

## 2014 National Preparedness Report Now Available

FEMA has released the 2014 [National Preparedness Report \(NPR\)](#). The NPR is an annual status report on the nation's progress toward reaching the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation established in the [Presidential Policy Directive 8: National Preparedness](#).

The NPR identifies areas of sustainment and progress made across 31 core capabilities towards building a secure and resilient nation while identifying opportunities for improvement. Key overarching findings from the 2014 NPR include:

- **Embracing a new approach to disaster recovery:** Major events, such as Hurricane Sandy and the severe 2012-2013 drought, have served as catalysts for change in national preparedness programs, drawing clearer links between post-disaster recovery and pre-disaster mitigation activities.
- **Launching major national initiatives:** The Federal Government has initiated several national-level policy and planning initiatives that bring unity of effort to preparedness areas, including critical infrastructure security and resilience, cybersecurity, recovery capabilities, and climate change.
- **Managing resource uncertainties:** Budget uncertainties have created preparedness challenges at state and local levels of government, resulting in increased ingenuity, emphasis on preparedness innovations, and whole community engagement.
- **Partnering with tribal nations:** Tribal partners are now more systematically integrated into preparedness activities. However, opportunities remain for Federal agencies and tribal nations to increase engagement and expand training opportunities on relevant policies.

For a copy of the full report go to: [www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-report](http://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-report).

As this NPR indicates, as a nation we can continue to become better prepared. One way to do this is by registering for the [America's PrepareAthon! campaign](#) and participating on September 30—National PrepareAthon! Day. Learn more about America's PrepareAthon! at [www.ready.gov/prepare](http://www.ready.gov/prepare).