

Basic Storm Stats - Texas Hurricane Harvey

Dates of the hurricane:

Incident Period: August 23-September 15, 2017

Major Disaster Declaration: August 25, 2017

Wind speed:

130mph (Category 4) at landfall in Rockport, Texas

Peak rainfall:[1]

40-61 inches

51.88 inches fell in Cedar Bayou in less than five days

Affected areas/counties/DRC info:

Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton

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Early estimates # of homes/people impacted:

185,149 (estimated 20,000 homes flooded, 13,500 homes destroyed)

How many estimated to have home/wind insurance:

95%

How many estimate to have flood insurance:

20-30%[2]

FEMA IA registrations

782,962 (286,009 applications approved)

Total insurance claims

[670,000 \(as of October 2017\)](#)

- 354,000 residential property claims — including homeowners, residential and mobile homeowners
- 203,000 automobile claims
- 37,000 commercial property claims
- 66,000 flood claims
- 12,000 “other” insurance claims

[1] Flash flooding also reported in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee from Aug. 31-Sept. 1

[2] \$37 billion in home damage projected; only \$9.5 covered by insurance