

Polk County, MN

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2028-06-22. Plan: Polk County (FEMA plan 108909), approved 2023-06-23.

Since the plan was approved on 2023-06-23: no new hazard declaration and 89 NOAA Storm Events records; details under "What changed since your last plan".

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$13,398,893 a year), Cold Wave (\$7,481,081) and Drought (\$1,621,384).

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

TERMS USED

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

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

NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.

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

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

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

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

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

FIPS: the federal code for a place; 27119 is this area.

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

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

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

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.

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

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

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Plan clock

Status:	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Plan:	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)
Approved:	2023-06-23	Days to expiry:	631

What changed since your last plan (approved 2023-06-23)

New federal declarations:	none	Storm Events records since approval:	89 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 1, SRL 3 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 15	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.

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

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county: 18 rows, in the section "Plan clock: Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county" on the following pages.

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

Plan clock

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Polk County	County	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		
Beltrami city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Climax city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Crookston city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-01-23
East Grand Forks city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Erskine city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Fertile city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Fisher city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Fosston city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Gully city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Lengby city	City	Plan 108909 approved 2023-06-23, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909), pending adoption here	2023-06-23 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2028-06-22 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
McIntosh city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Mentor city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24

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Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires			
Nielsville city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Trail city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Winger city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-09-24
Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District	Water/Sewer Authority	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-11-20
Wild Rice Watershed District	Water/Sewer Authority	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	Polk County (FEMA plan 108909)	2023-06-23	2028-06-22	631		this jurisdiction approved 2024-12-30

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

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

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

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings modeled dollars per year	EAL agriculture modeled dollars per year	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) modeled dollars per year	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 count	Why this hazard can be left out <i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$13,377,708	\$12,988	\$8,196	\$13,398,893	61		
2	Cold Wave	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$4,692	\$2,494,405	\$4,981,984	\$7,481,081	88		Includes 10 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
3	Drought	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	n/a	\$1,621,384	n/a	\$1,621,384	18		
4	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$1,052,144	\$9,961	\$105,475	\$1,167,581	60		
5	Hail	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$313,830	\$688,733	\$3,347	\$1,005,910	384		
6	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$361,140	\$358,426	\$150,507	\$870,073	317		Includes 37 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
7	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$574,087	\$3,929	\$29,627	\$607,643	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
8	Winter Weather	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$295,599	\$4,175	\$180,887	\$480,662	204		

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Why this hazard can be left out <i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	Storm Events coverage note
9	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$100,192	n/a	\$6,364	\$106,556	7		
10	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$818	\$2	\$98,634	\$99,454	4		
11	Lightning	Very Low	Very Low	\$15,021	n/a	\$39,579	\$54,600	4		
12	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$4,858	n/a	\$1,040	\$5,898			Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
13	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$184	n/a	\$1,677	\$1,861	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Hurricane	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates hurricane Not Applicable for this county, and no counted federal declaration for this county names it (EM-3242-MN 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).

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

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

Local data needed: state and local wildfire and landslide records (Storm Events records these hazards only in part).

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

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

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

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

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Earthquake	tract 206 (Very Low, 7.3); tract 202 (Very Low, 5.9); tract 210 (Very Low, 5.0)
Hurricane	no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard
Landslide	tract 210 (Relatively Low, 91.9); tract 205 (Relatively Low, 89.2); tract 209 (Relatively Low, 88.0)
Tornado	tract 209 (Relatively Moderate, 74.2); tract 210 (Relatively Moderate, 72.7); tract 206 (Relatively Moderate, 70.6)
Wildfire	tract 209 (Relatively High, 97.1); tract 210 (Relatively High, 96.8); tract 208 (Relatively Moderate, 94.9)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 206 is Census Tract 206). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

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

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	78 records, 1996 to 2026 (78 zone-level)	1 day to 10 days (median 2 days); 62 with a recorded value	10 consecutive days, 2021-02-06 to 2021-02-15, zone-level	Cold/Wind Chill, 2003-03-08, \$21,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2003 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	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's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	10 records, 2008 to 2026 (10 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 10 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	18 records, 2006 to 2023 (18 zone-level)	19 days to 260 days (median 64.5 days); 4 with a recorded value	260 days (about 8.5 months), 2006-07-18 to 2007-04-03, a run of 11 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	423 records, 1956 to 2025	0.75 in to 3.5 in (median 1 in); 423 with a recorded value	3.5 in hail, 1957-07-06; same size also recorded on 1956-08-15	Hail, 2018-07-08, \$20,000 property; \$200,000 crops (2018 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Crookston city (38 records), East Grand Forks city (38 records), Erskine city (17 records), Fertile city (16 records), Mentor city (14 records), Climax city (13 records), Winger city (13 records), Beltrami city (12 records), Fosston city (12 records), Gully city (12 records); and 4 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	4 records, 2001 to 2020 (4 zone-level)	1 day to 5 days (median 2 days); 3 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2011-07-16 to 2011-07-20, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	7 records, 1996 to 2009 (7 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 1997-04-04, \$2,000,000 property; crops not reported (1997 dollars); NWS zone MNZ001		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	61 records, 1996 to 2024 (7 zone-level)		Flood, 1997-04-17, \$600,000,000 property; crops not reported (1997 dollars); NWS zone MNZ001		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: East Grand Forks city (15 records), Crookston city (8 records), Nielsville city (6 records), Fosston city (4 records), Erskine city (3 records), Climax city (2 records), Fisher city (2 records), Lengby city (2 records), Fertile city (1 record), Gully city (1 record); and 1 more jurisdiction (see the Excel file). Zone- level records (7) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	0					
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	4 records, 1998 to 2022		Lightning, 1998-05-14, \$200,000 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Crookston city (1 record), East Grand Forks city (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	39 records, 1997 to 2026 (39 zone-level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 75 kt (86 mph) (median 51 kt (59 mph)); 38 with a recorded value	75 kt (86 mph), measurement type not recorded, High Wind, 1999-12-25; NWS zone MNZ001	High Wind, 1997-09-01, \$2,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1997 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	319 records, 1956 to 2026	50 kt (58 mph) to 96 kt (110 mph) (median 55 kt (63 mph)); 235 with a recorded value	96 kt (110 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2005-06-23	Thunderstorm Wind, 2001-08-08, \$500,000 property; crops not reported (2001 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: East Grand Forks city (25 records), Crookston city (20 records), Erskine city (19 records), Fisher city (13 records), Climax city (9 records), Nielsville city (7 records), Fosston city (6 records), Mentor city (6 records), Beltrami city (5 records), Fertile city (5 records); and 4 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	82 records, 1955 to 2025	F/EF0 to F/EF3 (median F/EF0); 79 with a recorded value	EF3 tornado, 2010-06-17, 9 mi within this county, 150 yd wide, damage not reported, 1 direct death, 2 direct injuries	Tornado, 2018-06-29, \$6,500,000 property; \$500,000 crops (2018 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Fisher city (7 records), Gully city (5 records), Beltrami city (4 records), Mentor city (4 records), Winger city (4 records), Crookston city (3 records), East Grand Forks city (3 records), Fertile city (3 records), Fosston city (3 records), Nielsville city (3 records); and 3 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	204 records, 1996 to 2026 (204 zone-level)		Blizzard, 1997-04-05, \$5,000,000 property; crops not reported (1997 dollars); NWS zone MNZ001		Countywide (zone-level records).	

Where a hazard names more than 10 jurisdictions, the table lists the 10 with the most records; every one is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-c Extent".

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

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 31 declarations covering 25 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2022-07-13	2022-04-22	DR-4659-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind	\$1,360,148.85	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2020-04-07	2020-01-20	DR-4531-MN	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$144,047.65		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3453-MN	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4531
2019-06-12	2019-03-12	DR-4442-MN	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Winter Weather	\$696,280.93		
2018-09-05	2018-06-15	DR-4390-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Tornado	\$82,522.40		
2011-05-10	2011-03-16	DR-1982-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$948,481.09		
2010-07-02	2010-06-17	DR-1921-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Tornado (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	\$67,055.91		
2010-04-19	2010-03-01	DR-1900-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$490,650.34		
2010-03-19	2010-03-01	EM-3310-MN	Emergency	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-1900
2009-04-09	2009-03-16	DR-1830-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$1,193,326.97		
2009-03-26	2009-03-16	EM-3304-MN	Emergency	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-1830
2006-06-05	2006-03-30	DR-1648-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding: designated for Hazard Mitigation only (no Public or Individual Assistance for this county); not counted	\$458,961.92		FEMA's declaration record does not list Public Assistance, but FEMA's PA project summaries show obligations for this county
2005-09-13	2005-08-29	EM-3242-MN	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2002-06-14	2002-06-09	DR-1419-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding and Tornadoes	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$803,967.24		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2001-05-16	2001-03-23	DR-1370-MN	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Ice Storm, Tornado, Winter Weather	\$1,130,128.57		
1999-08-26	1999-03-01	DR-1288-MN	Major disaster	Severe Ice Storm and Flooding	Ice Storm (primary); also designated: Winter Weather	\$382,552.96		
1997-04-08	1997-03-21	DR-1175-MN	Major disaster	Severe Flooding, High Winds, Severe Storms	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind	no Public Assistance recorded		
1997-01-16	1997-01-03	DR-1158-MN	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-06-01	1996-03-14	DR-1116-MN	Major disaster	Flooding and Severe Storms	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-06-11	1993-05-06	DR-993-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1989-05-08	1989-03-29	DR-824-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1987-08-06	1987-07-20	DR-797-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1979-04-30	1979-04-30	DR-582-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1978-07-08	1978-07-08	DR-560-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, Hail & Tornadoes	Hail; Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1978-04-22	1978-04-22	DR-555-MN	Major disaster	Storms, Ice Jams, Snowmelt & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1976-06-17	1976-06-17	EM-3013-MN	Emergency	Drought	Drought	no Public Assistance recorded		
1975-07-17	1975-07-17	DR-476-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1970-07-22	1970-07-22	DR-291-MN	Major disaster	Heavy Rains & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1969-04-18	1969-04-18	DR-255-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1966-03-22	1966-03-22	DR-215-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1965-04-11	1965-04-11	DR-188-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		

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

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
1957-06-22	1957-06-22	DR-80-MN	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding

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

7 Fire Management declarations (1976-09-08 to 1976-10-01) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Public Assistance filed under this county for declarations that do not list it: 5 rows, \$56,729.67

Sources: 2, 3

FEMA number	Declared	Title	Applicant	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>
DR-1622-MN	2006-01-04	Severe Winter Storm	Wild Rice Electric Cooperative	\$27,280.39
DR-1333-MN	2000-06-27	Severe Storms and Flooding	POPPLE (TOWNSHIP OF)	\$768
DR-1333-MN	2000-06-27	Severe Storms and Flooding	ISLAND LAKE (TOWNSHIP OF)	\$6,187.96
DR-1333-MN	2000-06-27	Severe Storms and Flooding	DO NOT USE Clover, Township of (Mahnomen County)	\$16,815.23
DR-1283-MN	1999-07-28	Severe Storms, Winds, and Flooding	Wild Rice Electric Cooperative	\$5,678.09

FEMA's Public Assistance summaries file these applicants under this county, but FEMA's declaration rows for these disasters do not designate it (an electric cooperative or district serving several counties, for example). Not in any declaration row above and not counted.

Public Assistance not placed in any Minnesota county: 14 rows, \$9,133,931.59; listed on the Minnesota state page.

Source: 3

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval records	In the 12 months before plan approval records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Cold Wave	88	8	4	21	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 10 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	18	1	0	1	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	423	11	5	26	1	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	4	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Ice Storm	7	0	0	0	2	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	61	4	3	8	22	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Lightning	4	0	1	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	358	41	16	66	4	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 37 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	82	7	0	8	8	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Winter Weather	204	17	8	38	4	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Why listed
2021-02-06	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2021 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ001 (WEST POLK), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill
2011-07-16	Excessive Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ001 (WEST POLK), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2010-06-17	Tornado	EF3, 9 mi within this county, 150 yd wide	damage not reported	1, 2	MAPLE BAY to MENTOR	deaths or injuries recorded
2006-07-18	Drought		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ001 (WEST POLK), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2005-06-23	Thunderstorm Wind	96 kt (110 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 0	CROOKSTON	B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
1999-12-25	High Wind	75 kt (86 mph), measurement type not recorded	damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ001 (WEST POLK), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
1997-04-17	Flood		\$600,000,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1997 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ001 (WEST POLK), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
1997-04-05	Blizzard		\$5,000,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1997 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ001 (WEST POLK), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
1997-04-04	Ice Storm		\$2,000,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1997 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ001 (WEST POLK), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm
1978-07-05	Tornado	F2, 21.3 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 400 yd wide	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	1, 9	location not recorded	deaths or injuries recorded
1975-08-31	Tornado	F1, 4.3 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 30 yd wide	\$250,000 property; crops not recorded (1975 dollars)	2, 0	location not recorded	deaths or injuries recorded
1957-07-06	Hail	3.5 in	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded	B1-c worst recorded: Hail

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (1,249 rows).

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

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

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

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

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Cold Wave	20.8	event-days per year	about 20.8 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 23 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (76.7%)	395	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	8.35	event-days per year	about 8.35 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	385	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	
Earthquake	0.000089	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0089%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	3.59	events per year	about 3.59 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	136.3 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	1.07	event-days per year	about 1.07 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	14.1	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane		events per year					1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Ice Storm	0.273	event-days per year	about 0.273 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	19	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.71	event-days per year	about 1.71 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 21 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (70%)	48	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.21	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 5 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	27.6	days per year with a strike	about 27.6 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.01	events per year	about 2.01 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	77	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	1.21	events per year	about 1.21 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	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
Wildfire	0.00529	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.529%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Winter Weather	22.7	event-days per year	about 22.7 days per year	Highly likely	Storm Events event- days in 30 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (100%)	430	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

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

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

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

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

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	212	30	7.07
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	9	30	0.3
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	183	30	6.1
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	46	30	1.53
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	48	30	1.6
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	49	30	1.63
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	8	30	0.267
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1

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

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

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

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

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Cold Wave	10 of 10	90.4	98.0	99.4	Very High 7, Relatively High 3
Drought	10 of 10	77.3	90.8	99.0	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 4, Very Low 1
Earthquake	10 of 10	1.2	4.5	7.3	Very Low 10
Hail	10 of 10	56.6	87.4	96.9	Relatively High 5, Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 1
Heat Wave	10 of 10	6.7	10.4	37.5	Relatively Low 2, Very Low 8
Hurricane	0 of 10				Not Applicable 10
Ice Storm	10 of 10	40.0	70.9	87.9	Relatively Moderate 6, Relatively Low 4
Inland Flooding	10 of 10	16.9	82.0	98.3	Very High 3, Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 2
Landslide	10 of 10	36.2	75.3	91.9	Relatively Low 5, Very Low 5
Lightning	10 of 10	18.8	25.3	51.5	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 8, Very Low 1
Strong Wind	10 of 10	57.7	89.2	95.6	Relatively High 6, Relatively Moderate 4

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Tornado	10 of 10	41.5	61.2	74.2	Relatively Moderate 8, Relatively Low 2
Wildfire	10 of 10	27.8	78.5	97.1	Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 3, Very Low 4
Winter Weather	10 of 10	93.4	97.7	99.6	Very High 9, Relatively High 1

Drought: Agriculture is all of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Hail: Agriculture is 68% of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

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

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

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

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Polk County	County	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 1, SRL 2; any 10	\$89,178.02	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Beltrami city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$22,924.13	21 total; 4 since its plan	
Climax city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$37,365.63	25 total; 1 since its plan	
Crookston city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$308,492.39	70 total; 2 since its plan	Includes \$32,478.67 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-1648-MN).
East Grand Forks city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 4	\$1,505,178.26	82 total; 3 since its plan	Includes \$63,113.59 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-1648-MN).
Erskine city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$24,768	40 total; 1 since its plan	
Fertile city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$56,750.51	25 total; 1 since its plan	Includes \$6,044.20 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-1648-MN).
Fisher city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$42,837.82	31 total; 0 since its plan	
Fosston city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$78,328.78	25 total; 0 since its plan	
Gully city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	23 total; 1 since its plan	

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place	Notes
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since its plan</i>	
Lengby city	City	Plan 108909 approved 2023-06-23, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$10,294.50	14 total; no approved plan	
McIntosh city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$19,941.10	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Mentor city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	24 total; 2 since its plan	
Nielsville city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$9,975	24 total; 5 since its plan	
Trail city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	14 total; 0 since its plan	
Winger city	City	Approved, expires 2028-06-22	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$9,538.50	23 total; 1 since its plan	

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

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

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

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

Local data needed

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

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

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

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

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-06-23 <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
Cold Wave	\$9,918,948,934	\$553,301,825	31,153	\$4,692	\$2,494,405	\$4,981,984	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$253,585,066	n/a	n/a	\$1,621,384	n/a	0.639% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$17,338,165,492	n/a	31,192	\$4,858	n/a	\$1,040	under 0.0001%				
Hail	\$9,918,948,934	\$553,301,825	31,153	\$313,830	\$688,733	\$3,347	0.00316%				
Heat Wave	\$9,918,948,934	\$553,301,825	31,153	\$818	\$2	\$98,634	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Ice Storm	\$9,917,323,606	n/a	31,149	\$100,192	n/a	\$6,364	0.00101%				
Inland Flooding	\$9,905,640,579	\$41,029,588	1,404	\$13,377,708	\$12,988	\$8,196	n/a (see note)	\$5,000			NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$55,577,504	n/a	168	\$184	n/a	\$1,677	0.000331%				
Lightning	\$9,918,948,934	n/a	31,153	\$15,021	n/a	\$39,579	0.000151%				
Strong Wind	\$9,918,948,934	\$553,301,825	31,153	\$361,140	\$358,426	\$150,507	0.00364%	\$2,500	\$0		
Tornado	\$9,918,948,934	\$553,301,825	31,153	\$1,052,144	\$9,961	\$105,475	0.0106%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-06-23 <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	\$1,433,318,632	\$100,653,769	4,638	\$574,087	\$3,929	\$29,627	0.0401%				
Winter Weather	\$9,918,948,934	\$553,301,825	31,153	\$295,599	\$4,175	\$180,887	0.00298%		\$0		

Totals since 2023-06-23 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 57 county-coded records, 6 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$7,500; 32 zone-level records, 8 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: no counted declaration since the plan.

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

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

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

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	31,153
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$9,918,948,934
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$553,301,825
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$21,294,277
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)	\$5,607,316
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively High
NRI version	December 2025

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	1	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	3
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	14	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	1

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

Repeat-flood properties: county total and NFIP communities

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA properties	SRL, FMA properties	RL, NFIP properties	SRL, NFIP properties	Any category properties	Mitigated properties	Currently insured properties
County total	1	3	14	1	15	1	2
of which: Crookston city	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Polk County (unincorporated area)	1	2	10	1	10	0	2
of which: East Grand Forks city	0	1	3	0	4	1	0

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

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA properties	SRL, FMA properties	RL, NFIP properties	SRL, NFIP properties	Any category properties	Mitigated properties	Currently insured properties
Polk County	270503	1	2	10	1	10	0	2
Beltrami city	270362	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Climax city	270363	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crookston city	270364	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
East Grand Forks city	275236	0	1	3	0	4	1	0
Erskine city	270924	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fertile city	270921	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fisher city	270366	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fosston city	270922	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gully city	270925	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lengby city	270923	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McIntosh city	270588	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mentor city	270367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nielsville city	270590	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Trail city	270926	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winger city	270613	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	1	3	13	1	14	1	2
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	1	0	1	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

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

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 13 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

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

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

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

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