

Thomas County, KS

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 20193** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	Plan	none
Approved	none	Expires	none
As of	2026-09-28	Update underway	FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption

Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

What changed since your last plan

Not available. No approved plan on record, so there is no approval date to count from.

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Plan clock

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
Thomas County	County	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Brewster city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Colby city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Gem city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Menlo city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Rexford city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Brewster Unified School District 314	School/School District	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Colby Public Schools Unified School District 315	School/School District	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Golden Plains Unified School District 316	School/School District	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Citizen Medical Center	Hospital/ Medical Facility	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Colby community Collage	College/ University	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

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Colby Health & Rehab	Hospital/ Medical Facility	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Family Center Healthcare	Hospital/ Medical Facility	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Heartland Christian School	School/School District	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Prairie Senior Living Center	Hospital/ Medical Facility	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Sacred Heart Catholic School	School/School District	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

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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	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	Hail	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$523,680	\$997,994	\$35,671	\$1,557,345	408		
2	Drought	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate		\$1,554,140		\$1,554,140	68		
3	Inland Flooding	Very Low	Very Low	\$1,346,031	\$6,939	\$7,658	\$1,360,628	37		
4	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$763,434	\$4,596	\$321,139	\$1,089,170	35		

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 Low	Relatively Low	\$482	\$19,649	\$474,683	\$494,814	15		Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
6	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$76,785	\$19,467	\$242,719	\$338,971	403		Includes 86 High Wind records and 3 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
7	Winter Weather	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$76,204	\$529	\$99,114	\$175,847	79		
8	Lightning	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$6,698		\$119,220	\$125,918	3		
9	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$560	\$14	\$40,661	\$41,234	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
10	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$26,419		\$6,612	\$33,030			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
11	Ice Storm	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$21,192		\$9,176	\$30,368	2		
12	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$7,368	\$40	\$328	\$7,736	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.
13	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$6		\$1	\$7	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.
	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).
	Hurricane	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates hurricane Not Applicable for this county, and no counted federal declaration for this county names it (EM-3236-KS names it but is not counted as a local occurrence; see B1-d).	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).

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
	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 2
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 2
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2
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.	2 of 2
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2
Hurricane	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 2
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2
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.	2 of 2
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.	2 of 2
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2
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.	2 of 2

Hazard	Location	Census tracts rated <i>rated of all tracts</i>
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 2
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 2
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.	2 of 2
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	2 of 2

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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	14, 1997 to 2024 (14 zone-level)	1 day to 5 days (median 2 days); 12 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 1997-04-09 to 1997-04-13, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required. 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	1, 2004 to 2004 (1 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 1 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	68, 2000 to 2026 (68 zone-level)	28 days to 670 days (median 108 days); 8 with a recorded value	670 days (about 22.0 months), 2012-07-01 to 2014-05-01, a run of 23 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).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Hail	hail size (inches)	493, 1956 to 2026	0.75 in to 4.25 in (median 1 in); 493 with a recorded value	4.25 in hail, 2010-07-12		Event records naming member places: Colby city (152 records), Brewster city (67 records), Gem city (19 records), Rexford city (16 records), Menlo city (14 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	0					Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's event type and category, so a Hurricane (Typhoon) record, especially an inland or remnant one, does not by itself mean hurricane-force winds here; read the damage and wind columns.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	2, 2007 to 2017 (2 zone- level)		No damage reported in 2 records.		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)	37, 1996 to 2026 (2 zone- level)		Flood, 2009-09-07, \$145,000 property; \$0 crops (2009 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Colby city (18 records), Rexford city (7 records), Brewster city (3 records). Zone-level records (2) 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, 2002 to 2009		Lightning, 2007-04-24, \$50,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)		Event records naming member places: Colby city (3 records).	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)	89, 1996 to 2026 (89 zone- level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 96 kt (110 mph) (median 53 kt (61 mph)); 89 with a recorded value	96 kt (110 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2021-12-15; NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	High Wind, 2012-05-26, \$174,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2012 dollars)	Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	363, 1957 to 2026	36 kt (41 mph) to 87 kt (100 mph) (median 56 kt (64 mph)); 342 with a recorded value	87 kt (100 mph) measured gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2026-06-20; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 2001-06-13, 2022-04-22	Thunderstorm Wind, 2024-07-01, \$100,000 property; crops not reported (2024 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Colby city (129 records), Brewster city (37 records), Rexford city (16 records), Gem city (15 records), Menlo city (5 records).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)	61, 1951 to 2026	F/EF0 to F/EF2 (median F/EF0); 47 with a recorded value	F2 tornado, 1995-05-12, 18 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 1,500 yd wide, \$700,000 property; \$3,500,000 crops (1995 dollars), 1 direct injury		Event records naming member places: Colby city (11 records), Brewster city (10 records), Gem city (2 records), Rexford city (2 records), Menlo 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)	79, 1996 to 2025 (79 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 2006-12-29, \$4,200,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2006 dollars); NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), 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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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 rows13

Counted incidents10

No approved plan on record, so there is no approval date to count from.

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
2026-09-01	2026-06-18	DR-4943-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	not yet in FEMA's PA summaries (they cover declarations through 2026-06-30)		within last 5 years
2024-09-24	2024-06-26	DR-4824-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	none found		within last 5 years
2023-10-26	2023-07-14	DR-4747-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, TORNADOES, AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	none found		within last 5 years
2020-03-29	2020-01-20	DR-4504-KS	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	none placed in this county by FEMA's record; \$16,404.82 for this declaration is not placed in any county (see the list below)		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3481-KS	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4504
2017-06-16	2017-04-28	DR-4319-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM, SNOWSTORM, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND FLOODING	Winter Weather (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Strong Wind	\$9,089.17		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2008-07-09	2008-05-22	DR-1776-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING AND TORNADOES	Inland Flooding; Tornado	none found		
2007-12-12	2007-12-06	EM-3282-KS	Emergency	SEVERE WINTER STORMS	Winter Weather	none found		
2007-01-07	2006-12-28	DR-1675-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	\$574,536.49		
2006-01-26	2005-11-27	DR-1626-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	\$7,991.86		
2005-09-10	2005-09-01	EM-3236-KS	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	none found		
2004-08-03	2004-06-12	DR-1535-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, AND TORNADOES	Inland Flooding; Tornado	none found		
1993-07-22	1993-06-28	DR-1000-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found		

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

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Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1982-06-28	1982-06-28	DR-663-KS	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1958-11-06	1958-11-06	DR-88-KS	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1957-09-05	1957-09-05	DR-81-KS	Major disaster	FLOODS	Inland Flooding		
1955-05-27	1955-05-27	DR-34-KS	Major disaster	TORNADO	Tornado		

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

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

Public Assistance not placed in a county in this state: 4 rows, \$183,565.84

Disaster number	Declared	Applicant	County field in FEMA data	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Why not placed
4504	2020-03-29	Mercy Health Southwest Missouri Kansas Communities	Jasper County	\$16,404.82	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
4449	2019-06-20	Blackwell Industrial Authority	Kay County	\$141,084.67	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1675	2007-01-07	Harlan, Township of	Red Willow County	\$24,861.35	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state
1626	2006-01-26	Harlan, Township of	Red Willow County	\$1,215	county field is a county of another state and the applicant name does not identify a place in the declaring state

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

SOURCE

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

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval records	During plan review records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0			0	0		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	15			4	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Drought	68			23	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0			0	0			No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	493			65	0		1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Hurricane	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Ice Storm	2			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	37			6	7		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

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
Lightning	3			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	452			113	4		1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 86 High Wind records and 3 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	61			10	5		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	79			10	4		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
2026-06-20	Thunderstorm Wind	87 kt (100 mph) measured gust	damage not reported	0, 0	COLBY	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2021-12-15	High Wind	96 kt (110 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)
2016-12-16	Winter Weather		damage not reported	2, 0	NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded
2012-07-01	Drought		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2010-07-12	Hail	4.25 in	\$1,000,000 property; \$9,900,000 crops (2010 dollars)	0, 0	COLBY MUNI ARPT to SPICA		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2009-12-22	Winter Weather		\$155,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2009 dollars)	1, 0	NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2009-09-07	Flood		\$145,000 property; \$0 crops (2009 dollars)	0, 0	SPICA		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2007-04-24	Lightning		\$50,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	0, 0	COLBY		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2006-12-29	Winter Storm		\$4,200,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2006 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2006-08-07	Tornado	F1, 5 mi within this county, 25 yd wide	\$125,000 property; crops not reported (2006 dollars)	0, 4	COLBY		deaths or injuries recorded
1997-04-09	Cold/Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone KSZ014 (THOMAS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
1995-05-12	Tornado	F2, 18 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 1,500 yd wide	\$700,000 property; \$3,500,000 crops (1995 dollars)	0, 1	Colby to Menlo		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado

The full list is in the XLSX file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (1,210 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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FEMA, OpenFEMA HazardMitigationPlanStatuses v1, version 2026-09-26T121003Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v1/HazardMitigationPlanStatuses> (API)

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

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

Supports B1-e: probability

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche		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	5.26	event-days per year	about 5.26 days per year	Likely	event-days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	100	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 5.26 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 11 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	82.2	event-days per year	about 82.2 days per year	Likely	event-days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	2,121	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI gives about 82.2 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 11 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	0.00035	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.035%			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	8.62	events per year	about 8.62 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	327.7 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	1.79	event-days per year	about 1.79 days per year		event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	32	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No recorded event-days, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned
Hurricane		events per year					1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Ice Storm	0.124	event-days per year	about 0.124 days per year	Possible	event-days in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	9	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	0.857	event-days per year	about 0.857 days per year	Likely	event-days in 12 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (40%)	24	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.112	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 9 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	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
Lightning	44.8	days per year with a strike	about 44.8 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	4.71	events per year	about 4.71 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	179	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.975	events per year	about 0.97 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	0.000157	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0157%		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	13.4	event-days per year	about 13.4 days per year	Highly likely	event-days in 27 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (90%)	254	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
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	210	30	7
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	41	30	1.37
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	221	30	7.37
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	63	30	2.1
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	23	30	0.767
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	11	30	0.367

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 2				Not Applicable 2	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 2				Not Applicable 2	
Cold Wave	2 of 2	69.6	81.1	92.7	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Drought	2 of 2	96.0	97.8	99.5	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. 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	2 of 2	29.8	35.8	41.8	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 1	
Hail	2 of 2	98.9	99.3	99.7	Very 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. Agriculture is 64% 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.
Heat Wave	2 of 2	10.4	27.6	44.8	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Hurricane	0 of 2				Not Applicable 2	
Ice Storm	2 of 2	63.8	74.5	85.3	Relatively Moderate 1, 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	2 of 2	45.0	54.5	64.0	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 1	
Landslide	2 of 2	41.1	48.2	55.4	Very Low 2	
Lightning	2 of 2	75.9	87.1	98.2	Very High 1, Relatively Moderate 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Strong Wind	2 of 2	89.1	93.7	98.2	Very High 1, Relatively High 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Tornado	2 of 2	87.4	92.8	98.3	Very High 1, Relatively High 1	
Tsunami	0 of 2				Not Applicable 2	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 2				Not Applicable 2	
Wildfire	2 of 2	76.7	77.2	77.7	Relatively Low 2	
Winter Weather	2 of 2	98.1	99.0	99.8	Very 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.

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

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)

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
Thomas County	County	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$129,249.02	0; no approved plan	
Brewster city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$10,539.50	117; no approved plan	
Colby city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$164,389.24	313; no approved plan	
Gem city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	36; no approved plan	
Menlo city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	20; no approved plan	
Rexford city	City	No approved plan on record. Approvable pending adoption, not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$5,528.16	41; no approved plan	

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.

No approved plan on record, so there is no approval date to count from.

- 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	\$3,454,848,739	\$323,154,119	7,930	\$482	\$19,649	\$474,683	under 0.0001%				
Drought		\$110,248,184			\$1,554,140		1.41% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$6,588,082,062		7,930	\$26,419		\$6,612	0.000401%				
Hail	\$3,454,848,739	\$323,154,119	7,930	\$523,680	\$997,994	\$35,671	0.0152%				
Heat Wave	\$3,454,848,739	\$323,154,119	7,930	\$560	\$14	\$40,661	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Ice Storm	\$3,450,422,113		7,924	\$21,192		\$9,176	0.000614%				
Inland Flooding	\$3,453,431,122	\$702,375	134	\$1,346,031	\$6,939	\$7,658	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	\$5,745,571		14	\$6		\$1	0.000106%				
Lightning	\$3,454,848,739		7,930	\$6,698		\$119,220	0.000194%				
Strong Wind	\$3,454,848,739	\$323,154,119	7,930	\$76,785	\$19,467	\$242,719	0.00222%				

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
Tornado	\$3,454,848,739	\$323,154,119	7,930	\$763,434	\$4,596	\$321,139	0.0221%				
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$669,842,239	\$58,923,518	1,331	\$7,368	\$40	\$328	0.0011%				
Winter Weather	\$3,454,848,739	\$323,154,119	7,930	\$76,204	\$529	\$99,114	0.00221%				

Totals since the plan: not available. No approved plan on record, so there is no approval date to count from.

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	7,930
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$3,454,848,739
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$323,154,119
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Very Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$5,452,225
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)	\$1,356,983
Social vulnerability rating	Very Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively High
NRI version	December 2025

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

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Supports B2-c: repetitive loss

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0	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	0	0	0	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
Thomas County	200612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brewster city	200392	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Colby city	200350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gem city	200877	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Menlo city	200696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rexford city	200452	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

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.

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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	0	0	0	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 0 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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