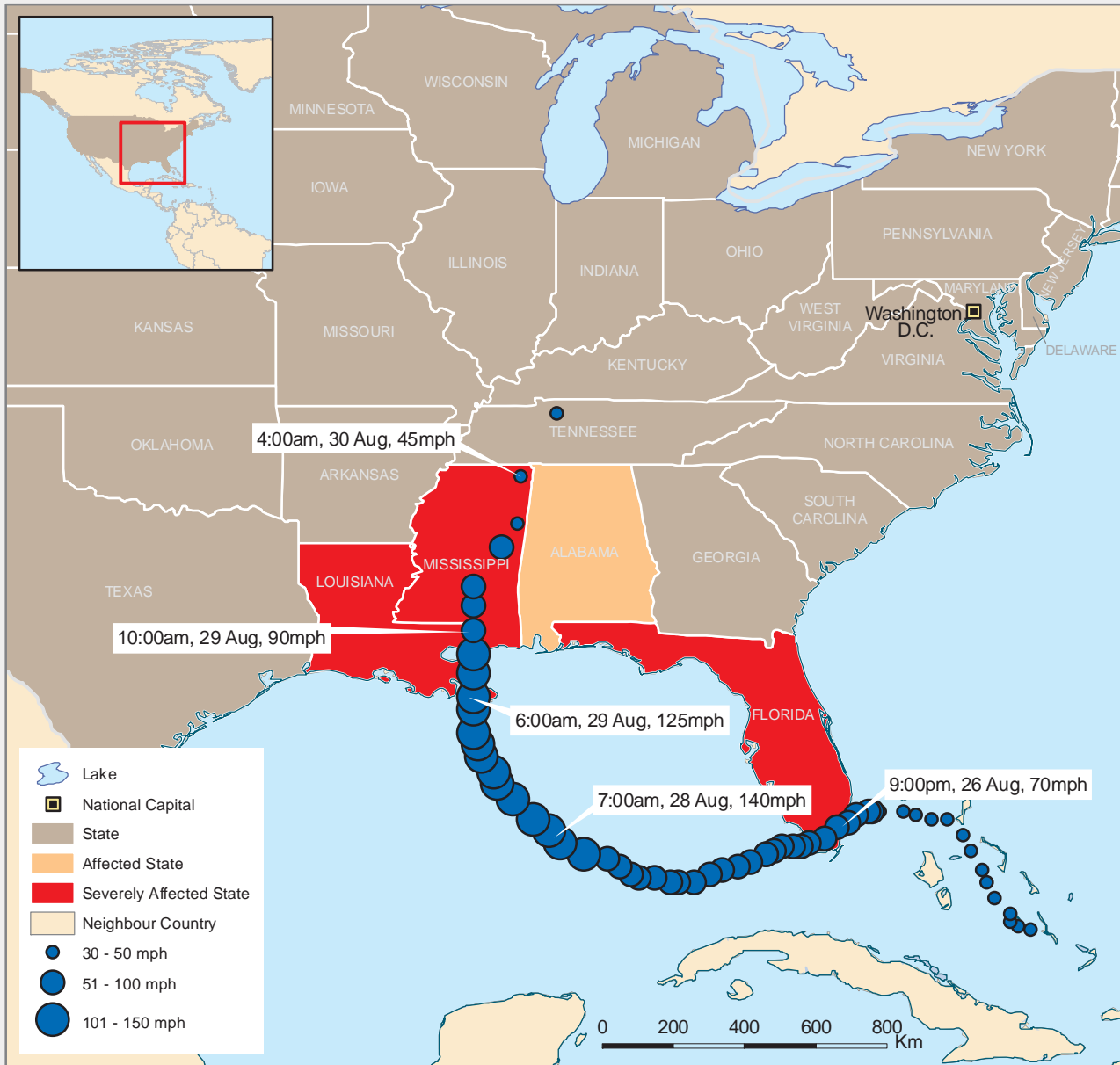




United States: Hurricane Katrina

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"According to the U.S. National Hurricane Centre, hurricane force winds are expected to spread as far as 125 miles inland along the storms path..."



SITUATION

Hurricane Katrina struck southern coast of US on 28 August with winds around 224 km/h after first striking Florida on 25 August. 11 reported deaths in Florida, 54 in Mississippi. Louisiana governor's spokesperson estimates total deaths "in the hundreds." 52,000 people in 240 shelters in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, and Texas. Five million people without power. Extensive damage along hurricane path. Significant additional damage and flooding expected.

ACTION

US Federal Emergency Management Agency deploying emergency teams and relief supplies throughout affected area. Search and Rescue and disaster medical teams deploying to region. American Red Cross engaged in major volunteer mobilization.

Note: Additional emergency summary information from US Federal Emergency Management Agency reports and Reuters.

Map projection: Geographic
 Map data source: UNCS, Global Discovery, ESRI
 Hurricane data: Unisys weather information services; Note: times shown on map reflect local time
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