June 1, 2021

**2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season**

- Today, June 1, is the official start of the hurricane season in the Atlantic basin. The hurricane season will last until Nov. 30.
- Right now, the Atlantic is quiet, with no areas being monitored for development by the National Hurricane Center.
- However, another busy year will be possible, according to forecasters.
- This season, NOAA is predicting 13 to 20 named storms, six to 10 hurricanes and three to five major hurricanes.
- An average season, according to NOAA, has 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes.
- There’s already been one name crossed off the list. Tropical Storm Ana formed on May 22 near Bermuda.
- Last year’s record-breaking season serves as a reminder to all residents in coastal regions or areas prone to inland flooding from rainfall to be prepared for the 2021 hurricane season.
- According to NOAA data collected from 1851 through last year, 40% of all U.S. hurricanes hit the state of Florida and 88% of major hurricane strikes have hit either Florida or Texas.
- North Carolina and Louisiana also top the list of the most direct hits on the mainland U.S. coastline – though Puerto Rico is not included in those figures.
- In an analysis of the probability of being struck by a tropical storm or hurricane – based on storm hits with around 100 miles from 1944 and 1999 – NOAA found that New Orleans has a 40% chance every year of experiencing a strike.
- At highest risk, the agency said, were Miami and Cape Hatteras, N.C., at 48 percent, and San Juan, Puerto Rico at 42%.

![2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook](image)
Declaration Request

Louisiana

- Governor John Bel Edwards has requested a Major Disaster Declaration, formally requesting assistance for Louisiana following severe weather and flash flooding in May, which caused damage to at least 2,000 homes.
- In total, the governor's office says 1,729 homes were validated damaged from the severe weather, including 5 that were reported as destroyed, 640 suffering major damage, and 1,084 homes having minor damage.
- The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) anticipates that damage levels exceed the actual damage reported.

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