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USA Today/Ipsos “Katrina At 20” Survey

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: 6/13-6/15, 2025

Number of interviews: 1,023

Number of Republican interviews: 281

Number of Democrat interviews: 307

Number of independent interviews: 321

Margin of error: +/- 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents

Margin of error: +/- 6.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all Republican respondents

Margin of error: +/- 5.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democrat respondents

Margin of error: +/- 5.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Independent respondents

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, N/A = not applicable

Annotated Questionnaire:

1. In the past month have you personally experienced extreme weather events where you live, or not?

	Total (N=1,023)	Republican (N=281)	Democrat (N=307)	Independent (N=321)
Yes	30%	28%	30%	33%
No	69%	72%	70%	66%
Skipped	1%	-	-	1%

	Total June 2025 (N=1,023)	Total July 2023 (N=1,024)
Yes	30%	49%
No	69%	51%
Skipped	1%	1%

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2. **[ASKED IF “YES” AT Q1]** Which of the following weather events have you experienced in the past month?

	Total (N=311)	Republican (N=76)*	Democrat (N=93)*	Independent (N=108)
Heavy rainfall	64%	71%	58%	68%
Severe thunderstorm	64%	70%	58%	71%
Extreme heat	34%	34%	34%	33%
Flooding	29%	28%	33%	31%
Poor air quality	21%	27%	23%	15%
Tornado	19%	26%	20%	16%
Hailstorms	19%	21%	22%	17%
Unseasonably cold weather	8%	11%	7%	8%
Drought	6%	7%	5%	5%
Wildfire	4%	6%	2%	3%
Earthquake	3%	5%	2%	1%
Hurricane or tropical storm	3%	4%	4%	2%
Other	3%	-	5%	3%
Skipped	1%	-	2%	1%

*Note: low base size (n= <100)

	Total June 13th – 15th, 2025 (N=311)	Total July 2023 (N=492)
Heavy rainfall	64%	38%
Severe thunderstorm	64%	39%
Extreme heat	34%	71%
Flooding	29%	16%
Poor air quality	21%	49%
Tornado	19%	6%
Hailstorms	19%	13%
Unseasonably cold weather	8%	1%
Drought	6%	16%
Wildfire	4%	5%
Earthquake	3%	1%
Hurricane or tropical storm	3%	1%
Other	3%	1%
Skipped	1%	*

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3. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change?

Summary - More frequent

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Unusual weather for the season	57%	43%	75%	56%
Extreme heat	55%	42%	71%	55%
Poor air quality/air pollution	49%	34%	64%	53%
Severe thunderstorms	39%	31%	51%	40%
Droughts	38%	31%	52%	36%
Wildfires	38%	32%	45%	37%
Flooding	35%	29%	46%	35%
Tornadoes	29%	27%	37%	26%
Extreme cold	27%	20%	37%	24%
Hurricanes or tropical storms	24%	21%	28%	24%

	Total June 2025 (N=1,023)	Total July 2023 (N=1,024)	Total April 2023 (N=1,029)	Total April 2022 (N=1,005)	Total April 2021 (N=1,003)
Unusual weather for the season	57%	63%	67%	66%	n/a
Extreme heat	55%	66%	55%	53%	n/a
Poor air quality/air pollution	49%	61%	43%	47%	n/a
Severe thunderstorms	39%	40%	40%	43%	38%
Droughts	38%	43%	43%	44%	33%
Wildfires	38%	36%	42%	46%	41%
Flooding	35%	39%	42%	38%	39%
Tornadoes	29%	27%	32%	35%	31%
Extreme cold	27%	23%	35%	38%	38%
Hurricanes or tropical storms	24%	20%	27%	34%	35%

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3. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change? (*Continued*)

a. Extreme heat

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	21%	12%	33%	19%
Somewhat more frequent	34%	30%	38%	36%
No change	34%	47%	23%	33%
Somewhat less frequent	5%	6%	3%	5%
Much less frequent	1%	1%	0%	2%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	3%
Skipped	1%	1%	0%	2%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	55%	42%	71%	55%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	6%	7%	3%	7%

b. Unusual weather for the season

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	20%	11%	28%	21%
Somewhat more frequent	37%	33%	47%	35%
No change	34%	48%	18%	36%
Somewhat less frequent	2%	3%	1%	3%
Much less frequent	1%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%	4%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	57%	43%	75%	56%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	4%	5%	3%	3%

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3. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change? (*Continued*)

c. Poor air quality/air pollution

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	17%	8%	25%	19%
Somewhat more frequent	32%	26%	39%	34%
No change	38%	53%	26%	36%
Somewhat less frequent	4%	8%	2%	3%
Much less frequent	1%	0%	1%	1%
Don't know	6%	4%	7%	5%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	49%	34%	64%	53%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	5%	8%	3%	4%

d. Droughts

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	11%	5%	18%	10%
Somewhat more frequent	27%	26%	34%	25%
No change	45%	56%	31%	47%
Somewhat less frequent	4%	4%	5%	4%
Much less frequent	2%	2%	4%	2%
Don't know	9%	7%	7%	9%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	38%	31%	52%	36%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	7%	6%	9%	6%

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3. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change? (*Continued*)

e. Severe thunderstorms

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	12%	8%	15%	15%
Somewhat more frequent	28%	23%	36%	25%
No change	48%	59%	37%	49%
Somewhat less frequent	5%	5%	4%	5%
Much less frequent	2%	2%	2%	1%
Don't know	5%	2%	6%	4%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	39%	31%	51%	40%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	7%	7%	6%	5%

f. Flooding

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	9%	5%	15%	9%
Somewhat more frequent	26%	24%	31%	26%
No change	51%	60%	41%	50%
Somewhat less frequent	4%	4%	3%	7%
Much less frequent	2%	2%	3%	2%
Don't know	7%	4%	7%	5%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	35%	29%	46%	35%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	6%	6%	6%	9%

g. Wildfires

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	16%	8%	23%	15%
Somewhat more frequent	22%	24%	22%	22%
No change	48%	54%	39%	51%
Somewhat less frequent	2%	3%	1%	2%
Much less frequent	4%	4%	4%	4%
Don't know	8%	7%	10%	4%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	38%	32%	45%	37%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	6%	6%	5%	6%

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3. Compared to ten years ago, do you think the following have become more or less frequent where you live, or has there been no change? (*Continued*)

h. Tornadoes

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	7%	5%	10%	9%
Somewhat more frequent	22%	22%	27%	18%
No change	57%	60%	51%	59%
Somewhat less frequent	3%	4%	3%	3%
Much less frequent	2%	3%	2%	2%
Don't know	8%	5%	7%	8%
Skipped	1%	1%	0%	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	29%	27%	37%	26%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	5%	6%	5%	5%

i. Extreme cold

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	7%	4%	10%	6%
Somewhat more frequent	20%	16%	27%	18%
No change	45%	52%	33%	50%
Somewhat less frequent	14%	15%	16%	13%
Much less frequent	8%	8%	8%	8%
Don't know	5%	4%	4%	5%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	27%	20%	37%	24%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	22%	23%	24%	21%

j. Hurricanes or tropical storms

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more frequent	6%	3%	9%	7%
Somewhat more frequent	18%	17%	19%	17%
No change	59%	62%	53%	60%
Somewhat less frequent	3%	4%	3%	2%
Much less frequent	3%	4%	3%	3%
Don't know	11%	9%	13%	10%
Skipped	1%	1%	0%	1%
<i>More frequent (Net)</i>	24%	21%	28%	24%
<i>Less frequent (Net)</i>	6%	8%	6%	5%

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4. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago?

Summary - More intense

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Extreme heat	54%	40%	72%	53%
Unusual weather for the season	51%	34%	71%	49%
Poor air quality/air pollution	47%	35%	62%	47%
Wildfires	41%	32%	53%	40%
Severe thunderstorms	40%	30%	54%	39%
Flooding	38%	31%	53%	36%
Droughts	38%	30%	52%	37%
Extreme cold	28%	19%	41%	26%
Hurricanes or tropical storms	28%	18%	40%	30%
Tornadoes	27%	21%	37%	27%

	Total June 2025	Total July 2023	Total April 2022	Total April 2021	Total April 2018	Total April 2017
Extreme heat	54%	64%	56%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Unusual weather for the season	51%	57%	60%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poor air quality/air pollution	47%	59%	41%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildfires	41%	47%	46%	48%	46%	n/a
Severe thunderstorms	40%	42%	42%	42%	49%	46%
Flooding	38%	46%	46%	44%	55%	47%
Droughts	38%	45%	44%	38%	42%	44%
Extreme cold	28%	28%	38%	40%	53%	-
Hurricanes or tropical storms	28%	33%	37%	42%	48%	36%
Tornadoes	27%	30%	36%	37%	-	-

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4. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago? *(Continued)*

a. Extreme heat

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	19%	11%	28%	18%
Somewhat more intense	35%	29%	44%	35%
No change	34%	50%	19%	34%
Somewhat less intense	3%	2%	3%	5%
Much less intense	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	5%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	2%
<i>More intense (Net)</i>	54%	40%	72%	53%
<i>Less intense (Net)</i>	4%	3%	5%	6%

b. Unusual weather for the season

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	14%	7%	27%	10%
Somewhat more intense	36%	27%	44%	39%
No change	37%	56%	19%	39%
Somewhat less intense	3%	3%	4%	2%
Much less intense	1%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	7%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	2%
<i>More intense (Net)</i>	51%	34%	71%	49%
<i>Less intense (Net)</i>	4%	5%	4%	3%

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4. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago? *(Continued)*

c. Poor air quality/air pollution

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	14%	6%	23%	13%
Somewhat more intense	34%	29%	39%	34%
No change	39%	54%	25%	40%
Somewhat less intense	3%	4%	2%	3%
Much less intense	2%	2%	3%	1%
Don't know	7%	4%	7%	6%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	2%
More intense (Net)	47%	35%	62%	47%
Less intense (Net)	5%	6%	5%	4%

d. Droughts

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	11%	5%	19%	10%
Somewhat more intense	27%	25%	34%	27%
No change	47%	57%	32%	50%
Somewhat less intense	3%	3%	3%	3%
Much less intense	2%	2%	3%	0%
Don't know	9%	7%	9%	8%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	2%
More intense (Net)	38%	30%	52%	37%
Less intense (Net)	5%	5%	6%	3%

e. Severe thunderstorms

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	11%	7%	17%	11%
Somewhat more intense	29%	23%	38%	28%
No change	47%	59%	33%	49%
Somewhat less intense	3%	3%	3%	3%
Much less intense	2%	2%	2%	1%
Don't know	6%	5%	6%	5%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	2%
More intense (Net)	40%	30%	54%	39%
Less intense (Net)	5%	5%	6%	4%

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4. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago? (*Continued*)

f. Flooding

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	11%	8%	18%	10%
Somewhat more intense	27%	23%	35%	26%
No change	47%	57%	35%	49%
Somewhat less intense	3%	4%	2%	3%
Much less intense	2%	2%	3%	1%
Don't know	8%	5%	7%	9%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	2%
<i>More intense (Net)</i>	38%	31%	53%	36%
<i>Less intense (Net)</i>	5%	6%	5%	4%

g. Wildfires

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	17%	10%	28%	13%
Somewhat more intense	24%	22%	25%	27%
No change	45%	55%	33%	47%
Somewhat less intense	2%	2%	2%	2%
Much less intense	2%	3%	3%	1%
Don't know	8%	7%	9%	7%
Skipped	2%	2%	0%	2%
<i>More intense (Net)</i>	41%	32%	53%	40%
<i>Less intense (Net)</i>	4%	5%	5%	3%

h. Tornadoes

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	7%	4%	13%	7%
Somewhat more intense	20%	18%	23%	20%
No change	55%	66%	45%	56%
Somewhat less intense	3%	1%	4%	3%
Much less intense	2%	3%	2%	1%
Don't know	11%	7%	12%	11%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	2%
<i>More intense (Net)</i>	27%	21%	37%	27%
<i>Less intense (Net)</i>	4%	4%	6%	4%

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4. Thinking about the intensity of these weather events, do you think the following have become more or less intense or has there been no change, compared to ten years ago? (*Continued*)

i. Extreme cold

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	7%	3%	13%	7%
Somewhat more intense	21%	16%	28%	20%
No change	48%	59%	32%	54%
Somewhat less intense	10%	10%	13%	7%
Much less intense	5%	6%	6%	3%
Don't know	8%	4%	7%	8%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	2%
<i>More intense (Net)</i>	28%	19%	41%	26%
<i>Less intense (Net)</i>	15%	16%	19%	11%

j. Hurricanes or tropical storms

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Much more intense	9%	5%	16%	9%
Somewhat more intense	19%	13%	23%	21%
No change	54%	65%	43%	55%
Somewhat less intense	2%	3%	2%	2%
Much less intense	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	11%	11%	12%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%
<i>More intense (Net)</i>	28%	18%	40%	30%
<i>Less intense (Net)</i>	4%	6%	4%	4%

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5. How often do you worry about becoming a victim of a disaster like a hurricane, tornado, or earthquake?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Frequently	8%	3%	11%	8%
Occasionally	24%	20%	33%	21%
Rarely	43%	43%	42%	46%
Never	23%	31%	14%	23%
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	2%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%
<i>Frequently/Occasionally (Net)</i>	32%	24%	43%	28%
<i>Rarely/Never (Net)</i>	65%	75%	56%	69%

	Total June 2025 (N=1,023)	Total Aug. 2006* (N=1,001)	Total, Aug. 2004* (N=1,001)
Frequently	8%	11%	8%
Occasionally	24%	27%	21%
Rarely	43%	39%	39%
Never	23%	23%	32%
Not sure	2%	-	-
Skipped	1%	-	-
<i>Frequently/Occasionally (Net)</i>	32%	38%	29%
<i>Rarely/Never (Net)</i>	65%	62%	71%

*Prior Ipsos polling conducted via phone rather than current KnowledgePanel online methodology

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6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Summary - Agree

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Extreme weather events will become more frequent in the near future	58%	38%	84%	55%
Humans can slow/reverse climate change but aren't willing to change their behavior	56%	33%	83%	55%
It is too late to stop climate change at this point	20%	14%	26%	19%
Humans are making progress to slow/reverse climate change	18%	15%	21%	19%
It will get more difficult to stay in the area I currently live due to climate change	17%	6%	27%	16%

	Total June 2025	Total July 2023	Total April 2023	Total April 2022
Extreme weather events will become more frequent in the near future	58%	68%	n/a	n/a
Humans can slow/reverse climate change but aren't willing to change their behavior	56%	63%	62%	71%
It is too late to stop climate change at this point	20%	27%	24%	27%
Humans are making progress to slow/reverse climate change	18%	34%	38%	45%
It will get more difficult to stay in the area I currently live due to climate change	17%	23%	n/a	n/a

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6.To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

a. Extreme weather events will become more frequent in the near future

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	26%	10%	42%	24%
Somewhat agree	33%	28%	42%	31%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	28%	10%	23%
Somewhat disagree	6%	11%	1%	7%
Strongly disagree	7%	13%	1%	8%
Don't know	6%	8%	4%	6%
Skipped	2%	2%	0%	1%
Agree (Net)	58%	38%	84%	55%
Disagree (Net)	13%	24%	2%	15%

b. Humans can slow/reverse climate change but aren't willing to change their behavior

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	27%	11%	47%	26%
Somewhat agree	29%	22%	36%	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%	29%	10%	15%
Somewhat disagree	8%	13%	2%	9%
Strongly disagree	10%	16%	2%	13%
Don't know	7%	7%	4%	7%
Skipped	1%	2%	0%	1%
Agree (Net)	56%	33%	83%	55%
Disagree (Net)	18%	30%	4%	22%

c. Humans are making progress to slow/reverse climate change

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	2%	2%	4%	1%
Somewhat agree	16%	14%	17%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	31%	41%	24%	32%
Somewhat disagree	25%	19%	33%	23%
Strongly disagree	16%	15%	17%	16%
Don't know	8%	8%	5%	9%
Skipped	2%	2%	0%	1%
Agree (Net)	18%	15%	21%	19%
Disagree (Net)	41%	34%	50%	39%

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6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (*Continued*)

d. It is too late to stop climate change at this point

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	5%	5%	6%	4%
Somewhat agree	16%	9%	21%	15%
Neither agree nor disagree	33%	47%	21%	31%
Somewhat disagree	23%	16%	31%	25%
Strongly disagree	15%	14%	16%	15%
Don't know	8%	7%	5%	9%
Skipped	2%	2%	0%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>40%</i>

e. It will get more difficult to stay in the area I currently live due to climate change

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	5%	2%	7%	3%
Somewhat agree	12%	4%	20%	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	27%	21%	31%	27%
Somewhat disagree	20%	18%	23%	21%
Strongly disagree	29%	49%	13%	30%
Don't know	6%	5%	5%	6%
Skipped	1%	2%	0%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>16%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>51%</i>

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7. How confident are you in each of the following's ability to handle a major natural disaster in the future?

Summary - Confident

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Your local government	49%	53%	52%	51%
Your state government	48%	54%	50%	51%
The federal government	30%	52%	14%	31%

	Total June 2025	Total Feb. 2006*	Total Sept. 16th – 18th, 2005*	Total Sept. 6th – 8th, 2005*
Your local government	49%	-	-	-
Your state government	48%	-	-	-
The federal government	30%	47%	54%	56%

**Prior Ipsos polling conducted via phone rather than current KnowledgePanel online methodology*

a. The federal government

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very confident	5%	12%	1%	3%
Somewhat confident	25%	39%	13%	27%
Not very confident	31%	29%	35%	30%
Not at all confident	30%	12%	45%	33%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	5%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%
Confident (Net)	30%	52%	14%	31%
Not confident (Net)	61%	41%	80%	63%

	Total June 2025	Total Feb. 2006*	Total Sept. 16th – 18th, 2005*	Total Sept. 6th – 8th, 2005*
Very confident	5%	15%	19%	19%
Somewhat confident	25%	32%	35%	37%
Not very confident	31%	28%	25%	27%
Not at all confident	30%	24%	20%	17%
Not sure	7%	1%	1%	-
Skipped	2%	-	-	-
Confident (Net)	30%	47%	54%	56%
Not confident (Net)	61%	52%	45%	44%

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7. How confident are you in each of the following's ability to handle a major natural disaster in the future? *(Continued)*

b. Your state government

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very confident	9%	13%	8%	10%
Somewhat confident	39%	41%	42%	41%
Not very confident	26%	26%	30%	24%
Not at all confident	17%	13%	14%	19%
Not sure	7%	6%	5%	5%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%
<i>Confident (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>51%</i>
<i>Not confident (Net)</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>43%</i>

c. Your local government

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very confident	8%	11%	8%	9%
Somewhat confident	40%	43%	44%	42%
Not very confident	25%	25%	28%	25%
Not at all confident	16%	13%	14%	16%
Not sure	9%	8%	6%	7%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Confident (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>51%</i>
<i>Not confident (Net)</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>40%</i>

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8. There are many people in this country who choose to live in areas and homes that are known to be especially susceptible to destruction by natural disasters such as landslides, earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding. In general, when these disasters strike these areas, do you think the government should give money to local residents to help them recover, or do you think the residents of these areas should live there solely at their own risk?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Government should give money	35%	27%	50%	30%
Residents should live at their own risk	40%	55%	27%	44%
Don't know	23%	17%	24%	25%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%

	Total June 13th – 15th, 2025	Total Feb. 13th – 16th, 2006*	Total Sept. 16th – 18th, 2005*
Government should give money	35%	47%	50%
Residents should live at their own risk	40%	49%	45%
Don't know	23%	4%	5%
Skipped	1%	-	-

*Prior Ipsos polling conducted via phone rather than current KnowledgePanel online methodology

9. How familiar, if at all, are you with Hurricane Katrina, which hit New Orleans and other areas in 2005?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very familiar	33%	30%	33%	37%
Somewhat familiar	52%	56%	56%	46%
Not very familiar	10%	10%	9%	11%
Not at all familiar	4%	3%	2%	5%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%
Familiar (Net)	85%	86%	89%	83%
Not familiar (Net)	14%	13%	11%	17%

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10. [ASKED IF “VERY FAMILIAR”, “SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR”, OR “NOT VERY FAMILIAR” at Q9] What level of impact, if any, do you think Hurricane Katrina had on New Orleans?

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Significantly positive impact	2%	3%	1%	2%
Somewhat positive impact	3%	5%	1%	3%
No impact	2%	2%	1%	3%
Somewhat negative impact	13%	15%	11%	15%
Significantly negative impact	73%	71%	82%	70%
Don't know	5%	4%	4%	6%
Skipped	1%	0%	1%	-
<i>Positive impact (Net)</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>Negative impact (Net)</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>85%</i>

11. [ASKED IF “VERY FAMILIAR”, “SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR”, OR “NOT VERY FAMILIAR” at Q9] Do you approve or disapprove of the way President George W. Bush handled the relief effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina?

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Strongly approve	7%	13%	2%	7%
Somewhat approve	21%	31%	12%	25%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%	27%	18%	22%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	7%	22%	13%
Strongly disapprove	12%	3%	22%	10%
Don't know/Don't remember	23%	19%	24%	23%
Skipped	0%	-	-	1%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>31%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>23%</i>

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11. [ASKED IF “VERY FAMILIAR”, “SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR”, OR “NOT VERY FAMILIAR” at Q9] Do you approve or disapprove of the way President George W. Bush handled the relief effort for victims of Hurricane Katrina?

Trended Data:

	Total June 13 th – 15 th , 2025	Total Aug. 7 th – 9 th , 2006*
Strongly approve	7%	12%
Somewhat approve	21%	19%**
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%	1%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	18%
Strongly disapprove	12%	49%**
Don't know/Don't remember	23%	1%
Skipped	0%	-
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>31%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>67%</i>

*Prior Ipsos polling conducted via phone rather than current KnowledgePanel online methodology

**Note: In 2006, “Somewhat Approve” was split into “Somewhat approve” and “Lean toward approval”, and “Somewhat disapprove” was split into “Somewhat disapprove” and “Lean toward disapproval”. These options have been grouped together here for comparison purposes.

12. [ASKED IF “VERY FAMILIAR”, “SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR”, OR “NOT VERY FAMILIAR” at Q9] If a hurricane like Katrina hit the U.S. now, do you think the federal government’s response would be handled...?

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Better than Katrina	22%	43%	8%	20%
About the same as Katrina	26%	32%	14%	30%
Worse than Katrina	37%	11%	64%	35%
Don't know	15%	15%	14%	14%
Skipped	0%	-	-	1%

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13. [BASE = “VERY FAMILIAR”, “SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR”, OR “NOT VERY FAMILIAR” at Q9] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Summary - Agree

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
It is very important to have an emergency response system in the U.S. that is well-coordinated and well-funded.	84%	83%	89%	83%
The damage from Hurricane Katrina showed we need better disaster preparedness in coastal areas.	81%	79%	86%	79%
The damage from Hurricane Katrina showed we need more infrastructure investments in coastal areas.	73%	68%	81%	72%
Hurricane Katrina showed major problems in how the U.S. manages large-scale disasters.	70%	64%	80%	67%
Hurricane Katrina showed that some people can be more affected by natural disasters than others, depending on their race or economic status.	58%	45%	81%	53%

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13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

- a. Hurricane Katrina showed that some people can be more affected by natural disasters than others, depending on their race or economic status.

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Strongly agree	34%	18%	59%	30%
Somewhat agree	24%	27%	22%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	17%	22%	6%	22%
Somewhat disagree	7%	11%	2%	6%
Strongly disagree	10%	16%	4%	11%
Don't know	7%	6%	6%	7%
Skipped	1%	0%	0%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>53%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>17%</i>

- b. Hurricane Katrina showed major problems in how the U.S. manages large-scale disasters.

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Strongly agree	36%	21%	53%	35%
Somewhat agree	34%	43%	27%	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	19%	10%	18%
Somewhat disagree	4%	6%	1%	4%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	9%	8%	8%	8%
Skipped	1%	0%	0%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>5%</i>

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13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

- c. The damage from Hurricane Katrina showed we need better disaster preparedness in coastal areas.

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Strongly agree	49%	38%	64%	47%
Somewhat agree	31%	41%	21%	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%	12%	6%	10%
Somewhat disagree	1%	2%	1%	1%
Strongly disagree	2%	3%	1%	3%
Don't know	6%	5%	5%	5%
Skipped	1%	0%	0%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	81%	79%	86%	79%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	4%	4%	2%	4%

- d. The damage from Hurricane Katrina showed we need more infrastructure investments in coastal areas.

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Strongly agree	39%	29%	56%	37%
Somewhat agree	34%	40%	25%	35%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%	17%	9%	11%
Somewhat disagree	5%	4%	3%	7%
Strongly disagree	2%	3%	1%	2%
Don't know	7%	8%	6%	6%
Skipped	1%	0%	0%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	73%	68%	81%	72%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	6%	6%	4%	9%

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13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

- e. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? It is very important to have an emergency response system in the U.S. that is well-coordinated and well-funded.

	Total (N=978)	Republican (N=272)	Democrat (N=302)	Independent (N=303)
Strongly agree	62%	52%	80%	56%
Somewhat agree	22%	31%	9%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%	11%	5%	8%
Somewhat disagree	2%	2%	2%	4%
Strongly disagree	1%	2%	0%	2%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	2%
Skipped	1%	0%	0%	1%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>83%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>6%</i>

14. How much of a role should each of the following play in helping citizens in the aftermath of natural disasters?

- a. The federal government

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Major role	71%	65%	87%	65%
Minor role	23%	30%	10%	28%
No role	4%	3%	1%	5%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	2%

- b. State governments

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Major role	83%	81%	92%	83%
Minor role	12%	16%	6%	12%
No role	3%	2%	1%	3%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	2%

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14. How much of a role should each of the following play in helping citizens in the aftermath of natural disasters? *(Continued)*

c. Local governments

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Major role	79%	78%	84%	80%
Minor role	16%	18%	14%	15%
No role	3%	2%	1%	3%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	2%

d. Private sector

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Major role	38%	38%	40%	36%
Minor role	50%	50%	51%	53%
No role	9%	10%	7%	9%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	2%

e. Individuals

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Major role	49%	52%	43%	52%
Minor role	42%	39%	52%	39%
No role	6%	7%	4%	7%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	2%

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15. How familiar are you with the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very familiar	17%	11%	20%	21%
Somewhat familiar	53%	57%	59%	50%
Not very familiar	19%	22%	16%	17%
Not at all familiar	10%	8%	5%	11%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	1%
<i>Familiar (Net)</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>Not familiar (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>29%</i>

16. [ASKED IF “VERY FAMILIAR”, “SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR”, OR “NOT VERY FAMILIAR” at Q15]
Would you describe the services that FEMA provides after a natural disaster as...?

	Total (N=924)	Republican (N=257)	Democrat (N=290)	Independent (N=288)
Very necessary	66%	54%	84%	64%
Somewhat necessary	20%	29%	11%	19%
Not very necessary	4%	6%	1%	5%
Not at all necessary	2%	0%	1%	4%
Don't know	7%	11%	3%	6%
Skipped	1%	0%	-	1%
<i>Necessary (Net)</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>83%</i>
<i>Not necessary (Net)</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>10%</i>

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17. [BASE = “VERY FAMILIAR”, “SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR”, OR “NOT VERY FAMILIAR” at Q15] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Summary - Agree

	Total (N=924)	Republican (N=257)	Democrat (N=290)	Independent (N=288)
FEMA is critical in helping communities prepare for, and recover from, natural disasters	71%	64%	85%	67%
Eliminating FEMA would leave states more vulnerable after major disasters	69%	56%	87%	67%
State governments should take the lead on preparing for, and recovering from, natural disasters	68%	75%	57%	72%
FEMA's budget should be increased due to more frequent severe weather events	57%	38%	82%	51%
FEMA's budget should be cut to reduce government spending	15%	26%	4%	16%

a. FEMA is critical in helping communities prepare for, and recover from, natural disasters

	Total (N=924)	Republican (N=257)	Democrat (N=290)	Independent (N=288)
Strongly agree	45%	29%	65%	40%
Somewhat agree	26%	35%	20%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	14%	7%	12%
Somewhat disagree	7%	10%	3%	8%
Strongly disagree	6%	6%	2%	9%
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	4%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	1%
Agree (Net)	71%	64%	85%	67%
Disagree (Net)	12%	16%	5%	16%

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17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (*Continued*)

b. Eliminating FEMA would leave states more vulnerable after major disasters

	Total (N=924)	Republican (N=257)	Democrat (N=290)	Independent (N=288)
Strongly agree	49%	25%	75%	47%
Somewhat agree	21%	32%	12%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	19%	6%	13%
Somewhat disagree	7%	12%	2%	6%
Strongly disagree	7%	7%	3%	10%
Don't know	4%	6%	2%	2%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	2%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>17%</i>

c. FEMA's budget should be increased due to more frequent severe weather events

	Total (N=924)	Republican (N=257)	Democrat (N=290)	Independent (N=288)
Strongly agree	32%	13%	57%	28%
Somewhat agree	25%	25%	25%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	28%	9%	25%
Somewhat disagree	9%	18%	2%	6%
Strongly disagree	9%	11%	3%	14%
Don't know	5%	4%	4%	4%
Skipped	0%	-	0%	0%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>51%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>20%</i>

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17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

- d. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? FEMA's budget should be cut to reduce government spending

	Total (N=924)	Republican (N=257)	Democrat (N=290)	Independent (N=288)
Strongly agree	7%	9%	3%	8%
Somewhat agree	9%	18%	1%	8%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%	28%	6%	22%
Somewhat disagree	19%	21%	18%	20%
Strongly disagree	41%	18%	68%	37%
Don't know	5%	6%	3%	5%
Skipped	0%	-	0%	0%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>16%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>56%</i>

- e. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? State governments should take the lead on preparing for, and recovering from, natural disasters

	Total (N=924)	Republican (N=257)	Democrat (N=290)	Independent (N=288)
Strongly agree	31%	36%	23%	35%
Somewhat agree	37%	39%	34%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	15%	18%	12%
Somewhat disagree	9%	2%	15%	9%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	6%	3%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	3%
Skipped	0%	-	0%	0%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>72%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>12%</i>



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About the Study

This USA Today/Ipsos poll was conducted from June 13th through June 15th, 2025, using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,023 adults age 18 or older. The sample includes 281 Republicans, 307 Democrats, and 321 independents.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult U.S. population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the U.S. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The data for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. Party ID benchmarks are from the 2024 National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS). The demographic benchmarks came from the 2024 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000–\$49,999, \$50,000–\$74,999, \$75,000–\$99,999, \$100,000–\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party ID (Republican, Leans Republican, Independent/Other, Democrat, Leans Democrat)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.11. For Republicans, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 6.1 percentage points, and the design effect is 1.08. For Democrats, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.9 percentage points, and the design effect is 1.10. For independents, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.8 percentage points, and the design effect is 1.13.





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The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Some data from the survey is trended against past national surveys conducted in July 2023, April 2023, April 2022, April 2021, April 2018, April 2017, August 2006, February 2006, September 2005, and August 2004. Data collected in July 2023, April 2022, April 2021, April 2018, and April 2017 was collected via Ipsos' non-probability online panel (iSay), while data from 2006 and prior was collected via telephone survey.

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