

No.	Historical Event	Comment	Source of Information
1	February 18, 1883 - 48.6 ft.		Evansville - Vanderburgh County Community Comprehensive Hazard Analysis
2	February 19, 1884 - 48.8 ft.		
3	April 5, 1913 - 48.4 ft.	First large scale flood in the modern history of Evnasville and Vanderburgh County.	
4	January 29, 1937 - 53.7 ft.	Began January 5th with heavy rain, snow, and sleet falling almost contiually over the Ohio Valley. The rainfall from Whelling, West Virginia, to Cairo, Illinois was an average of sixteen to twenty-one inches in eighteen days. The watershed was unable to carry the tremendous voluem of water. Rising temperatures in the north began melting snow and it too drained into the raging Ohio. The flooding of low lands along the Ohio Rier was nothing out of the ordinary, but the rampage of the Ohio River in 1937 was something toat no one expected. The flood stage of 35 ft. was reached at Evansville on January 11th. The river continued to rise steadily and more residents were forced out of theri homes. The water rose highter and higher, forcing people to flee for their lives. This record flood reached its' crest January 29, 1937, when the Ohio at Evansville reached 53.7 feet. (January 31st in FIS Report) Approximately 7,500 of the 22,000 homes in Evansville were damaged to some extent, and 500 city blocks were inundated. In the Pigeon Creek basin, approximately 10,000 acres were flooded. The City of Henderson KY had remained relatively dry. Henderson was one of the few towns along the Ohio to remain dry. Evansville, however, had over 300 square blocks under water. The depth of the floodwater at the corner of Washington and Kentucky avenues on January 31, 1937, was seven feet.	
5	March 11, 1945 - 48.2 ft.		
6	March 16, 1964 - 47.7 ft.		
7	March 10, 1997 - 47.5 ft.		
8	1990 - Presidential Declaration	River and small stream flooding.	
9	1997 - Presidential Declaration	Flooding along the Ohio River and many of its tributaries caused all 13 Indiana counties along the river to be declared federal disaster areas. Hundreds of people were evacuated and damage was into the millions. The massive levee system and flood wall at Evansville was holding strong.	
10	2000 - Presidential Declaration	Ohio River flooding.	

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11	Central and Southern Indiana	14-Nov-93	4:30 PM	Flood	N/A	0	0	5.0M	500	The flash flood event on November 14 developed into a widespread major flood event over central and southern Indiana during the third week of November. The heavy rain on November 14 was followed by an additional 1.50 to 2.50 inches of rain from November 16 to November 17. Flooding in much of central and southern Indiana was reminiscent of the late December 1990 and early January 1991 flood. Flood levels in portions of the state exceeded the late December 1990 and early January 1991 flood, and were the highest experienced in 50 or more years. Over 1,000 people were forced to flee their homes, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources made numerous rescues of hunters and stranded residents. The White River in Greene County crested at its highest level since May 1943. The White River at Edwardsport in northeast Knox County set a new record stage. Levees constructed since March 1913 prevent flooding of thousands of acres of farmland along this portion of the White River. As a result of the levees, the White River now rises higher in this area during large floods. The November 1993 flood at Edwardsport was estimated to contain only 60% of the March 1913 flood discharge. The Whitewater River caused widespread flooding at Connersville in Fayette County, and at Laurel in Franklin County. State Emergency Management reported that 51 houses and 21 mobile homes sustained major damage statewide, with 90 houses and 17 mobile homes sustaining minor damage. Because of advance warning, relocation of some residents and structures, prompt flood response and improved flood protective works, flood damage was substantially reduced when compared to the late December 1990 and early January 1991 flood. Monetary savings easily exceeded two million dollars.	National Climatic Data Center NCDC / Climate Resources / Climate Data / Events / Storm Events
12	Vanderburgh County	14-May-95	3:00 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	None reported.	http://www4.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-win/wwcgi.dll?wwevent~storms
13	Vanderburgh County	17-May-95	4:42 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	None reported.	
14	Vanderburgh County	17-May-95	7:04 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	None reported.	
15	Vanderburgh County	17-May-95	8:13 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	None reported.	
16	Vanderburgh County	17-May-95	10:20 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	None reported.	
17	Vanderburgh County	18-May-95	2:15 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	None reported.	
18	Evansville	28-Apr-96	9:25 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	400	0	7.25 inches of rain fell at Evansville in 24 hours. School openings were delayed for two hours because of floodwaters. Damage to county roads and bridges was estimated to be around 150,000 dollars. So much water overloaded the sewer system that officials released raw sewage into the Ohio River.	
19	Evansville	08-May-96	3:00 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	40	0	Urban and street flooding occurred again. School classes were delayed by 2 hours because of the flooding. A holding pond near the Lloyd Expressway overflowed, temporarily closing parts of the expressway. Some roads caved in as sewer lines full of water cracked. Several roads across the county were closed at times.	

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20	Evansville	10-May-96	10:00 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	Lots of street flooding was reported after 2 to 4 inches of rain fell in about 3 hours. Numerous vehicles stalled and became flooded. About 40,000 sandbags were distributed to city residents.	
21	Southwest Corner of Indiana Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties	01-Jun-96	12:01 AM	Flood	N/A	0	0	0	50	The Ohio River crested 1 to 2 feet above flood stage at Mt. Vernon and Newburgh during the first few days of June. Some agricultural bottomland was flooded, but damage was minimal.	
22	Evansville	09-Jun-96	5:00 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	50	0	Nearly 2 inches of rain fell in less than an hour in the Evansville vicinity. This caused flooding of roads, small streams, and basements. A few county roads were washed out in spots. Many roads and streets, including parts of the Lloyd Expressway, had to be closed at times. High water caused two of the three runways at Evansville Regional Airport to be closed. At least one family was displaced from its home by rising floodwaters. High water threatened a mobile home park, but no evacuations were necessary.	
23	Southwest Corner of Indiana Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties	02-Mar-97	12:00 PM	Flood	N/A	0	0	2.5M	0	Widespread rainfall amounts around 10 inches in the middle Ohio Valley, from around Louisville to Cincinnati, occurred over a one to three day period. This resulted in a massive flood crest that took a few weeks to travel down the Ohio River. The resultant flood was the worst in about 30 years, and one of the five worst on record. Water from the Ohio River backed up into the Pigeon Creek, which flows through Evansville. About 60 homes were evacuated along Pigeon Creek, and two bridges over the creek were closed. In Warrick County, just a few families were forced from their homes. Numerous roads were closed for days at a time, including at least 50 in Spencer County alone. The banks along Newburgh's scenic riverfront were damaged. Indiana Route 662 and Water Street were closed in Newburgh by high water. In eastern Warrick County, backwater from the Ohio flooded Caney and Little Pigeon Creeks, flooding a few houses. In Spencer County, which was declared a disaster area, U.S. Route 231 was closed north of Rockport along with a few state highways. The town of Grandview in Spencer County was hardest hit, where about half of the town's 700 residents evacuated. All barg traffic was halted on the Ohio River upstream from Newburgh. Near Evansville, a few families were evacuated by boat.	National Climatic Data Center
24	Evansville	19-Aug-97	4:00 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	20	0	Thunderstorms dumped heavy rain during the late afternoon and early evening. Radar estimated between 2 and 3 inches fell over Evansville within 3 hours. Less than an inch of rain was measured at the Evansville airport. The flooding stranded many motorists in floodwaters around 3 feet deep. Several streets were closed. Firefighters were busy rescuing people stranded in the flooding, including a group of elderly people at Division and Main Streets. The group of six elderly people were stranded in a van, and had to be taken out of the area by a fire truck. Two other people were rescued at the same intersection. The Water Rescue Team was called to a viaduct to rescue two people stranded in a car. No injuries were reported. An official with the city Division of Transportation estimated about 200 cars were stranded by flooding in the city. The Lloyd Expressway was closed for about two hours near the Vann Avenue exit when a Greyhound bus became stranded. The only homes threatened by flooding were on two city streets that routinely experience flood problems. City pump trucks were sent to that area to help remove the water.	NCDC / Climate Resources / Climate Data / Events / Storm Events http://www4.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-win/wcgi.dll?wwevent~storms
25	Vanderburgh County	15-Apr-98	11:40 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	5	0	Thunderstorms with very heavy rain caused some road flooding. Vanderburgh County officials reported water problems in low spots of Interstate 64.	
26	Evansville	22-May-98	8:45 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	A severe thunderstorm produced about an inch of rainfall in less than 45 minutes over the Evansville area. Street flooding occurred in Evansville.	
27	Evansville	23-Jun-98	12:05 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	10	0	Slow-moving thunderstorms produced very heavy rainfall. Amounts were estimated to range up to 2 inches per hour, with totals over 3 inches. State police reported numerous flooded roadways, some of which were closed. Interstate 164 southbound near mile marker 19 was under water as was U.S. 41 near Stacer Road.	
28	Evansville	08-Jun-98	1:00 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	Street flooding was reported around Evansville. Rainfall amounts were between one and 1.5 inches in an hour.	
29	Evansville	08-Nov-98	12:00 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	20	0	A band of slow-moving thunderstorms produced heavy rain as it sagged south across southwest Indiana. A particularly strong thunderstorm intensified to severe levels as it passed right over Evansville. Dime size hail and copious rainfall amounts between 2 and 4 inches per hour occurred downtown. Serious street flooding took place, with numerous stranded vehicles. Emergency services personnel performed many water rescues due to submerged vehicles. A restaurant was surrounded by water, trapping about 25 people inside the building until the water receded. A school on the north side of Evansville was closed after water came pouring into the building through doors and drains. The 265 students in the school were moved to a church on higher ground.	

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30	Vanderburgh County	21-Dec-98	2:00 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	Heavy rainfall between 1 and 2 inches fell within 12 hours on frozen ground. Pigeon Creek rose rapidly, and there was standing water on roadways. No reports of significant flooding were received.	
31	Vanderburgh County	22-Jan-99	3:30 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	None Reported	
32	Vanderburgh County	22-Jan-99	5:00 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Thunderstorms with heavy rain persisted over southwest Indiana for much of the day, causing small streams and creeks to begin flooding late in the day. Three to five inches of rain were common in a 12-hour period. Poseyville reported 3.59 inches, New Harmony measured 4.74 inches, and Evansville 2.53 inches. The Indiana Department of Transportation reported barricading of flooded roads in Evansville.	
33	Vanderburgh County	06-Jun-99	4:50 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Thunderstorms produced very heavy rainfall. Radar estimated up to 1.5 inches per hour, with storm totals approaching 3 inches.	
34	Evansville	24-Jun-99	8:30 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	Thunderstorms produced very heavy rain, estimated by radar up to 2 inches in 2 hours. State police reported water partially over Highways 62 and 65.	
35	Vanderburgh County	28-Jun-99	11:30 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	More thunderstorms with heavy rain moved over ground that was saturated by flooding rains in previous days. Rapidly rising water briefly covered parts of the U.S. Highway 41 interchange with Interstate 64. Average rainfall between 1 and 2 inches was enough to overload drainage systems on some Evansville city streets.	
36	Vanderburgh County	07-Jan-99	12:30 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	A large area of slow-moving thunderstorms produced locally torrential rainfall. Estimates of up to 2 inches in 2 hours were noted. The storms remained concentrated over the northern half of Posey County, far northern Vanderburgh County, and the northwest corner of Warrick County.	
37	Vanderburgh County	03-Jan-00	3:30 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	A series of thunderstorms with heavy rain dumped up to four inches of rain through midday, which saturated the ground. Another round of storms during the late afternoon produced 1 to 2 inches of rain, which triggered flash flooding. In Vanderburgh County, extensive street flooding was the main problem. In Pike County, there was significant road and highway flooding. In Petersburg, much of Highway 56 was flooded, along with several side streets.	
38	Vanderburgh County	18-Feb-00	2:30 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Radar estimated 2 to 4 inches of rain across warned area. This exceeded flash flood guidance values. Water reported across Highway 62 in Posey County, IN.	
39	Southwest Corner of Indiana Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties	19-Feb-00	12:00 PM	Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Minor flooding occurred. Low lying agricultural land was flooded. Pigeon Creek, a tributary of the Ohio River, near Evansville, IN received minor flooding. Some main roads were flooded near Mount Vernon, IN.	
40	Evansville	06-May-01	8:15 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	Green River Road near Interstate 164 was reported under water.	
41	Evansville	06-Jun-01	3:40 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	Thunderstorms repeatedly moved across portions of Evansville, mainly along the Ohio River, just south of downtown. There were numerous reports of water on roads. One foot of water was over the road near Main and Division Streets. The intersection of U.S. Highway 41 and Covert Avenue was flooded, causing vehicles to stall out.	National Climatic Data Center
42	Evansville	25-Jul-01	4:30 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	Slow-moving thunderstorms caused some street flooding in and around Evansville, with water depths commonly 3 to 5 inches.	NCDC / Climate Resources / Climate Data / Events / Storm Events
43	Evansville	23-Oct-01	1:30 PM	Urban/sml Stream Fld	N/A	0	0	0	0	A series of thunderstorms produced heavy rainfall, which caused flooding of a poor-drainage area on the Lloyd Expressway in Evansville. Following the first storm, the highway was impassable just east of Highway 41. During the second storm, over two feet of water was over the highway. Rainfall rates at the Evansville Airport peaked at one half inch in 15 minutes.	http://www4.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-win/wcgi.dll?wwevent~storms+M35
44	Southwest Corner of Indiana Gibson, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties	16-Dec-01	9:30 PM	Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Numerous roads were covered by water across southwestern Indiana, and some were closed. A few major routes were closed, including Highway 66 at Blairsville in Posey County. Spencer County reported as many as 34 roads closed at one time. In Vanderburgh County, the northern half of the county was the most affected by road flooding.	
45	Southwest Corner of Indiana Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties	21-Mar-02	2:00 PM	Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	The Ohio River rose above flood stage on the 21st at Newburgh Lock, on the 22nd at Mount Vernon, and on the 26th at Evansville. The river crested about 7 feet above flood stage at Newburgh and Mount Vernon. At Evansville, where the flood stage is relatively high, the crest was less than an inch above flood stage. At Newburgh, minor flooding occurred, affecting mainly agricultural land. Near Mount Vernon, farm land and some roads were flooded in places southwest and west of town. The river began to recede by the end of the month.	
46	Evansville Dress Airport	21-Apr-02	4:54 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	20	0	Thunderstorms produced around 2 inches of rain in a couple of hours. Runways at the Evansville Regional Airport were flooded, causing major problems. Northeast of Evansville, a car was stranded in floodwater on State Route 57 east of U.S. 41. Several county roads were closed by flooding in Posey County. Flooding was reported in Boonville in Warrick County.	
47	Evansville	24-Apr-02	4:41 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	15	0	In Posey County, the Highway 69 bypass was closed due to high water. A few vehicles became stranded on flooded streets in Evansville. The flooding was due to a series of thunderstorms with torrential downpours.	

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48	Evansville	10-Nov-02	3:48 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Thunderstorms with heavy rain persisted over urban areas of Evansville for a few hours, causing flooding of viaducts and low spots on roadways. Flooding was reported on the Lloyd Expressway, near Mesker Park, the Virginia Street viaduct, and on Diamond Avenue west of Highway 41.	National Climatic Data Center NCDC / Climate Resources / Climate Data / Events / Storm Events http://www4.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-win/wwcgi.dll?wwevent~storms
49	Evansville	09-Jul-03	1:50 PM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Flash flooding of streets occurred in the city. Water was reportedly over the tops of cars at the intersection of St. Joseph Road and Franklin Road. Other sections of St. Joseph Road were impassable. Division Street was another problem area, where at least one vehicle stalled out in floodwaters. A severe thunderstorm developed over Evansville, producing torrential rain, wind gusts around 60 MPH, and hail up to the size of dimes.	
50	Evansville	31-Jul-03	7:00 AM	Flash Flood	N/A	0	0	0	0	Extensive street flooding occurred. A railroad underpass was closed on Diamond Avenue, and Old U.S. Highway 41 was under water for about a three-quarter mile stretch. An intersection on Becker Parkway was under two feet of water. Area residents paddled down their streets in canoes. An unofficial measurement of 3.0 inches of rain was recorded in downtown Evansville.	

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