



Resources for Families and Providers

Hurricanes and Other Disasters

Supporting Families Experiencing Disasters

It is summer in Florida and tropical storms or hurricanes could be on the horizon. Over the past 19 years, Florida has been the site of several devastating hurricanes. According to Wikipedia, as of 2017, 79 tropical or subtropical cyclones have affected the state of Florida. Collectively, cyclones in Florida over that period resulted in over \$123 billion in damage, most of it from Hurricane Irma. Additionally, tropical cyclones in Florida were responsible for 145 direct fatalities and at least 92 indirect ones during the period. Eight cyclones affected the state in both 2004 and 2005, which were the years with the most tropical cyclones in the state. Every year at least one tropical cyclone has affected the state.



The strongest hurricane to hit the state during this period was Michael, which made landfall in Florida as a Category 5 hurricane—the strongest since Andrew in 1992. Additionally, hurricanes Charley, Ivan, Jeanne, Dennis, Wilma and Irma made landfall on the state as major hurricanes.



Number of recorded major hurricanes affecting Florida

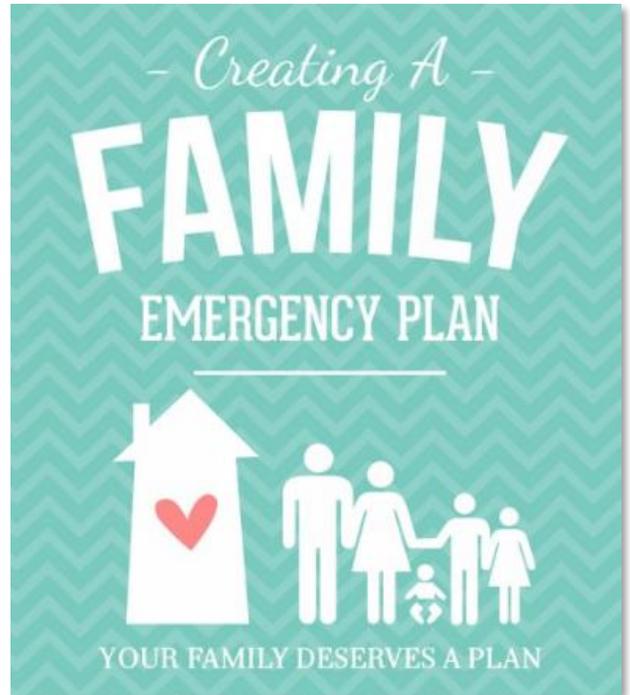
Month	Number of major hurricanes
July	1
August	5
September	19
October	10



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Preparedness for Children and Families

- **[Ready.gov for Kids!](#)** — a resource from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 - **[Parent Toolkits](#)** to help your family prepare for disasters, including checklists, coping with disasters, and a family plan.
- Preparedness tips, toolkits, and information for families, parents, and parents-to-be from the **[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)**
 - Join **[Ready Wrigley](#)** as she and her family prepare for emergencies: a coloring and activity book!
 - Ready Wrigley for **[Hurricane Preparedness](#)**
 - Ready Wrigley for **[Earthquake Preparedness](#)**
- Sesame Workshop helps families prepare for disasters. Check out **[Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies](#)** with tips, activities, and other easy tools to help the whole family prepare for emergencies — together!
 - **[Family Health and Contact Information](#)**
 - **[Planning Together for Emergencies Toolkit](#)**
 - **[Hurricane Kit for Parents and Caregivers](#)**



- **[Early Childhood Development in Emergencies](#)** — guidance to help train and support parents and caregivers prepare for and respond to disasters from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- **[Early Child Development Kit: A Treasure Box of Activities](#)** to provide parents and caregivers age-appropriate activities.