Results from YouGov Disaster Preparedness Survey

Survey administered: May 5th-8th

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Survey Instrument

Background

• In advance of hurricane and tornado season, Healthcare Ready conducted the second annual poll of 1,184 Americans designed to assess the American population’s greatest concerns regarding disasters, preparedness actions they take, and entities that they look towards for disaster preparedness and emergency response.

Methodology

• Survey conducted using an online interview administered to members of the YouGov panel of 1.2 million individuals who have agreed to take part in surveys
• Total sample for this survey was 1,184 randomly selected adults
• Fieldwork was undertaken between 5th-8th of May 2017
• All figures have been weighted and are representative of all U.S. adults
Census distribution

- New England: 6%
- Middle Atlantic: 17%
- East North Central: 14%
- West North Central: 6%
- South Atlantic: 21%
- East South Central: 6%
- West South Central: 8%
- Mountain: 8%
- Pacific: 14%
Most concerning disaster

Which ONE, if any, of the following types of disaster are you MOST concerned will affect your community?

- Natural disaster: 32%
- Terrorist attack: 14%
- An outbreak of a commonly occurring disease: 6%
- Catastrophic cyber-attack: 6%
- An outbreak of an exotic disease: 6%
- Environmental disaster: 5%
- Another type of disaster: 3%
- Don't know: 7%
- I'm not concerned about any disaster affecting my community: 21%
Which ONE, if any, of the following types of disaster are you MOST concerned will affect your community?

- I'm not concerned about any disaster affecting my community
- Don't know
- Another type of disaster
- Catastrophic cyber-attack
- An outbreak of a commonly occurring disease
- An outbreak of an exotic disease
- Natural disaster
- Environmental disaster
- Terrorist attack

2017:

- I'm not concerned about any disaster affecting my community: 15%
- Don't know: 5%
- Another type of disaster: 5%
- Catastrophic cyber-attack: 5%
- An outbreak of a commonly occurring disease: 5%
- An outbreak of an exotic disease: 5%
- Natural disaster: 30%
- Environmental disaster: 10%
- Terrorist attack: 15%

2016: 0%
If you had to evacuate your home with no medications or medical supplies, would you know what prescriptions you take, the doctor who prescribed them, and the dose?

- I don't take any prescription medicine
- Don't know
- I could not list any of this information
- I could list some of this information
- I could list most of this information
- I could list all of this information

2017

2016
Length of time without medications

Based on your current health conditions, how long do you think you could go without your regular medications, or be away from medical equipment in your home, before you began experiencing serious effects?

- I do not have a health condition that requires regular medication or medical equipment in my home
- Don't know
- Longer than a week, but not a whole month
- 1 month or longer
- 2 to 3 days
- 4 to 6 days
- 1 day or less

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50%
Emergency preparedness

Thinking more generally about having emergency preparation plans in place with your family...
Which ONE of the following statements BEST applies to you?
Which ONE, if any, of the following do you think holds the MOST responsibility for preparing your community for natural disasters and disease outbreaks?

- Local entities: 22%
- Individuals (personal responsibility): 21%
- Federal government: 20%
- State government: 17%
- Don't know: 10%
- No one has more responsibility for preparing my community: 7%
- Local non-profit/relief organizations: 5%
- National non-profit/relief organizations: 3%
Funding for emergency preparedness and response

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Please select one option on each row.)

Federal government agencies have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters and aid in disaster response and recovery

- Agree: 41%
- Disagree: 31%
- Don't know: 29%

My state and local government agencies have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters and aid in disaster recovery and clean up

- Agree: 30%
- Disagree: 36%
- Don't know: 35%