Survey Background and Methodology

Background

Each year since 2016, Healthcare Ready conducts a national preparedness poll, gauging the perspectives of US residents on disaster preparedness.

Methodology

• The survey was carried out online between May 10-13, 2019 by YouGov, an international polling service, on behalf of Healthcare Ready.
• The figures have been weighted and are representative of all US adults (aged 18+).
• Total sample size was 1,245 adults.
Respondent Demographics
Poll Distribution by Census Division

Map Source: Iowa State University
Concerns for Disasters
Which ONE, if any, of the following types of disaster are you MOST concerned will affect your community?

- Not applicable - I'm not concerned
- Don't know/ Unsure
- 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
Changes in Concern Over Disaster Type: 2018 versus 2019

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- Don't know
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- 2019
- 2018
Perceived likelihood of disaster

Do you think that a major disaster could impact you and/or your family in the next 5 years (i.e., before May 2024)?

- Very likely: 38%
- Somewhat likely: 35%
- Not very likely: 15%
- Not at all likely: 11%
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Comparison between 2018 and 2019.
Personal Preparedness Perspectives
If you had to evacuate your home, would you know what prescriptions you take, the doctor who prescribed them, and the dose?

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

If you had to evacuate your home, would you know what prescriptions you take, the doctor who prescribed them, and the dose? (2019 respondents only)

- 59% Could List Most or All Information
- 23% Could NOT List Most of Information
- 18% Not Applicable - I don't take any prescription medicine

HEALTHCARE READY
How long could you go without your medications or medical equipment before you began experiencing serious effects?

- 0% 1 day or less
- 10% 2 to 3 days
- 20% 4 to 6 days
- 30% 1 week
- 40% Longer than a week, but not a whole month
- 50% 1 month or longer
- 60% Don't know
- 70% Not applicable

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![Bar chart showing percentage responses for each duration]
How long could you go without your medications or medical equipment before you began experiencing serious effects?

- Less than a Month (Net): 46%
- More than a Month (Net): 20%
- Don't Know: 9%
- Not Applicable: 24%
Thinking more generally about having emergency preparation plans in place with your family: Which ONE of the following BEST applies to you?

- My family does NOT have a plan in place, and I'm NOT concerned about an emergency
- My family does NOT have a plan in place, but I'm concerned about an emergency
- My family does have a plan in place, but I'm NOT concerned about an emergency
- My family does have a plan in place, and I'm concerned about an emergency
Funding for emergency preparedness and response

Local community organizations near me are prepared and have the resources they need to assist during an emergency

- Don't know: 38%
- Disagree: 25%
- Agree: 38%

My state and local government agencies have enough funding for disasters

- Don't know: 37%
- Disagree: 32%
- Agree: 31%

Federal government agencies have enough funding for disasters

- Don't know: 31%
- Disagree: 31%
- Agree: 38%
Preparedness Behaviors
How likely are you to keep a bag packed with emergency supplies in your house?

- 33%: I already do this
- 27%: I'm likely to do this soon
- 35%: I'm not likely to do this soon
- 5%: I would never do this
How likely are you to keep a copy of your medical records stored in a safe place?

- 37% I already do this
- 29% I'm likely to do this soon
- 29% I'm not likely to do this soon
- 6% I would never do this
How likely, if at all, are you to take keep cash on-hand for an emergency?

- 44% I already do this
- 31% I'm likely to do this soon
- 22% I'm not likely to do this soon
- 4% I would never do this