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## Alabama counties that flood the most

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When flooding happens in Alabama, as with the recent rains in many parts of the state, some areas are hit far more often than others.

An analysis from LawnStarter used FEMA data and identified more than 940 U.S. counties with moderate to very high flood risks, including several in Alabama.

Here's a closer look at the Alabama counties most vulnerable to flooding.

### Which Alabama counties are prone to flooding?

Eight counties in Alabama are vulnerable to flooding:

1. Jefferson County
2. Houston County
3. Mobile County
4. Choctaw County
5. Baldwin County
6. Coffee County
7. Morgan County
8. Tuscaloosa County

In Jefferson County, flooding was reported in multiple locations after storms moved through Sunday night. Officials say two vehicles were submerged along Interstate 65 near the 265-mile marker and additional flooding was reported near mile marker 255. No injuries were reported.

Officials reported that drainage issues appear to be the to be a major factor.

Jefferson County ranks among the top five counties in the U.S. for flood risk, mainly due to frequent riverine flooding. It landed at No. 15 for potential economic impact, but much lower in flood preparedness, ranking No. 789 nationwide.

Baldwin County came out on top in readiness in the state, ranking No. 237, making it the most prepared of Alabama's high-risk counties. Tuscaloosa County ranked lowest in preparedness at No. 809.

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## 'A big deal'



St. James' Anastasia Jordan (1) against American Christian during their game on the St. James campus in Montgomery on April 28. PHOTOS BY MICKEY WELSH/MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER

## Montgomery-area soccer community embraces World Cup friendly at Auburn

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When Cara White heard that Argentina's national soccer team was coming to Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, she was excited. The Saint James girls soccer player wasn't expecting a piece of the FIFA World Cup to be so close to home.

The surprises didn't stop there for White. A few weekends ago, her parents shocked her with tickets to the friendly match between Argentina and Iceland.

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Montgomery Catholic's Lilly Sweeney (34) against St. James' Mallory Ward (6) during their game on the Catholic campus in Montgomery on March 26.

## Black voters may lose power in Congress



Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Yvette Clarke has said as many as 19 of her caucus' members could be affected by new congressional maps in a worst-case scenario. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES FILE

### Rep says new maps could curtail access to services

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Redistricting efforts across the South could mean about a third fewer Black members of Congress, the Congressional Black Caucus has warned, and a correspondingly large drop in Black power in Washington.

Chairwoman Yvette Clarke, a Democrat from New York, has said as many as 19 of her caucus' members could be affected in a worst-case scenario, though she noted the situation is still fluid.

"Black political representation has come under direct assault," she told USA

TODAY. "Republicans' racial gerrymandering could have a devastating impact on the CBC, but this democratic erosion extends far beyond politics. When communities lose meaningful political representation in government, they also lose equitable access to resources, infrastructure, health care, education, environmental protections, economic investment, and public safety."

In April, the Supreme Court limited a key part of the Voting Rights Act, Section 2, ruling states cannot be required to create additional majority-minority districts if it conflicts with their constitutional right to prioritize partisan balance.

The decision, which gives states a

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