

# Hurricane Ida: By the Numbers at Six Months

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In the six months since Hurricane Ida struck Louisiana, recovery has progressed for survivors, businesses, and communities. Below is a snapshot from FEMA of the state and federal assistance approved through March 8, and some milestones reached since the Aug. 29 disaster declaration.

## **Individual Assistance**

Since Hurricane Ida struck, more than 563,500 applications for individual assistance have been approved, totaling more than \$1.16 billion in the hands of survivors. To date, FEMA has paid more than \$334 million in grants for repairs and more than \$309 million in rental assistance.

Over the past six months, FEMA has opened 40 Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) across 17 of the hardest hit parishes, assisting more than 76,000 Louisianians with disaster assistance applications and providing other services, such as uploading information to survivors' files and giving referrals to other agencies.

## **Small Business Administration**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than 25,500 applications for low-interest disaster loans totaling \$1.28 billion including:

- 25,637 home loans for nearly \$1.2 billion.
- 1,623 business loans for more than \$103 million.

## **Hazard Mitigation/National Flood Insurance Program**

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) have paid out more than 14,500 claims totaling more than \$640 million. Mitigation specialists have interacted with 22,000 survivors about repairing and rebuilding their homes safer and stronger.



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Hazard Mitigation's web resources (<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/lamit> [Spanish Repairing and Rebuilding after a Hurricane \(connectsolutions.com\)](https://connectsolutions.com) or [Louisiana Vietnamese Mitigation \(connectsolutions.com\)](https://connectsolutions.com) have resulted in more than 18,000 individual page visits.

## Public Assistance

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides assistance to State, Local, Tribal and Territorial governments, and certain types of Private Non-Profit organizations impacted by federally declared disasters. The assistance allows for reimbursement for eligible work including debris removal, emergency protective measures and repairs to infrastructure and other structures.

- 510 applicants have requested assistance from FEMA's Public Assistance and more than \$150 million has been obligated to date.
- Approximately 22.5 million cubic yards of debris have been removed. [That is nearly the equivalent of filling the Superdome 2 times \(11 mill cu yd = Superdome\).](#)

## FEMA Direct Temporary Housing

- 1,481 households are currently in temporary housing units and other facilities directly leased by FEMA.
- 4,503 households have been approved for FEMA's Direct Temporary Housing program.



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