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2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season Recap

- The fourth most active Atlantic basin hurricane season in the satellite era has drawn to a close, but what could have been a season of records left the U.S. relatively unscathed compared to recent years.
- According to NOAA estimates, between \$3-\$4 billion worth of damage was done during the 2023 hurricane season, making it the quietest season since 2015 - another El Niño year.
- Hurricane Idalia, which struck Florida's Big Bend as a Category 3 hurricane, was the most impactful cyclone and produced more than 80% of the season's damage. Government estimates put the damage tally at around \$2.5-\$3 billion.
- Only two other cyclones impacted the U.S. – Harold and Ophelia – but both were at tropical storm intensities when they affected coastal communities.
- The season's landfalling cyclone total matched 2022's number, but stronger cyclones impacting heavily populated areas led to significantly more damage last year.
- The 2023 season was more in line with the 2015 season as both seasons faced well-established El Niño weather patterns.



2024 Hurricane Season

- Forecasters have already started to look ahead to what the 2024 hurricane season could produce.
- Unlike 2023, when tropical cyclones were forced to compete with a ramping up El Niño, the 2024 season looks like it'll have to contend with atmospheric conditions that'll be the opposite, with an El Niño that is in collapse.
- Nearly every climate model depicts a rapidly decaying El Niño event, which could have significant ramifications on tropical cyclone activity in the Atlantic basin.
- Many seasons following an El Niño have been busy, with above-average production of tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic basin.

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Disaster Update

DR-4749 Illinois

- A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center will open in Calumet City on Friday, Dec. 1 to help residents kickstart their recovery after the September 17 – 18 storms and flooding.
- Specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration are at the center to help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance, upload documents, learn about ways to make their property more disaster resistant and get their questions answered in person.
- The center will be open in the following location: Calumet City Public Library, 660 Manistee Ave., Calumet City, IL, 60409, Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Saturday, Closed Sundays
- Additional recovery centers will be opening soon.

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/Pending	Number of Counties
OH	Train Derailment Feb 3-8, 2023	7/3/2023	Pending	1 County
WA	Wildfires Aug 18-25	10/4/2023	Pending	1 County
MI*	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding Aug 24-26	10/18/2023	Pending	9 Counties
WV	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides & Mudslides Aug 28-30	10/25/2023	Pending	5 Counties
PA	Severe Storms & Flooding Sep 9-10	11/8/2023	Pending	1 County
RI	Severe Storms, Flooding & Tornadoes Sep 10-13	11/8/2023	Pending	1 County

*Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4724 HI	Wildfires	1 County	109	12/9/2023
4734 FL	Hurricane Idalia	18 Counties	91	11/29/2023
4749 IL	Flooding	1 County	7	1/19/2024

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