

## **Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs)**

Preliminary Damage Assessments are just that – they are only preliminary and must be verified later with follow-up inspections.

Disaster damage estimates are a moving target and change daily.

Reporting preliminary information can be misleading.

It may be weeks before the full scope of the disaster and its impact on a community is evident.

A PDA is only a thumb-nail sketch and does not provide information on the total damages done to an area.

Many losses are covered by insurance, which are not reported.

Many people fix damaged property themselves, which is never reported.

Other factors are considered in the assessment process than just figures, i.e. local economy, the jurisdiction's budget situation, insurance, etc.

More information may be found by visiting the [Texas Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports page](#).