

County Impacts Associated with Hurricane Helene (2024)

Narratives listed in alphabetical order by counties and cities. Alabama counties are first, followed by Florida counties, and Georgia counties.

Updates:

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AL County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
Coffee	None.	None.	None.
Some trees were downed due to the wind.			

AL County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
Dale			
N/A			

AL County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
Geneva	None.	None.	None.
There were no local evacuations, but hotels filled quickly with evacuees from elsewhere. They had about a dozen trees down in roadways. One road washed out. There were only a few others that were temporarily impassible.			

AL County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
Henry			
N/A			

AL County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
Houston			
Minimal roof leaks reported by Dothan School Superintendent.			

FL County Name Bay	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None	Evacuations: None
No damage reported.			

FL County Name Calhoun	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: None.
Downed trees, power outages, and loss of landlines and Internet service from Windstream.			

FL County Name Dixie	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 direct 2 indirect	Evacuations: Yes.
Preliminary estimates indicate a storm surge greater than 15 feet above ground occurred at Horseshoe Beach, where 70% of the community was destroyed. Similar surge is estimated at Steinhatchee. One person was killed when a tree fell through their house. Two others died from cardiac arrest. There were 120 people in the "mini" temporary hospital that was set up. Nearly all customers lost power due to widespread downed power lines and trees. Shelters were opened and 197 people chose to shelter. Mandatory evacuations were ordered for coastal residents, substandard homes and mobile homes.			

FL County Name Franklin	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: Yes
There was a mandatory evacuation order with 50-75% leaving the county. Damage to houses and structures was estimated to be approx \$23M. Power outages, road closures, trees down.			

FL County Name Gadsden	Injuries: 1	Fatalities: None	Evacuations: Mandatory
One person injured in a single-vehicle accident. Mandatory evacuations ordered for mobile homes and low-lying areas. Multiple downed trees and poles/wires resulted in power outages. Road closures occurred due to wash out from flash flooding. No Damage estimates yet.			

FL County Name Gulf	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None	Evacuations: Mandatory and voluntary. See below
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Mandatory Evacuations for everyone in Indian Pass, Cape San Blas, Simmons Bayou, & Oak Grove. Mandatory Evacuations for all RV Parks south of intracoastal waterway. Voluntary Evacuations for all Low-Lying areas & Mobile Homes. Beach erosion occurred and the Stumphole was overwashed. Storm surge flooding in Simmons Bayou entered St. Joe Shrimp. In the City of Port Saint Joe, storm surge inundation occurred in three houses on Sunset Circle. Roof damage occurred at the PSJ Police Dept. and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

FL County Name Holmes	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
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Roads closed due to flooding include Reddick Mill Road, Jackson Branch Road, E White St. in Noma, Wrights Creek Road, Gavin Road, Smith Chapel Road, Bonifay Chipley Road, Howell Williams Road, and Adolph Whitaker Road.

FL County Name Jackson	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: Yes.
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Voluntary evacuations ordered for low-lying areas, mobile homes, and RV's. Very minimal road flooding and dirt road washouts occurred. Roads that were closed due to flooding include Caverns Road and Cutchins Road.

FL County Name Jefferson	Injuries: None	Fatalities: None	Evacuations: Yes
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Initial estimate of over \$2.5 million in damage based off of the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's Office.

FL County Name Lafayette	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
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This county is still in the midst of a massive recovery effort and has not been able to provide any official impacts. However, nearly all customers lost power due to widespread downed power lines and trees.

FL County Name Leon	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: Yes. See below.
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Leon County ordered a mandatory evacuation for Mobile and Manufactured Homes. Residential initial damage assessment results include 3 Destroyed, 27 major damage, 47 minor damage, 56 affected. Infrastructure impact estimates include \$10,450,000 to restore electricity and remove 100,000 to 125,000 cy of debris. At the peak, roughly 53,000 City of Tallahassee Utility customers and 35,000 Talquin Electric customers (63%) were without power.

FL County Name Liberty	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: None.
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Flash flooding in the Sumatra area inundated one home. Hwy 65 was underwater just south of Sumatra and also within the town just south of CR 22. CR 67 was also under water just north of the county line.

FL County Name Madison	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
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FL County Name Taylor	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: Yes.
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EM estimates 80% of Keaton Beach is destroyed where preliminary estimates indicate a storm surge greater than 15 feet above ground occurred. Similar surge is estimated at Steinhatchee. This county is still in the midst of a massive recovery effort and has not been able to provide any additional official impacts. However, nearly all customers lost power due to widespread downed power lines and trees. Mandatory evacuation orders were announced for ALL county residents and no shelters were opened.

FL County Name Wakulla	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations: Yes
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Mandatory evacuation orders were announced for ALL county residents and no shelters were opened. Major flooding of the Sopchoppy River overtopped the Painted Bridge.

FL County Name Walton	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

FL County Name Washington	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: None.
Multiple Road closures due to high water and wash outs.			

GA County Name Baker	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Ben Hill	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: none.	Evacuations: None.
The 911 system went down. There were three trees on homes, blocked/damaged roadways, and minor car accidents. 97% of utility customers lost power. In the City of Fitzgerald, 70 power poles were broken and 30 transformers had to be replaced. Several roads were flooded.			

GA County Name Berrien	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: None.
Colquitt Electric reported 1000 broken power poles in their service area, mostly in Lowndes and Berrien Counties. Berrien 911 had trees fall on the building which caused damage. Trees also fell on the New Lois Fire Dept. which caused damage to the building and one of the trucks inside the station. There are no monetary damage estimates atm.			

GA County Name Brooks	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: Unknown
Power lines and trees down county wide blocking 60-70% of the roads.			

GA County Name Calhoun	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Clay	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Colquitt	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: 1 direct	Evacuations: Unknown
One man died when a tree fell into the road in front of him and his car crashed into it. City of Moultrie roads closed due to fallen trees and/or flooding include 4th Ave. NE at Clay St., 11th St. SW, 12th Ave. SW and 13th St. SW.			

GA County Name Cook	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: Unknown.
Trees were down countywide. Many fell on homes and businesses with many roads blocked.			

GA County Name Decatur	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: none.	Evacuations: None.
60 people sheltered in the public shelter, but no local evacuation orders were given.			

GA County Name Dougherty	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Early	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Grady	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: Yes
Voluntary evacuation order issued for mobile homes. Trees and power lines down from wind and rain that lead to power outages and blocked roads. All roads were cleared within 12 hours.			

GA County Name Irwin	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
93% of utility customers lost power.			

GA County Name Lanier	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
This county is still in the midst of a massive recovery effort and has not been able to provide official impacts. However, nearly all customers lost power due to widespread downed power lines and trees.			

GA County Name Lee	Injuries: Unknown.	Fatalities: Unknown.	Evacuations: Unknown.
Some deaths noted in the media, but details are not known at this time.			

GA County Name Lee	Injuries: Unknown.	Fatalities: Unknown.	Evacuations: Unknown.

GA County Name Lowndes	Injuries: 77	Fatalities: 2 direct	Evacuations: Yes.
<p>99% of Lowndes County lost power, and thousands of power lines were down across local roads. Colquitt Electric reported 1000 broken power poles in their service area, mostly in Lowndes and Berrien Counties. The Willis L. Miller Library sustained major damage and will be closed until further notice. The tower at VLD airport had all the windows blown out and will be closed UFN. The deaths occurred due to trees falling into homes. Nearly all customers lost power due to widespread downed power lines and trees. In Valdosta, dozens of homes are now unlivable. Voluntary evacuation order issued for mobile home residents and those that had electricity-dependent medical devices. Three evacuation shelters were opened and 157 individuals sheltered.</p>			

GA County Name Miller	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Mitchell	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Quitman	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Randolph	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Seminole	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Terrell	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			

GA County Name Thomas	Injuries: Unknown.	Fatalities: Unknown.	Evacuations: Unknown.
Water was over a bridge at Cone Road Bridge. A bridge was closed at McKinnon to 122. Another bridge was damaged south of Coolidge. Several trees were down across the county.			

GA County Name Tift	Injuries: Unknown	Fatalities: Unknown	Evacuations: Unknown
40 roads were closed due to downed power lines, large trees on the road, or washouts. Lower Brookfield Road was one of the roads blocked.			

GA County Name Turner	Injuries: None.	Fatalities: None.	Evacuations: None.
The county reported damaged roads, downed trees, and downed power lines. 62% of utility customers lost power.			

GA County Name Worth	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
N/A			