

Pennington County, SD

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 46103** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Plan	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)
Approved	2025-04-25	Expires	2030-04-24
As of	2026-09-28	Days	1,304 days to expiry

What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-04-25)

New federal declarations	DR-4903-SD (1 declaration row; 1 counted incident)	Storm Events records since approval	90 (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now	FMA RL 0, SRL 1 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 4	Repeat-flood change	First release: no prior release to compare.

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

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Pennington County	County	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry	Update underway	Notes
						<i>negative = days since expiry</i>		
Box Elder city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		Also approved under plan 107725 (Meade County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021, expires 2026-11-15). FEMA's plan status map shows one plan per jurisdiction and may show one of these; this packet uses the approved plan that expires last.
Hill City city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		
Keystone town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		
New Underwood city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		
Quinn town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		
Rapid City city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		
Wall town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		
Wasta town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	Pennington County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 (FEMA plan 110421)	2025-04-25	2030-04-24	1,304		

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

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Supports B1-a: hazards

Hazards NRI does not cover: check locally

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

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

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings modeled dollars per year	EAL agriculture modeled dollars per year	EAL population equivalence statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage	EAL total (see note) modeled dollars per year	Storm Events records since 1996 count	Evidence for an omission NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$16,555,215	\$52,338	\$498,154	\$17,105,707	77		
2	Wildfire	Relatively Moderate	Relatively High	\$7,774,801	\$747	\$491,007	\$8,266,556	2		
3	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively High	\$2,426	\$89,070	\$5,305,005	\$5,396,501	11		
4	Hail	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$3,017,974	\$110,252	\$1,130,250	\$4,258,476	1,433		
5	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$769,976	\$1,667	\$1,130,299	\$1,901,941	12		
6	Lightning	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$59,929		\$1,261,075	\$1,321,004	13		
7	Winter Weather	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$253,197	\$21	\$404,208	\$657,426	285		
8	Heat Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$1,035	under \$1	\$586,578	\$587,614	1		
9	Ice Storm	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$334,656		\$190,163	\$524,819	1		
10	Earthquake	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$334,639		\$71,630	\$406,270			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.

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11	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$81,476	\$110,252	\$114,640	\$306,367	798		Includes 240 High Wind records and 1 Strong Wind record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
12	Landslide	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$27,386		\$2,731	\$30,117	0		Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
13	Drought	Very Low	Very Low		\$14,352		\$14,352	0		Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.
14	Avalanche	Very Low	Very Low	\$1		\$3	\$3	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Coastal Flooding	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates coastal flooding Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Hurricane	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates hurricane Not Applicable for this county, and no counted federal declaration for this county names it (EM-3234-SD names it but is not counted as a local occurrence; see B1-d).	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Tsunami	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates tsunami Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
	Volcanic Activity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates volcanic activity Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.

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

SOURCES

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

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

Supports B1-b: location

Where each hazard occurs

Hazard	Location	Census tracts rated <i>rated of all tracts</i>
Avalanche	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	4 of 25
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 25
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	25 of 25
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	8 of 25
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.	25 of 25
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	25 of 25
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	25 of 25
Hurricane	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 25
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	25 of 25
Inland Flooding	The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (https://msc.fema.gov) for this county.	25 of 25
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.	25 of 25
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	25 of 25
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	25 of 25
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.	25 of 25
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 25
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 25
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.	21 of 25
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	25 of 25

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

Supports B1-c: extent

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

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

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	11, 1997 to 2025 (11 zone-level)	1 day to 4 days (median 3 days); 9 with a recorded value	4 consecutive days, 2024-01-12 to 2024-01-15, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required.
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	0					Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.
Drought	US Drought Monitor D-scale	0					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)	1,626, 1955 to 2026	0.5 in to 4.5 in (median 1 in); 1,626 with a recorded value	4.5 in hail, 2022-06-12; same size also recorded on 1977-07-06, 2020-08-08, 2021-08-26	Hail, 2013-08-30, \$12,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2013 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Rapid City city (481 records), Hill City city (98 records), Keystone town (51 records), Wall town (31 records), Box Elder city (25 records), Quinn town (24 records), Wasta town (20 records), New Underwood city (18 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	1, 2006 to 2006 (1 zone-level)	2 days; 1 with a recorded value	2 consecutive days, 2006-07-15 to 2006-07-16, 1 direct death, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's event type and category, so a Hurricane (Typhoon) record, especially an inland or remnant one, does not by itself mean hurricane-force winds here; read the damage and wind columns.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	1, 1996 to 1996 (1 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 1996-11-13, \$60,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1996 dollars); NWS zone SDZ031 (PENNINGTON CO PLAINS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Ice thickness: in event narratives only; local data required.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (FIRM for depth)	77, 1996 to 2023 (1 zone-level)		Flood, 2019-05-21, \$2,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Rapid City city (33 records), Hill City city (5 records), Keystone town (5 records), New Underwood city (4 records), Quinn town (3 records), Box Elder city (2 records), Wasta town (2 records). Zone-level records (1) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage can be \$0 or blank even for a major flood, so the worst record here may not be the worst flood; compare FEMA Public Assistance by declaration in B1-d.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	13, 1998 to 2016		Lightning, 2011-08-03, \$0 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars), 1 direct death	Lightning, 2016-08-14, \$50,000 property; \$0 crops (2016 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Rapid City city (7 records), Wasta town (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only; local data required.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	241, 1996 to 2026 (241 zone-level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 88 kt (101 mph) (median 55 kt (63 mph)); 241 with a recorded value	88 kt (101 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2025-12-18; NWS zone SDZ026 (RAPID CITY), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	High Wind, 1996-04-24, \$75,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1996 dollars)	Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	642, 1958 to 2026	50 kt (58 mph) to 87 kt (100 mph) (median 52 kt (60 mph)); 623 with a recorded value	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2010-06-20; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 2003-07-08; 1 recorded speed above 130 kt left out as a likely data entry error, e.g. hail size in the wind field (event 5551725)	Thunderstorm Wind, 2002-07-20, \$1,000,000 property; crops not reported (2002 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Rapid City city (108 records), Wasta town (74 records), Wall town (58 records), New Underwood city (36 records), Quinn town (14 records), Hill City city (11 records), Box Elder city (7 records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)	49, 1953 to 2019	F/EF0 to F/EF2 (median F/EF0); 45 with a recorded value	F2 tornado, 1966-07-23, 3.8 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 440 yd wide, \$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1966 dollars), 5 direct injuries	Tornado, 1967-06-18, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1967 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Rapid City city (3 records), Hill City city (1 record), Wall town (1 record).	From 1996 on, tornado records are per-county segments and length is the path length within this county (NWS Instruction 10-1605); records before 1996 may give the whole path length, including the path outside this county, and before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with the whole path's rating; counties farther along the path may not list it. Length is not used to rank tornadoes.
Tsunami	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Volcanic Ash, Volcanic Ashfall	Volcanic Explosivity Index (local data)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	2, 2000 to 2000		No damage reported in 2 records.		Event records naming member places: Hill City city (1 record).	Acres burned: in event narratives only; local data required.
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall local)	285, 1996 to 2025 (285 zone-level)		Blizzard, 2009-03-23, \$2,500,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2009 dollars); NWS zone SDZ031 (PENNINGTON CO PLAINS), 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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SOURCES

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

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

Supports B1-d: previous occurrences

Declaration rows21

Counted incidents18

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Note
2026-04-07	2025-12-17	DR-4903-SD	Major disaster	STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS	Strong Wind	\$543,413.65	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2021-10-04	2021-10-04	FM-5418-SD	Fire management	AUBURN FIRE	Wildfire	none found	within last 5 years	
2021-03-29	2021-03-29	FM-5384-SD	Fire management	SCHROEDER FIRE	Wildfire	none found		
2020-04-05	2020-01-20	DR-4527-SD	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$11,303,236.99		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3475-SD	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4
2019-09-23	2019-05-21	DR-4463-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$439,226.43		
2019-06-07	2019-03-13	DR-4440-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM, SNOWSTORM, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Winter Weather	none placed in this county by FEMA's record; \$55,530.23 for this declaration is not placed in any county (see the list below)		
2017-02-01	2016-12-24	DR-4298-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found		
2013-11-08	2013-10-03	DR-4155-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM, SNOWSTORM, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Winter Weather	\$3,287,231.11		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2005-09-10	2005-09-06	EM-3234-SD	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	none found		
2005-07-16	2005-07-16	FM-2569-SD	Fire management	SD SKYLINE #2 FIRE 7/16/05	Wildfire	none found		
2003-11-20	2003-11-20	FM-2513-SD	Fire management	SD - MILL ROAD WILDFIRE - 11/19/2003	Wildfire	none found		
2002-08-18	2002-08-16	FM-2458-SD	Fire management	SD - BATTLE CREEK FIRE - 08/18/02	Wildfire	none found		
2000-05-19	2000-04-18	DR-1330-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM, FLOODING, LANDSLIDES AND MUDSLIDES	Inland Flooding; Landslide; Winter Weather	\$278,993.31		
1997-04-07	1997-02-03	DR-1173-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE FLOODING, SEVER WINTER STORMS, HEAVY RAINS HIGH WINDS	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Winter Weather	none found		
1997-02-28	1996-11-13	DR-1161-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found		
1997-01-10	1997-01-03	DR-1156-SD	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORMS AND BLIZZARD CONDITIONS	Winter Weather	none found		
1995-05-26	1995-03-01	DR-1052-SD	Major disaster	FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		
1976-06-17	1976-06-17	EM-3015-SD	Emergency	DROUGHT	Drought	none found		
1972-06-10	1972-06-10	DR-336-SD	Major disaster	HEAVY RAINS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		
1965-05-26	1965-05-26	DR-197-SD	Major disaster	FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		

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

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Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1962-07-27	1962-07-27	DR-132-SD	Major disaster	FLOODS & TORNADOES	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Tornado		
1960-04-08	1960-04-08	DR-99-SD	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1954-07-31	1954-07-31	DR-20-SD	Major disaster	FLOOD	Inland Flooding		

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

8 Fire Management declarations (1974-07-08 to 1994-08-16) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

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Public Assistance filed under this county for declarations that do not list it: 5 rows, \$640,282.50

FEMA number	Declared	Title	Applicant	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>
DR-1811-SD	2008-12-12	SEVERE WINTER STORM AND RECORD AND NEAR RECORD SNOW	West River Electric Association	\$166,610
DR-1774-SD	2008-07-09	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	West River Electric Association	\$19,402.04
DR-1774-SD	2008-07-09	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	ST. ONGE (TOWNSHIP OF)	\$999
DR-1774-SD	2008-07-09	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	DRY CREEK ESTATE ROAD DIST	\$905.08
DR-1647-SD	2006-06-05	SEVERE WINTER STORM	West River Electric Association	\$452,366.38

FEMA's Public Assistance summaries file these applicants under this county, but FEMA's declaration rows for these disasters do not designate it (an electric cooperative or district serving several counties, for example). Not in any declaration row above and not counted.

SOURCES

FEMA, OpenFEMA PublicAssistanceFundedProjectsSummaries v1, version 2026-09-26T151157Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/PublicAssistanceFundedProjectsSummaries> (API)
FEMA, OpenFEMA DisasterDeclarationsSummaries v2, version 2026-09-27T010817Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v2/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries> (API)

Public Assistance not placed in a county in this state: 15 rows, \$522,360.71

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Why not placed
4718	2023-07-06	Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	Big Stone County	\$165,311.60	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4440	2019-06-07	Palmyra Township	Dickey County	\$9,072.23	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4440	2019-06-07	Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	Big Stone County	\$46,458	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1984	2011-05-13	BRYANT (TOWNSHIP OF) (2)	Traverse County	\$2,053.88	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated	
				<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Why not placed
1984	2011-05-13	Palmyra Township	Dickey County	\$3,252.47	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1915	2010-05-13	BRYANT (TOWNSHIP OF) (2)	Traverse County	\$2,032.05	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1915	2010-05-13	BECKER (TOWNSHIP OF)	Traverse County	\$19,750.64	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1915	2010-05-13	Palmyra Township	Dickey County	\$11,518.11	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1915	2010-05-13	Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	Big Stone County	\$224,426.47	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1844	2009-06-16	BRYANT (TOWNSHIP OF) (2)	Traverse County	\$7,721.70	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1844	2009-06-16	BECKER (TOWNSHIP OF)	Traverse County	\$6,108.75	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1844	2009-06-16	Palmyra Township	Dickey County	\$6,108.99	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1702	2007-05-22	BRYANT (TOWNSHIP OF) (2)	Traverse County	\$12,917.44	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1375	2001-05-17	BRYANT (TOWNSHIP OF) (2)	Traverse County	\$4,126.50	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1375	2001-05-17	BECKER (TOWNSHIP OF)	Traverse County	\$1,501.88	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state

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

SOURCE

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

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval records	During plan review records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Coastal Flooding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	11	0	2	5	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Drought	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	1,626	31	43	230	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	During plan review <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Heat Wave	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Ice Storm	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	77	0	0	6	8	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Lightning	13	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	883	59	42	165	2	1	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 240 High Wind records and 1 Strong Wind record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	49	0	0	0	0	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Tsunami	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Volcanic Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Wildfire	2	0	0	0	5	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	285	0	11	54	7	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

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

Notable Storm Events records

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2025-12-18	High Wind	88 kt (101 mph) measured gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2025 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone SDZ026 (RAPID CITY), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)
2024-01-12	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2024 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone SDZ024 (NORTHERN BLACK HILLS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2022-06-12	Hail	4.5 in	property not reported; \$0 crops (2022 dollars)	0, 0	CREIGHTON	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2019-05-21	Flood		\$2,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)	0, 0	CREIGHTON		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2019-03-13	Blizzard		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2019 dollars)	1, 0	NWS zone SDZ026 (RAPID CITY), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded
2011-08-03	Lightning		\$0 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	1, 0	WASTA		deaths or injuries recorded
2010-06-20	Thunderstorm Wind	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust	\$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2010 dollars)	0, 0	WALL MUNI ARPT		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2009-03-23	Blizzard		\$2,500,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2009 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone SDZ031 (PENNINGTON CO PLAINS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2006-07-15	Heat		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2006 dollars)	1, 0	NWS zone SDZ031 (PENNINGTON CO PLAINS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2001-06-24	Lightning		damage not reported	1, 2	SHERIDAN LAKE		deaths or injuries recorded
1996-11-13	Ice Storm		\$60,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1996 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone SDZ031 (PENNINGTON CO PLAINS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm
1966-07-23	Tornado	F2, 3.8 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 440 yd wide	\$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1966 dollars)	0, 5	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado

The full list is in the **XLSX** file, sheet "**B1-d Storm Events history**" (2,948 rows).

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

SOURCES

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

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

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

Supports B1-e: probability

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche	0.01	events per year	about 1 in 100 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	0.01 is NRI's minimum avalanche frequency for a county in an avalanche susceptibility zone; NRI records no avalanche here, so the descriptor reflects the floor, not local events.
Coastal Flooding		events per year at a location (modeled)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Cold Wave	4.96	event-days per year	about 4.96 days per year	Likely	event-days in 9 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (30%)	94.2	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 4.96 cold wave event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 9 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together. Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.
Drought	53.3	event-days per year	about 53.3 days per year		event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	2,114	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	No recorded event-days, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned
Earthquake	0.00053	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.053%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor not assigned: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county, and Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
Hail	5.77	events per year	about 5.77 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	219.3 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	0.892	event-days per year	about 0.892 days per year	Possible	event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	12.1	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane		events per year					1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Ice Storm	0.122	event-days per year	about 0.122 days per year	Possible	event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	8	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	2.07	event-days per year	about 2.07 days per year	Likely	event-days in 19 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (63.3%)	58	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	1.73	events per year (modeled)	about 1.73 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	39.9	days per year with a strike	about 39.9 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.92	events per year	about 2.92 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	111	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.579	events per year	about 0.58 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Tsunami		annual probability at the most exposed location (used in place of a county value)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Volcanic Activity		annual probability				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Wildfire	0.00444	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.444%	Possible	Storm Events records in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county.
Winter Weather	17.2	event-days per year	about 17.2 days per year	Highly likely	event-days in 30 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (100%)	327	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) comes from the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025). It is not recorded events divided by years, and what it measures depends on the hazard. For most hazards it estimates how often the hazard affects this county each year: it counts events or event-days (drought, heat wave, cold wave, winter weather, ice storm and inland flooding are in days per year; lightning is the number of days per year with a recorded cloud-to-ground strike, from the NOAA Storm Prediction Center daily lightning climatology); it may count events in the surrounding area (hail, strong wind, tornado, hurricane and ice storm use a 49 km grid and buffers) and is averaged over the county's area; and some hazards use a minimum value for places with no recorded event. Earthquake, wildfire and coastal flooding are different: FEMA computes them for each census block and averages them over the county, so the value is the chance (for coastal flooding, the modeled number of floods per year) at a location in the county,

which is lower than the chance that the hazard strikes somewhere in the county. Earthquake is the chance of at least minor-damage shaking (U.S. Geological Survey model); wildfire is the chance that a location burns in a large fire (U.S. Forest Service burn probability); coastal flooding comes from FEMA flood zones and NOAA high-tide flooding, so it can be above 1 where high-tide flooding is frequent. Tsunami is the value at the county's most exposed location, from recorded events and modeled return periods. For these four hazards the packet gives no "1 in N years" and takes the descriptor from Storm Events (none for earthquake) unless the value is 1 or more a year. Landslide is a U.S. Geological Survey modeled county rate spread by slope susceptibility. Volcanic activity is the chance that a volcano affecting the county erupts in a year. Drought counts only extreme and exceptional drought (D3 and D4). Source: FEMA, National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20, sections 5.2.2 (Table 5), 5.2.3, 7.4, 10.4, 16.5, 17.1, 17.3.1, 17.5, 20.3.1, 21.4, 22.4 and 6 to 23.

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

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

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

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

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	879	30	29.3
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	141	30	4.7
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	495	30	16.5
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	41	30	1.37
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	11	30	0.367
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.

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

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

Supports B1-f: variation across the planning area

Range of census tract risk within the county

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Avalanche	4 of 25	1.5	1.8	2.2	Very Low 4, Not Applicable 21	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 25				Not Applicable 25	
Cold Wave	25 of 25	65.4	82.6	96.6	Very High 1, Relatively High 19, Relatively Moderate 5	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Drought	8 of 25	67.4	68.8	89.2	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 7, No Rating 17	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	25 of 25	21.2	30.1	63.2	Relatively Low 7, Very Low 18	
Hail	25 of 25	87.7	94.2	99.2	Very High 1, Relatively High 23, Relatively Moderate 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Heat Wave	25 of 25	1.5	32.6	67.4	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 21, Very Low 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Hurricane	0 of 25				Not Applicable 25	
Ice Storm	25 of 25	30.8	83.7	95.8	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 19, Relatively Low 1, Very Low 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Inland Flooding	25 of 25	5.7	43.7	96.9	Very High 1, Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 8, Very Low 5	
Landslide	25 of 25	13.6	48.1	98.7	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 5, Very Low 18	
Lightning	25 of 25	73.0	91.3	99.3	Very High 4, Relatively High 20, Relatively Moderate 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Strong Wind	25 of 25	18.7	31.8	89.5	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 21, Very Low 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Tornado	25 of 25	38.9	53.4	77.9	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 12, Relatively Low 12	
Tsunami	0 of 25				Not Applicable 25	

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Volcanic Activity	0 of 25				Not Applicable 25	
Wildfire	21 of 25	28.1	97.1	99.2	Very High 1, Relatively High 10, Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 4, Very Low 4, No Rating 4	
Winter Weather	25 of 25	84.0	94.8	99.3	Very High 6, Relatively High 19	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.

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

SOURCE

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Per-member block (Starter, confirm locally)

Member	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance matched <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since the member's plan</i>	Notes
Pennington County	County	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$242,655.24	0; 0	
Box Elder city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 3	\$50,195.24	34; 0	Also approved under plan 107725 (Meade County, SD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021, expires 2026-11-15). FEMA's plan status map shows one plan per jurisdiction and may show one of these; this packet uses the approved plan that expires last.
Hill City city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$22,845.76	116; 4	
Keystone town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$11,028.59	56; 0	
New Underwood city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	58; 1	
Quinn town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	41; 1	
Rapid City city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$578,631.90	632; 31	
Wall town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$13,538.02	90; 5	
Wasta town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-04-24	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$18,065.87	97; 19	

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

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

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

Local data required

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

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

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

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-04-25 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Avalanche	\$2,479,297		under 1	\$1		\$3	under 0.0001%				
Coastal Flooding											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Cold Wave	\$21,480,394,213	\$77,839,141	109,015	\$2,426	\$89,070	\$5,305,005	under 0.0001%				
Drought		\$10,720,916			\$14,352		0.134% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$37,559,061,630		109,222	\$334,639		\$71,630	0.000891%				
Hail	\$21,480,394,213	\$77,839,141	109,015	\$3,017,974	\$110,252	\$1,130,250	0.014%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$19,331,622,620	\$77,733,915	103,615	\$1,035	under \$1	\$586,578	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Ice Storm	\$21,480,394,213		109,015	\$334,656		\$190,163	0.00156%				
Inland Flooding	\$21,462,531,058	\$6,884,836	3,612	\$16,555,215	\$52,338	\$498,154	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b. EAL as % of exposure: n/a.
Landslide	\$1,672,221,482		7,595	\$27,386		\$2,731	0.00164%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2025-04-25 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Lightning	\$21,480,394,213		109,015	\$59,929		\$1,261,075	0.000279%				
Strong Wind	\$21,480,394,213	\$77,839,141	109,015	\$81,476	\$110,252	\$114,640	0.000379%	\$0	\$0	\$543,413.65	
Tornado	\$21,480,394,213	\$77,839,141	109,015	\$769,976	\$1,667	\$1,130,299	0.00358%				
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$4,402,509,064	\$48,554,926	29,757	\$7,774,801	\$747	\$491,007	0.177%				
Winter Weather	\$21,480,394,213	\$77,839,141	109,015	\$253,197	\$21	\$404,208	0.00118%				

Totals since 2025-04-25 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 88 county-coded records, 88 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 2 zone-level records, 2 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations \$543,413.65 (1 declaration, 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	109,015
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$21,480,394,213
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$77,839,141
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$29,591,410
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)	\$11,185,743

Measure	Value
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively High
NRI version	December 2025

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

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Supports B2-c: repetitive loss

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	1
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	4	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	1

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

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Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	0	1	4	1	4	0	1
BOX ELDER, CITY OF	0	1	3	1	3	0	1
RAPID CITY, CITY OF	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
State level, not in this county: county not reported	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

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Repeat-flood properties by plan member (NFIP community)

Member	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>	Note
Pennington County	460064	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Box Elder city	460089	0	1	3	1	3	0	1	
Hill City city	460116	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Keystone town	460231	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
New Underwood city	460092	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Member	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>	Note
Quinn town	460315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rapid City city	465420	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Wall town	460225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wasta town	460250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

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County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	0	1	4	1	4	0	1
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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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 4 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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