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# Hurricane Helene Expected to Cause \$95-\$110 Billion in Damages

## Description

Prior to making landfall in Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas, Hurricane Helene struck Florida as a Category 4 hurricane.

Authorities in the southeastern United States were faced with the immense challenge on Saturday of dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, one of the most powerful and potentially costly storms to hit the country, as the number of casualties continued to rise.

By early Saturday, at least 47 deaths had been reported, with officials expressing concerns that more fatalities may be discovered across multiple states.

Damage assessments from the path of the storm vary between \$95 billion and \$110 billion, indicating that this could be one of the most financially impactful storms in modern American history, as stated by AccuWeather's chief meteorologist, Jonathan Porter.

Despite being reclassified as a post-tropical cyclone late on Friday, the remnants of Helene continued to cause significant rainfall across several states, leading to widespread flooding that posed a threat of dam failures potentially resulting in the inundation of entire towns.

President Joe Biden addressed the overwhelming devastation caused by Hurricane Helene on Saturday, expressing continued prayers for those who have suffered losses and for all individuals affected by the storm.

As of Saturday afternoon, over 3 million customers remained without power in five states, with authorities cautioning that it could take several days for full restoration of services. The most severe outages were reported in South Carolina, with over 1 million homes and businesses affected, and Georgia, where 750,000 were without power.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Landfall** /'lənd.fɔ:l/ (noun): The event of a storm making contact with land.
2. **Casualties** /'kæʒ.ʊ.əl.tiz/ (noun): People killed or injured in a war or accident.
3. **Aftermath** /'æf.tər.mæθ/ (noun): The consequences or aftereffects of a significant event.
4. **Inundation** /,ɪn.ʌn'deɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The flooding or overwhelming of an area usually by water.
5. **Devastation** /,dɛv.ə'steɪ.ʃən/ (noun): Severe and overwhelming shock or grief often due to destruction.
6. **Restoration** /,rɛs.tə'reɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The act of bringing something back to its original condition.



## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Prior to making landfall in Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas, where did Hurricane Helene strike as a Category 4 hurricane?  
Option: Texas  
Option: Louisiana  
Option: Florida  
Option: Alabama
2. By early Saturday, how many deaths had been reported due to Hurricane Helene?  
Option: 23  
Option: 47  
Option: 12  
Option: 88
3. What is the estimated range of damage assessments from the path of Hurricane Helene?  
Option: \$50 billion to \$70 billion  
Option: \$25 billion to \$50 billion  
Option: \$95 billion to \$110 billion  
Option: \$120 billion to \$150 billion
4. Who is the chief meteorologist at AccuWeather who commented on the financial impact of Hurricane Helene?  
Option: Jonathan Porter  
Option: Michael Brown  
Option: Sarah Johnson  
Option: Alice Cooper
5. Despite being reclassified as a post-tropical cyclone, what posed a significant threat due to remnants of Helene?  
Option: Hailstorms  
Option: Strong winds  
Option: Widespread flooding  
Option: Tornadoes



6. As of Saturday afternoon, in which state were the most severe power outages reported?

- Option: Georgia
- Option: North Carolina
- Option: South Carolina
- Option: Tennessee

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Florida 2. 47 3. \$95 billion to \$110 billion 4. Jonathan Porter 5. Widespread flooding  
6. South Carolina

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. Which word means famous and respected within a particular sphere or profession?

- Option: Eminent
- Option: Dynamics
- Option: Distinction
- Option: Ascend

2. Which word describes the ability to accomplish a task with minimal wasted resources?

- Option: Gravitas
- Option: Reinstatement
- Option: Efficiency
- Option: Devastation

3. What term refers to the process of flooding or overwhelming something with an abundance of liquid?

- Option: Casualties
- Option: Inundation
- Option: Fostering
- Option: Efficacy

4. Which word means the power or strength of something?

- Option: Plenitude
- Option: Potency
- Option: Programmatic
- Option: Aftermath

5. What term describes a group consisting of different elements or types?



- Option: Casualties
- Option: Landfall
- Option: Diverse
- Option: Elimination

6. Which word means showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks?

- Option: Acumen
- Option: Audacious
- Option: Restoration
- Option: Intensifies

7. What term describes the process of making something accessible to everyone?

- Option: Optimization
- Option: Engagement
- Option: Prohibition
- Option: Democratizing

8. Which term means to arrange or direct the elements of a situation to produce a desired effect?

- Option: Orchestrated
- Option: Programmatic
- Option: Fostering
- Option: Gravitas

9. Which word refers to an event action or object that clearly shows a particular abstract idea or quality?

- Option: Manifestation
- Option: Optimization
- Option: Eminent
- Option: Conduit

10. Which word describes the act of participating or becoming involved in an activity or organization?

- Option: Efficacy
- Option: Engagement
- Option: Landfall
- Option: Dichotomy

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the action of forbidding something especially by law.

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the storm caused widespread destruction in the coastal region.



13. Her business \_\_\_\_\_ allowed her to make successful strategic decisions.
14. The market offers a \_\_\_\_\_ of options to cater to various consumer needs.
15. The medicine has been tested for its \_\_\_\_\_ in treating the common cold.
16. The hurricane made \_\_\_\_\_ on the east coast causing significant damage.
17. The artist focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient artifacts found in the ruins.
18. The market is filled with a \_\_\_\_\_ of new technological gadgets.
19. The climbers began to \_\_\_\_\_ the steep mountain in the early morning.
20. The community came together to help rebuild after the devastating \_\_\_\_\_ of the tornado.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The competition becomes fiercer as the rivalry between the two teams .
22. The environmental policies had a significant on reducing carbon emissions.
23. The leader's speech was delivered with authority and that commanded respect.
24. The internet serves as a vital for the exchange of information worldwide.
25. The political debate revealed a clear between the two opposing viewpoints.
26. The educational program focuses on creativity and innovation in students.
27. The company implemented new strategies for cost and efficiency.
28. The battle resulted in numerous among the soldiers on both sides.
29. The community came together to rebuild in the of the natural disaster.
30. The volcanic eruption caused widespread to the surrounding area.



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## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Eminent 2. Efficiency 3. Inundation 4. Potency 5. Diverse 6. Audacious 7. Democratizing 8. Orchestrated 9. Manifestation 10. Engagement

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Prohibition 12. intensity 13. acumen 14. plenitude 15. efficacy 16. landfall 17. restoration 18. plethora 19. ascend 20. aftermath

**Matching sentence:** 1. Intensifies 2. Impact 3. Gravitas 4. Conduit 5. Dichotomy 6. Fostering 7. Optimization 8. Casualties 9. Aftermath 10. Devastation

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