



Major Disaster Declarations Wolfe County



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Between 2015 through September 2025 (not including COVID-19), Kentucky had 22 Major Disaster Declarations affecting counties all across the state. While 2025 had not ended yet when these data were accessed, during those 10 years, 2015 was the most active year with 4 Major Disaster Declarations. To learn more about a specific event, the “Disaster Number” provides a unique identifier that can be used in an online search.

There are several different types of disaster declarations. This issue of Kentucky: By the Numbers provides data on the number of “Major Disaster Declarations.” This type of declaration provides access to the widest array of resources. For more information, see “How a Disaster Gets Declared” at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/how-declared>

Number of Major Disaster Declarations that included Wolfe County
(not including COVID-19)

| Year | Number |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 2015 | 3 |
| 2016 | 0 |
| 2017 | 0 |
| 2018 | 1 |
| 2019 | 1 |
| 2020 | 0 |
| 2021 | 2 |
| 2022 | 1 |
| 2023 | 2 |
| 2024 | 1 |
| 2025 (through Sept) | 2 |
| Total | 13 |

Major Disaster Declarations in Kentucky
(not including COVID-19)

| Year | Disaster Number | Number of Counties | Incident Type |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2015 | 4216 | 41 | Snowstorm |
| 2015 | 4217 | 29 | Flood |
| 2015 | 4218 | 59 | Flood |
| 2015 | 4239 | 34 | Severe Storm |
| 2016 | 4278 | 20 | Severe Storm |
| 2018 | 4358 | 22 | Flood |
| 2018 | 4361 | 35 | Flood |
| 2019 | 4428 | 61 | Severe Storm |
| 2020 | 4540 | 27 | Severe Storm |
| 2021 | 4592 | 45 | Severe Ice Storm |
| 2021 | 4595 | 50 | Flood |
| 2021 | 4630 | 23 | Tornado |
| 2022 | 4643 | 13 | Severe Storm |
| 2022 | 4663 | 20 | Flood |
| 2023 | 4702 | 88 | Severe Storm |
| 2023 | 4711 | 22 | Flood |
| 2024 | 4782 | 11 | Severe Storm |
| 2024 | 4804 | 58 | Severe Storm |
| 2024 | 4848 | 34 | Tropical Storm (Hurricane Helene) |
| 2025 | 4860 | 69 | Severe Storm |
| 2025 | 4864 | 91 | Severe Storm |
| 2025 (through Sept) | 4875 | 39 | Severe Storm |

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Number of Times County included in a Major Disaster Declaration from 2015 through September 2025 *(not including COVID-19)*



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Data Source

These data were compiled using the OpenFEMA Dataset: Disaster Declarations Summaries - v2 (Last Data Refresh: 09-29-2025). "This dataset lists all official FEMA Disaster Declarations, beginning with the first disaster declaration in 1953... This is raw, unedited data from FEMA's National Emergency Management Information System (NEMIS)." <https://www.fema.gov/openfema-data-page/disaster-declarations-summaries-v2>

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