

# 5 apps for tracking Hurricane Joaquin

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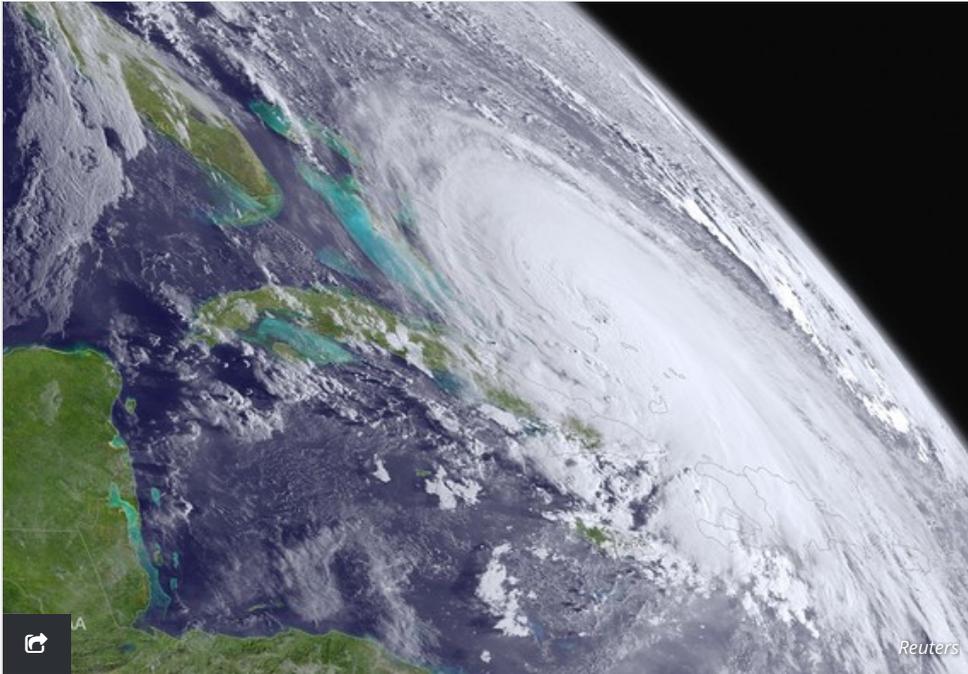
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*Keep up to date on the progress of Hurricane Joaquin*



*Hurricane Joaquin looks even more intimidating from afar.*

Using mobile devices to keep tabs on the storm — even in a power outage.

Warnings remain in place in the Bahamas as [Hurricane Joaquin sweeps by](#), a Category 3 storm with maximum wind speeds of 120 miles per hour or 195 kilometers per hour, people around the country will be checking to see whether they're in the path of the storm — and how best to respond.

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Families along the East Coast, [especially those with homes at the Jersey Shore](#), much of which was ravaged by Hurricane Sandy three years ago, will be particularly concerned about the path of Joaquin.

Many will turn to storm-tracking apps for help, they'll find a glut of services to choose from. (There's no single official government hurricane app, but several products on the market use data from the federal National Hurricane Center and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.) Apps offer one advantage over tracking the storm online or via television: If the power goes out, they'll continue to give updates as long as a user's smartphone battery has juice. Here are five of the best and most popular:

## Hurricane

Available on Android and iPhone, [Hurricane](#) has satellite images and bulletins provided by the National Hurricane Center; it also enables video updates and Twitter integration for a constant stream of information. Users can track a hurricane's path along the coast, and get details on speed, direction and pressure. Users can search for historical data on storms in the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and world, and compare Joaquin to previous hurricanes like Sandy. It costs \$3.99 to download, that's \$1 more than when Sandy hit in 2012.

## Hurricane Track for iOS

Available for iPhone only, [Hurricane Track](#) for iOS is helpful, basic and free. It doesn't have video and only offers eight satellite "radar" views, but it shows the projected path of storms over a five-day period. It also has satellite images, local forecasts, future projected cyclone paths, and potential cloud formations that could potentially turn into cyclones and lightning intensity radars. Reviewers have given it mixed reviews, with some citing its good download speed and others giving it just one star out of five.

## Hurricane Tracker HD

[This app](#) is designed specifically for the larger iPad screen. It provides audio and video updates on Joaquin and can track multiple storms in the same area simultaneously. The "Real-Time Updates" button also offers regular news bulletins via Twitter. It has a sidebar of links like "Storm Names" to explore previous storms and even frequently asked questions about storms. There's a "Talkin' Tropics" forum with comments from other users and the latest weather warnings from national weather centers. It costs \$2.99, which is \$1 cheaper than when Sandy hit the east coast in 2012.

## Weather Channel

[The Weather Channel](#) app has been downloaded more than 100 million times, the company says, thanks to its obvious name recognition, its availability across a range of platforms, and its ability to leverage a staff of 200-plus meteorologists. It's currently available on Windows, iPhone, BlackBerry and Android. "Everyone relies on the Weather Channel because of its accuracy," says [Rick Singer, CEO of GreatApps.com](#), an online app review site and store. The site has video, forecasts and satellite images of Joaquin and gives weather alerts. The Weather Channel is owned by a consortium, which includes Comcast's [CMCSA, +0.93%](#) NBCUniversal.

## Hurricane Hound

[Hurricane Hound](#) is a popular app for Android users, as it tracks storms using Google Maps as background and highlights areas the National Weather Service is watching as possibly being hit harder by the storm. Unlike the Weather Channel app, it doesn't provide local forecasts, but Hurricane Hound has U.S.-based radar and satellite data, with details on maximum wind speeds and a 12-hour forecast for the storm and satellite coverage in most of the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific. It's free with ads; the ad-free version costs \$1.99.

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Oops. If she hits NYC -- still a long shot -- will it this time drown Wall Street during the working week? If so, will Hurricane Joaquin be worse than currently expected and what will that do to the DOW? Will the end result be London becoming the world's biggest financial center -- a position it will fight to the death to maintain once it happens?

The coming week will indeed be very, very interesting.



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