Harvey’s Direct Impact on the Coastal Bend

Hurricane Harvey made landfall as a **Category 4 storm** on the evening of August 25, 2017, near Rockport, Texas.

Harvey was the first major hurricane to strike the Coastal Bend since Celia in 1970 and it ranked the **16th strongest land-falling storm in U.S. history**. With a peak wind gust of **150 miles per hour** and storm surge of 12.5 feet in parts of the Coastal Bend, Harvey severely impacted the communities of Aransas Pass, Austwell, Bayside, Fulton, Port Aransas, Refugio, Rockport, Tivoli, and Woodsboro.

In Rockport, **94%** of homes were damaged and **30%** of them were totally destroyed.

**Losses in Coastal Bend**

- **0** Direct Fatalities
- **3** Indirect Fatalities
- **50-100** Injuries
- **~40k** Structures Damaged
- **~15k** Structures Destroyed/Unrepairable
- **~30%** Average Share of Homes Destroyed in Impacted Communities

**Economic Impacts on Coastal Bend**

- **$4.5 Billion** Property Losses from Winds and Flood
- **$2.6 Billion** Pre-Harvey Annual Business Sales of Impacted Communities
- **~4,800** Pre-Harvey Businesses in Impacted Communities
- **70%** Share of Residents in Impacted Communities Seeking FEMA Assistance

Sources: National Weather Service; U.S. Census Bureau; FEMA.