Infographic: Hurricane Katrina 10 Years Later

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Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana as a Category 3 storm on the morning of August 29, 2005. It was to become the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, causing widespread wind and flood damage and taking 1,800 lives. Ten years later, are we as a nation any better prepared to meet such megadisasters; what might be the impact of another Katrina today?

Hurricane Katrina: Ten Years Later A Look Back at the Costliest Hurricane in U.S. History

Hurricane Katrina was the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history. Forming over the Bahamas on August 23, 2005, the storm made landfall and moved across southern Florida on August 25 as a Category 1 hurricane, before rapidly gaining strength in the Gulf of Mexico.

Katrina then made its second U.S. landfall as a Category 3 storm on the morning of August 29, 2005, in southeast Louisiana, creating a path of destruction that affected six states, with Louisiana and Mississippi the hardest-hit.

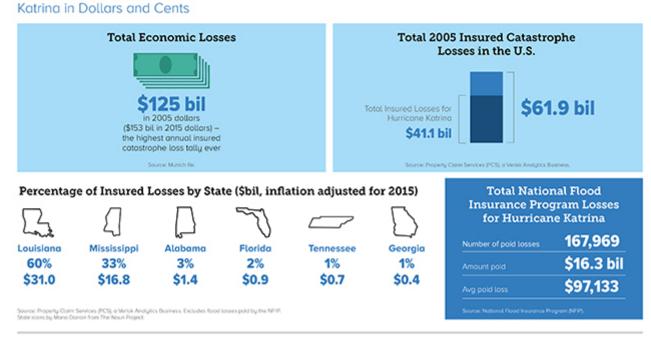
The hurricane caused widespread wind and flood damage, exposing many weaknesses in the region's infrastructure, as well as the nation's preparedness for megadisasters.

About 1,800 people lost their lives as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

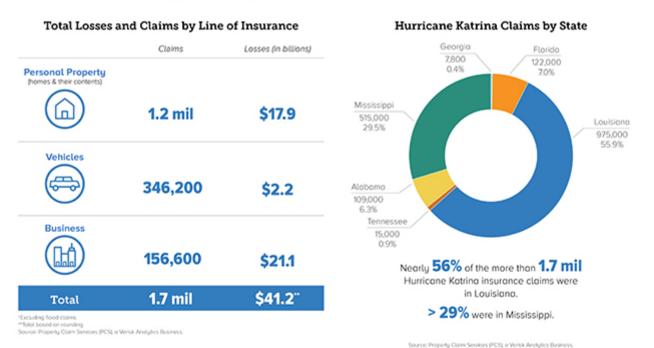


The storm's path, August 23-30, 2005

Economic Impact:



Insurance Claims by Coverage and State*



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