

2024 National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness Findings



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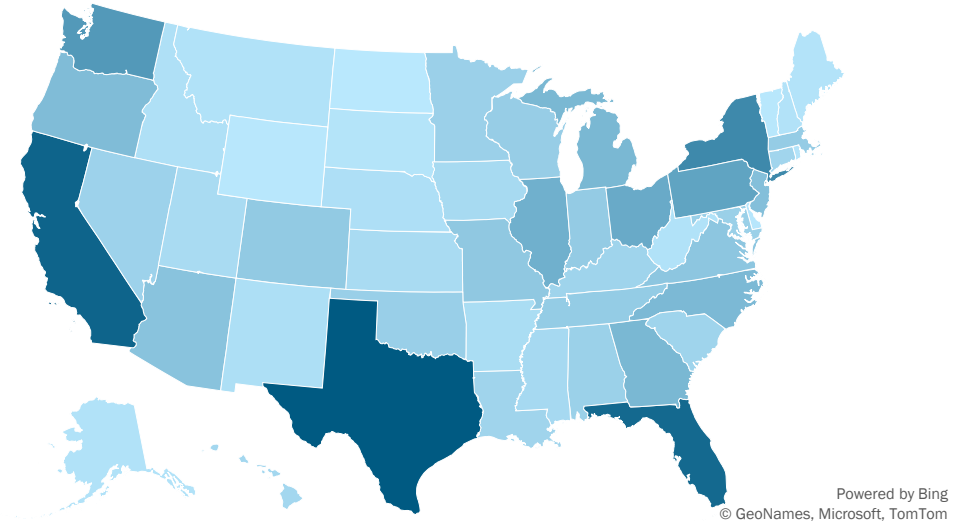
FEMA's National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness

- FEMA conducts the National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness to assess preparedness actions, attitudes and motivations in the United States and to inform programming and outreach efforts.
- The survey measures preparedness of the American public across the whole community.



2024 Survey Details

- The survey was administered from April 25 to June 7, 2024.
- Data was collected using a web-based survey written in English and Spanish.
- 7,525 responses were received:
 - 7,127 respondents completed the English-language survey.
 - 398 respondents completed the Spanish-language survey.
- Results were adjusted by key demographic variables to better reflect the composition of the nation. Key demographics include:
 - Age, sex, race, ethnicity, education and income.
- Responses came from all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa).



The shading represents the number of responses from each state. There were more responses in states with darker shades than in states with lighter shades.

High-Level Trends Over Time

Perceived Preparedness for a Disaster

Thinking about preparing yourself for a disaster, which of the following best represents your degree of preparedness?

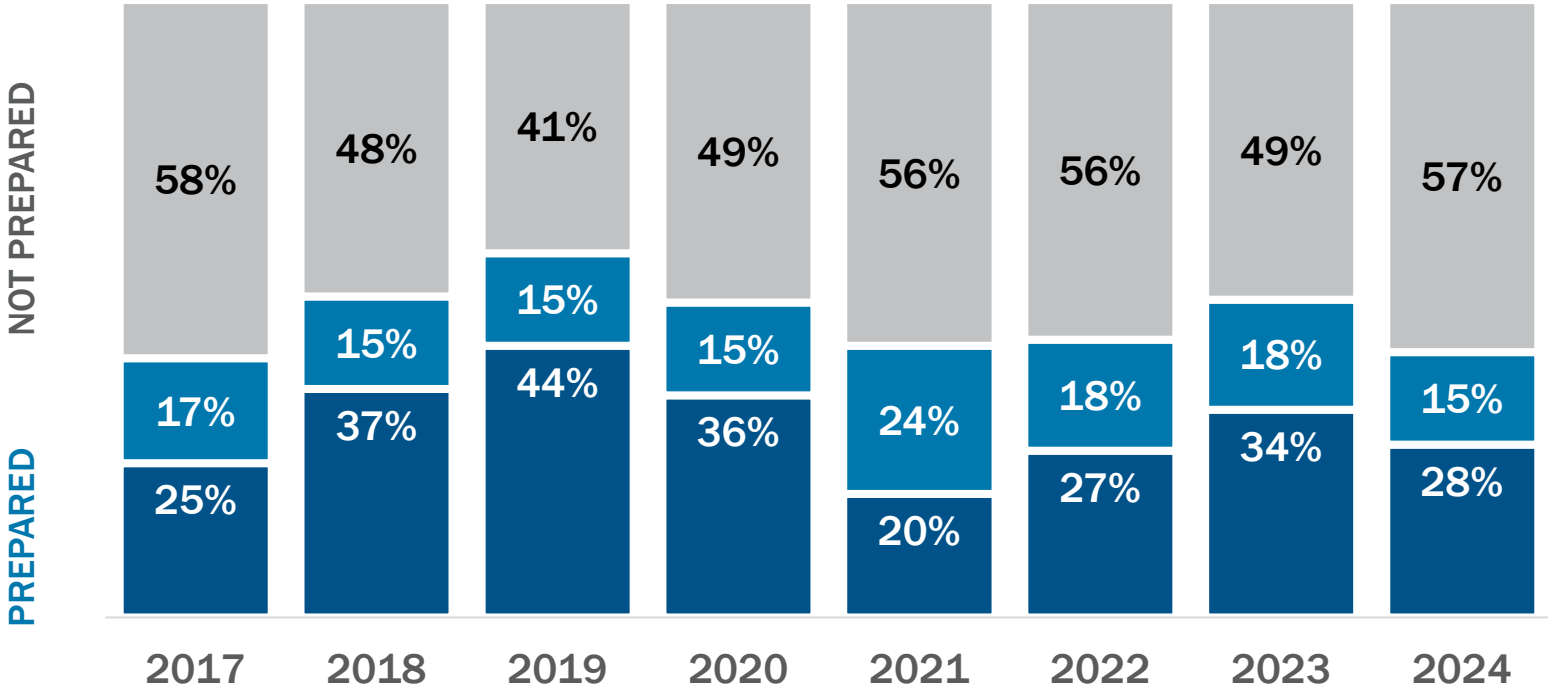
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I have been prepared for LESS than a year

I have been prepared for MORE than a year

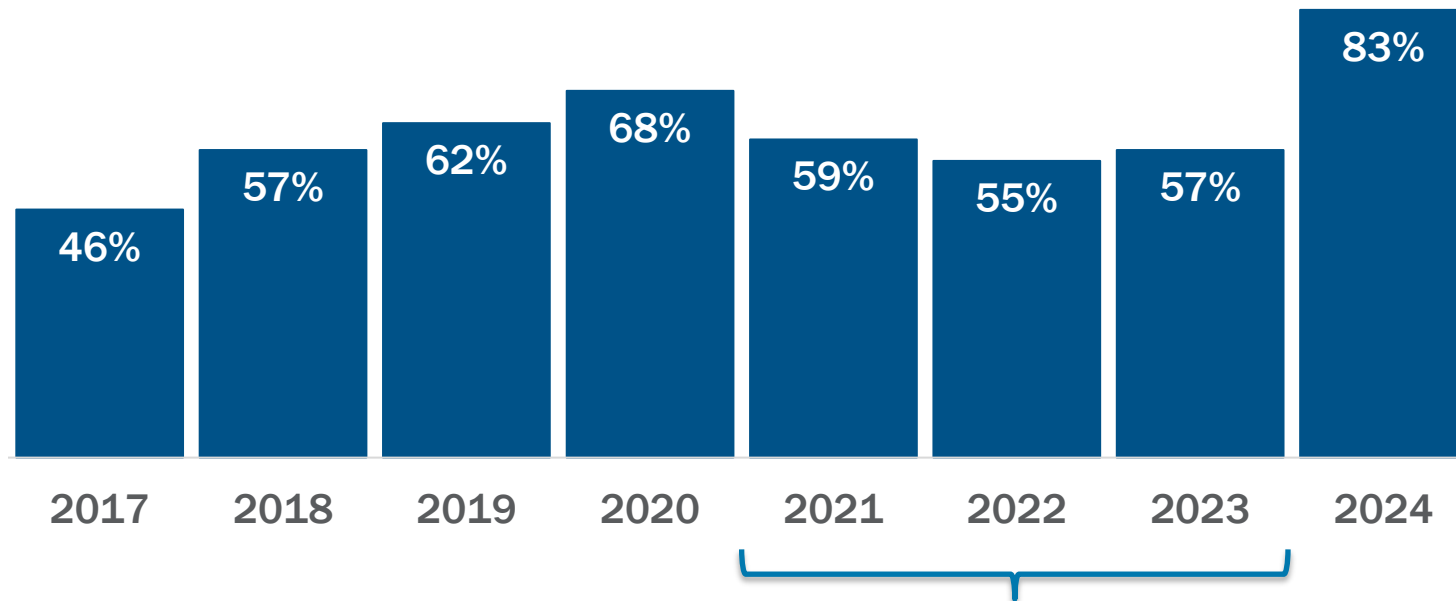


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Taking Action to Prepare for Disasters

The Percentage of Respondents Who Reported Taking at Least Three Preparedness Actions



Preparedness actions were assessed differently between 2021-2023 compared to all other years

- In 2024, 83% of respondents reported having taken **at least three** preparedness actions, compared to 57% of respondents in 2023.
- This increase may reflect differences in the survey instrument, the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on preparedness actions and/or other factors.

2024 Results

Key Findings from the 2024 National Household Survey

Disaster preparedness is personal.

Nearly one-third (30%) of respondents indicated that they have worried about a disaster affecting them or their family, and nearly half (44%) of respondents reported that ensuring their safety and their family's safety motivated them to prepare for a disaster.

Cost is a key barrier to preparedness.

The most frequently selected challenge to taking actions to prepare for a disaster or emergency was thinking that it would cost too much (26%).

Hazard risk perceptions may affect decision-making.

Of the 17% of respondents who moved within the past year, about one in three considered hazards or building codes in their move.

People expect post-disaster support from a variety of sources.

While most respondents reported that they expect support from friends or family in the event of a disaster or emergency (71%), more than half of respondents indicated that they expect support from the federal government (52%).

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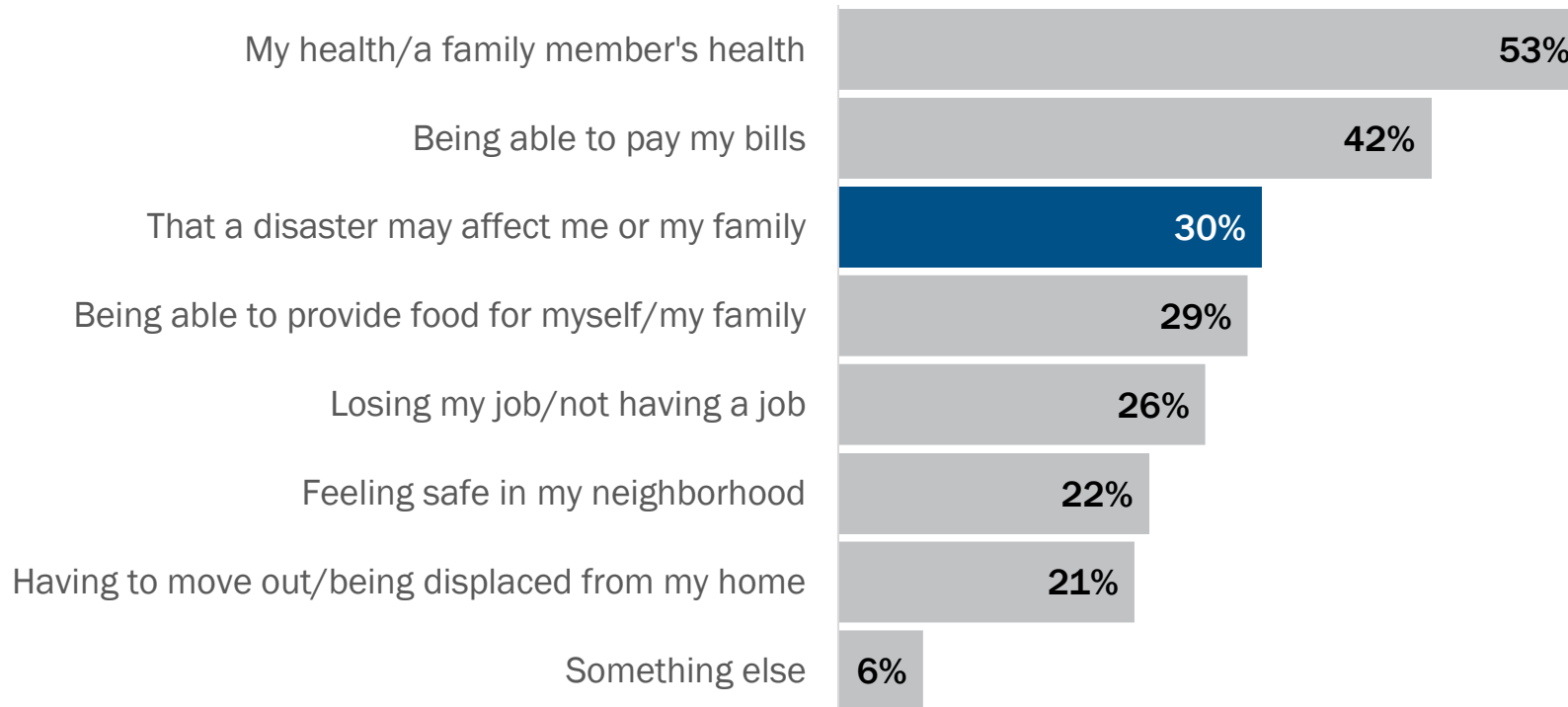


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Top Concerns that Worry the American Public

In the last year, which of the following have you worried about?

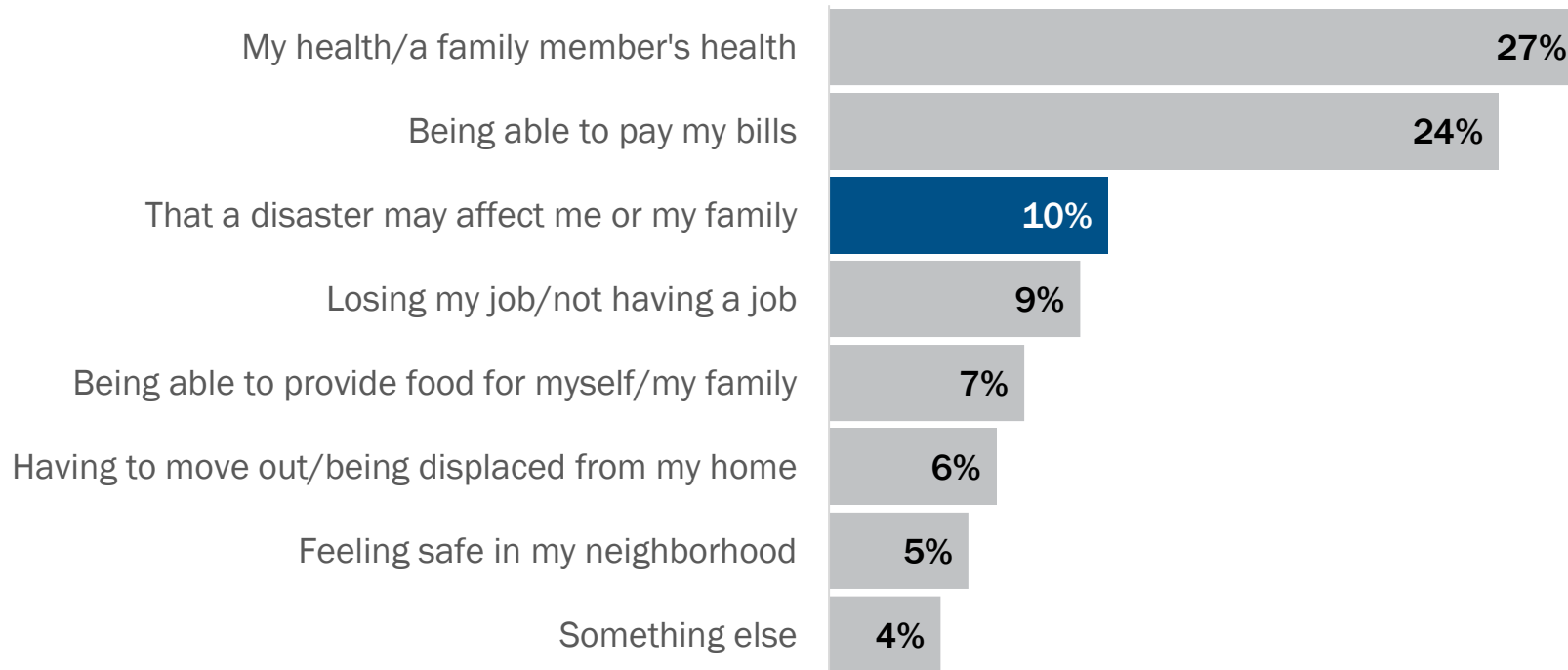


- The most common concerns among respondents were their **health** or a family member's health (53%) and being able to **pay their bills** (42%).
- The third most common concern was that a **disaster may affect them or their family** (30%).

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Top Concerns that Worry the American Public

*In the last year, which of the following have you **most** worried about?*

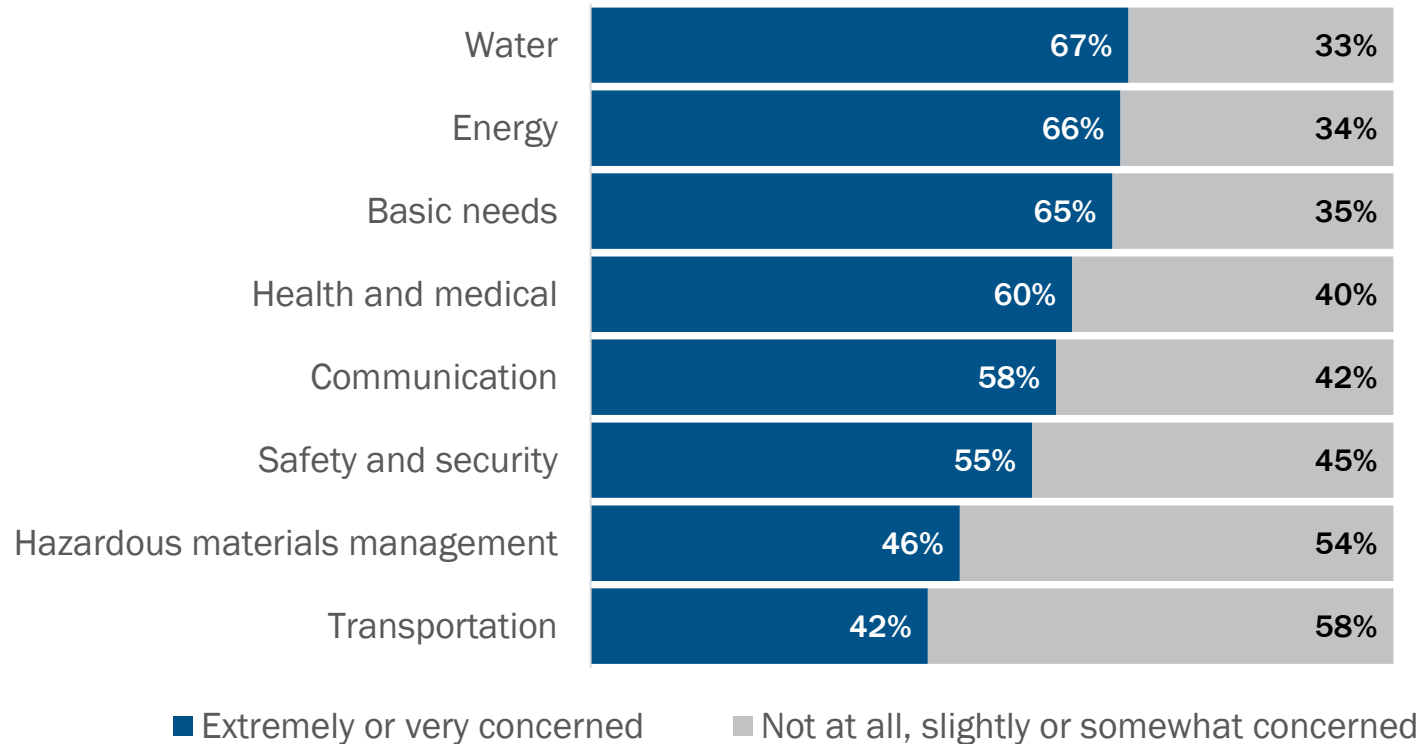


- Respondents reported that the concerns they worried most about were their **health** or a family member's health (27%) and being able to **pay their bills** (24%).
- Ten percent (10%) of respondents indicated that the concern they worried most about was **a disaster** affecting them or their family.

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Service Concerns During a Disaster

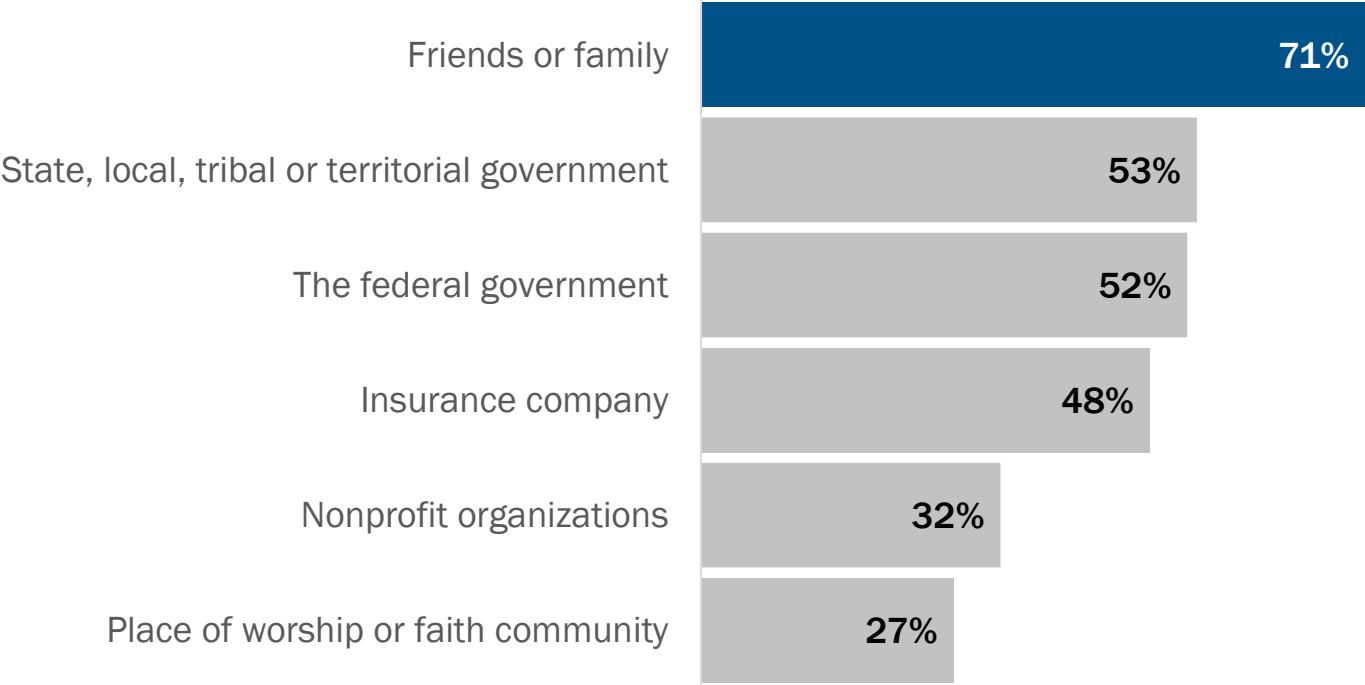
In the event of a disaster or emergency, how concerned are you about going without the following?



- 67% of respondents were either “very” or “extremely” concerned about going without water.
- More than half (54%) of respondents were not at all concerned or were only slightly or somewhat concerned about hazardous material management and transportation.

Disaster Support Expectations

In the event of a disaster or emergency, who would you expect support from? (Select all that apply)



Top Support Expected From the Government

- Food and water (67%)
- Short-term sheltering assistance (56%)
- First aid services (54%)

Top Support Expected From Non-Government Organizations

- Food and water (66%)
- First aid services (47%)
- Short-term sheltering assistance (46%)
- Help with debris clean up (46%)



Self-Sufficiency

*How long could you live in your home without ...
Running water? Power (in warm temperatures)?
Power (in cold temperatures)?*

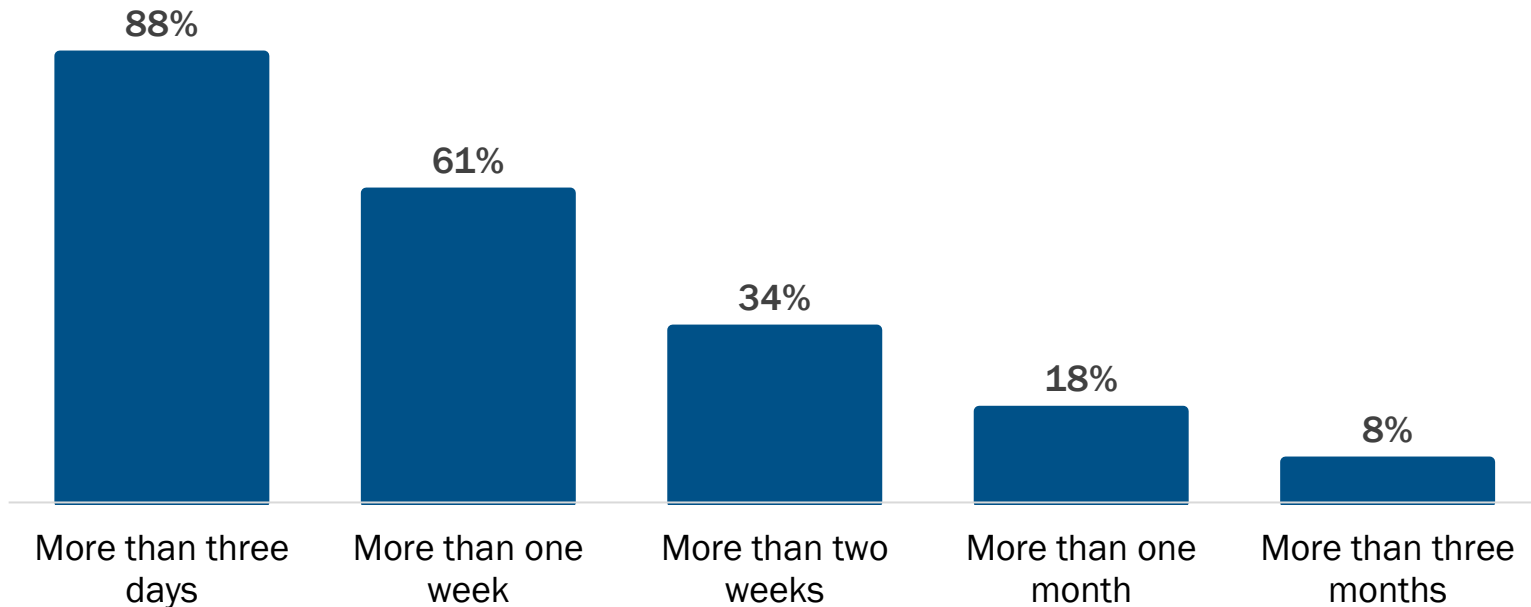
Utility	More than three days	More than one week	More than two weeks	More than one month	More than three months
Running water	61%	34%	17%	9%	6%
Power in cold temps	59%	40%	24%	15%	9%
Power in warm temps	63%	43%	26%	16%	11%

- More than half of respondents reported that they could live in their home for more than three days without running water and power (in both cold and warm temperatures).
- As the time periods increased, fewer respondents indicated that they could live in their home without these utilities.

Self-Sufficiency

69% of respondents had assembled supplies to use in the event of an emergency.

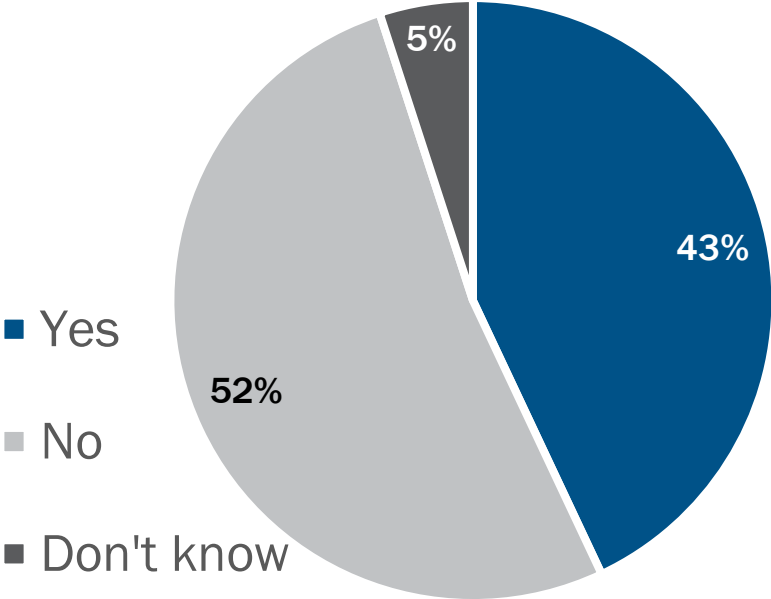
How long will your emergency supplies last before you run out?



- 88% of respondents who had assembled supplies reported that their supplies could last for more than three days.
- That number drops sharply as the time period increases, with only 34% of respondents reporting their supplies could last for more than two weeks. Even fewer respondents reported their supplies could last for longer periods.

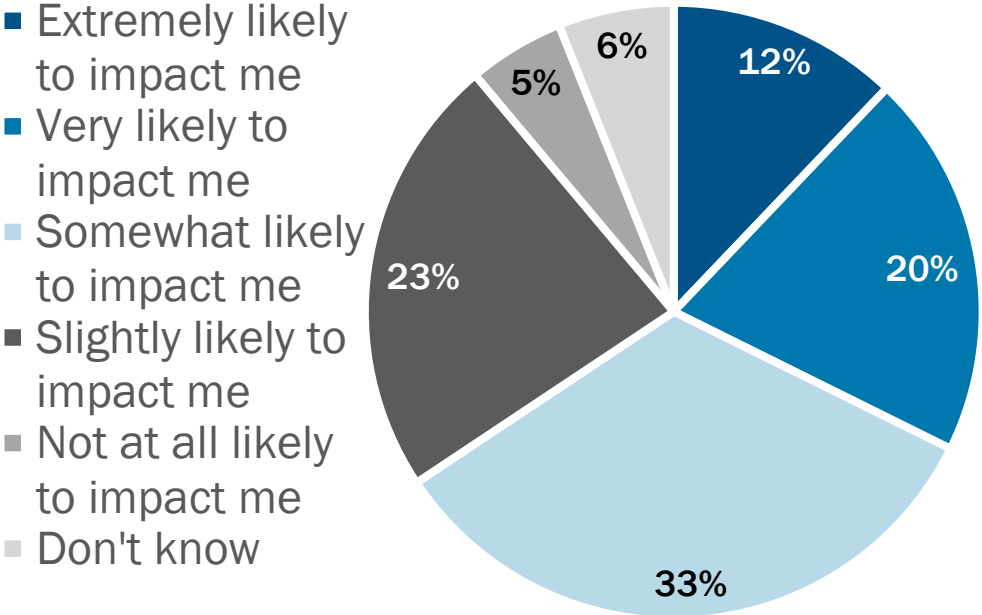
Disaster Experience and Risk Perception

Have you or your family ever experienced the impacts of a disaster?



43% of respondents said that they or their family had experienced the impacts of a disaster.

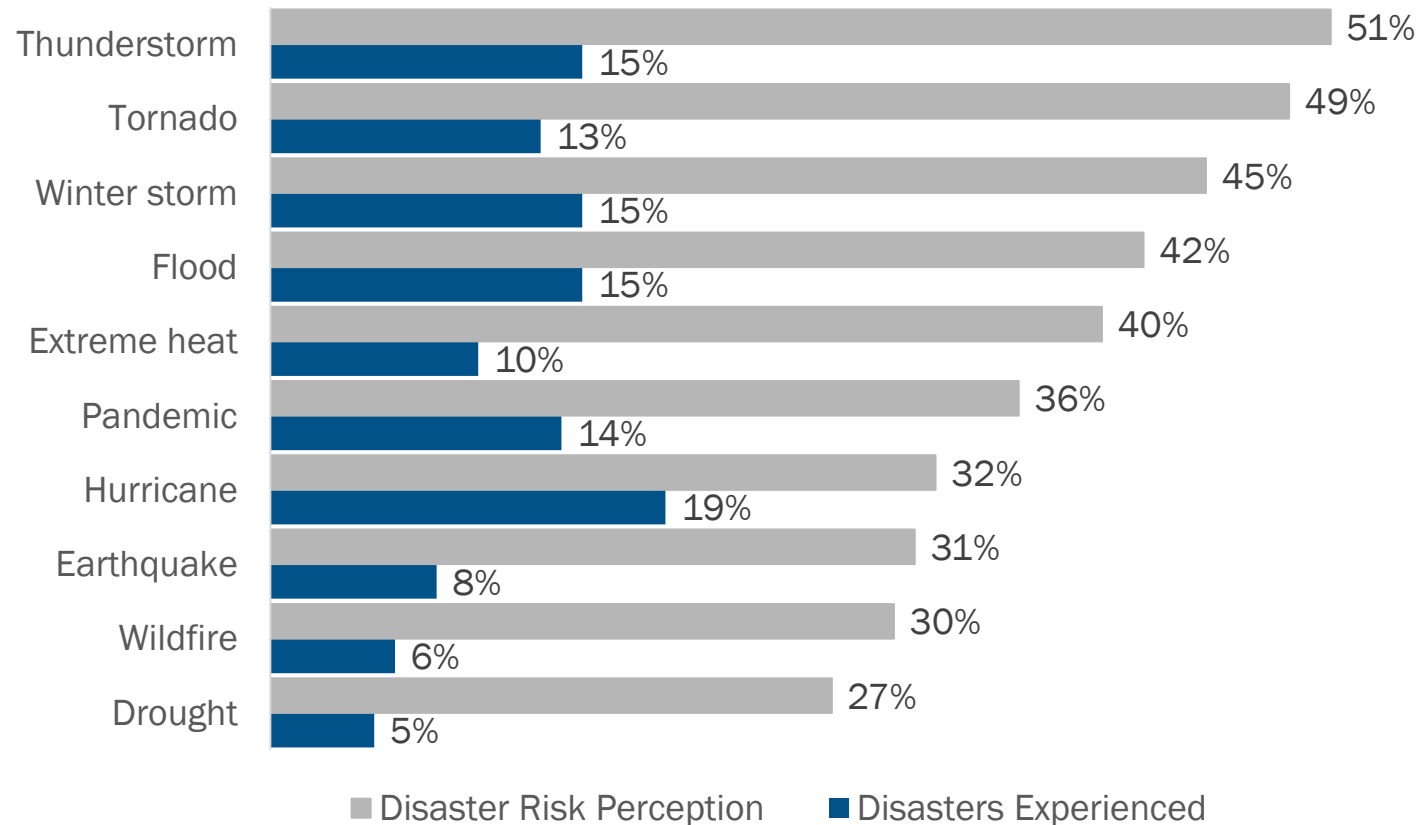
Based on where you live, how likely would it be for a disaster to impact you?



32% of respondents said that it was “very” or “extremely” likely for a disaster to impact them.

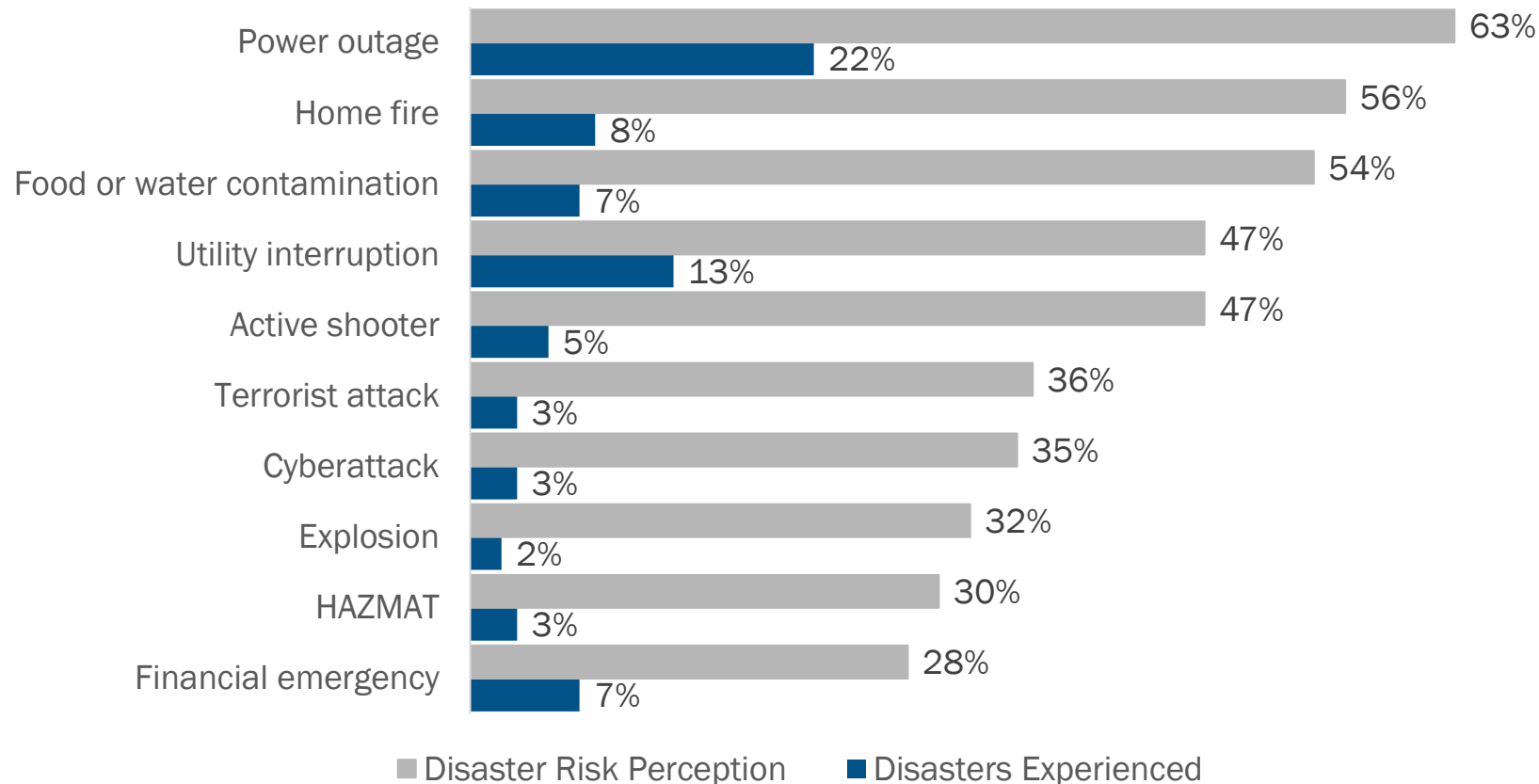


Natural Disaster Risk Perception and Experience



- About half of respondents reported that thunderstorms (51%), tornados (49%) and winter storms (45%) would have a big impact where they live (disaster risk perception).
- In general, respondents who experienced a specific disaster also thought that disaster would have the largest negative effect.

Human-Caused Disaster Risk Perception and Experience



- More than half of respondents reported that a power outage (63%), home fire (56%), or food or water contamination (54%) would have a big impact where they live (disaster risk perception).
- In general, respondents who experienced a specific human-caused disaster also thought that disaster would have the largest negative effect.

Preparedness Efficacy

Preparedness Efficacy is the extent to which someone:

- feels confident in their ability to prepare, **AND**
- believes that taking action would help them get through a disaster

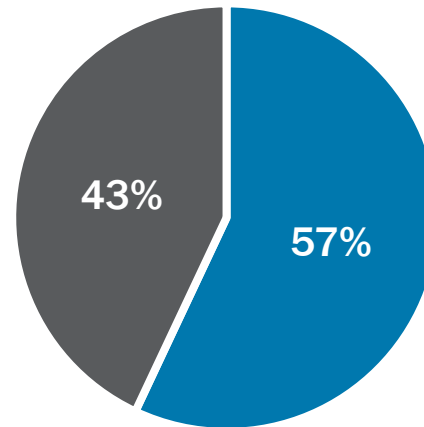
32% had HIGH preparedness efficacy

- “Very or “extremely” confident in ability and believe taking action to prepare would help “quite a bit” or “a great deal.”

68% had LOW preparedness efficacy:

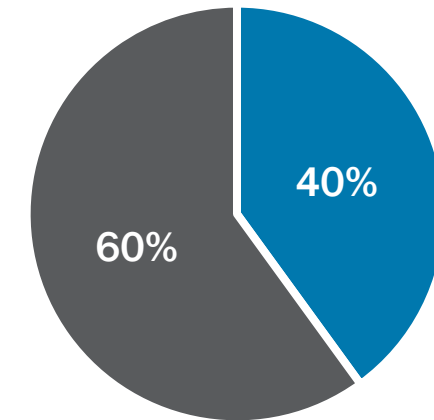
- “Not at all,” “slightly” or “somewhat” confident in ability or believe taking action would help “not at all,” “a little” or “somewhat.”

How confident are you that you can take action to prepare for a disaster in your area?



- Not at all, slightly, or somewhat confident
- Very or extremely confident

How much would taking action to prepare help you get through a disaster in your area?



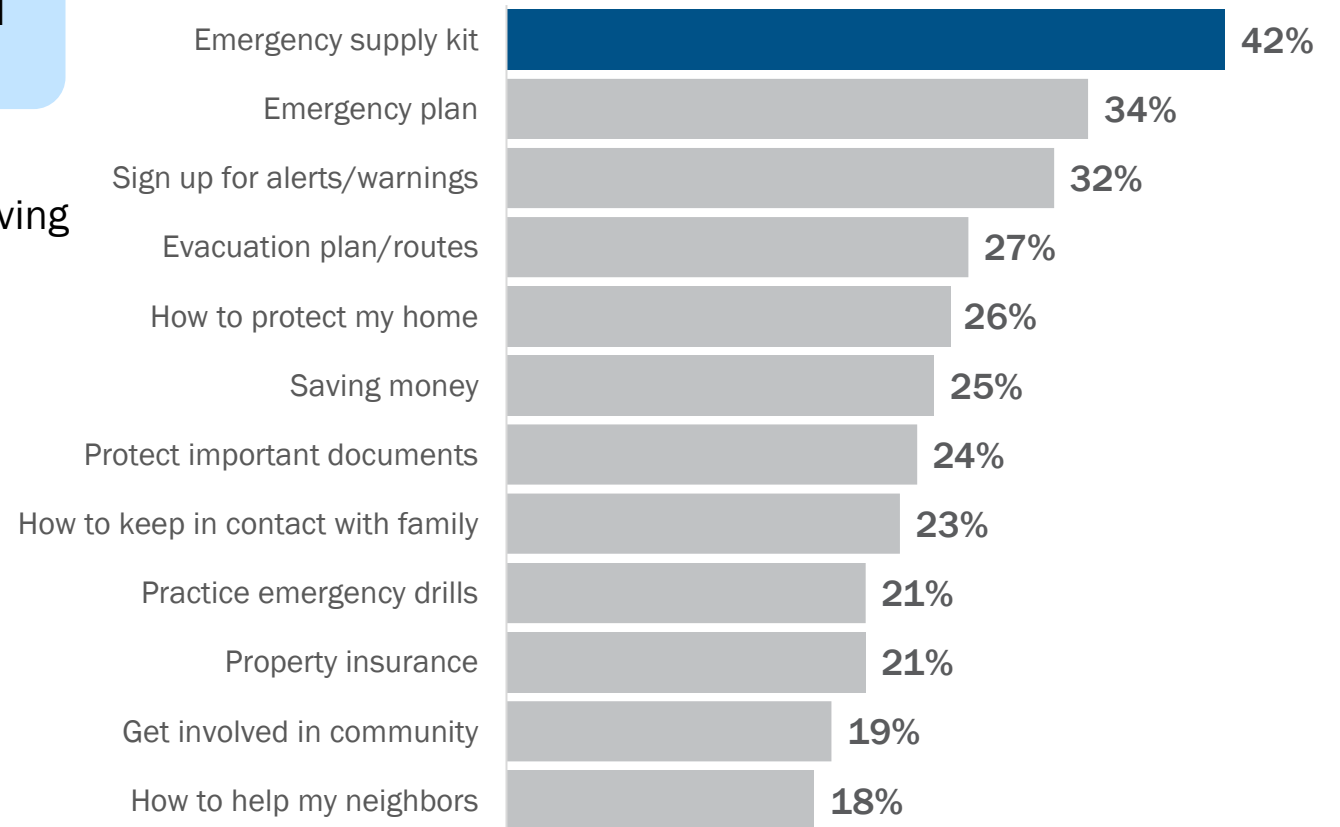
- It would help not at all, a little, or somewhat
- It would help a great deal or quite a bit

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Awareness of Preparedness Information

78% of respondents had read, seen or heard at least some information about how to get better prepared for a disaster in the last year.

- The most-reported topics respondents reported receiving information about:
 - Emergency supply kits (42%)
 - Emergency plans (34%)
 - Alerts and warnings (32%)
- Very few respondents reported receiving information about:
 - Getting involved in the community (19%)
 - Helping neighbors during a disaster (18%)



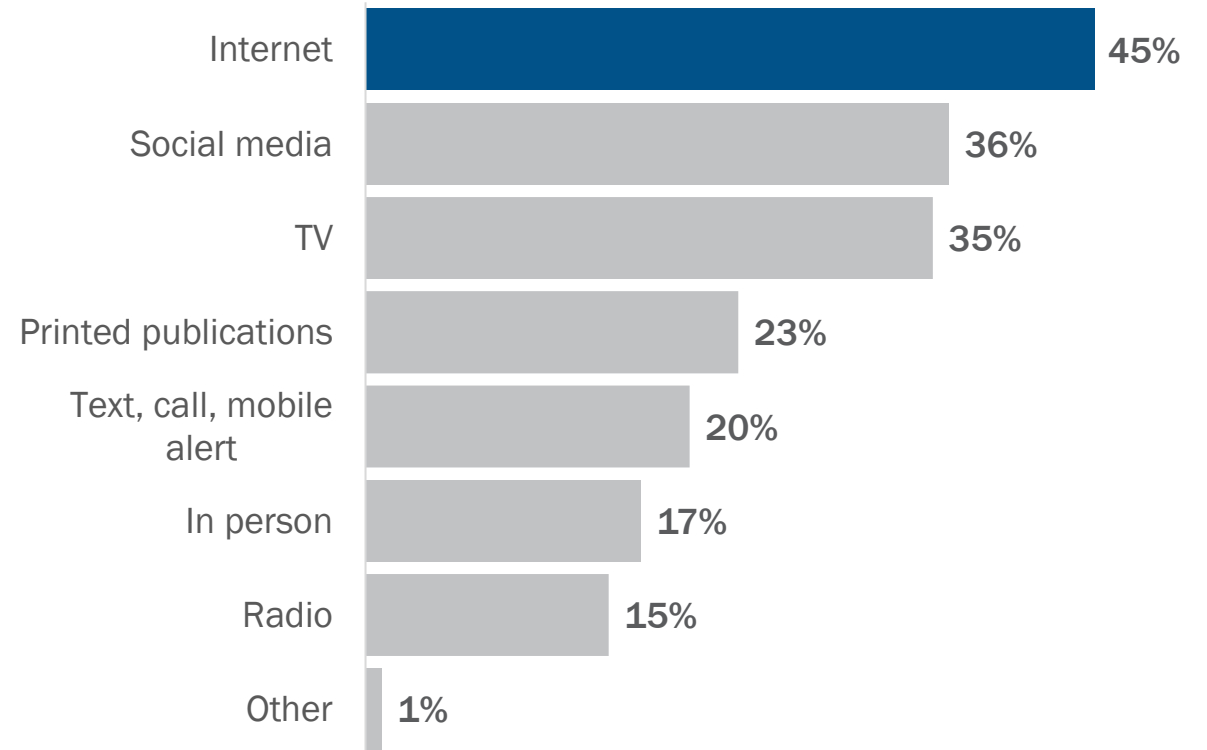
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Sources of Preparedness Information

Respondents generally received information about disaster preparedness **online** or on **television**.

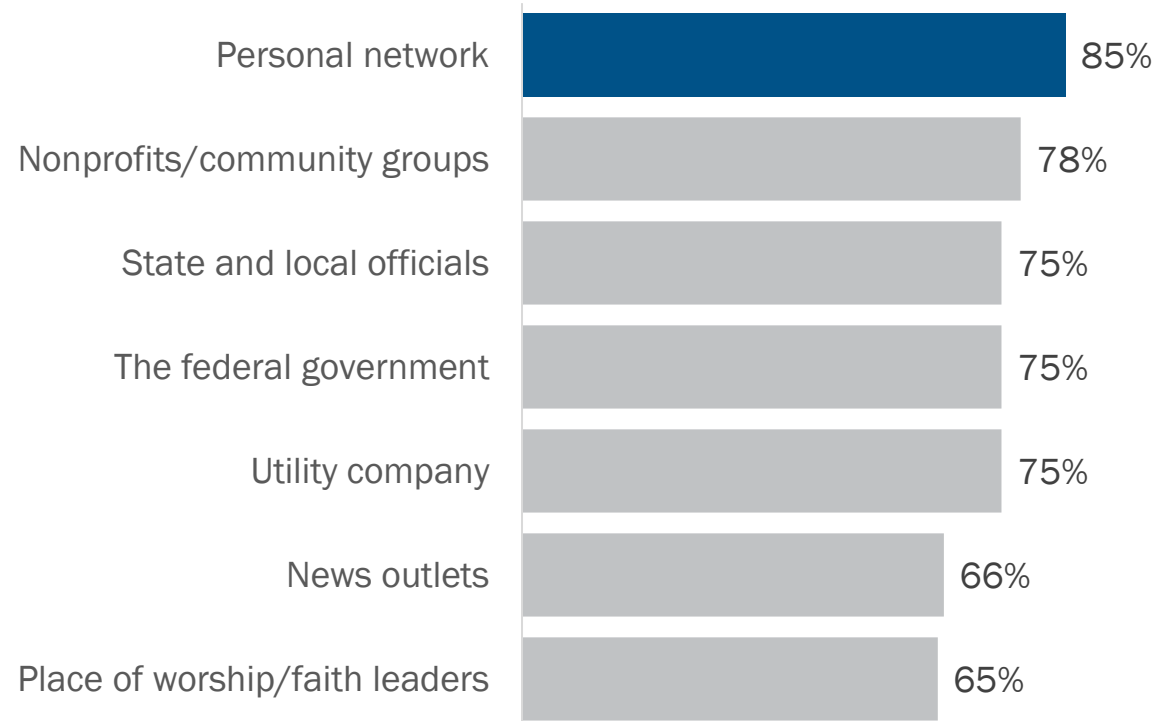
- The media sources through which respondents most frequently reported receiving information were:
 - Internet (45%)
 - Social media (36%)
 - TV (35%)
- Few respondents reported receiving information through:
 - In person (17%)
 - Radio (15%)

How did you get the information that you read, saw, or heard about how to get better prepared for a disaster?



Trusted Sources and Preparedness Information Needs

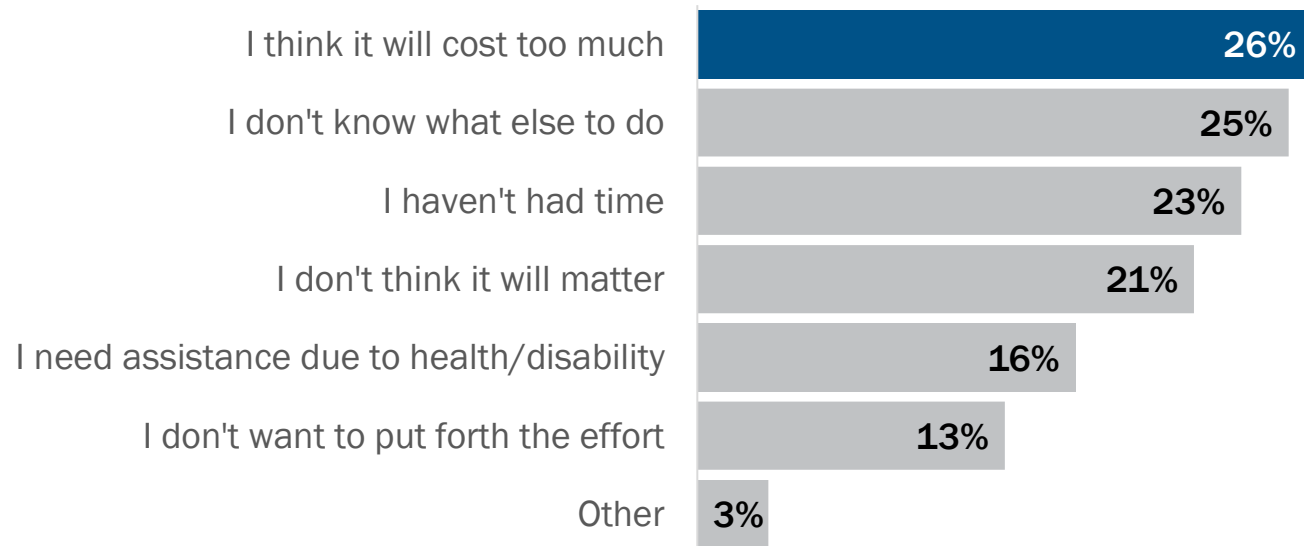
Do you trust the following sources to provide you with disaster preparedness information and guidance?



- More than half of people said the following information would help them become better prepared:
 - Where to shelter safely (**57%**)
 - What basic supplies to set aside (**56%**)
 - Evacuation plan for the area (**53%**)

Challenges to Disaster Preparedness

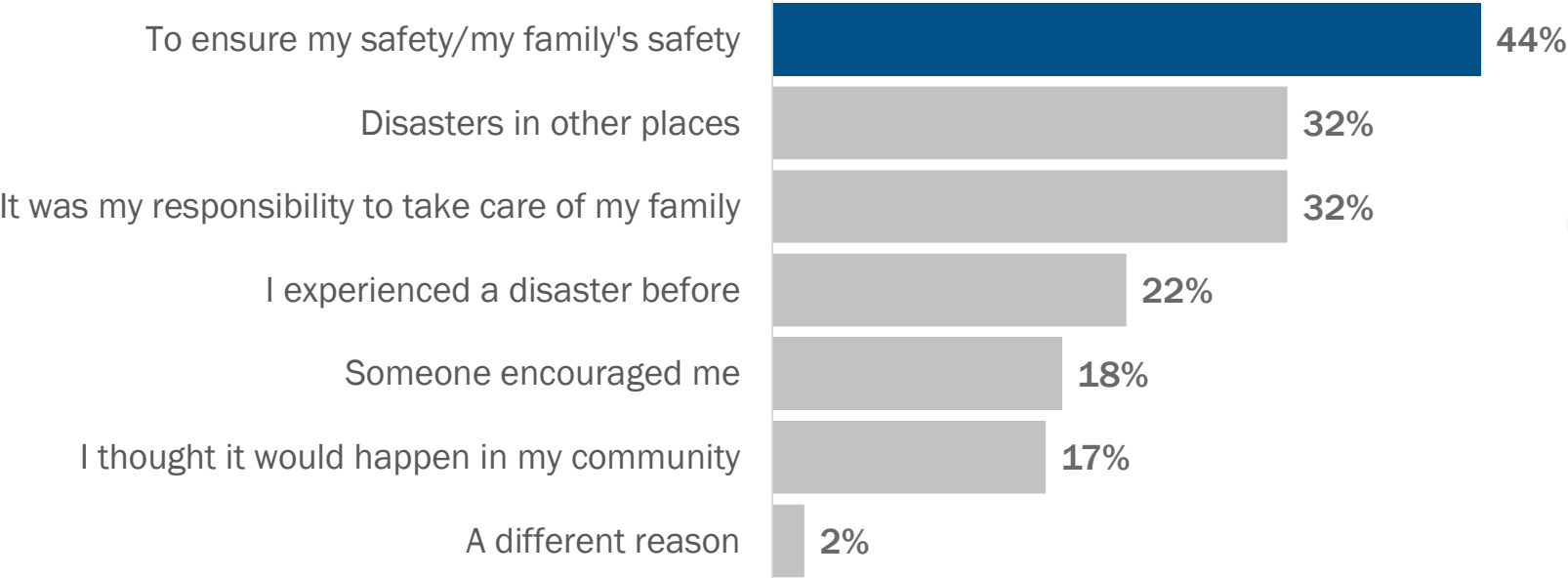
What challenges have kept you from taking additional actions to prepare for a disaster or emergency?



- The most selected challenge to taking actions to prepare for a disaster or emergency was **thinking that it would cost too much** (26%).
- The second most selected challenge to taking actions was that respondents **did not know what else to do** (25%).
- Twenty-three percent (23%) of respondents reported that **they haven't had time** to prepare.

Motivational Factors for Disaster Preparedness

What motivated you to prepare for a disaster or emergency?

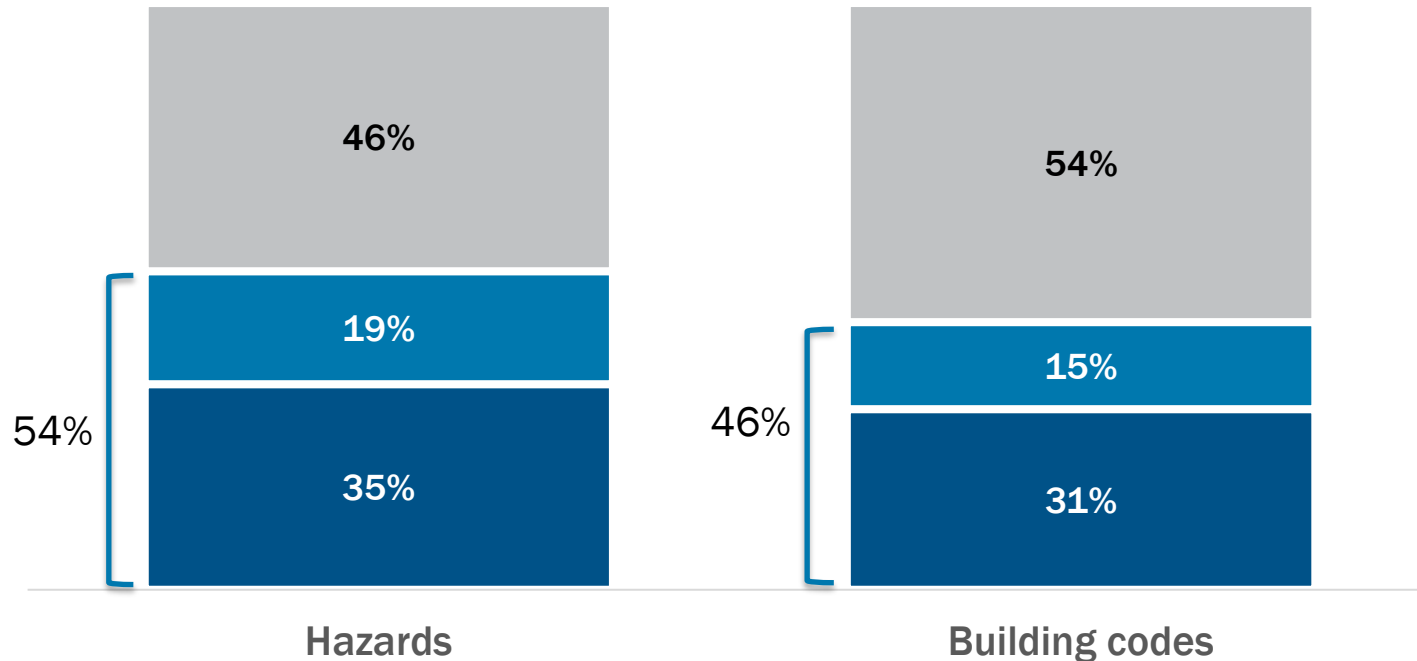


- **Ensuring individual and family safety** was the most common motivation for disaster preparation.
- In a follow-up question, respondents identified **ensuring safety** (33%) or **taking care of their family** (22%) as their top motivations.



Risk Perception and Decision Making – Relocation

Of the 17% of respondents who moved within the past year, **approximately one in three** considered hazards or building codes.



- Did not consider impact on relocation decision
- Considered impact, and impact did not affect relocation decision
- Considered impact, and impact did affect relocation decision

- 54% percent considered the impact of **hazards** on relocation decision.
 - 35% percent reported that hazards affected relocation decision.
- 46% percent considered the impact of **building codes** on relocation decision.
 - 31% percent reported that building codes affected relocation decision.

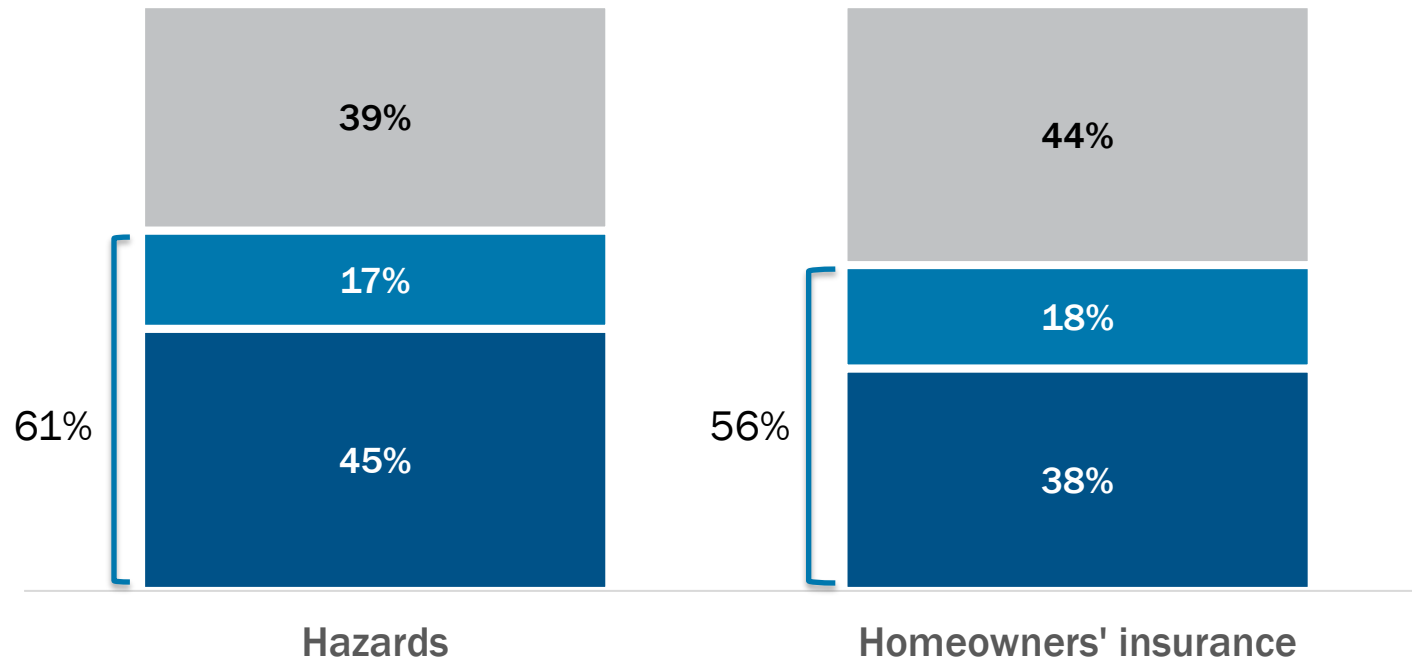
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Risk Perception and Decision Making – Home Remodeling

Of the 26% of respondents who remodeled their home within the past year, **approximately four in 10** considered hazards or homeowners' insurance discounts.



- Did not consider impact on remodeling decisions
- Considered impact, and impact did not affect remodeling decisions
- Considered impact, and impact did affect remodeling decisions

- 61% considered the impact of hazards on remodeling decisions.
 - 45% reported that **hazards** affected remodeling decisions.
- 56% considered the impact of potential homeowners' insurance discounts on remodeling decisions.
 - 38% reported that potential **homeowners' insurance discounts** affected remodeling decisions.

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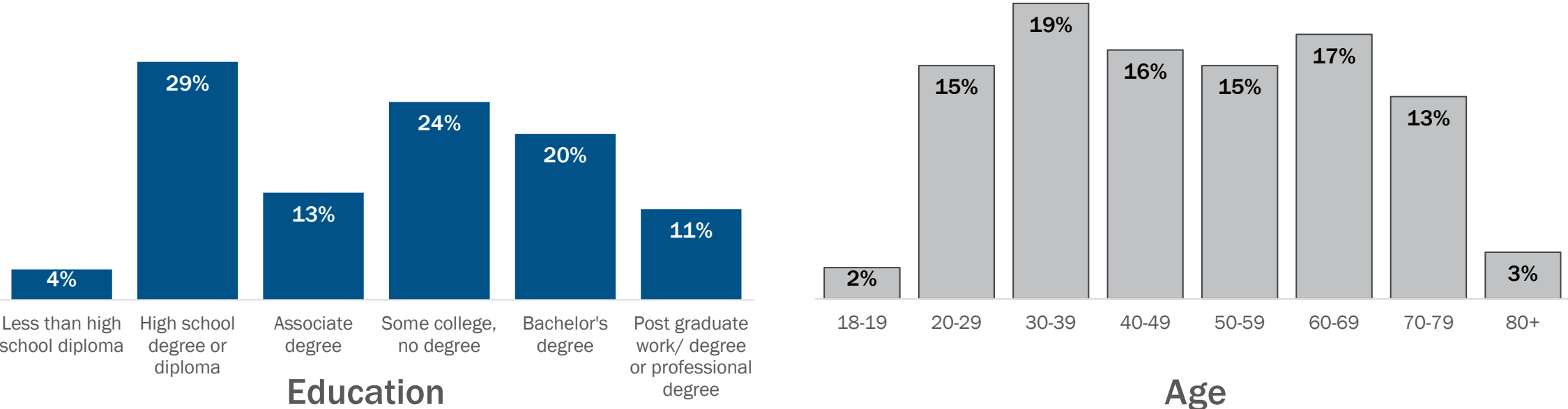
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Appendix: Results by Key Subgroups

Composition of Sample

Total Sample: 7,525

- 47% Male, 52% Female
- 67% White, 15% Black or African American, 3% Asian, 6% American Indian or Alaska Native, 2% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 5% Two or more races, 4% Other

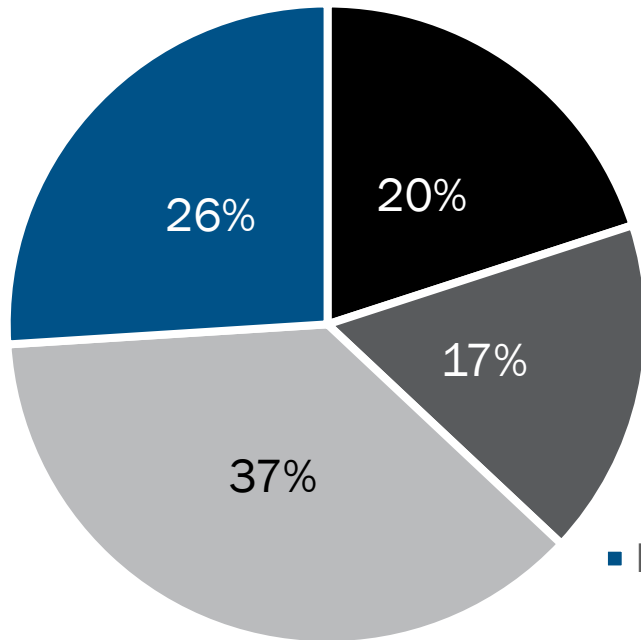


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The sex data provided is derived from gender (or non-sex) data collected in the past.
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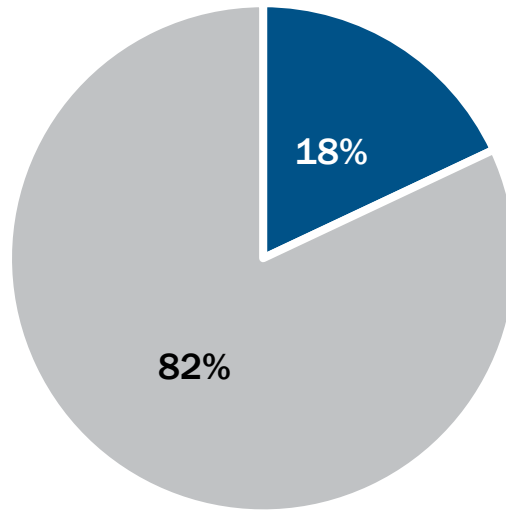
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Census Region



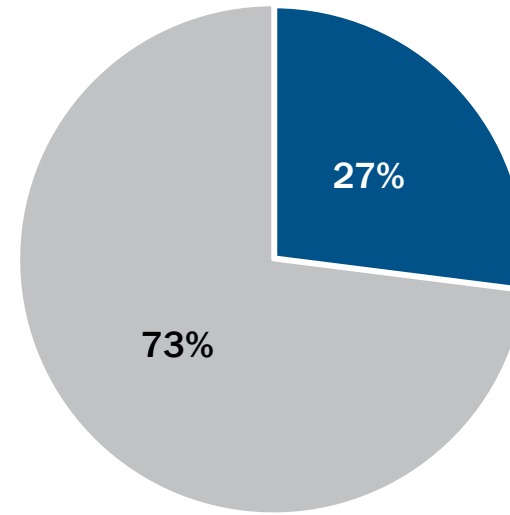
- Midwest
- Northeast
- South
- West

Ethnicity



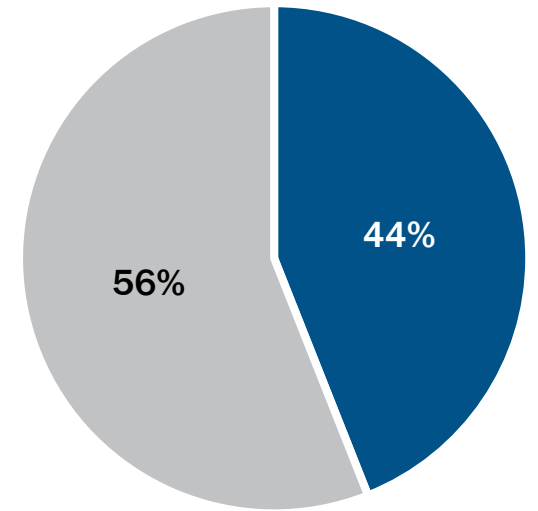
- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Disability or Health Condition



- Yes
- No

Homeownership Status



- Own
- Rent

- Results by ethnicity presented on slide 38.
- Results by disability or health conditions presented on slides 34-36.
- Results by homeownership status presented on slides 43-45.



Preparedness Actions

Lower or No Cost

- Have an emergency plan.
- Participated in emergency drills
- Safeguarded important documents
- Know the planned evacuation routes
- Signed up to receive emergency alerts
- Have a plan to contact family members
- Volunteered to help community prepare
- Have a plan to communicate with neighbors

Higher Cost

- Have money set aside for emergencies
- Have residential insurance
- Have emergency supplies set aside
- Made improvements to protect your home

Results by Age

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	18-59 Years Old	60+ Years Old
Awareness of Preparedness Information	81%	71%
Disaster Experience	49%	36%
Disaster Risk Perception	38%	25%
Preparedness Efficacy	34%	26%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	18-59 Years Old	60+ Years Old
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	13%	12%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	22%	13%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	27%	20%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	15%	14%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	22%	42%

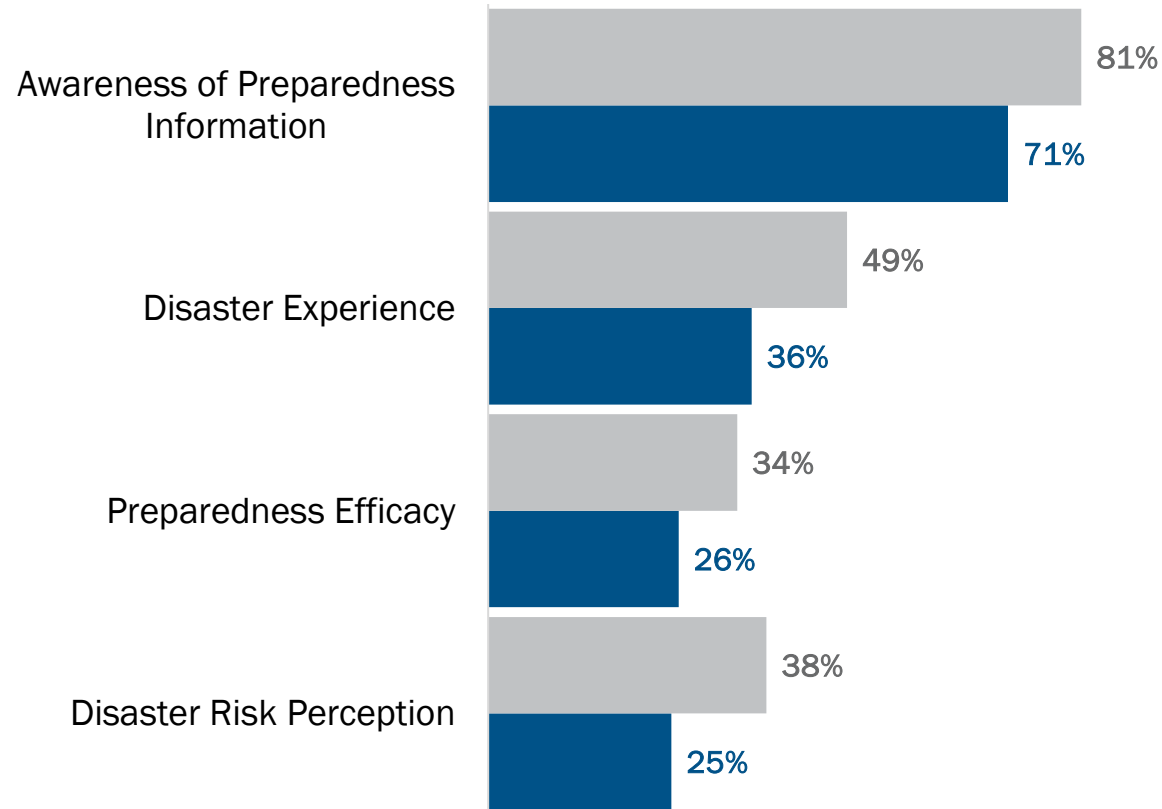
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Preparedness Action	18-59 Years Old	60+ Years Old
Participated in an emergency drill	27%	7%
Have emergency supplies set aside	67%	72%
Have homeowners or renters insurance	66%	88%
Safeguarded important documents	64%	73%
Have an emergency plan	58%	52%
Have money set aside for an emergency	58%	73%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	47%	38%
Know their evacuation routes	49%	39%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	61%	52%
Have a plan to contact family members	65%	57%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	69%	68%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	20%	4%



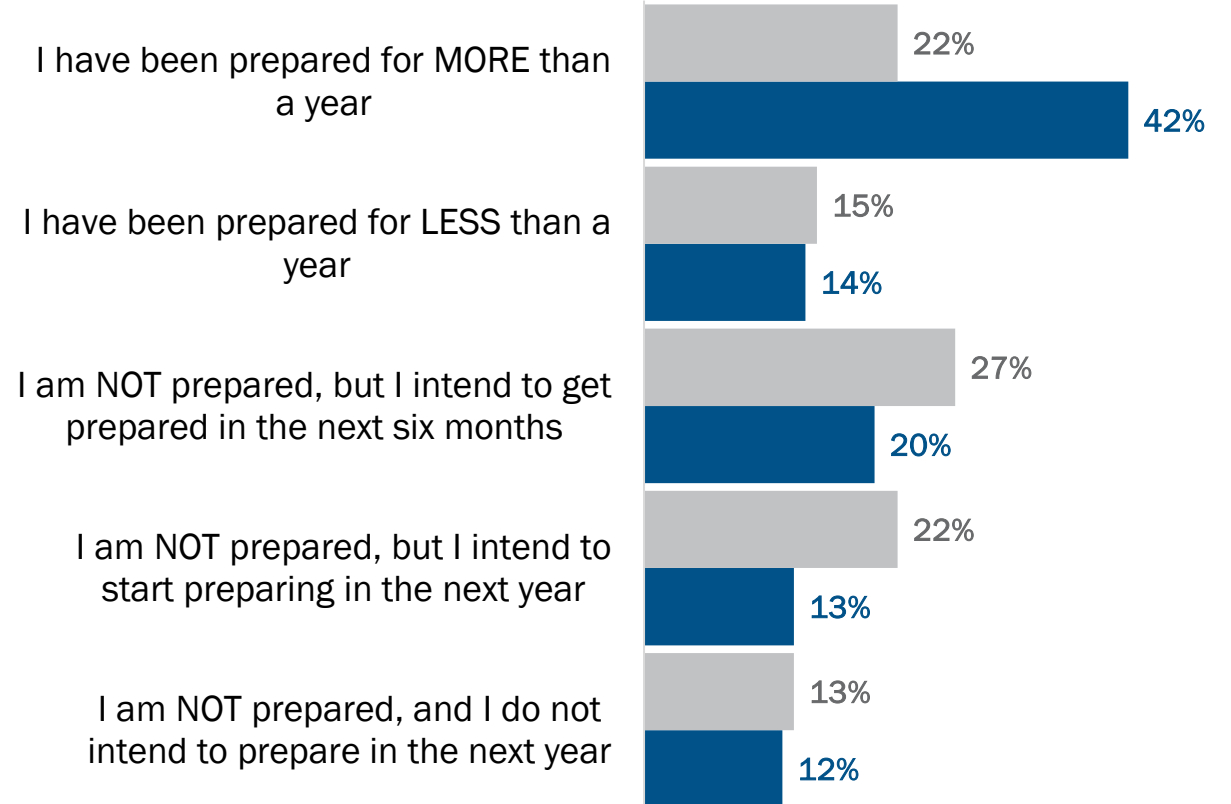
Perceived Preparedness and Factors that Influence Preparedness By Age

Factors that influence preparedness actions



Perceived disaster preparedness

■ 18-59 Years Old
■ 60+ Years Old

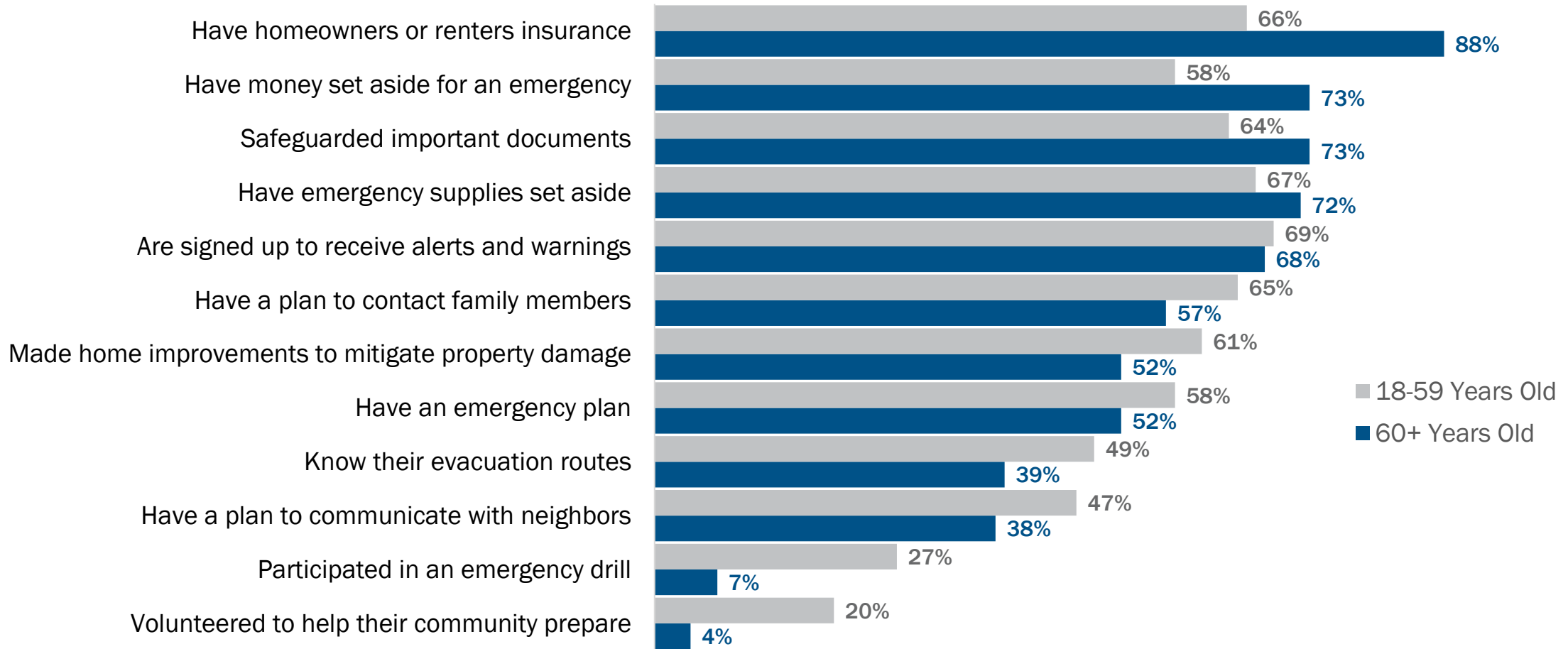


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Preparedness Actions by Age



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Results by Disability Status

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Disability	No Disability
Awareness of Preparedness Information	75%	79%
Disaster Experience	56%	43%
Disaster Risk Perception	39%	33%
Preparedness Efficacy	28%	32%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Disability	No Disability
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	17%	12%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	21%	20%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	24%	25%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	12%	15%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	27%	28%

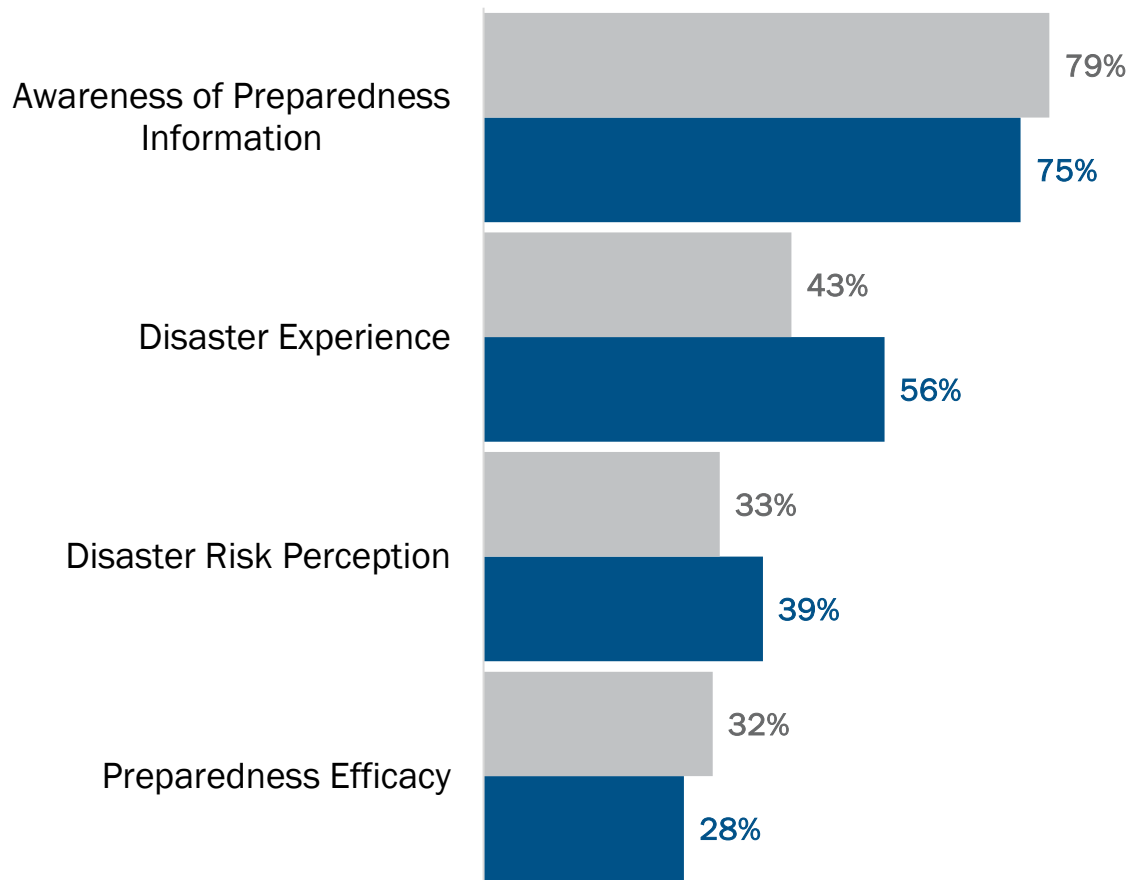
Preparedness Action	Disability	No Disability
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	70%	68%
Have emergency supplies set aside	68%	69%
Have homeowners or renters insurance	68%	73%
Have a plan to contact family members	63%	63%
Safeguarded important documents	62%	68%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	56%	59%
Have an emergency plan	55%	57%
Have money set aside for an emergency	50%	65%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	49%	43%
Know their evacuation routes	47%	46%
Participated in an emergency drill	28%	20%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	21%	14%

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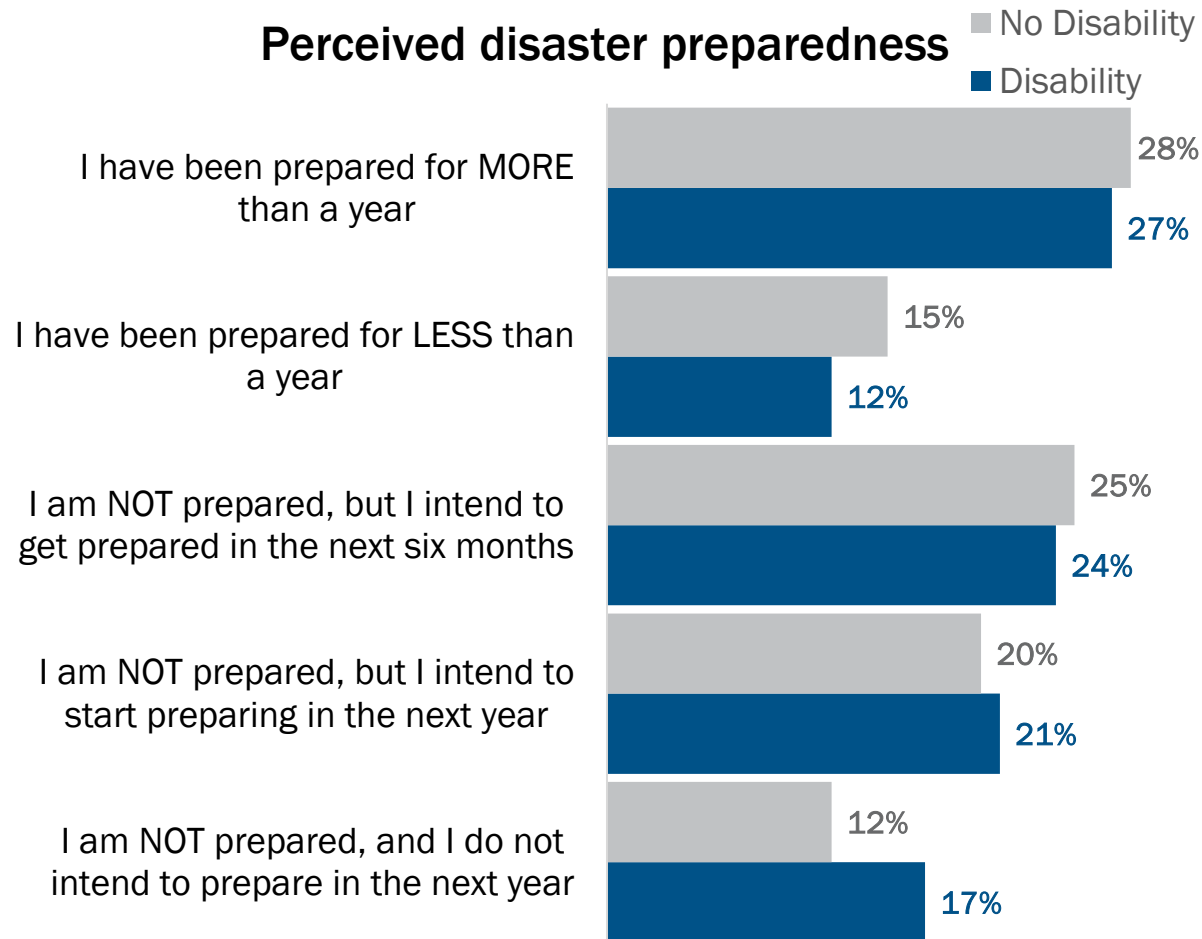


Perceived Preparedness and Factors that Influence Preparedness By Disability Status

Factors that influence preparedness actions



Perceived disaster preparedness

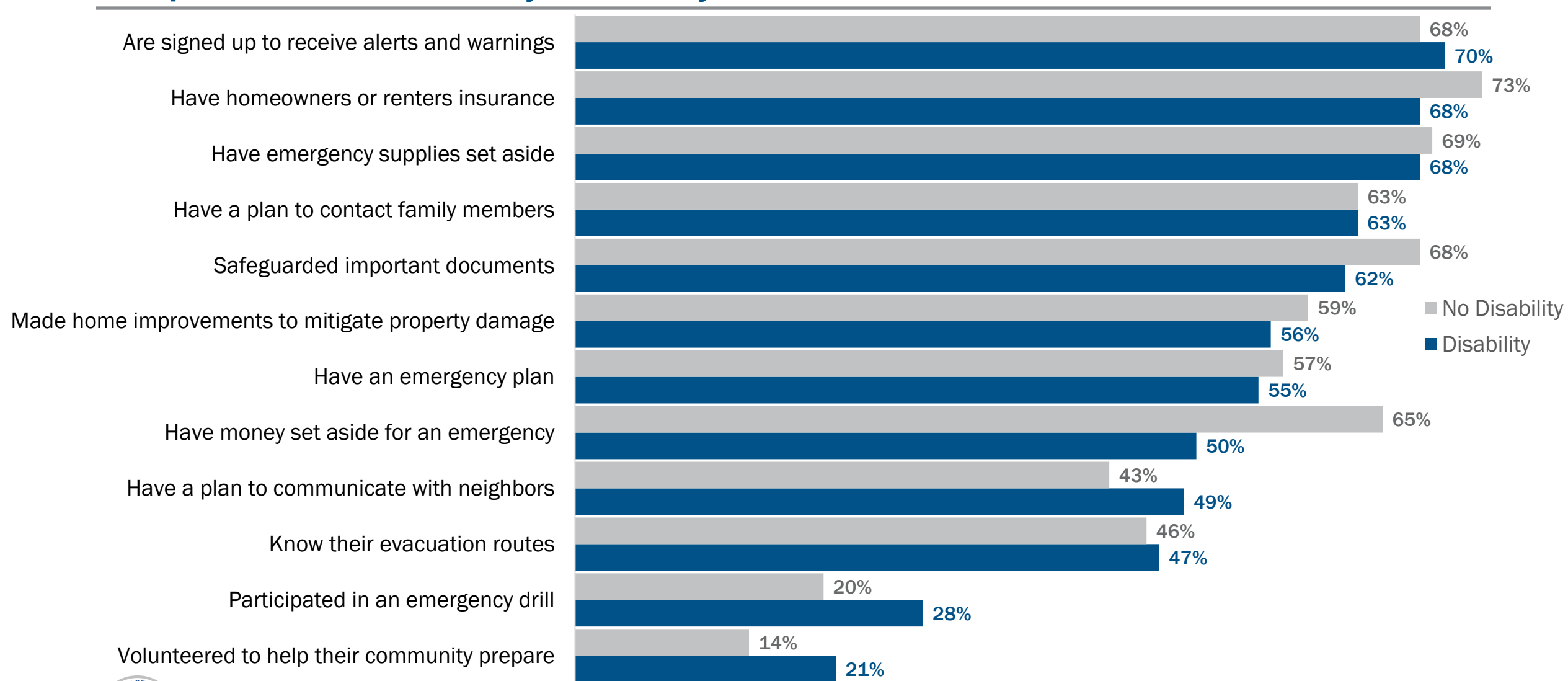


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Preparedness Actions by Disability Status



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Results by Education

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Has a Bachelor's Degree	Does Not Have a Bachelor's Degree
Awareness of Preparedness Information	83%	76%
Disaster Experience	47%	44%
Disaster Risk Perception	34%	34%
Preparedness Efficacy	33%	31%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Has a Bachelor's Degree	Does Not Have a Bachelor's Degree
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	11%	14%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	15%	22%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	22%	26%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	16%	14%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	36%	24%

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Preparedness Action	Has a Bachelor's Degree	Does Not Have a Bachelor's Degree
Have homeowners or renters insurance	87%	65%
Have money set aside for an emergency	79%	54%
Safeguarded important documents	75%	63%
Have emergency supplies set aside	73%	66%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	72%	67%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	67%	54%
Have a plan to contact family members	62%	63%
Have an emergency plan	60%	55%
Know their evacuation routes	46%	46%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	44%	44%
Participated in an emergency drill	25%	19%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	20%	13%



Results by Ethnicity

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Hispanic, Latino or Spanish	Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
Awareness of Preparedness Information	87%	76%
Disaster Experience	51%	44%
Disaster Risk Perception	43%	32%
Preparedness Efficacy	37%	30%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Hispanic, Latino or Spanish	Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	10%	13%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	20%	20%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	29%	24%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	18%	14%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	23%	29%

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Preparedness Action	Hispanic, Latino or Spanish	Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
Have emergency supplies set aside	73%	68%
Have a plan to contact family members	68%	61%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	66%	69%
Safeguarded important documents	65%	67%
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Results by Geographic Location

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Midwest	Northeast	South	West	N/A
Awareness of Preparedness Information	75%	76%	80%	78%	92%
Disaster Experience	33%	42%	56%	38%	84%
Disaster Risk Perception	28%	31%	38%	33%	56%
Preparedness Efficacy	27%	32%	33%	31%	45%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Midwest	Northeast	South	West	N/A
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	17%	12%	12%	11%	5%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	25%	21%	17%	20%	7%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	22%	23%	25%	26%	30%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	12%	15%	16%	13%	32%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	24%	28%	29%	29%	27%

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Results by Geographic Location

Preparedness Action	Midwest	Northeast	South	West	N/A
Have homeowners or renters insurance	75%	75%	69%	76%	52%
Safeguarded important documents	68%	71%	67%	63%	64%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	67%	69%	71%	66%	74%
Have emergency supplies set aside	61%	69%	73%	68%	79%
Have money set aside for an emergency	60%	67%	61%	63%	69%
Have a plan to contact family members	60%	63%	67%	58%	62%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	54%	60%	61%	56%	72%
Have an emergency plan	52%	54%	63%	51%	72%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	40%	43%	51%	38%	49%
Know their evacuation routes	36%	46%	53%	43%	70%
Participated in an emergency drill	21%	18%	23%	20%	35%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	10%	14%	19%	15%	33%

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Results by Homeownership Status

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Own	Rent
Awareness of Preparedness Information	79%	76%
Disaster Experience	44%	46%
Disaster Risk Perception	32%	38%
Preparedness Efficacy	32%	31%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Own	Rent
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	11%	16%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	17%	27%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	23%	28%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	16%	13%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	33%	16%

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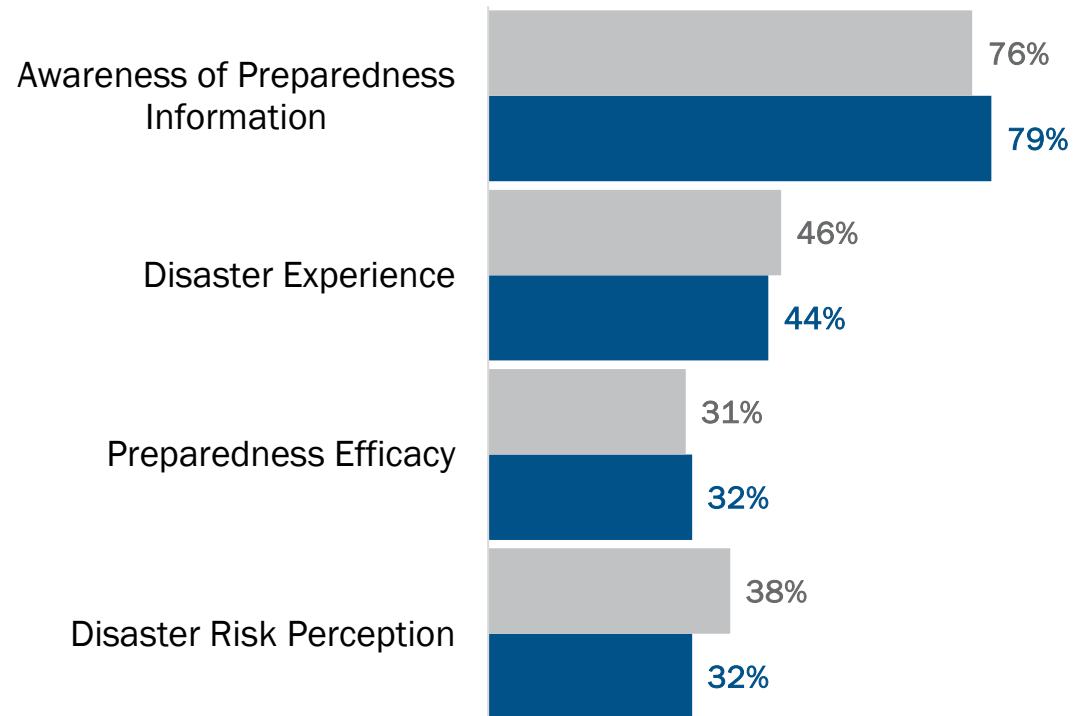
Preparedness Action	Own	Rent
Have a plan to contact family members	63%	62%
Have homeowners or renters insurance	87%	43%
Have emergency supplies set aside	73%	60%
Safeguarded important documents	73%	53%
Have money set aside for an emergency	72%	43%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	66%	43%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	71%	64%
Have an emergency plan	59%	50%
Know their evacuation routes	47%	44%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	45%	42%
Participated in an emergency drill	21%	21%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	16%	14%



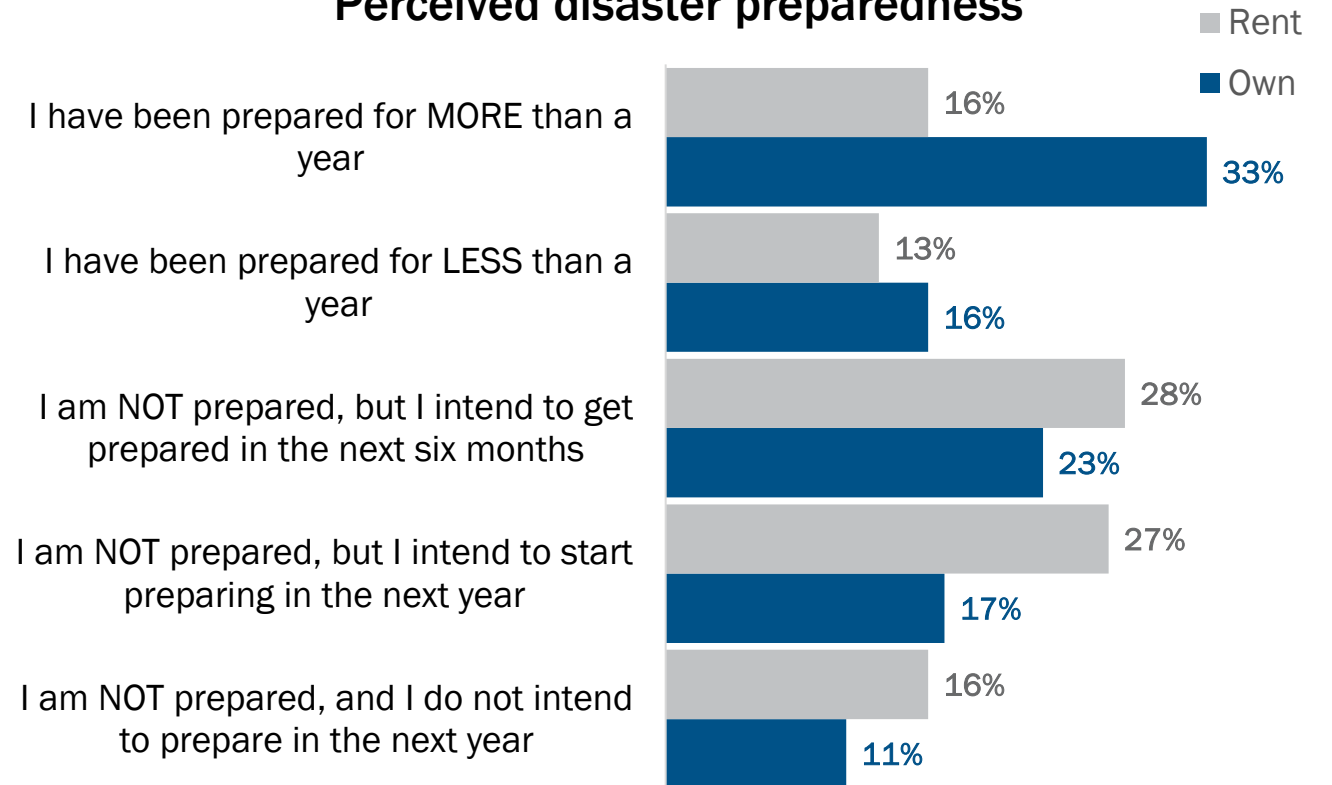
Perceived Preparedness and Factors that Influence Preparedness

By Homeownership Status

Factors that influence preparedness actions



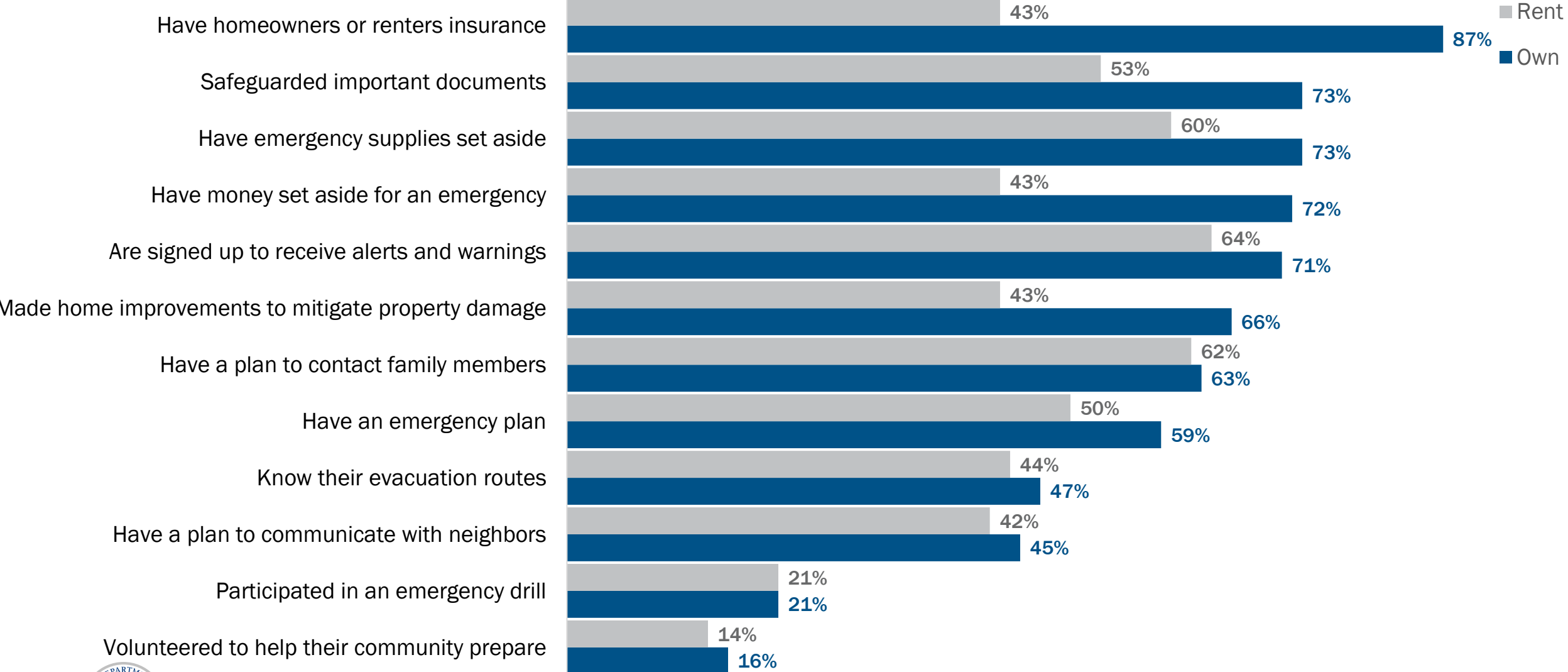
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Preparedness Actions by Homeownership Status



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Results by Religious Identity

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Not a Member of an Organized Religion or Spiritual Practice	A Member of an Organized Religion or Spiritual Practice
Awareness of Preparedness Information	77%	81%
Disaster Experience	42%	50%
Disaster Risk Perception	34%	34%
Preparedness Efficacy	31%	34%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Not a Member of an Organized Religion or Spiritual Practice	A Member of an Organized Religion or Spiritual Practice
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	13%	12%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	21%	17%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	25%	24%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	15%	15%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	26%	32%

Preparedness Action	Not a Member of an Organized Religion or Spiritual Practice	A Member of an Organized Religion or Spiritual Practice
Have homeowners or renters insurance	69%	81%
Have emergency supplies set aside	66%	73%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	66%	74%
Safeguarded important documents	63%	73%
Have a plan to contact family members	59%	68%
Have money set aside for an emergency	58%	70%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	54%	65%
Have an emergency plan	53%	63%
Know their evacuation routes	44%	49%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	41%	49%
Participated in an emergency drill	19%	24%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	13%	20%



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Results by Race

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Two or More Races	Other
Awareness of Preparedness Information	88%	79%	84%	97%	77%	75%	80%
Preparedness Efficacy	37%	12%	41%	63%	30%	33%	39%
Disaster Experience	53%	40%	53%	39%	42%	58%	44%
Disaster Risk Perception	34%	33%	46%	56%	31%	30%	48%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Two or More Races	Other
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	13%	16%	12%	6%	13%	12%	13%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	19%	19%	23%	14%	19%	24%	20%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	22%	29%	26%	13%	23%	27%	29%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	16%	15%	15%	40%	15%	14%	12%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	30%	21%	24%	26%	30%	22%	25%

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Perceived Disaster Preparedness by Race

Thinking about preparing yourself for a disaster, which of the following best represents your degree of preparedness?

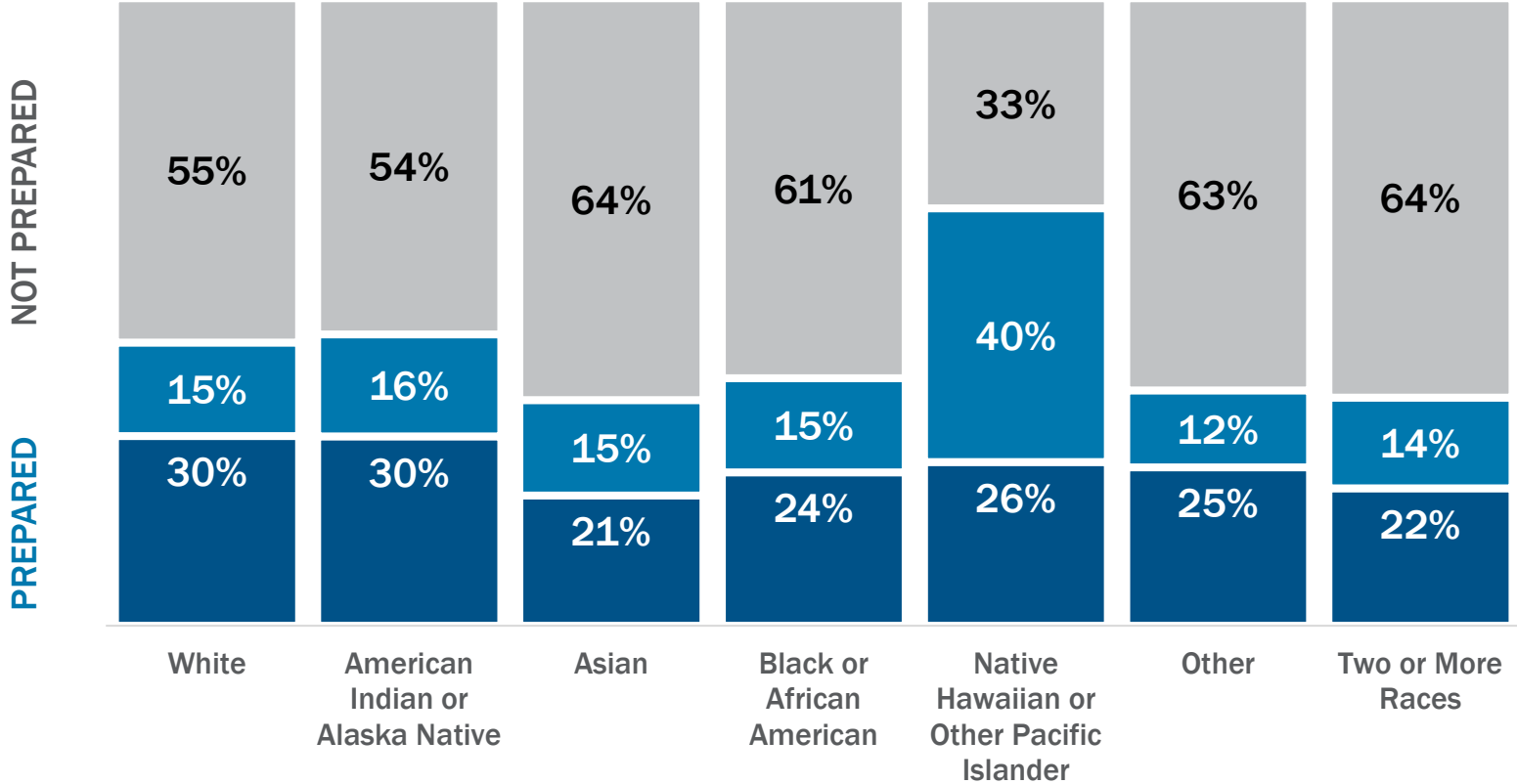
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year.

I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year.

I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months.

I have been prepared for LESS than a year.

I have been prepared for MORE than a year.



Results by Race

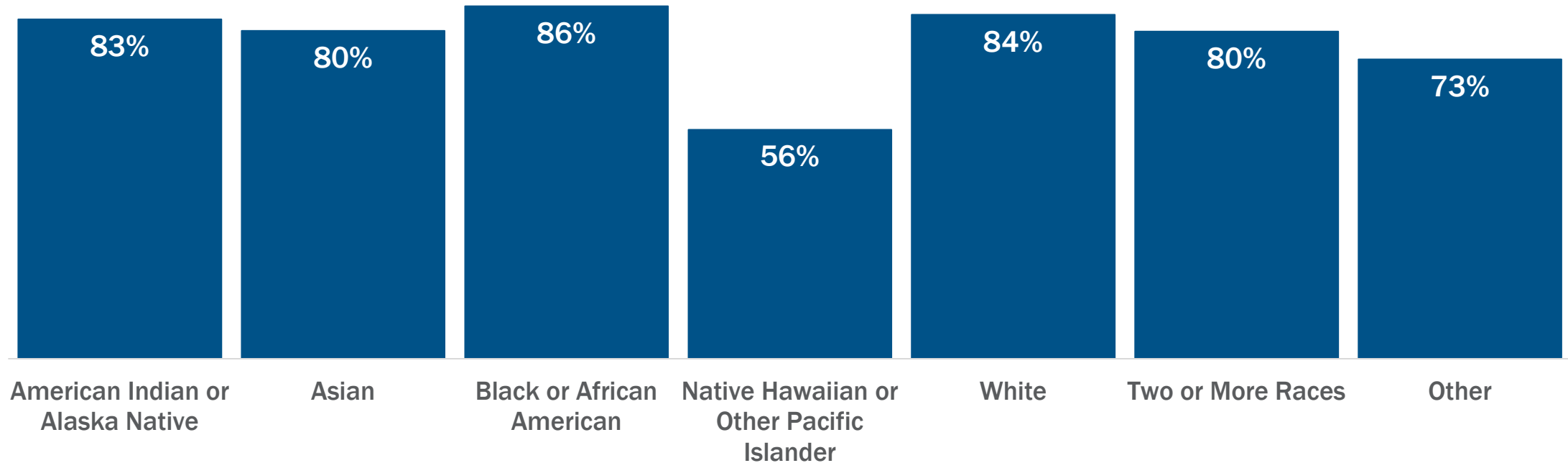
Preparedness Action	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Two or More Races	Other
Have emergency supplies set aside	73%	68%	75%	53%	68%	65%	69%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	68%	60%	69%	49%	70%	68%	63%
Have a plan to contact family members	66%	59%	75%	52%	61%	57%	67%
Safeguarded important documents	65%	66%	68%	44%	68%	60%	59%
Have an emergency plan	64%	51%	68%	46%	55%	54%	54%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	63%	56%	65%	76%	58%	55%	55%
Have homeowners or renters insurance	59%	78%	63%	40%	77%	67%	53%
Know their evacuation routes	59%	40%	57%	46%	45%	43%	46%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	53%	37%	56%	37%	44%	37%	45%
Have money set aside for an emergency	52%	72%	60%	39%	65%	48%	56%
Participated in an emergency drill	33%	25%	33%	18%	19%	20%	20%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	28%	12%	27%	14%	13%	19%	14%

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Taking Action to Prepare for Disasters by Race

The Percentage of Respondents Who Reported Taking at Least Three Preparedness Actions



Results by Rurality

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Rural	Urban
Awareness of Preparedness Information	74%	78%
Disaster Experience	41%	45%
Disaster Risk Perception	31%	34%
Preparedness Efficacy	27%	32%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Rural	Urban
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	15%	13%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	21%	20%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	23%	25%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	14%	14%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	28%	28%

Preparedness Action	Rural	Urban
Have emergency supplies set aside	68%	69%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	68%	68%
Have homeowners or renters insurance	67%	74%
Safeguarded important documents	65%	67%
Have a plan to contact family members	59%	63%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	57%	58%
Have an emergency plan	56%	57%
Have money set aside for an emergency	55%	63%
Know their evacuation routes	43%	46%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	43%	44%
Participated in an emergency drill	18%	22%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	15%	16%

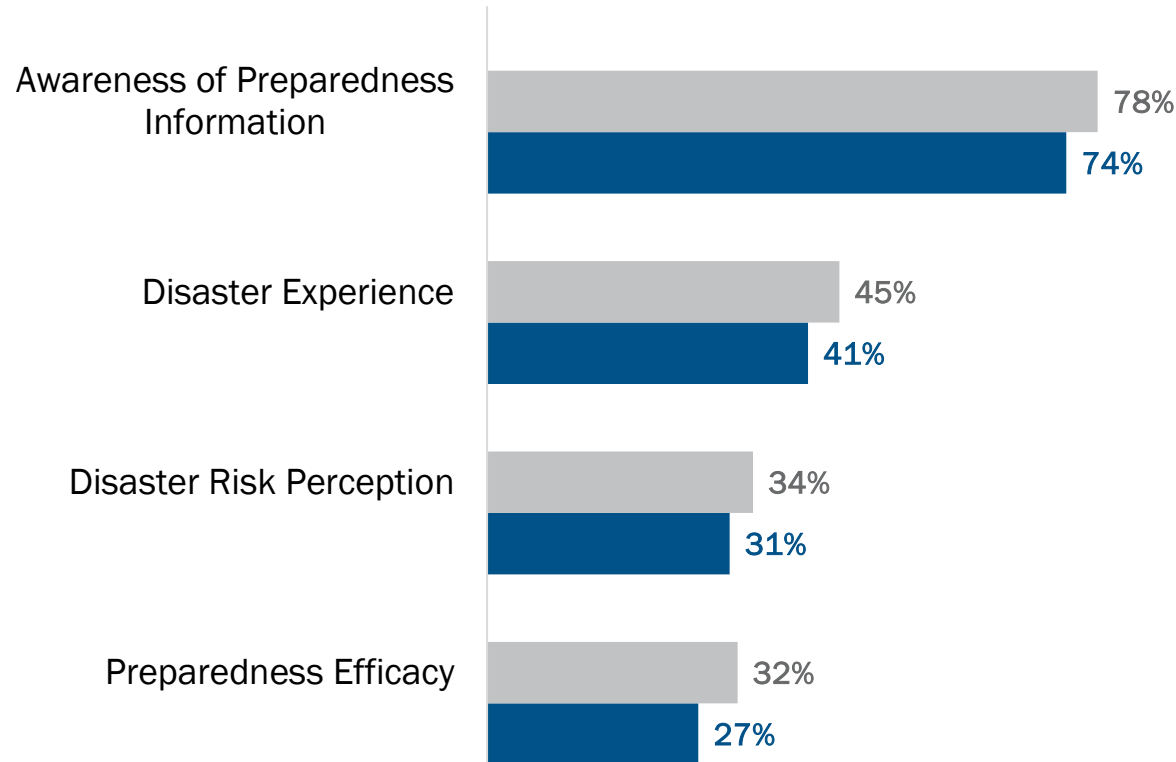
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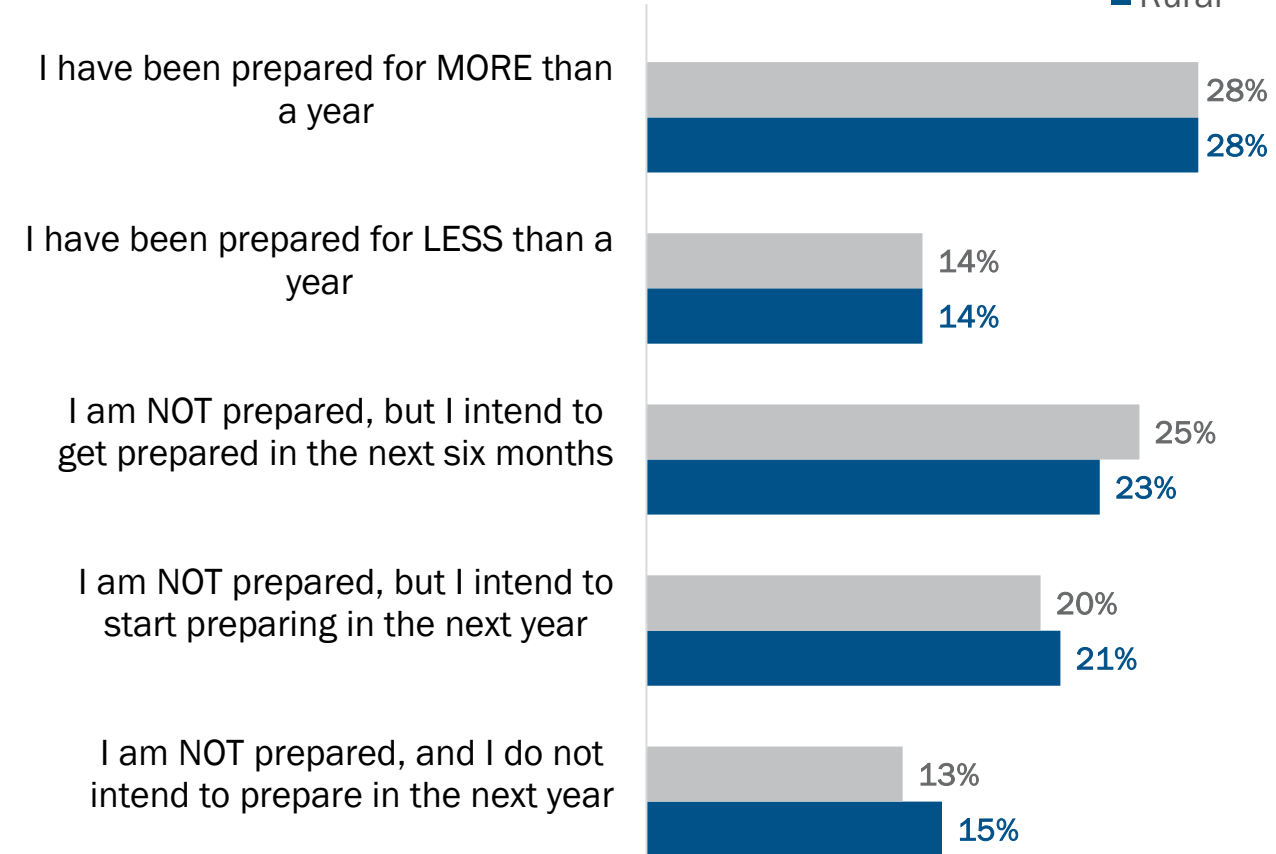
Perceived Preparedness and Factors that Influence Preparedness

By Rurality

Factors that influence preparedness actions

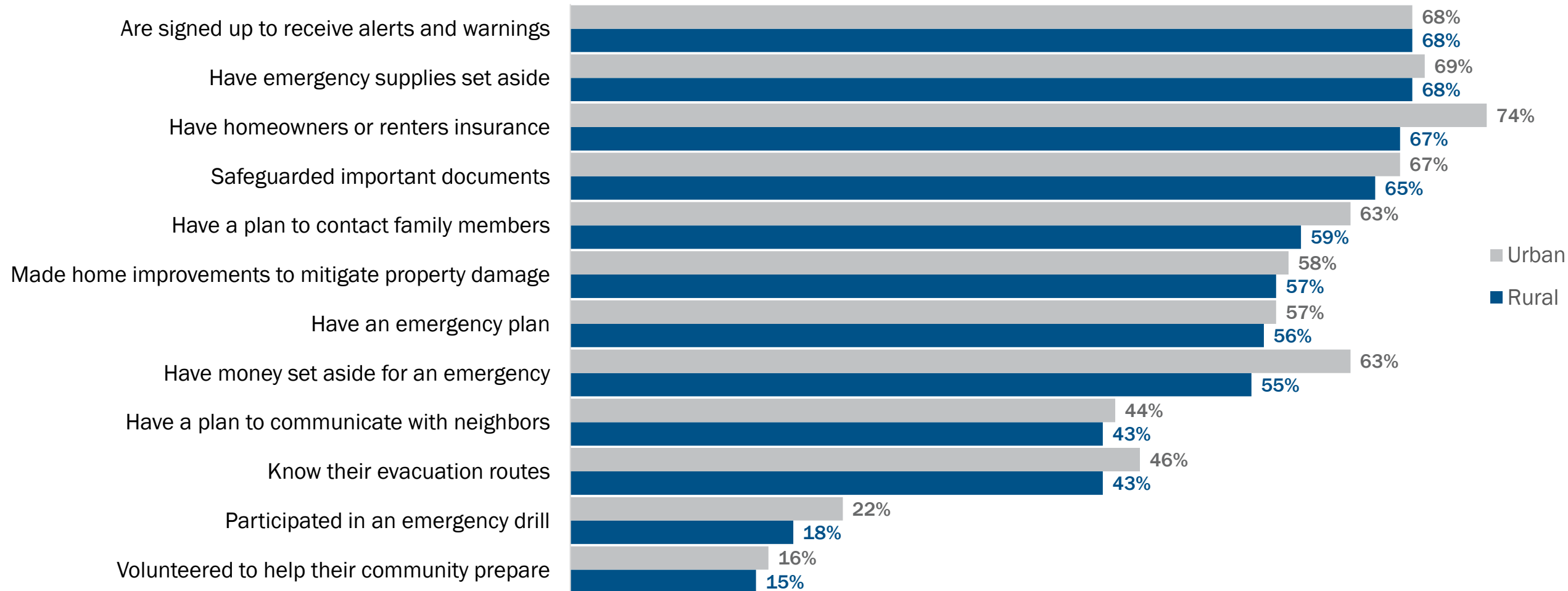


Perceived disaster preparedness



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Preparedness Actions by Rurality



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Results by Sex

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Female	Male
Awareness of Preparedness Information	76%	80%
Disaster Experience	43%	46%
Disaster Risk Perception	34%	34%
Preparedness Efficacy	31%	32%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Female	Male
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	12%	14%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	23%	17%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	27%	23%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	14%	15%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	25%	31%

Preparedness Action	Female	Male
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	69%	68%
Have homeowners or renters insurance	69%	76%
Have emergency supplies set aside	64%	73%
Safeguarded important documents	62%	72%
Have a plan to contact family members	59%	67%
Have money set aside for an emergency	57%	68%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	54%	62%
Have an emergency plan	52%	61%
Know their evacuation routes	40%	52%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	40%	48%
Participated in an emergency drill	17%	25%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	12%	19%

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The sex data provided is derived from gender (or non-sex) data that was collected in the past. FEMA acknowledges that there are limitations with this data and there may be a margin of error.



Results by Socioeconomic Status

Factors that Influence Preparedness Actions	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Not Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
Awareness of Preparedness Information	74%	80%
Disaster Experience	46%	45%
Disaster Risk Perception	39%	33%
Preparedness Efficacy	30%	32%

Perceived Disaster Preparedness	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Not Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	18%	11%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the next year	25%	19%
I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the next six months	27%	24%
I have been prepared for LESS than a year	12%	16%
I have been prepared for MORE than a year	17%	30%

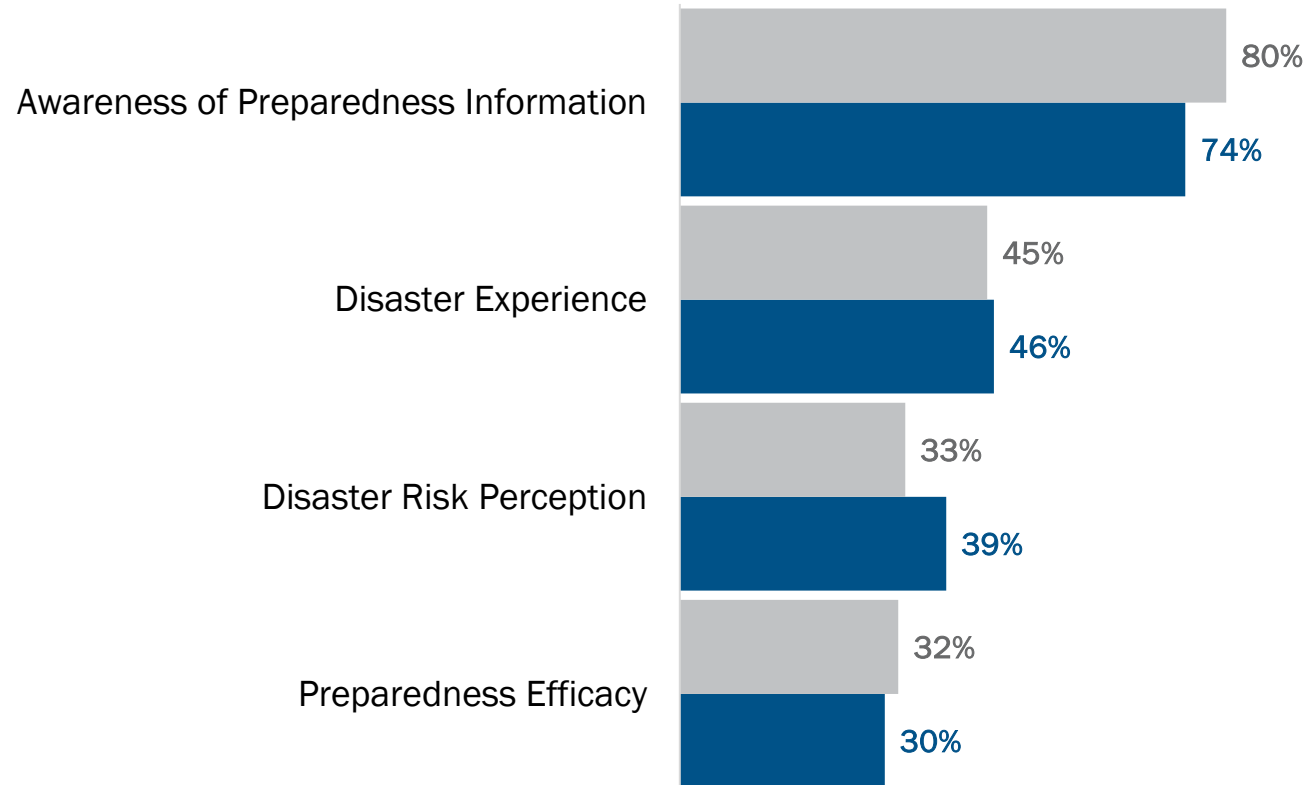
Preparedness Action	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Not Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
Have a plan to contact family members	61%	63%
Are signed up to receive alerts and warnings	60%	71%
Have emergency supplies set aside	58%	71%
Safeguarded important documents	52%	71%
Have an emergency plan	48%	59%
Made home improvements to mitigate property damage	46%	62%
Have a plan to communicate with neighbors	44%	45%
Know their evacuation routes	43%	47%
Have homeowners or renters insurance	39%	82%
Have money set aside for an emergency	35%	70%
Participated in an emergency drill	19%	22%
Volunteered to help their community prepare	13%	16%



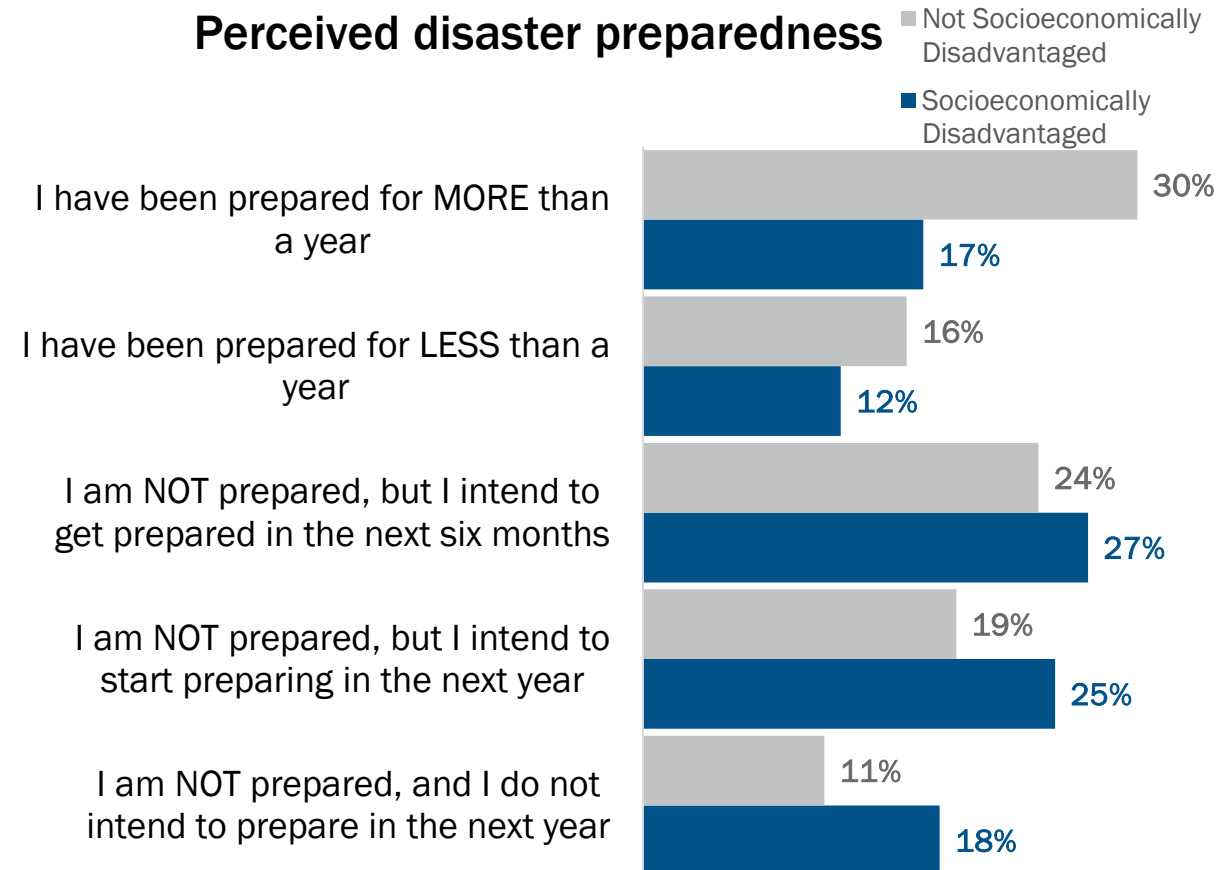
Perceived Preparedness and Factors that Influence Preparedness

By Socioeconomic Status

Factors that influence preparedness actions



Perceived disaster preparedness

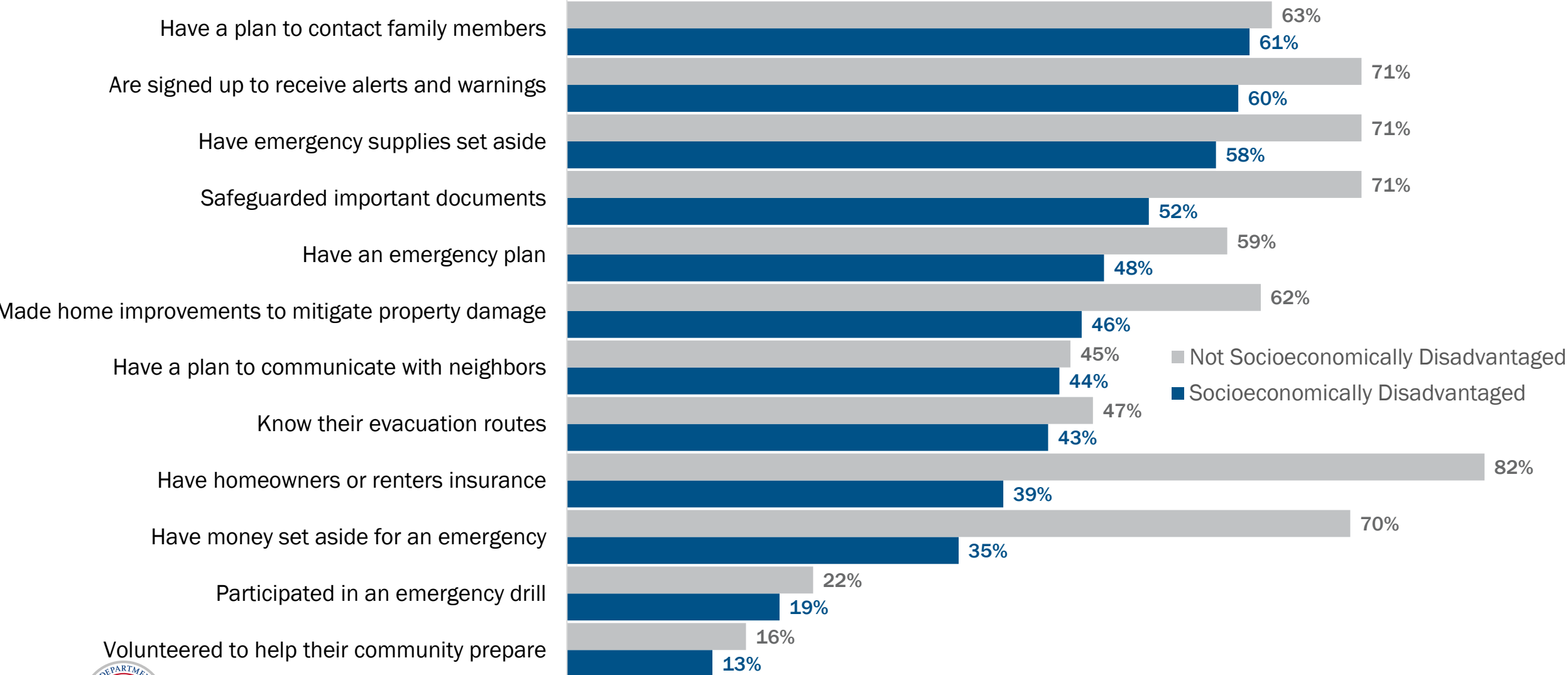


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Preparedness Actions by Socioeconomic Status



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