

"Superstorm Sandy Breaks Records"
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Superstorm Sandy attacked the Eastern Seaboard Monday night, leaving record power outages, mass flooding and electrical fires in its wake. Here are some numbers that show the enormous effect of Superstorm Sandy as of Tuesday evening:

3 -- Stages of hurricane development: Tropical depression to tropical storm to hurricane.

4 -- Places in New Jersey with portions submerged in up to six feet of water: Moonachie, Little Ferry, South Hackensack and Hackensack.

10.02 ft -- Previous record water level at Battery Park set in 1960 during Hurricane Donna.

13.88 ft - Record high water level set at Battery Park in Manhattan, on October 29.

26 -- Inches of snowfall recorded in some areas in Redhouse and Garrett Co., MD.

32.5 ft -- Record level surf reached in New York Harbor, 6.5 feet taller than a 25-foot wave churned up by Hurricane Irene in 2011.

74-95 -- The miles-per-hour range necessary for a tropical storm to be classified as a Category 1 hurricane. Hurricane Sandy was at one point a Category 2 hurricane -- with sustained winds of more than 100 mph.

80 -- Minimum number of homes known to have burned down in the Breezy Point neighborhood of Queens, New York.

124 -- Years since bad weather caused shutdown of the financial markets.

11,000 -- The approximate number of people who spent the night of October 29 in Red Cross-operated shelters in the hard-hit mid-Atlantic region.