

Craig County, VA

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Plan 111227 approved 2026-01-22, pending adoption here; not yet eligible. Plan: PDC 05 Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111227), pending adoption here, approved 2026-01-22 by FEMA; not yet adopted here.

Update: FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption.

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$2,457,138 a year), Strong Wind (\$93,245) and Cold Wave (\$86,222).

The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.

NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).

NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.

RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).

FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.

PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.

Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.

County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.

FIPS: the federal code for a place; 51045 is this area.

D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).

F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.

kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.

A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).

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

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Plan clock

Status:	Plan 111227 approved 2026-01-22, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Plan:	PDC 05 Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111227), pending adoption here
Approved:	2026-01-22 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	Expires:	2031-01-21 once adopted
Update underway:	FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption		

Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

What changed since your last plan

Not available. Plan 111227 was approved by FEMA on 2026-01-22 but is not yet adopted here, so no since-plan counts are given.

Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Craig County	County	Plan 111227 approved 2026-01-22, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	PDC 05 Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111227), pending adoption here	2026-01-22 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-01-21 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

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

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

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Very Low	Very Low	\$2,448,898	\$3,024	\$5,216	\$2,457,138	22	
2	Strong Wind	Very Low	Very Low	\$29,443	\$13,699	\$50,102	\$93,245	83	Includes 38 High Wind and 1 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
3	Cold Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$663	\$5,963	\$79,596	\$86,222	5	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
4	Lightning	Very Low	Very Low	\$1,861	n/a	\$24,942	\$26,804	1	
5	Landslide	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$1,754	n/a	\$17,692	\$19,447	0	Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.
6	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$15,969	n/a	\$3,167	\$19,136		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
7	Tornado	Very Low	Very Low	\$10,003	\$55	\$7,036	\$17,094	1	
8	Hurricane	Very Low	Very Low	\$13,316	\$2,250	\$724	\$16,290	1	
9	Winter Weather	Very Low	Very Low	\$4,832	\$2	\$6,430	\$11,265	57	
10	Drought	Very Low	Very Low	n/a	\$8,972	n/a	\$8,972	13	
11	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$4,327	\$833	\$2,727	\$7,887	22	
12	Ice Storm	Very Low	Very Low	\$1,348	n/a	\$881	\$2,229	12	
13	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$1,556	\$4	\$638	\$2,198	1	

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
14	Avalanche	Very Low	Very Low	\$0	n/a	\$365	\$365	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
15	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	under \$1	under \$1	under \$1	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).

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

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

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

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

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

Inland Flooding: The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov>) for this county.

NRI rating of the county's single census tract

Source: 5

Hazard	Census tract <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Avalanche	tract 501 (Very Low, 35.0)
Earthquake	tract 501 (Relatively Low, 45.6)
Hurricane	tract 501 (Relatively Low, 57.5)
Landslide	tract 501 (Relatively Moderate, 98.8)
Tornado	tract 501 (Relatively Low, 32.7)
Wildfire	tract 501 (Relatively Low, 75.5)

A tract number is the Census tract number (for example 501 is Census Tract 501). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

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

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage only)	0					
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	3 records, 1996 to 2022 (3 zone-level)	2 days to 5 days (median 4 days); 3 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 1996-03-08 to 1996-03-12, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	2 records, 2006 to 2012 (2 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 2 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	13 records, 1998 to 2026 (13 zone-level)	22 days to 97 days (median 48.5 days); 6 with a recorded value	97 days (about 3.2 months), 1999-06-01 to 1999-09-05, a run of 4 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level	Drought, 1998-10-01, property not reported; \$200,000 crops (zone total, 1998 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	22 records, 1996 to 2019	0.75 in to 1.75 in (median 0.94 in); 22 with a recorded value	1.75 in hail, 2002-04-28; same size also recorded on 2002-04-28	Hail, 2002-04-28, \$10,000 property; crops not reported (2002 dollars)	No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan.	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	0					
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	1 record, 2003 (1 zone-level)		Strongest recorded: Tropical Storm record, 2003-09-18 to 2003-09-19, \$0 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars); NWS zone VAZ018		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	12 records, 1996 to 2018 (12 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 2007-12-15, \$10,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars); NWS zone VAZ018		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	22 records, 1996 to 2025 (1 zone-level)		Flash Flood, 1996-01-19, \$150,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars)		No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan. Zone-level records (1) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	0					
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	1 record, 1996		Lightning, 1996-05-05, \$3,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars)		No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan.	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	39 records, 2000 to 2025 (39 zone-level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 60 kt (69 mph) (median 52 kt (60 mph)); 36 with a recorded value	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2025-02-16; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 2003-01-09, 2003-01-23, 2003-02-22; NWS zone VAZ018	High Wind, 2024-09-27, \$110,000 property; \$105,000 crops (zone total, 2024 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	48 records, 1988 to 2024	50 kt (58 mph) to 80 kt (92 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 34 with a recorded value	80 kt (92 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2003-05-09	Thunderstorm Wind, 2012-06-29, \$436,000 property; \$341,700 crops (2012 dollars)	No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan.	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	1 record, 2018	F/EF1; 1 with a recorded value	EF1 tornado, 2018-04-15, 0.5 mi within this county, 150 yd wide, \$124,000 property; crops not reported (2018 dollars)		No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan.	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	1 record, 2012 (1 zone-level)		No damage reported in 1 record.		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	57 records, 1996 to 2026 (57 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 2025-02-11, \$45,000 property; \$0 crops (2025 dollars); NWS zone VAZ018		Countywide (zone-level records).	

In event narratives only (local data needed): wind chill, temperature, heat index, ice thickness, acres burned and snow depth; any physical measure of avalanche, debris flow and lightning.

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 26 declarations covering 20 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

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Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2026-01-23	2026-01-22	EM-3631-VA	Emergency	Severe Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	within last 5 years	
2025-04-04	2025-02-10	DR-4863-VA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado; Winter Weather	\$4,069.29	within last 5 years	
2024-10-01	2024-09-25	DR-4831-VA	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Helene	Hurricane	\$53,349.13	within last 5 years	
2024-09-29	2024-09-25	EM-3621-VA	Emergency	Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4831
2020-04-02	2020-01-20	DR-4512-VA	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3448-VA	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4512
2018-10-15	2018-09-08	DR-4401-VA	Major disaster	Hurricane Florence	Hurricane	\$5,317.55		
2018-09-11	2018-09-13	EM-3403-VA	Emergency	Hurricane Florence	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4401
2012-11-26	2012-10-26	DR-4092-VA	Major disaster	Hurricane Sandy	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
2012-10-29	2012-10-26	EM-3359-VA	Emergency	Hurricane Sandy	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4092
2012-07-27	2012-06-29	DR-4072-VA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds	Strong Wind	\$12,316.18		
2010-04-27	2010-02-05	DR-1905-VA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorms	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
2010-02-16	2009-12-18	DR-1874-VA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
2006-07-13	2006-06-23	DR-1655-VA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
2005-09-12	2005-08-29	EM-3240-VA	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2004-10-18	2004-09-27	DR-1570-VA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding from the Remnants of Hurricane Jeanne	Hurricane; Inland Flooding	PA not declared for this county		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2003-03-27	2003-02-15	DR-1458-VA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm, Record/Near Record Snowfall, Heavy Rain,Floodind, and Mudslide	Inland Flooding; Landslide; Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
2000-02-28	2000-01-25	DR-1318-VA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-01-13	1996-01-06	DR-1086-VA	Major disaster	Blizzard of 96 (Severe Snow Storm)	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1994-04-11	1994-03-01	DR-1021-VA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Ice Storm	Ice Storm; Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1994-03-10	1994-02-08	DR-1014-VA	Major disaster	Severe Ice Storms, Flooding	Winter Weather (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-03-25	1993-03-13	EM-3112-VA	Emergency	Severe Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1992-05-19	1992-04-21	DR-944-VA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1985-11-09	1985-11-09	DR-755-VA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1977-07-23	1977-07-23	EM-3046-VA	Emergency	Drought	Drought	no Public Assistance recorded		
1972-06-23	1972-06-23	DR-339-VA	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Agnes	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
1963-03-21	1963-03-21	DR-149-VA	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1962-03-09	1962-03-09	DR-123-VA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, High Tides & Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Coastal Flooding
1957-02-01	1957-02-01	DR-68-VA	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding

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

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	5			1	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	13			5	1		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0			0	0			Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	22			0	0		1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Hurricane	1			0	5		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	12			0	1		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	22			3	8		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0			0	1		1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Lightning	1			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	87			12	1		1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 38 High Wind and 1 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	1			0	2		1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	1			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	57			5	10		1996 to 2026-06-30	

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2025-02-16	High Wind	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust	\$20,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2025 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone VAZ018 (CRAIG), zone-level	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2025-02-11	Winter Storm		\$45,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2025 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone VAZ018 (CRAIG), zone-level	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2024-09-27	High Wind	59 kt (68 mph) measured gust	\$110,000 property; \$105,000 crops (zone total, 2024 dollars)	1, 1	NWS zone VAZ018 (CRAIG), zone-level	within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2018-04-15	Tornado	EF1, 0.5 mi within this county, 150 yd wide	\$124,000 property; crops not reported (2018 dollars)	0, 0	MARSHALLTOWN		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
2007-12-15	Ice Storm		\$10,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2007 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone VAZ018 (CRAIG), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm
2003-09-18	Tropical Storm		\$0 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2003 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone VAZ018 (CRAIG), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
2003-05-09	Thunderstorm Wind	80 kt (92 mph) estimated gust	\$50,000 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars)	0, 0	NEW CASTLE		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2002-04-28	Hail	1.75 in	damage not reported	0, 0	NEW CASTLE		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
1999-06-01	Drought		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone VAZ018 (CRAIG), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
1996-05-05	Lightning		\$3,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars)	0, 0	NEW CASTLE		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
1996-03-08	Cold/Wind Chill		property not reported; \$3,000 crops (zone total, 1996 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone VAZ018 (CRAIG), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
1996-01-19	Flash Flood		\$150,000 property; crops not reported (1996 dollars)	0, 0	COUNTYWIDE		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (222 rows).

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

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

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

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

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche	0.01	events per year	about 1 in 100 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	0.01 is NRI's minimum avalanche frequency for a county in an avalanche susceptibility zone; NRI records no avalanche here, so the descriptor reflects the floor, not local events.
Cold Wave	4.74	event-days per year	about 4.74 days per year	Possible	Storm Events event-days in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	90	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	1.94	event-days per year	about 1.94 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	49	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	
Earthquake	0.0011	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.11%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	3.48	events per year	about 3.48 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	132.3 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	0.000104	event-days per year	about 0.000104 days per year		Storm Events event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	0.0018	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No Storm Events heat wave record, 1996 to 2025
Hurricane	0.0226	events per year	about 1 in 44 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Ice Storm	0.461	event-days per year	about 0.461 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%)	31	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	0.607	event-days per year	about 0.607 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 12 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (40%)	17	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Landslide	0.828	events per year (modeled)	about 0.83 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	43.1	days per year with a strike	about 43.1 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.59	events per year	about 2.59 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	99	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.0415	events per year	about 1 in 24 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.000967	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0967%	Possible	Storm Events records in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Winter Weather	12	event-days per year	about 12 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 25 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (83.3%)	228	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

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

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

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

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

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	11	30	0.367
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	31	30	1.03
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	10	30	0.333
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

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

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

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

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

NRI risk score of the county's single census tract

Source: 5

Hazard	Tract score	Rating
	NRI score, 0 to 100	
Avalanche	35.0	Very Low
Cold Wave	69.9	Relatively Moderate
Drought	88.4	Relatively Low
Earthquake	45.6	Relatively Low
Hail	56.7	Relatively Low
Heat Wave	1.5	Very Low
Hurricane	57.5	Relatively Low
Ice Storm	36.1	Relatively Low
Inland Flooding	98.4	Very High
Landslide	98.8	Relatively Moderate
Lightning	84.0	Relatively High
Strong Wind	92.9	Relatively High
Tornado	32.7	Relatively Low
Wildfire	75.5	Relatively Low
Winter Weather	88.4	Relatively High

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

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place
			FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition	FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars	
Craig County	County	Plan 111227 approved 2026-01-22, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 8	\$14,497.52	0 total; no approved plan

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

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

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

Local data needed

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

Plan 111227 was approved by FEMA on 2026-01-22 but is not yet adopted here, so no since-plan counts are given.

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

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

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

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year; not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since plan <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	\$0	n/a	under 1	\$0	n/a	\$365					building exposure is 0 in NRI
Cold Wave	\$1,022,335,834	\$6,001,673	4,883	\$663	\$5,963	\$79,596	under 0.0001%				
Drought	n/a	\$691,372	n/a	n/a	\$8,972	n/a	1.3% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$1,619,094,915	n/a	4,892	\$15,969	n/a	\$3,167	0.000986%				
Hail	\$1,022,335,834	\$6,001,673	4,883	\$4,327	\$833	\$2,727	0.000423%				
Heat Wave	\$36,962,608	\$25,223	151	under \$1	under \$1	under \$1	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$1,022,335,834	\$6,001,673	4,883	\$13,316	\$2,250	\$724	0.0013%				
Ice Storm	\$1,022,335,834	n/a	4,883	\$1,348	n/a	\$881	0.000132%				
Inland Flooding	\$1,020,250,702	\$546,417	260	\$2,448,898	\$3,024	\$5,216	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$104,483,345	n/a	489	\$1,754	n/a	\$17,692	0.00168%				
Lightning	\$1,022,335,834	n/a	4,883	\$1,861	n/a	\$24,942	0.000182%				
Strong Wind	\$1,022,335,834	\$6,001,673	4,883	\$29,443	\$13,699	\$50,102	0.00288%				
Tornado	\$1,022,335,834	\$6,001,673	4,883	\$10,003	\$55	\$7,036	0.000978%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since plan <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
Wildfire	\$27,952,090	\$567,945	511	\$1,556	\$4	\$638	0.00557%				
Winter Weather	\$1,022,335,834	\$6,001,673	4,883	\$4,832	\$2	\$6,430	0.000473%				

Totals since the plan: not available. Plan 111227 was approved by FEMA on 2026-01-22 but is not yet adopted here, so no since-plan counts are given.

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

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

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

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	4,883
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$1,022,335,834
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$6,001,673
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Very Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$2,568,774
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)	\$199,519
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively High
Community resilience rating	Relatively Low
NRI version	December 2025

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	1
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	7	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

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

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	0	1	7	0	8	0	1
of which: Craig County (unincorporated area)	0	1	7	0	8	0	1
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	4	0	4	0	0

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

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

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Craig County	510313	0	1	7	0	8	0	1

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

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

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	0	1	5	0	6	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	2	0	2	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

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

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 7 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

This packet is the federal data for the plan's risk assessment (the summary on page 1 says how it is organized); the plan and FEMA's review decide whether each item is met.

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

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

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