

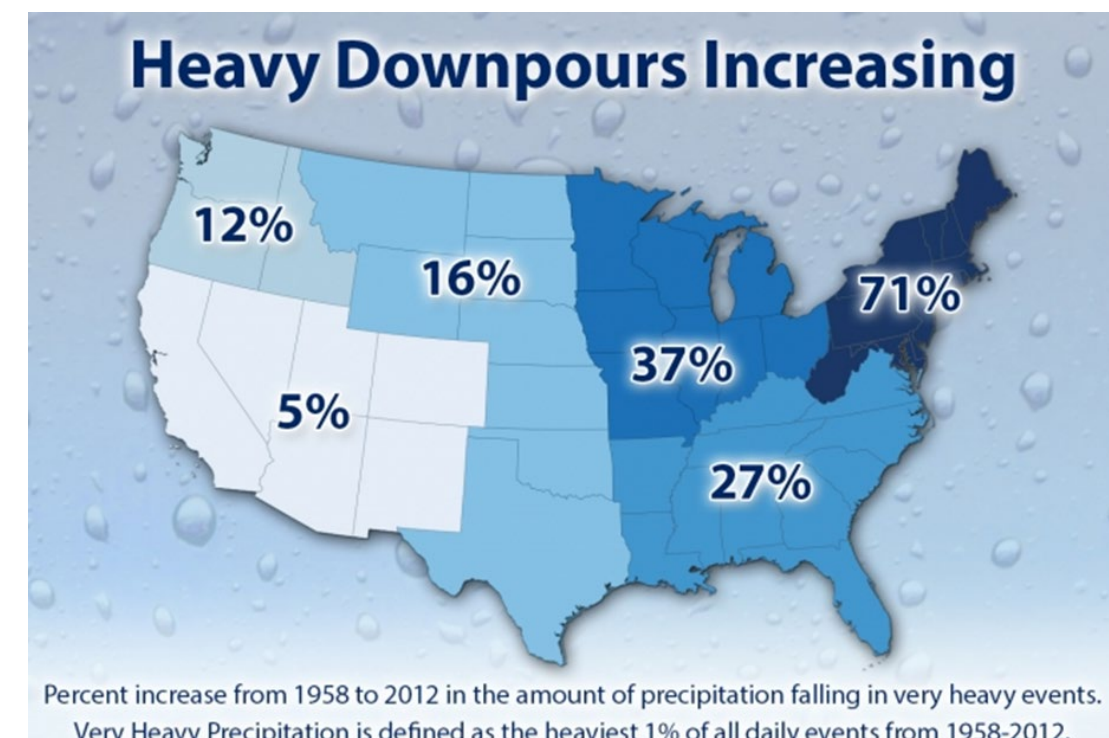
“Climate Change is a *Threat Multiplier*”



“There is little about what the Department does to defend the American people that is not affected by climate change. It is a national security issue, and we must treat it as such.”

– Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., March 2019



In Virginia, there are more than **260,000** people living in areas at an **elevated risk of inland flooding.**

<https://statesatrisk.org/virginia/coastal-flooding>

A record 50 named storms have formed over the warming Atlantic waters since the start of the 2020 season, with a record-setting 18 striking the Lower 48 states, including seven hurricanes.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2021/09/29/record-us-hurricane-landfalls-climate/>



Climate Change is a *Risk Multiplier*



- Severe Storms
- Tropical Storms
- Flooding
- Wildfire
- Extreme Temperatures
- Winter Storms
- Debris
- Vehicle Accidents
- Chemical Spills
- Poor Installation
- Future Construction
- Utility Drilling



Saltville, Virginia, Feb 2020