

HAZUS-MH: Earthquake Event Report



Region Name: *Boulder County*

Earthquake Scenario: *Boulder County Random EQ*

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General Description of the Region

HAZUS is a regional earthquake loss estimation model that was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Institute of Building Sciences. The primary purpose of HAZUS is to provide a methodology and software application to develop earthquake losses at a regional scale. These loss estimates would be used primarily by local, state and regional officials to plan and stimulate efforts to reduce risks from earthquakes and to prepare for emergency response and recovery.

The earthquake loss estimates provided in this report was based on a region that includes 1 county(ies) from the following state(s):

Colorado

Note:

Appendix A contains a complete listing of the counties contained in the region.

The geographical size of the region is 750.36 square miles and contains 68 census tracts. There are over 114 thousand households in the region and has a total population of 291,288 people (2000 Census Bureau data). The distribution of population by State and County is provided in Appendix B.

There are an estimated 93 thousand buildings in the region with a total building replacement value (excluding contents) of 17,762 (millions of dollars). Approximately 98.00 % of the buildings (and 80.00% of the building value) are associated with residential housing.

The replacement value of the transportation and utility lifeline systems is estimated to be 1,418 and 1,411 (millions of dollars) , respectively.

Building and Lifeline Inventory

Building Inventory

HAZUS estimates that there are 93 thousand buildings in the region which have an aggregate total replacement value of 17,762 (millions of dollars) . Appendix B provides a general distribution of the building value by State and County.

In terms of building construction types found in the region, wood frame construction makes up 72% of the building inventory. The remaining percentage is distributed between the other general building types.

Critical Facility Inventory

HAZUS breaks critical facilities into two (2) groups: essential facilities and high potential loss (HPL) facilities. Essential facilities include hospitals, medical clinics, schools, fire stations, police stations and emergency operations facilities. High potential loss facilities include dams, levees, military installations, nuclear power plants and hazardous material sites.

For essential facilities, there are 4 hospitals in the region with a total bed capacity of 439 beds. There are 127 schools, 8 fire stations, 7 police stations and 0 emergency operation facilities. With respect to HPL facilities, there are 75 dams identified within the region. Of these, 24 of the dams are classified as 'high hazard'. The inventory also includes 47 hazardous material sites, 0 military installations and 0 nuclear power plants.

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Inventory

Within HAZUS, the lifeline inventory is divided between transportation and utility lifeline systems. There are seven (7) transportation systems that include highways, railways, light rail, bus, ports, ferry and airports. There are six (6) utility systems that include potable water, wastewater, natural gas, crude & refined oil, electric power and communications. The lifeline inventory data are provided in Tables 2 and 3.

The total value of the lifeline inventory is over 2,829.00 (millions of dollars). This inventory includes over 351 kilometers of highways, 238 bridges, 7,286 kilometers of pipes.

Table 2: Transportation System Lifeline Inventory

System	Component	# locations/ # Segments	Replacement value (millions of dollars)
Highway	Bridges	238	167.90
	Segments	84	984.30
	Tunnels	1	1.20
	Subtotal		1,153.40
Railways	Bridges	2	0.20
	Facilities	2	4.20
	Segments	45	83.40
	Tunnels	0	0.00
	Subtotal		87.80
Light Rail	Bridges	0	0.00
	Facilities	0	0.00
	Segments	0	0.00
	Tunnels	0	0.00
	Subtotal		0.00
Bus	Facilities	5	5.30
	Subtotal		5.30
Ferry	Facilities	0	0.00
	Subtotal		0.00
Port	Facilities	0	0.00
	Subtotal		0.00
Airport	Facilities	4	21.10
	Runways	5	150.70
	Subtotal		171.90
		Total	1,418.40

Table 3: Utility System Lifeline Inventory

System	Component	# Locations / Segments	Replacement value (millions of dollars)
Potable Water	Distribution Lines	NA	72.90
	Facilities	3	96.90
	Pipelines	0	0.00
	Subtotal		169.80
Waste Water	Distribution Lines	NA	43.70
	Facilities	17	1,098.20
	Pipelines	0	0.00
	Subtotal		1,142.00
Natural Gas	Distribution Lines	NA	29.10
	Facilities	1	1.10
	Pipelines	0	0.00
	Subtotal		30.20
Oil Systems	Facilities	12	1.20
	Pipelines	0	0.00
	Subtotal		1.20
Electrical Power	Facilities	2	213.40
	Subtotal		213.40
Communication	Facilities	5	0.50
	Subtotal		0.50
	Total		1,557.00

Earthquake Scenario

HAZUS uses the following set of information to define the earthquake parameters used for the earthquake loss estimate provided in this report.

Scenario Name	Boulder County Random EQ
Type of Earthquake	Arbitrary
Fault Name	NA
Historical Epicenter ID #	NA
Probabilistic Return Period	NA
Longitude of Epicenter	-105.35
Latitude of Epicenter	40.09
Earthquake Magnitude	6.50
Depth (Km)	10.00
Rupture Length (Km)	18.20
Rupture Orientation (degrees)	150.00
Attenuation Function	CEUS Event

Building Damage

Building Damage

HAZUS estimates that about 28,018 buildings will be at least moderately damaged. This is over 30.00 % of the total number of buildings in the region. There are an estimated 1,708 buildings that will be damaged beyond repair. The definition of the 'damage states' is provided in Volume 1: Chapter 5 of the HAZUS technical manual. Table 4 below summaries the expected damage by general occupancy for the buildings in the region. Table 5 summaries the expected damage by general building type.

Table 4: Expected Building Damage by Occupancy

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Agriculture	2	0.00	1	0.00	1	0.00	0	0.01	0	0.01
Commercial	537	1.31	271	1.08	363	1.89	198	2.79	71	4.18
Education	8	0.02	5	0.02	7	0.04	4	0.05	1	0.04
Government	14	0.03	9	0.04	13	0.07	6	0.09	1	0.07
Industrial	102	0.25	42	0.17	57	0.30	29	0.41	7	0.43
Other Residential	2,314	5.67	1,798	7.17	2,032	10.58	877	12.34	243	14.25
Religion	14	0.04	8	0.03	9	0.05	5	0.06	1	0.07
Single Family	37,843	92.67	22,936	91.49	16,725	87.08	5,986	84.26	1,383	80.96
Total	40,835		25,069		19,206		7,104		1,708	

Table 5: Expected Building Damage by Building Type (All Design Levels)

	None		Slight		Moderate		Extensive		Complete	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Wood	30,575	74.87	20864	83.23	12,557	65.38	2,824	39.75	393	22.99
Steel	229	0.56	99	0.40	164	0.85	99	1.39	48	2.79
Concrete	186	0.46	107	0.43	147	0.76	83	1.17	28	1.62
Precast	88	0.22	38	0.15	69	0.36	53	0.75	17	1.00
RM	7,899	19.34	2527	10.08	4,313	22.46	3,005	42.30	743	43.47
URM	700	1.71	551	2.20	701	3.65	468	6.58	328	19.18
MH	1,158	2.84	884	3.52	1,256	6.54	572	8.06	153	8.96
Total	40,835		25,069		19,206		7,104		1,708	

*Note:

RM Reinforced Masonry
URM Unreinforced Masonry
MH Manufactured Housing

Essential Facility Damage

Before the earthquake, the region had 439 hospital beds available for use. On the day of the earthquake, the model estimates that only 158 hospital beds (36.00%) are available for use by patients already in the hospital and those injured by the earthquake. After one week, 65.00% of the beds will be back in service. By 30 days, 92.00% will be operational.

Table 6: Expected Damage to Essential Facilities

Classification	Total	# Facilities		
		At Least Moderate Damage > 50%	Complete Damage > 50%	With Functionality > 50% on day 1
Hospitals	4	1	0	2
Schools	127	23	0	49
EOCs	0	0	0	0
PoliceStations	7	2	0	4
FireStations	8	1	0	4

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Damage

Table 7 provides damage estimates for the transportation system.

Table 7: Expected Damage to the Transportation Systems

System	Component	Number of Locations_				
		Locations/ Segments	With at Least Mod. Damage	With Complete Damage	With Functionality > 50 %	
					After Day 1	After Day 7
Highway	Segments	84	0	0	84	84
	Bridges	238	19	0	219	223
	Tunnels	1	1	0	1	1
Railways	Segments	45	0	0	45	45
	Bridges	2	0	0	2	2
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	2	2	0	1	2
Light Rail	Segments	0	0	0	0	0
	Bridges	0	0	0	0	0
	Tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Bus	Facilities	5	3	0	2	5
Ferry	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Port	Facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Airport	Facilities	4	3	0	3	4
	Runways	5	0	0	5	5

Note: Roadway segments, railroad tracks and light rail tracks are assumed to be damaged by ground failure only. If ground failure maps are not provided, damage estimates to these components will not be computed.

Tables 8-10 provide information on the damage to the utility lifeline systems. Table 8 provides damage to the utility system facilities. Table 9 provides estimates on the number of leaks and breaks by the pipelines of the utility systems. For electric power and potable water, HAZUS performs a simplified system performance analysis. Table 10 provides a summary of the system performance information.

Table 8 : Expected Utility System Facility Damage

System	# of Locations				
	Total #	With at Least Moderate Damage	With Complete Damage	with Functionality > 50 %	
				After Day 1	After Day 7
Potable Water	3	3	0	0	1
Waste Water	17	17	0	0	11
Natural Gas	1	1	0	0	1
Oil Systems	12	12	0	0	8
Electrical Power	2	2	0	0	2
Communication	5	5	0	1	5

Table 9 : Expected Utility System Pipeline Damage (Site Specific)

System	Total Pipelines Length (kms)	Number of Leaks	Number of Breaks
Potable Water	3,643	236	59
Waste Water	2,186	187	47
Natural Gas	1,457	200	50
Oil	0	0	0

Table 10: Expected Potable Water and Electric Power System Performance

	Total # of Households	Number of Households without Service				
		At Day 1	At Day 3	At Day 7	At Day 30	At Day 90
Potable Water	114,680	315	0	0	0	0
Electric Power		55,571	37,906	18,398	4,323	71

Induced Earthquake Damage

Fire Following Earthquake

Fires often occur after an earthquake. Because of the number of fires and the lack of water to fight the fires, they can often burn out of control. HAZUS uses a Monte Carlo simulation model to estimate the number of ignitions and the amount of burnt area. For this scenario, the model estimates that there will be 29 ignitions that will burn about 0.23 sq. mi 0.03 % of the region's total area.) The model also estimates that the fires will displace about 676 people and burn about 37 (millions of dollars) of building value.

Debris Generation

HAZUS estimates the amount of debris that will be generated by the earthquake. The model breaks the debris into two general categories: a) Brick/Wood and b) Reinforced Concrete/Steel. This distinction is made because of the different types of material handling equipment required to handle the debris.

The model estimates that a total of 0.00 million tons of debris will be generated. Of the total amount, Brick/Wood comprises 0.00% of the total, with the remainder being Reinforced Concrete/Steel. If the debris tonnage is converted to an estimated number of truckloads, it will require 0 truckloads (@25 tons/truck) to remove the debris generated by the earthquake.

Social Impact

Shelter Requirement

HAZUS estimates the number of households that are expected to be displaced from their homes due to the earthquake and the number of displaced people that will require accommodations in temporary public shelters. The model estimates 5,290 households to be displaced due to the earthquake. Of these, 1,267 people (out of a total population of 291,288 will seek temporary shelter in public shelters.

Casualties

HAZUS estimates the number of people that will be injured and killed by the earthquake. The casualties are broken down into four (4) severity levels that describe the extent of the injuries. The levels are described as follows;

- Severity Level 1: Injuries will require medical attention but hospitalization is not needed.
- Severity Level 2: Injuries will require hospitalization but are not considered life-threatening
- Severity Level 3: Injuries will require hospitalization and can become life threatening if not promptly treated.
- Severity Level 4: Victims are killed by the earthquake.

The casualty estimates are provided for three (3) times of day: 2:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. These times represent the periods of the day that different sectors of the community are at their peak occupancy loads. The 2:00 AM estimate considers that the residential occupancy load is maximum, the 2:00 PM estimate considers that the educational, commercial and industrial sector loads are maximum and 5:00 PM represents peak commute time.

Table 11 provides a summary of the casualties estimated for this earthquake

Table 11: Casualty Estimates

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2 AM	Commercial	14	4	1	1
	Commuting	0	0	0	0
	Educational	0	0	0	0
	Hotels	9	2	0	1
	Industrial	12	3	0	1
	Other-Residential	273	61	7	14
	Single Family	628	140	19	36
	Total	936	210	27	53
2 PM	Commercial	764	203	32	62
	Commuting	1	1	1	0
	Educational	185	50	8	15
	Hotels	2	0	0	0
	Industrial	87	21	3	6
	Other-Residential	19	4	0	1
	Single Family	84	19	3	5
	Total	1,143	298	47	89
5 PM	Commercial	573	153	24	47
	Commuting	20	26	46	9
	Educational	56	15	2	5
	Hotels	3	1	0	0
	Industrial	55	13	2	4
	Other-Residential	104	23	3	5
	Single Family	246	55	7	14
	Total	1,058	287	84	83

Economic Loss

The total economic loss estimated for the earthquake is 3,282.58 (millions of dollars), which includes building and lifeline related losses based on the region's available inventory. The following three sections provide more detailed information about these losses.

Building-Related Losses

The building losses are broken into two categories: direct building losses and business interruption losses. The direct building losses are the estimated costs to repair or replace the damage caused to the building and its contents. The business interruption losses are the losses associated with inability to operate a business because of the damage sustained during the earthquake. Business interruption losses also include the temporary living expenses for those people displaced from their homes because of the earthquake.

The total building-related losses were 2,714.49 (millions of dollars); 12 % of the estimated losses were related to the business interruption of the region. By far, the largest loss was sustained by the residential occupancies which made up over 67 % of the total loss. Table 12 below provides a summary of the losses associated with the building damage.

Table 12: Building-Related Economic Loss Estimates
(Millions of dollars)

Category	Area	Single Family	Other Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Others	Total
Income Losses							
	Wage	0.00	5.82	94.93	2.96	3.16	106.88
	Capital-Related	0.00	2.48	83.04	1.77	1.04	88.34
	Rental	42.19	44.85	38.88	1.85	1.65	129.42
	Relocation	4.43	0.98	2.23	0.15	0.51	8.31
	Subtotal	46.62	54.13	219.09	6.74	6.36	332.94
Capital Stock Losses							
	Structural	200.03	49.76	71.16	13.49	8.61	343.04
	Non_Structural	781.61	316.45	236.00	57.95	32.72	1,424.74
	Content	288.76	93.74	145.05	46.22	25.10	598.86
	Inventory	0.00	0.00	4.71	9.91	0.29	14.90
	Subtotal	1,270.40	459.94	456.92	127.57	66.72	2,381.55
	Total	1,317.02	514.07	676.01	134.31	73.08	2,714.49

Transportation and Utility Lifeline Losses

For the transportation and utility lifeline systems, HAZUS computes the direct repair cost for each component only. There are no losses computed by HAZUS for business interruption due to lifeline outages. Tables 13 & 14 provide a detailed breakdown in the expected lifeline losses.

HAZUS estimates the long-term economic impacts to the region for 15 years after the earthquake. The model quantifies this information in terms of income and employment changes within the region. Table 15 presents the results of the region for the given earthquake.

Table 13: Transportation System Economic Losses
(Millions of dollars)

System	Component	Inventory Value	Economic Loss	Loss Ratio (%)
Highway	Segments	984.29	\$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	167.91	\$11.30	6.73
	Tunnels	1.17	\$0.20	16.76
	Subtotal	1153.40	11.50	
Railways	Segments	83.44	\$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	0.17	\$0.00	1.69
	Tunnels	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	4.23	\$1.94	45.95
	Subtotal	87.80	1.90	
Light Rail	Segments	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Bridges	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Tunnels	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	0.00	0.00	
Bus	Facilities	5.29	\$2.60	49.16
	Subtotal	5.30	2.60	
Ferry	Facilities	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	0.00	0.00	
Port	Facilities	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	0.00	0.00	
Airport	Facilities	21.15	\$9.26	43.79
	Runways	150.74	\$0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	171.90	9.30	
	Total	1418.40	25.30	

Table 14: Utility System Economic Losses

(Millions of dollars)

System	Component	Inventory Value	Economic Loss	Loss Ratio (%)
Potable Water	Pipelines	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	96.90	\$41.08	42.39
	Distribution Line	72.90	\$1.06	1.46
	Subtotal	169.77	\$42.14	
Waste Water	Pipelines	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	1,098.20	\$404.24	36.81
	Distribution Line	43.70	\$0.84	1.92
	Subtotal	1,141.95	\$405.08	
Natural Gas	Pipelines	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	1.10	\$0.28	26.85
	Distribution Line	29.10	\$0.90	3.08
	Subtotal	30.20	\$1.18	
Oil Systems	Pipelines	0.00	\$0.00	0.00
	Facilities	1.20	\$0.34	29.30
	Subtotal	1.16	\$0.34	
Electrical Power	Facilities	213.40	\$93.84	43.98
	Subtotal	213.40	\$93.84	
Communication	Facilities	0.50	\$0.19	39.28
	Subtotal	0.49	\$0.19	
	Total	1,556.97	\$542.79	

Table 15. Indirect Economic Impact with outside aid
(Employment as # of people and Income in millions of \$)

	LOSS	Total	%
First Year			
	Employment Impact	1,994	1.44
	Income Impact	(15)	-0.19
Second Year			
	Employment Impact	786	0.57
	Income Impact	(61)	-0.76
Third Year			
	Employment Impact	14	0.01
	Income Impact	(82)	-1.03
Fourth Year			
	Employment Impact	0	0.00
	Income Impact	(83)	-1.04
Fifth Year			
	Employment Impact	0	0.00
	Income Impact	(83)	-1.04
Years 6 to 15			
	Employment Impact	0	0.00
	Income Impact	(83)	-1.04

Appendix A: County Listing for the Region

Boulder,CO

Appendix B: Regional Population and Building Value Data

State	County Name	Population	Building Value (millions of dollars)		
			Residential	Non-Residential	Total
Colorado	Boulder	291,288	14,239	3,523	17,762
Total State		291,288	14,239	3,523	17,762
Total Region		291,288	14,239	3,523	17,762