

Union County, IA

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 19175** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Status	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Plan	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here
Approved	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	Expires	2030-04-08 once adopted
As of	2026-09-28	Update underway	FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption

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What changed since your last plan

Not available. Plan 110159 was approved by FEMA on 2025-04-09 but is not yet adopted here, so no since-plan counts are given.

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Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Union County	County	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Afton city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-08	Union County (FEMA plan 110159)	2025-04-09	2030-04-08	1,288		member approved 2025-02-26

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Arispe city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Cromwell city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Lorimor city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-08	Union County (FEMA plan 110159)	2025-04-09	2030-04-08	1,288		member approved 2025-02-26
Shannon City city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Thayer city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Creston Community School District	School/School District	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
East Union Community School District	School/School District	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Union County (FEMA plan 110159), pending adoption here	2025-04-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-04-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Lenox Community School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2027-12-26	Taylor County (FEMA plan 108342)	2022-12-27	2027-12-26	454		member approved 2022-12-21
Southwestern Community College	College/University	Approved, expires 2030-04-08	Union County (FEMA plan 110159)	2025-04-09	2030-04-08	1,288		member approved 2026-09-09

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Supports B1-a: hazards

Hazards NRI does not cover: check locally

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

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

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings modeled dollars per year	EAL agriculture modeled dollars per year	EAL population equivalence statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage	EAL total (see note) modeled dollars per year	Storm Events records since 1996 count	Evidence for an omission NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996	Storm Events coverage note
1	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$2,477	\$289,443	\$3,520,688	\$3,812,608	24		Includes 8 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
2	Inland Flooding	Very Low	Very Low	\$2,574,900	\$164,233	\$13,709	\$2,752,842	39		
3	Drought	Relatively High	Relatively High		\$2,141,733		\$2,141,733	27		
4	Heat Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$7,098	\$4	\$1,365,610	\$1,372,712	4		
5	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$721,134	\$4,880	\$501,856	\$1,227,869	26		
6	Hail	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$284,648	\$111,768	\$131,792	\$528,208	104		
7	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$262,143	\$33,562	\$188,527	\$484,233	141		Includes 26 High Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
8	Lightning	Very Low	Very Low	\$7,280		\$44,763	\$52,043	3		
9	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$29,858	\$191	\$10,845	\$40,894	60		

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
10	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$32,229	\$563	\$3,707	\$36,500	0		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.
11	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$33,712		\$2,116	\$35,828	15		
12	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$25,392		\$7,086	\$32,478			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
13	Landslide	Relatively Low	Very Low	\$99		\$2,462	\$2,561	0		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.
14	Hurricane	Very Low	Very Low	\$733	\$1,068	under \$1	\$1,802	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	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)
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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 4
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 4
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4
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.	4 of 4
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 4
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 4
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.	4 of 4
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	4 of 4

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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.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	16, 1996 to 2025 (16 zone-level)	1 day to 4 days (median 2 days); 13 with a recorded value	4 consecutive days, 2024-01-13 to 2024-01-16, zone-level	Cold/Wind Chill, 1999-09-21, property not reported; \$294,117.65 crops, reported for the zone (1999 dollars)	Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required. Cold/Wind Chill records from May to September (a frost night, not a cold wave) are counted but not used for the longest run.
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	8, 1997 to 2019 (8 zone-level)		Frost/Freeze, 2009-10-10, \$2,500,000 crop damage, reported for the zone (2009 dollars); NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.
Drought	US Drought Monitor D-scale	27, 1999 to 2024 (27 zone-level)	8 days to 232 days (median 31 days); 10 with a recorded value	232 days (about 7.6 months), 2023-09-12 to 2024-04-30, a run of 8 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level	Drought, 2012-07-01, \$0 property; \$45,000,000 crops, reported for the zone (2012 dollars)	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)	120, 1956 to 2025	0.75 in to 3 in (median 1 in); 119 with a recorded value	3 in hail, 2021-06-18; same size also recorded on 1970-04-29	Hail, 2007-05-06, \$750,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Lorimor city (17 records), Afton city (14 records), Arispe city (10 records), Cromwell city (5 records), Thayer city (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	4, 2001 to 2019 (4 zone-level)	1 day to 14 days (median 4 days); 4 with a recorded value	14 consecutive days, 2011-07-15 to 2011-07-28, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's event type and category, so a Hurricane (Typhoon) record, especially an inland or remnant one, does not by itself mean hurricane-force winds here; read the damage and wind columns.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	15, 1996 to 2017 (15 zone- level)		Ice Storm, 2010-01-20, \$100,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2010 dollars); NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), 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)	39, 1996 to 2019 (8 zone- level)		Flood, 2010-06-12, \$0 property; \$20,000,000 crops (2010 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Lorimor city (5 records), Thayer city (5 records), Afton city (3 records), Cromwell city (2 records), Shannon City city (1 record). Zone- level records (8) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage can be \$0 or blank even for a major flood, so the worst record here may not be the worst flood; compare FEMA Public Assistance by declaration in B1-d.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	3, 2001 to 2011		Lightning, 2001-05-03, \$50,000 property; crops not reported (2001 dollars)		No event record names a member place.	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only; local data required.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	26, 1996 to 2025 (26 zone- level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 61 kt (70 mph) (median 53 kt (61 mph)); 23 with a recorded value	61 kt (70 mph), measurement type not recorded, High Wind, 1998-11-10; NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), 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)	138, 1957 to 2025	50 kt (58 mph) to 89 kt (102 mph) (median 52 kt (60 mph)); 131 with a recorded value	89 kt (102 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2009-08-09		Event records naming member places: Afton city (18 records), Lorimor city (13 records), Cromwell city (3 records), Arispe city (2 records), Thayer city (2 records), Shannon City city (1 record).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)	42, 1962 to 2025	F/EF0 to F/EF4 (median F/EF1); 40 with a recorded value	F4 tornado, 1995-05-27, 55 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 500 yd wide, \$3,000,000 property; \$80,000 crops (1995 dollars), 2 direct injuries	Tornado, 1989-05-24, \$25,000,000 property; crops not recorded (1989 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Afton city (6 records), Cromwell city (6 records), Lorimor city (6 records), Thayer city (1 record).	From 1996 on, tornado records are per-county segments and length is the path length within this county (NWS Instruction 10-1605); records before 1996 may give the whole path length, including the path outside this county, and before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with the whole path's rating; counties farther along the path may not list it. Length is not used to rank tornadoes.
Tsunami	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Volcanic Ash, Volcanic Ashfall	Volcanic Explosivity Index (local data)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					Acres burned: in event narratives only; local data required.
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall local)	60, 1996 to 2025 (60 zone- level)		Heavy Snow, 1997-10-26, \$640,000 property; \$2,600,000 crops, reported for the zone (1997 dollars); NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), zone- level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Snow depth: in event narratives only; local data required.

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

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Supports B1-d: previous occurrences

Declaration rows

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Counted incidents

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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
2024-05-14	2024-04-26	DR-4779-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADOES	Tornado	\$616,215.18	within last 5 years	
2020-03-23	2020-01-20	DR-4483-IA	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$112,750.62		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3480-IA	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4483
2019-03-23	2019-03-12	DR-4421-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$1,105,676.09		
2010-07-29	2010-06-01	DR-1930-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, AND TORNADOES	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$186,671.42		
2010-03-02	2010-01-19	DR-1880-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found		
2008-05-27	2008-05-25	DR-1763-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$3,350,366.97		
2008-01-04	2007-12-10	DR-1737-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Ice Storm	\$362,550.36		
2007-09-14	2007-08-17	DR-1727-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$297,605.54		
2007-05-25	2007-05-05	DR-1705-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, AND TORNADOES	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$372,508.15		
2005-09-10	2005-08-29	EM-3239-IA	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	none found		
2001-05-02	2001-04-08	DR-1367-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$41,695.83		
1998-07-02	1998-06-13	DR-1230-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOES AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Tornado	PA not declared for this county		
1997-11-20	1997-10-26	DR-1191-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE SNOWSTORMS	Winter Weather	none found		
1996-06-24	1996-05-08	DR-1121-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		
1993-07-09	1993-04-13	DR-996-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		
1992-10-02	1992-09-14	DR-965-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		
1991-12-26	1991-10-31	DR-928-IA	Major disaster	ICE STORM	Ice Storm	none found		
1979-04-06	1979-04-06	EM-3076-IA	Emergency	SEVERE STORMS & TORNADOES	Tornado	PA not declared for this county		
1972-09-26	1972-09-26	DR-354-IA	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance		Flags	Notes
						federal share obligated, nominal dollars			
1969-08-14	1969-08-14	DR-269-IA	Major disaster	HEAVY RAINS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found			

School districts and special districts in this county: \$524,744.93 (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.

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Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1962-09-05	1962-09-05	DR-133-IA	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1961-03-31	1961-03-31	DR-111-IA	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1958-07-05	1958-07-05	DR-86-IA	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1954-06-23	1954-06-23	DR-17-IA	Major disaster	FLOOD	Inland Flooding		
1953-06-11	1953-06-11	DR-8-IA	Major disaster	FLOOD	Inland Flooding		

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

SOURCE

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Public Assistance not placed in a county in this state: 11 rows, \$7,881,708.52

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated	
				<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Why not placed
4557	2020-08-17	The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society	Minnehaha County	\$47,682.27	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4483	2020-03-23	Gundersen Lutheran Health System, Inc	La Crosse County	\$326,644.22	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4421	2019-03-23	City of Bigelow	Nobles County	\$80,835.34	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4421	2019-03-23	Dairyland Power Cooperative	La Crosse County	\$247,337.47	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4421	2019-03-23	South Dakota Dept of Transportation	Hughes County	\$3,666,245.52	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4421	2019-03-23	City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Dept(The Omaha Parks and Recreation)	Douglas County	\$379,432.23	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Why not placed
4184	2014-07-24	South Dakota Dept of Transportation	Hughes County	\$1,245,084.61	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4181	2014-07-14	Lincoln Electric System	Lancaster County	\$383,692.95	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4114	2013-05-06	City of Bigelow	Nobles County	\$5,961.43	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1998	2011-06-27	Lincoln Electric System	Lancaster County	\$65,027.74	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1688	2007-03-14	Dairyland Power Cooperative	La Crosse County	\$1,433,764.74	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state

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

SOURCE

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Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval records	During plan review records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Coastal Flooding	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	24			3	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 8 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Drought	27			14	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0			0	0			No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	120			22	0		1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	4			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Ice Storm	15			0	2		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	39			0	12		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Lightning	3			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	164			20	0		1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 26 High Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	42			9	7		1950 to 2026-06-30	
Tsunami	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		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Wildfire	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Winter Weather	60			8	2		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
2024-01-13	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2024 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2023-09-12	Drought		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2023 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2021-06-18	Hail	3 in	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2021 dollars)	0, 0	LORIMOR		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2012-04-14	Tornado	EF2, 16.05 mi within this county, 800 yd wide	\$5,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2012 dollars)	0, 2	CROMWELL to LORIMOR		deaths or injuries recorded
2011-07-15	Excessive Heat		\$135,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2011 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2010-06-12	Flood		\$0 property; \$20,000,000 crops (2010 dollars)	0, 0	SPAULDING to KENT		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2009-10-10	Frost/Freeze		\$0 property; \$2,500,000 crops, reported for the zone (2009 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)
2009-08-09	Thunderstorm Wind	89 kt (102 mph) estimated gust	\$500,000 property; \$50,000 crops (2009 dollars)	0, 0	AFTON		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind

				Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>			
Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>		Location	Flags	Why listed
2001-05-03	Lightning		\$50,000 property; crops not reported (2001 dollars)	0, 0	CRESTON		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
1998-11-10	High Wind	61 kt (70 mph), measurement type not recorded	\$300,000 property; \$5,100 crops, reported for the zone (1998 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone IAZ082 (UNION), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)
1995-05-27	Tornado	F4, 55 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 500 yd wide	\$3,000,000 property; \$80,000 crops (1995 dollars)	0, 2	Creston to to Perry		deaths or injuries recorded
1979-03-29	Tornado	F3, 33.5 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 500 yd wide	\$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1979 dollars)	0, 2	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded

The full list is in the XLSX file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (498 rows).

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

SOURCES

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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.

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
Cold Wave	4.74	event-days per year	about 4.74 days per year	Likely	event-days in 12 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (40%)	90	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 4.74 cold wave event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 12 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together. Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.
Drought	6.28	event-days per year	about 6.28 days per year	Likely	event-days in 10 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (33.3%)	203	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI gives about 6.28 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 10 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	0.000638	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.0638%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor not assigned: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county, and Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
Hail	5.88	events per year	about 5.88 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	223.6 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	7.68	event-days per year	about 7.68 days per year	Likely	event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	110	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 7.68 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	0.00624	events per year	about 1 in 160 years	Unlikely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	2	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	0.562	event-days per year	about 0.562 days per year	Likely	event-days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	38	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.04	event-days per year	about 1.04 days per year	Likely	event-days in 15 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (50%)	29	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Landslide	0.177	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 6 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	45.1	days per year with a strike	about 45.1 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	4.87	events per year	about 4.87 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	185	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.34	events per year	about 1 in 3 years	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	0.00105	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.105%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No Storm Events record of this hazard, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned (the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county)
Winter Weather	11.9	event-days per year	about 11.9 days per year	Likely	event-days in 26 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (86.7%)	226	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

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

SOURCES

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

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
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	70	30	2.33
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	8	30	0.267
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	111	30	3.7
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	18	30	0.6
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	5	30	0.167
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667

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

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

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

Supports B1-f: variation across the planning area

Range of census tract risk within the county

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Avalanche	0 of 4				Not Applicable 4	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 4				Not Applicable 4	
Cold Wave	4 of 4	98.8	99.2	99.5	Very High 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.
Drought	4 of 4	90.8	95.6	99.7	Relatively High 2, Relatively Low 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. 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	4 of 4	18.7	25.6	38.3	Very Low 4	
Hail	4 of 4	93.5	94.8	96.3	Relatively High 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.
Heat Wave	4 of 4	94.8	96.1	97.1	Very High 2, Relatively High 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.
Hurricane	4 of 4	24.2	28.8	35.5	Very Low 4	
Ice Storm	4 of 4	68.3	71.5	76.6	Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Inland Flooding	4 of 4	64.6	68.7	75.5	Relatively Moderate 4	
Landslide	4 of 4	52.2	76.4	94.4	Relatively Low 2, Very Low 2	
Lightning	4 of 4	50.8	59.4	69.5	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	4 of 4	94.3	94.8	96.6	Very High 1, Relatively High 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Tornado	4 of 4	83.8	89.2	95.2	Very High 1, Relatively High 3	
Tsunami	0 of 4				Not Applicable 4	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 4				Not Applicable 4	
Wildfire	4 of 4	70.1	79.7	89.4	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 3	
Winter Weather	4 of 4	81.5	85.2	90.8	Relatively High 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.

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
Union County	County	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$41,695.83	0; no approved plan	
Afton city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-08	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$34,250.69	41; 4	
Arispe city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$9,225.80	12; no approved plan	
Cromwell city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$4,265.51	16; no approved plan	
Lorimor city	City	Approved, expires 2030-04-08	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$28,051.92	41; 0	
Shannon City city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	2; no approved plan	
Thayer city	City	Plan 110159 approved 2025-04-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$4,516.05	9; no approved plan	

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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.

Plan 110159 was approved by FEMA on 2025-04-09 but is not yet adopted here, so no since-plan counts are given.

- 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 plan <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Avalanche											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Coastal Flooding											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Cold Wave	\$3,952,665,437	\$166,422,772	12,125	\$2,477	\$289,443	\$3,520,688	under 0.0001%				
Drought		\$38,345,830			\$2,141,733		5.59% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$6,879,497,055		12,138	\$25,392		\$7,086	0.000369%				
Hail	\$3,952,665,437	\$166,422,772	12,125	\$284,648	\$111,768	\$131,792	0.0072%				
Heat Wave	\$3,952,665,437	\$166,422,772	12,125	\$7,098	\$4	\$1,365,610	0.00018%				
Hurricane	\$3,952,538,582	\$163,512,877	12,125	\$733	\$1,068	under \$1	under 0.0001%				
Ice Storm	\$3,952,454,335		12,123	\$33,712		\$2,116	0.000853%				
Inland Flooding	\$3,951,484,635	\$10,091,002	199	\$2,574,900	\$164,233	\$13,709	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b. EAL as % of exposure: n/a.
Landslide	\$35,438,453		95	\$99		\$2,462	0.00028%				
Lightning	\$3,952,665,437		12,125	\$7,280		\$44,763	0.000184%				
Strong Wind	\$3,952,665,437	\$166,422,772	12,125	\$262,143	\$33,562	\$188,527	0.00663%				
Tornado	\$3,952,665,437	\$166,422,772	12,125	\$721,134	\$4,880	\$501,856	0.0182%				
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county

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 plan <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Wildfire	\$422,194,582	\$73,361,906	2,121	\$32,229	\$563	\$3,707	0.00763%				
Winter Weather	\$3,952,665,437	\$166,422,772	12,125	\$29,858	\$191	\$10,845	0.000755%				

Totals since the plan: not available. Plan 110159 was approved by FEMA on 2025-04-09 but is not yet adopted here, so no since-plan counts are given.

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	12,125
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$3,952,665,437
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$166,422,772
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$6,729,148
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$5,793,163
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively High
Community resilience rating	Relatively High
NRI version	December 2025

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

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Supports B2-c: repetitive loss

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	2	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

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

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Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
CRESTON, CITY OF (community ID not in plan data)	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
State level, not in this county: county not reported	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

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Repeat-flood properties by plan member (NFIP community)

Member	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>	Note
Union County	190910	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Afton city	190538	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Arispe city	195195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cromwell city	190519	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lorimor city	190765	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Shannon City city	190521	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Thayer city	195194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

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County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

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

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

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 2 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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