

Columbus County, NC

Risk-assessment baseline packet

Unit **County area 37047** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Plan	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)
Approved	2025-09-16	Expires	2030-09-15
As of	2026-09-28	Days	1,448 days to expiry

What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-09-16)

New federal declarations	EM-3637-NC (1 declaration row; 1 counted incident)	Storm Events records since approval	10 (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now	FMA RL 26, SRL 14 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 91	Repeat-flood change	First release: no prior release to compare.

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

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
Columbus County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-05-12
Boardman town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-09-18
Bolton town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		
Brunswick town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-08-14
Cerro Gordo town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		

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Chadbourn town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-02-09
Fair Bluff town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		
Lake Waccamaw town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-09-14
Sandyfield town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-01-26
Tabor City town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-01-26
Whiteville city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional (FEMA plan 111051)	2025-09-16	2030-09-15	1,448		member approved 2026-06-17

Plan 111051 lists 24 other participants not on this page, 10 of them not covered by it yet (named in the XLSX file).

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

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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 <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
1	Hurricane	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$19,320,969	\$2,261,333	\$547,084	\$22,129,385	9		
2	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$6,168,073	\$153,983	\$672,698	\$6,994,754	59		
3	Strong Wind	Very High	Relatively High	\$1,434,378	\$1,572,788	\$1,035,746	\$4,042,912	231		Includes 7 High Wind records and 2 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
4	Tornado	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$958,002	\$5,391	\$1,962,476	\$2,925,869	23		
5	Heat Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$52	\$482	\$1,466,448	\$1,466,981	5		
6	Earthquake	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$872,435		\$530,445	\$1,402,880			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
7	Lightning	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$27,960		\$1,174,286	\$1,202,245	16		
8	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$2,986	\$76,940	\$1,006,098	\$1,086,024	2		Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
9	Ice Storm	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$264,757		\$25,225	\$289,982	1		

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10	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$181,914	\$945	\$30,469	\$213,328	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
11	Winter Weather	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$6,466	\$208	\$160,744	\$167,417	17		
12	Hail	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$102,789	\$28,755	\$9,332	\$140,875	140		
13	Drought	Relatively Low	Relatively Low		\$80,722		\$80,722	11		
14	Coastal Flooding	Very Low	Very Low	\$110		\$12	\$122	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
15	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$38		\$1	\$38	0		Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
	Avalanche	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates avalanche Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	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 15
Coastal 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.	1 of 15
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15
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.	15 of 15
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15
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.	15 of 15
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15
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.	15 of 15
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.	15 of 15
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15
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.	15 of 15
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 15
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 15
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.	15 of 15
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	15 of 15

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)

Supports B1-c: extent

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

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide	none in data (FIRM for depth)	0					Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	0					Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required.
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	2, 2017 to 2017 (2 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 2 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	11, 1999 to 2011 (11 zone-level)	1 day to 152 days (median 25 days); 6 with a recorded value	152 days (5 months), 2007-10-01 to 2008-02-29, a run of 5 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	hail size (inches)	179, 1966 to 2025	0.7 in to 2.75 in (median 1 in); 179 with a recorded value	2.75 in hail, 2011-04-28	Hail, 1994-05-03, property not recorded; \$5,000,000 crops (1994 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Whiteville city (30 records), Tabor City town (15 records), Bolton town (14 records), Chadbourn town (10 records), Lake Waccamaw town (7 records), Cerro Gordo town (5 records), Fair Bluff town (3 records), Brunswick town (2 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	5, 1999 to 2015 (5 zone-level)	2 days to 13 days (median 4 days); 5 with a recorded value	13 consecutive days, 2015-06-14 to 2015-06-26, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	9, 2004 to 2022 (9 zone-level)		Strongest recorded (records with damage, a wind speed or direct casualties first, then storm type, category and wind): Hurricane (Typhoon) record, 2004-08-14, \$150,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2004 dollars); NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	Most damaging recorded: Tropical Storm, 2016-10-08, \$91,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2016 dollars)	Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's event type and category, so a Hurricane (Typhoon) record, especially an inland or remnant one, does not by itself mean hurricane-force winds here; read the damage and wind columns.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	1, 2004 to 2004 (1 zone- level)		Ice Storm, 2004-01-26, \$6,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2004 dollars); NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Ice thickness: in event narratives only; local data required.
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (FIRM for depth)	59, 1996 to 2025		Flash Flood, 1999-09-15, \$30,000,000 property; \$10,000,000 crops (1999 dollars), 1 direct death, 1 direct injury		Event records naming member places: Whiteville city (16 records), Tabor City town (4 records), Chadbourn town (3 records), Lake Waccamaw town (3 records), Cerro Gordo town (2 records), Bolton town (1 record), Brunswick town (1 record).	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage can be \$0 or blank even for a major flood, so the worst record here may not be the worst flood; compare FEMA Public Assistance by declaration in B1-d.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	16, 1996 to 2023		Lightning, 1999-07-24, damage not reported, 2 direct deaths	Lightning, 1998-07-24, \$250,000 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Whiteville city (6 records), Lake Waccamaw town (2 records), Bolton town (1 record), Brunswick town (1 record), Chadbourn town (1 record).	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)	9, 1996 to 2015 (9 zone- level)	39 kt (45 mph) to 75 kt (86 mph) (median 60 kt (69 mph)); 9 with a recorded value	75 kt (86 mph), measurement type not recorded, High Wind, 1996-09-05, 1 direct injury (reported for the zone); NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	273, 1961 to 2026	50 kt (58 mph) to 75 kt (86 mph) (median 52 kt (60 mph)); 225 with a recorded value	75 kt (86 mph), measurement type not recorded, Thunderstorm Wind, 1998-06-15; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 1998-03-09	Thunderstorm Wind, 1994-05-03, \$5,000,000 property; crops not recorded (1994 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Whiteville city (49 records), Chadbourn town (19 records), Tabor City town (18 records), Lake Waccamaw town (13 records), Cerro Gordo town (11 records), Fair Bluff town (6 records), Bolton town (5 records), Brunswick town (3 records), Boardman town (2 records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to members	Note
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)	34, 1950 to 2026	F/EF0 to F/EF3 (median F/EF1); 33 with a recorded value	F3 tornado, 2006-11-16, 2.15 mi within this county, 300 yd wide, \$500,000 property; \$0 crops (2006 dollars), 8 direct deaths, 20 direct injuries	Tornado, 1984-03-28, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1984 dollars)	Event records naming member places: Bolton town (2 records), Cerro Gordo town (2 records), Boardman town (1 record), Brunswick town (1 record), Chadbourn town (1 record), Fair Bluff town (1 record), Lake Waccamaw town (1 record), Tabor City town (1 record), Whiteville 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)	17, 2000 to 2026 (17 zone- level)		Heavy Snow, 2010-12-26, \$5,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2010 dollars); NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Snow depth: in event narratives only; local data required.

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

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

SOURCES

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

Supports B1-d: previous occurrences

Declaration rows

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Counted incidents

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Federal disaster declarations for this county

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		Flags	Notes
2026-01-24	2026-01-21	EM-3637-NC	Emergency	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found		new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2024-09-26	2024-09-25	EM-3617-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE HELENE	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Landslide	none found		during plan review, check whether your last plan included it; within last 5 years	
2024-08-06	2024-08-05	EM-3608-NC	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM DEBBY	Hurricane	\$223,078.53		within last 5 years	
2022-10-01	2022-09-28	EM-3586-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE IAN	Hurricane	\$23,625.35		within last 5 years	
2020-10-14	2020-07-31	DR-4568-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE ISAIAS	Hurricane	none found			
2020-08-02	2020-07-31	EM-3534-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE ISAIAS	Hurricane	none found			same incident as DR-4568
2020-03-25	2020-01-20	DR-4487-NC	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$328,886.94			
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3471-NC	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found			same incident as DR-4487
2019-10-04	2019-09-01	DR-4465-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE DORIAN	Hurricane	\$323,244.24			
2019-09-03	2019-09-01	EM-3423-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE DORIAN	Hurricane	none found			same incident as DR-4465
2018-09-14	2018-09-07	DR-4393-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE FLORENCE	Hurricane	\$3,664,738.36			
2018-09-10	2018-09-07	EM-3401-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE FLORENCE	Hurricane	none found			same incident as DR-4393
2016-10-10	2016-10-04	DR-4285-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE MATTHEW	Hurricane	\$3,130,936.05			
2016-10-07	2016-10-04	EM-3380-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE MATTHEW	Hurricane	none found			same incident as DR-4285
2011-08-31	2011-08-25	DR-4019-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE IRENE	Hurricane	\$80,504.93			
2011-08-25	2011-08-25	EM-3327-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE IRENE	Hurricane	none found			same incident as DR-4019
2010-09-01	2010-09-01	EM-3314-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE EARL	Hurricane	none found			
2005-09-14	2005-09-11	EM-3254-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE OPHELIA	Hurricane	\$8,655.63			
2005-09-05	2005-08-29	EM-3222-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUATION	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	none found			
2004-09-10	2004-09-07	DR-1546-NC	Major disaster	TROPICAL STORM FRANCES	Hurricane	PA not declared for this county			
2003-09-18	2003-09-18	DR-1490-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE ISABEL	Hurricane	PA not declared for this county			

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
1999-09-16	1999-09-15	DR-1292-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE FLOYD MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATIONS	Hurricane	\$1,201,273.73		
1999-09-15	1999-09-15	EM-3146-NC	Emergency	HURRICANE FLOYD EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS	Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-1292
1998-08-27	1998-08-20	DR-1240-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE BONNIE	Hurricane	none found		
1996-09-06	1996-09-05	DR-1134-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE FRAN	Hurricane	none found		
1996-07-18	1996-07-10	DR-1127-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE BERTHA	Hurricane	PA not declared for this county		
1993-03-17	1993-03-13	EM-3110-NC	Emergency	SEVERE SNOWFALL & WINTER STORM	Winter Weather	none found		
1984-09-21	1984-09-11	DR-724-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE DIANA	Hurricane	none found		
1977-08-11	1977-08-11	EM-3049-NC	Emergency	DROUGHT	Drought	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.

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

SOURCES

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

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

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

Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1964-10-13	1964-10-13	DR-179-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1962-03-16	1962-03-16	DR-130-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORM, HIGH TIDES & FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Coastal Flooding		
1960-09-16	1960-09-16	DR-107-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE DONNA	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1958-10-01	1958-10-01	DR-87-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE & SEVERE STORM	Hurricane		
1956-04-24	1956-04-24	DR-56-NC	Major disaster	SEVERE STORM	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted		
1955-08-13	1955-08-13	DR-37-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANES	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		
1954-10-17	1954-10-17	DR-28-NC	Major disaster	HURRICANE	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding		

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

1 Fire Management declaration (1986-05-10 to 1986-05-10) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

SOURCE

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

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	During plan review <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Coastal Flooding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	2	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 2 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Drought	11	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	179	1	3	7	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	5	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	9	0	0	1	17	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	59	2	4	14	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Lightning	16	0	0	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	282	4	10	36	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 7 High Wind records and 2 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	34	1	0	3	0	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Tsunami	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Volcanic Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
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	17	2	1	4	2	1	1996 to 2026-06-30	

SOURCES

NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>FEMA, OpenFEMA DisasterDeclarationsSummaries v2, version 2026-09-27T010817Z, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.fema.gov/api/open/v2/DisasterDeclarationsSummaries> (API)NOAA National Weather Service, NWS county-public forecast zones correlation file, version bp03mr20 to bp16ap26 (11 files; newest bp16ap26), pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.weather.gov/gis/ZoneCounty>

Notable Storm Events records

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2015-06-14	Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2011-04-28	Hail	2.75 in	\$5,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	0, 0	GRIST		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2010-12-26	Heavy Snow		\$5,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2010 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2007-10-01	Drought		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2006-11-16	Tornado	F3, 2.15 mi within this county, 300 yd wide	\$500,000 property; \$0 crops (2006 dollars)	8, 20	RIEGELWOOD to ARMOUR		deaths or injuries recorded
2004-08-14	Hurricane (Typhoon)		\$150,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2004 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
2004-01-26	Ice Storm		\$6,000,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2004 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Ice Storm
1999-09-15	Flash Flood		\$30,000,000 property; \$10,000,000 crops (1999 dollars)	1, 1	BOLTON		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
1999-07-24	Lightning		damage not reported	2, 0	CHADBOURN		deaths or injuries recorded
1999-07-20	Heat		damage not reported	1, 15	NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded
1998-06-15	Thunderstorm Wind	75 kt (86 mph), measurement type not recorded	\$30,000 property; \$5,000 crops (1998 dollars)	0, 0	EVERGREEN to HALLSBORO		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
1996-09-05	High Wind	75 kt (86 mph), measurement type not recorded	\$18,000,000 property; \$18,000,000 crops, reported for the zone (1996 dollars)	0, 1	NWS zone NCZ099 (COLUMBUS), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)

The full list is in the **XLSX** file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (615 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

NOAA NCEI, NOAA NCEI Storm Events Database, details files (csvfiles v1.0), version c20260918, pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/swdi/stormevents/csvfiles/>
 NOAA National Weather Service, NWS county-public forecast zones correlation file, version bp03mr20 to bp16ap26 (11 files; newest bp16ap26), pulled 2026-09-28, <https://www.weather.gov/gis/ZoneCounty>
 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	0.01	events per year at a location (modeled)	about 0.01 per year at a given location in the county		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)
Cold Wave	0.474	event-days per year	about 0.474 days per year		event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	9.01	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No recorded event-days, 1996 to 2025; descriptor not assigned. Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.
Drought	9.24	event-days per year	about 9.24 days per year	Likely	event-days in 6 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (20%)	350	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI gives about 9.24 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 6 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	0.00207	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.207%			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	3.01	events per year	about 3.01 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	114.3 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	8.48	event-days per year	about 8.48 days per year	Likely	event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	137	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 8.48 heat wave event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 4 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.

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
Hurricane	0.31	events per year	about 1 in 3 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	115	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are counted separately in B1-d and need not match.
Ice Storm	0.709	event-days per year	about 0.709 days per year	Possible	event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	48	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.14	event-days per year	about 1.14 days per year	Likely	event-days in 17 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (56.7%)	32	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.139	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 7 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	58	days per year with a strike	about 58 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.56	events per year	about 2.56 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	98	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.534	events per year	about 0.53 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	0.00133	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.133%		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)

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
Winter Weather	1.84	event-days per year	about 1.84 days per year	Likely	event-days in 10 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (33.3%)	35	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 1.84 winter weather 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 10 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.

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

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

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

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

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	75	30	2.5
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	189	30	6.3
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	29	30	0.967
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	21	30	0.7
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

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

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

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

Supports B1-f: variation across the planning area

Range of census tract risk within the county

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Avalanche	0 of 15				Not Applicable 15	
Coastal Flooding	1 of 15	73.4	73.4	73.4	Very Low 1, No Rating 14	
Cold Wave	15 of 15	46.2	65.0	76.5	Relatively Moderate 14, 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.
Drought	15 of 15	81.6	85.3	91.0	Relatively Low 15	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	15 of 15	50.1	70.6	83.8	Relatively Moderate 6, Relatively Low 9	
Hail	15 of 15	36.9	60.7	71.4	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 12, 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.

Hazard	Tracts rated of all	Risk score min NRI score, 0 to 100	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Heat Wave	15 of 15	62.2	83.3	91.4	Relatively High 7, Relatively Moderate 8	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	15 of 15	90.9	97.6	99.6	Very High 10, Relatively High 5	
Ice Storm	15 of 15	58.4	86.1	94.2	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 8, Relatively Low 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Inland Flooding	15 of 15	9.3	50.5	76.8	Relatively Moderate 8, Relatively Low 5, Very Low 2	
Landslide	15 of 15	22.5	41.8	69.2	Very Low 15	
Lightning	15 of 15	90.2	98.2	99.5	Very High 12, Relatively High 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Strong Wind	15 of 15	94.4	99.1	99.8	Very High 12, Relatively High 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Tornado	15 of 15	58.3	81.8	93.9	Very High 1, Relatively High 9, Relatively Moderate 5	
Tsunami	0 of 15				Not Applicable 15	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 15				Not Applicable 15	
Wildfire	15 of 15	79.1	86.7	92.4	Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 11	
Winter Weather	15 of 15	71.6	87.6	94.0	Relatively High 12, Relatively Moderate 3	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.

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

SOURCE

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 FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition	Public Assistance matched federal share obligated, nominal dollars	Event records naming this place all years; since the member's plan	Notes
Columbus County (unincorporated area)	Unincorporated	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 11, SRL 3; any 38	\$2,792,744.24	0; 0	Includes \$328,886.94 for declarations not counted as hazard incidents (DR-4487-NC).
Boardman town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 1, SRL 1; any 1	\$3,305.96	3; 0	

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
Bolton town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$83,578.66	23; 0	
Brunswick town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$36,219.32	8; 0	
Cerro Gordo town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	none found	20; 1	
Chadbourne town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$136,585.60	34; 0	
Fair Bluff town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 7, SRL 3; any 10	\$183,228.42	10; 0	
Lake Waccamaw town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 2, SRL 0; any 11	\$510,659.77	26; 0	
Sandyfield town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$63,631.13	0; 0	
Tabor City town	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 5	\$1,321,194.10	38; 0	
Whiteville city	Town	Approved, expires 2030-09-15	FMA RL 5, SRL 7; any 26	\$1,646,092.01	102; 2	

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

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

Local data required

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

- 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 2025-09-16 <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	\$34,253,455		257	\$110		\$12	0.000321%				
Cold Wave	\$8,998,203,091	\$208,624,961	50,557	\$2,986	\$76,940	\$1,006,098	under 0.0001%				
Drought		\$58,592,295			\$80,722		0.138% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$16,052,227,897		50,623	\$872,435		\$530,445	0.00543%				
Hail	\$8,998,203,591	\$208,624,961	50,557	\$102,789	\$28,755	\$9,332	0.00114%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$8,998,203,091	\$208,624,961	50,557	\$52	\$482	\$1,466,448	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$8,998,203,091	\$208,624,961	50,557	\$19,320,969	\$2,261,333	\$547,084	0.215%				
Ice Storm	\$8,998,189,691		50,557	\$264,757		\$25,225	0.00294%				
Inland Flooding	\$8,992,311,197	\$9,433,824	1,500	\$6,168,073	\$153,983	\$672,698	n/a (see note)	\$6,000			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. EAL as % of exposure: n/a.
Landslide	\$4,945,679		20	\$38		\$1	0.00076%				
Lightning	\$8,998,203,591		50,557	\$27,960		\$1,174,286	0.000311%				
Strong Wind	\$8,998,203,591	\$208,624,961	50,557	\$1,434,378	\$1,572,788	\$1,035,746	0.0159%	\$1,000			
Tornado	\$8,998,203,591	\$208,624,961	50,557	\$958,002	\$5,391	\$1,962,476	0.0106%	\$50,000			
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$1,469,932,149	\$79,845,685	15,207	\$181,914	\$945	\$30,469	0.0124%				

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 2025-09-16 <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
Winter Weather	\$8,998,203,091	\$208,624,961	50,557	\$6,466	\$208	\$160,744	under 0.0001%		\$0	none found (1 declaration)	

Totals since 2025-09-16 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 8 county-coded records, 8 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$57,000; 2 zone-level records, 2 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations none found (1 declaration, 0 with PA).

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

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

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

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Supports B2-a: context

County context

Measure	Value
Population	50,557
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$8,998,203,591
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$208,624,961
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Moderate
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$33,522,473
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)	\$8,621,063
Social vulnerability rating	Very High
Community resilience rating	Relatively Low
NRI version	December 2025

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

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Supports B2-c: repetitive loss

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	26	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	14
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	88	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	12

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	26	14	88	12	91	1	43
FAIR BLUFF,TOWN OF	7	3	10	2	10	0	5
LAKE WACCAMAW, TOWN OF	2	0	11	0	11	0	5
TABOR CITY, TOWN OF	0	0	5	0	5	0	1
WHITEVILLE CITY OF	5	7	26	7	26	0	16
COLUMBUS COUNTY *	11	3	35	2	38	1	15
BOARDMAN, TOWN OF	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
State level, not in this county: county not reported	0	0	2	0	2	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
Columbus County (unincorporated area)	370305	11	3	35	2	38	1	15	
Boardman town	370659	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
Bolton town	370274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brunswick town	370306	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cerro Gordo town	370311	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chadbourn town	370065	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fair Bluff town	370067	7	3	10	2	10	0	5	
Lake Waccamaw town	370069	2	0	11	0	11	0	5	
Sandyfield town	370644	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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
Tabor City town	370070	0	0	5	0	5	0	1	
Whiteville city	370071	5	7	26	7	26	0	16	

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

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County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	18	7	61	6	64	1	23
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	4	1	4	0	4	0	3
non-residential	4	6	23	6	23	0	17
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 3 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 65 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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