

Cowlitz County, WA

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2027-06-30. Plan: Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904), approved 2022-07-01.

Since the plan was approved on 2022-07-01: 2 new hazard declarations (2 incidents): DR-4775-WA (Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides), DR-4906-WA (Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides).

NOAA Storm Events records since that date: 52 records (data through 2026-06-30).

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Earthquake (\$39,035,563 a year), Inland Flooding (\$33,621,423) and Volcanic Activity (\$7,576,357).

Repetitive-loss flood properties now: FMA RL 6, SRL 14 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 47.

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; 53015 is this area.

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

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

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

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.

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

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

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Plan clock

Status:	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Plan:	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)
Approved:	2022-07-01	Days to expiry:	273
Update underway:	none recorded in FEMA's plan tracker		

What changed since your last plan (approved 2022-07-01)

New federal declarations:	2 new hazard declarations (2 incidents): DR-4775-WA (Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides), DR-4906-WA (Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides)	Storm Events records since approval:	52 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 6, SRL 14 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 47	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.

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

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county: 23 rows, in the section "Plan clock: Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county" on the following pages.

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

Plan clock

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Cowlitz County	County	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Castle Rock city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Kalama city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Kelso city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Longview city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Woodland city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Castle Rock School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Longview Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Woodland School District	School/School District	Plan 107904 approved 2022-07-01, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904), pending adoption here	2022-07-01 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-06-30 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Beacon Hill Sewer District	Water/Sewer Authority	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Consolidated Diking Improvement District #1	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Consolidated Diking Improvement District #2	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Consolidated Diking Improvement District #3	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue District	Fire/EMS District	Plan 107904 approved 2022-07-01, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904), pending adoption here	2022-07-01 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-06-30 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Cowlitz County Fire District #1	Fire/EMS District	Plan 107904 approved 2022-07-01, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904), pending adoption here	2022-07-01 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-06-30 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry	Update underway	Notes
						<i>negative = days since expiry</i>		
Cowlitz County Fire District #5	Fire/EMS District	Plan 107904 approved 2022-07-01, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904), pending adoption here	2022-07-01 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-06-30 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Drainage Improvement District #1	Flood Control District	Plan 107904 approved 2022-07-01, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904), pending adoption here	2022-07-01 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-06-30 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Drainage Improvement District #15	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Lexington Flood Control Zone District	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Lower Columbia College	College/ University	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Other (Silver lake Flood Control District)	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Port of Longview	Highway/Port/ Rail	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		
Public Utilities District #1	Electric/Power Authority	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 107904)	2022-07-01	2027-06-30	273		

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>	Why this hazard can be left out <i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Earthquake	Relatively Moderate	Relatively High	\$24,473,834	n/a	\$14,561,729	\$39,035,563			Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
2	Inland Flooding	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$33,587,138	\$2,550	\$31,735	\$33,621,423	31		
3	Volcanic Activity	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$2,659,541	n/a	\$4,916,816	\$7,576,357	0		Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.
4	Heat Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$576	\$4,210	\$3,503,568	\$3,508,353	7		
5	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$745	\$696	\$3,359,387	\$3,360,828	6		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).
6	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$352,358	\$12	\$47,880	\$400,249	51		Includes 45 High Wind and 3 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
7	Tornado	Very Low	Very Low	\$105,238	\$84	\$147,009	\$252,331	3		
8	Coastal Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$149,137	n/a	\$2,581	\$151,717	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
9	Wildfire	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$88,862	\$3	\$4,906	\$93,771	5		

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings modeled dollars per year	EAL agriculture modeled dollars per year	Cost of expected deaths and injuries FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage	EAL total (see note) modeled dollars per year	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 count	Why this hazard can be left out NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996	Storm Events coverage note
10	Lightning	Very Low	Very Low	\$5,280	n/a	\$74,978	\$80,258	1		
11	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$11,661	\$246	\$52,792	\$64,699	156		
12	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$22,940	\$963	\$18,890	\$42,792	3		
13	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$18,650	n/a	\$16,495	\$35,145	8		
14	Landslide	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$3,715	n/a	\$22,297	\$26,012	4		
15	Avalanche	Very Low	Very Low	\$1	n/a	\$55	\$56	1		
16	Drought	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	n/a	\$0	n/a	\$0	0		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-3227-WA 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	Insufficient Data	Insufficient Data	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	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 volcanic activity and tsunami records (Storm Events records these hazards only in part).

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.

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

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

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Avalanche	tract 20.04 (Very Low, 12.0); tract 17 (Very Low, 11.4); tract 19 (Very Low, 11.3)
Earthquake	tract 9800 (Very High, 99.9); tract 21 (Very High, 99.8); tract 4 (Very High, 99.5)
Hurricane	no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard
Landslide	tract 17 (Relatively Moderate, 97.7); tract 15.01 (Relatively Moderate, 96.8); tract 19 (Relatively Moderate, 96.6)
Tornado	tract 9800 (Relatively Low, 34.1); tract 21 (Relatively Low, 32.2); tract 11 (Very Low, 27.8)
Tsunami	no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard
Volcanic Activity	tract 9.01 (Very High, 100.0); tract 20.03 (Very High, 99.9); tract 16.01 (Very High, 99.8)
Wildfire	tract 15.01 (Relatively Moderate, 89.2); tract 17 (Relatively Low, 85.5); tract 16.02 (Relatively Low, 82.6)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 20.04 is Census Tract 20.04). 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)	1 record, 2024 (1 zone-level)		No damage reported in 1 record.		Countywide (zone-level records).	Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide	none in data (flood depth: FIRM)	0					Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	4 records, 1998 to 2014 (4 zone-level)	2 days to 7 days (median 3 days); 3 with a recorded value	7 consecutive days, 1998-12-18 to 1998-12-24, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Wind chill: in event narratives only (local data needed).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	2 records, 2021 to 2024 (2 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 2 records.	Frost/Freeze, 2021-12-14, \$20,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2021 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	Temperature: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	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					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	3 records, 2003 to 2022	0.25 in to 0.5 in (median 0.25 in); 3 with a recorded value	0.5 in hail, 2007-06-24		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Kalama city (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	7 records, 2006 to 2022 (7 zone-level)	1 day to 5 days (median 2 days); 7 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2006-07-20 to 2006-07-24, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Heat index: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	8 records, 2014 to 2024 (8 zone-level)		No damage reported in 8 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	Ice thickness: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	31 records, 1996 to 2023 (4 zone-level)		Flood, 2020-09-17, \$250,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2020 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Kelso city (10 records), Longview city (8 records), Castle Rock city (4 records), Kalama city (2 records), Woodland city (1 record). Zone-level records (4) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	4 records, 1997 to 2023 (2 zone-level)		Debris Flow, 2023-04-10, \$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2023 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Kalama city (1 record), Woodland city (1 record). Zone-level records (2) apply countywide.	Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	1 record, 2019		Lightning, 2019-09-06, \$0 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars), 1 direct injury		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Longview city (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only (local data needed).
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	48 records, 1998 to 2025 (48 zone-level)	30 kt (35 mph) to 90 kt (104 mph) (median 58 kt (67 mph)); 48 with a recorded value	90 kt (104 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2022-12-27; NWS zone WAZ019	High Wind, 2020-09-08, \$950,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2020 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	4 records, 1984 to 2021	60 kt (69 mph) to 69 kt (79 mph) (median 68 kt (78 mph)); 3 with a recorded value	69 kt (79 mph), measurement type not recorded, Thunderstorm Wind, 1984-11-02		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Kelso city (1 record).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	5 records, 1965 to 2024	F/EF0 to F/EF1 (median F/EF0); 5 with a recorded value	EF1 tornado, 2014-10-23, 1.3 mi within this county, 66 yd wide, \$182,000 property; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Longview city (2 records), Kalama city (1 record).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).
Tsunami	none (count and damage only)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Volcanic Ash, Volcanic Ashfall	Volcanic Explosivity Index (local data)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	5 records, 2008 to 2022 (5 zone-level)		No damage reported in 5 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	Acres burned: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	156 records, 1996 to 2026 (156 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 2008-12-20, \$686,000 property; \$0 crops (2008 dollars); NWS zone WAZ022		Countywide (zone-level records).	Snow depth: in event narratives only (local data needed).

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 23 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).

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
2026-04-07	2025-12-05	DR-4906-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide, Strong Wind	\$897,021.85	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2024-04-28	2024-01-05	DR-4775-WA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	Inland Flooding; Landslide; Strong Wind; Winter Weather	\$1,198,433.16	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2022-03-29	2021-12-26	DR-4650-WA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms, Snowstorms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Winter Weather	\$3,022,802.83	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2021-04-08	2020-12-29	DR-4593-WA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	Inland Flooding; Landslide; Strong Wind; Winter Weather	\$1,642,744.13		
2020-03-22	2020-01-20	DR-4481-WA	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$1,772,846.03		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3427-WA	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4481
2016-02-02	2015-12-01	DR-4253-WA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, and a T	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide, Strong Wind, Winter Weather	\$3,347,936.38		
2009-03-02	2008-12-12	DR-1825-WA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm and Record and Near Record Snow	Winter Weather	\$507,536.05		
2009-01-30	2009-01-06	DR-1817-WA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm, Landslides, Mudslides, and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide, Winter Weather	\$3,042,562.06		
2006-12-12	2006-11-02	DR-1671-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	Inland Flooding; Landslide	\$777,290.99		
2005-09-07	2005-08-29	EM-3227-WA	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2001-03-01	2001-02-28	DR-1361-WA	Major disaster	Earthquake	Earthquake	\$17,868		
1998-10-16	1998-03-06	DR-1255-WA	Major disaster	Wa Landslide 3/6/98	Landslide	no Public Assistance recorded		
1997-01-17	1996-12-26	DR-1159-WA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms, Land & Muds Slides, Flooding	Inland Flooding; Landslide; Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
1996-02-09	1996-01-26	DR-1100-WA	Major disaster	High Winds, Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-01-03	1995-11-07	DR-1079-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, High Wind, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind	no Public Assistance recorded		
1986-12-15	1986-11-22	DR-784-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1986-03-19	1986-02-22	DR-762-WA	Major disaster	Heavy Rains, Landslides & Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide	PA not declared for this county		
1980-05-21	1980-05-21	DR-623-WA	Major disaster	Volcanic Eruption, Mt. St. Helens	Volcanic Activity	no Public Assistance recorded		
1977-12-10	1977-12-10	DR-545-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Mudslides, & Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide	no Public Assistance recorded		
1975-12-13	1975-12-13	DR-492-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1972-02-01	1972-02-01	DR-322-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1964-12-29	1964-12-29	DR-185-WA	Major disaster	Heavy Rains & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		

School districts and special districts in this county: \$1,607,440.19 (included in the county total above). Public Assistance matched by applicant name to the school districts and special districts FEMA lists as plan participants in this county. They have no row of their own in the jurisdiction table, so their total is listed here. These dollars are already included in the county PA column of the declarations table (the FEMA record places each applicant in this county), so this line is not added to it.

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
1963-03-02	1963-03-02	DR-146-WA	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1962-10-20	1962-10-20	DR-137-WA	Major disaster	Severe Storms	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted
1957-03-06	1957-03-06	DR-70-WA	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1956-02-25	1956-02-25	DR-50-WA	Major disaster	Flood	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.

16 Fire Management declarations (1970-07-18 to 1998-09-25) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Public Assistance filed under this county for declarations that do not list it: 1 row, \$3,222.93

Sources: 2, 3

FEMA number	Declared	Title	Applicant	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>
DR-1641-WA	2006-05-17	Severe Storms, Flooding, Tidal Surge, Landslides, and Mudslides	Pacific Aging Council Endeavors (PACE)	\$3,222.93

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.

Public Assistance not placed in any Washington county: 1 row, \$248,381.20; listed on the Washington state page.

Source: 3

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	1	1	0	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
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	6	1	1	2	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	1	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	3	0	1	1	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	7	1	2	1	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	8	4	0	4	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	31	1	3	4	16	2	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	4	1	0	1	10	2	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Lightning	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	52	8	0	8	7	2	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 45 High Wind and 3 Strong Wind records.

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
Tornado	5	1	0	1	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	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Wildfire	5	1	0	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	156	33	8	41	7	1	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
2024-03-30	Avalanche		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2024 dollars)	1, 0	NWS zone WAZ211 (SOUTH WASHINGTON CASCADES), zone-level	new since last plan; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2022-12-27	High Wind	90 kt (104 mph) measured gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2022 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone WAZ019 (SOUTH WASHINGTON CASCADES), zone-level	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2021-12-14	Frost/Freeze		\$20,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2021 dollars)	1, 1	NWS zone WAZ019 (SOUTH WASHINGTON CASCADES), zone-level	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2021-06-26	Excessive Heat		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2021 dollars)	1, 0	NWS zone WAZ022 (LOWER COLUMBIA), zone-level		deaths or injuries recorded
2020-09-17	Flood		\$250,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2020 dollars)	0, 0	LONGVIEW		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2019-09-06	Lightning		\$0 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)	0, 1	LONGVIEW		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2014-10-23	Tornado	EF1, 1.3 mi within this county, 66 yd wide	\$182,000 property; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)	0, 0	LONGVIEW		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
2008-12-20	Winter Storm		\$686,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2008 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone WAZ022 (LOWER COLUMBIA), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2007-06-24	Hail	0.5 in	\$5,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	0, 0	YALE		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2006-07-20	Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	Storm Events area C COWLITZ/N&NE CLARK/P X SW SKAMANIA (legacy zone code WAZ040), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
1998-12-18	Cold/Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone WAZ022 (LOWER COLUMBIA), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
1984-11-02	Thunderstorm Wind	69 kt (79 mph), measurement type not recorded	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (279 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.
Coastal Flooding	1.62	events per year at a location (modeled)	about 1.6 per year at a given location in the county	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from NRI: the rate at a location is 1 or more a year, so the county rate is at least that.
Cold Wave	0.272	event-days per year	about 0.272 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 3 of 30 years)	event-days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	5.12	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	0	event-days per year	none modeled		event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	0	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	No Storm Events drought record, 1996 to 2025
Earthquake	0.0175	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 1.75%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	0.0498	events per year	about 1 in 20 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	1.9 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	5	event-days per year	about 5 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 5 of 30 years)	event-days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	83	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane		events per year					1851 to 2024 (Atlantic); 1949 to 2024 (Pacific)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Ice Storm	0.329	event-days per year	about 0.329 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 5 of 30 years)	event-days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	23	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	0.75	event-days per year	about 0.75 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 16 of 30 years)	event-days in 16 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (53.3%)	21	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	2.3	events per year (modeled)	about 2.3 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	6.13	days per year with a strike	about 6.13 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	0.0404	events per year	about 1 in 25 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	2	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.0944	events per year	about 1 in 11 years	Possible	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)			Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Volcanic Activity	0.0124	annual probability	about 1 in 81 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.0000701	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.00701%	Likely (from Storm Events: 3 of 30 years)	Storm Events records in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI.
Winter Weather	21.1	event-days per year	about 21.1 days per year	Highly likely (from Storm Events: 30 of 30 years)	event-days in 30 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (100%)	397	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	0	30	0
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

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

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

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

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

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Avalanche	11 of 30	8.9	10.8	12.0	Very Low 11, Not Applicable 19
Coastal Flooding	12 of 30	69.8	75.4	95.7	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 3, Very Low 7, No Rating 18
Cold Wave	30 of 30	29.8	62.6	91.1	Relatively High 5, Relatively Moderate 22, Relatively Low 3
Drought	0 of 30				No Rating 30
Earthquake	30 of 30	75.9	85.7	99.9	Very High 5, Relatively High 6, Relatively Moderate 16, Relatively Low 3
Hail	30 of 30	11.3	23.2	43.5	Relatively Low 3, Very Low 27
Heat Wave	30 of 30	38.0	82.5	93.0	Relatively High 11, Relatively Moderate 17, Relatively Low 2
Hurricane	0 of 30				Not Applicable 30
Ice Storm	30 of 30	2.4	9.0	64.9	Relatively Low 4, Very Low 26
Inland Flooding	30 of 30	13.2	76.1	97.5	Very High 4, Relatively High 10, Relatively Moderate 8, Relatively Low 6, Very Low 2
Landslide	30 of 30	10.4	59.2	97.7	Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 8, Very Low 19
Lightning	30 of 30	5.6	15.8	28.3	Relatively Low 8, Very Low 22
Strong Wind	30 of 30	19.6	37.1	87.5	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 5, Relatively Low 23, Very Low 1
Tornado	30 of 30	6.9	18.1	34.1	Relatively Low 2, Very Low 28
Tsunami	0 of 30				Not Applicable 25, Insufficient Data 5
Volcanic Activity	30 of 30	86.9	98.3	100.0	Very High 5, Relatively High 6, Relatively Moderate 6, Relatively Low 13
Wildfire	29 of 30	37.1	64.3	89.2	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 9, Very Low 19, No Rating 1
Winter Weather	30 of 30	27.3	44.5	60.5	Relatively Moderate 12, Relatively Low 18

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

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

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

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Cowlitz County	County	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	FMA RL 6, SRL 14; any 37	\$8,613,768.86	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Castle Rock city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$108,607.36	4 total; 0 since its plan	
Kalama city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$335,163.83	5 total; 0 since its plan	Includes \$4,732.47 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4481-WA).
Kelso city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 8	\$1,285,254.54	11 total; 0 since its plan	
Longview city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$1,835,337.99	11 total; 1 since its plan	
Woodland city	City	Approved, expires 2027-06-30	FMA RL 1, SRL 1; any 1	\$8,412.85	2 total; 1 since its plan	Whole community, including the part in Clark County; none of its repeat-flood properties are in this county.

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

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

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

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

Local data needed

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

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

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

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

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2022-07-01 <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	\$759,279	n/a	under 1	\$1	n/a	\$55	0.000105%		\$0		
Coastal Flooding	\$31,706,170	n/a	29	\$149,137	n/a	\$2,581	0.47%				
Cold Wave	\$24,832,872,931	\$24,415,038	110,649	\$745	\$696	\$3,359,387	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$0	n/a					agriculture exposure is 0 in NRI
Earthquake	\$45,866,685,117	n/a	110,730	\$24,473,834	n/a	\$14,561,729	0.0534%				
Hail	\$24,832,872,931	\$24,415,038	110,649	\$22,940	\$963	\$18,890	under 0.0001%				
Heat Wave	\$24,832,872,931	\$24,415,038	110,649	\$576	\$4,210	\$3,503,568	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Ice Storm	\$24,832,872,931	n/a	110,649	\$18,650	n/a	\$16,495	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Inland Flooding	\$24,716,451,094	\$1,916,895	4,724	\$33,587,138	\$2,550	\$31,735	n/a (see note)	\$0		\$2,095,455.01	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	\$1,564,228,091	n/a	8,780	\$3,715	n/a	\$22,297	0.000238%	\$100,000		\$2,095,455.01	
Lightning	\$24,832,872,931	n/a	110,649	\$5,280	n/a	\$74,978	under 0.0001%				
Strong Wind	\$24,832,872,931	\$24,415,038	110,649	\$352,358	\$12	\$47,880	0.00142%		\$0	\$2,095,455.01	
Tornado	\$24,832,872,931	\$24,415,038	110,649	\$105,238	\$84	\$147,009	0.000424%	\$0			

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2022-07-01 <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
Tsunami	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a					NRI publishes no building exposure for this county
Volcanic Activity	\$24,832,872,931	n/a	110,649	\$2,659,541	n/a	\$4,916,816	0.0107%				
Wildfire	\$6,105,559,032	\$13,354,315	32,313	\$88,862	\$3	\$4,906	0.00146%		\$0		
Winter Weather	\$24,832,872,931	\$24,415,038	110,649	\$11,661	\$246	\$52,792	under 0.0001%		\$44,000	\$1,198,433.16	

Totals since 2022-07-01 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 3 county-coded records, 3 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$100,000; 49 zone-level records, 48 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$44,000 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: \$2,095,455.01 on 2 counted declarations.

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	110,649
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$24,832,872,931
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$24,415,038
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Moderate
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$61,488,440
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)	\$26,761,116
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively Moderate
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)	6	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	14
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	44	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	12

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	6	14	44	12	47	0	19
of which: Cowlitz County (unincorporated area)	6	14	34	12	37	0	14
of which: Kelso city	0	0	8	0	8	0	4
of which: Castle Rock city	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
of which: Kalama city	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	2	0	2	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>	Note
Cowlitz County	530032	6	14	34	12	37	0	14	
Castle Rock city	530277	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	
Kalama city	530289	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Kelso city	530033	0	0	8	0	8	0	4	
Longview city	530034	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodland city	530035	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	Whole community, including the part in Clark County; none of its repeat-flood properties are in this county.

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	4	9	32	8	33	0	11
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	3	0	3	0	3
non-residential	2	5	9	4	11	0	5
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 1 property is FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 39 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, organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B. Each section heading names the item its tables support; the plan and FEMA's review decide whether the 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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