

LSU Post-Hurricane Katrina Community Survey

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N=4,242; *Weighted; semi-representative*

Notes about the Sample: See last page.

1. Are you now living in Greater New Orleans?

1. Yes	80
2. No	21

2. What kind of housing are you now living in?

1. Your own house or condo, which you own	60
2. An apartment you rent yourself	19
3. At somebody else's residence	6
4. A trailer on your own property	3
5. A trailer at a FEMA trailer site	5
6. A trailer at a non-FEMA trailer site	1
7. Other [Please describe]	6

3. How long have/had you lived in New Orleans?

[Average]	47
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4. How long has/had your family lived in New Orleans? About when did your first family members or ancestors move to New Orleans?

[Average]	83
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5. Did you and your household evacuate because of the Hurricanes?

1. Yes	95
2. No	5

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6. [If yes] How long did you stay away?

1. A week or less	3
2. 1-2 weeks	6
3. 3-4 weeks	14
4. 1-2 months	17
5. More than 2 months, but have since returned	42
6. More than 2 months, but will return in 2006	5
7. Returned for a while and then left for good	3
8. Have not returned	11

7. [If evacuated] Where did you stay? Check any of the following that apply.

1. With relatives	55
2. With members of your religious community not related to your family	4
3. With friends	19
4. With neighbors	5
5. With colleagues, co-workers, members of an association you belong to, etc.	2
6. With People you had no previous connection to	4
7. In a hotel or motel	5
8. In a house, apartment, or condo that you bought or rented	25
9. In a public shelter	24
10. In a trailer provided by FEMA, or some other relief agency	7
11. Other	5

8. [If living in Greater New Orleans] How likely is it that you will move away from New Orleans within the next ... years?

	One	Two	Five	Ten
1. Very likely	7	11	13	16
2. Somewhat likely	4	12	13	12
3. Somewhat unlikely	6	12	10	8
4. Very unlikely	76	53	53	49
5. Haven't decided	8	12	11	16

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9. [If not living in Greater New Orleans] How likely is it that you will return to live in New Orleans within the next two years or so?

1. Very likely	27
2. Somewhat likely	10
3. Somewhat unlikely	8
4. Very unlikely	40
5. Haven't decided	16

10. If any group or agency could help you with any of the following services, how much would it affect your decision to return and rebuild in New Orleans?

	Very Important to make me decide to stay	Somewhat Important	Not Important for me
Housing help	33	14	54
Building repair or restoration help	32	20	49
Financial Counseling	33	20	47
Relocation help	19	13	68
Employment help	28	14	59
Transportation help	35	15	50
Health care	44	15	41
Mental Health care	27	18	56
Retirement or nursing home	15	14	71
Elderly care	21	14	65
Child care	22	10	68
Scholarship or Tuition for day schools	26	11	64
Summer camp scholarships	21	10	69

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11. How satisfied are you with each of the following in New Orleans?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	In the Middle	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
The Economy	2	8	41	30	21
Political Leadership	2	7	22	25	44
K-12 Education	5	11	35	24	25
Infrastructure	1	4	26	37	33
Local Media	7	31	37	15	10
My Neighborhood	15	37	24	12	11
My Church/Religious Community	24	35	26	7	8
My Circle of Friends	40	38	12	4	6
My Family & Relatives	46	29	14	6	5
The Job Market	3	17	34	27	19
Available Housing	6	17	32	25	21
New Orleans food, music, culture	52	29	13	3	3

12. And how worried are you about each of the following in New Orleans?

	Very Worried	Worried	In the Middle	Not very Worried	Not at all Worried
Crime	67	23	6	3	1
The Influence of Illegal Drugs	65	20	8	4	2
Another Hurricane	54	21	14	8	3

13. What do you think about your church community in Greater New Orleans before and after Hurricane Katrina?

	Better	About the Same	Worse
During the 5 or 10 years before Katrina, it got ...	39	52	9
Since Katrina, it got ...	31	40	29
In the next 5 or 10 years, it will get ...	46	39	15

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14. What do you think about your neighborhood in Greater New Orleans before and after Hurricane Katrina?

	Better	About the Same	Worse
During the 5 or 10 years before Katrina, it got ...	39	44	17
Since Katrina, it got ...	21	39	41
In the next 5 or 10 years, it will get ...	42	33	25

15. What is/was your employment status?

	Retired	Student	Homemaker	Employed full or part time	Unemployed
Before Katrina	15	8	4	68	4
Now	19	6	5	60	11

16. What is/was your occupation?

[Too many categories to show]

17. [If still working] How much physical damage did your/your employer's business suffer as a result of hurricane Katrina and the subsequent flooding?

1. None or almost none	20
2. Some physical damage	34
3. Major physical damage	34
4. Complete destruction, unsalvageable	13

18. [If still working] What do you think about your/your employer's business?

	Better	About the Same	Worse	Went/Will go out of business
Since Hurricane Katrina, it's gotten ...	28	37	30	6
In the next 2 to 5 years, it will get...	51	33	10	6

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19. Since hurricane Katrina, have you had job offers from other cities or regions? Or if you are self-employed: have you concretely looked into the possibility of starting a business in another city or region?

1. Yes	36
2. No	64

20. Are you now living in your pre-Katrina residence, or if not, do you plan to move back in, even if you have to pay for part of the repair costs yourself?

1. Same as before Katrina	57
2. Different	43

21. [If no] Would you like to move back into the same residence if you could afford to repair it?

1. Yes	39
2. No	61

22. How much physical damage did your residence suffer as a result of hurricane Katrina and the subsequent flooding? [If apartment or condo: your own unit.]

1. None or almost none	10
2. Some physical damage	29
3. Major physical damage	45
4. Complete destruction, unsalvageable	16

23. About how deep were any flood waters in your residence?

1. No flood damage	31
2. Less than 2 feet	13
3. 2-4 feet	14
4. 4-8 feet	23
5. 8-12 feet	14
6. Over 12 feet	6

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24. What do you think about neighborhoods in the Greater New Orleans area?

	Strongly believe is True	Believe is True	Unsure	Believe is Not True	Strongly believe is Not True
With good engineering and adequate funding, the neighborhood I lived in before Katrina can be protected against major flooding	34	31	23	7	6
The neighborhood I lived in before Katrina can recover from the hurricane and flooding damage	42	35	16	4	4

25. And when do you think these things will happen?

	Now or for the coming hurricane season	In the next 12 months	Within the next five years	Someday	Never
The neighborhood I lived in before Katrina will be protected against major flooding	13	7	29	37	15
The neighborhood I lived in before Katrina will recover from the hurricane and flooding damage	23	12	30	30	7

26. If it could be made safe from major flooding, and speaking only of your feelings, do you want to live in –

	Yes, very much	Yes	Yes, a little	In the middle	Prefer not	No	No, absolutely not
Greater New Orleans	42	20	6	8	6	6	12
The neighborhood I lived in before Katrina	46	20	7	9	6	5	6

27. How complete is the rebuilding/repair of your residence now?

1. Done	46
2. Almost done	27
3. Halfway done	12
4. Just started work	5
5. No work started	11

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28. What parts of the rebuilding/repair are already completed? (check all that apply)

1. Demolition	20
2. Interior Gutting	46
3. Mold Remediation	43
4. Roof	48
5. Dry Wall	45
6. Ceilings	42
7. Floors	42
8. Fixtures	39
9. Electrical	43
10. Plumbing	42
11. Elevation	13
12. Other	8
13. None	8

29. Do/did you own your own residence (house, condo, apartment)?

	Own	No, Don't/didn't Own
Before Katrina	68	32
Now	70	30

30. Will you have enough money, from all sources, to cover damage to your residence and its contents?

	All or almost all of the damage	Most of the damage	About half of the damage	Less than half of the damage	Very little or none of the damage	Doesn't Apply
I already have or received enough to repair or replace ...	35	23	13	9	16	4
I believe I will have or receive enough to repair or replace	32	25	10	9	18	6

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31. Of the money you already have for repair or replacement, about how much came from each of the following sources?

	Over 75%	About 50-75%	About 25-50%	Some Money, but less than 25%	None	Doesn't Apply
My own money	18	11	20	31	17	4
Insurance	27	18	16	10	25	5
Road Home Program	6	9	15	13	45	12
Government Agencies of any kind	4	5	10	26	50	5
Your Church or Congregation	1	1	2	5	86	6
Any other group or agency affiliated with a religious denomination	1	1	1	7	84	6
Any other group or agency not affiliated with a religious denomination	0	1	1	8	85	6
Family or Relatives	2	1	3	15	73	5
Friends	1	1	2	10	81	6
Other	2	1	2	5	85	6

32. [If you received Road Home resources] Is your Road Home grant sufficient to allow you to rebuild or repair your residence?

1. Yes	26
2. No	74

33. Do you plan to apply for a loan from any of the following?

	Yes	Possibly	No
A Bank or commercial lender	10	9	81
A Government agency	13	10	77
A Lender within your religious denomination	2	3	95
Family or Relatives	3	5	92
Friends	2	3	95
Other	2	3	95

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34. [If Yes or Possibly] How much do you think you will apply for?

1 \$4,999 or less	4
2 \$5,000 to \$9,999	3
3 \$10,000 to \$24,999	5
4 \$25,000 to \$49,999	11
5 \$50,000 to \$99,999	11
6 \$100,000 or more	66

35. [If you rent] How satisfied are you with your rental situation in the following ways?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	In the Middle	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Repairs to storm damage in your unit	30	29	20	13	8
Quality & upkeep of unit (<i>aside</i> from storm repairs)	26	25	23	17	9
Landlord's responsiveness	39	20	16	11	13
Rent (price) for what you get	20	17	17	15	31

We'd like to ask you some questions about your family and friends in the community.

36. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

1. Most people can be trusted	44
2. Can't be too careful	56

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37. How much do you trust the following groups of people?

	Trust them a lot	Trust them some	Trust them only a little	Trust them not at all	Does not apply
People in your neighborhood	32	43	15	7	3
People you work with	33	32	13	5	17
People at your church or place of worship	43	33	8	2	14
People who work in the stores where you shop	11	46	29	11	4
The police in your local community	20	40	22	16	2
People outside your community	4	36	35	18	7
White people	12	52	20	5	11
African Americans or Blacks	8	48	24	8	11
Asian people	9	49	22	7	13
Hispanics or Latinos	8	46	24	10	12
Contractors, Construction Workers	3	27	39	26	6
Bankers, Mortgage & Financial Officers	6	36	32	20	6
Government Employees	5	33	34	22	6

38. Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

1. Married	49
2. Living with partner	7
3. Separated	3
4. Divorced	11
5. Widowed	7
6. Single, never married	23

39. Do you have children? How many?

0. None	25
1. One	17
2. Two	26
3. Three	17
4. Four or more	15

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40. [If children] Where do they live?

	All live in Greater New Orleans area	Some in Greater New Orleans area and some elsewhere	All live some other place	Don't have children this age
Children still in school or college, or younger	26	7	8	58
Children grown & finished with their education	11	13	12	64

41. About how many family members and relatives do/did you have living in Greater New Orleans ...

Just before Hurricane Katrina hit [Average]	33
Now [Average]	19

42. About how many family and close friends do you have in each of these groups? (People you're close enough to, that you'd visit each other at home.)

	About 0-5	About 5-15	About 15-50	About 50-100	About 100 or more
Family and friends who live in your N.O. neighborhood	12	59	20	6	4
Family and friends who live in a different neighborhood in Greater New Orleans	7	46	33	9	5
Family and friends who live outside GNO	20	30	28	15	8
Family and friends of your faith who live in GNO	6	46	31	10	7
Family and friends of a different faith who live in GNO	9	57	24	7	3
Family and friends of your race who live in GNO	19	26	30	14	11
Family and friends of a different race who live in GNO	49	31	15	3	3

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43. About how often have you done the following?

	Every week (or more often)	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times per year	Less often than that	Never
Had friends over to your home	19	17	30	22	8	4
Visited relatives in person or had them visit you	24	21	25	22	6	2
Socialized with co-workers outside of work	9	11	22	23	15	20
Played cards or board games with others	8	7	18	20	16	31
Attended a club meeting	7	6	24	15	12	36
Hung out with friends at a park, shopping mall, or other public place	13	14	24	18	12	19
Attended any public meeting in which there was discussion of town or school affairs	3	5	19	26	19	29
Gone to bars, nightclubs, music events	9	11	17	25	17	19
Attended sports events (professional, college, etc.)	6	9	17	24	21	23

44. Have you taken part in activities with the following groups and organizations in the past 12 months?

	Yes	No
An adult sports club or league, or an outdoor activity club	19	81
A youth organization like youth sports leagues, the scouts, 4 H clubs, and Boys & Girls Clubs	18	82
A parents' association, like the PTA or PTO, or other school support or service groups	26	74
Activities at your church or place of worship, other than attending services? This might include teaching Sunday school, serving on a committee, attending choir rehearsal or a retreat. Or working with any organization affiliated with religion, such as the Knights of Columbus or a bible study group	41	59
A neighborhood association, like a block association, a homeowner or tenant association, or a crime watch group	34	66
A charity or social welfare organization that provides services in such fields as health or service to the needy	26	74
A professional, trade, farm, or business association	27	73
Any other hobby, investment, or garden clubs or societies	33	67
Any other kinds of clubs or organizations	36	64

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45. In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any club or organization in your New Orleans church or neighborhood association?

- 1. Yes 24
- 2. No 76

46. What is (or was) the name of the neighborhood association where you lived when Katrina hit?

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Now we'd like to ask you some questions about Hurricane recovery.

47. How good a job do you think the following have done in the recovery from the Hurricanes and subsequent flooding?

	Great	Good	Neither Good Nor Bad	Bad	Terrible
The state government	1	14	24	33	28
The local governments	2	18	23	30	27
Your New Orleans neighborhood's representatives in city government	4	25	30	23	19
The U.S. government	2	14	21	27	37
President Obama	13	16	54	7	10
President Bush (while he was President)	2	13	18	21	47
The leadership of your New Orleans neighborhood association	9	27	41	11	12
The leadership of your New Orleans church or congregation	17	36	32	7	8
National Denominational or Church leadership and organizations	16	31	37	8	8
Nonprofit organizations working in New Orleans	26	38	26	5	5

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48. How good a job do you think your New Orleans church has done since the Hurricanes in the following ways?

	Great	Good	Neither Good Nor Bad	Bad	Terrible
Accepting input from all congregational, church, or parish members	20	37	31	6	5
Providing material assistance fairly to all congregational, church, or parish members	20	36	31	6	6
Providing community or social support	29	39	23	5	5
Providing spiritual support	28	38	24	5	5

49. And how good a job do you think your New Orleans neighborhood association has done since the Hurricanes in the following ways?

	Great	Good	Neither Good Nor Bad	Bad	Terrible
Accepting input from all neighborhood residents	10	30	37	14	9
Providing material assistance fairly to all neighborhood residents	7	26	42	15	11
Providing community or social support	9	28	39	15	10
Providing spiritual support	8	23	43	15	11

50. How would you rate the overall Hurricane recovery of the following?

	Fully Recovered	Mostly Recovered	About Half Recovered	Somewhat Recovered	Not at All Recovered
Your own household	30	36	13	11	10
Your New Orleans neighborhood	11	36	20	23	10
Your city or town	4	26	22	36	12
The Greater New Orleans Area	1	9	22	50	18
Your New Orleans Congregation, Church, or parish	14	35	20	21	10
The local religious community in your denomination	9	34	25	25	7

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51. Recovery also means that certain things are available and easy to get to. From your neighborhood where you live, how would you rate the convenience and accessibility of the following?

	Very Good	Good	Neither Good nor Bad	Bad	Very Bad
Grocery Stores; Food Shopping	38	31	11	11	8
Other Retail Stores	30	28	13	16	13
Restaurants	33	39	12	8	8
Cafes, Coffee Shops	35	37	13	7	9
Community Center; Recreation Center; Gym	24	26	21	13	16
Barber Shop, Hair or Nail Salon	33	37	15	9	6
Entertainment (music, movies, etc.)	32	28	15	12	14
Social Club, Tavern	34	32	18	7	9
Schools	31	29	15	14	11
Child Care	25	28	23	13	11
Parks, Playgrounds	26	33	15	15	12
Public Transportation	21	27	22	17	13
Streets & Roads in Good Repair	8	18	13	24	37
Jobs	9	17	30	24	21
Medical Services	14	24	18	22	22

52. Have you yourself had any of the following feelings because of what's happened as a result of the Hurricane?

	Yes	Yes, just a little	No
Depressed	49	31	20
Angry	53	26	21
Hopeful	54	31	15
Fearful, Anxious	41	33	26

53. Did you have people staying in your house or your own apartment who were displaced by the Hurricanes?

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| 1. Yes, still staying | 10 |
| 2. Yes, stayed earlier | 23 |
| 3. No one stayed at residence | 67 |

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54. How do you think each of the following will change?

	Get better	Stay the same	Get worse
The economy in Greater New Orleans 12 months from now	35	42	23
The economy in GNO five years from now	60	26	14
GNO as a place to live 12 months from now	35	47	18
GNO as a place to live five years from now	59	26	15

55. What do you think most members of your New Orleans church and neighborhood, who are still away, will do in the long run?

	More than two thirds will come back to stay	Between one third and two thirds will come back to stay	Less than a third will come back to stay
Your New Orleans church	24	46	30
Your New Orleans neighborhood	23	46	32

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56. Have you had any of the following feelings since the Hurricanes, even though some of the feelings may seem to conflict with others?

	Yes	Yes, just a little	No
Greater closeness with family, friends, and loved ones	62	26	13
Greater conflict with family, friends, and loved ones	18	28	55
Greater closeness with people in your New Orleans neighborhood	37	37	26
Greater conflict with people in your New Orleans neighborhood	8	19	73
Greater closeness with other members of your religious community	31	31	39
Greater conflict with other members of your religious community	6	13	81
Feelings of guilt that my family and I were not harmed as much as others	12	22	65
Stronger feelings of spirituality, religiousness, or closeness to God	48	26	26
Feelings of abandonment by God	6	12	82
A feeling that God is punishing us	6	12	83
A feeling that this disaster was not God's doing, but rather, Evil at work	14	15	71
A feeling that our faith and commitment is being tested	34	27	39
A feeling that we are being given an opportunity to improve or repair the world	45	30	25
A feeling that this is just the most recent in a long history of disasters and tragedies that challenge and define and unite us as a people	48	34	18
Fear that those who suffered more than my family and I, may want to take from us or harm us	8	17	75
Stronger feelings of closeness with those who suffered more than my family and I, because we all went through the same disaster and are all trying to recover	39	37	24
Feelings of closeness and gratitude toward those who have helped us because of their generosity	66	23	11
Feelings of distance or irritation toward those who have helped us because of their impatience, demands, or arrogance	8	16	76

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57. Would you say that in general your health is -

1. Excellent	19
2. Very Good	33
3. Good	29
4. Fair	14
5. Poor	6

58. About how many drinks of any alcoholic beverage have you had ... (One drink is equivalent to a 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, or a drink with one shot of liquor) ... [Average Drinks per Week]

During the last month or two	4.1
Before Hurricane Katrina	4.3

59. Do any of the following apply to you in the last few months – as compared to before Hurricane Katrina?

	Much more than usual	Somewhat more than usual	No, or stayed about usual
Trouble sleeping	25	27	49
Sleeping too much	7	14	79
Loss of appetite, losing weight	9	14	77
Eating too much, gaining weight	18	23	59
Trouble concentrating	22	30	48
Tired all the time; loss of energy	23	29	48
Nervous, excitable; trouble settling down	18	23	59
Loss of sexual desire	13	18	70
Don't want to see people, staying at home	15	20	65
Don't want to be alone	8	15	77
Worrying about everyday things	21	25	54
Afraid that something terrible could happen	19	21	60

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Finally, we have a few questions about your household and your background.

60. Age [Recoded from: In what year were you born?]

1. 18-30	16
2. 31-45	28
3. 46-60	34
4. 61+	22

61. Are you male or female?

1. Male	42
2. Female	58

62. Do you consider yourself to be:

1. White	54
2. Black	40
3. Asian	2
4. American Indian	2
5. Other	3

63. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

1. Yes	2
2. No	98

64. What is the highest grade of schooling that you have completed?

1. 8th Grade or less	2
2. Some high school	4
3. High School Diploma	16
4. Vocational/Technical school	5
5. Some College	25
6. College degree	24
7. Some graduate school	7
8. Graduate degree	20

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65. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

1. Protestant	21
2. Catholic	48
3. Jewish	4
4. Other	17
5. None	10

66. Are/Were you a member of a local church, synagogue, or other religious or spiritual community in Greater New Orleans?

1. Yes	56
2. No	44

67. [If yes] What is/was the name of your Greater New Orleans church?

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68. [If moving away from Greater New Orleans] Have you joined a church in your new hometown?

1. Yes	29
2. No, but plan to join one soon	18
3. No, and have no plans to join one	31
4. Haven't decided yet	23

69. Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

1. Every week (or more often)	38
2. Almost every week	13
3. Once or twice a month	15
4. A few times per year	17
5. Less often than that	18

70. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

1. Republican	20
2. Democrat	32
3. Independent	26
4. Other	2
5. No Preference	15

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71. Who did you vote for in the 2008 Presidential election?

1. John McCain	31
2. Barack Obama	61
3. Someone else	1
4. Didn't vote	7
9. Don't remember	0

72. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Would you call yourself:

1. Extremely Liberal	5
2. Liberal	13
3. Slightly Liberal	11
4. Moderate, middle of the road	34
5. Slightly Conservative	13
6. Conservative	22
7. Extremely Conservative	3

73. What Parish did you live in before Hurricane Katrina?

1. Orleans	54
2. Jefferson	30
3. St. Bernard	7
4. Plaquemines	1
5. St. Tammany	5
6. Terrebonne	2
7. Other	1

74. What was your Zip Code before Hurricane Katrina?

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75. What was the name of the subdivision or neighborhood you lived in before Hurricane Katrina?

[Too many categories to show]

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76. If you think of all the households in your New Orleans neighborhood and divide them into four quarters economically, where would you place your own household?

1. In the top quarter	15
2. In the next quarter, above average	50
3. In the next quarter, that is, in the lower half	25
4. In the lowest quarter	10

77. What was the total income that you and all other members of your household earned before taxes during 2005, from all sources.

1. Under \$25,000	22
2. \$25,000 to \$50,000	24
3. \$50,000 to \$75,000	20
4. \$75,000 to \$100,000	16
5. \$100,000 to \$200,000	14
6. More than \$200,000	4

78. How did you get the request to take this survey? Please check all that apply.

1. An email sent to me directly by my New Orleans church or neighborhood association	13
2. A letter or flyer or bulletin from my New Orleans church or neighborhood association	7
3. I saw it announced on my New Orleans church or neighborhood association's website	3
4. I saw it announced on another website	5
5. I heard about it at a church or neighborhood meeting	6
6. A neighborhood block captain, church volunteer, etc. told me about it	4
7. A friend or relative told me about it	11
8. A service provider gave it to me (for instance, the Red Cross, Catholic Charities, etc.)	7
9. An interviewer phoned me	2
10. An interviewer came to my door	11
11. An interviewer approached me in a public place	5
12. Other [please describe]	16

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79. How did you answer this survey?

1. I filled it in myself on the web	68
2. Someone helped me fill it in on the web	1
3. I filled it in myself on paper	15
4. Someone helped me fill it in on paper	4
5. An interviewer filled it in during a face-to-face interview	0
6. An interviewer called me on the phone	11
7. Other [please describe]	0

The data are weighted by age, gender, race, and parish [county], to make the sample as representative as possible of Greater New Orleans. Still, the sample may not be fully representative of stayers/leavers, or of some particular communities and neighborhoods.

This survey was conducted by a variety of methods, in a variety of communities, over a substantial period to time (summer 2006 to spring 2009). This long time period, in particular, should be kept in mind when interpreting results.

The results shown here are based on the questionnaire in use during 2009.