.000159%		\$0		
Hurricane	\$4,923,806,697	\$323,132,417	17,577	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%				
Ice Storm	\$4,923,806,697		17,577	\$214,763		\$108,058	0.00436%				
Inland Flooding	\$4,921,920,453	\$27,327,040	333	\$4,398,011	\$3,454	\$2,007	n/a (see note)	\$0		\$484,179.29	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	\$32,993,197		115	\$35		\$17	0.000105%				
Lightning	\$4,923,806,697		17,577	\$18,850		\$87,919	0.000383%				
Strong Wind	\$4,923,806,697	\$323,132,417	17,577	\$709,943	\$334,581	\$331,381	0.0144%	\$1,410,000	\$0	\$484,179.29	
Tornado	\$4,923,806,697	\$323,132,417	17,577	\$1,459,944	\$22,080	\$1,361,619	0.0297%				
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$1,322,547,504	\$94,954,118	5,186	\$316,484	\$581	\$13,732	0.0239%				

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 2025-04-18 <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
Winter Weather	\$4,923,806,697	\$323,132,417	17,577	\$47,860	\$845	\$96,657	0.000972%		\$0	\$226,712.07	

Totals since 2025-04-18 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 29 county-coded records, 29 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$1,410,000; 14 zone-level records, 14 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations \$710,891.36 (2 declarations, 2 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	17,577
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$4,923,806,697
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$323,132,417
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Very Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$11,270,646
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)	\$2,312,620
Social vulnerability rating	Very Low
Community resilience rating	Very 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)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	2	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	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
SEWARD, CITY OF	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
State level, not in this county: county not reported	0	0	2	0	2	0	0

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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
Seward County	310474	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Beaver Crossing village	310208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bee village	310556	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cordova village	310557	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Goehner village	310559	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Milford city	310209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pleasant Dale village	310309	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Seward city	310210	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	
Staplehurst village	310322	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Utica village	310402	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	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
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	1	0	1	0	0
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 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 2 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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