

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

dealt a major blow to Louisiana's infrastructure, destroying homes, schools, businesses, hospitals, fire stations and more. In the three years since the storms, the state and federal governments have worked tirelessly to rebuild Louisiana. From billions in FEMA Public Assistance and state Community Development Block Grant funds to the LA House (shown below), a Louisiana State University project in Baton Rouge that showcases smart hazard mitigation building techniques, Louisiana is rebuilding safer, smarter and stronger than before.



This map tracks just some of Louisiana's progress during the past three years. Much of the improvement shown has come in the past year, spurred by a renewed sense of partnership between federal and state officials.

Affordable and Sustainable Housing

Hurricane Katrina left more than 204,000 homes in Louisiana uninhabitable, damaged or destroyed. FEMA housed nearly 92,000 displaced families in travel trailers and mobile homes and has provided approximately \$6.1 billion in individual disaster assistance. The state has awarded \$6.8 billion to help homeowners and rental property owners rebuild their lives.

Education

A total of 875 schools were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Of these schools, 40 were completely destroyed. In addition to the physical devastation, thousands of Louisiana students were displaced as a direct result. Recent state enrollment numbers have increased to more than 800,000 K-12 students due in part to FEMA's obligation of approximately \$2.1 billion toward K-12 and higher education recovery efforts in Louisiana.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Hazard mitigation programs help communities reduce their risk during future storms, including elevating homes, adding hurricane shutters to public buildings or acquiring and removing structures from floodplains. FEMA has so far approved more than \$246 million for 158 hazard mitigation projects in Louisiana. Of that, the state has paid out \$9.3 million.

Health Care

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita damaged 141 Louisiana hospitals and forced 30 to close. FEMA has provided more than \$512 million in grant funding for health and research projects, helping hospitals across Louisiana return to their pre-disaster function and capacity.

Public Safety

First responders and critical infrastructure like police and fire stations suffered a devastating blow during Hurricane Katrina. Since then, FEMA has obligated more than \$711 million for justice and public safety projects, including \$400.5 million for the city of New Orleans. The state, FEMA and the U.S. Coast Guard have also worked to remove approximately 167,000 cubic yards of debris and 1,100 vessels from Louisiana waterways.



Progress
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Mapping
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Recovery

