

POST TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORT

Storm Name	Hurricane Isaias
NWS Office	Tallahassee
Begin/End Date	10/08/2026 - 10/11/2026
Fatalities	0 - Direct 0 - Indirect
Tornadoes	TBD

Event Summary

Hurricane Isaias originated from a tropical disturbance in the Bay of Campeche beginning on October 4, 2026. The system organized into Tropical Storm Isaias the morning of Wednesday October 7th, and steadily intensified as it tracked across the warm waters of the Gulf. Isaias strengthened into a hurricane the morning of Thursday, October 8th, reaching Category 2 intensity prior to making landfall near Destin, Florida, around 8:30 PM CDT on Friday, October 9th with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph and an estimated minimum central pressure of 971 mb (28.67 inches). After moving ashore, the center of Isaias tracked northward across southern Alabama, rapidly weakening and transitioning into a post-tropical cyclone Saturday morning, October 10th.

Devastating hurricane-force winds and damaging wind gusts battered coastal and near-coastal sections of the western Florida Panhandle, while tropical-storm-force gusts spread well inland across southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia and the Florida Big Bend. Peak wind gusts across coastal Walton and Bay counties frequently reached hurricane-force, including gusts to 91 mph at Choctaw Beach and 83 mph at Panama City Beach. These winds produced structural and roof damage to homes, condominiums, and commercial structures near the coast, while toppled trees and power lines caused widespread power outages affecting hundreds of thousands of residents across the Tri-State area.

A life-threatening storm surge led to significant inundation above normally dry ground from rising water moving inland from the shoreline to the east of the landfall location. The NOAA National Ocean Service (NOS) tide gauge at Panama City Beach recorded a peak water level of 5.59 feet above Mean Higher High Water (MHHW), with gauges at Apalachicola and Panama City observing 3.58 feet and 3.01 feet MHHW, respectively. The storm surge combined with heavy, battering surf caused severe beach erosion, overwashed coastal roads, and damaged shoreline boardwalks and infrastructure along the Walton, Bay, and western Gulf County coastlines.

Torrential rainfall resulted in widespread urban and flash flooding, especially across the western Florida Panhandle and southeast Alabama due to training rainbands. Rainfall amounts from portions of the Forgotten and Emerald Coasts into the western FL Panhandle and southeast Alabama largely ranged from 4 to 8+ inches, with amounts generally around 4 inches or less across the remainder of the Tri-State area. The excessive runoff quickly inundated secondary roadways and pushed regional creeks and rivers into minor-to-moderate flooding. Maximum storm rainfall totals included 12.97 in Bellwood, Alabama and 12.47 inches in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

There was also a possible brief tornado on Friday, October 9th, in Eastpoint, Florida on SR 65 with tree limbs damaging a couple of homes - More details on this are To Be Determined (TBD).

NOTE: It is unlikely that the point-based observations provided in this report sampled the peak values for the event.

Highest 10 Land Winds (kts)*

Station	State	Type	Sustained
Gulf Coast State College	FL	WeatherSTEN	51
FSWN Choctaw Beach	FL	WeatherSTEN	51
Ed Walline Beach Access	FL	WeatherSTEN	45
Panama City Beach	FL	Weatherflow	44
Tyndall Air Force Base	FL	ASOS	41
FSWN Bay County Water Treatment Pl	FL	WeatherSTEN	40
FSWN Inlet Beach	FL	WeatherSTEN	39
FSWN Panama City Beach Sports Com	FL	WeatherSTEN	39
Hanchey AHP / Ozark	AL	AWOS	36
Walton High School	FL	WeatherSTEN	36

* Anemometer heights < 20 m

Highest 10 Land Gusts (kts)*

<i>Station</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Gust</i>
FSWN Choctaw Beach	FL	WeatherSTEN	79
Gulf Coast State College	FL	WeatherSTEN	72
Panama City Beach	FL	Weatherflow	63
Ed Walline Beach Access	FL	WeatherSTEN	63
FSWN Panama City Beach Sports Comp	FL	WeatherSTEN	57
Panama City - Northwest Florida Beach	FL	ASOS	57
FSWN Inlet Beach	FL	WeatherSTEN	56
Tyndall Air Force Base	FL	ASOS	56
Bay County Majette	FL	WeatherSTEN	55
FSWN Miramar Beach	FL	WeatherSTEN	54

* Anemometer heights < 20 m

Highest 10 Marine Winds (kts)*

<i>Station</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Sustained</i>
Panama City Beach	NOS	62.8
St. Andrew Bay	Weatherflow	50.1
Buoy 42028	COMPS	48.6
Panama City	NOS	46.9
Buoy 42039	NDBC	44.7
St. George Island Bridge	WeatherSTEN	42.6
Buoy 42036	NDBC	38.9
Buoy 42027	COMPS	36.9
Apalachicola	NOS	34.7
Apalachee Bay - Panacea Channel L8	Weatherflow	29.1

* Anemometer heights < 20 m

Highest 10 Marine Gusts (kts)*

<i>Station</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Gust</i>
Panama City Beach	NOS	72.1
Buoy 42028	COMPS	70.0
St. Andrew Bay	Weatherflow	62.7
Panama City	NOS	58.2
Buoy 42039	NDBC	54.4
St. George Island Bridge	WeatherSTEN	52.1
Buoy 42027	COMPS	50.5
Buoy 42036	NDBC	42.8
Apalachicola	NOS	40.8
Apalachee Bay - Panacea Channel L8	Weatherflow	37.3

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Highest 10 Rainfall Totals

<i>Station</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Inches</i>
Bellwood	AL	Trained Spott	12.97
DeFuniak Springs	FL	FAWN	12.47
N4WFF Elba	AL	HAM/APRS	10.01
Tallahassee 5.1 NE	FL	CoCoRaHS	7.81
Kinston	AL	Mesonet	7.28
De Funiak Springs 2.9 N	FL	CoCoRaHS	6.50
Tallahassee 5.0 SE	FL	CoCoRaHS	6.34
GW4374 TALLAHASSEE	FL	CWOP	6.02
FW8097 Marianna	FL	RAWS	6.00
Tallahassee 5.6 ESE	FL	CoCoRaHS	5.91

Highest NOAA Tide Gage Observations

<i>Station</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Datum</i>	<i>Water Level (ft)</i>
Tide Station at Panama City Beach Pier	FL	MHHW	5.59
Tide Station at Apalachicola	FL	MHHW	3.58
Tide Station at Panama City Marina	FL	MHHW	3.01

Lowest 10 Pressures (MSLP)

<i>Station</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Millibars</i>
FSWN Miramar Beach	FL	WeatherSTEN	980.7
Ed Walline Beach Access	FL	WeatherSTEN	984.7
EW7533 Santa Rosa Beach	FL	CWOP	985.1
N Deno Dr	FL	Mesonet	985.5
SeaDunes Santa Rosa Beach FL	FL	WeatherSTEN	985.5
FSWN Choctaw Beach	FL	WeatherSTEN	986.8
Eastern Lake Park Boat Ramp	FL	USGS	988.8
E Blue Coral Dr	FL	Mesonet	990.2
South Walton High School	FL	WeatherSTEN	990.5
FW8908 FREEPORT	FL	RAWS	990.5

Report Last Updated on [10/11/2026]:

This is the initial issuance.

Remarks:

Data was collected between 18Z Thu Oct 8th and 12Z Sun Oct 11th - This broad time frame captures all the rainfall from Isaias. Data for Buoy 42027 may be unrepresentative due to incomplete observations. Possible brief tornado in Eastpoint (Franklin County) on SR 65 with tree limbs damaging a couple of homes - More details on this are To Be Determined (TBD).