

Hale County, TX

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: No approved plan on record.

Update: FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress.

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Hail (\$15,984,140 a year), Inland Flooding (\$4,290,874) and Tornado (\$4,251,136).

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; 48189 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:	No approved plan on record	Plan:	none
Approved:	none	Expires:	none
Update underway:	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress		

FEMA's plan status data lists no approved plan for this jurisdiction.

What changed since your last plan

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

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

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry negative = days since expiry	Update underway
Hale County	County	No approved plan on record	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress
Abernathy city	City	No approved plan on record	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress
Edmonson town	Town	No approved plan on record	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress
Hale Center city	City	No approved plan on record	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress
Petersburg city	City	No approved plan on record	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress
Plainview city	City	No approved plan on record	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress
Abernathy Independent School District	School/School District	Approved, expires 2028-03-08	Lubbock County (FEMA plan 107318)	2023-03-09	2028-03-08	525	

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

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	Hail	Very High	Relatively High	\$13,505,582	\$2,445,155	\$33,403	\$15,984,140	214	
2	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$3,641,176	\$574,681	\$75,017	\$4,290,874	35	
3	Tornado	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$1,356,943	\$18,580	\$2,875,614	\$4,251,136	29	
4	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$7,710	\$123	\$1,922,887	\$1,930,720	4	Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
5	Drought	Relatively High	Relatively Moderate	n/a	\$1,626,547	n/a	\$1,626,547	97	
6	Strong Wind	Relatively High	Relatively Moderate	\$683,091	\$282,529	\$283,000	\$1,248,620	236	Includes 83 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
7	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$17,583	n/a	\$489,286	\$506,869	3	
8	Winter Weather	Relatively High	Relatively High	\$143,751	\$421	\$223,298	\$367,469	77	
9	Wildfire	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$231,216	\$6,124	\$17,253	\$254,593	8	
10	Ice Storm	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$120,262	n/a	\$28,788	\$149,050	3	
11	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$103,985	n/a	\$32,572	\$136,557		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
12	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$120	\$7,839	\$113,223	\$121,182	1	

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
13	Hurricane	Very Low	Very Low	\$6,176	\$16,366	\$31	\$22,573	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$2	n/a	under \$1	\$2	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 landslide records (Storm Events records this hazard only in part).

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

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

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

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

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

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

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Earthquake	tract 9506 (Relatively Low, 50.2); tract 9503 (Relatively Low, 48.0); tract 9504 (Relatively Low, 44.9)
Hurricane	tract 9506 (Relatively Low, 51.7); tract 9507 (Very Low, 47.9); tract 9509 (Very Low, 47.2)
Landslide	tract 9506 (Very Low, 41.8); tract 9509 (Very Low, 33.7); tract 9507 (Very Low, 31.1)
Tornado	tract 9503 (Very High, 99.5); tract 9506 (Very High, 98.3); tract 9502 (Very High, 97.7)
Wildfire	tract 9506 (Relatively Moderate, 93.5); tract 9509 (Relatively Moderate, 93.3); tract 9507 (Relatively Moderate, 92.5)

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 9506 is Census Tract 9506). 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	3 records, 2011 to 2026 (3 zone-level)	2 days to 5 days (median 4 days); 3 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2026-01-23 to 2026-01-27, zone-level	Extreme Cold/Wind Chill, 2011-02-01, \$150,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2011 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	Wind chill: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	1 record, 2011 (1 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 1 record.		Countywide (zone-level records).	Temperature: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	97 records, 1996 to 2022 (97 zone-level)	31 days to 1,274 days (median 152.5 days); 12 with a recorded value	1274 days (about 41.9 months), 2011-04-05 to 2014-09-29, a run of 42 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level	Drought, 1996-06-01, \$100,000 property; \$500,000 crops, reported for the zone (1996 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)	341 records, 1957 to 2026	0.5 in to 4.5 in (median 1.75 in); 341 with a recorded value	4.5 in hail, 2015-05-27; same size also recorded on 1979-07-09	Hail, 2015-05-08, \$300,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2015 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Plainview city (71 records), Abernathy city (41 records), Petersburg city (36 records), Hale Center city (32 records), Edmonson town (14 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	1 record, 2008 (1 zone-level)	20 days; 1 with a recorded value	June 2008 (1 monthly summary record), zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Heat index: in event narratives only (local data needed).
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)	3 records, 2006 to 2008 (3 zone-level)		Ice Storm, 2007-01-12, \$20,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars); NWS zone TXZ029		Countywide (zone-level records).	Ice thickness: in event narratives only (local data needed).

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)	35 records, 1996 to 2026		Flash Flood, 2019-05-25, \$1,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Hale Center city (7 records), Plainview city (7 records), Abernathy city (6 records), Petersburg city (4 records), Edmonson town (2 records).	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					Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	3 records, 1998 to 2009		Lightning, 1998-04-26, \$0 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars), 1 direct death	Lightning, 2007-05-28, \$10,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Plainview city (2 records), Hale Center city (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only (local data needed).
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	85 records, 1998 to 2026 (85 zone-level)	34 kt (39 mph) to 70 kt (81 mph) (median 51 kt (59 mph)); 79 with a recorded value	70 kt (81 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2025-03-14; same speed and measurement basis also recorded on 2024-05-28; NWS zone TXZ029	High Wind, 2019-03-13, \$400,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2019 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	212 records, 1955 to 2026 (7 zone-level)	50 kt (58 mph) to 83 kt (96 mph) (median 55 kt (63 mph)); 161 with a recorded value	83 kt (96 mph), measurement type not recorded, Thunderstorm Wind, 1957-05-31	Thunderstorm Wind, 2015-06-12, \$500,000 property; \$2,000,000 crops (2015 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Plainview city (48 records), Abernathy city (36 records), Hale Center city (10 records), Petersburg city (8 records), Edmonson town (3 records). Zone-level records (7) apply countywide.	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	128 records, 1955 to 2026	F/EF0 to F/EF4 (median F/EF0); 117 with a recorded value	F4 tornado, 1965-06-02, 34.6 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 200 yd wide, \$25,000,000 property; crops not recorded (1965 dollars), 4 direct deaths, 76 direct injuries		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Plainview city (6 records), Petersburg city (4 records), Edmonson town (3 records), Hale Center city (3 records), Abernathy city (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)	8 records, 2006 to 2026 (8 zone-level)		Wildfire, 2011-04-26, \$250,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars); NWS zone TXZ029		Countywide (zone-level records).	Acres burned: in event narratives only (local data needed).
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	77 records, 1997 to 2026 (77 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 2010-01-28, \$250,000 property; \$0 crops (2010 dollars); NWS zone TXZ029		Countywide (zone-level records).	Snow depth: in event narratives only (local data needed).

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records whose zone 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.

A monthly summary record covers most or all of a month; it does not count days at wave conditions.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 15 declarations covering 8 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

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

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>	Notes
2021-02-19	2021-02-11	DR-4586-TX	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms	Ice Storm	no Public Assistance recorded	
2021-02-14	2021-02-11	EM-3554-TX	Emergency	Severe Winter Storm	Ice Storm	no Public Assistance recorded	same incident as DR-4586
2020-03-25	2020-01-20	DR-4485-TX	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3458-TX	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	same incident as DR-4485
2008-03-14	2008-03-14	EM-3284-TX	Emergency	Wildfires	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded	
2006-01-11	2005-11-27	DR-1624-TX	Major disaster	Extreme Wildfire Threat	Wildfire	\$16,028.10	
2005-09-24	2005-09-23	DR-1606-TX	Major disaster	Hurricane Rita	Hurricane: evacuation support (county designated for sheltering evacuees, no Individual Assistance), not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	
2005-09-21	2005-09-20	EM-3261-TX	Emergency	Hurricane Rita	Hurricane: evacuation support (county designated for sheltering evacuees, no Individual Assistance), not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	same incident as DR-1606

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	
2005-09-02	2005-08-29	EM-3216-TX	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	
1999-09-01	1999-08-01	EM-3142-TX	Emergency	Extreme Fire Hazards	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded	
1998-08-26	1998-08-22	DR-1239-TX	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Charley	Hurricane; Inland Flooding: designated for Hazard Mitigation only (no Public or Individual Assistance for this county); not counted	PA not declared for this county	
1992-09-09	1992-05-01	DR-960-TX	Major disaster	Excessive Rain & Hail	Hail	PA not declared for this county	
1989-05-19	1989-05-04	DR-828-TX	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded	
1970-05-13	1970-05-13	DR-286-TX	Major disaster	Tornadoes, Windstorms & Flooding	Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded	
1965-06-19	1965-06-19	DR-199-TX	Major disaster	Tornadoes & Flooding	Tornado (primary); also designated: 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
1998-06-23	1998-06-04	EM-3127-TX	Emergency	Fire	Wildfire
1963-09-24	1963-09-24	DR-159-TX	Major disaster	Hurricane Cindy	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1961-09-16	1961-09-16	DR-118-TX	Major disaster	Hurricane Carla	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding
1960-07-15	1960-07-15	DR-103-TX	Major disaster	Heavy Rains, Hail, Floods & Tornadoes	Hail; Inland Flooding; Tornado
1959-07-08	1959-07-08	DR-93-TX	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1958-06-06	1958-06-06	DR-85-TX	Major disaster	Tornadoes, Rain, Hail & Floods	Tornado (primary); also designated: Hail, Inland Flooding
1957-04-29	1957-04-29	DR-72-TX	Major disaster	Hurricane, Rain, Wind, Hail & Floods	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Hail, Inland Flooding
1954-07-01	1954-07-01	DR-18-TX	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding
1953-06-19	1953-06-19	DR-9-TX	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding
1953-05-15	1953-05-15	DR-2-TX	Major disaster	Tornado & Heavy Rainfall	Tornado

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.

91 Fire Management declarations (1988-03-12 to 2009-04-10) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Public Assistance not placed in any Texas county: 1 row, \$902,084.65; listed on the Texas 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	4			1	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record.
Drought	97			5	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0			0	0			Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	341			15	1		1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	1			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Ice Storm	3			0	1		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	35			5	2		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Lightning	3			0	0		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	297			56	0		1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 83 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	128			2	3		1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	8			1	3		1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	77			11	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
2026-01-23	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2026 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone TXZ029 (HALE), zone-level	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2025-03-14	High Wind	70 kt (81 mph) measured gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2025 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone TXZ029 (HALE), zone-level	within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2019-05-25	Flash Flood		\$1,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2019 dollars)	0, 0	HALE CENTER to HALFWAY		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2015-05-27	Hail	4.5 in	\$350,000 property; crops not reported (2015 dollars)	0, 0	HALE CENTER		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2011-04-26	Wildfire		\$250,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2011 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone TXZ029 (HALE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Wildfire
2011-04-05	Drought		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2011 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone TXZ029 (HALE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2010-01-28	Winter Storm		\$250,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2010 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone TXZ029 (HALE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
1998-04-26	Lightning		\$0 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars)	1, 0	HALE CENTER		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
1973-04-15	Tornado	F3, 7.6 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 200 yd wide	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	2, 26	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded
1970-04-17	Tornado	F4, 19.8 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 880 yd wide	\$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1970 dollars)	2, 47	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded
1965-06-02	Tornado	F4, 34.6 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 200 yd wide	\$25,000,000 property; crops not recorded (1965 dollars)	4, 76	location not recorded		deaths or injuries recorded
1957-05-31	Thunderstorm Wind	83 kt (96 mph), measurement type not recorded	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (994 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	1.53	event-days per year	about 1.53 days per year	Possible (from Storm Events: 1 of 30 years)	event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	29	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	84.5	event-days per year	about 84.5 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 14 of 30 years)	event-days in 14 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (46.7%)	2,744	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	
Earthquake	0.000467	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0467%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	5.75	events per year	about 5.75 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	218.4 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	1.37	event-days per year	about 1.37 days per year	Possible (from Storm Events: 1 of 30 years)	event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	22	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0.00919	events per year	about 1 in 109 years	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	0.587	event-days per year	about 0.587 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 3 of 30 years)	event-days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	40	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.04	event-days per year	about 1.04 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 20 of 30 years)	event-days in 20 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (66.7%)	29	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.0888	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 11 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	47.9	days per year with a strike	about 47.9 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.57	events per year	about 2.57 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	98	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	0.819	events per year	about 0.82 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.0029	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.29%	Likely (from Storm Events: 4 of 30 years)	Storm Events records in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI.
Winter Weather	7.68	event-days per year	about 7.68 days per year	Likely (from Storm Events: 24 of 30 years)	event-days in 24 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (80%)	146	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	119	30	3.97
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	34	30	1.13
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	110	30	3.67
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	13	30	0.433
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	14	30	0.467
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	19	30	0.633
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	6	30	0.2

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	9 of 9	62.4	87.2	95.4	Very High 1, Relatively High 7, Relatively Moderate 1
Drought	9 of 9	67.8	87.2	99.1	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 3, Very Low 2
Earthquake	9 of 9	18.9	38.8	50.2	Relatively Low 3, Very Low 6
Hail	9 of 9	99.7	99.9	100.0	Very High 9
Heat Wave	9 of 9	6.8	21.2	40.7	Relatively Low 8, Very Low 1
Hurricane	9 of 9	31.7	36.7	51.7	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 8
Ice Storm	9 of 9	64.7	82.4	90.0	Relatively Moderate 8, Relatively Low 1
Inland Flooding	9 of 9	11.8	38.6	77.6	Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 5, Very Low 1
Landslide	9 of 9	9.8	14.7	41.8	Very Low 9
Lightning	9 of 9	70.7	95.5	99.0	Very High 4, Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 1
Strong Wind	9 of 9	85.1	93.9	99.0	Very High 3, Relatively High 6

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Tornado	9 of 9	70.6	95.9	99.5	Very High 7, Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 1
Wildfire	9 of 9	82.0	88.4	93.5	Relatively Moderate 5, Relatively Low 4
Winter Weather	9 of 9	90.6	98.1	99.5	Very High 8, Relatively High 1

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

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	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place
			<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>
Hale County	County	No approved plan on record	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$16,028.10	0 total; no approved plan
Abernathy city	City	No approved plan on record	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	84 total; no approved plan
Edmonson town	Town	No approved plan on record	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	22 total; no approved plan
Hale Center city	City	No approved plan on record	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	53 total; no approved plan
Petersburg city	City	No approved plan on record	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	52 total; no approved plan
Plainview city	City	No approved plan on record	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	no Public Assistance recorded	134 total; no approved plan

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

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

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.

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

- 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
- Texas A&M Forest Service TxWRAP for wildfire risk; Texas State Hazard Mitigation Plan hazard list for B1-a exclusions.

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 plan <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Cold Wave	\$8,440,498,473	\$530,087,853	32,413	\$7,710	\$123	\$1,922,887	under 0.0001%				
Drought	n/a	\$115,384,017	n/a	n/a	\$1,626,547	n/a	1.41% (agriculture)				NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$16,036,594,029	n/a	32,522	\$103,985	n/a	\$32,572	0.000648%				
Hail	\$8,440,499,185	\$530,087,853	32,413	\$13,505,582	\$2,445,155	\$33,403	0.16%				
Heat Wave	\$8,440,498,473	\$530,087,853	32,413	\$120	\$7,839	\$113,223	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$8,440,499,185	\$530,087,853	32,413	\$6,176	\$16,366	\$31	under 0.0001%				
Ice Storm	\$8,440,498,473	n/a	32,413	\$120,262	n/a	\$28,788	0.00142%				
Inland Flooding	\$8,439,701,527	\$37,368,348	2,424	\$3,641,176	\$574,681	\$75,017	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$2,415,392	n/a	4	\$2	n/a	under \$1	under 0.0001%				
Lightning	\$8,440,499,185	n/a	32,413	\$17,583	n/a	\$489,286	0.000208%				
Strong Wind	\$8,440,499,185	\$530,087,853	32,413	\$683,091	\$282,529	\$283,000	0.00809%				
Tornado	\$8,440,499,185	\$530,087,853	32,413	\$1,356,943	\$18,580	\$2,875,614	0.0161%				

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 plan <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Wildfire	\$1,071,264,054	\$172,964,475	5,936	\$231,216	\$6,124	\$17,253	0.0216%				
Winter Weather	\$8,440,498,473	\$530,087,853	32,413	\$143,751	\$421	\$223,298	0.0017%				

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

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	32,413
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$8,440,499,185
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$530,087,853
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$24,795,962
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)	\$6,094,371
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively High
Community resilience rating	Relatively Low
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)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	1	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

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	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Plainview city	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	3	8	12	7	13	1	9

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>
Hale County	481223	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abernathy city	480271	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edmonson town	480272	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hale Center city	480273	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petersburg city	480274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plainview city	480275	0	0	1	0	1	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	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

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

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 1 property is 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, organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B. Each section heading names the item its tables support; the plan and FEMA's review decide whether the 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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