

Texas Coastal Counties with Direct Hurricane Hits (1900 -2008) (9-15-2008)

No.	County	Cities	Population			Category and Number of Hurricanes					Total		Remarks
			1900	2006	%/yr	1	2	3	4	5	1&2	3&4	
1	Cameron	Brownsville	16,095	387,717	21.8	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	Above average population growth
2	Willacy		1,033	20,646	17.9		1	3	0	0	1	3	Above average population growth
3	Kenedy		701	402	-0.4	1	1	4	1	0	2	5	Loss in population
4	Kleberg		7,837	30,353	2.7	2	1	2	1	0	3	3	
5	Nueces	Corpus Christi	10,439	321,457	28.1	2	1	1	1	0	3	2	Second highest population growth
6	San Patricio		2,372	69,522	26.7	4	2	1	1	0	6	2	
7	Aransas		1,716	24,831	12.7	3	2	2	1	0	5	3	
8	Refugio		1,641	7,596	3.4	3	2	2	2	0	5	4	
9	Calhoun	Port O'Connor	2,395	20,705	7.2	3	2	1	1	0	5	2	
10	Jackson		6,094	14,249	1.3	3	2	1	1	0	5	2	
11	Matagorda		6,097	37,824	4.9	3	3	3	1	0	6	4	
12	Brazoria		14,861	287,898	17.3	3	1	3	4	0	4	7	Highest major hurricanes (≥ 3)
13	Galveston	Galveston	44,116	283,551	5.1	6	3	3	2	0	9	5	Highest total hurricanes
14	Chambers		3,046	28,779	8.0	6	2	2	2	0	8	4	
15	Jefferson	Port Arthur, Beaumont	14,239	243,914	15.2	4	1	1	0	0	5	1	Least major hurricanes
	Texas	6 Cities	132,682	1,779,444	11.7	14	11	11	6	0	25	17	Second highest total and major hurricanes in the country
Additional Counties Vulnerable to Hurricanes													
16	Harris	Houston	63,786	3,886,207	56.5	3	4	1	2	0	7	3	Highest population growth
17	Orange		5,905	84,243	12.5	2	1	1	1	0	3	2	
18	Fort Bend	Sugar Land	30,000*	493,187	14.6					0			Second largest population
	Total	8 Cities	232,373	6,243,081	24.4	14	11	11	6	0	25	17	30% of Texas Population

* Best Estimates

Note: This study was focused on the hurricanes that hit Texas in the last 107 years. Galveston county has had the highest number of hurricanes in Texas. Brazoria county has had the highest number of major hurricanes (category ≥ 3). Texas never had a category 5 hurricane yet. The data for the analyses was obtained from National Hurricane Center database and verified with other published reports and U.S. Census Bureau.