

Independence County, AR

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 05063** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Plan	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)
Approved	2023-11-14	Expires	2028-11-13
As of	2026-09-28	Days	777 days to expiry

What changed since your last plan (approved 2023-11-14)

New federal declarations	EM-3627-AR, DR-4865-AR, EM-3636-AR (3 declaration rows; 3 counted incidents)	Storm Events records since approval	23 (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now	FMA RL 3, SRL 4 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 26	Repeat-flood change	First release: no prior release to compare.

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

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Plan clock

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry negative = days since expiry	Update underway	Notes
Independence County	County	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Batesville city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Cave City city	City	Approved, expires 2030-05-14	Sharp County (FEMA plan 109400)	2025-05-15	2030-05-14	1,324		Also approved under plan 109140 (Independence County, expires 2028-11-13). FEMA's plan status map shows one plan per jurisdiction and may show one of these; this packet uses the approved plan that expires last. member approved 2025-05-14
Cushman city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Magness town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Moorefield town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Newark city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Oil Trough town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Pleasant Plains town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Southside city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Sulphur Rock town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		
Batesville School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		member approved 2024-01-10
Cedar Ridge School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		member approved 2024-01-10
Midland School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		member approved 2024-01-10

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry	Update underway	Notes
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Southside School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140)	2023-11-14	2028-11-13	777		Also approved under plan 106666 (Van Buren County, expires 2027-07-05). FEMA's plan status map shows one plan per jurisdiction and may show one of these; this packet uses the approved plan that expires last. member approved 2024-01-10
University of Arkansas Community College of Batesville	College/ University	Plan 109140 approved 2023-11-14, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Independence County (FEMA plan 109140), pending adoption here	2023-11-14 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2028-11-13 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

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

Supports B1-a: hazards

Hazards NRI does not cover: check locally

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

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

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings	EAL agriculture	EAL population equivalence	EAL total (see note)	Storm Events records since 1996	Evidence for an omission	Storm Events coverage note
				<i>modeled dollars per year</i>	<i>modeled dollars per year</i>	<i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	<i>modeled dollars per year</i>	<i>count</i>	<i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$6,233,798	\$249,935	\$498,551	\$6,982,285	93		
2	Tornado	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$1,671,051	\$4,419	\$4,152,191	\$5,827,661	21		
3	Earthquake	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$2,624,408		\$1,895,455	\$4,519,864			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
4	Ice Storm	Very High	Very High	\$2,218,255		\$156,285	\$2,374,541	8		

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>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records since 1996 <i>count</i>	Evidence for an omission <i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	Storm Events coverage note
5	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$7,972	\$285,183	\$1,754,910	\$2,048,064	8		Includes 8 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
6	Heat Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$80	\$852	\$1,072,921	\$1,073,854	9		
7	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$330,968	\$5,430	\$134,722	\$471,119	174		Includes 1 High Wind record and 6 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
8	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$42,389		\$254,052	\$296,441	10		
9	Drought	Relatively Low	Relatively Low		\$227,495		\$227,495	13		
10	Hail	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$104,894	\$77,680	\$3,429	\$186,004	143		
11	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$123,804	\$1,440	\$29,324	\$154,568	3		
12	Winter Weather	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$98,627	\$1,942	\$3,829	\$104,398	69		
13	Hurricane	Very Low	Very Low	\$26,456	\$39,168	\$780	\$66,403	5		Includes 3 Tropical Depression records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
14	Landslide	Relatively Low	Very Low	\$2,805		\$600	\$3,404	0		Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
	Avalanche	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates avalanche Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Coastal Flooding	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates coastal flooding Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Tsunami	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates tsunami Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
	Volcanic Activity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates volcanic activity Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.

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

SOURCES

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

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

Supports B1-b: location

Where each hazard occurs

Hazard	Location	Census tracts rated <i>rated of all tracts</i>
Avalanche	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 10
Coastal Flooding	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 10
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10
Earthquake	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	10 of 10
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10
Hurricane	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	10 of 10
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10
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.	10 of 10
Landslide	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	10 of 10
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10
Tornado	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	10 of 10
Tsunami	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 10
Volcanic Activity	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 10
Wildfire	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	10 of 10
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	10 of 10

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Supports B1-c: extent

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

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide	none in data (FIRM for depth)	0					Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	0					Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required.
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	8, 2007 to 2014 (8 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 8 records.		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.
Drought	US Drought Monitor D-scale	13, 2000 to 2013 (13 zone-level)	1 day to 211 days (median 64 days); 3 with a recorded value	211 days (about 6.9 months), 2012-06-19 to 2013-01-15, a run of 8 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	hail size (inches)	177, 1955 to 2026	0.75 in to 5 in (median 1 in); 177 with a recorded value	5 in hail, 1999-01-21		Event records naming member places: Batesville city (30 records), Newark city (14 records), Oil Trough town (12 records), Pleasant Plains town (11 records), Southside city (9 records), Sulphur Rock town (7 records), Cushman city (6 records), Magness town (3 records), Cave City city (1 record), Moorefield town (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	9, 2007 to 2012 (9 zone-level)	1 day to 42 days (median 6.5 days); 6 with a recorded value	42 days, 2012-06-25 to 2012-08-05, from 3 records, 1 of them a monthly summary (a monthly summary record covers most or all of a month; it does not count days at wave conditions), zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	5, 2005 to 2012 (5 zone-level)		Strongest recorded (records with damage, a wind speed or direct casualties first, then storm type, category and wind): Tropical Storm record, 2008-09-13 to 2008-09-14, \$750,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2008 dollars); NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's event type and category, so a Hurricane (Typhoon) record, especially an inland or remnant one, does not by itself mean hurricane-force winds here; read the damage and wind columns.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	8, 1998 to 2018 (8 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 2009-01-26, \$50,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2009 dollars); NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Ice thickness: in event narratives only; local data required.
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (FIRM for depth)	93, 1997 to 2026		Flood, 2008-03-18, \$20,000,000 property; \$500,000 crops (2008 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Batesville city (37 records), Cushman city (10 records), Moorefield town (5 records), Oil Trough town (4 records), Magness town (1 record), Newark city (1 record), Southside city (1 record), Sulphur Rock town (1 record).	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage can be \$0 or blank even for a major flood, so the worst record here may not be the worst flood; compare FEMA Public Assistance by declaration in B1-d.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	10, 1996 to 2012		Lightning, 2012-07-08, \$250,000 property; \$0 crops (2012 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Batesville city (6 records), Cushman city (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only; local data required.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	7, 2007 to 2013 (7 zone-level)	30 kt (35 mph) to 50 kt (58 mph) (median 35 kt (40 mph)); 7 with a recorded value	50 kt (58 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2008-01-29; NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	225, 1956 to 2026	50 kt (58 mph) to 83 kt (96 mph) (median 52 kt (60 mph)); 174 with a recorded value	83 kt (96 mph) measured gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2011-04-19	Thunderstorm Wind, 2012-09-07, \$2,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2012 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Batesville city (44 records), Oil Trough town (28 records), Newark city (14 records), Pleasant Plains town (10 records), Sulphur Rock town (10 records), Cushman city (5 records), Cave City city (3 records), Magness town (3 records), Moorefield town (3 records), Southside city (2 records).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)	42, 1952 to 2014	F/EF0 to F/EF4 (median F/EF1); 42 with a recorded value	F4 tornado, 1968-05-15, 0.3 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 300 yd wide, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1968 dollars), 7 direct deaths, 24 direct injuries	Tornado, 1984-03-15, \$25,000,000 property; crops not recorded (1984 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Newark city (5 records), Oil Trough town (5 records), Pleasant Plains town (2 records), Batesville city (1 record).	From 1996 on, tornado records are per-county segments and length is the path length within this county (NWS Instruction 10-1605); records before 1996 may give the whole path length, including the path outside this county, and before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with the whole path's rating; counties farther along the path may not list it. Length is not used to rank tornadoes.
Tsunami	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Volcanic Ash, Volcanic Ashfall	Volcanic Explosivity Index (local data)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	3, 2011 to 2012 (3 zone-level)		No damage reported in 3 records.		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Acres burned: in event narratives only; local data required.
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall local)	69, 1996 to 2026 (69 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 2012-12-25, \$1,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2012 dollars); NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Snow depth: in event narratives only; local data required.

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

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

SOURCES

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

Supports B1-d: previous occurrences

Declaration rows 31 Counted incidents 27

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2026-01-24	2026-01-23	EM-3636-AR	Emergency	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2025-05-08	2025-03-14	DR-4865-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADOES	Tornado	PA not declared for this county	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2025-04-05	2025-04-02	EM-3627-AR	Emergency	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	none found	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2020-08-27	2020-08-26	EM-3541-AR	Emergency	HURRICANE LAURA	Hurricane	none found		
2020-04-03	2020-01-20	DR-4518-AR	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$2,115,730.52		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3461-AR	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4518
2017-06-15	2017-04-26	DR-4318-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$245,564.97		
2016-02-05	2015-12-26	DR-4254-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$243,857.01		
2015-06-26	2015-05-07	DR-4226-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$85,914.66		
2014-04-29	2014-04-27	DR-4174-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS,TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$784,915.24		
2013-06-25	2013-05-30	DR-4124-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$220,606.22		
2011-05-02	2011-04-14	DR-1975-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND ASSOCIATED FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$712,694.13		
2009-02-06	2009-01-26	DR-1819-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	\$236,380.57		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance		Flags	Notes
						federal share obligated,	nominal dollars		
2009-01-28	2009-01-26	EM-3301-AR	Emergency	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Ice Storm		none found		same incident as DR-1819
2008-03-26	2008-03-18	DR-1751-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado		\$583,064.85		
2008-02-07	2008-02-05	DR-1744-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado		\$97,832		
2005-09-02	2005-08-29	EM-3215-AR	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted		\$13,978.28		
2004-05-07	2004-04-19	DR-1516-AR	Major disaster	SEVER STORMS, FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES	Inland Flooding; Landslide		\$40,502.66		
2003-06-06	2003-05-02	DR-1472-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado		\$66,042.07		
2003-01-06	2002-12-03	DR-1450-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE ICE STORM	Ice Storm		\$179,894.26		
2002-01-24	2001-12-15	DR-1400-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding		\$49,256.22		
2000-12-29	2000-12-12	DR-1354-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER ICE STORM	Ice Storm (primary); also designated: Cold Wave	PA not declared for this county			
1999-01-23	1999-01-21	DR-1266-AR	Major disaster	AR SEVERE WEATHER 1-21-99	Tornado		\$205,559.14		
1997-03-02	1997-03-01	DR-1162-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADOES	Tornado	PA not declared for this county			
1988-11-23	1988-11-15	DR-817-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & TORNADOES	Tornado	PA not declared for this county			
1982-12-13	1982-12-13	DR-673-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES & FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado		none found		
1976-12-03	1976-12-03	EM-3019-AR	Emergency	DROUGHT	Drought		none found		
1975-06-07	1975-06-07	DR-471-AR	Major disaster	HEAVY RAINS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		none found		
1973-04-27	1973-04-27	DR-375-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		none found		
1969-02-15	1969-02-15	DR-254-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		none found		
1968-05-29	1968-05-29	DR-239-AR	Major disaster	TORNADOES, SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Tornado (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		none found		

School districts and special districts in this county: \$51,231.86 (included in the county total above). Public Assistance matched by applicant name to the school districts and special districts FEMA lists as plan members in this county. They are not shown as member blocks, 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); do not add this line to the county total.

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

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

SOURCES

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

Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1964-03-20	1964-03-20	DR-166-AR	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1963-08-02	1963-08-02	DR-157-AR	Major disaster	HEAVY RAINS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1961-05-16	1961-05-16	DR-112-AR	Major disaster	FLOODS & TORNADOES	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Tornado		
1960-05-28	1960-05-28	DR-102-AR	Major disaster	TORNADOES & FLOODS	Tornado (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1958-05-15	1958-05-15	DR-83-AR	Major disaster	HEAVY RAINSTORMS & FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1957-05-29	1957-05-29	DR-77-AR	Major disaster	TORNADOES, RAIN, HAIL & FLOODS	Tornado (primary); also designated: Hail, Inland Flooding		

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

SOURCE

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Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	During plan review <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Coastal Flooding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	8	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 8 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Drought	13	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	177	5	1	9	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	9	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	5	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 3 Tropical Depression records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Ice Storm	8	0	0	0	3	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	93	6	5	12	17	1	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Lightning	10	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	During plan review <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Strong Wind	232	8	2	15	3	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 1 High Wind record and 6 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	42	0	0	0	16	2	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Tsunami	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Volcanic Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Wildfire	3	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	69	4	3	10	2	1	1996 to 2026-06-30	

SOURCES

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

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

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

Notable Storm Events records

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2012-12-25	Winter Storm		\$1,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2012-07-08	Lightning		\$250,000 property; \$0 crops (2012 dollars)	0, 0	BATESVILLE		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2012-06-25	Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2012-06-19	Drought		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2011-04-19	Thunderstorm Wind	83 kt (96 mph) measured gust	\$30,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	0, 0	OIL TROUGH		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2009-10-29	Flash Flood		\$15,000 property; \$0 crops (2009 dollars)	1, 0	NEW HOPE		deaths or injuries recorded
2009-01-26	Ice Storm		\$50,000,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2009 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm
2008-03-18	Flood		\$20,000,000 property; \$500,000 crops (2008 dollars)	0, 0	RAMSEY HILL to BATESVILLE		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2008-01-29	High Wind	50 kt (58 mph) estimated gust	\$250,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2008 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone ARZ016 (INDEPENDENCE), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)
1999-01-21	Hail	5 in	damage not reported	0, 0	NEWARK		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
1968-05-15	Tornado	F4, 0.3 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 300 yd wide	\$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1968 dollars)	7, 24	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded
1955-11-15	Tornado	F3, 3.3 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 133 yd wide	\$250,000 property; crops not recorded (1955 dollars)	1, 3	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded

The full list is in the XLSX file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (669 rows).

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

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

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

Supports B1-e: probability

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area- weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche		events per year					1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Coastal Flooding		events per year at a location (modeled)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Cold Wave	1.74	event-days per year	about 1.74 days per year		event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	33	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No recorded event-days, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned. Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.

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
Drought	7	event-days per year	about 7 days per year	Likely	event-days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	245	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI gives about 7 drought event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 25.25 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 5 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.
Earthquake	0.00722	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.722%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor not assigned: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county, and Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
Hail	4.05	events per year	about 4.05 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	154.1 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	14.1	event-days per year	about 14.1 days per year	Likely	event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	238	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 14.1 heat wave event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 4 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.
Hurricane	0.0249	events per year	about 1 in 40 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	10	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are counted separately in B1-d and need not match.
Ice Storm	1.34	event-days per year	about 1.34 days per year	Likely	event-days in 7 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (23.3%)	90	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 1.34 ice storm event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 67 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 7 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.
Inland Flooding	2.32	event-days per year	about 2.32 days per year	Highly likely	event-days in 28 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (93.3%)	65	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.998	events per year (modeled)	about 1 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	58.1	days per year with a strike	about 58.1 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	

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
Strong Wind	2.38	events per year	about 2.38 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	91	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.578	events per year	about 0.58 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Tsunami		annual probability at the most exposed location (used in place of a county value)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Volcanic Activity		annual probability				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Wildfire	0.00211	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.211%	Possible	Storm Events records in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county.
Winter Weather	7.32	event-days per year	about 7.32 days per year	Likely	event-days in 25 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (83.3%)	139	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

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

SOURCES
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Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years

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

SOURCES

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

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Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	61	30	2.03
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	155	30	5.17
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	8	30	0.267
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	14	30	0.467
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	7	30	0.233
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

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

SOURCE

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

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

Supports B1-f: variation across the planning area

Range of census tract risk within the county

Hazard	Tracts rated of all	Risk score min NRI score, 0 to 100	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Avalanche	0 of 10				Not Applicable 10	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 10				Not Applicable 10	
Cold Wave	10 of 10	72.2	83.8	94.7	Relatively High 8, Relatively Moderate 2	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Drought	10 of 10	69.3	82.6	96.5	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 5, Very Low 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. Agriculture is all of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range above mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is, not where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Earthquake	10 of 10	80.7	84.8	92.5	Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 8	
Hail	10 of 10	51.3	68.8	79.0	Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 6	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Heat Wave	10 of 10	70.9	81.9	93.9	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 6	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Hurricane	10 of 10	37.7	49.0	55.4	Relatively Low 2, Very Low 8	
Ice Storm	10 of 10	98.6	99.4	99.9	Very High 10	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Inland Flooding	10 of 10	38.1	58.2	87.5	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 3	
Landslide	10 of 10	66.3	81.9	94.3	Relatively Low 5, Very Low 5	
Lightning	10 of 10	68.1	82.1	96.3	Very High 1, Relatively High 5, Relatively Moderate 4	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Strong Wind	10 of 10	67.0	77.9	90.8	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 7	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Tornado	10 of 10	89.1	97.0	99.8	Very High 8, Relatively High 2	
Tsunami	0 of 10				Not Applicable 10	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 10				Not Applicable 10	
Wildfire	10 of 10	59.6	83.0	94.7	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 8, Very Low 1	

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Winter Weather	10 of 10	72.9	83.9	94.1	Relatively High 7, Relatively Moderate 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.

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

SOURCE

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Per-member block (Starter, confirm locally)

Member	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat- flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance matched <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since the member's plan</i>	Notes
Independence County	County	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 3, SRL 1; any 9	\$2,948,376.03	0; 0	Includes \$95,356.91 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4518-AR, EM-3215-AR).
Batesville city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 3; any 15	\$462,255.25	118; 7	Includes \$32,382.20 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4518-AR).
Cave City city	City	Approved, expires 2030-05-14	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	4; 0	Also approved under plan 109140 (Independence County, expires 2028-11-13). FEMA's plan status map shows one plan per jurisdiction and may show one of these; this packet uses the approved plan that expires last.
Cushman city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$3,600	22; 0	
Magness town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$2,893.50	7; 0	
Moorefield town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	9; 1	
Newark city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$162,720.48	34; 0	
Oil Trough town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$78,807.98	49; 1	
Pleasant Plains town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	23; 1	
Southside city	City	Approved, expires 2028-11-13		none found	12; 0	No NFIP community ID on this member's plan row.
Sulphur Rock town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-11-13	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$18,366.05	18; 0	

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

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

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

Local data required

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

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

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

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-11-14 <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											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Coastal Flooding											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Cold Wave	\$6,553,462,067	\$222,668,745	37,877	\$7,972	\$285,183	\$1,754,910	0.000122%				
Drought		\$18,525,038			\$227,495		1.23% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$12,149,868,635		37,938	\$2,624,408		\$1,895,455	0.0216%				
Hail	\$6,553,462,067	\$222,668,745	37,877	\$104,894	\$77,680	\$3,429	0.0016%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$6,553,462,067	\$222,668,745	37,877	\$80	\$852	\$1,072,921	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$6,552,081,903	\$221,920,175	37,862	\$26,456	\$39,168	\$780	0.000404%				
Ice Storm	\$6,553,462,067		37,877	\$2,218,255		\$156,285	0.0338%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-11-14 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Inland Flooding	\$6,551,719,876	\$62,844,941	1,979	\$6,233,798	\$249,935	\$498,551	n/a (see note)	\$0		none found (1 declaration)	NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b. EAL as % of exposure: n/a.
Landslide	\$136,146,412		1,067	\$2,805		\$600	0.00206%				
Lightning	\$6,553,462,067		37,877	\$42,389		\$254,052	0.000647%				
Strong Wind	\$6,553,462,067	\$222,668,745	37,877	\$330,968	\$5,430	\$134,722	0.00505%	\$0			
Tornado	\$6,553,462,067	\$222,668,745	37,877	\$1,671,051	\$4,419	\$4,152,191	0.0255%			none found (2 declarations)	
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$604,527,616	\$88,760,295	9,347	\$123,804	\$1,440	\$29,324	0.0205%				
Winter Weather	\$6,553,462,067	\$222,668,745	37,877	\$98,627	\$1,942	\$3,829	0.0015%		\$0	none found (1 declaration)	

Totals since 2023-11-14 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 19 county-coded records, 19 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 4 zone-level records, 3 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations none found (3 declarations, 0 with PA).

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

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

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

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Supports B2-a: context

County context

Measure	Value
Population	37,877
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$6,553,462,067
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$222,668,745
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$14,379,053
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)	\$9,957,048
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Moderate
Community resilience rating	Relatively Low
NRI version	December 2025

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

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Supports B2-c: repetitive loss

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	3	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	4
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	24	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	4

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

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Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	3	4	24	4	26	1	4
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY*	3	1	7	1	9	1	3
BATESVILLE, CITY OF	0	3	15	3	15	0	0
OIL TROUGH, TOWN OF	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
State level, not in this county: county not reported	0	0	3	0	3	0	0

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Member	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>	Note
Independence County	050090	3	1	7	1	9	1	3	
Batesville city	050091	0	3	15	3	15	0	0	
Cave City city	050313	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cushman city	050403	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Magness town	050482	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Moorefield town	050483	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Newark city	050092	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oil Trough town	050093	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	
Pleasant Plains town	050484	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sulphur Rock town	050290	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

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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	3	4	13	4	15	1	4
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	9	0	9	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

Institutional properties cannot be separated in this data: FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class, so they fall in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

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

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

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

In this county 2 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 23 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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