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# Preliminary Flood Hazard Data Search Tool

## Overview

Preliminary flood hazard data (preliminary data) provide the public an early look at their home or community's projected risk to flood hazards. In May 2013, FEMA released a centralized portal to search for and view these data, including new or revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, and FIRM Databases. To view your community's data, visit [FEMA's Preliminary Flood Hazard Data webpage](#).

There are many advantages for citizens and professionals in viewing their community's preliminary data before they become effective. For example, the public may use these data to voice their opinions or concerns regarding how the preliminary flood maps may affect their property or community. Communities may use these data to plan for safer construction and development.

Preliminary data are for review and guidance purposes only. By viewing preliminary data and maps, the user acknowledges that the information provided is preliminary and subject to change. Additionally, preliminary data cannot be used to rate flood insurance policies or enforce the Federal mandatory purchase requirement.

## Benefits of the Preliminary Data Search Tool

The preliminary data search tool provides many benefits:

- Nationwide preliminary data are in a centralized and easily accessible location, along with FEMA's other flood mapping products and tools
- Citizens can now access both preliminary and effective flood hazard data through FEMA's Map Service Center
- Quick and easy search functions
- Ability to search for these data by state and county
- Helpful customer service through the FMIX

## Contact Us

For questions, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) at 1-877-336-2627 or e-mail

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**To access your community's preliminary data, visit:**

[www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata)

## Additional Information

**For more information about preliminary data, visit:**

- [Understanding Preliminary Flood Hazard Maps](#)
- [Understanding the Changes to Your Community's Flood Insurance Rate Map](#)
- [The Map Service Center \(MSC\)](#)

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