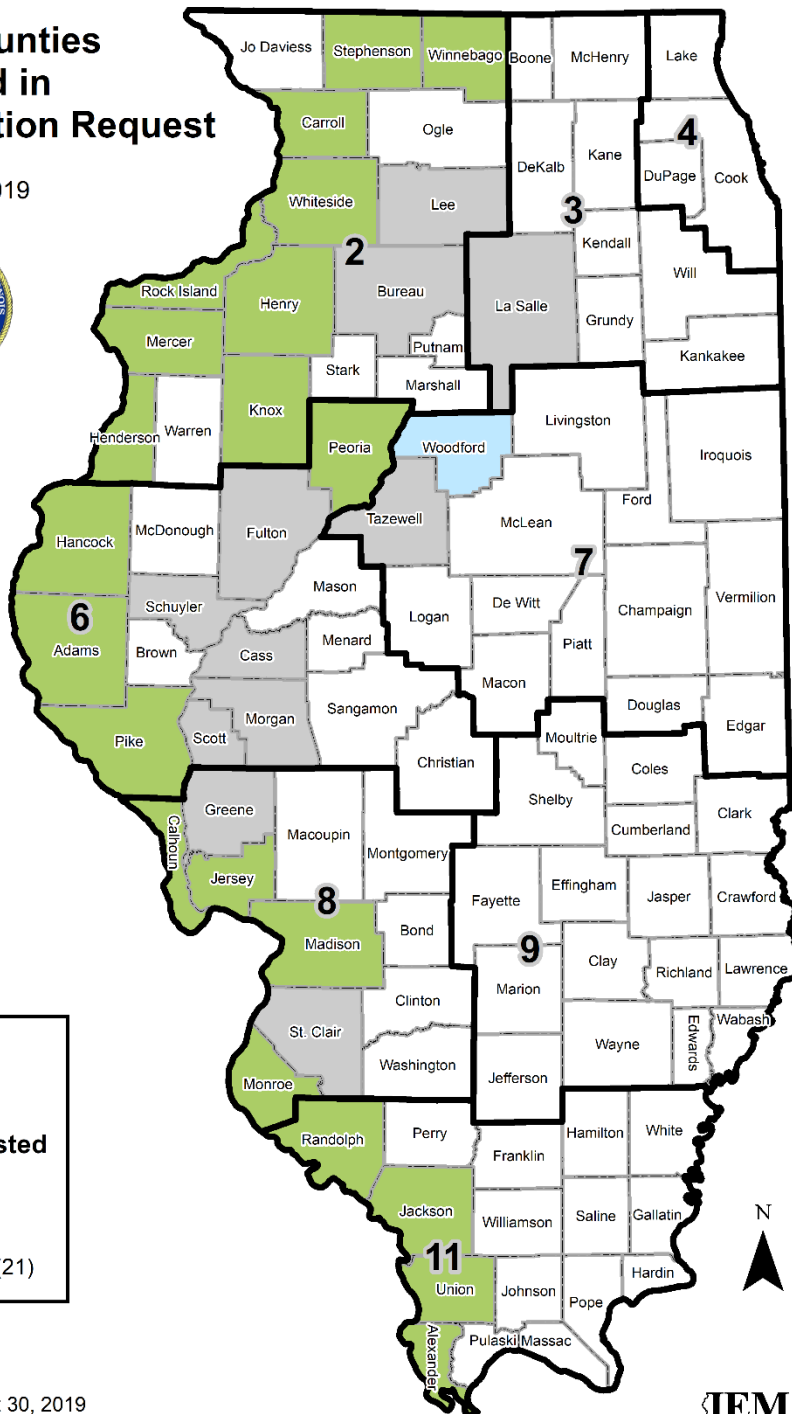


Illinois Counties Included in Disaster Declaration Request

August 30, 2019



Legend

IEMA Regions

Assistance Requested

IA Only (1)

PA Only (11)

Both IA and PA (21)

Data Source: IEMA. August 30, 2019



Why were these counties selected for Public Assistance (PA)?

While the state's disaster proclamation included 36 counties, only 32 counties requested financial reimbursement from this historic flood. These counties have exhausted their available local resources and are seeking reimbursement for the flood-related damages and associated costs incurred from responding to this natural disaster.

Following this request for financial assistance, a joint preliminary damage assessment team, comprised of representatives from FEMA and IEMA, visited with the impacted local governments to review and validate expenses. FEMA will now review the documentation and make recommendations to the President on whether to award a major disaster declaration, which if granted would provide financial relief to the eligible counties.

Why were these counties selected for Individual Assistance (IA)?

While the state's disaster proclamation included 36 counties, only 22 counties requested financial assistance for uninsured or under-insured individuals, families, businesses and non-profits as they work to recover from this historic event.

FEMA has not identified a formula or threshold for awarding Individual Assistance. A joint preliminary damage assessment team, comprised of representatives from FEMA, IEMA and SBA, recently visited the affected areas to review the need and validate local expenses. FEMA will now review the documentation and make recommendations to the President on the possible awarding of a major disaster declaration, which if granted would provide financial relief and programmatic assistance (such as housing assistance, medical and mental health services and legal assistance) to residents in eligible counties.

Can Additional Counties still be added to the Declaration?

Under the Stafford Act, the State of Illinois has 30 days after a major disaster declaration to request additional counties be added to the federal disaster declaration. These counties would still need to meet the requirements of eligibility. The State of Illinois will continue to work with all impacted counties to meet this deadline.

What Would a Federal Declaration Do?

- **Individual Assistance (IA):** People affected by flooding would be eligible to apply for grants (maximum of \$31,500) and low-interest loans.
See list of IA programs offered by FEMA: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1565194429982-5674cd81399feab00cc72ab7fc4d84f/FACTSHEETIndividualAssistanceProgram.pdf>
- **Public Assistance (PA):** Local and state governmental bodies would be eligible to receive reimbursement for 75% of their extraordinary disaster-related expenses.
- **Small Business Administration Loans:** Residents, business owners and non-profits may be eligible for low-interest, long-term loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

How is Public Assistance Determined?

Criteria:	FEMA uses the following factors (44 CFR 206.48) to make recommendations to the President on disaster incidents: 1) estimated cost of the assistance (per capita), 2) localized impacts, 3) insurance coverage in force, 4) hazard mitigation, 5) recent multiple disasters, and 6) programs of other federal assistance.
Per Capita:	In general, a state must meet a state per capita impact indicator of \$1.50 per person to get a major disaster (Illinois threshold is \$19,245,948) declared by the President. Once a declaration is made, FEMA uses a county per capita impact indicator of \$3.78 per person to determine if the county should be designated for Public Assistance Program funding under the declaration. Both per capita impact indicators are adjusted annually.
Funding:	A federal share of at least 75% is provided. Counties must generally provide the 25% non-federal share.
Who's Eligible:	States, local units of government, tribal governments, and certain nonprofit organizations that provide services of a governmental nature.
Eligible Work:	Debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the permanent restoration of public facilities.
More Information:	https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit

How is Individual Assistance Determined?

FEMA has not identified a strict formula or threshold for awarding Individual Assistance and instead has identified six factors to use as consideration when recommending a disaster declaration:

- State Fiscal Capacity
- Home/Property Loss and Level of Insurance
- Impacted Area Population Profile
- Impact to Community Lifelines
- Casualties
- Disaster Related Unemployment

When was the last time Illinois received an IA Declaration?

2013.

When was the last time Illinois received a PA Declaration?

2013.