

The following excerpt, from the VA website.

Hurricane Katrina. In August of 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the US Gulf Coast. Unlike other disaster research which tends to show decreases in the prevalence of mental disorders over time after a disaster, following Hurricane Katrina, an increase was found, (22). Nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina, there was still a high rate of hurricane-related mental health problems, including PTSD, in residents of the affected area. Research pointed to unresolved hurricane-related stress as a major factor in those problems. In African American and Vietnamese survivors of the hurricane, researchers found that financial strain had an impact on PTSD symptoms several months after the hurricane (23-24). Displacement may also have contributed to distress. One study examining PTSD symptoms in evacuees from New Orleans who had settled in Oklahoma, found that, almost a year and a half after Katrina, both adult and adolescent evacuees had higher levels of PTSD symptoms than Oklahoma residents who were not evacuees (25). (Reference - <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/trauma/disaster-terrorism/traumatic-effects-disasters.asp>.)

Here are some websites associated with PTSD :

<http://www.umm.edu/health/medical/altmed/condition/posttraumatic-stress-disorder> - signs and symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/post-traumatic-stress-disorder/symptoms-causes/dxc-20308550> - a listing of stress disorder symptoms.

<http://nctsn.org/trauma-types/natural-disasters/floods> - this link speak specifically to PTSD associated with floods with children.

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/ptsd-trauma/traumatic-stress.htm> - Tips for recovery after a traumatic event.