

FEMA Launches Full Application of the National Risk Index with More Customization and Reporting and Data Updates

FEMA announced the full application launch of the [National Risk Index](#), an online resource that visually identifies traits of the communities most at risk from natural hazards.

This online mapping application provides a holistic view of community risk by providing baseline relative risk scores. It measures a community's risk for 18 natural hazards, in addition to resilience, social vulnerability and expected annual loss.

The Index helps users understand natural hazard risk and to support informed risk reduction decisions for mitigation planning and emergency management. By providing standardized risk data and an overview of multiple risk factors, this interactive mapping and analysis tool can help communities, especially those with limited flood mapping and risk assessment capabilities, prepare for natural hazards.

Climate change is a top priority for this administration and FEMA. The Index helps to advance the conversation on climate change and emergency response strategies by helping communities enhance disaster resiliency. The tool was originally released in November 2020 at a limited capacity. Now, fully available for use by state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, the Index includes the ability to generate more customized analyses and reports, including community risk profiles and risk comparison reports for any county or Census tract.

In addition, several data updates and access to more information about the development of the Index is also available.

The Index based ratings on data from the best available resources from 2014 through 2019. Routine updates are expected to keep ratings current.

The tool is free and easy to use, and data from the site can be downloaded. Visit [FEMA's National Risk Index webpage](#) to learn more about the data and the natural hazards that may affect your community.

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