

Deadliest Floods in West Virginia History

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Date	Location	Description	Fatalities	Damage (<i>Damage adjusted to 2015 dollars</i>)
February 26, 1972	Buffalo Creek, Logan County	Coal waste dam failure.	125, including 4 missing 1,100 injured	\$30,000,000 to \$100,000,000 <i>(\$170,454,000 to \$568,181,000)</i> ; class action suits by victims and child survivors settled for \$18.3 million; 551 homes destroyed, 943 damaged; more than 4,000 homeless.
August 9, 1916	Cabin Creek, including Cane, Coal and Little Coal creeks	Cloudburst floods	40 to 60	\$5,000,000 (<i>\$108,696,000</i>)
November 4-7, 1985	Cheat, Potomac, Shenandoah, Greenbrier, Elk, Buckhannon, Tygart, Monongahela, Upper Gauley rivers	Tropical low tracked over eastern West Virginia after Hurricane Juan passed through western Kentucky.	47 in West Virginia 22 in Virginia, 1 in Maryland, 1 in Pennsylvania 18,000 homeless in all states	Nearly \$700,000,000 in West Virginia (<i>\$1,540,000,000</i>) 4,000 homes and 2,027 bridges destroyed; more than 8,968 homes damaged, 711 businesses destroyed or damaged.
September 30, 1870	Shenandoah River, especially Virginius Island at Harpers Ferry	Waterspout south of Front Royal, Virginia.	43 in West Virginia 17 in Virginia (42 or more die on Virginius Island)	\$5,000,000 (<i>\$91,000,000</i>) in whole Shenandoah Valley, including every bridge and all but two mills. 70 buildings destroyed on Virginius Island
July 19, 1888	Caldwells Run; Wheeling, Ohio County	Worst cloudburst ever known for this section of West Virginia, lasting for nearly two hours.	Approximately 39	\$300,000 (<i>\$7,500,000</i>) Loss of two city bridges and two railroad trestles.
June 24-26, 1950	West Fork River, Little Kanawha River, Hughes River, Middle Island Creek and Leading Creek; Berea, West Union, Weston and Smithburg, Doddridge and Ritchie counties	Torrential rains and flash floods.	31 to 35	Over \$10,000,000 (<i>over \$99,000,000</i>) 123 homes destroyed, 1,292 damaged 1,000 families homeless
August 4-5, 1943	Little Kanawha River basin, including small tributaries	Severe flash floods from violent thunderstorms	23	\$1.300,000 (<i>\$17, 808,000</i>)
June 23, 2016	Greenbrier, Elk, Gauley river basins and numerous smaller watersheds	Flash floods from repeated lines of intense convective storms along a stationary front.	23	<i>Preliminary</i> FEMA approved \$72,000,000 in assistance by July 29; over \$55.500,000 in road damage alone; over 1,000 homes destroyed or damaged beyond repair
July 19, 1961	Small streams near Charleston including Magazine Hollow	Cloudburst during wettest July in history causes flash floods and debris flows.	22	\$4,000,000 (<i>\$31,746,000</i>) 200 homeless families
July 10-11, 1932	Paint and Armstrong creeks, Fayette and Kanawha counties; Otter Creek, Tucker County	Flash floods; landslides in Tucker County	20	\$2,500,000 (<i>\$43,103,000</i>) Over 205 homes destroyed Over 500 homeless
July 18, 1889	Little Kanawha River basin, including Slate, Lee, Pond and Sandy creeks; Wood, Wirt, Jackson and Ritchie counties	Cloudburst and landslides; Tygart Creek rose 22 feet in 1 hour.	19 to 23	Over \$650,000 (<i>over \$16,670,000</i>)

