

Georgia Preparedness Statistics

Preparedness for Large-Scale Emergencies

- More than three-fourths (80%) of Georgians report that they are at least somewhat prepared for a large-scale disaster or emergency. This is a 27% increase from 2007.
- Slightly more than one-third of survey participants report they have personally experienced a large-scale disaster. Of those, 72% said they were then motivated to prepare for emergencies.
- Georgians who are aware of the Ready Georgia campaign are more likely to be prepared (41%) than those who are not aware of the campaign (21%).
- Most respondents say they have at least some emergency supplies on hand.
 - 85% have a flashlight and extra batteries
 - 71% have a first aid kit
 - 67% have stocked at least three days of water and nonperishable food
- Unfortunately, many people have not performed crucial activities that will help them be prepared.
 - 73% have not purchased a NOAA Weather Radio
 - 72% have not conducted an evacuation or fire drill
 - 64% have not arranged a family meeting place or reconnection plan
- Eighteen percent of Georgians surveyed have a family member with functional needs; among them, 67% will have medical supplies and 57% will have emergency resources available in a disaster.

Emergency Preparedness Awareness and Attitudes

- Twenty-one percent of the state's population is aware of Ready Georgia – a 110% increase since 2009.
- There has been a 68% increase from 2007 (31%) to 2015 (52%) in the number of Georgians who believe they need to be prepared to survive without assistance for at least three days after an emergency.
- Nearly 65% of Georgia residents believe they have a duty to help each other during an emergency.
- Nearly 90% of Georgia residents are aware of emergency plans at their child's school. This is a 10% increase from 2014.

** All facts and figures were compiled from an April 2015 statewide survey conducted on behalf of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). The Ready Georgia campaign launched January 2008.*

