POST TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORT

Storm Name Hurricane Isaias

NWS Office Tallahassee

Begin/End Date 10/08/2026 - 10/11/2026

Fatalities 0 - Direct
0 - Indirect

Tornadoes 1

Event Summary

Hurricane Isaias developed in the Bay of Campeche on October 4, 2026, became a tropical storm on October 7, and intensified into a Category 2 hurricane on October 8. It made landfall near Destin, Florida, around 8:30 PM CDT on Friday, October 9, with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph and a central pressure of 971 mb. Isaias then tracked north across southern Alabama and weakened into a post-tropical cyclone on October 10.

Hurricane-force winds impacted the western Florida Panhandle, with peak gusts of 91 mph at Choctaw Beach and 83 mph at Panama City Beach. Tropical-storm-force winds extended into southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia, and the Florida Big Bend. The storm damaged structures, downed trees and power lines, caused widespread power outages, blocked roads, and resulted in four reported injuries across Coffee and Houston counties in Alabama and Lanier County in Georgia.

A life-threatening storm surge inundated coastal areas east of the landfall point, with the Panama City Beach Pier tide gauge recording a peak water level of 5.60 feet MHHW—its second-highest on record behind Hurricane Opal in 1995. Surge and heavy surf caused extensive beach erosion, seawall damage, overwashing of coastal roads, and damage to boardwalks along Walton, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin counties. Evacuation orders were issued for vulnerable coastal zones and mobile homes.

Torrential rainfall from training bands caused widespread urban and flash flooding across the western Florida Panhandle and southeast Alabama. Rainfall totals reached 4 to 8+ inches across coastal and western areas, peaking at 12.47 inches in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, and 10.01 inches in Elba, Alabama, driving local creeks and rivers into minor-to-moderate flooding.

A tornado associated with the outer bands of Hurricane Isaias moved onshore east of Eastpoint in Franklin County, traveling inland about one mile and causing minor damage to several homes along State Road 65 and Michael Way before dissipating.

NOTE: It is unlikely that the point-based observations provided in this report sampled the peak values for the event.

Highest 10 Land Winds (kts)*

Station	*State*	*Type*	*Sustained*
Grayton Beach	FL	StickNet	62
Santa Rosa Beach (Topsail Hill)	FL	StickNet	56
Seagrove Beach	FL	StickNet	55
Gulf Coast State College	FL	WeatherSTEM	51
FSWN Choctaw Beach	FL	WeatherSTEM	51
St. Andrews State Park	FL	StickNet	49
Panama City Beach (Pier Park)	FL	StickNet	47
Ed Walline Beach Access	FL	WeatherSTEM	45
Panama City (Downtown)	FL	StickNet	45
Panama City Beach	FL	Weatherflow	44

* Anemometer heights < 20 m

Highest 10 Land Gusts (kts)*

Station	*State*	*Type*	*Gust*
FSWN Choctaw Beach	FL	WeatherSTEM	79
Grayton Beach	FL	StickNet	75
Gulf Coast State College	FL	WeatherSTEM	72
Seagrove Beach	FL	StickNet	68
Panama City Beach (County Pier)	FL	StickNet	66
Santa Rosa Beach (Topsail Hill)	FL	StickNet	64
Panama City Beach	FL	Weatherflow	63
Ed Walline Beach Access	FL	WeatherSTEM	63
St. Andrews State Park	FL	StickNet	61
Panama City Beach (Pier Park)	FL	StickNet	60

* Anemometer heights < 20 m

Highest 10 Marine Winds (kts)*

Station	*Type*	*Sustained*
Panama City Beach	NOS	62.8
St. Andrew Bay	Weatherflow	50.1
Buoy 42028	COMPS	48.6
Panama City	NOS	46.9
Buoy 42039	NDBC	45.1
St. George Island Bridge	WeatherSTEM	42.6
Buoy 42036	NDBC	38.9
Buoy 42027	COMPS	36.9
Apalachicola	NOS	34.7
Apalachee Bay - Panacea Channel L8	Weatherflow	29.1

* Anemometer heights < 20 m

Highest 10 Marine Gusts (kts)*

Station	*Type*	*Gust*
Panama City Beach	NOS	72.1
Buoy 42028	COMPS	70.0
St. Andrew Bay	Weatherflow	62.7
Panama City	NOS	58.2
Buoy 42039	NDBC	53.5
St. George Island Bridge	WeatherSTEM	52.1
Buoy 42027	COMPS	50.5
Buoy 42036	NDBC	43.0
Apalachicola	NOS	40.8
Apalachee Bay - Panacea Channel L8	Weatherflow	37.3

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Highest 10 Rainfall Totals

Station	*State*	*Type*	*Inches*
DeFuniak Springs	FL	FAWN	12.47
N4WFF Elba	AL	HAM/APRS	10.01
Kinston	AL	Mesonet	7.28
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Tallahassee 5.0 SE	FL	CoCoRaHS	6.34
GW4374 TALLAHASSEE	FL	CWOP	6.02
Tallahassee 5.6 ESE	FL	CoCoRaHS	5.91
Tallahassee 4.7 ENE	FL	CoCoRaHS	5.60
Tallahassee 4.5 ENE	FL	CoCoRaHS	5.50
Tallahassee 5.0 E	FL	CoCoRaHS	5.45

Highest NOAA Tide Gage Observations

Station	*State*	*Datum*	*Water Level (ft)*
Tide Station at Panama City Beach Pier	FL	MHHW	5.60
Tide Station at Apalachicola	FL	MHHW	3.58
Tide Station at Panama City Marina	FL	MHHW	3.01

Lowest 10 Pressures (MSLP)

Station	*State*	*Type*	*Millibars*
Miramar Beach	FL	StickNet	977.5
FSWN Miramar Beach	FL	WeatherSTEM	980.7
Santa Rosa Beach (Topsail Hill)	FL	StickNet	980.7
Grayton Beach	FL	StickNet	982.8
Dune Allen Beach	FL	StickNet	983.9
Ed Walline Beach Access	FL	WeatherSTEM	984.7
SeaDunes Santa Rosa Beach FL	FL	WeatherSTEM	985.5
FSWN Choctaw Beach	FL	WeatherSTEM	986.8
Point Washington	FL	StickNet	988.1
Seagrove Beach	FL	StickNet	988.6

Report Last Updated on [10/24/2026]:

This is the final issuance.

Remarks:

Data was collected between 18Z Thu Oct 8th and 12Z Sun Oct 11th - This broad time frame captures all the rainfall from Isaias. Reports for maximum sustained winds and gusts and minimum pressure are missing for some stations due to power outages. Data for Buoy 42028 may be unrepresentative due to incomplete observatons. The final issuance includes additional wind and pressure data from StickNet sites, updates to observations from buoys 42039 and 42036, damage survey for the tornado near Eastpoint (FL), additional Event Summary information, and an updated Impacts Report.