

Communications Status Report for Areas Impacted by Hurricane Michael October 18, 2018

The following is a report on the status of communications services in geographic areas impacted by Hurricane Michael as of October 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. EDT. Hurricane Michael made landfall on October 10 as a Category 4 hurricane at approximately 1:00 p.m. EDT near Mexico Beach, Florida. This report incorporates network outage data submitted by communications providers to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) as of 11:00 a.m. DIRS currently covers areas of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. The operational status of communications services during a disaster may evolve rapidly, and this report represents a snapshot in time. Although Hurricane Michael had a serious impact on communications services in the Florida Panhandle and parts of Georgia some improvements are evident, especially in wireless services. In Georgia, the percentage of cell sites out of service dropped over the last seven days from 14.2% to 0.1%. In the Florida Panhandle, however, the percentage of cell sites out of service remains more significant in Bay, Gadsden, Gulf and Washington Counties. The FCC continues to closely monitor status of communications services, especially in the hardest hit areas.

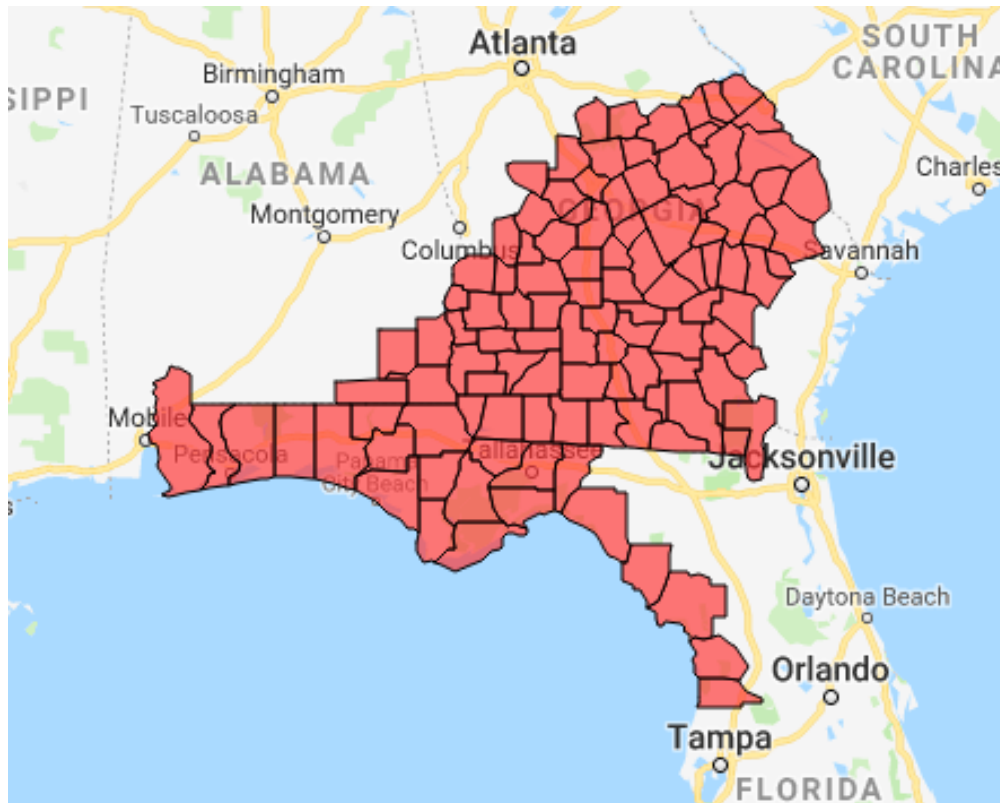
The following 110 counties are in the current geographic area that is part of the DIRS activation (the "disaster area"). Note that on October 11, DIRS activation area was expanded to nine additional counties in Georgia.

ALABAMA: Baldwin, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston

FLORIDA: Bay, Calhoun, Citrus, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hernando, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, Washington

GEORGIA: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Bleckley, Brooks, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, Candler, Charlton, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, Crawford, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Grady, Hancock, Houston, Irwin, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Lanier, Laurens, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marion, McDuffie, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Montgomery, Peach, Pierce, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Randolph, Richmond, Schley, Screven, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Twiggs, Upson, Ware, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Worth

The following map shows the counties in the disaster area:



911 Services

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) learns the status of each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) through the filings of 911 Service Providers in DIRS, through reporting to the FCC's Public Safety Support Center (PSSC), and through coordination with state 911 Administrators and, if necessary, individual PSAPs.

No PSAPs are reported as being down.

2 PSAPs (down from 3 yesterday) have been re-routed with ALI:

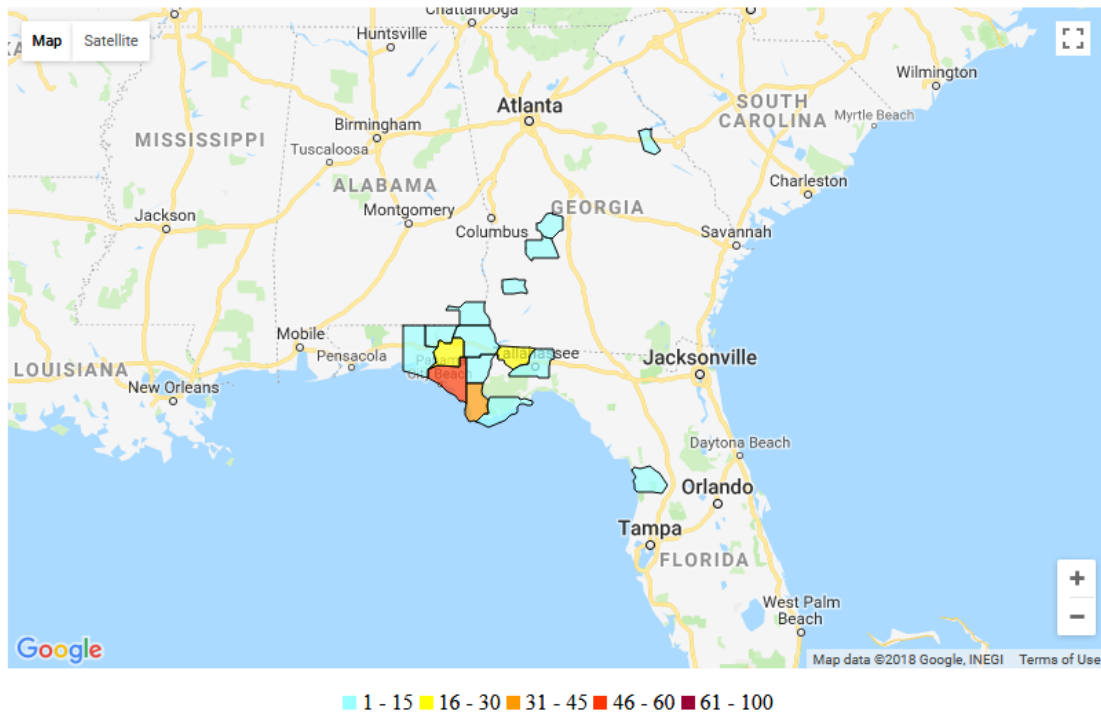
Florida: Tyndall Airforce FD, Tyndall Airforce Law

Wireless Services

The following section describes the status of wireless communications services and restoration in the disaster area, including the percentage of cell sites reported out of service for each county. The following map of the disaster area illustrates which counties are most affected:

Percent Cell Sites Out-of-Service By County

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The following table provides cell sites reported out of service by county. There are 2.7% (down from 3.2% yesterday) of cell sites reported out of service in the affected area. There are no counties in the disaster area with more than 50% of the cell sites out of service. The information shown was provided by the signatories to the Wireless Network Resiliency Cooperative Agreement.

Alabama

State	Affected Counties	Cell Sites Served	Cell Sites Out	Percent Out
AL	BALDWIN	348	0	0.0%
AL	DALE	105	0	0.0%
AL	GENEVA	59	0	0.0%
AL	HENRY	38	0	0.0%
AL	HOUSTON	209	1	0.5%
TOTAL		759	1	0.1%

Florida

State	Affected Counties	Cell Sites Served	Cell Sites Out	Percent Out
FL	BAY	345	162	47.0%
FL	CALHOUN	42	3	7.1%
FL	CITRUS	104	1	1.0%
FL	DIXIE	20	0	0.0%
FL	ESCAMBIA	243	0	0.0%
FL	FRANKLIN	36	1	2.8%
FL	GADSDEN	62	12	19.4%
FL	GULF	23	8	34.8%
FL	HERNANDO	100	0	0.0%
FL	HOLMES	27	1	3.7%
FL	JACKSON	83	7	8.4%
FL	JEFFERSON	261	0	0.0%
FL	LEON	418	1	0.2%
FL	LEVY	70	0	0.0%
FL	LIBERTY	9	0	0.0%
FL	OKALOOSA	225	0	0.0%
FL	SANTA ROSA	165	0	0.0%
FL	TAYLOR	45	0	0.0%
FL	WAKULLA	39	0	0.0%
FL	WALTON	205	1	0.5%
FL	WASHINGTON	39	8	20.5%
TOTAL		2,561	205	8.0%

Georgia

State	Affected Counties	Cell Sites Served	Cell Sites Out	Percent Out
GA	APPLING	38	0	0.0%
GA	ATKINSON	30	0	0.0%
GA	BACON	26	0	0.0%
GA	BAKER	19	0	0.0%
GA	BALDWIN	139	0	0.0%
GA	BEN HILL	18	0	0.0%

GA	BERRIEN	50	0	0.0%
GA	BIBB	169	0	0.0%
GA	BLECKLEY	23	0	0.0%
GA	BROOKS	52	0	0.0%
GA	BULLOCH	136	0	0.0%
GA	BURKE	59	0	0.0%
GA	CALHOUN	41	1	2.4%
GA	CANDLER	33	0	0.0%
GA	CHARLTON	33	0	0.0%
GA	CLAY	12	0	0.0%
GA	CLINCH	36	0	0.0%
GA	COFFEE	61	0	0.0%
GA	COLQUITT	78	0	0.0%
GA	COLUMBIA	165	0	0.0%
GA	COOK	36	0	0.0%
GA	CRAWFORD	21	0	0.0%
GA	CRISP	46	0	0.0%
GA	DECATUR	60	0	0.0%
GA	DODGE	52	0	0.0%
GA	DOOLY	32	0	0.0%
GA	DOUGHERTY	124	0	0.0%
GA	EARLY	18	0	0.0%
GA	ECHOLS	22	0	0.0%
GA	EMANUEL	59	0	0.0%
GA	EVANS	19	0	0.0%
GA	GLASCOCK	5	0	0.0%
GA	GRADY	42	0	0.0%
GA	HANCOCK	27	0	0.0%
GA	HOUSTON	173	0	0.0%
GA	IRWIN	18	0	0.0%
GA	JASPER	31	0	0.0%
GA	JEFF DAVIS	24	0	0.0%
GA	JEFFERSON	275	0	0.0%
GA	JENKINS	17	0	0.0%
GA	JOHNSON	15	0	0.0%
GA	JONES	49	0	0.0%
GA	LANIER	21	0	0.0%

GA	LAURENS	84	0	0.0%
GA	LEE	91	0	0.0%
GA	LOWNDES	163	0	0.0%
GA	MACON	39	1	2.6%
GA	MARION	29	0	0.0%
GA	MCDUFFIE	45	1	2.2%
GA	MILLER	8	0	0.0%
GA	MITCHELL	36	0	0.0%
GA	MONROE	53	0	0.0%
GA	MONTGOMERY	69	0	0.0%
GA	PEACH	46	0	0.0%
GA	PIERCE	39	0	0.0%
GA	PULASKI	27	0	0.0%
GA	PUTNAM	40	0	0.0%
GA	QUITMAN	4	0	0.0%
GA	RANDOLPH	21	0	0.0%
GA	RICHMOND	290	0	0.0%
GA	SCHLEY	9	0	0.0%
GA	SCREVEN	30	0	0.0%
GA	SEMINOLE	86	0	0.0%
GA	STEWART	18	0	0.0%
GA	SUMTER	75	1	1.3%
GA	TATTNALL	36	0	0.0%
GA	TAYLOR	42	0	0.0%
GA	TELFAIR	31	0	0.0%
GA	TERRELL	19	0	0.0%
GA	THOMAS	76	0	0.0%
GA	TIFT	69	0	0.0%
GA	TOOMBS	57	0	0.0%
GA	TREUTLEN	21	0	0.0%
GA	TURNER	30	0	0.0%
GA	TWIGGS	49	0	0.0%
GA	UPSON	32	0	0.0%
GA	WARE	73	0	0.0%
GA	WARREN	23	0	0.0%
GA	WASHINGTON	42	0	0.0%
GA	WEBSTER	17	0	0.0%

GA	WHEELER	8	0	0.0%
GA	WILCOX	32	0	0.0%
GA	WILKINSON	31	0	0.0%
GA	WORTH	53	0	0.0%
TOTAL		4,447	4	0.1%

The number of cell site outages in a specific area does not necessarily correspond to the availability of wireless service to consumers in that area. See Improving the Resiliency of Mobile Wireless Communications Networks, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 13745, para. 10 (2016) (recognizing the difficulties in accurately depicting the ongoing status of a wireless provider's service during emergencies). Wireless networks are often designed with numerous, overlapping cell sites that provide maximum capacity and continuity of service even when an individual site is inoperable. Moreover, wireless providers frequently use temporary facilities such as cells-on-wheels, increased power at operational sites, roaming agreements, or take other actions to maintain service to affected consumers during emergencies or other events that result in cell site outages.

Cable Systems and Wireline (Combined)

The cable system and wireline outage table reflects outages of communications service provided by cable and wireline companies in the impacted area, which may include the loss of telephone, television, and/or Internet services.¹

State	Subscribers Out of Service
AL	18
FL	103,811
GA	39,693

Broadcast

Television stations status:

- 28 (no change from yesterday) TV stations reported being operational (WABW, WACS, WALA-TV, WALB, WCES, WDHN, WEIQ, WFLA-TV, WFNA, WGNM, WJCL, WJSP, WJTC, WKRG-TV, WMBB, WMOR-TV, WMUM, WPAN, WPMI, WRBL, WRMD-CD, WSAV-TV, WSCG, WTTA, WTXL, WVAN, WVUP-CD, WXGA).

¹ Figures corrected from earlier-released version.

- 2 (up from 1 yesterday) TV station reported being out of service (WBIF, WFXL).

FM Radio stations status:

- 104 (up from 102 yesterday) FM radio stations reported being operational (W201DJ, W204CM, W206BP, W209CD, W209CG, W212BY, W214BZ, W219DH, W220DS, W232BI, W233AP, W242BF, W245BT, W259CA, W266CM, W269BJ, W271BC, W279CU, W287CG, W290AS, WAAC, WABD, WABR, WAKU, WAKU, WASU-LP, WBBQ-FM, WBLX-FM, WBYZ, WBZE, WCSN-FM, WCUG, WDBN, WDEN-FM, WDLT-FM, WDLV, WEBZ, WFLA-FM, WFLF-FM, WFRP, WFSY, WGCN, WGEX, WGLF, WGMY, WGOV-FM, WHBX, WHHR, WHKV, WIBB-FM, WIFO, WIZB, WJIZ-FM, WJSP-FM, WJWV, WKAA, WKKZ, WKSM, WLGK, WLOV-LP, WLUB, WLXF, WLZN, WMCG, WMGB, WMRZ, WMUM-FM, WNCV, WNUQ, WOBB, WPAP, WPEZ, WPLV, WQBZ, WQIL, WQPW, WQTS, WQVE, WQXZ, WQZY, WSTI, WSVH, WTCQ, WTGF, WTNT-FM, WTSM, WUNV, WVGA, WVKV, WWET, WWLD, WWLD, WWRQ, WWWD, WXHT, WXJB, WXRA, WXS, WXVS, WYCT, WYUM, WYZB, WZCH, WZNS).
- 12 (down from 13 yesterday) FM radio stations reported being out of service (WASJ, WBMZ, WEGC, WJAD, WJEP, WKAK, WKIH, WKNK, WPFM, WRBA, WSWL-LP, WZRE-LP).
- 1 (no change from yesterday) FM radio station reported being down with programming sent to another station (WXRS).

AM Radio stations status:

- 23 (no change from yesterday) AM radio stations reported being operational (WALG, WAYS, WCLA, WDAK, WEBY, WFTW, WGSY, WGUN, WHBT, WHEP, WJAT, WJYZ, WLOP, WMAC, WMLT, WNR, WTL, WVLD, WVOP, WWIO, WWJB, WCLI, WXQW).
- 2 (no change from yesterday) AM radio stations reported being out of service (WDIZ, WXRS)