

Floods & Wind

Caused Most Destruction in 2016

Breaking down CoreLogic's annual summary of natural hazards.

In late January, CoreLogic released its annual Natural Hazard Risk Summary and Analysis. According to their research, 2016 had "average or below-average activity for most U.S. natural hazards with the exception of flood and wind, both of which saw above-average activity, due in large part to Hurricane Matthew."

This infographic breaks down the highlights of the annual review! By understanding natural disasters and the damage they cause, restoration contractors can be better prepared for future catastrophic events.

FLOODING

\$17 billion in total losses – 6x greater than 2015 damage

Five flood-related events exceeded \$1 billion in losses:



- Louisiana Flood (**\$10 billion**)
- Hurricane Matthew (**\$3 billion**)
- Sabine River Basin Flood (**\$1.3 billion**)
- Houston Flood (**\$1.2 billion**)
- West Virginia Flash & Riverine Flooding (**\$1 billion**)

HAIL

7.8% of continental U.S. impacted by severe hail in **2016**

Texas had more than **\$5.5 billion** in hail and wind-related losses

WINTER STORMS

9 Winter Storms

Feb. 2016 marked **warmest winter** in 121 years

Most significant storm affected **100 million** people in January 2016



TROPICAL STORMS & HURRICANES

15 Named Storms

- **8** Tropical Storms
- **7** Hurricanes (3 were Category 3 or higher)

Hurricane Matthew Breakdown

- **\$4-6 billion** in insured losses
- **\$3.5-5 billion** in damage caused by wind
- **\$500,000-\$1 million** caused by storm surge

TORNADO

1,059 recorded tornadoes

One of most inactive years since recording began in **1954**

February had **102** tornadoes – 2nd most active February in history



WILDFIRE

2016 was *well* below annual average

Four most-destructive fires in terms of homes destroyed:

- **Gatlinburg Fires: 16,000** acres burned; final count of homes destroyed still undetermined
- **Clayton Fire** (Northern California): **189** homes
- **Blue Cut Fire** (Southern California): **105** homes
- **Soberanes Fire** (Central California): **57** homes

