

# HAZUS-MH: Flood Event Report

**Region Name:** BucksMR2

**Flood Study Case:** BucksMR2

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*The estimates of social and economic impacts contained in this report were produced using HAZUS loss estimation methodology software which is based on current scientific and engineering knowledge. There are uncertainties inherent in any loss estimation technique. Therefore, there may be significant differences between the modeled results contained in this report and the actual social and economic losses following a specific Flood. These results can be improved by using enhanced inventory data and flood hazard information.*

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## General Description of the Region

HAZUS is a regional multi-hazard loss estimation model that was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS). The primary purpose of HAZUS is to provide a methodology and software application to develop multi-hazard losses at a regional scale. These loss estimates would be used primarily by local, state and regional officials to plan and stimulate efforts to reduce risks from multi-hazards and to prepare for emergency response and recovery.

The flood loss estimates provided in this report were based on a region that included 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

- Pennsylvania

**Note:**

Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 607 square miles and contains 9,384 census blocks. There are over 219 thousand households in the region and has a total population of 597,635 people (2000 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County for the study region is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 184,409 buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 49,664 million dollars (2002 dollars). Approximately 98.19% of the buildings (and 81.27% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

## Building Inventory

### General Building Stock

HAZUS estimates that there are 184,409 buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 49,664 million (2002 dollars). Table 1 and Table 2 present the relative distribution of the value with respect to the general occupancies by Study Region and Study Case respectively. Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

**Table 1**  
**Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Study Region**

Occupancy	Exposure (\$1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	40,360,132	81.3%
Commercial	6,606,514	13.3%
Industrial	2,008,357	4.0%
Agricultural	110,369	0.2%
Religion	306,792	0.6%
Government	75,966	0.2%
Education	196,115	0.4%
Total	49,664,245	100.00%

**Table 2**  
**Building Exposure by Occupancy Type for the Study Case**

Occupancy	Exposure (\$1000)	Percent of Total
Residential	5,747,631	74.2%
Commercial	1,301,521	16.8%
Industrial	560,053	7.2%
Agricultural	28,580	0.4%
Religion	50,444	0.7%
Government	11,808	0.2%
Education	41,019	0.5%
Total	7,741,056	100.00%

### Essential Facility Inventory

For essential facilities, there are 8 hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of 1,794 beds. There are 248 schools, 52 fire stations, 42 police stations and 2 emergency operation center.

## Flood Scenario Parameters

HAZUS used the following set of information to define the flood parameters for the flood loss estimate provided in this report.

<b>Study Region Name:</b>	BucksMR2
<b>Scenario Name:</b>	BucksMR2
<b>Return Period Analyzed:</b>	500
<b>Analysis Options Analyzed:</b>	0

## General Building Stock Damage

HAZUS estimates that about 2,380 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 27% of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 663 buildings that will be completely destroyed. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 6 of the HAZUS Flood technical manual. Table 3 below summarizes the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 4 summarizes the expected damage by general building type.

**Table 3: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy**

Occupancy	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Agriculture	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	27	45.00	3	5.00	2	3.33	0	0.00	3	5.00	25	41.67
Education	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Government	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Industrial	3	6.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	12	26.67	1	2.22	29	64.44
Religion	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Residential	1,786	56.04	320	10.04	239	7.50	162	5.08	71	2.23	609	19.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,816</b>		<b>323</b>		<b>241</b>		<b>174</b>		<b>75</b>		<b>663</b>	

**Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Building Type**

Building Type	1-10		11-20		21-30		31-40		41-50		Substantially	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Concrete	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	22.22	1	11.11	6	66.67
ManufHousing	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Masonry	599	56.46	97	9.14	77	7.26	54	5.09	24	2.26	210	19.79
Steel	18	30.00	2	3.33	2	3.33	7	11.67	2	3.33	29	48.33
Wood	1,199	55.59	222	10.29	161	7.46	111	5.15	48	2.23	416	19.29

## Essential Facility Damage

Before the flood analyzed in this study case, the region had 0 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the study case flood event, the model estimates that 0 hospital beds are available in the region.

**Table 5: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities**

Classification	Total	# Facilities		
		At Least Moderate	At Least Substantial	Loss of Use
Fire Stations	52	0	0	0
Hospitals	8	0	0	0
Police Stations	42	0	0	0
Schools	248	0	0	0

If this report displays all zeros or is blank, two possibilities can explain this.

- (1) None of your facilities were flooded. This can be checked by mapping the inventory data on the depth grid.
- (2) The analysis was not run. This can be tested by checking the run box on the Analysis Menu and seeing if a message box asks you to replace the existing results.

## Induced Flood Damage

### **Debris Generation**

HAZUS estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the flood. The model breaks debris into three general categories: 1) Finishes (dry wall, insulation, etc.), 2) Structural (wood, brick, etc.) and 3) Foundations (concrete slab, concrete block, rebar, etc.). This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 138,657 tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Finishes comprises 40% of the total, Structure comprises 35% of the total. If the debris tonnage is converted into an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 5,546 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the flood.

## Social Impact

### **Shelter Requirements**

HAZUS estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the flood and the associated potential evacuation. HAZUS also estimates those displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 9,050 households will be displaced due to the flood. Displacement includes households evacuated from within or very near to the inundated area. Of these, 23,532 people (out of a total population of 597,635) will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.



## Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the flood is 1,200.56 million dollars, which represents 15.51 % of the total replacement value of the study case buildings.

### **Building-Related Losses**

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the flood. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the flood.

The total building-related losses were 826.74 million dollars. 31% of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. The residential occupancies made up 40.98% of the total loss. Table 6 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

**Table 6: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates**  
(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
<u>Building Loss</u>						
	Building	309.62	57.75	29.77	6.48	403.61
	Content	171.62	151.85	61.40	22.70	407.57
	Inventory	0.00	4.17	11.37	0.02	15.56
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>481.24</b>	<b>213.77</b>	<b>102.53</b>	<b>29.20</b>	<b>826.74</b>
<u>Business Interruption</u>						
	Income	0.80	95.81	3.27	13.25	113.13
	Relocation	4.84	13.62	2.85	1.88	23.18
	Rental Income	3.15	9.64	0.82	0.36	13.97
	Wage	1.90	102.72	4.59	114.32	223.53
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10.70</b>	<b>221.78</b>	<b>11.53</b>	<b>129.80</b>	<b>373.82</b>
<u>ALL</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>491.94</b>	<b>435.56</b>	<b>114.06</b>	<b>159.00</b>	<b>1,200.56</b>

## **Appendix A: County Listing for the Region**

Pennsylvania

- Bucks

**Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data**

	Population	Building Value (thousands of dollars)		
		Residential	Non-Residential	Total
<b>Pennsylvania</b>				
Bucks	597,635	40,360,132	9,304,113	49,664,245
<b>Total State</b>	<b>597,635</b>	<b>40,360,132</b>	<b>9,304,113</b>	<b>49,664,245</b>
<b>Total Study Region</b>	<b>597,635</b>	<b>40,360,132</b>	<b>9,304,113</b>	<b>49,664,245</b>