

HURRICANE STRENGTH SCALE

CATEGORY 1

Storm Surge: 4 - 5 ft. (1.2 - 1.5 m)

Damage: Minimal; signs, tree branches and power lines blown down; damage to mobile homes

1 → 119-153 kph
74-95 mph

Minimal Damage



CATEGORY 2

Storm Surge: 6 - 8 ft. (1.8 - 2.4 m)

Damage: Moderate; some damage to roofs, windows; some downed trees

2 → 154-177 kph
96-110 mph

Moderate Damage



CATEGORY 3

Storm Surge: 9 - 12 ft. (2.7 - 3.7 m)

Damage: Extensive; minor damage to buildings, homes; large trees blown down

3 → 178-208 kph
111-129 mph

Extensive Damage



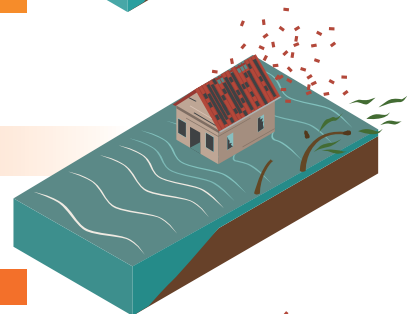
CATEGORY 4

Storm Surge: 13 - 18 ft. (4.0 - 5.5 m)

Damage: Extreme; almost total destruction of doors, windows; mobile homes destroyed

4 → 209-251 kph
130-156 mph

Extreme Damage



CATEGORY 5

Storm Surge: Higher than 18 ft. (5.5 m)

Damage: Catastrophic; buildings, roofs, structures destroyed; all trees, shrubs down

5 → >252 kph
>157 mph

Catastrophic Damage



Source: US National Hurricane Center