

# Cherokee County, SC

## Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 45021** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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## Plan clock

|                 |                                     |         |                                           |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| Status          | <b>Approved, expires 2027-08-15</b> | Plan    | <b>Cherokee County (FEMA plan 108279)</b> |
| Approved        | <b>2022-08-16</b>                   | Expires | <b>2027-08-15</b>                         |
| As of           | <b>2026-09-28</b>                   | Days    | <b>321 days to expiry</b>                 |
| Update underway | <b>none in FEMA's plan tracker</b>  |         |                                           |

### What changed since your last plan (approved 2022-08-16)

|                          |                                                                                                                                     |                                     |                                                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| New federal declarations | <b>EM-3585-SC, DR-4677-SC, EM-3597-SC, EM-3606-SC, EM-3619-SC, DR-4829-SC, EM-3632-SC (7 declaration rows; 5 counted incidents)</b> | Storm Events records since approval | <b>37 (data through 2026-06-30)</b>                |
| Repetitive loss now      | <b>FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 1</b>                                                                             | Repeat-flood change                 | <b>First release: no prior release to compare.</b> |

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

## Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

| Jurisdiction                          | Type           | Status                       | Plan                               | Approved   | Expires    | Days to expiry<br><i>negative = days since expiry</i> | Update underway | Notes                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Cherokee County (unincorporated area) | Unincorporated | Approved, expires 2027-08-15 | Cherokee County (FEMA plan 108279) | 2022-08-16 | 2027-08-15 | 321                                                   |                 |                            |
| Blacksburg town                       | Town           | Approved, expires 2027-08-15 | Cherokee County (FEMA plan 108279) | 2022-08-16 | 2027-08-15 | 321                                                   |                 | member approved 2022-09-15 |
| Gaffney city                          | City           | Approved, expires 2027-08-15 | Cherokee County (FEMA plan 108279) | 2022-08-16 | 2027-08-15 | 321                                                   |                 | member approved 2022-09-26 |

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

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

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Supports B1-a: hazards

Hazards NRI does not cover: check locally

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

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

| Rank by EAL | Hazard          | NRI risk rating     | EAL rating          | EAL buildings modeled dollars per year | EAL agriculture modeled dollars per year | EAL population equivalence statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage | EAL total (see note) modeled dollars per year | Storm Events records since 1996 count | Evidence for an omission NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996 | Storm Events coverage note                                                                                         |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Inland Flooding | Relatively Low      | Relatively Low      | \$11,882,524                           | \$9,972                                  | \$8,106                                                                                                | \$11,900,602                                  | 15                                    |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| 2           | Tornado         | Relatively Moderate | Relatively Moderate | \$1,341,786                            | \$1,338                                  | \$2,352,387                                                                                            | \$3,695,511                                   | 6                                     |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| 3           | Cold Wave       | Relatively Moderate | Relatively Moderate | \$2,665                                | \$2,364,330                              | \$688,417                                                                                              | \$3,055,412                                   | 10                                    |                                                                                                   | Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.                         |
| 4           | Strong Wind     | Relatively Moderate | Relatively Moderate | \$158,321                              | \$6,204                                  | \$1,027,500                                                                                            | \$1,192,025                                   | 208                                   |                                                                                                   | Includes 10 High Wind records and 3 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out. |
| 5           | Earthquake      | Relatively Low      | Relatively Low      | \$731,702                              |                                          | \$153,922                                                                                              | \$885,624                                     |                                       |                                                                                                   | Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.         |
| 6           | Ice Storm       | Relatively High     | Relatively High     | \$749,275                              |                                          | \$128,044                                                                                              | \$877,320                                     | 9                                     |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| 7           | Hurricane       | Relatively Low      | Relatively Low      | \$472,162                              | \$44,538                                 | \$20,572                                                                                               | \$537,272                                     | 2                                     |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| 8           | Lightning       | Relatively Moderate | Relatively Moderate | \$78,520                               |                                          | \$451,327                                                                                              | \$529,847                                     | 13                                    |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |
| 9           | Heat Wave       | Relatively Low      | Relatively Low      | \$17                                   | \$20                                     | \$331,417                                                                                              | \$331,454                                     | 2                                     |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                    |

| Rank<br>by<br>EAL | Hazard               | NRI risk<br>rating | EAL rating        | EAL<br>buildings<br><i>modeled dollars<br/>per year</i> | EAL<br>agriculture<br><i>modeled<br/>dollars per<br/>year</i> | EAL population<br>equivalence<br><i>statistical value of life<br/>and injury, \$13.7M per<br/>life, not property damage</i> | EAL total<br>(see note)<br><i>modeled dollars<br/>per year</i> | Storm<br>Events<br>records<br>since 1996<br><i>count</i> | Evidence for an omission<br><i>NRI Not Applicable, no<br/>declaration and no Storm Events<br/>record since 1996</i>       | Storm Events coverage note                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10                | Hail                 | Relatively<br>Low  | Relatively<br>Low | \$134,224                                               | \$94,217                                                      | \$34,601                                                                                                                    | \$263,042                                                      | 94                                                       |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11                | Drought              | Relatively<br>Low  | Relatively<br>Low |                                                         | \$116,114                                                     |                                                                                                                             | \$116,114                                                      | 36                                                       |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12                | Winter<br>Weather    | Relatively<br>Low  | Relatively<br>Low | \$2,160                                                 | \$106                                                         | \$21,546                                                                                                                    | \$23,813                                                       | 69                                                       |                                                                                                                           | Includes 4 Sleet records, event types the<br>NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.                                                                                     |
| 13                | Wildfire             | Very Low           | Very Low          | \$14,699                                                | \$26                                                          | \$3,294                                                                                                                     | \$18,020                                                       | 0                                                        |                                                                                                                           | No recorded events in Storm Events<br>since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).<br>Storm Events coverage of this hazard is<br>limited; absence is not evidence of low<br>risk. |
| 14                | Landslide            | Very Low           | Very Low          | \$1,324                                                 |                                                               | \$369                                                                                                                       | \$1,693                                                        | 0                                                        |                                                                                                                           | Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record<br>of this type. Storm Events coverage of<br>this hazard is limited; absence is not<br>evidence of low risk.                       |
|                   | Avalanche            | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable |                                                         |                                                               |                                                                                                                             |                                                                | 0                                                        | NRI rates avalanche Not<br>Applicable for this county, and<br>no federal declaration for this<br>county names it.         | No recorded events in Storm Events<br>since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).                                                                                                |
|                   | Coastal<br>Flooding  | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable |                                                         |                                                               |                                                                                                                             |                                                                | 0                                                        | NRI rates coastal flooding Not<br>Applicable for this county, and<br>no federal declaration for this<br>county names it.  | No recorded events in Storm Events<br>since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).                                                                                                |
|                   | Tsunami              | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable |                                                         |                                                               |                                                                                                                             |                                                                | 0                                                        | NRI rates tsunami Not<br>Applicable for this county, and<br>no federal declaration for this<br>county names it.           | No recorded events in Storm Events<br>since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).<br>Storm Events coverage of this hazard is<br>limited; absence is not evidence of low<br>risk. |
|                   | Volcanic<br>Activity | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable |                                                         |                                                               |                                                                                                                             |                                                                | 0                                                        | NRI rates volcanic activity Not<br>Applicable for this county, and<br>no federal declaration for this<br>county names it. | No recorded events in Storm Events<br>since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).<br>Storm Events coverage of this hazard is<br>limited; absence is not evidence of low<br>risk. |

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

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

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

# Supports B1-b: location

## Where each hazard occurs

| Hazard            | Location                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Census tracts rated<br><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 16                                           |
| 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 16                                           |
| Cold Wave         | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 16 of 16                                          |
| Drought           | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 9 of 16                                           |
| 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.                                                                        | 16 of 16                                          |
| Hail              | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 16 of 16                                          |
| Heat Wave         | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 16 of 16                                          |
| 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.                                                                        | 16 of 16                                          |
| Ice Storm         | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 16 of 16                                          |
| Inland Flooding   | The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center ( <a href="https://msc.fema.gov">https://msc.fema.gov</a> ) for this county. | 16 of 16                                          |
| 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.                                                                        | 16 of 16                                          |
| Lightning         | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 16 of 16                                          |
| Strong Wind       | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 16 of 16                                          |
| 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.                                                                        | 16 of 16                                          |
| 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 16                                           |
| 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 16                                           |
| 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.                                                                        | 16 of 16                                          |
| Winter Weather    | Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.                                                                                           | 16 of 16                                          |

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# Supports B1-c: extent

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

| Hazard                           | Scale                         | Records<br><i>count, years</i> | Observed range | Worst recorded event | Most damaging<br>(when different) | How it applies to members | Note                                                             |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Avalanche                        | none (count and damage)       | 0                              |                |                      |                                   |                           | Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required. |
| Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide | none in data (FIRM for depth) | 0                              |                |                      |                                   |                           | Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.              |

| Hazard                                          | Scale                          | Records<br><i>count, years</i>   | Observed range                                                 | Worst recorded event                                                                                                                                                             | Most damaging<br>(when different)                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | How it applies to members                                                                           | Note                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill        | wind chill                     | 8, 1996 to 2026 (8 zone-level)   | 1 day to 31 days (median 1.5 days); 8 with a recorded value    | 31 days, 2000-12-01 to 2000-12-31, from 1 monthly summary record (a monthly summary record covers most or all of a month; it does not count days at wave conditions), zone-level | Cold/Wind Chill, 2017-03-16, \$0 property; \$50,000,000 crops, reported for the zone (2017 dollars) (as recorded; larger than this county's annual agriculture value in the National Risk Index; confirm with the county or the state extension service) | Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county. | Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required.                                                                                                           |
| Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition) | crop damage                    | 2, 2004 to 2007 (2 zone-level)   |                                                                | Frost/Freeze, 2007-04-08, \$7,000 crop damage, reported for the zone (2007 dollars); NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county. | Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.                                                                                                          |
| Drought                                         | US Drought Monitor D-scale     | 36, 1998 to 2026 (36 zone-level) | 31 days to 276 days (median 61 days); 11 with a recorded value | 276 days (9 months), 2007-05-01 to 2008-01-31, a run of 9 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county. | Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only. |
| Earthquake                                      | Modified Mercalli (local data) | 0                                |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                     | No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).                                                                                                            |
| Hail                                            | hail size (inches)             | 119, 1976 to 2025                | 0.75 in to 2.75 in (median 1 in); 119 with a recorded value    | 2.75 in hail, 2011-04-09; same size also recorded on 1994-06-04                                                                                                                  | Hail, 1994-06-04, \$500,000 property; crops not recorded (1994 dollars)                                                                                                                                                                                  | Event records naming member places: Gaffney city (44 records), Blacksburg town (28 records).        |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Excessive Heat, Heat                            | heat index (narratives)        | 2, 2012 to 2012 (2 zone-level)   | 3 days; 1 with a recorded value                                | 3 consecutive days, 2012-06-29 to 2012-07-01, 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.                                                                                                           |

| Hazard                                                  | Scale                                                                                                   | Records<br><i>count, years</i>         | Observed range | Worst recorded event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Most damaging<br>(when different) | How it applies to members                                                                                                                | Note                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hurricane,<br>Tropical Storm,<br>Tropical<br>Depression | Saffir-Simpson                                                                                          | 2, 2018 to<br>2024 (2 zone-<br>level)  |                | Strongest recorded<br>(records with damage, a<br>wind speed or direct<br>casualties first, then<br>storm type, category and<br>wind): Tropical Storm<br>record, 2024-09-27,<br>\$5,000,000 property; \$0<br>crops, reported for the<br>zone (2024 dollars); NWS<br>zone SCZ008<br>(CHEROKEE), zone-level:<br>may include parts of<br>neighboring counties |                                   | Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not<br>locate these events within the county.                                   | Storm Events files<br>every zone of a storm's<br>episode under the<br>storm's event type and<br>category, so a<br>Hurricane (Typhoon)<br>record, especially an<br>inland or remnant one,<br>does not by itself mean<br>hurricane-force winds<br>here; read the damage<br>and wind columns. |
| Ice Storm                                               | Sperry-Piltz<br>(local data)                                                                            | 9, 1996 to<br>2005 (9 zone-<br>level)  |                | Ice Storm, 2002-12-04,<br>\$9,000,000 property;<br>crops not reported,<br>reported for the zone<br>(2002 dollars); NWS zone<br>SCZ008 (CHEROKEE),<br>zone-level: may include<br>parts of neighboring<br>counties                                                                                                                                          |                                   | Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not<br>locate these events within the county.                                   | Ice thickness: in event<br>narratives only; local<br>data required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Flash Flood,<br>Flood,<br>Lakeshore<br>Flood            | damage and<br>flood days<br>(FIRM for<br>depth)                                                         | 15, 2003 to<br>2024 (5 zone-<br>level) |                | Flood, 2005-10-07,<br>\$375,000 property; crops<br>not reported, reported for<br>the zone (2005 dollars);<br>NWS zone SCZ008<br>(CHEROKEE), zone-level:<br>may include parts of<br>neighboring counties                                                                                                                                                   |                                   | Event records naming member places: Gaffney city (2<br>records), Blacksburg town (1 record). Zone-level records (5)<br>apply countywide. | Flood depth: see the<br>FEMA Flood Insurance<br>Rate Map. Storm<br>Events damage can be<br>\$0 or blank even for a<br>major flood, so the<br>worst record here may<br>not be the worst flood;<br>compare FEMA Public<br>Assistance by<br>declaration in B1-d.                              |
| Debris Flow                                             | none (count<br>and damage)                                                                              | 0                                      |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |                                                                                                                                          | Physical measure: in<br>event narratives only;<br>local data required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Lightning                                               | annualized<br>frequency (the<br>measure<br>FEMA's Local<br>Mitigation<br>Planning<br>Handbook<br>names) | 13, 1996 to<br>2023                    |                | Lightning, 2001-06-24,<br>\$1,000,000 property;<br>crops not reported (2001<br>dollars)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                   | Event records naming member places: Gaffney city (9<br>records), Blacksburg town (2 records).                                            | Storm Events lists<br>lightning with damage<br>or casualties; physical<br>measure in event<br>narratives only; local<br>data required.                                                                                                                                                     |

| Hazard                                                         | Scale                                   | Records<br><i>count, years</i>   | Observed range                                                                      | Worst recorded event                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Most damaging<br>(when different)                                                    | How it applies to members                                                                           | Note                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition) | wind speed (kt and mph)                 | 13, 1996 to 2024 (13 zone-level) | 40 kt (46 mph) to 60 kt (69 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 9 with a recorded value   | 60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2007-04-16; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 2004-03-07; NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), 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)                 | 251, 1970 to 2026                | 40 kt (46 mph) to 70 kt (81 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 197 with a recorded value | 70 kt (81 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2003-05-02                                                                                                                                                                     | Thunderstorm Wind, 1994-06-04, \$500,000 property; crops not recorded (1994 dollars) | Event records naming member places: Gaffney city (82 records), Blacksburg town (52 records).        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tornado                                                        | Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)     | 19, 1954 to 2020                 | F/EF0 to F/EF4 (median F/EF1); 19 with a recorded value                             | F4 tornado, 1989-05-05, 3 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 700 yd wide, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1989 dollars) | Tornado, 1973-05-27, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1973 dollars)         | Event records naming member places: Blacksburg town (3 records), Gaffney city (1 record).           | From 1996 on, tornado records are per-county segments and length is the path length within this county (NWS Instruction 10-1605); records before 1996 may give the whole path length, including the path outside this county, and before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with the whole path's rating; counties farther along the path may not list it. Length is not used to rank tornadoes. |
| Tsunami                                                        | none (count and damage)                 | 0                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                      |                                                                                                     | Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Volcanic Ash, Volcanic Ashfall                                 | Volcanic Explosivity Index (local data) | 0                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                      |                                                                                                     | Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Wildfire                                                       | acres burned (local data)               | 0                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                      |                                                                                                     | Acres burned: in event narratives only; local data required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Hazard                                                                      | Scale                         | Records<br><i>count, years</i>   | Observed range | Worst recorded event                                                                                                                                                                   | Most damaging<br>(when different) | How it applies to members                                                                           | Note                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet | none in data (snowfall local) | 69, 1996 to 2026 (69 zone-level) |                | Heavy Snow, 2004-02-26, \$20,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2004 dollars); NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), 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.

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Supports B1-d: previous occurrences

Declaration rows 24 Counted incidents 18

Federal disaster declarations for this county

| Declared   | Incident began | FEMA number | Type           | Title               | Mapped hazard                                                             | County Public Assistance<br><i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i> | Flags                                    | Notes                    |
|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2026-01-23 | 2026-01-21     | EM-3632-SC  | Emergency      | SEVERE WINTER STORM | Winter Weather                                                            | none found                                                                  | new since last plan; within last 5 years |                          |
| 2024-09-29 | 2024-09-25     | DR-4829-SC  | Major disaster | HURRICANE HELENE    | Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Landslide, Tornado | \$9,850,559.89                                                              | new since last plan; within last 5 years |                          |
| 2024-09-26 | 2024-09-25     | EM-3619-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE HELENE    | Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Landslide, Tornado | none found                                                                  | new since last plan; within last 5 years | same incident as DR-4829 |
| 2024-08-05 | 2024-08-04     | EM-3606-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE DEBBY     | Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding                     | none found                                                                  | new since last plan; within last 5 years |                          |
| 2023-08-31 | 2023-08-29     | EM-3597-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE IDALIA    | Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding                     | none found                                                                  | new since last plan; within last 5 years |                          |
| 2022-11-21 | 2022-09-25     | DR-4677-SC  | Major disaster | HURRICANE IAN       | Hurricane                                                                 | none found                                                                  | new since last plan; within last 5 years |                          |
| 2022-09-29 | 2022-09-25     | EM-3585-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE IAN       | Hurricane                                                                 | none found                                                                  | new since last plan; within last 5 years | same incident as DR-4677 |
| 2020-03-27 | 2020-01-20     | DR-4492-SC  | Major disaster | COVID-19 PANDEMIC   | Non-natural, not counted                                                  | \$51,162.90                                                                 |                                          |                          |
| 2020-03-13 | 2020-01-20     | EM-3470-SC  | Emergency      | COVID-19            | Non-natural, not counted                                                  | none found                                                                  |                                          | same incident as DR-4492 |
| 2019-09-01 | 2019-08-31     | EM-3421-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE DORIAN    | Hurricane                                                                 | none found                                                                  |                                          |                          |

| Declared   | Incident began | FEMA number | Type           | Title                        | Mapped hazard                                                        | County Public Assistance                        |  | Flags | Notes                    |
|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--|-------|--------------------------|
|            |                |             |                |                              |                                                                      | <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i> |  |       |                          |
| 2018-09-10 | 2018-09-08     | EM-3400-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE FLORENCE           | Hurricane                                                            | none found                                      |  |       |                          |
| 2017-10-16 | 2017-09-06     | DR-4346-SC  | Major disaster | HURRICANE IRMA               | Hurricane                                                            | none found                                      |  |       |                          |
| 2017-09-07 | 2017-09-06     | EM-3386-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE IRMA               | Hurricane                                                            | none found                                      |  |       | same incident as DR-4346 |
| 2016-10-06 | 2016-10-04     | EM-3378-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE MATTHEW            | Hurricane                                                            | none found                                      |  |       |                          |
| 2015-10-03 | 2015-10-01     | EM-3373-SC  | Emergency      | SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING   | Inland Flooding                                                      | none found                                      |  |       |                          |
| 2014-02-12 | 2014-02-10     | EM-3369-SC  | Emergency      | SEVERE WINTER STORM          | Ice Storm                                                            | none found                                      |  |       |                          |
| 2006-01-20 | 2005-12-15     | DR-1625-SC  | Major disaster | SEVERE ICE STORM             | Ice Storm                                                            | \$583,749.79                                    |  |       |                          |
| 2005-09-10 | 2005-08-29     | EM-3233-SC  | Emergency      | HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION | Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted | none found                                      |  |       |                          |
| 2004-10-07 | 2004-09-06     | DR-1566-SC  | Major disaster | TROPICAL STORM FRANCES       | Hurricane                                                            | PA not declared for this county                 |  |       |                          |
| 2004-02-13 | 2004-01-26     | DR-1509-SC  | Major disaster | SEVERE ICE STORM             | Ice Storm                                                            | \$15,045.17                                     |  |       |                          |
| 2003-01-08 | 2002-12-04     | DR-1451-SC  | Major disaster | SEVERE ICE STORM             | Ice Storm                                                            | \$612,381.86                                    |  |       |                          |
| 2000-01-31 | 2000-01-22     | DR-1313-SC  | Major disaster | SEVERE WINTER STORM          | Winter Weather                                                       | \$254,184.70                                    |  |       |                          |
| 1990-10-22 | 1990-10-11     | DR-881-SC   | Major disaster | SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING     | Inland Flooding                                                      | none found                                      |  |       |                          |
| 1977-08-04 | 1977-08-04     | EM-3047-SC  | Emergency      | DROUGHT                      | Drought                                                              | none found                                      |  |       |                          |

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars. Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

#### SOURCES

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#### Statewide declarations

| Declared   | Incident began | FEMA number | Type           | Title      | Mapped hazard                                         | Flags | Notes |
|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1955-08-20 | 1955-08-20     | DR-44-SC    | Major disaster | HURRICANES | Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding |       |       |
| 1954-10-17 | 1954-10-17     | DR-29-SC    | Major disaster | HURRICANE  | Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding |       |       |

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

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## Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

| Hazard            | Storm Events<br>records<br><i>full period</i> | Since plan<br>approval<br>records | During plan<br>review<br>records | Last 5<br>years<br>records | Declared<br>incidents<br><i>distinct incidents</i> | Declared since<br>approval<br><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         | 10                                            | 2                                 | 0                                | 2                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.                         |
| Drought           | 36                                            | 2                                 | 0                                | 2                          | 1                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Earthquake        | 0                                             | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       |                    | No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).                                                          |
| Hail              | 119                                           | 5                                 | 3                                | 8                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1955 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Heat Wave         | 2                                             | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Hurricane         | 2                                             | 1                                 | 0                                | 1                          | 9                                                  | 4                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Ice Storm         | 9                                             | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 4                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Inland Flooding   | 15                                            | 2                                 | 0                                | 2                          | 5                                                  | 3                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Landslide         | 0                                             | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 1                                                  | 1                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)                         |
| Lightning         | 13                                            | 1                                 | 0                                | 1                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Strong Wind       | 264                                           | 21                                | 5                                | 25                         | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1955 to 2026-06-30 | Includes 10 High Wind records and 3 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out. |
| Tornado           | 19                                            | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 1                                                  | 1                                                       | 1950 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                                                    |
| Tsunami           | 0                                             | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events                                                     |
| Volcanic Activity | 0                                             | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events                                                     |
| Wildfire          | 0                                             | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                          | 0                                                  | 0                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events                                                     |
| Winter Weather    | 69                                            | 3                                 | 2                                | 5                          | 2                                                  | 1                                                       | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | Includes 4 Sleet records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.                                |

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## Notable Storm Events records

| Date       | Event type               | Magnitude or extent                                                                                                                                 | Damage<br><i>nominal dollars</i>                                               | Direct<br>deaths,<br>injuries<br><i>indirect not<br/>counted</i> | Location                                                                          | Flags                                                                             | Why listed                                                                          |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024-09-27 | Tropical Storm           |                                                                                                                                                     | \$5,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2024 dollars)          | 0, 0                                                             | NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties | new since last plan; within last 5 years                                          | B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression                 |
| 2022-05-26 | Thunderstorm Wind        | 50 kt (58 mph) estimated gust                                                                                                                       | \$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2022 dollars)                                   | 1, 0                                                             | GAFFNEY to BLACKSBURG                                                             | during plan review, check whether your last plan included it; within last 5 years | deaths or injuries recorded                                                         |
| 2013-07-04 | Thunderstorm Wind        | 50 kt (58 mph) estimated gust                                                                                                                       | damage not reported                                                            | 1, 0                                                             | THICKETTY to BLACKSBURG                                                           |                                                                                   | deaths or injuries recorded                                                         |
| 2007-04-16 | High Wind                | 60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust                                                                                                                       | \$500,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)            | 0, 0                                                             | NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition) |
| 2007-04-08 | Frost/Freeze             |                                                                                                                                                     | \$0 property; \$7,000 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)              | 0, 0                                                             | NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: Frost/ Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)               |
| 2005-10-07 | Flood                    |                                                                                                                                                     | \$375,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2005 dollars)   | 0, 0                                                             | NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood                            |
| 2003-05-02 | Thunderstorm Wind        | 70 kt (81 mph) estimated gust                                                                                                                       | \$100,000 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars)                          | 0, 0                                                             | GAFFNEY                                                                           |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind                                              |
| 2002-12-04 | Ice Storm                |                                                                                                                                                     | \$9,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2002 dollars) | 0, 0                                                             | NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm                                                      |
| 2001-06-24 | Lightning                |                                                                                                                                                     | \$1,000,000 property; crops not reported (2001 dollars)                        | 0, 0                                                             | GAFFNEY                                                                           |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: Lightning                                                      |
| 2000-12-01 | Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill |                                                                                                                                                     | damage not reported                                                            | 0, 0                                                             | NWS zone SCZ008 (CHEROKEE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: Cold/ Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill                      |
| 1989-05-05 | Tornado                  | F4, 3 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 700 yd wide | \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1989 dollars)                        | 0, 0                                                             | location not recorded                                                             |                                                                                   | B1-c worst recorded: Tornado                                                        |

|            |            |                                                                                                                                                        | Direct deaths, injuries                                 |                             |                       |       |                             |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Date       | Event type | Magnitude or extent                                                                                                                                    | Damage<br><i>nominal dollars</i>                        | <i>indirect not counted</i> | Location              | Flags | Why listed                  |
| 1973-05-27 | Tornado    | F3, 19.8 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 100 yd wide | \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1973 dollars) | 0, 4                        | location not recorded |       | deaths or injuries recorded |

The full list is in the XLSX file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (558 rows).

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

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

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

Supports B1-e: probability

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

| Hazard           | FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)<br><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        | 0.263                                                      | event-days per year                     | about 0.263 days per year | Likely     | event-days in 7 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (23.3%) | 5                                                                                                        | 2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)        | countywide | Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Drought          | 33.3                                                       | event-days per year                     | about 33.3 days per year  | Likely     | event-days in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%) | 1,064                                                                                                    | 2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only) | countywide | NRI gives about 33.3 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 8 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together. |

| Hazard             | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)<br><i>unit per row</i> | Unit                                | In plain terms                                                                                           | Descriptor       | Descriptor<br>basis                                        | NRI events or days in its<br>record period (hail, wind<br>and tornado are area-<br>weighted, so can be<br>fractional) | NRI period                                | Location   | Note                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Earthquake         | 0.0021                                                              | annual probability<br>at a location | chance a given<br>location in the<br>county has at<br>least minor-<br>damage shaking<br>in a year: 0.21% |                  |                                                            | not shown                                                                                                             | modeled                                   | see B1-f   | Descriptor not assigned: the NRI value is the<br>chance at a location in the county, not how often<br>the hazard affects the county, and Storm Events<br>does not record earthquakes.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Hail               | 5.63                                                                | events per year                     | about 5.63 per<br>year                                                                                   | Highly<br>likely | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)               | 213.8 (modeled)                                                                                                       | 1986 to 2023<br>(38 years)                | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Heat Wave          | 1.74                                                                | event-days per<br>year              | about 1.74 days<br>per year                                                                              | Possible         | event-days in 1<br>of 30 years,<br>1996 to 2025<br>(3.33%) | 27                                                                                                                    | 2005-11-12 to<br>2024-11-12<br>(19 years) | countywide | NRI gives about 1.74 heat wave event-days a year<br>here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its<br>event count divided by the years), but Storm Events<br>has a record in only 1 of 30 years. NRI counts from<br>a different source that records far more events than<br>Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower<br>than NRI's frequency; read the two together. |
| Hurricane          | 0.0552                                                              | events per year                     | about 1 in 18<br>years                                                                                   | Possible         | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)               | 16                                                                                                                    | 1851 to 2024<br>(Atlantic)                | see B1-f   | NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks<br>passing within storm-force wind range; federal<br>declarations are counted separately in B1-d and<br>need not match.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ice Storm          | 2.05                                                                | event-days per<br>year              | about 2.05 days<br>per year                                                                              | Likely           | event-days in 7<br>of 30 years,<br>1996 to 2025<br>(23.3%) | 138                                                                                                                   | 1946-12-31 to<br>2014-02-12<br>(67 years) | countywide | NRI gives about 2.05 ice storm event-days a year<br>here (its annualized frequency over 67 years; not its<br>event count divided by the years), but Storm Events<br>has a record in only 7 of 30 years. NRI counts from<br>a different source that records far more events than<br>Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower<br>than NRI's frequency; read the two together. |
| Inland<br>Flooding | 0.393                                                               | event-days per<br>year              | about 0.393 days<br>per year                                                                             | Likely           | event-days in 8<br>of 30 years,<br>1996 to 2025<br>(26.7%) | 11                                                                                                                    | 1996 to 2023<br>(28 years)                | see B1-f   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Landslide          | 0.622                                                               | events per year<br>(modeled)        | about 0.62 per<br>year                                                                                   | Likely           | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)               | not shown                                                                                                             | modeled                                   | see B1-f   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Lightning          | 53                                                                  | days per year with<br>a strike      | about 53 days per<br>year                                                                                | Highly<br>likely | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)               | not shown                                                                                                             | 1995 to 2023<br>(29 years;<br>CONUS)      | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Strong<br>Wind     | 3.05                                                                | events per year                     | about 3.05 per<br>year                                                                                   | Highly<br>likely | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)               | 116                                                                                                                   | 1986 to 2023<br>(38 years)                | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Hazard               | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)<br><i>unit per row</i> | Unit                                                                                          | In plain terms                                                          | Descriptor | Descriptor<br>basis                                               | NRI events or days in its<br>record period (hail, wind<br>and tornado are area-<br>weighted, so can be<br>fractional) | NRI period                                      | Location   | Note                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tornado              | 0.239                                                               | events per year                                                                               | about 1 in 4 years                                                      | Likely     | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)                      | not shown                                                                                                             | 1950 to 2023<br>(EF2+); 1986 to<br>2023 (EF0-1) | see B1-f   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tsunami              |                                                                     | annual probability<br>at the most<br>exposed location<br>(used in place of a<br>county value) |                                                                         |            |                                                                   | not shown                                                                                                             | modeled                                         | see B1-f   | Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.                                                                                                                                        |
| Volcanic<br>Activity |                                                                     | annual probability                                                                            |                                                                         |            |                                                                   | not shown                                                                                                             | modeled                                         | see B1-f   | Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.                                                                                                                                        |
| Wildfire             | 0.000395                                                            | annual probability<br>at a location                                                           | chance a given<br>location in the<br>county burns in a<br>year: 0.0395% |            | Storm Events<br>records in 0 of<br>30 years, 1996<br>to 2025 (0%) | not shown                                                                                                             | modeled                                         | see B1-f   | No Storm Events record of this hazard, 1996 to<br>2025; descriptor not assigned (the NRI value is the<br>chance at a location in the county, not how often<br>the hazard affects the county) |
| Winter<br>Weather    | 4.37                                                                | event-days per<br>year                                                                        | about 4.37 days<br>per year                                             | Likely     | event-days in<br>24 of 30 years,<br>1996 to 2025<br>(80%)         | 83                                                                                                                    | 2005-11-12 to<br>2024-11-12<br>(19 years)       | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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

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Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

| Unit               | Descriptor    | Definition                               |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| events per year    | Highly likely | 1 or more per year                       |
| events per year    | Likely        | about once in 1 to 10 years              |
| events per year    | Possible      | about once in 10 to 100 years            |
| events per year    | Unlikely      | less than once in 100 years              |
| annual probability | Likely        | 10% to under 100% chance in a given year |

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

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Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

| Hazard                                  | Band                      | Years        | Events<br><i>county-coded records</i> | Years in period | Events per year<br><i>events / years</i> |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Hail                                    | 1.00-1.99 in              | 1996 to 2025 | 39                                    | 30              | 1.3                                      |
| Hail                                    | 2.00 in+                  | 1996 to 2025 | 3                                     | 30              | 0.1                                      |
| Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records) | 50-64 kt                  | 1996 to 2025 | 187                                   | 30              | 6.23                                     |
| Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records) | 65 kt+                    | 1996 to 2025 | 4                                     | 30              | 0.133                                    |
| Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records) | unmeasured or below 50 kt | 1996 to 2025 | 3                                     | 30              | 0.1                                      |
| Tornado                                 | EF0-1                     | 1996 to 2025 | 5                                     | 30              | 0.167                                    |
| Tornado                                 | EF2-3                     | 1996 to 2025 | 1                                     | 30              | 0.0333                                   |
| Tornado                                 | EF4-5                     | 1996 to 2025 | 0                                     | 30              | 0                                        |
| Tornado                                 | unrated (EFU)             | 1996 to 2025 | 0                                     | 30              | 0                                        |

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

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

Supports B1-f: variation across the planning area

Range of census tract risk within the county

| Hazard    | Tracts<br><i>rated of all</i> | Risk score<br>min<br><i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i> | Median | Max | Tracts by rating  | Note |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|-------------------|------|
| Avalanche | 0 of 16                       |                                                 |        |     | Not Applicable 16 |      |

| Hazard            | Tracts<br><i>rated of<br/>all</i> | Risk<br>score<br>min<br><i>NRI score,<br/>0 to 100</i> | Median | Max  | Tracts by rating                                                 | Note                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Coastal Flooding  | 0 of 16                           |                                                        |        |      | Not Applicable 16                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Cold Wave         | 16 of 16                          | 46.7                                                   | 81.1   | 94.0 | Relatively High 9,<br>Relatively Moderate 6,<br>Relatively Low 1 | National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. Agriculture is 77% 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. |
| Drought           | 9 of 16                           | 80.1                                                   | 86.5   | 92.6 | Relatively Moderate 1,<br>Relatively Low 8, No<br>Rating 7       | National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. 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        | 16 of 16                          | 32.1                                                   | 61.7   | 79.2 | Relatively Moderate 1,<br>Relatively Low 14, Very<br>Low 1       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Hail              | 16 of 16                          | 47.1                                                   | 69.2   | 76.2 | Relatively Moderate 8,<br>Relatively Low 8                       | National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.                                                                                                                           |
| Heat Wave         | 16 of 16                          | 9.8                                                    | 32.2   | 53.9 | Relatively Low 15, Very<br>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         | 16 of 16                          | 53.6                                                   | 63.7   | 72.7 | Relatively Low 16                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Ice Storm         | 16 of 16                          | 84.3                                                   | 94.2   | 97.5 | Relatively High 14,<br>Relatively Moderate 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. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.                                                                                                                           |
| Inland Flooding   | 16 of 16                          | 27.2                                                   | 71.3   | 90.1 | Relatively High 4,<br>Relatively Moderate 7,<br>Relatively Low 5 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Landslide         | 16 of 16                          | 43.7                                                   | 73.2   | 89.8 | Relatively Low 7, Very Low<br>9                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Lightning         | 16 of 16                          | 52.2                                                   | 84.6   | 95.5 | Relatively High 13,<br>Relatively Moderate 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.                                                                                                                           |
| Strong Wind       | 16 of 16                          | 64.1                                                   | 87.1   | 94.9 | Relatively High 13,<br>Relatively Moderate 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.                                                                                                                           |
| Tornado           | 16 of 16                          | 56.1                                                   | 79.3   | 92.7 | Relatively High 12,<br>Relatively Moderate 4                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Tsunami           | 0 of 16                           |                                                        |        |      | Not Applicable 16                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Volcanic Activity | 0 of 16                           |                                                        |        |      | Not Applicable 16                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Wildfire          | 16 of 16                          | 41.7                                                   | 66.8   | 78.6 | Relatively Low 6, Very Low<br>10                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Winter Weather    | 16 of 16                          | 25.4                                                   | 40.1   | 53.6 | Relatively Moderate 3,<br>Relatively Low 13                      | National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.                                                                                                                           |

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

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**Per-member block (Starter, confirm locally)**

| Member                                | Type           | Plan status                  | Repetitive loss<br><i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i> | Public Assistance matched<br><i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i> | Event records naming this place<br><i>all years; since the member's plan</i> | Notes                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cherokee County (unincorporated area) | Unincorporated | Approved, expires 2027-08-15 | FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1                                                               | \$908,239.65                                                                 | 0; 0                                                                         | Includes \$51,162.90 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4492-SC). |
| Blacksburg town                       | Town           | Approved, expires 2027-08-15 | FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0                                                               | \$103,789.96                                                                 | 86; 7                                                                        |                                                                                     |
| Gaffney city                          | City           | Approved, expires 2027-08-15 | FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0                                                               | \$646,254.76                                                                 | 138; 8                                                                       |                                                                                     |

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<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Agriculture exposure<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Population exposed<br><i>people</i> | EAL buildings<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | EAL agriculture<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | EAL population equivalence<br><i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i> | EAL as % of exposure<br><i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i> | Storm Events damage since 2022-08-16<br><i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i> | Zone-level damage since plan<br><i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i> | Public Assistance since plan<br><i>nominal dollars; see note</i> | Note                                  |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Avalanche        |                                             |                                                |                                     |                                                  |                                                    |                                                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | Not Applicable in NRI for this county |
| Coastal Flooding |                                             |                                                |                                     |                                                  |                                                    |                                                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | Not Applicable in NRI for this county |

| Hazard            | Building exposure<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Agriculture exposure<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Population exposed<br><i>people</i> | EAL buildings<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | EAL agriculture<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | EAL population equivalence<br><i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i> | EAL as % of exposure<br><i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i> | Storm Events damage since 2022-08-16<br><i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i> | Zone-level damage since plan<br><i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i> | Public Assistance since plan<br><i>nominal dollars; see note</i> | Note                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cold Wave         | \$14,454,077,951                            | \$42,953,573                                   | 56,186                              | \$2,665                                          | \$2,364,330                                        | \$688,417                                                                                                        | under 0.0001%                                                     |                                                                                                           | \$0                                                                               |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Drought           |                                             | \$10,274,478                                   |                                     |                                                  | \$116,114                                          |                                                                                                                  | 1.13% (agriculture)                                               |                                                                                                           | \$0                                                                               |                                                                  | NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown                                                                                                                                      |
| Earthquake        | \$24,594,241,542                            |                                                | 56,216                              | \$731,702                                        |                                                    | \$153,922                                                                                                        | 0.00298%                                                          |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Hail              | \$14,454,077,951                            | \$42,953,573                                   | 56,186                              | \$134,224                                        | \$94,217                                           | \$34,601                                                                                                         | 0.000929%                                                         |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Heat Wave         | \$14,454,077,951                            | \$42,953,573                                   | 56,186                              | \$17                                             | \$20                                               | \$331,417                                                                                                        | under 0.0001%                                                     |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Hurricane         | \$14,443,060,305                            | \$42,912,284                                   | 56,118                              | \$472,162                                        | \$44,538                                           | \$20,572                                                                                                         | 0.00327%                                                          |                                                                                                           | \$5,000,000                                                                       | \$9,850,559.89                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Ice Storm         | \$14,454,077,951                            |                                                | 56,186                              | \$749,275                                        |                                                    | \$128,044                                                                                                        | 0.00518%                                                          |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Inland Flooding   | \$14,449,578,406                            | \$1,864,159                                    | 404                                 | \$11,882,524                                     | \$9,972                                            | \$8,106                                                                                                          | n/a (see note)                                                    | \$60,000                                                                                                  |                                                                                   | \$9,850,559.89                                                   | 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         | \$421,745,982                               |                                                | 1,721                               | \$1,324                                          |                                                    | \$369                                                                                                            | 0.000314%                                                         |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   | \$9,850,559.89                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Lightning         | \$14,454,077,951                            |                                                | 56,186                              | \$78,520                                         |                                                    | \$451,327                                                                                                        | 0.000543%                                                         | \$0                                                                                                       |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Strong Wind       | \$14,454,077,951                            | \$42,953,573                                   | 56,186                              | \$158,321                                        | \$6,204                                            | \$1,027,500                                                                                                      | 0.0011%                                                           | \$210,000                                                                                                 | \$10,000                                                                          |                                                                  | Storm Events damage since the plan includes 1 zone-level Strong Wind record (\$10,000), an event type the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.                                                  |
| Tornado           | \$14,454,077,951                            | \$42,953,573                                   | 56,186                              | \$1,341,786                                      | \$1,338                                            | \$2,352,387                                                                                                      | 0.00928%                                                          |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   | \$9,850,559.89                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tsunami           |                                             |                                                |                                     |                                                  |                                                    |                                                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | Not Applicable in NRI for this county                                                                                                                                                                |
| Volcanic Activity |                                             |                                                |                                     |                                                  |                                                    |                                                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | Not Applicable in NRI for this county                                                                                                                                                                |
| Wildfire          | \$1,061,422,428                             | \$8,000,792                                    | 7,295                               | \$14,699                                         | \$26                                               | \$3,294                                                                                                          | 0.00138%                                                          |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Winter Weather    | \$14,454,077,951                            | \$42,953,573                                   | 56,186                              | \$2,160                                          | \$106                                              | \$21,546                                                                                                         | under 0.0001%                                                     |                                                                                                           | \$0                                                                               | none found (1 declaration)                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Totals since 2022-08-16 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 28 county-coded records, 23 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$270,000; 9 zone-level records, 8 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$5,010,000 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations \$9,850,559.89 (7 declarations, 1 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                                                                                                                                                                    | 56,186           |
| Building value (total, not at risk)                                                                                                                                           | \$14,454,077,951 |
| Agriculture value (total, not at risk)                                                                                                                                        | \$42,953,573     |
| NRI risk rating (all hazards)                                                                                                                                                 | Relatively Low   |
| Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards                                                                                                                  | \$18,206,245     |
| 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) | \$5,221,504      |
| Social vulnerability rating                                                                                                                                                   | Relatively High  |
| Community resilience rating                                                                                                                                                   | Relatively Low   |
| NRI version                                                                                                                                                                   | December 2025    |

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

**SOURCE**

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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    | 1          | 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.

**SOURCES**

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**Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows**

| Scope                                                | RL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | RL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | Any category<br><i>properties</i> | Mitigated<br><i>properties</i> | Currently insured<br><i>properties</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| County total                                         | 0                            | 0                             | 1                             | 0                              | 1                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |
| CHEROKEE COUNTY*                                     | 0                            | 0                             | 1                             | 0                              | 1                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |
| State level, not in this county: county not reported | 0                            | 0                             | 2                             | 0                              | 2                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |

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| Member                                | NFIP community ID | RL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | RL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | Any category<br><i>properties</i> | Mitigated<br><i>properties</i> | Currently insured<br><i>properties</i> | Note |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------|
| Cherokee County (unincorporated area) | 450045            | 0                            | 0                             | 1                             | 0                              | 1                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |      |
| Blacksburg town                       | 450274            | 0                            | 0                             | 0                             | 0                              | 0                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |      |
| Gaffney city                          | 450046            | 0                            | 0                             | 0                             | 0                              | 0                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |      |

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

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

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| Occupancy group           | RL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | RL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | Any category<br><i>properties</i> | Mitigated<br><i>properties</i> | Currently insured<br><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                             | 0                             | 0                              | 0                                 | 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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FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites; OpenFEMA's fmaRI field description omits the Increased Cost of Compliance clause of 44 CFR 77.2(i). NFIP repetitive loss (FEMA insurance definition, nfipRI) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years and can drop to false when a property is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured.

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

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

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

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 1 property is NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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