

County Impacts Associated with Helene - 2024

Narratives listed in alphabetical order by county, separated by state (if applicable).

Updates:

- 10/01/2024 - Initial issuance.
- 10/01/2024 - added two additional confirmed tornadoes
- 10/18/2024 - updated damage reported from Jenkins County EM and UGA Pecan Extension

County Name Allendale (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Up to 5 inches of rain fell in the county. The Allendale Airport reported a 41 mph wind gust. Although it was suspected that there were trees and powerlines down, no official damage reports were received.			

County Name Beaufort (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Three tornadoes were confirmed across the county:</p> <p>Tornado 1: An EF-0 tornado with estimated winds of 80 mph touched down on Daufuskie Island around sunrise on September 26 and traveled almost 7 miles snapping trees before dissipating.</p> <p>Tornado 2: A brief EF-0 tornado with estimated winds of 76 mph occurred a short time later near Pritchardville on September 26, and lasted just 2 minutes, traveling just over 1 mile snapping trees before dissipating.</p> <p>Tornado 3: Another brief EF-0 tornado with estimated winds of 70 mph occurred later that night on September 27 near Dale and Gardens Corner. It lasted just 3 minutes, and traveled almost 4 miles snapping and uprooting trees along its path.</p> <p>Numerous trees down across the county.</p>			

County Name Berkeley (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Some trees were reported down. Otherwise, no official damage reports were received.			

County Name Charleston (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Four tornadoes occurred:</p> <p>Tornado 1: A weak EF-0 and very short lived tornado touched down near Savannah Highway just west of Bonanza Rd. The tornado continued northwestward for 2 miles and ended at Saint Hubert Way.</p> <p>Tornado 2: A weak EF-0 and very short lived tornado touched down near Savannah Highway near Davison Road then continued northwest to just south of Bulow Landing Road before the tornado lifted.</p> <p>Tornado 3: A weak EF-0 short lived tornado impacted portions of Wadmalaw Island, SC. The tornado initially touched down in a marshy area just south of Bentz Road, continued to quickly travel north northwest and crossed Katy before dissipating just south of Bears Bluff Road.</p> <p>Tornado 4: A EF-1 tornado impacted portions of Wadmalaw Island, SC. The tornado, possibly beginning as a waterspout just west or northwest of Rockville, SC. The tornado then quickly traveled north before dissipating in an area of water and marsh south of Heron Island Way.</p>			

County Name Colleton (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>One tornado occurred:</p> <p>An EF-1 tornado touched down in northern Colleton County near Gabriel Road. The tornado then traveled nearly 8 miles into Bamberg County before lifting near or just east of 601, near Baucham Road.</p> <p>Widespread tree damage across the county, with a few damages to structures reported.</p>			

County Name Dorchester (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Trees and powerlines down in many areas of the county, with some damage to homes.</p>			

County Name Hampton (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Widespread trees and powerlines down across the county. In addition, more than 7 or 8 inches of rain fell, with as much as 8.69 inches in Varnville, which was the highest amount in the WFO Charleston, SC area.</p>			

County Name Jasper (SC)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread tree damage and numerous structures damaged. Even a few complete losses (no specific locations as of this time).			

County Name Bryan (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread tree damage across the county, with approximately 85 percent without power.			

County Name Bulloch (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
There was at least a 45 mph wind gust at the Statesboro airport, before the power was lost. Although it was suspected that there were trees and powerlines down, no official damage reports were received.			

County Name Candler (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread damage, with downed trees, and powerlines. Power went out for 100% of the county, or approximately 11,000 people.			

County Name Chatham (GA)	Injuries: 2	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread reports of tree damage along with several structures damaged. Two injuries reported due to trees falling onto homes. Several structure fires were reported. In addition, 4 to 7 inches of rain fell across portions of the county, with as much as 6.55 inches at Hunter Army Airfield.			

County Name Effingham (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread trees down across the county. Some trees fell on homes, and one home had its roof ripped off. In addition, 5 to 7 inches of rain fell across portions of the county, with as much as 6.73 inches near Savannah.			

County Name Evans (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Widespread trees down across the county, with an estimate of at least 40 trees on homes. Power went out for 100% of the county (approximately 11,000 people). The hardest hit areas were in the southeast and northwestern portions of the county.</p>			

County Name Jenkins (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Per EM, widespread tree damage and power outages were reported across the county; one large pecan farm lost over 200 trees and another plantation had millions of dollars in damage.</p> <p>Per UGA Pecan Extension, one orchard in the county sustained greater than 90% tree loss. All other orchards sustained 20 – 30% tree loss.</p> <p>There was at least one report of maximum wind gusts of 45 mph at Millen airport. Although given power outages, maximum wind gusts were likely not sampled.</p>			

County Name Liberty (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 1	Evacuations: 0
<p>At 0730 UTC on September 27 a female was killed when a tree fell on the camper she was sleeping in. Impacts were widespread across the county, with 132 reports of trees down in the roadway or on powerlines, as well as damage to 24 structures.</p>			

County Name Long (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Although it was suspected that there were trees and powerlines down, no official damage reports were received.</p>			

County Name McIntosh (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
<p>Power outages were reported on Sapelo Island. Otherwise, it was suspected that there were trees and powerlines down across other portions of the county, but no official damage reports were received.</p>			

County Name Screven (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Widespread trees and powerlines down across the county. Power went out for 100% of the county, or approximately 14,000 people.			

County Name Tattnall (GA)	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: 0
Trees down across the county. The Reidsville airport reported a sustained wind of 47 mph with a gust to 79 mph.			
Per UGA Pecan Extension, severe damage south and southwest of Reidsville from five different pecan orchards and two growers.			