

Parish and County Impacts Associated with Hurricane Ida (2021)

Narratives listed in alphabetical order with LA parishes first, followed by MS counties.

Updates:

- 09/28/2021 - Corrected gender of storm surge fatality in Jefferson Parish storm impacts narrative. Added a couple more details to Jefferson and St. Tammany Parishes, and Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties based on high water mark surveys, new tornado surveys and/or additional news reports.
- 09/13/2021 - Initial issuance.

Parish Name Ascension	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 direct	Evacuations: 93
The parish suffered widespread damage to trees, powerlines and homes due to Ida's strong winds. Numerous homes also suffered minor to moderate damage, mainly to roofs, carports and other fascia. A few homes were more severely damaged by falling trees, including one where a man was killed when a tree fell on his home. Over 100 roads across the parish were closed due to downed trees, power lines and power poles, or other debris. This includes I-10 between Prairieville and Gramercy, which was blocked by downed trees. At the peak nearly the entire parish was without power.			

Parish Name Assumption	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 65
The parish suffered minor to moderate wind damage. Several trees and power lines were downed, with a few poles down as well. Most structural damage was in the form of shingle damage or other fascia damage, though a few properties suffered more significant damage due to falling trees or large tree limbs. At the peak, nearly the entire parish was without power.			

Parish Name East Baton Rouge	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 2 indirect	Evacuations: 0
Ida's winds downed numerous trees, power lines and power poles across the parish, with over 85 roads closed due to downed trees/lines or debris. Several structures suffered minor to moderate wind damage. Nearly 250,000 homes/businesses were without power during the peak. In the aftermath of the storm, two heat-related fatalities occurred.			

Parish Name East Feliciana	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
The parish suffered widespread tree damage with mostly minor to moderate damage to homes and other structures. A few homes suffered major damage due to falling trees. Several roads were blocked by downed trees or other debris. At the peak approximately 60% of the parish was without power.			

Parish Name Iberville	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Ida's winds were responsible for minor to moderate damage, mainly across the southern portions of the parish. Several trees and power lines were downed, with a few poles down as well. Most structural damage was in the form of shingle damage or other fascia damage. A few properties suffered major damage due to			

falling trees or large tree limbs. Many of the parish's sugar cane crops were also damaged by the strong winds. Roughly 60% of electric customers were without power during the peak.

Parish Name Jefferson	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 direct 4 indirect	Evacuations: At least 950
<p>The parish suffered extreme impacts from both wind and storm surge as Ida made landfall and moved inland. Ida's inner eyewall moved across the far western end of Grand Isle with estimated winds of around 155mph. Every structure on the island suffered damage, and 40-50% of the structures on the island were completely destroyed, especially on the western end of the island. Storm Surge breached the Grand Isle burrito levee in numerous locations, with inundation of 9-10 ft on the west end of the island and 5-6 ft on the east end of the island. Some lower sitting structures were knocked off their pilings. Storm surge overtopped the levees surrounding Lafitte and Jean Lafitte, flooding the area with water reaching 5 to 6 feet in some unelevated homes, and stranding over 200 residents who had chosen to ride out the storm at home. One woman drowned in the flood waters in Lafitte. The area was also cut off after barges broke loose and one barge crashed into the Kerner Swing Bridge. Catastrophic flooding also affected the towns of Crown Point and Barataria, with water depths estimated at 10 to 12 feet in some areas. While the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System levees surrounding areas farther north in the parish were not overtopped, widespread wind still damage occurred across these areas. Numerous trees and powerlines were downed, and tens of thousands of homes suffered roof damage or other minor to moderate structural damage. Several public buildings were damaged, including Kenner City Hall. 100% of the parish was left without power due to a catastrophic failure of the electric system serving all of metro New Orleans, including a major transmission tower collapsing at Nine Mile Point. Heavy rain also fell throughout the parish causing significant street flooding. At least a few homes in Harahan suffered minor water intrusion from the flooding. Ida was also responsible for 4 indirect fatalities - 3 from carbon monoxide poisoning and 1 nursing home death.</p>			

Parish Name Lafourche	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 319
<p>Ida's first landfall was in the parish near Port Fourchon. The parish suffered extreme impacts as the eyewall raked much of the parish from Port Fourchon to Lockport as it moved inland. Nearly all buildings in the parish suffered some level of damage, with widespread catastrophic structural damage occurring across much of the parish. Numerous homes, businesses and public buildings lost significant portions of their roof structures, with some homes totally destroyed. There was substantial damage to at least four major medical facilities in the parish, including at least one emergency room taking on water during the storm. The parish's emergency operations center also suffered significant roof damage. A combination of storm surge and winds decimated areas south of the Larose to Golden Meadow levees, with waves overtopping portions of the 12ft flood walls near the Leon Theriot Lock. Nearly every building in the fishing community of Leeville suffered catastrophic damage, with many reduced to nothing more than the pilings on which they originally sat. Storm surge also breached a parish levee at Bayou Boeuf just south of Lac des Allemands, flooding the town of Kraemer with several feet of water entering some homes as well as the Bayou Bouef Elementary School. As storm surge and waves battered coastal areas, several barges and vessels broke loose from Port Fourchon, within the Intracoastal waterway and throughout Bayou Lafourche. The entire parish was left without power or water service following the storm.</p>			

Parish Name Livingston	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Ida's winds downed thousands of trees and power poles across the parish and also caused widespread damage to structures. Several structures suffered major damage such as portions of the roof torn off, and a few were completely destroyed by falling trees. Additionally hundreds of roads were impassable due to fallen</p>			

trees, powerlines, or other debris. At the peak, roughly 85% of electric customers in the parish were without power. Storm surge from Lake Maurepas resulted in flooding across areas generally along and east of Hwy 22, including Maurepas and Killian. Heavy rain across the parish also resulted in minor flooding of both the Amite and Tickfaw Rivers.

Parish Name Orleans	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 direct 13 indirect	Evacuations: ~200k
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The main impacts in the parish were due to Ida's strong winds. The parish suffered widespread tree damage with many trees snapped or uprooted, some falling on homes or power lines. Numerous power poles were also snapped. The strong winds also caused widespread minor to moderate structural damage such as shingle and minor roof damage, awning damage, signs blown over and other minor damage. A few structures suffered major damage or were destroyed. It also resulted in a catastrophic failure of the power system to the parish with all 8 transmission lines failing. This resulted in a 100% power outage not only to the parish but to the entire metro area. While significant street flooding occurred in a few parts of the parish, no homes took on water. One man died as a result of driving into flood waters in an underpass on I-10. Storm surge flooding also affected areas outside the hurricane and storm damage risk reduction system levees. Several feet of water covered portions of US Hwy 90. Water was also a few feet deep throughout Venetian isles, flooding several garages and under-home storage areas, and threatening some homes. In the wake of the storm, there were 13 indirect fatalities attributed to Hurricane Ida in Orleans Parish - 8 due to excessive heat, 2 due to a combination of heat and lack of oxygen, 2 due to carbon monoxide poisoning from generator use, and one nursing home death.

Parish Name Plaquemines	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: At least 40
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The parish suffered extreme impacts from storm surge and damaging winds. Storm surge flooding overtopped the White Ditch levee causing significant flooding along Hwy 39 from White Ditch to Braithwaite. The surge also overtopped the back levees along the west bank, flooding areas along Hwy 23 from West Point A La Hache through Myrtle Grove, Ironton and Alliance. Many homes in the area are elevated, but unelevated homes were pushed off of their foundations and others were flooded with several feet of water. Elevated homes suffered some wind damage as well as flooding of garages and other under-home storage areas. Numerous cattle and horses were killed when they were trapped by the flood waters. Wind damage was also common throughout the upper portions of the parish, with numerous trees downed and many homes suffering minor to moderate roof damage.

Parish Name Pointe Coupee	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 2
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The parish suffered mainly minor wind impacts with a few trees down and some minor structural damage to roofs. At the peak, approximately 50% of the parish was without power.

Parish Name St. Bernard	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: Unknown
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Ida's storm surge flooded areas outside the hurricane and storm damage risk reduction system levees. Along Hwy 46, the Florissant rock dam was overtopped by storm surge, flooding the communities of Delacroix, Yscloskey, Shell Beach, and Hopedale. Most structures in these areas are elevated, but water flooded numerous garages and other under-home storage areas. During the storm, 22 barges broke loose

near Chalmette, one of which collided with the dock at the Valero refinery. Ida's winds caused widespread damage to trees, power lines and poles, and some structures as well. Most structural damage was minor to moderate, consisting of shingle damage, carport damage or other fascia damage. A few homes suffered more serious damage from falling trees. 100% of the parish was left without power due to a catastrophic failure of the electric system serving all of metro New Orleans.

Parish Name St. Charles	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: Unknown
<p>Ida resulted in widespread wind damage across the parish. Numerous trees and powerlines were downed. Most homes in the parish suffered at least minor to moderate roof or other damage, and several were completely destroyed. The parish's main hospital suffered major damage to its emergency room and operating room, and every one of the parish's public schools suffered damage ranging from cosmetic to catastrophic - with some suffering significant roof damage or wall collapses. Many roads in the parish, including River Road, were left impassable due to fallen trees, power lines or poles, or other debris. 100% of the parish was left without power due to a catastrophic failure of the electric system serving all of metro New Orleans. Water service throughout the parish was interrupted when a barge crashed into the pump system that draws water from the Mississippi River. Storm surge moving up Barataria Bay into Lake Salvador flooded some areas along Bayou Des Allemands. Several homes in the Norco and Montz areas took on water from heavy rainfall.</p>			

Parish Name St. Helena	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Widespread damage to trees and powerlines occurred throughout the parish, with mostly minor to moderate structural damage. Most structural damage was in the form of roof damage, carports damaged, or other fascia damage. However, some homes suffered major damage due to falling trees. At the peak, 100% of the parish was without power.</p>			

Parish Name St. James	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 direct	Evacuations: At least 28
<p>Widespread wind damage occurred across the parish. Numerous trees and powerlines were downed. Most homes in the eastern half of the parish suffered at least minor to moderate roof or other damage, and some older homes and trailers were completely destroyed due to roofs or walls being sheared off. 48 parish buildings, including the parish emergency operations center and both water plants, suffered damage ranging from minor to severe. The majority of roads within the parish were left impassable due to downed trees, power lines and poles, or other debris. 1 man was killed when Ida's winds caused his shed to collapse on him. 100% of the parish was left without power and the west bank of the parish was left without water service following the storm.</p>			

Parish Name St. John the Baptist	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 indirect	Evacuations: Unknown
<p>The parish suffered major impacts from both wind and storm surge. Ida's winds downed trees and power lines parish-wide. Most structures in the parish suffered at least minor to moderate roof or other fascia damage, and numerous buildings collapsed or suffered other major damage in the form of roof or wall failure. Nearly every road in the parish was impassable due to downed trees, power lines and poles, or other debris. As Ida's storm surge moved into the parish from Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas, Frenier Landing and Laplace were flooded. In Laplace, many residents were trapped in their homes or attics by up to 4-6 feet of water. Approximately 800 people were rescued from the Laplace area following the storm. The storm surge flooding also covered I-10. In the aftermath of the storm, Ida was indirectly responsible for one carbon</p>			

monoxide related death.

Parish Name St. Tammany	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 4 indirect	Evacuations: At least 7
<p>The parish suffered significant wind damage, with the greatest impacts across the western half of the parish. Thousands of trees were downed across the parish, with widespread minor to moderate damage to structures as well. Most structural damage was in the form of roof damage or other fascia damage, however, some structures suffered major damage due to falling trees. Additional wind damage occurred across the east side of the parish, and there were 2 confirmed tornadoes in Slidell. Storm surge topped the seawall in Mandeville, flooding several blocks of the lakefront neighborhood. Nearly 2 feet of water covered much of Madisonville, and at least one home took in water. Storm surge flooding also pushed water into some homes and cut off low lying portions of Slidell. Heavy rain resulted in moderate to major flooding along the Tchefuncte and Bogue Falaya Rivers. The storm is indirectly responsible for 4 fatalities in the parish - 1 due to an alligator attack, 1 due to lack of oxygen during the power outage, 1 due to excessive heat, and 1 due to trauma falling off a roof during storm cleanup.</p>			

Parish Name Tangipahoa	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 2 indirect	Evacuations: 248
<p>The parish suffered significant impacts from wind, and heavy rainfall. Ida's winds downed trees and power lines parish-wide as the eastern eyewall traversed far western portions of the parish. Many structures throughout the parish suffered at least minor to moderate roof or other fascia damage, and numerous buildings suffered other major damage from roof failure or falling trees. Most roads in the parish were impassable due to downed trees, power lines and poles, or other debris. Heavy rainfall led to moderate to major flooding along the Tangipahoa River with minor flooding along the Natalbany River. The flooding was likely made worse by storm surge flooding in the marshy areas south of Ponchatoula hindering drainage. In the aftermath of the storm, Ida was indirectly responsible for two fatalities - 1 nursing home death and 1 carbon monoxide poisoning.</p>			

Parish Name Terrebonne	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 indirect	Evacuations: Unknown
<p>Ida's second landfall was in Terrebonne parish southeast of Montegut. The parish suffered extreme impacts as the eyewall raked the eastern half of the parish as it moved inland. There was widespread catastrophic damage to structures throughout the parish and both of the parish's hospitals were severely damaged. An estimated 60% of homes in the parish's bayou communities were deemed unsafe for habitation, with many losing their roof structures removed, collapsed walls, or trees falling through them. The LUMCON Marine Center in Cocodrie suffered substantial damage, and several public buildings including 2 fire departments also suffered major structural damage. Most power poles were snapped or damaged. Nearly every road in the parish was blocked by downed trees, utility poles, or other debris. During the storm, 2 offshore vessels broke free, crashing into the Bouquet Bridge near Dulac. The entire parish was left without power and most without natural gas or water service following the storm. While some storm surge flooding occurred as the storm approached, the northerly winds of the western eyewall resulted in significant water blow out. The strong winds and current caused damage to the parish's main floodgate on the Houma Navigational Canal which was designed to withstand stronger forces from the south. The storm was indirectly responsible for one nursing home death.</p>			

Parish Name Washington	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 22
<p>The parish suffered mainly minor wind impacts in the form of downed trees and powerlines and some minor</p>			

structural damage to roofs. At the peak, approximately 30% of the parish was without power.

Parish Name West Baton Rouge	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
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The parish suffered mainly minor wind impacts with a few trees down and some minor structural damage to roofs. At the peak, approximately 50% of the parish was without power.

Parish Name West Feliciana	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
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The parish suffered mainly minor wind impacts with a few trees down and some minor structural damage to roofs. At the peak, approximately 30% of the parish was without power.

County Name Amite	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
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The county suffered widespread tree damage with mostly minor to moderate damage to homes and other structures as Ida's center moved through the county. A few homes suffered major damage due to falling trees. Several roads, including some state highways, were blocked by downed trees or other debris. At the peak approximately 54% of the county was without power.

County Name Hancock	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 103
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The county experienced widespread tree damage and minor to moderate structure damage due to Ida's winds and 4 confirmed tornadoes. Most signs along S. Beach Blvd were also blown down or damaged. The Bay Waveland tide gauge peaked at 6.91 ft MHHW, indicating roughly 6-7 ft of inundation. Many areas became inaccessible due to the high water. Over 400 roads were flooded by storm surge in coastal portions of the county, including US Hwy 90 and State Hwy 604. Additional flooding occurred due to heavy rainfall, with portions of the county receiving 12-14 inches of rain. In total, county damage assessments indicate 96 public roads suffered damage along with 13 publicly owned buildings and 60 homes, including one mobile home that was completely destroyed. At the peak, roughly 6400 customers were without power due to the storm.

County Name Harrison	Injuries: Multiple, unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 155
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The county experienced impacts due to both wind and flooding. Widespread minor tree and structural damage was reported across the county due to Ida's winds as well as 9 confirmed tornadoes. The confirmed tornadoes were all located in coastal portions of the county and were the result of waterspouts moving onshore. At least one mobile home was completely destroyed when a tree fell through the middle of it. Flooding from storm surge and heavy rainfall also affected the county. Storm surge rendered most of Hwy 90 through the county impassable due to high water during the storm, as well as sand and debris covering the roadway after the water receded.

County Name Jackson	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 31
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The county's main impacts were due to flooding - both from rainfall and storm surge. The NOAA tide gauge near Pascagoula reported a peak of 3.84 ft MHHW, indicating roughly 3-4 ft of inundation. Heavy rainfall of 10-13 inches fell across much of the county as well. Approximately 22 water rescues occurred, both from homes and from cars, with 15 in Moss Point. Approximately 150 roads were covered in water, cutting off at least 300 homes and businesses at the height of the flooding. There was minor damage to the road and the seawall from water erosion. County damage assessments indicate 124 private dwellings with confirmed damage due to either leaking roofs or from flood waters, mostly east of the Pascagoula River. Additionally, there were 3 businesses and 13 public buildings damaged by water. At the peak, approximately 3800 homes were without power due to the storm. Minor wind damage was also noted across the county, with 1 confirmed tornado near Pascagoula and Moss Point.

County Name Pearl River	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread minor to moderate damage to trees and homes was reported across the county. Most structural damage was exterior, such as shingle damage, carport damage, or fascia damage. However, some homes did suffer major damage due to falling trees. Several roads, including state Hwy 43, were blocked by trees or other storm debris. At the peak of the storm approximately 60% of the electric customers in the county were without power.			

County Name Pike	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread minor to moderate damage to trees and homes was reported across the county. Most structural damage was exterior, such as shingle damage, carport damage, or fascia damage. However, some homes did suffer major damage due to falling trees. Numerous roads were impassable due to downed trees and powerlines, including portions of I-55, US Hwy 51 and several state highways. At the peak, approximately 65% of the county was without power. A campground in Magnolia was flooded, with some campers sustaining damage as heavy rain drained into the Tangipahoa River.			

County Name Walthall	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Minor to moderate damage to trees and homes was reported across the county. Most structural damage was exterior, such as shingle damage, carport damage, or fascia damage. However, some homes did suffer major damage due to falling trees. At the peak approximately 50% of the county was without power.			

County Name Wilkinson	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Minor to moderate damage to trees and homes was reported across the county. Most structural damage was exterior, such as shingle damage, carport damage, or other fascia damage. However, a few homes suffered moderate to major damage due to falling trees. At the peak, approximately 50% of the county was without power.			