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# Startling stats of 2017

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. The explosive storms of 2017 were fierce, fatal and record setting, so this time period should be on your radar if you live in a hurricane zone.

Experts at National Geographic report that the United States suffered more than \$200 billion worth of damage from 17 named storms during the season. The previous record was attributed to 2005, when Hurricane Katrina and 27 other hurricanes caused an estimated \$159 billion.

Take a look at these troubling statistics from the 2017 season, as reported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

• Once Hurricane Harvey made landfall, there were 30 presidential declarations (14 emergency declarations and 16 major

disaster declarations), as well as 25 Fire Management Assistance grants deployed.

• The country's largest sustained air mission for food and water occurred after Irma and Maria.

• More than \$2 billion of disaster assistance was paid to survivors.

• Nearly 8 percent of the United States population was affected by a hurricane during the 2017 season.

• There were 133,000 flood insurance claims. Approximately \$6.3 billion has been paid out to assist in rebuilding efforts.

• More than 4.7 million survivors registered for individual disaster assistance from FEMA. This is more than hurricanes Rita, Wilma, Katrina and Sandy combined.

• Hurricanes Harvey and Irma marked the first time that two Category 4 hurricanes made landfall in the United States.

• Irma was the longest-lived hurricane since Ivan in 2004. The storm lasted for 11 days and winds peaked at 185 mph.

• Hurricane Harvey set a record for the most rainfall from a United States tropical cyclone, with more than 60 inches of rain in some areas.

• Hurricane Maria was the first Category 4 hurricane to make landfall on the main island of Puerto Rico in 85 years.

**2018 STORM NAMES** ATLANTIC

Alberto	Helen	Oscar
Beryl	Isaac	Patty
Chris	Joyce	Rafael
Debby	Kirk	Sara
Ernesto	Leslie	Tony
Florence	Michael	Valerie
Gordon	Nadine	William

Nobody knows what tomorrow will bring, so it's time to protect your home now from hurricanes and other natural disasters.

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