

Carbon County, PA

Risk-assessment baseline packet

County FIPS: 42025 Release: 2026-10 Data as of: 2026-09-30 Storm Events data through: 2026-06-30

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2027-01-23. Plan: Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), approved 2022-01-24.
Since the plan was approved on 2022-01-24: no new federal declaration.
NOAA Storm Events records since that date: 79 records (data through 2026-06-30).
Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$12,195,639 a year), Cold Wave (\$3,093,548) and Heat Wave (\$1,708,631).
Repetitive-loss flood properties now: FMA RL 0, SRL 1 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 7.
The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.
NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).
NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.
RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).
FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.
PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.
Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.
County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.
FIPS: the federal code for a place; 42025 is this area.
D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).
F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.
kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.
A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).
Dollars: nominal (as reported, labeled with the year), not adjusted for inflation.

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Plan clock

Status:	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Plan:	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)
Approved:	2022-01-24	Days to expiry:	115
Update underway:	none recorded in FEMA's plan tracker		

What changed since your last plan (approved 2022-01-24)

New federal declarations:	none	Storm Events records since approval:	79 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 0, SRL 1 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 7	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.
Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)			

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county: 24 rows, in the section "Plan clock: Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county" on the following pages.

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

Plan clock

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Carbon County	County	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115		this jurisdiction approved 2022-04-07
Beaver Meadows borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Bowmanstown borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
East Side borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-03
Jim Thorpe borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-10
Lansford borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-09
Lehighton borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-03
Nesquehoning borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Palmerton borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-01-27
Parryville borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Summit Hill borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Weatherly borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	
Weissport borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Banks township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-14
East Penn township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-07
Franklin township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-15
Kidder township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Lausanne township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Lehigh township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-07
Lower Towamensing township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Mahoning township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-03-09
Packer township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-04-05
Penn Forest township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761)	2022-01-24	2027-01-23	115	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2022-02-07
Towamensing township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107761), pending adoption here	2022-01-24 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-01-23 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

- 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)

Sources: 5, 6

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>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$11,306,516	\$7,111	\$882,012	\$12,195,639	60	
2	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$378	\$10	\$3,093,160	\$3,093,548	48	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
3	Heat Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	under \$1	\$10	\$1,708,621	\$1,708,631	35	
4	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$324,984	\$262	\$942,223	\$1,267,469	286	Includes 30 High Wind and 104 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
5	Lightning	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$10,639	n/a	\$1,076,429	\$1,087,068	18	
6	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$743,676	\$27,033	\$36,327	\$807,036	1	
7	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$389,534	\$173	\$409,088	\$798,795	2	
8	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$199,745	n/a	\$38,442	\$238,187		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
9	Winter Weather	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$34,581	\$9	\$167,147	\$201,737	446	Includes 4 Sleet records (outside NRI's Winter Weather definition).
10	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$44,603	n/a	\$45,415	\$90,018	8	
11	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$46,306	\$1,933	\$5,892	\$54,131	31	
12	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$24,770	\$6	\$4,859	\$29,635	15	

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>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
13	Landslide	Relatively Low	Very Low	\$4,140	n/a	\$2,644	\$6,784	0	Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.
14	Avalanche	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	n/a	\$1,321	\$1,321	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
15	Drought	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	n/a	\$0	n/a	\$0	40	

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

NRI risk rating combines expected annual loss with social vulnerability and community resilience; EAL rating rates expected annual loss alone. Both compare this county with all U.S. counties.

Local data needed: state and local landslide records (Storm Events records this hazard only in part).

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: coastal flooding, tsunami and volcanic activity. That is the evidence for leaving them out of the plan.

The state hazard mitigation plan also lists hazards for this county; FEMA asks the plan to explain any hazard it leaves out.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

Affects the whole county (national data give no location within it): Cold Wave, Drought, Hail, Heat Wave, Ice Storm, Lightning, Strong Wind and Winter Weather.

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.

Hazards that vary within the county: highest-rated census tracts

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Avalanche	tract 202.01 (Very Low, 51.6); tract 203.01 (Very Low, 51.4); tract 205.02 (Very Low, 50.7)
Earthquake	tract 201.02 (Relatively Low, 42.0); tract 205.01 (Very Low, 40.5); tract 203.01 (Very Low, 39.8)
Hurricane	tract 204 (Relatively Low, 73.5); tract 205.01 (Relatively Low, 73.3); tract 201.02 (Relatively Low, 72.3)
Landslide	tract 201.02 (Relatively Low, 93.4); tract 208.01 (Relatively Low, 92.4); tract 203.01 (Relatively Low, 91.7)
Tornado	tract 204 (Relatively Low, 52.7); tract 205.01 (Relatively Low, 49.7); tract 201.02 (Relatively Low, 49.6)
Wildfire	tract 201.02 (Relatively Low, 84.9); tract 203.01 (Relatively Low, 79.4); tract 202.02 (Relatively Low, 77.1)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 202.01 is Census Tract 202.01). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

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

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage only)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	46 records, 1996 to 2022 (46 zone-level)	1 day to 16 days (median 1 day); 39 with a recorded value	16 consecutive days, 2003-01-14 to 2003-01-29, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Wind chill: in event narratives only (local data needed). 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's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	2 records, 2007 (2 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 2 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	Temperature: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	40 records, 1997 to 2016 (40 zone-level)	1 day to 184 days (median 30 days); 18 with a recorded value	184 days (about 6.0 months), 2001-11-06 to 2002-05-08, a run of 7 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	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					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	44 records, 1966 to 2025	0.75 in to 3 in (median 1 in); 44 with a recorded value	3 in hail, 2011-05-26	Hail, 2007-08-17, \$750,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Lansford borough (6 records), Jim Thorpe borough (4 records), Lehighton borough (4 records), Nesquehoning borough (3 records), Palmerton borough (2 records), Weatherly borough (2 records), Beaver Meadows borough (1 record), Summit Hill borough (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	35 records, 1996 to 2012 (35 zone-level)	1 day to 10 days (median 3 days); 14 with a recorded value	10 consecutive days, 2002-08-11 to 2002-08-20, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Heat index: in event narratives only (local data needed). Heat records from November to March (unseasonable warmth, not a heat wave) are counted but not used for the longest run.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	1 record, 2011 (1 zone-level)		Strongest recorded: Tropical Storm record, 2011-08-28, \$0 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars); NWS zone PAZ054		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	8 records, 1996 to 2021 (8 zone-level)		No damage reported in 8 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	Ice thickness: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	60 records, 1996 to 2021 (9 zone-level)		Flood, 1996-01-19, \$3,000,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars); NWS zone PAZ054		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Jim Thorpe borough (4 records), Lehighton borough (4 records), Beaver Meadows borough (2 records), Bowmanstown borough (2 records), East Side borough (2 records), Palmerton borough (2 records), Nesquehoning borough (1 record), Summit Hill borough (1 record), Weissport borough (1 record). Zone-level records (9) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	18 records, 1997 to 2021		Lightning, 2016-08-13, damage not reported, 1 direct death, 2 direct injuries	Lightning, 2019-05-19, \$50,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Jim Thorpe borough (3 records), Lehighton borough (3 records), Parryville borough (2 records), Palmerton borough (1 record), Summit Hill borough (1 record), Weatherly borough (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only (local data needed).
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	134 records, 1996 to 2021 (133 zone- level)	36 kt (41 mph) to 56 kt (64 mph) (median 40 kt (46 mph)); 106 with a recorded value	56 kt (64 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2012-10-29; NWS zone PAZ054	High Wind, 2003-09-18, \$1,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2003 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Lehighton borough (1 record). Zone-level records (133) apply countywide.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	188 records, 1956 to 2026	43 kt (49 mph) to 70 kt (81 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 153 with a recorded value	70 kt (81 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2024-06-26	Thunderstorm Wind, 2011-07-07, \$10,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Jim Thorpe borough (15 records), Lehighton borough (13 records), Nesquehoning borough (6 records), Palmerton borough (6 records), Lansford borough (5 records), Beaver Meadows borough (4 records), Parryville borough (4 records), Summit Hill borough (4 records), Weissport borough (4 records), Weatherly borough (3 records); and 2 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	4 records, 1978 to 2018	F/EF0 to F/EF2 (median between F/EF0 and F/EF1); 4 with a recorded value	F2 tornado, 1981-04-29, 33 yd wide, \$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1981 dollars)	Tornado, 2011-05-23, \$75,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Weissport borough (1 record).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	15 records, 2000 to 2015 (11 zone-level)		Wildfire, 2004-04-15, \$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2004 dollars); NWS zone PAZ054		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Jim Thorpe borough (1 record), Nesquehoning borough (1 record). Zone-level records (11) apply countywide.	Acres burned: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	446 records, 1996 to 2026 (446 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 2005-01-05, \$5,000,000 property; crops not reported (2005 dollars); NWS zone PAZ054		Countywide (zone-level records).	Snow depth: in event narratives only (local data needed).

Where a hazard names more than 10 jurisdictions, the table lists the 10 with the most records; every one is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-c Extent".

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records whose zone no NWS zone-county file places in this county (mostly before 2020) are not counted here (the Methods page explains the zone matching).

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 18 declarations covering 14 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Notes
2020-03-30	2020-01-20	DR-4506-PA	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$8,394.95	
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3441-PA	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	same incident as DR-4506
2012-10-29	2012-10-26	EM-3356-PA	Emergency	Hurricane Sandy	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	
2011-09-08	2011-09-03	EM-3340-PA	Emergency	Remnants of Tropical Storm Lee	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	
2006-06-30	2006-06-23	DR-1649-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, and Mudslides	Inland Flooding; Landslide	\$1,027,830.50	

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	
2005-09-10	2005-08-29	EM-3235-PA	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	
2004-09-19	2004-09-17	DR-1557-PA	Major disaster	Tropical Depression Ivan	Hurricane	\$509,582.88	
2004-09-19	2004-09-08	DR-1555-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding Associated with Tropical Depression Frances	Hurricane; Inland Flooding: designated for Hazard Mitigation only (no Public or Individual Assistance for this county); not counted	PA not declared for this county	
2003-03-14	2003-02-14	EM-3180-PA	Emergency	Snow	Winter Weather	\$97,911.91	
1996-01-21	1996-01-19	DR-1093-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded	
1996-01-13	1996-01-06	DR-1085-PA	Major disaster	Blizzard of 96	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	
1994-03-10	1994-01-04	DR-1015-PA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	
1993-03-16	1993-03-13	EM-3105-PA	Emergency	Severe Snowfall & Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	
1985-10-08	1985-09-27	DR-745-PA	Major disaster	Hurricane Gloria	Hurricane	PA not declared for this county	
1977-01-29	1977-01-29	EM-3026-PA	Emergency	Snowstorms	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	
1972-06-23	1972-06-23	DR-340-PA	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Agnes	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	
1969-08-19	1969-08-19	DR-273-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded	
1965-08-18	1965-08-18	DR-206-PA	Major disaster	Water Shortage	Drought	no Public Assistance recorded	

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.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
2003-08-23	2003-07-21	DR-1485-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado
1959-01-23	1959-01-23	DR-89-PA	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1956-08-09	1956-08-09	DR-61-PA	Major disaster	Storm	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted
1956-05-21	1956-05-21	DR-58-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storm	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted
1956-03-15	1956-03-15	DR-51-PA	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding
1955-08-20	1955-08-20	DR-40-PA	Major disaster	Floods & Rains	Inland Flooding

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county, so they are listed on every county page in the state and not counted with county rows. Local data needed: whether each one affected this county.

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</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
Cold Wave	48	1	0	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	40	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	44	3	0	3	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	35	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	1	0	0	0	5	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	8	0	1	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	60	0	1	0	5	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Lightning	18	0	1	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	322	32	13	32	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 30 High Wind and 104 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	4	0	0	0	0	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	15	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	446	43	10	47	5	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 4 Sleet records.

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2024-06-26	Thunderstorm Wind	70 kt (81 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 0	LAKE HARMONY	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2016-08-13	Lightning		damage not reported	1, 2	STEMLERSVILLE		deaths or injuries recorded
2012-10-29	High Wind	56 kt (64 mph) estimated gust	\$7,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ054 (CARBON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2011-08-28	Tropical Storm		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2011 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ054 (CARBON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
2011-05-26	Hail	3 in	\$50,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	0, 0	LANSFORD to SUMMIT HILL		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2005-01-05	Winter Storm		\$5,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2005 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ054 (CARBON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2004-09-18	Flash Flood		damage not reported	1, 0	COUNTYWIDE		deaths or injuries recorded
2003-01-14	Cold/Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ054 (CARBON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2002-08-11	Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ054 (CARBON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2001-05-27	Thunderstorm Wind	69 kt (79 mph) estimated	property not reported; \$0 crops (2001 dollars)	0, 19	LAKE HARMONY		deaths or injuries recorded
1996-01-19	Flood		\$3,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1996 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ054 (CARBON), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
1981-04-29	Tornado	F2, 33 yd wide	\$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1981 dollars)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (1,041 rows).

Location is the place NOAA recorded, as written in its data; it need not be a jurisdiction in this plan.

Local data needed: state-declared emergencies, from your state emergency management agency (federal data do not include them).

FEMA's declaration data list no tribal or special-area declarations for this state.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-e: probability of future events

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

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	0.01	events per year	about 1 in 100 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	0.01 is NRI's minimum avalanche frequency for a county in an avalanche susceptibility zone; NRI records no avalanche here, so the descriptor reflects the floor, not local events.
Cold Wave	3.21	event-days per year	about 3.21 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 17 of 30 years)	event-days in 17 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (56.7%)	61	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	0	event-days per year	none modeled	Likely (from Storm Events: 11 of 30 years)	event-days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	0	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI models no drought event-days here (2000 to 2025, 25.25 years; D3 and D4 only); Storm Events has a record in 11 of 30 years. The descriptor comes from Storm Events, which counts D2 drought that NRI leaves out.
Earthquake	0.000836	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0836%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	2.13	events per year	about 2.13 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	80.8 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	1.89	event-days per year	about 1.89 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 11 of 30 years)	event-days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	27	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0.0514	events per year	about 1 in 19 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	12	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Ice Storm	1.75	event-days per year	about 1.75 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 8 of 30 years)	event-days in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%)	118	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.93	event-days per year	about 1.93 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 21 of 30 years)	event-days in 21 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (70%)	54	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.304	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 3 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	

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
	unit per row								
Lightning	34	days per year with a strike	about 34 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	4.35	events per year	about 4.35 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	166	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.161	events per year	about 1 in 6 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.000361	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0361%	Likely (from Storm Events: 8 of 30 years)	Storm Events records in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI.
Winter Weather	17.8	event-days per year	about 17.8 days per year	Highly likely (from Storm Events: 30 of 30 years)	event-days in 30 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (100%)	339	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) is the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025) estimate of how often a hazard affects this county in a year; it is not recorded events divided by years, and its unit differs by hazard (events, event-days, or days with a lightning strike per year). For earthquake, wildfire, coastal flooding and tsunami the value is the chance (or number of events) at a location in the county, not across the county, so no "1 in N years" is given and the descriptor comes from Storm Events where it has a record (none for earthquake). The Methods page gives each hazard's method, from FEMA's National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20.

Where NRI gives event-days, the descriptor comes from the share of years with a Storm Events record; NRI's source records more events, so the two differ.

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

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

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

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	13	30	0.433
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	139	30	4.63
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	8	30	0.267
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667
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

The bands show how often events of each severity were recorded in this county, to profile how severe events have been (FEMA's probability item asks for the range of intensities).

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.

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 (<https://resilience.climate.gov/>).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-f: hazards that vary across jurisdictions

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Avalanche	9 of 17	44.9	50.3	51.6	Very Low 9, Not Applicable 8
Cold Wave	17 of 17	64.5	80.9	89.3	Relatively High 14, Relatively Moderate 3
Drought	0 of 17				No Rating 17
Earthquake	17 of 17	25.3	34.0	42.0	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 16
Hail	17 of 17	32.3	36.3	42.8	Relatively Low 5, Very Low 12
Heat Wave	17 of 17	58.5	79.1	88.4	Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 15
Hurricane	17 of 17	63.6	67.8	73.5	Relatively Low 17
Ice Storm	17 of 17	42.2	51.9	65.2	Relatively Low 17
Inland Flooding	17 of 17	14.2	48.5	93.0	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 5, Relatively Low 6, Very Low 2
Landslide	17 of 17	47.8	86.0	93.4	Relatively Low 12, Very Low 5
Lightning	17 of 17	80.6	95.1	98.4	Very High 5, Relatively High 12

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Strong Wind	17 of 17	76.5	85.8	92.5	Relatively High 16, Relatively Moderate 1
Tornado	17 of 17	38.7	43.8	52.7	Relatively Low 17
Wildfire	17 of 17	30.6	65.6	84.9	Relatively Low 5, Very Low 12
Winter Weather	17 of 17	73.3	84.7	91.9	Relatively High 16, Relatively Moderate 1

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.

The score ranks a tract against all U.S. tracts (100 = highest). The rating is FEMA's category for the tract's risk value, computed differently, so the two can disagree.

Frequency data for cold wave, hail, heat wave, ice storm, lightning, strong wind and winter weather are county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone), the same for every jurisdiction; the tract range mostly reflects where buildings and people are.

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Carbon County	County	Approved, expires 2027-01-23		\$395,940.24	0 total; 0 since its plan	No NFIP community ID on this jurisdiction's plan row. Includes \$3,470.15 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4506-PA).
Beaver Meadows borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$27,157.32	7 total; no approved plan	
Bowmanstown borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$1,260.90	4 total; no approved plan	
East Side borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$4,639.95	4 total; 1 since its plan	
Jim Thorpe borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$63,012.03	27 total; 3 since its plan	
Lansford borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$46,869.06	11 total; 2 since its plan	
Lehighton borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 1	\$24,891.29	25 total; 2 since its plan	
Nesquehoning borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$80,487.19	11 total; no approved plan	
Palmerton borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 3	\$14,527.46	11 total; 0 since its plan	Includes \$4,924.80 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4506-PA).

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place	Notes
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since its plan</i>	
Parryville borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$1,540.31	6 total; no approved plan	
Summit Hill borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$9,377.47	7 total; no approved plan	
Weatherly borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	6 total; 0 since its plan	
Weissport borough	Organized Borough	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	6 total; no approved plan	
Banks township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$9,618.40	0 total; 0 since its plan	
East Penn township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$240,134.14	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Franklin township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$25,986.15	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Kidder township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$15,667.78	0 total; no approved plan	
Lausanne township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$14,681.25	0 total; no approved plan	
Lehigh township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Lower Towamensing township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$79,783.35	0 total; no approved plan	
Mahoning township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$55,077.50	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Packer township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$9,925.85	0 total; 0 since its plan	

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place	Notes
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since its plan</i>	
Penn Forest township	Township	Approved, expires 2027-01-23	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$264,725.70	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Towamensing township	Township	Plan 107761 approved 2022-01-24, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$17,121.80	0 total; no approved plan	

Repetitive-loss counts are for whole NFIP communities, which can extend beyond this county (see the note in B2-c).

County Public Assistance in B1-d also includes applicants filed under the county that are not jurisdictions in this plan (for example state agencies, special districts and nonprofits), so the jurisdiction rows add up to less.

Supports FEMA checklist items B2-a and B2-b: vulnerability and potential impacts

Local data needed

The table below gives county-level starting figures; the plan describes impacts for each jurisdiction and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
- A problem statement per jurisdiction 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

Sources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

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>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2022-01-24 <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
						<i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>					
Avalanche	\$195,188	n/a	under 1	under \$1	n/a	\$1,321	under 0.0001%				
Cold Wave	\$12,741,388,101	\$16,773,356	64,728	\$378	\$10	\$3,093,160	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$0	n/a					agriculture exposure is 0 in NRI
Earthquake	\$21,071,651,585	n/a	64,749	\$199,745	n/a	\$38,442	0.000948%				
Hail	\$12,741,388,101	\$16,773,356	64,728	\$46,306	\$1,933	\$5,892	0.000363%				
Heat Wave	\$12,741,388,101	\$16,773,356	64,728	under \$1	\$10	\$1,708,621	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$12,740,871,905	\$16,714,350	64,718	\$743,676	\$27,033	\$36,327	0.00584%				
Ice Storm	\$12,735,567,157	n/a	64,695	\$44,603	n/a	\$45,415	0.00035%				

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>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2022-01-24 <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
Inland Flooding	\$12,727,833,833	\$565,869	2,027	\$11,306,516	\$7,111	\$882,012	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.
Landslide	\$671,116,532	n/a	3,221	\$4,140	n/a	\$2,644	0.000617%				
Lightning	\$12,741,388,101	n/a	64,728	\$10,639	n/a	\$1,076,429	under 0.0001%				
Strong Wind	\$12,741,388,101	\$16,773,356	64,728	\$324,984	\$262	\$942,223	0.00255%	\$0			
Tornado	\$12,741,388,101	\$16,773,356	64,728	\$389,534	\$173	\$409,088	0.00306%				
Wildfire	\$1,039,334,809	\$2,201,036	7,975	\$24,770	\$6	\$4,859	0.00238%				
Winter Weather	\$12,741,388,101	\$16,773,356	64,728	\$34,581	\$9	\$167,147	0.000271%		\$0		

Totals since 2022-01-24 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 35 county-coded records, 5 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 44 zone-level records, 44 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: no counted declaration since the plan.

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 does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

NRI computes earthquake exposure on its own basis, so it exceeds the county building value in B2-a.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-a: vulnerability (county context)

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	64,728
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$12,741,388,101
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$16,773,356
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$13,166,417
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)	\$8,413,580
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively High
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; this table gives the property part and the population-equivalence part as separate rows.

Social vulnerability: higher means people are more likely to be harmed and slower to recover. Community resilience: lower means the community is less able to recover. High social vulnerability and low resilience both raise the NRI risk rating.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	1
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	6	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

The state NFIP coordinator's list, the source FEMA's Handbook names, often uses the NFIP insurance definition (second row).

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

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	1	6	0	7	0	2
of which: Lehighton borough	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
of which: Palmerton borough	0	0	3	0	3	0	1
of which: East Penn township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Mahoning township	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
of which: Lower Towamensing township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

Repeat-flood properties by jurisdiction in the plan (NFIP community)

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	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>
Beaver Meadows borough	420247	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bowmanstown borough	420248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Side borough	422360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jim Thorpe borough	420249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lansford borough	420250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lehighton borough	420251	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Nesquehoning borough	420252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palmerton borough	420253	0	0	3	0	3	0	1
Parryville borough	420254	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summit Hill borough	421451	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weatherly borough	420255	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weissport borough	420256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banks township	421452	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Penn township	421013	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Franklin township	421014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidder township	421453	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lausanne township	421454	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lehigh township	421224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower Towamensing township	421455	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Mahoning township	421041	0	0	1	0	1	0	1

Jurisdiction	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>
Packer township	421456	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penn Forest township	421457	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Towamensing township	421458	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Counts by occupancy group for each jurisdiction are in the Excel file, sheet "B2-c Jurisdictions".

Jurisdiction 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 jurisdiction row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

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	1	6	0	7	0	2
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	0	0	0	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class; institutional properties are counted in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

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. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (FEMA's data date 2026-08-02; file version 2026-08-04). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 6 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

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The plan adds what only the community has: local data on assets, critical facilities, development and each jurisdiction's impacts; local hazard history, including state-declared emergencies; the mitigation strategy; and adoption.

How the federal data are built: National Risk Index values are FEMA's model, not counts of events. Storm Events is more complete from 1996; zone-level records are placed by forecast zone, not by location in the county. Public Assistance for a jurisdiction is matched by applicant name. The Methods page gives every rule and the known edge cases.

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