

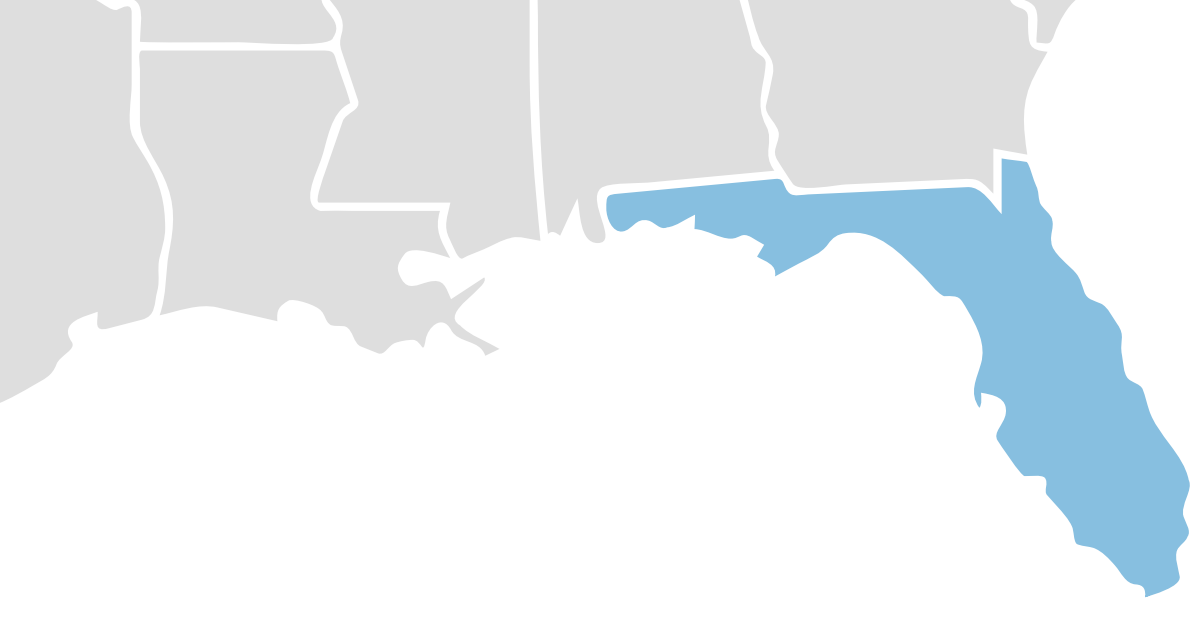


# Eye on the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season Quick Facts

In May, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center (CPC) forecast a 60% chance of an above-normal 2020 Atlantic hurricane season. Their forecast has proven true as the 2020 season, which officially ended November 30<sup>th</sup>, broke record after record.

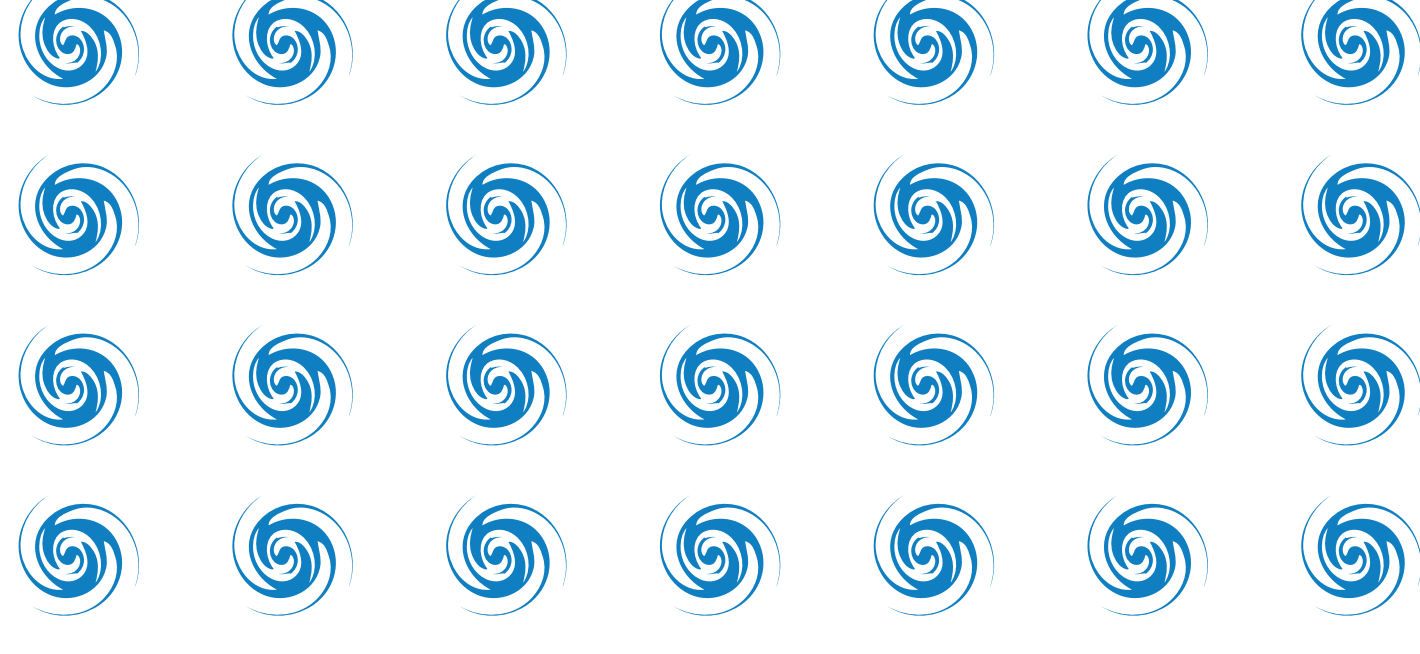
The Atlantic hurricane region includes the North Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico. The following facts are some of the region's records during the 2020 season and other activities.

*In 9,291 hours across 62,475 miles, PS Energy pumped 352,975 gallons supporting storm relief efforts during the 2020 hurricane season.*



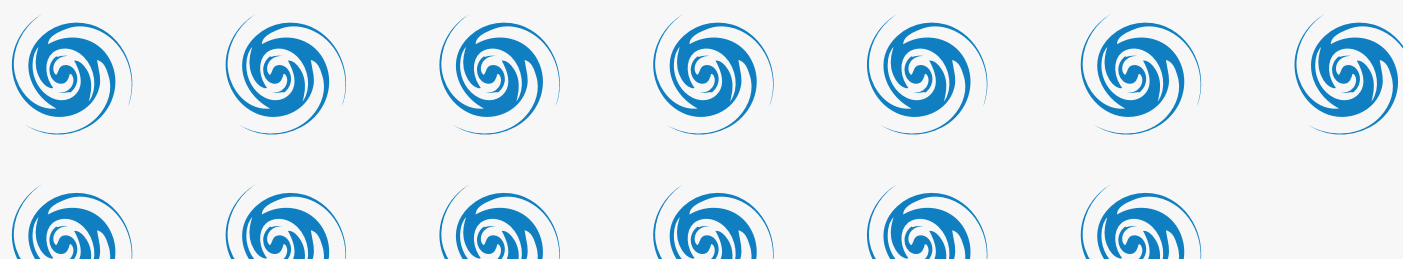
The season began early when Tropical Storm Arthur formed on May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Atlantic Ocean east of Florida — marking the sixth consecutive year that the season started **before the June 1st official start**.

**The first storm to make landfall in the U.S.** was Tropical Storm Bertha on May 27<sup>th</sup> and approximately 20 miles east of Charleston, SC.

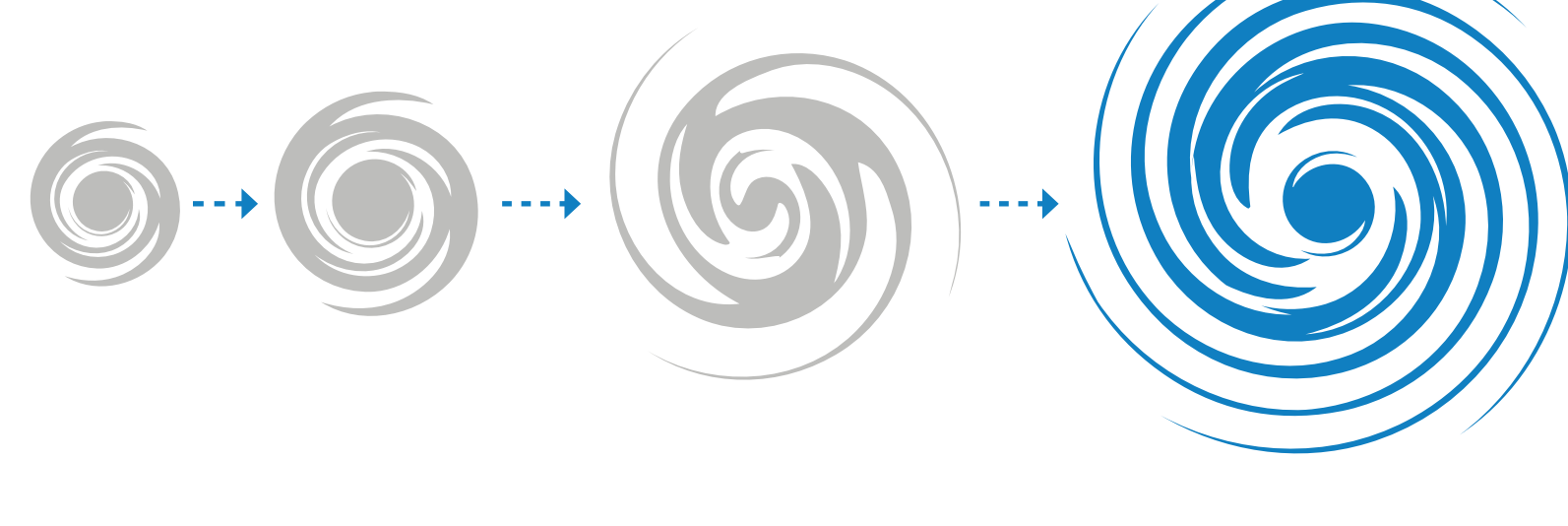


On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the 2020 season tied a record with the 2005 season for most storms in a season — 28. At the official end of the season, **there were 30 storms**.

The average storm count for a season is 13. This season, there were **over two full average seasons worth of storms**.

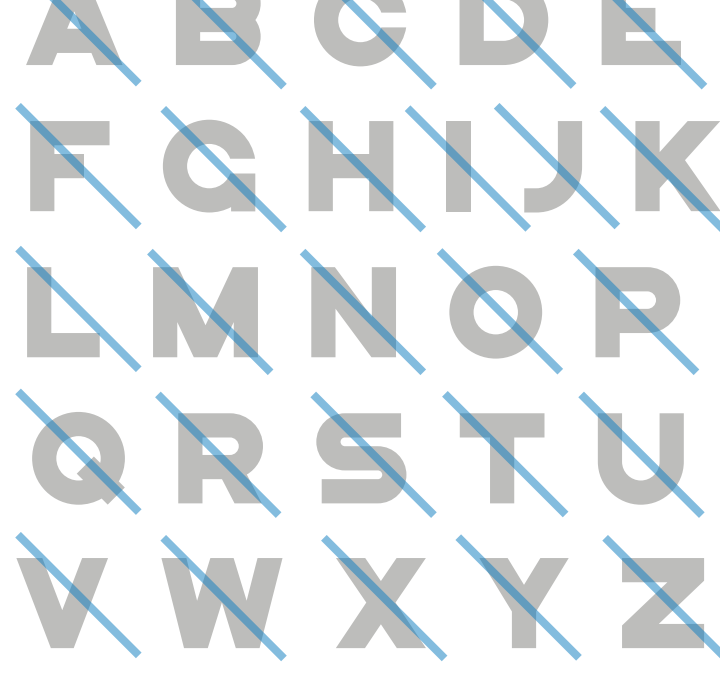


Average storm season count



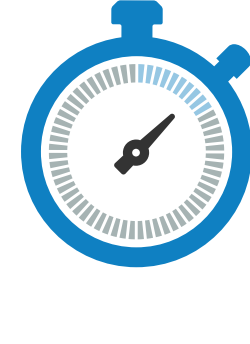
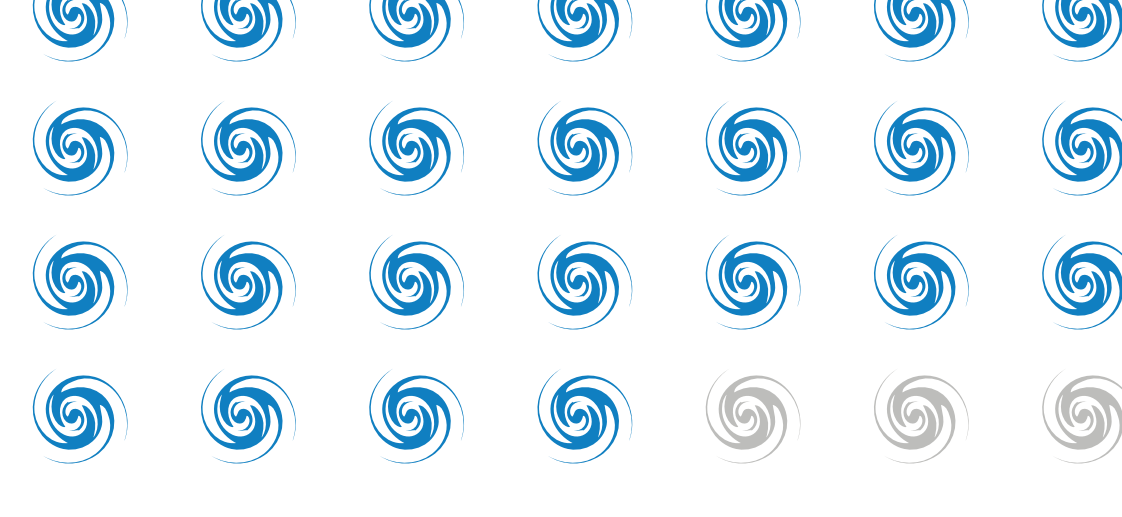
Hurricane Iota, which made landfall in Nicaragua as a Category 4 hurricane on November 16<sup>th</sup> (sustained winds between 130 mph and 156 mph), was the season's **13<sup>th</sup> hurricane**.

**Only three other hurricane seasons** on record have had 12 or more hurricanes.



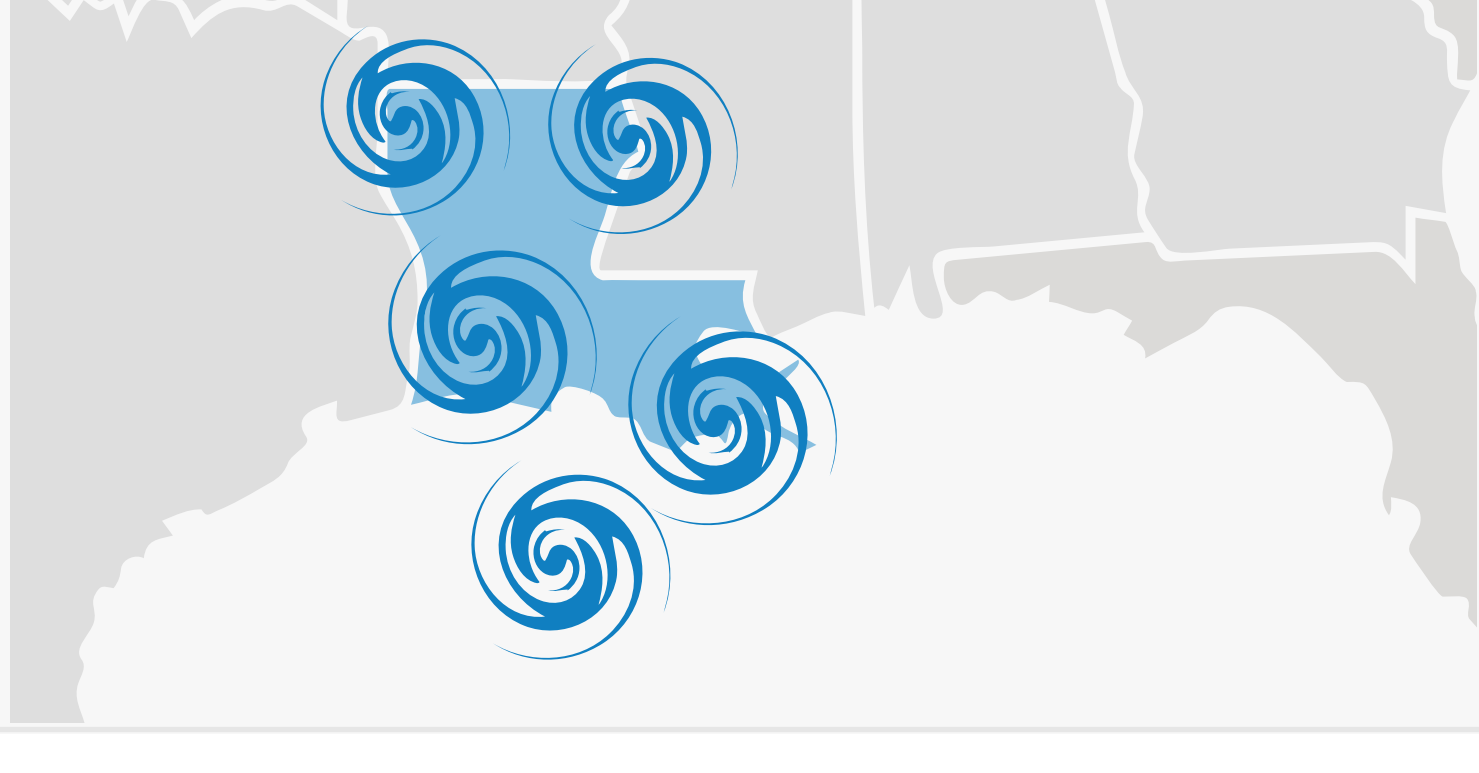
**The season exhausted its entire list of 21 names on September 18<sup>th</sup>** — having to use the Greek alphabet for subsequent names for only the second time. The first time was 2005.

The Greek names used so far this season are **Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, and Iota**.



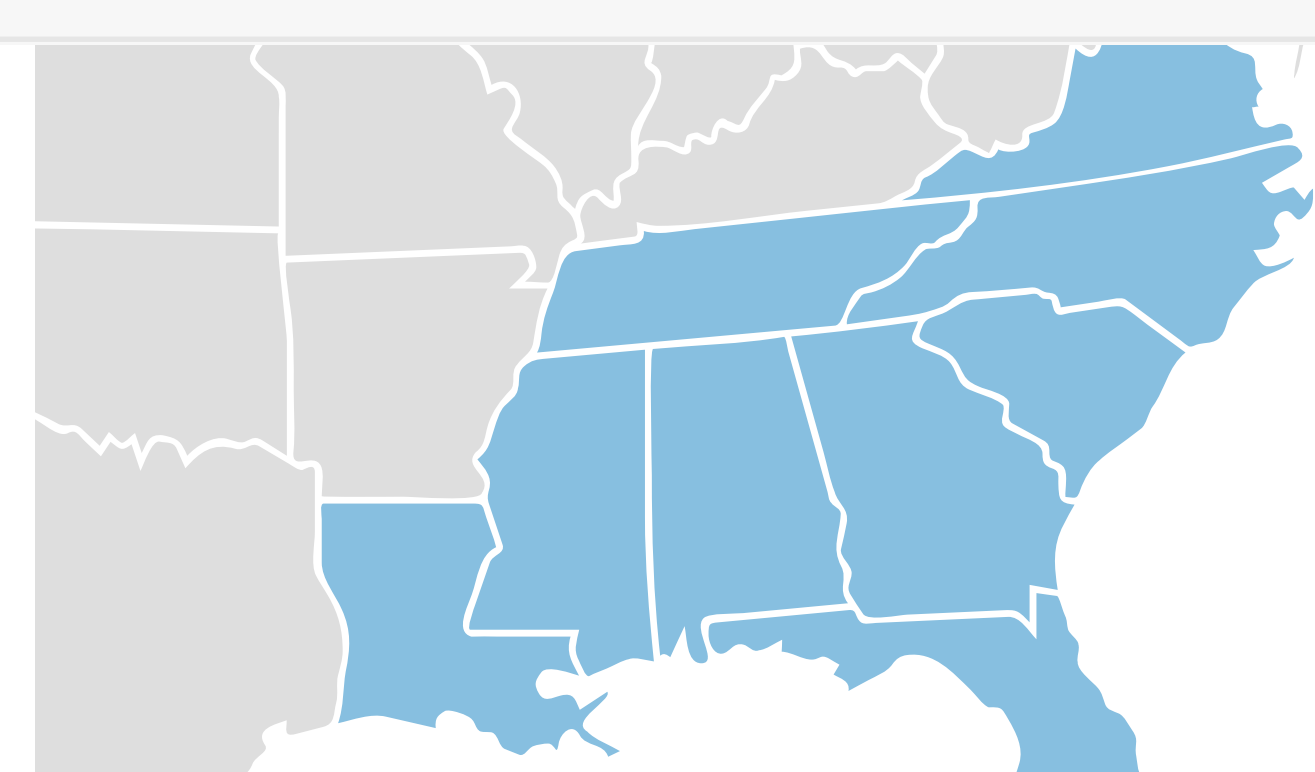
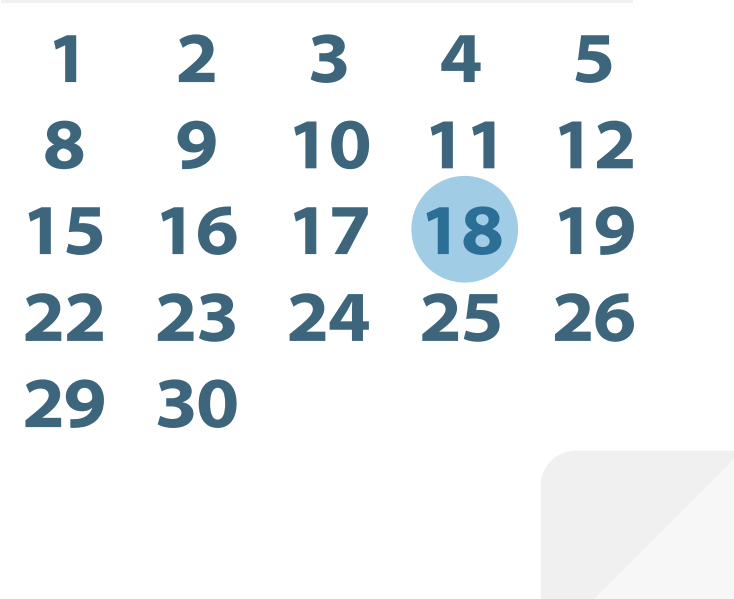
Every storm this year except Arthur, Bertha, and Dolly formed earlier in the season than any previous storm with the same first letter — meaning **88% of storms broke a record for early formation**.

**The season's most affected state was Louisiana**, with five named storms hitting "The Pelican State."



**September had ten named storm formations**, which is the most on record for the season's busiest month. The previous record was eight in 2002, 2007, and 2010.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, **three storms formed in a single day**, tying a record set in 1893.



Hurricane Zeta (Category 2) was one mph away from a Category 3 when it made landfall in Louisiana on October 28<sup>th</sup>. **It affected nine states with the most significant losses in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia** and was the strongest hurricane to hit New Orleans.

Hurricane Zeta **killed six people** and left **2.6 million people without power** across seven states from Louisiana to Virginia. Damage from Zeta will cost insurers as much as **\$4.4 billion**.



Although the 2020 season is officially over, it's not too early to start planning for the 2021 season, which officially begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. When fuel demand is high, supply is at its lowest. So laying the groundwork now to ensure you have adequate fuel to keep your operations running and workforce on the job is a smart move and one that will give you, your employees, and your customers peace of mind as the 2021 season approaches.



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