

## County Impacts Associated with Hurricane Helene (2024)

Narratives listed in alphabetical order by counties.

Updates: Current data is based on the latest information. Future revisions may be necessary pending additional official county reports.

County Name <b>Alachua</b>	Injuries: 1	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>The media reported tens of thousands of residents lost power. Downed trees blocked major roads including eastbound Newberry Road west of Interstate 75. Power lines were damaged across the county. Trees fell on homes. A tree crushed through a home in the Willow Bend neighborhood of Gainesville where a family resided causing one injury. A tree crushed a vehicle on the Westside of Gainesville along Newberry Avenue.</p> <p>At 8:53 pm on 9/26, the ASOS at the Gainesville Regional Airport (KGNV) measured a wind gust of 44 mph.</p> <p>The University of Florida in Gainesville EM reported that numerous trees were blown down across campus, including a large oak tree that fell into the Norman Hall courtyard. There was minor building damage and vehicle damage due to fallen trees. The peak wind gusts from the UF WeatherSTEM station was 66 mph with sustained tropical storm force winds measured from about 9:30 pm through 1:30 am.</p>			

County Name <b>Appling</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>At 2:30 am on 9/27, a mesonet site 2 miles SSW of Baxley measured a gust of 68 mph from the SE. At 3:38 am, a mesonet station 2 miles SSW of Baxley measured a wind gust of 73 mph from the S. Widespread power outages, numerous trees down, powerlines down, and minor damage to homes were reported. Some large trees fell on homes causing roof damage. A metal roof was completely blown off a building in Baxley. Appling county emergency management implemented a curfew beginning September 30th to support public safety efforts for the widespread power outage, disruptions to cellular service and damaged traffic signals.</p>			

County Name <b>Atkinson</b>	Injuries: 0	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>At 2 am on 9/27, the EM reported multiple county wide calls of citizens trapped in homes. Highest gust recorded in the county was 53 mph from the NNW at about 1:50 am on the 27th, via Atkinson County EMA Weatherstem site. A manufactured home was completely destroyed in Willacoochee along US 82 near Sutton St and Paulk Ave. A large tree fell on a house destroying the roof in Kirkland. The roof was lifted completely off the Atkinson Court house and shingles were peeled off on the surrounding buildings. A warehouse suffered extensive damage in Pearson.</p>			

County Name <b>Bacon</b>	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations:
<p>The Alma GA ASOS owned and maintained by the NWS JAX office reported a sustained 56 mph with a gust near 100 mph from the SSE at 3:30am. There was significant damage to a couple of roofs and the building facade along 12th St in Alma, GA.</p> <p>On 9/27 at 2:08 am, the ASOS station at the Bacon County Airport in Alma measured a gust of 86 mph. At 2:49 am, the ASOS measured a wind gust of 91 mph which was the highest thus far on record at that location. At 3:03 am, the sensor measured a gust of 100 mph from the SSE, the all-time record wind gust of this location. A nearby UGA Weatherstem site also measured a max gust of 88mph from the SSE at about 2:45am.</p>			

County Name <b>Baker</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>Widespread tree damage and power line downed likely occurred in Baker county with the number of customers without power on Friday afternoon Sep 27th at least 3800 out of a total of 5800. Max gust of 51 mph from the SSE was measured in Olustee at about 1:04 am on the 27th, and 46 mph from the SSE in Macclenny at about 12:10 am on the 27th, via Weatherstem.</p>			

County Name <b>Bradford</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>Over 8,000 customers (about 66% of the county) were without power after the storm passed early Friday Morning, the 27th. Trees and power lines down throughout the county. Highest reported gust from the county was 48 mph from the E at about 11:20 pm on the 26th, via Weatherstem (Bradford County Sheriff's Office).</p>			

County Name <b>Brantley</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>The entirety of the county was out of power on the morning of the 27th after the storm. Numerous trees and power lines down throughout the county with many road closures. Notable max gusts via Weatherstem sites: 51mph from the S at about 2:15 am (Nahunta), 58 mph from the SSE at about 2:20am (Waynesville). The same Waynesville site also reported sustained tropical storm force winds of 45 mph out of the SSE at 2:40 am.</p>			

County Name <b>Camden</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
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Widespread trees and power lines down in the county, with some road closures. Multiple large trees and tree limbs fell on homes causing roof damage in Saint Marys. Schools remain closed as of Monday the 30th. Notable max wind gusts via Weatherstem sites: 45mph from the SE at 1:30am (Woodbine), and 53 mph from the S at about 3:19 am (Cumberland Island).

County Name <b>Charlton</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>About 30% of homes were still without power in the County as of Monday the 30th, and cell service was “nearly non-existent in many areas”. Schools remain closed as of the 30th. A number of trees and power lines down throughout the county, including many transformers blown a large tree wrapped in power lines across the road near Martin St. A Weatherstem site in the NW Okefenokee Swamp measured a gust to 64 mph out of the SSE at about 2:10am.</p>			

County Name <b>Clay</b>	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: Select Voluntary Evacuations
<p>Over 34,000 customers (about 34% of the county) were without power after the storm passed early Friday Morning, the 27th. Many downed trees and powerlines throughout the county, resulting in several road closures. A tree fell through the roof and into a room inside a home in Fleming Island.</p>			

County Name <b>Clinch</b>	Injuries: 1 unconfirmed	Fatalities: 1 confirmed	Evacuations:
<p>Widespread downed trees and power lines were reported across the county. Many cars and houses were damaged or destroyed by falling trees, especially in Homerville. Over 400 power poles were broken. The community opened four Good Samaritan shelters. A Weatherstem site in Homerville measured a max wind gust of 63 mph from the SSW at about 2:45 am on the 27th. 100% of the county was without power following the storm.</p>			

County Name <b>Coffee</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities: 1 confirmed, direct	Evacuations:
<p>Widespread downed trees and power lines and structural damage from fallen trees occurred across the county, especially in Douglas and Nicholls. Many roads were blocked due to downed trees and powerlines across the county. There were numerous trees on residences destroying roofs and causing some entrapments. Schools to be closed through at least October 4th.</p> <p>On 9/26 around 2:33 pm, the EM reported and a video confirmed a Tornado about 1 mile NNE of Broxton on the ground near Highway 268. Minor structure damage occurred including shingles blown off and a double-wide trailer was shifted off of its foundation at 2507 and 2807 Highway 268E. Multiple trees were</p>			

blown down with confirmed damage at 1668, 1700 and 1732 George Deen Road. Some trees fell and destroyed a carport and caused some damage to the home. At 1 am on 9/27, the public reported several trees were blown down in a yard in Pridgen. At 2 am on 9/27, the EM reported the roof was blown off of a shelter in Nicholls. Injuries were unknown at the time of the report. In Douglas, there was extensive roof damage with metal roofs blown off of manufactured homes, businesses and the fire station. A school along GA-158 in Douglas suffered a collapse of their concrete-block hallway structure and portions of their roof and concrete walls were blown off. Windows were blown out and carports collapsed in Douglas.

A Weatherstem site east of Douglas reported a sustained wind of 46 mph with a gust to 92 mph from the SE at about 2:15 am.

County Name <b>Columbia</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>Widespread trees and powerlines down throughout the county, as well as damage to at least several roofs of homes and downed trees on homes. As of Friday afternoon September 27, approximately 80-90 percent of customers were still without power (about 99% without power as of the morning of the 27th). Damage to storefronts around the downtown area of Lake City.</p> <p>On 9/27 at 12:44 am, the AWOS station at the Lake City Airport had a gust of 69 mph.</p>			

County <b>Duval</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities: 1	Evacuations: Not ordered.
<p>Numerous downed trees and power lines were reported across the county. Multiple trees fell on cars and homes causing total destruction to roofs in mid-westside and Arlington Hills. A tree fell down on a mobile home along Ozo Ln S Thursday night and the fallen debris resulted in the fatality of a toddler. Shingles were blown off of multiple homes in the Bainebridge neighborhood along Pecan Park Rd. Peak wind gusts were 72 mph at Jacksonville International Airport, 71 mph at Mayport Naval Station, and 74 mph at Jacksonville Naval Air Station near Orange Park. At least 224,000 customers were without power during the height of the storm based on the JEA outage map. There were around 300 Emergency Road Access Team deployments to remove trees and power lines from across county roads and homes. Radio communication towers at St. Johns River park went down due to lack of power/AC. A tree fell on a 3,000 gallon propane tank and JAX Hazmat had to respond to contain propane gas leak (Opal Lane). All morning flights at Jacksonville International Airport were canceled on 9/27. About 360 people went to 5 shelters that the county opened. Schools and city offices were closed on 9/26 and 9/27.</p> <p>The JAX Port Authority reported some partial power outages at our Blount Island facility. A few aluminum roofing panels from a small structure were shorn off in high winds and wrapped around a telephone pole. Approximately 100ft of perimeter chain-link fencing was knocked over at Blount Island. There was a bent STOP sign on Talleyrand terminal at the main gate. Several CCTV cameras were affected by power loss. Minor flooding in retention ponds. The passenger cruise ship ELATION was waiting to port in JAX offshore during the storm.</p> <p>Far outer rainbands began to impact the county on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9/25. Wind gusts near 40</p>			

County <b>Duval</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities: 1	Evacuations: Not ordered.
<p>mph were reported at coastal locations, including a 42 mph gust at the JFRD Station 40 near Mayport at 3:10 pm local time. At 10:57 pm on 9/25, a mesonet site at Huguenot Park measured a wind gust of 42 mph. At 10:30 am on 9/26, the Craig Airport ASOS measured a gust of 45 mph. At 12:10 pm on 9/26, a mesonet site at 2 miles WNW of Mayport measured a wind gust of 47 mph. At 1:10 pm, a mesonet site at 1 mile NNE of Jacksonville Beach measured a wind gust of 48 mph. At 1:20 pm, a mesonet site in Neptune Beach measured a wind gust of 44 mph, a mesonet site at JFRD Station 40 measured a wind gust of 49 mph, and a mesonet site at Huguenot Park measured a gust of 44 mph. At 3:43 pm, a mesonet site near Ft Caroline on the St. Johns River measured a wind gust of 41 mph. At 4:20 pm, fire rescue reported a tree fell onto power lines along West 45th Street. At 5:53 pm, the AWOS at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS JAX) measured a wind gust of 45 mph. At 6:28 pm, the Fort Caroline mesonet measured a gust of 48 mph. At 6:33 pm, the ASOS at the Jacksonville International Airport measured a wind gust of 40 mph. At 6:50 pm, a mesonet station in Jacksonville Beach measured a gust of 51 mph. At 6:53 pm, the NAS JAX AWOS measured a wind gust of 49 mph. At 6:52 pm, the Naval Station Mayport AWOS measured a wind gust of 49 mph. At 7:10 pm, the mesonet site at JFRD Station 40 measured a gust of 59 mph. At 7:28 pm, the Mayport Naval Station AWOS measured a wind gust of 52 mph. At 7:42 pm, a mesonet site along the St. Johns at the Terminal Channel near Tallyrand measured a wind gust of 46 mph. At 7:53 pm, the AWOS station at NAS Jacksonville measured a wind gust of 56 mph. At 7:52 pm, the AWOS at Naval Station Mayport measured a wind gust of 52 mph. At 7:53 pm, the ASOS at Craig Airfield measured a wind gust of 48 mph. At 8:20 pm, the JFRD Station 40 station measured a gust of 54 mph. At 8:40 pm, a mesonet site in Jacksonville Beach measured a gust of 60 mph and the mesonet site in Neptune Beach measured a gust of 54 mph. At 8:42 pm, the mesonet site at the Terminal Channel measured a wind gust of 59 mph. Also at 8:42 pm, the mesonet site at Huguenot Park measured a gust of 57 mph. At 8:43 pm, the mesonet site near Ft Caroline on the St. Johns River measured a wind gust of 60 mph. At 8:52 pm, the AWOS at Mayport Naval Station measured a gust of 63 mph. At 8:53 pm, the ASOS at Craig Airport measured a gust of 52 mph. At 10:10 pm, the AWOS at Naval Station Mayport had a gust of 68 mph and a mesonet site at Jacksonville Beach had a gust of 67 mph. At 10:20 pm, the mesonet station in Neptune Beach had a gust of 65 mph, then at 11:50 pm, the site had a gust of 75 mph. At 11:50 pm, the Jacksonville International Airport ASOS (KJAX) had a gust of 72 mph. At 12:40 am, the mesonet site at the JFRD Station 40 measured a gust of 80 mph.</p> <p>At 6:52 pm, the EM reported storm surge inundation from the St. Johns was flowing over the river band onto Lomax Street in Riverside. A nearby parking lot was flooded. At the time of the report, the St. Johns River at the Main Street Bridge was 1.93 ft MHHW at 6:48 pm, just below moderate flood stage (high tide was at 6:43 pm). At 7 pm, storm surge from the St. Johns inundated E Adams Street and E Monroe Street near the intersection with Marsh Street and along Lafayette Street and Forsyth Street, this area is near the Hogan's Creek juncture with the St. Johns River on the northbank in downtown Jacksonville. At 9 PM, Riverside Ave was flooded with floodwaters reaching up to the undercarriage of cars. A dock was also damaged at the Riverside Apartments.</p>			

County Name <b>Echols</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
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A Weatherstem site in Lake Park measured a wind gust of 90 mph out of the SE at about 1:00 am Friday the 27th. A shelter in place was issued by the county on Thursday Afternoon (26th) ahead of the storm. Approximately 1000 power poles were broken in the county, almost twice of what occurred during Hurricane Idalia in 2023. Widespread trees and powerlines were down throughout the county: described as “unprecedented historic damage” by EMA. Many roads were blocked by trees and powerlines and many roofs were damaged by both high winds and fallen trees, especially along HWY 129.

County Name <b>Flagler</b>	Injuries: 0	Fatalities: 0	Evacuations: No evacuations were ordered
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There were a number of trees downed countywide and 3 directly impacted homes. There were at least three obstructed roadways. There were a number of power disruptions. A maximum of 20,000 people had no power at one point. Peak wind gusts were at Marineland at 63 mph. The Flagler Executive Airport AWOS (KFIN) reported sustained winds of 38 mph with gusts of 51 mph.

On 9/26 at 11:30 am, a wind gust of 40 mph was measured at a mesonet site near Marineland. At 3:19 pm, a mesonet site in Palm Coast measured a wind gust of 40 mph. At 3:50 pm, a mesonet site in Marineland measured a wind gust of 45 mph. At 5:30 pm, the Marineland mesonet site measured a wind gust of 51 mph. At 6:10 pm, the EM reported a tree fell onto a home at Sellman Court which caused roof damage. There were no injuries reported. At 6:50 pm, the Marineland mesonet site measured a wind gust of 51 mph. At 8 pm, the mesonet site in Palm Coast measured a wind gust of 44 mph. At 7:10 pm, the media reported that a large tree was uprooted and fell on a home in Palm Coast. At 8:40 pm, the site in Marineland measured a gust of 55 mph. At 9:01 pm, a gust of 51 mph was measured at the Hammock Dunes Bridge per EM. At 9:12 pm, the EM reported a large tree was blown down at N Village Parkway and Colbert Lane which blocked Colbert Lane. At 9:20 pm, the EM reported a wind gust of 60 mph at the Marineland mesonet site and at 9:53 pm this site had a gust of 63 mph.

County Name <b>Gilchrist</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
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Nearly 9,000 customers (about 87% of the county) were without power after the storm passed early Friday Morning, the 27th. Schools remain closed as of the 30th. Gilchrist County EOC Weatherstem site had two peak gusts to 54 mph: from the SW at about 11:00 pm, and from the SSE at about 11:50 pm.

County Name <b>Glynn</b>	Injuries: 50-100	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
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Widespread trees and power lines were blown down across the county. Over 36000 without power as of early Friday morning (27th). Numerous trees and power lines down throughout the county. Multiple trees

reported down on homes.

On 9/26 at 11:15 am, a mesonet site on Jekyll Island measured a wind gust of 44 mph. On 9/27 at 12:22 am, a mesonet station on Jekyll Island measured a wind gust of 69 mph. At 1:52 am, the site measured a wind gust of 78 mph from the SE. At 2:15 am, the ASOS KSSI on St. Simons at the McKinnon Airport measured a wind gust of 68 mph from the SE.

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Hamilton</b>			
<p>On 9/27 at 1:00 am, the mesonet site at Hamilton Crossroads had a gust of 94 mph from the S. The same site reported a sustained wind speed of 55mph out of the ESE at 11:50 pm on the 26th. As of early AM on the 27th, the entire county was reported without power (over 7,000 customers). Numerous trees and power lines were reported across the county. Two large trees snapped and fell through a home causing complete destruction of the home along NW 104th Pl. A metal cell phone was bent along NW HWY 129. In Jasper, the 2nd floor of a brick building had the roof and two walls collapse and another brick building had its roof completely blown off. Metal roofs were peeled off of the Hamilton EOC carport and a business along 2nd Ave SE.</p>			

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Jeff Davis</b>	0	3 per EMA, direct	
<p>Widespread trees and powerlines were down throughout the county, many across roads and homes causing entrapments. At 2:15 am on 9/27, the EM reported a fatality in a mobile home. A follow-up media report indicated that there was a male and female killed in a mobile home along Highway 19 at Adams Cemetery Road when the trailer was lifted off of its foundation and thrown into a nearby field. A tree fell on a mobile home along Bell Telephone Road and killed one person inside per a media report. Another person was reported missing. About 85% of county residents were without power. Many businesses in Hazelhurst suffered roof and awning damage. A large tree fell on a home along US 221 causing the roof to collapse.</p>			

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Marion</b>			
<p>At 7:51 pm on 9/26, the AWOS site at Jim Taylor Field at the Ocala Airport measured a wind gust of 41 mph. At 12:55am on 9/27, the same AWOS measured a gust to 46 mph out of the S. At 7:30 pm, broadcast media reported a tree fell on a home in Ocala that caused roof damage. Over 45,000 customers (about 20% of the county) were without power after the storm passed early Friday Morning, the 27th. Many large trees across the county were uprooted.</p>			

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Nassau</b>			
<p>Numerous trees and power lines were down across the County, no injuries were reported as of 3pm on 9/27.</p>			

Multiple trees fell on homes and cars causing extensive damage in Florence Point, Oyster Bay, Callahan, Fernandina Beach and Yulee. A couple of boats ran aground in Bells River due to breaking from their anchors. At 11:15 pm on 9/26, the AWOS at Fernandina Beach measured sustained winds of 40mph with gust of 44 mph before an outage through the night. A Weatherstem site in Yulee measured a gust to 61 mph out of the SSE at 1:20am on 9/27. The same site observed sustained wind to 40mph at 11:20pm on 9/26. Another Weatherstem site in Hilliard measured a 50mph gust out of the SE at 1:40am on 9/27. Over 31,000 customers (about 58% of the county) were without power after the storm passed early Friday Morning, the 27th.

County Name <b>Pierce</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities: 1, indirect	Evacuations:
<p>A Blackshear firefighter was killed in the line of duty when a tree fell onto his truck when he was responding to calls during the night of the hurricane in Blackshear, GA. Widespread trees and powerlines down, restoration of power is slow due to damage and extent. A shelter was opened after the storm to provide a safe place for people to stay, and a Red Cross shelter was opened to hand out supplies.</p>			

County Name <b>Putnam</b>	Injuries: None	Fatalities: None	Evacuations:
<p>Over 15,000 customers were without power during the peak outage and 14,000 (about 34% of the county) were without power after the storm passed early Friday Morning, the 27th. There is damage to a city dock south of the Memorial Bridge in Palatka. At least 6 homes are damaged but assessments are still ongoing. There were over 190 calls for trees and power lines down across the county. The Welaka lift stations went down Thursday evening through Friday afternoon. Multiple traffic lights and signs were damaged.</p>			

County Name <b>St. Johns</b>	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<p>Many reports of downed trees and power lines across the county. About 20,000 lost without power. Peak sustained winds were 45-60 mph with gusts 55-70 mph. High surf eroded portions of the beach near the St. Augustine Pier creating escarpments as high as 7 ft high. A total of 9 people checked into 3 county shelters.</p> <p>On 9/26 at 12 pm, the St. Augustine CMAN station SAUF1 measured a wind gust of 41 mph. At 12:46 pm, the St. Augustine Airport AWOS measured a wind gust of 40 mph. At 3:20 pm, a mesonet site in the City of St. Augustine measured a wind gust of 40 mph. At 4:40 pm, a mesonet site Lewis measured a wind gust of 40 mph. At 5:27 pm, a mesonet station in Summerhouse measured a wind gust of 43 mph. At 5:42 pm, the same station measured a gust of 45 mph, then at 5:57 pm the station measured a gust of 49 mph. At 6:10 pm, the Lewis station measured a gust of 49 mph. At 7 pm, the CMAN station SAUF1 measured a wind gust of 48 mph. At 8 pm, a mesonet site in the City of St. Augustine measured a wind gust of 47 mph and at 8:20 pm, the site measured a 53 mph wind gust. At 8:56 pm, the AWOS at the St. Johns Regional Airport measured a gust of 45 mph and a mesonet site in Summerhouse had a gust of 55 mph. At 9 pm, the City of St. Augustine mesonet station had a gust of 59 mph. At 10:10 pm, the mesonet station in the City of St.</p>			



Augustine had a gust of 65 mph.

At 5:45 pm on 9/26, county EM reported a tree fell on a feeder line in Elkton. About 117 homes were without power in the area.

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Suwannee</b>			
<p>Multiple buildings in Live Oak suffered extensive roof damage with some roofs uplifting and being tossed across parking lots. A house was completely destroyed in Lancaster along 217th Rd N and CR-136. Numerous trees and powerlines were down across the county. Far outer rainbands began to impact the county on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9/25. Wind gusts near 40 mph were reported, including a 41 mph gust at the WeatherSTEM near Dowling Park at 5:10 pm local time. At 11 pm, the mesonet station at the Suwannee Advent Christian Village had a gust of 76 mph. At 11:20 pm, the mesonet site at the Suwannee County EOC in Live Oak had a gust of 63 mph. At 11:30 pm, the Suwannee Advent Christian Village mesonet near Dowling Park had a sustained wind of 53 mph and a gust of 83 mph, then at 12 am on 9/27, the site had a sustained wind of 70 mph and gust to 99 mph. At 12:40 am, the mesonet site at Suwannee Boys Range about 5 miles west of Suwannee Springs measured a gust of 79 mph. Nearly the entirety of the county (almost 25,000 customers) were without power on the morning of the 27th.</p>			

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Union</b>			
<p>Over 5,000 customers (about 86% of the county) were without power after the storm passed early Friday Morning, the 27th.</p>			

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Wayne</b>			
<p>At 1:50 am on 9/27, a mesonet station at the Wayne County High School about 2 miles NW of Jesup measured a 66 mph wind gust from the SE. At 3:20 am, a mesonet station about 1 mile NNE of Jesup along US Highway 341 at State Road 38 measured a gust of 64 mph from the SE. Widespread trees and powerlines down across the county, with wind damage to homes like shutters, shingles, and trees fallen on homes.</p>			

County Name	Injuries:	Fatalities:	Evacuations:
<b>Ware</b>			
<p>At 2:04 am on 9/27, the RAWS station OKEG1 in Waycross measured a wind gust of 71 mph from the SE. Reports of widespread power outages, no running water, powerlines down, trees down, and damage to mobile homes. Ware County opened two shelters in Waycross before the storm.</p>			

