

Some historical facts about St. Kitts & Nevis & Hurricane tracks

With a lot of talk in the news, media & on line information being put out there and causing a lot of anxiety here are some facts about hurricanes in our area of the Caribbean, the Leeward Islands.

This data is available from NOAA which is my source for all information. I've researched back to 1980 to present and here are some facts as hurricanes pertain to our islands. I've cataloged all storms that have passed within 60 miles radically from us.

Since 1980 there have been 30 storms, NOT all hurricanes hitting our islands. Many were classified as Tropical storms that later became hurricanes after they pass our islands. Below is the actual numbers that were hurricanes in our area. Based on a 42 year history our twin islands faired quite well as far as dodging major hurricanes. Based on the CCW direction of hurricane winds a storm passing to the south of us would be less significant then one passing to our north.

Category 5 - two

Category 4 - two

Category 3 - one

Category 2 - two

Category 1 - four

Tropical Storms - eight

Tropical Depression - three

Below are the actual named hurricanes that affected our islands to some extent. Most passed either north or south of us only one passed directly over Nevis. Note many were characterized as either a Depression OR a Storm as they moved in or around our island. Later to become hurricanes. See below for details.

1981 - Floyd	Tropical Depression passed to our NE - later Category 3
1981 - Gert	Tropical Storm passed well to our SW - later Category 2
1988 - Chris	Tropical Depression passed to our SW - later Tropical Storm
1989 - Hugo	Category 4 passed to our SW - later Category 5
1995 - Iris	Tropical Storm passed to our E - later Category 2
1995 - Luis	Category 4 passed to our NE
1995 - Marilyn	Category 1 passed to our SW - later Category 3
1995 - Sebastien	Tropical Depression passed to our NW - later Tropical Storm
1996 - Bertha	Category 1 passed to our North - later Category 3
1998 - Georges	Category 3 passed direct over Nevis - later Category 4
1999 - Jose	Category 2 passed to our NE - stayed Category 2
2000 - Debby	Category 1 passed to our NE - stayed Category 1
2004 - Jeanne	Tropical Storm passed to our SW - later Category 3
2010 - Earl	Category 2 passed to our N - later Category 4
2011 - Irene	Tropical Storm passed to our SW - later Category 3
2011 - Maria	Tropical Storm passed to our NW - later Category 1
2012 - Rafael	Tropical Storm passed to our W - later Category 1
2014 - Gonzalo	Category 1 passed to our NE - later Category 4
2017 - Irma	Category 5 passed to our N - Stayed Category 5
2017 - Maria	Category 5 passed to our S - Stayed Category 5
2020 - Laura	Tropical Storm direct over Nevis - later Category 4
2022 - Fiona	Tropical Storm passed to our S - later Category 4
2023 -	No data yet from NOAA