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Hurricane Katrina

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Editor's Note: This special report was archived in September 2006.

Voices from the Gulf Coast

August 29, 2005: Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast, destroying lives, leveling homes and leaving thousands of survivors with the same story: We lost everything. One year later, many still coped with Katrina's devastation. Some had moved forward, but for others recovery was at a standstill. CNN.com visited the region to hear their stories.

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In many ways, parts of New Orleans look like Hurricane Katrina struck last week. But a sign in the Hamilton family's yard points to the perseverance of those who stayed or returned to build: "We're home." [Full story](#)

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Hurricane Katrina

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Not to be confused with Hurricane Catarina or Hurricane Karina. For other storms of the same name, see Tropical Storm Katrina.

Hurricane Katrina was a large and destructive Category 5 Atlantic hurricane that caused over 1,800 fatalities and \$125 billion in damage in late August 2005, especially in the city of New Orleans and the surrounding areas. It was at the time the costliest tropical cyclone on record and is now tied with 2017's Hurricane Harvey. The storm was the twelfth tropical cyclone, the fifth hurricane, and the third major hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season, as well as the fourth-most intense Atlantic hurricane on record to make landfall in the contiguous United States.

Katrina originated on August 23, 2005, as a tropical depression from the merger of a tropical wave and the remnants of Tropical Depression Ten. Early the following day, the depression intensified into a tropical storm as it headed generally westward toward Florida, strengthening into a hurricane two hours before making landfall at Hallandale Beach on August 25. After briefly weakening to tropical storm strength over southern Florida, Katrina emerged into the Gulf of Mexico on August 26 and began to rapidly intensify. The storm strengthened into a Category 5 hurricane over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico^[d] before weakening to Category 3 strength at its second landfall on August 29 over southeast Louisiana and Mississippi.

Flooding, caused largely as a result of fatal engineering flaws in the flood protection system (levees)^[d] around the city of New Orleans, precipitated most of the loss of

Hurricane Katrina
Category 5 major hurricane (SSHWS/NWS)



Hurricane Katrina at peak intensity in the Gulf of

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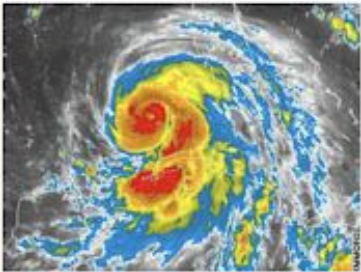
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Strengthening Katrina to hammer Gulf Coast



Blamed for at least seven deaths in Florida, powerful Hurricane Katrina is becoming stronger as it churns in the Gulf of Mexico. Forecasts say it's poised to deal a hammer blow to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and southeast Louisiana as a possible Category 4 storm early next week. Meanwhile, residents of southeast Florida are cleaning up after Katrina cut across the state packing strong winds and dumping heavy rain.

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Katrina drives people away from Gulf Coast

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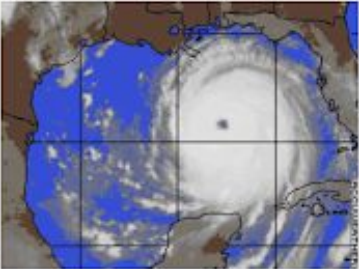
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Killer Katrina heading inland

- Mississippi: Three dead, "unprecedented damage"
- More than 50 rescued from floods in New Orleans
- Katrina downgraded to tropical storm
- Parts of six Louisiana parishes "devastated"
- Oil rig breaks loose, hits Mobile River bridge
- "Life-threatening storm surge flooding" occurring

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Residents in New Orleans struggle to keep above the rising flood waters.

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Updated: 6:33 a.m. EDT (09:33 GMT), August 30, 2005

54 DEAD IN MISSISSIPPI

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Levee breached in New Orleans

- Estimated 50 dead in 1 Mississippi county, officials say
- Levee breach in New Orleans forces hospital evacuation
- 1.3 million without power
- Tens of thousands to be homeless for months
- American Red Cross launching its largest relief operation

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Residents struggle to keep above the rising flood waters.

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Death toll rising in Katrina's wake

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SLIPPING INTO CHAOS

Unrest grows in New Orleans

A shotgun-toting New Orleans police officer has a word with a man on Canal Street.

- Water still rising in Crescent City, with no way out
- Looting, shootings reported
- New Orleans mayor blasts failure to patch levees
- Louisiana governor declares day of prayer
- Critical patients being airlifted, shelters being evacuated
- Paint marks indicate Mississippi homes with bodies

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HEALTH EMERGENCY



Survivors on an apartment building roof try to get the attention of rescuers.

Health fears as bodies lie in water

- Public health emergency declared; cholera, typhoid fears
- Katrina death toll so far estimated at least 120
- New Orleans mayor says toll in his city will be hundreds
- Superdome evacuees moving to Astrodome

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GETTING OUT



Evacuation of survivors begins

- Public health emergency declared; cholera, typhoid fears
- First evacuee buses leave New Orleans
- Bush: "One of the worst national disasters"
- Extra 10,000 National Guard troops called up

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Buses leave New Orleans with evacuees who had been holed up in the Superdome.

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DESPERATION AND DANGER



Boat rescues suspended

- Boat rescuers asked to stand down due to dangers
- Huge crowd spotted at New Orleans convention center
- Gunfire, looting, small fires disrupt Superdome evacuation
- Citizens holed up in high-rises throng to buses
- Major buildings "pancaking" in Mississippi

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Storm victims are stuck without food or water at the New Orleans Convention Center.

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AID IN, PEOPLE OUT



Some hope returns to New Orleans

- Food and medicine arrives for desperate survivors
- 40,000 patients airlifted from hospitals
- Bush sees destruction -- and meets angry mayor
- But thousands still stranded in homes and centers

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Military personnel distribute food and water Friday at the convention center in New Orleans.



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