

FEMA Announcing Two Informational Webinars about Community Disaster Resilience Zones

The [Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act of 2022](#) was signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden on Dec. 20, 2022. The act builds disaster resilience across the nation by creating and designating resilience zones that can focus assistance and support to areas that need it most. These zones are disadvantaged communities that have high natural hazard risks based on combined risks of annualized estimated losses to buildings, people and agriculture from natural hazards; social vulnerability; and community resilience.

Community Disaster Resilience Zones Designations

On Sept. 6, FEMA announced 483 census tracts in communities to receive targeted federal support to become more resilient to natural hazards and extreme weather worsened by the climate crisis. FEMA will use these zones to focus resilience activities as well as to encourage other federal agencies, the private sector, nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, and private equity to invest in resilience projects.

The initial announcement of designations is for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The agency ensured that each state has at least one Community Disaster Resilience Zone and considered geographical balance among coastal, inland, urban, suburban and rural areas when designating the zones.

FEMA will make a second announcement in December 2023 for tribal lands and territories. Future designations will continue to build upon the geographic diversity. These designated zones will receive technical assistance and financial support for projects that will help communities build resilience to natural hazards.

Join FEMA and [register](#) for an upcoming informational webinar to learn more about the vision for the Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act, the designation methodology, and future opportunities for partnership and investment. The content is the same for both sessions.

- Webinar: Oct. 25, 2023, 3 – 4 p.m. Eastern Time [Webinar Registration - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#)
- Webinar: Oct. 31, 2023, 1 – 2 p.m. Eastern Time [Webinar Registration - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#)

The jurisdictions with these designated resilience zones may be viewed on [FEMA's website](#). An [interactive map](#) shows the states and census tracts with these initial designations.



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Table 1. Community Disaster Resilience Zone Designations by FEMA Region

FEMA Region	States and the District of Columbia*	Number of Designated Zones in each region	Total Census Tracts in each region
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Connecticut ▪ New Hampshire ▪ Maine ▪ Massachusetts ▪ Rhode Island ▪ Vermont 	10	3,681
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Jersey ▪ New York 	32	7,568
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delaware ▪ District of Columbia ▪ Maryland ▪ Pennsylvania ▪ Virginia ▪ West Virginia 	49	8,105
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alabama ▪ Florida ▪ Georgia ▪ Kentucky ▪ Mississippi ▪ North Carolina ▪ South Carolina ▪ Tennessee 	110	17,199
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illinois ▪ Indiana ▪ Michigan ▪ Minnesota ▪ Ohio ▪ Wisconsin 	68	14,117
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arkansas ▪ Louisiana ▪ New Mexico ▪ Oklahoma ▪ Texas 	66	10,899
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Iowa ▪ Kansas ▪ Missouri ▪ Nebraska 	25	3,932
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Colorado ▪ Montana ▪ North Dakota ▪ South Dakota ▪ Utah ▪ Wyoming 	18	3,112
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arizona ▪ California ▪ Hawaii ▪ Nevada 	78	12,081
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alaska ▪ Idaho ▪ Oregon ▪ Washington 	27	3,399
Total		483	84,093

*The initial 483 designations announced on Sept. 6 were for 50 states and the District of Columbia. FEMA will announce designations for tribal lands and territories in December 2023.

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