

Saunders County, NE

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2030-08-21. Plan: Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950), approved 2025-08-22.

Since the plan was approved on 2025-08-22: 1 new hazard declaration (1 incident) and 25 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 (\$6,205,467 a year), Tornado (\$2,856,106) and Hail (\$2,697,010).

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; 31155 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 2030-08-21	Plan:	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)
Approved:	2025-08-22	Days to expiry:	1,421
What changed since your last plan (approved 2025-08-22)			
New federal declarations:	1 new hazard declaration (1 incident): DR-4896-NE (Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding)	Storm Events records since approval:	25 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 1, SRL 3 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 21	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: 22 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
Saunders County	County	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-01-12
Ashland city	City	Plan 110567 approved 2025-06-02, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Lower Platte South Natural Resources (FEMA plan 110567), pending adoption here	2025-06-02 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-06-01 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Cedar Bluffs village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-08-21
Ceresco village	Village	Plan 110567 approved 2025-06-02, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Lower Platte South Natural Resources (FEMA plan 110567), pending adoption here	2025-06-02 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-06-01 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Colon village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		
Leshara village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-01-12
Malmö village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-08-21
Mead village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		
Morse Bluff village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-08-21
Prague village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		
Valparaiso village	Village	Plan 110567 approved 2025-06-02, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Lower Platte South Natural Resources (FEMA plan 110567), pending adoption here	2025-06-02 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2030-06-01 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Wahoo city	City	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-08-21
Yutan city	City	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-08-21

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry	Update underway	Notes
						<i>negative = days since expiry</i>		
Pohocco township	Township	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-01-12
Cedar Bluffs Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2025-12-01
Mead Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2025-12-01
Raymond Central Public Schools	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-06-01	Lower Platte South Natural Resources (FEMA plan 110567)	2025-06-02	2030-06-01	1,340		this jurisdiction approved 2025-12-01
Colon Rural Fire Department	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		
Malmö Volunteer Fire Department	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-01-12
Platte Valley DD	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2025-09-18
Weston Rural Fire District	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-08-21
Woodcliff Lakes SID 8	School/School District	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	Lower Platte North NRD (FEMA plan 110950)	2025-08-22	2030-08-21	1,421		this jurisdiction approved 2026-01-12

Plan 110950 lists 38 other participants not on this page, 7 of them not covered by it yet (named in the Excel file).

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 <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>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$6,178,668	\$9,295	\$17,504	\$6,205,467	82	
2	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$1,667,441	\$7,144	\$1,181,522	\$2,856,106	23	
3	Hail	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$942,678	\$1,618,669	\$135,663	\$2,697,010	232	
4	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$590,037	\$373,104	\$412,515	\$1,375,657	193	Includes 29 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
5	Drought	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	n/a	\$1,288,082	n/a	\$1,288,082	15	
6	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$328,921	\$535	\$14,823	\$344,279	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
7	Cold Wave	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$991	\$1,529	\$314,068	\$316,587	40	
8	Ice Storm	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$169,397	n/a	\$95,953	\$265,350	4	
9	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$34,653	\$731	\$72,587	\$107,971	91	
10	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$7,838	\$10	\$98,367	\$106,215	23	
11	Lightning	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$11,012	n/a	\$94,117	\$105,130	2	
12	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$18,654	n/a	\$1,810	\$20,463		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.

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13	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$109	n/a	\$2,887	\$2,997	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Hurricane	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	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, tsunامي 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 9683 (Very Low, 20.6); tract 9684 (Very Low, 16.0); tract 9682 (Very Low, 13.6)
Hurricane	no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard
Landslide	tract 9682 (Relatively Low, 94.5); tract 9681 (Relatively Low, 88.6); tract 9684 (Relatively Low, 84.4)
Tornado	tract 9682 (Very High, 97.2); tract 9683 (Very High, 96.8); tract 9684 (Very High, 96.1)
Wildfire	tract 9682 (Relatively Moderate, 95.5); tract 9684 (Relatively Moderate, 93.5); tract 9681 (Relatively Moderate, 93.0)

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 9683 is Census Tract 9683). 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	40 records, 1996 to 2025 (40 zone-level)	1 day to 5 days (median 2 days); 35 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2024-01-12 to 2024-01-16, zone-level		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	0					
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	15 records, 1999 to 2026 (15 zone-level)	22 days to 312 days (median 56 days); 3 with a recorded value	312 days (about 10.2 months), 2012-07-21 to 2013-05-28, a run of 11 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level	Drought, 1999-11-01, \$55,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1999 dollars)	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.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	284 records, 1955 to 2026	0.75 in to 4.5 in (median 1 in); 284 with a recorded value	4.5 in hail, 1989-04-27	Hail, 2010-09-13, \$250,000 property; \$800,000 crops (2010 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wahoo city (30 records), Ashland city (24 records), Cedar Bluffs village (24 records), Colon village (18 records), Ceresco village (16 records), Malmo village (15 records), Prague village (14 records), Valparaiso village (14 records), Mead village (13 records), Morse Bluff village (9 records); and 2 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	23 records, 1999 to 2025 (23 zone-level)	1 day to 13 days (median 3 days); 20 with a recorded value	13 consecutive days, 2001-07-28 to 2001-08-09, 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)	4 records, 2007 to 2020 (4 zone-level)		No damage reported in 4 records.		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
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	82 records, 1996 to 2025 (12 zone-level)		Flood, 2019-03-13, \$52,300,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wahoo city (19 records), Ashland city (17 records), Ceresco village (7 records), Morse Bluff village (5 records), Cedar Bluffs village (3 records), Leshara village (3 records), Malmo village (3 records), Mead village (3 records), Prague village (2 records), Yutan city (2 records); and 2 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file). Zone-level records (12) 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)	2 records, 1996 to 2007		Lightning, 2007-08-22, \$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Ashland city (1 record), Wahoo 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)	31 records, 1996 to 2026 (31 zone-level)	26 kt (30 mph) to 57 kt (66 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 31 with a recorded value	57 kt (66 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2024-12-19; NWS zone NEZ051	Strong Wind, 2012-06-24, \$3,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2012 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	218 records, 1964 to 2025	50 kt (58 mph) to 100 kt (115 mph) (median 55 kt (63 mph)); 180 with a recorded value	100 kt (115 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2008-06-27, 1 direct injury	Thunderstorm Wind, 2025-08-09, \$1,220,000 property; crops not reported (2025 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wahoo city (32 records), Ashland city (19 records), Cedar Bluffs village (15 records), Ceresco village (15 records), Mead village (13 records), Leshara village (12 records), Yutan city (12 records), Valparaiso village (7 records), Colon village (5 records), Morse Bluff village (5 records); and 2 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	46 records, 1952 to 2026	F/EF0 to F/EF4 (median F/EF1); 41 with a recorded value	F4 tornado, 1952-08-13, 19.4 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 110 yd wide, \$250,000 property; crops not recorded (1952 dollars), 20 direct injuries	Tornado, 1988-05-07, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1988 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Ceresco village (4 records), Cedar Bluffs village (3 records), Yutan city (3 records), Ashland city (2 records), Leshara village (2 records), Colon village (1 record), Mead village (1 record), Morse Bluff village (1 record), Prague village (1 record).	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).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	91 records, 1996 to 2026 (91 zone-level)		Heavy Snow, 1997-10-25, \$2,000,000 property; \$100,000 crops (1997 dollars); NWS zone NEZ051		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: 30 declarations covering 27 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
2025-10-22	2025-08-08	DR-4896-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind	\$44,793.02	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2025-05-21	2025-03-18	DR-4868-NE	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm and Straight-Line Winds	Winter Weather	\$872,880.52	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2024-10-21	2024-07-31	DR-4838-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2024-09-24	2024-06-19	DR-4822-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$198,685.29	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	
2024-08-20	2024-05-20	DR-4808-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$305,003.78	within last 5 years	
2022-02-23	2021-12-15	DR-4641-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Tornadoes	Strong Wind; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded	within last 5 years	
2021-09-06	2021-07-09	DR-4616-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Straight- Line Winds	Strong Wind	no Public Assistance recorded		
2020-04-04	2020-01-20	DR-4521-NE	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$4,100.01		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3483-NE	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4521

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2019-03-21	2019-03-09	DR-4420-NE	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Winter Weather	\$9,396,780.58		
2017-08-01	2017-06-12	DR-4325-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Straight-Line Winds	Strong Wind; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
2015-06-25	2015-05-06	DR-4225-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$205,829.61		
2014-06-17	2014-05-11	DR-4179-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Tornado (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding, Strong Wind	\$32,116.96		
2010-10-21	2010-09-13	DR-1945-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, Tornado, and Straight-Lin	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$366,512.60		
2010-07-15	2010-06-01	DR-1924-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
2010-02-25	2009-12-22	DR-1878-NE	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorm	Winter Weather	\$12,772.14		
2008-07-18	2008-06-27	DR-1779-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind	\$6,142.35		
2008-06-20	2008-05-22	DR-1770-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$147,845.94		
2007-06-06	2007-05-04	DR-1706-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$476,466.99		
2005-09-13	2005-08-29	EM-3245-NE	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuees	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2004-05-25	2004-05-20	DR-1517-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	PA not declared for this county		
1997-11-01	1997-10-24	DR-1190-NE	Major disaster	Severe Snow Storms, Rain, and Strong Winds	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-07-19	1993-06-23	DR-998-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-04-02	1993-03-07	DR-983-NE	Major disaster	Ice Jams & Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1984-07-03	1984-06-11	DR-716-NE	Major disaster	Tornadoes & Flooding	Tornado (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	PA not declared for this county		
1978-03-24	1978-03-24	DR-552-NE	Major disaster	Storms, Ice Jams, Snowmelt & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1976-04-08	1976-04-08	DR-500-NE	Major disaster	Ice Storms & High Winds	Ice Storm	no Public Assistance recorded		
1973-10-20	1973-10-20	DR-406-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
1971-02-23	1971-02-23	DR-303-NE	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1967-07-18	1967-07-18	DR-228-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms & 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
1964-07-20	1964-07-20	DR-174-NE	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding
1963-07-17	1963-07-17	DR-156-NE	Major disaster	Heavy Rains & Flooding	Inland Flooding
1962-09-05	1962-09-05	DR-134-NE	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1962-05-10	1962-05-10	DR-131-NE	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1960-04-04	1960-04-04	DR-98-NE	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.

Public Assistance not placed in any Nebraska county: 7 rows, \$3,747,676.55; listed on the Nebraska 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 <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
Cold Wave	40	0	2	4	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Drought	15	3	0	3	0	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	284	12	2	34	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	23	0	4	6	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
Ice Storm	4	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

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
Inland Flooding	82	2	0	7	20	1	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	2	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	249	5	10	39	11	1	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 29 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	46	1	0	8	12	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	91	2	2	11	5	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	Flags	Why listed
2024-12-19	High Wind	57 kt (66 mph) measured gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2024 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ051 (SAUNDERS), zone-level	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2024-01-12	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ051 (SAUNDERS), zone-level	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2019-03-13	Flood		\$52,300,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)	0, 0	WANN to ASHLAND		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2012-09-12	Strong Wind	26 kt (30 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2012 dollars)	0, 2	NWS zone NEZ051 (SAUNDERS), zone-level		deaths or injuries recorded
2012-07-21	Drought		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ051 (SAUNDERS), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2010-07-14	Thunderstorm Wind	53 kt (61 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2010 dollars)	0, 1	LESHARA		deaths or injuries recorded
2008-06-27	Thunderstorm Wind	100 kt (115 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2008 dollars)	0, 1	MORSE BLUFF to LESHARA		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2007-08-22	Lightning		\$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	0, 0	WAHOO		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2001-07-28	Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ051 (SAUNDERS), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
1997-10-25	Heavy Snow		\$2,000,000 property; \$100,000 crops (zone total, 1997 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone NEZ051 (SAUNDERS), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
1989-04-27	Hail	4.5 in	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
1952-08-13	Tornado	F4, 19.4 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 110 yd wide	\$250,000 property; crops not recorded (1952 dollars)	0, 20	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (836 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	4.68	event-days per year	about 4.68 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 20 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (66.7%)	89	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	31.1	event-days per year	about 31.1 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	938	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	
Earthquake	0.000613	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0613%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	7.25	events per year	about 7.25 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	275.4 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	7.47	event-days per year	about 7.47 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	110	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0	events per year	none modeled	Unlikely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Ice Storm	0.735	event-days per year	about 0.735 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	50	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	2	event-days per year	about 2 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event- days in 22 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (73.3%)	56	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.147	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 7 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	45.4	days per year with a strike	about 45.4 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	4.33	events per year	about 4.33 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	165	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Tornado	0.657	events per year	about 0.66 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.00121	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.121%		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	13.7	event-days per year	about 13.7 days per year	Highly likely	Storm Events event- days in 29 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (96.7%)	260	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	118	30	3.93
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	16	30	0.533
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	136	30	4.53
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	25	30	0.833
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	22	30	0.733
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

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	5 of 5	45.6	52.0	59.6	Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 1
Drought	5 of 5	88.9	97.4	98.8	Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 1
Earthquake	5 of 5	10.0	13.6	20.6	Very Low 5
Hail	5 of 5	93.5	99.1	99.7	Very High 3, Relatively High 2
Heat Wave	5 of 5	19.7	26.9	35.1	Relatively Low 5
Hurricane	0 of 5				No Rating 5
Ice Storm	5 of 5	89.8	93.8	94.7	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 1
Inland Flooding	5 of 5	67.0	81.2	88.3	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 2
Landslide	5 of 5	71.7	84.4	94.5	Relatively Low 3, Very Low 2
Lightning	5 of 5	56.1	65.7	73.7	Relatively Moderate 5
Strong Wind	5 of 5	92.3	98.4	99.2	Very High 4, Relatively High 1

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Tornado	5 of 5	85.3	96.1	97.2	Very High 4, Relatively High 1
Wildfire	5 of 5	87.1	93.0	95.5	Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 2
Winter Weather	5 of 5	86.4	92.6	94.3	Relatively High 5

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 60% 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
Saunders County	County	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 1, SRL 2; any 18	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Ashland city	City	Plan 110567 approved 2025-06-02, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 3	\$212,497	63 total; no approved plan	
Cedar Bluffs village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$3,346.20	45 total; 3 since its plan	
Ceresco village	Village	Plan 110567 approved 2025-06-02, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$134,423.04	42 total; no approved plan	
Colon village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	25 total; 0 since its plan	
Leshara village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$10,651.50	24 total; 1 since its plan	
Malmo village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	20 total; 0 since its plan	
Mead village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$17,361.60	30 total; 0 since its plan	
Morse Bluff village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	20 total; 0 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>	
Prague village	Village	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	21 total; 2 since its plan	
Valparaiso village	Village	Plan 110567 approved 2025-06-02, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$13,422.90	22 total; no approved plan	
Wahoo city	City	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$1,479,443.93	82 total; 2 since its plan	
Yutan city	City	Approved, expires 2030-08-21	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$62,508.55	26 total; 0 since its plan	
Pohocco township	Township	Approved, expires 2030-08-21		\$2,698.69	0 total; 0 since its plan	No NFIP community ID on this jurisdiction's plan row.

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 2025-08-22 <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	\$5,994,761,707	\$464,157,713	22,262	\$991	\$1,529	\$314,068	under 0.0001%				
Drought	n/a	\$179,983,754	n/a	n/a	\$1,288,082	n/a	0.716% (agriculture)		\$0		NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$9,911,157,501	n/a	22,278	\$18,654	n/a	\$1,810	0.000188%				
Hail	\$5,994,796,422	\$464,157,713	22,262	\$942,678	\$1,618,669	\$135,663	0.0157%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$5,994,761,707	\$464,157,713	22,262	\$7,838	\$10	\$98,367	0.000131%				
Hurricane	\$5,994,796,422	\$464,157,713	22,262	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%				
Ice Storm	\$5,994,761,707	n/a	22,262	\$169,397	n/a	\$95,953	0.00283%				
Inland Flooding	\$5,969,874,278	\$96,183,416	1,493	\$6,178,668	\$9,295	\$17,504	n/a (see note)	\$0		\$44,793.02	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	\$47,239,636	n/a	170	\$109	n/a	\$2,887	0.000231%				
Lightning	\$5,994,796,422	n/a	22,262	\$11,012	n/a	\$94,117	0.000184%				
Strong Wind	\$5,994,796,422	\$464,157,713	22,262	\$590,037	\$373,104	\$412,515	0.00984%	\$0	\$0	\$44,793.02	
Tornado	\$5,994,796,422	\$464,157,713	22,262	\$1,667,441	\$7,144	\$1,181,522	0.0278%				

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 2025-08-22 <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	\$1,448,061,196	\$120,048,860	6,045	\$328,921	\$535	\$14,823	0.0227%				
Winter Weather	\$5,994,761,707	\$464,157,713	22,262	\$34,653	\$731	\$72,587	0.000578%		\$0		

Totals since 2025-08-22 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 16 county-coded records, 15 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 9 zone-level records, 9 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: \$44,793.02 on 1 counted declaration.

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	22,262
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$5,994,796,422
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$464,157,713
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Very Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$13,249,499
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)	\$2,441,816
Social vulnerability rating	Very Low
Community resilience rating	Very 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	20	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	3

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

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

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	1	3	20	3	21	0	4
of which: Saunders County (unincorporated area)	1	2	17	2	18	0	4
of which: Ashland city	0	1	3	1	3	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	2	0	2	0	0

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

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

Sources: 1, 4

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>
Saunders County	310195	1	2	17	2	18	0	4
Ashland city	310196	0	1	3	1	3	0	0
Cedar Bluffs village	310356	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ceresco village	310197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colon village	310290	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leshara village	310199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malmö village	310200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mead village	310301	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morse Bluff village	310285	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prague village	310202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valparaiso village	310203	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>
Wahoo city	310204	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yutan city	310406	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	1	17	1	18	0	3
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	2	3	2	3	0	1
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 1 property is FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 20 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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