

Bennington town, VT

Risk-assessment baseline packet (county-level sections from Bennington County)

Unit **Vermont town 5000304825** Release **2026-10** As of **2026-09-28** Storm Events data through **2026-06-30**

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Plan clock

Status	Approved, expires 2031-01-15	Plan	Town of Bennington Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111528)
Approved	2026-01-16	Expires	2031-01-15
As of	2026-09-28	Days	1,570 days to expiry

What changed since your last plan (approved 2026-01-16)

New federal declarations	none (0 declaration rows; 0 counted incidents)	Storm Events records since approval (Bennington County, county-level)	16 (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now (this town)	FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 1	Repeat-flood change	First release: no prior release to compare.

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

Plan status for this town

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Bennington town	Town	Approved, expires 2031-01-15	Town of Bennington Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111528)	2026-01-16	2031-01-15	1,570		

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

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Supports B1-a: hazards

Inherited from Bennington County, county-level (county FIPS 50003); scope: whole section.

Hazards NRI does not cover: check locally

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

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

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records since 1996 <i>count</i>	Evidence for an omission <i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$11,577,190	\$208	\$46,680	\$11,624,078	77		
2	Cold Wave	Relatively Moderate	Relatively High	\$269	\$8,270	\$4,981,984	\$4,990,522	72		Includes 18 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
3	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$716,031	\$39,952	\$24,700	\$780,683	1		
4	Lightning	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$52,256		\$230,549	\$282,805	5		
5	Tornado	Very Low	Very Low	\$231,910	\$372	\$49,780	\$282,062	3		
6	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$202,452		\$30,132	\$232,584			Not in Storm Events. Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
7	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$74,268	\$847	\$100,319	\$175,434	242		Includes 46 High Wind records and 53 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
8	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	\$4,751	\$118,993	\$123,744	23		
9	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$5,702	\$11,520	\$103,120	\$120,343	32		
10	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$93,562		\$1,268	\$94,831	3		

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11	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$35,115	\$11	\$23,841	\$58,967	247		
12	Landslide	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$9,817		\$7,276	\$17,093	1		
13	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$7,716	\$2	\$627	\$8,345	1		
14	Avalanche	Relatively Low	Very Low	under \$1		\$3,774	\$3,774	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
15	Drought	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses		\$0		\$0	6		
	Coastal Flooding	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates coastal flooding Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
	Tsunami	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates tsunami Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.
	Volcanic Activity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates volcanic activity Not Applicable for this county, and no federal declaration for this county names it.	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). Storm Events coverage of this hazard is limited; absence is not evidence of low risk.

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

SOURCES
FEMA, FEMA National Risk Index 1.20.0 (December 2025), county and census tract tables, version 1.20.0, pulled 2026-09-28, https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_Counties.zip (download, 25 MB), https://www.fema.gov/about/reports-and-data/openfema/nri/v120/NRI_Table_CensusTracts.zip (download, 635 MB)
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Check your state hazard mitigation plan's hazard list for this county; explain any hazard you drop.

Supports B1-b: location

Inherited from Bennington County, county-level (county FIPS 50003); scope: whole section.

Where each hazard occurs

Hazard	Location	Census tracts rated <i>rated of all tracts</i>
Avalanche	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	8 of 12

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Coastal Flooding	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 12
Cold Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 12
Drought	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	0 of 12
Earthquake	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	12 of 12
Hail	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 12
Heat Wave	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 12
Hurricane	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	12 of 12
Ice Storm	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 12
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.	12 of 12
Landslide	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	12 of 12
Lightning	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 12
Strong Wind	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 12
Tornado	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	12 of 12
Tsunami	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 12
Volcanic Activity	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	0 of 12
Wildfire	Census tract rating counts from the National Risk Index tract table (see B1-f). Tract maps and place names are not in this packet.	12 of 12
Winter Weather	Affects the whole planning area; national data do not distinguish locations within the county. Confirm locally.	12 of 12

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Supports B1-c: extent

Inherited from Bennington County, county-level (county FIPS 50003); scope: whole section.

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

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	Where in the county	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Coastal Flood, Storm Surge/ Tide	none in data (FIRM for depth)	0					Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	54, 2000 to 2026 (54 zone-level)	1 day to 4 days (median 2 days); 47 with a recorded value	4 consecutive days, 2026-01-29 to 2026-02-01, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Wind chill: in event narratives only; local data required.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	Where in the county	Note
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	18, 2002 to 2023 (18 zone- level)		No crop damage reported in 18 records.		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Temperature: in event narratives only; local data required.
Drought	US Drought Monitor D- scale	6, 1999 to 2025 (6 zone- level)	30 days to 43 days (median 35 days); 3 with a recorded value	43 days (about 1.4 months), 2025-09-23 to 2025-11-04, a run of 3 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone- level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	hail size (inches)	55, 1960 to 2024	0.75 in to 3.25 in (median 1 in); 55 with a recorded value	3.25 in hail, 2011-06-01	Hail, 1998-05-31, \$20,000 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars)	Event records naming places in the county (county page list): Bennington town (12 records), Shaftsbury town (6 records), Sunderland town (5 records), Arlington town (3 records), Dorset town (3 records), Manchester town (2 records), Manchester village (2 records), North Bennington village (2 records), Pownal town (2 records), Rupert town (2 records); and 2 more places (see the XLSX file).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (narratives)	23, 1998 to 2025 (23 zone- level)	1 day to 5 days (median 1.5 days); 18 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2018-07-01 to 2018-07-05, zone-level		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Heat index: in event narratives only; local data required. Heat records from November to March (unseasonable warmth, not a heat wave) are counted but not used for the longest run.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	1, 2011 to 2011 (1 zone- level)		Strongest recorded (records with damage, a wind speed or direct casualties first, then storm type, category and wind): Tropical Storm record, 2011-08-28, \$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2011 dollars); NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's event type and category, so a Hurricane (Typhoon) record, especially an inland or remnant one, does not by itself mean hurricane-force winds here; read the damage and wind columns.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz (local data)	3, 2007 to 2025 (3 zone- level)		No damage reported in 3 records.		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Ice thickness: in event narratives only; local data required.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	Where in the county	Note
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (FIRM for depth)	77, 1996 to 2023 (23 zone-level)		Flash Flood, 1999-09-16, \$476,000 property; crops not reported (1999 dollars)		Event records naming places in the county (county page list): Bennington town (14 records), Arlington town (8 records), Dorset town (7 records), Rupert town (5 records), North Bennington village (4 records), Pownal town (4 records), Sunderland town (4 records), Manchester town (3 records), Manchester village (2 records), Readsboro town (1 record); and 2 more places (see the XLSX file). Zone-level records (23) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage can be \$0 or blank even for a major flood, so the worst record here may not be the worst flood; compare FEMA Public Assistance by declaration in B1-d.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage)	1, 2019 to 2019		No damage reported in 1 records.		Event records naming places in the county (county page list): Arlington town (1 record).	Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	5, 2000 to 2021		Lightning, 2007-07-27, \$750,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)		Event records naming places in the county (county page list): Bennington town (4 records), North Bennington village (1 record), Woodford town (1 record).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only; local data required.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	99, 1996 to 2026 (99 zone-level)	30 kt (35 mph) to 66 kt (76 mph) (median 46 kt (53 mph)); 86 with a recorded value	66 kt (76 mph), measurement type not recorded, High Wind, 1999-11-02; NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	High Wind, 1999-09-16, \$150,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1999 dollars)	Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	188, 1955 to 2026	44 kt (51 mph) to 87 kt (100 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 121 with a recorded value	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2017-07-01	Thunderstorm Wind, 1995-07-15, \$100,000 property; crops not recorded (1995 dollars)	Event records naming places in the county (county page list): Bennington town (38 records), Manchester town (23 records), Manchester village (17 records), Arlington town (16 records), Shaftsbury town (14 records), Dorset town (12 records), Pownal town (11 records), Rupert town (8 records), Stamford town (5 records), North Bennington village (4 records); and 5 more places (see the XLSX file).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count, years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	Where in the county	Note
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (F before Feb 2007)	6, 1955 to 2003	F/EF1 to F/EF2 (median between F/EF1 and F/EF2); 6 with a recorded value	F2 tornado, 1969-05-29, 0.5 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 33 yd wide, \$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1969 dollars), 1 direct injury	Tornado, 1998-05-31, \$630,000 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars)	Event records naming places in the county (county page list): Bennington town (2 records), North Bennington village (2 records), Pownal town (1 record), Shaftsbury town (1 record).	From 1996 on, tornado records are per-county segments and length is the path length within this county (NWS Instruction 10-1605); records before 1996 may give the whole path length, including the path outside this county, and before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with the whole path's rating; counties farther along the path may not list it. Length is not used to rank tornadoes.
Tsunami	none (count and damage)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Volcanic Ash, Volcanic Ashfall	Volcanic Explosivity Index (local data)	0					Physical measure: in event narratives only; local data required.
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	1, 2002 to 2002 (1 zone-level)		No damage reported in 1 records.		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Acres burned: in event narratives only; local data required.
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall local)	247, 1996 to 2026 (247 zone-level)		Winter Storm, 1997-03-31, \$750,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (1997 dollars); NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		Zone-level records: applies countywide; national data do not locate these events within the county.	Snow depth: in event narratives only; local data required.

Where a hazard names more than 10 member places, the table lists the 10 with the most records; every place is in the XLSX file, sheet "B1-c Extent".

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

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

SOURCES

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Supports B1-d: previous occurrences

Inherited from Bennington County, county-level (county FIPS 50003); scope: declarations, statewide block and Storm Events history.

Declaration rows 21 Counted incidents 17

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance federal share obligated, nominal dollars	Flags	Notes
2024-08-08	2024-08-08	EM-3609-VT	Emergency	TROPICAL DEPRESSION DEBBY	Hurricane	none found	within last 5 years	
2023-07-14	2023-07-07	DR-4720-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, LANDSLIDES, AND MUDSLIDES	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide	\$660,796.58	within last 5 years	
2023-07-10	2023-07-09	EM-3595-VT	Emergency	FLOODING	Inland Flooding	none found	within last 5 years	same incident as DR-4720
2021-09-29	2021-07-29	DR-4621-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORM AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$1,397,161.44	within last 5 years	
2021-08-22	2021-08-22	EM-3567-VT	Emergency	TROPICAL STORM HENRI	Hurricane	none found		
2020-04-08	2020-01-20	DR-4532-VT	Major disaster	COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Non-natural, not counted	\$990,011.49		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3437-VT	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	none found		same incident as DR-4532
2019-06-14	2019-04-15	DR-4445-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$130,265.82		
2017-08-16	2017-06-29	DR-4330-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$70,865.22		
2011-09-01	2011-08-27	DR-4022-VT	Major disaster	TROPICAL STORM IRENE	Hurricane	\$6,103,777.98		
2011-08-29	2011-08-26	EM-3338-VT	Emergency	HURRICANE IRENE	Hurricane	none found		same incident as DR-4022
2009-01-14	2008-12-11	DR-1816-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE WINTER STORM	Ice Storm	\$18,328.74		
2007-05-04	2007-04-15	DR-1698-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$170,787.04		
2003-09-12	2003-07-21	DR-1488-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$83,192.91		
2001-04-10	2001-03-05	EM-3167-VT	Emergency	SNOW	Winter Weather	\$77,457.97		
2001-01-18	2000-12-16	DR-1358-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$224,987.54		
2000-07-27	2000-07-14	DR-1336-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding	\$113,222.81		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
1999-11-10	1999-09-16	DR-1307-VT	Major disaster	TROPICAL STORM FLOYD	Hurricane; Inland Flooding	none found		
1996-02-13	1996-01-19	DR-1101-VT	Major disaster	ICE JAMS AND FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Winter Weather	none found		
1976-08-05	1976-08-05	DR-518-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, HIGH WINDS & FLOODING	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind	none found		
1973-07-06	1973-07-06	DR-397-VT	Major disaster	SEVERE STORMS, FLOODING, & LANDSLIDES	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide	none found		

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars. Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

The County Public Assistance column is the whole county's, including any state agencies FEMA files there; this town's own matched Public Assistance is in the per-member block (B1-f).

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Statewide declarations

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	Flags	Notes
1964-03-17	1964-03-17	DR-164-VT	Major disaster	FLOODING	Inland Flooding		
1963-11-27	1963-11-27	DR-160-VT	Major disaster	DROUGHT & IMPENDING FREEZE	Drought		

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

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Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	During plan review <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Coastal Flooding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	72	6	2	16	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 18 Frost/Freeze records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Drought	6	0	3	5	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		No Storm Events record; local data required (e.g., USGS).
Hail	55	0	0	2	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	

Hazard	Storm Events records <i>full period</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	During plan review <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents <i>distinct incidents</i>	Declared since approval <i>distinct incidents</i>	Period	Statement
Heat Wave	23	0	2	7	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	1	0	0	0	4	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	3	0	1	1	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	77	0	0	9	12	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	1	0	0	0	2	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Lightning	5	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	287	6	17	60	1	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 46 High Wind records and 53 Strong Wind records, event types the NRI definition of this hazard leaves out.
Tornado	6	0	0	0	0	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Tsunami	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Volcanic Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Wildfire	1	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	247	4	11	50	2	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

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Notable Storm Events records

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2026-01-29	Extreme Cold/ Wind Chill		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2021-01-08	Cold/Wind Chill		damage not reported	1, 0	NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Direct deaths, injuries <i>indirect not counted</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2018-07-01	Excessive Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2017-07-01	Thunderstorm Wind	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 0	SANDGATE		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2011-08-28	Tropical Storm		\$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2011 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
2011-06-01	Hail	3.25 in	property not reported; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	0, 0	SHAFTSBURY		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
2007-07-27	Lightning		\$750,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	0, 0	BENNINGTON		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2006-02-17	High Wind	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 1	NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		deaths or injuries recorded
2000-07-16	Lightning		damage not reported	0, 1	BENNINGTON		deaths or injuries recorded
1999-11-02	High Wind	66 kt (76 mph), measurement type not recorded	damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone VTZ013 (BENNINGTON), zone-level: may include parts of neighboring counties		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI Strong Wind definition)
1999-09-16	Flash Flood		\$476,000 property; crops not reported (1999 dollars)	0, 0	COUNTYWIDE		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
1969-05-29	Tornado	F2, 0.5 mi path length (records before 1996 may include the whole path; rating and listing come from the county where the tornado began), 33 yd wide	\$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1969 dollars)	0, 1	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado

The full list is in the **XLSX** file, sheet "**B1-d Storm Events history**" (784 rows).

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

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

FEMA's declaration data list no tribal or special-area declarations for this state.

Supports B1-e: probability

Inherited from Bennington County, county-level (county FIPS 50003); scope: whole section.

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche	0.01	events per year	about 1 in 100 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	0.01 is NRI's minimum avalanche frequency for a county in an avalanche susceptibility zone; NRI records no avalanche here, so the descriptor reflects the floor, not local events.
Coastal Flooding		events per year at a location (modeled)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Cold Wave	4.1	event-days per year	about 4.1 days per year	Likely	event-days in 17 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (56.7%)	78	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	Frost/Freeze records are not counted in this descriptor: they record crop freezes, not cold waves.
Drought	0	event-days per year	none modeled	Likely	event-days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	0	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI models no drought event-days here (2000 to 2025, 25.25 years; D3 and D4 only), but Storm Events has a record in 3 of 30 years. The descriptor comes from Storm Events, which records events NRI's definition leaves out, so the two use different thresholds; read them together.
Earthquake	0.000905	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor- damage shaking in a year: 0.0905%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor not assigned: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county, and Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
Hail	2.6	events per year	about 2.6 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	98.9 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	1.53	event-days per year	about 1.53 days per year	Likely	event-days in 11 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (36.7%)	27	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	NRI gives about 1.53 heat wave event-days a year here (its annualized frequency over 19 years; not its event count divided by the years), but Storm Events has a record in only 11 of 30 years. NRI counts from a different source that records far more events than Storm Events, so this descriptor reads much lower than NRI's frequency; read the two together.

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Hurricane	0.0634	events per year	about 1 in 16 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	24	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are counted separately in B1-d and need not match.
Ice Storm	0.605	event-days per year	about 0.605 days per year	Likely	event-days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	41	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.61	event-days per year	about 1.61 days per year	Likely	event-days in 19 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (63.3%)	45	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	1.28	events per year (modeled)	about 1.28 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	24.2	days per year with a strike	about 24.2 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	1.36	events per year	about 1.36 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	52	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.124	events per year	about 1 in 8 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Tsunami		annual probability at the most exposed location (used in place of a county value)				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Volcanic Activity		annual probability				not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Wildfire	0.000022	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0022%	Possible	Storm Events records in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI: the NRI value is the chance at a location in the county, not how often the hazard affects the county.
Winter Weather	24.4	event-days per year	about 24.4 days per year	Highly likely	event-days in 29 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (96.7%)	464	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) comes from the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025). It is not recorded events divided by years, and what it measures depends on the hazard. For most hazards it estimates how often the hazard affects this county each year: it counts events or event-days (drought, heat wave, cold wave, winter weather, ice storm and inland flooding are in days per year; lightning is the

number of days per year with a recorded cloud-to-ground strike, from the NOAA Storm Prediction Center daily lightning climatology); it may count events in the surrounding area (hail, strong wind, tornado, hurricane and ice storm use a 49 km grid and buffers) and is averaged over the county's area; and some hazards use a minimum value for places with no recorded event. Earthquake, wildfire and coastal flooding are different: FEMA computes them for each census block and averages them over the county, so the value is the chance (for coastal flooding, the modeled number of floods per year) at a location in the county, which is lower than the chance that the hazard strikes somewhere in the county. Earthquake is the chance of at least minor-damage shaking (U.S. Geological Survey model); wildfire is the chance that a location burns in a large fire (U.S. Forest Service burn probability); coastal flooding comes from FEMA flood zones and NOAA high-tide flooding, so it can be above 1 where high-tide flooding is frequent. Tsunami is the value at the county's most exposed location, from recorded events and modeled return periods. For these four hazards the packet gives no "1 in N years" and takes the descriptor from Storm Events (none for earthquake) unless the value is 1 or more a year. Landslide is a U.S. Geological Survey modeled county rate spread by slope susceptibility. Volcanic activity is the chance that a volcano affecting the county erupts in a year. Drought counts only extreme and exceptional drought (D3 and D4). Source: FEMA, National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20, sections 5.2.2 (Table 5), 5.2.3, 7.4, 10.4, 16.5, 17.1, 17.3.1, 17.5, 20.3.1, 21.4, 22.4 and 6 to 23.

SOURCES
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Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

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

SOURCES
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Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	24	30	0.8
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	110	30	3.67
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Strong Wind (Thunderstorm Wind records)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	26	30	0.867
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

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

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

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

Supports B1-f: variation across the planning area

Range of census tract risk within the county

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score min <i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>	Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
Avalanche	8 of 12	58.1	60.5	62.8	Very Low 8, Not Applicable 4	
Coastal Flooding	0 of 12				Not Applicable 12	
Cold Wave	12 of 12	82.7	93.1	97.6	Very High 4, Relatively High 8	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Drought	0 of 12				No Rating 12	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Earthquake	12 of 12	25.4	38.5	54.4	Relatively Low 5, Very Low 7	
Hail	12 of 12	40.5	55.8	65.5	Relatively Low 12	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Heat Wave	12 of 12	5.9	13.8	24.1	Relatively Low 4, Very Low 8	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Hurricane	12 of 12	61.8	72.4	78.3	Relatively Low 12	
Ice Storm	12 of 12	38.0	59.1	78.9	Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 8	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Inland Flooding	12 of 12	37.8	65.1	96.0	Very High 1, Relatively High 2, Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 2	
Landslide	12 of 12	43.7	90.4	96.7	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 6, Very Low 4	
Lightning	12 of 12	48.7	71.9	87.6	Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 1	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Strong Wind	12 of 12	28.6	46.3	60.9	Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 10	National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.
Tornado	12 of 12	21.0	31.3	43.7	Relatively Low 10, Very Low 2	

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	Risk score <i>min</i>		Median	Max	Tracts by rating	Note
		<i>NRI score, 0 to 100</i>					
Tsunami	0 of 12					Not Applicable 12	
Volcanic Activity	0 of 12					Not Applicable 12	
Wildfire	12 of 12	46.9	61.9	69.4	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 11		
Winter Weather	12 of 12	49.7	67.4	77.0	Relatively Moderate 12		National data give a county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone) frequency for this hazard, so they cannot show members' hazard differing. The tract range above mostly reflects where buildings and people are. Confirm locally.

County tracts, shown for context: this town's planning area is the town, which the county tracts do not split out.

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

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

Per-member block (Starter, confirm locally)

Member	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat- flood, any definition</i>		Public Assistance matched <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since the member's plan</i>	Notes
Bennington town	Town	Approved, expires 2031-01-15	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1		\$3,823,968.48	70; 1	

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

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

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

Inherited from Bennington County, county-level (county FIPS 50003); scope: NRI exposure and expected annual loss; since-plan figures use the town's own approval date.

Local data required

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

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

Bennington County, county-level

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL population equivalence <i>statistical value of life and injury, \$13.7M per life, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2026-01-16 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Avalanche	\$368,605		1	under \$1		\$3,774	under 0.0001%				
Coastal Flooding											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Cold Wave	\$11,309,918,513	\$22,597,593	37,345	\$269	\$8,270	\$4,981,984	under 0.0001%				
Drought		\$0			\$0						agriculture exposure is 0 in NRI
Earthquake	\$19,357,209,942		37,347	\$202,452		\$30,132	0.00105%				
Hail	\$11,309,918,513	\$22,597,593	37,345	\$5,702	\$11,520	\$103,120	under 0.0001%				
Heat Wave	\$11,309,918,513	\$22,597,593	37,345	under \$1	\$4,751	\$118,993	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$11,309,147,090	\$22,597,593	37,341	\$716,031	\$39,952	\$24,700	0.00633%				
Ice Storm	\$11,262,187,256		37,199	\$93,562		\$1,268	0.000831%				
Inland Flooding	\$11,286,428,211	\$3,793,159	2,363	\$11,577,190	\$208	\$46,680	n/a (see note)				NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b. EAL as % of exposure: n/a.
Landslide	\$706,168,334		2,207	\$9,817		\$7,276	0.00139%				
Lightning	\$11,309,918,513		37,345	\$52,256		\$230,549	0.000462%				
Strong Wind	\$11,309,918,513	\$22,597,593	37,345	\$74,268	\$847	\$100,319	0.000657%				
Tornado	\$11,309,918,513	\$22,597,593	37,345	\$231,910	\$372	\$49,780	0.00205%				
Tsunami											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Volcanic Activity											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Wildfire	\$5,557,386,361	\$10,711,823	17,774	\$7,716	\$2	\$627	0.000139%				
Winter Weather	\$11,309,918,513	\$22,597,593	37,345	\$35,115	\$11	\$23,841	0.00031%				

Every dollar figure in this table is for the whole county; only the since-plan date is the town's own approval date.

Totals since 2026-01-16 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 4 county-coded records, 0 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 12 zone-level records, 0 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance on counted declarations none found (0 declarations, 0 with PA).

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

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

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

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Supports B2-a: context

Inherited from Bennington County, county-level (county FIPS 50003); scope: whole section.

County context

Measure	Value
Population	37,345
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$11,309,918,513
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$22,597,593
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$13,072,221
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$5,723,044
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively High
NRI version	December 2025

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

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Supports B2-c: repetitive loss

Bennington County, county-level

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

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	6	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

Your state NFIP coordinator's list may use the NFIP insurance definition, so its counts can be higher.

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Repeat-flood properties: county total and NFIP communities

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	6	0	6	0	2
BENNINGTON, TOWN OF	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
MANCHESTER, TOWN OF	0	0	5	0	5	0	2

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Repeat-flood properties by plan member (NFIP community)

Member	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>	Note
Bennington town	500013	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	

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

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

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County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	0	0	4	0	4	0	1
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	2	0	2	0	1
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Institutional properties cannot be separated in this data: FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class, so they fall in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

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Your state NFIP coordinator's list may use the NFIP insurance definition, so its counts can be higher.

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

Counts may differ from your state NFIP coordinator's list, which is the source the Handbook names.

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 6 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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