National Risk Index - Metadata

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Summary

The National Risk Index contains county and Census tract-level data for the Risk Index, Expected Annual Loss, Social Vulnerability, and Community Resilience. The National Risk Index data helps to illustrate the communities most at risk for 18 natural hazards across the United States and territories.

Description

The National Risk Index data helps to illustrate the communities most at risk for 18 natural hazards across the United States and territories: avalanche, coastal flooding, cold wave, drought, earthquake, hail, heat wave, hurricane, ice storm, inland flooding, landslide, lightning, strong wind, tornado, tsunami, volcanic activity, wildfire, and winter weather. The National Risk Index data provides Risk Index values, scores and ratings based on data for Expected Annual Loss due to natural hazards, Social Vulnerability, and Community Resilience. Separate values, scores and ratings are also provided for Expected Annual Loss, Social Vulnerability, and Community Resilience. For the Risk Index and Expected Annual Loss, values, scores and ratings can be viewed as a composite score for all hazards or individually for each of the 18 hazard types.

Sources for Expected Annual Loss data include:

- Arizona State University's Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- California Department of Conservation – Geological Survey
- Colorado Avalanche Information Center
- Snow Data Assimilation System
- National Water and Climate Center
- Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program
- Snow Telemetry Network
- Northern Hemisphere 0.25 Degree Resolution Machine Learning Snow Depth Data
- CoreLogic's Flood Services
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Flood Insurance Program
- FEMA Natural Hazards Risk Assessment Program
- Humanitarian Data Exchange
- Iowa State University's Iowa Environmental Mesonet
- Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium
- National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Center
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office for Coastal Management

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Geophysical Data Center
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service
- U.S. Forest Service's Fire Modeling Institute's Missoula Fire Sciences Lab
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Geological Survey's Landslide Hazards Program
- U.S. Geological Survey Western Geographic Science Center Hazard Vulnerability Team
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- University of Alaska – Fairbanks' Alaska Earthquake Center
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln's National Drought Mitigation Center

Data for Social Vulnerability are provided by the U.S. Census Community Resilience Estimate, and data for Community Resilience are obtained from the University of South Carolina's Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute's 2020 Baseline Resilience Indicators for Communities. These obtained data were used to create a FEMA modified version of the Baseline Resilience Indicators for Communities for use in the National Risk Index dataset.

The source of the boundaries for counties and Census tracts are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 TIGER/Line shapefiles, except for Connecticut which uses the 2024 TIGER/Line shapefiles. Building value and population exposures for communities are based on FEMA's Hazus 6.0 and inflation adjusted to December 2024 dollars. Agriculture values are based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2017 Census of Agriculture and inflation adjusted to December 2024 dollars.

[National Risk Index Dataset - Data Dictionary](#)

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Extent

West   -179.2   East   179.8

North 71.4   South   -14.5

Scale Range

Maximum (zoomed in)   1:5,000

Minimum (zoomed out)   1:150,000,000

Topics and Keywords ►

Themes or categories of the resource   Environment, Planning & Cadastral, Society

Citation ►

Title   National Risk Index

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Extents ►

Extent
    Geographic extent
    Bounding rectangle
    Extent type
  Extent used for searching
    West longitude   -179.2
    East longitude   179.8
    North latitude   71.4
    South latitude   -14.5
    Extent contains the resource   Yes

Resource Points of Contact ►

Point of contact - point of contact
    Individual's name   National Risk Index
    Organization's name   Federal Emergency Management Agency

    Contact information ►
    Address
    Type
    e-mail address   FEMA-NRI@fema.dhs.gov

Resource Maintenance ►

Resource maintenance

Update frequency   irregular

Metadata Details ▶

Metadata language   English (UNITED STATES)
Metadata character set   utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

Scope of the data described by the metadata   dataset

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Have been performed   No

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