



2020 National Preparedness Poll

May 2020



Background

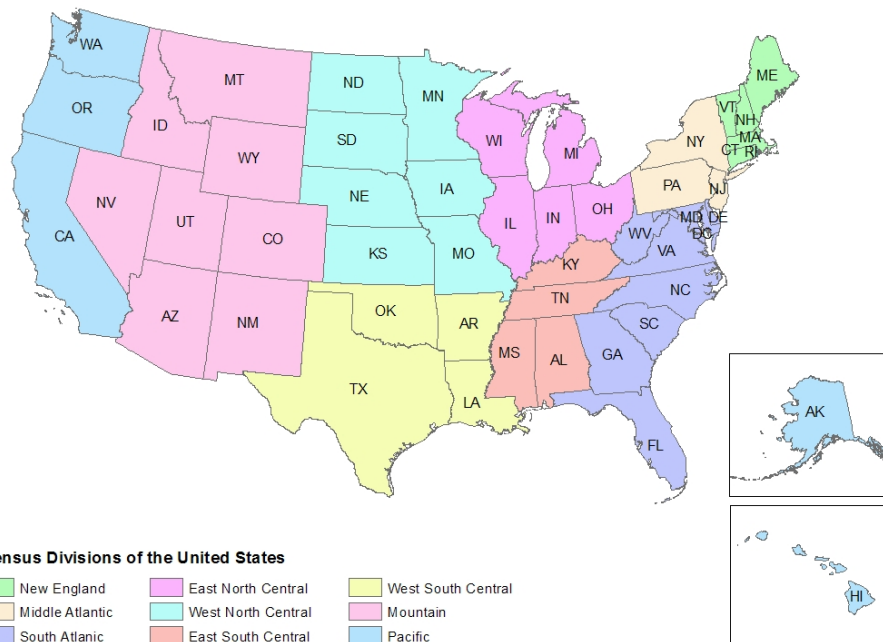
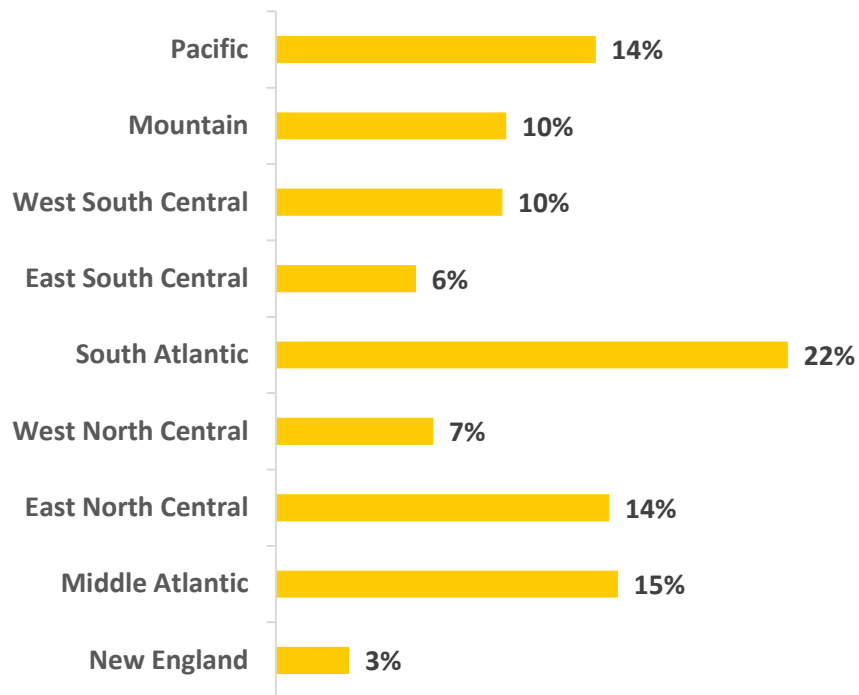
- Since 2016, Healthcare Ready has conducted an annual national preparedness poll, gauging the perspectives of US residents on disaster preparedness.

Methodology

- Fieldwork was conducted by YouGov on behalf of Healthcare Ready and was undertaken between May 11 – 12, 2020.
- The survey was carried out online.
- The figures have been weighted and are representative of all US adults (aged 18+).
- Total sample size was 1,266 adults (aged 18+).
- Chi-square tests were conducted to assess the relationship between variables.

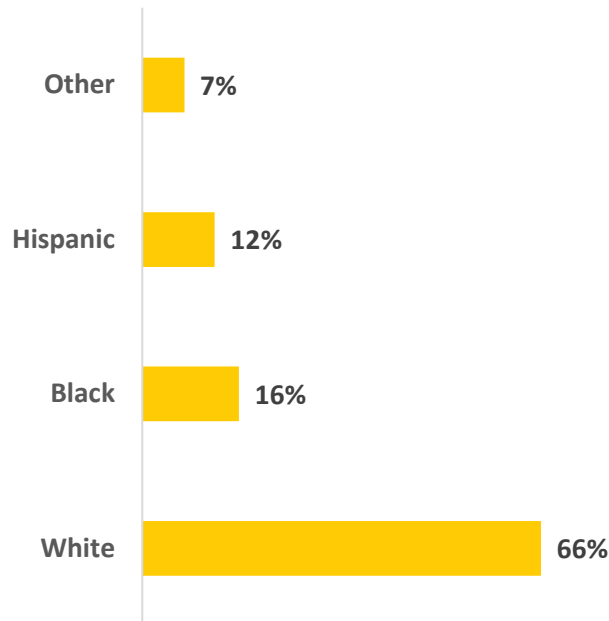
Respondent Demographics

2020 Poll Distribution by Census Division

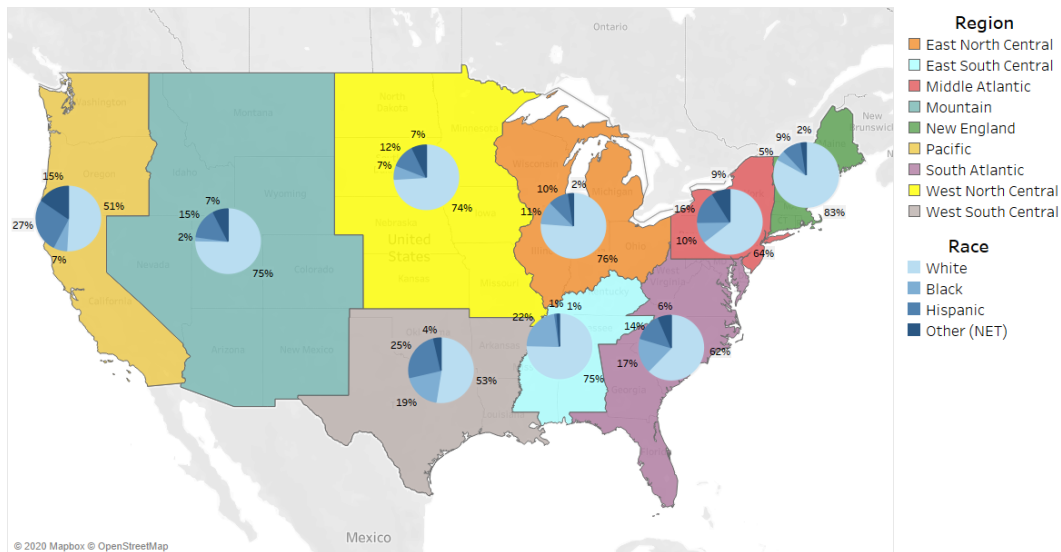


2020 Poll Distribution by Race

National Race Breakdown

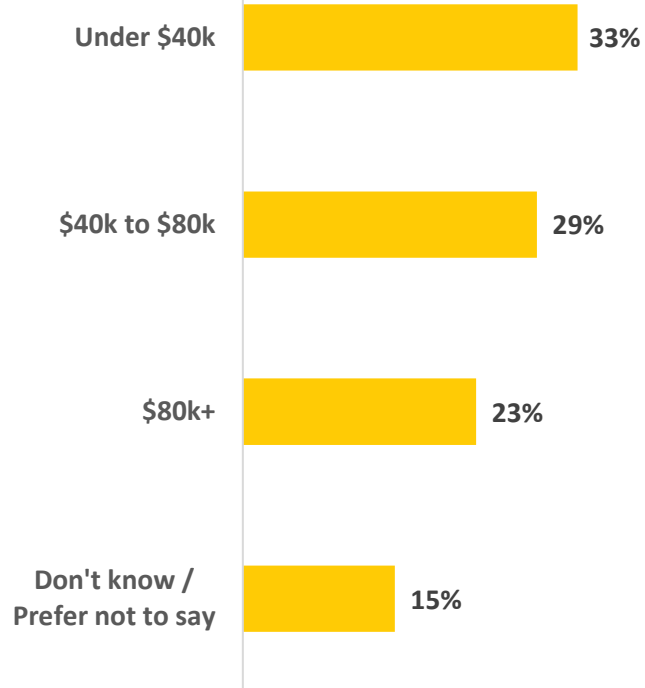


Regional Race Breakdown

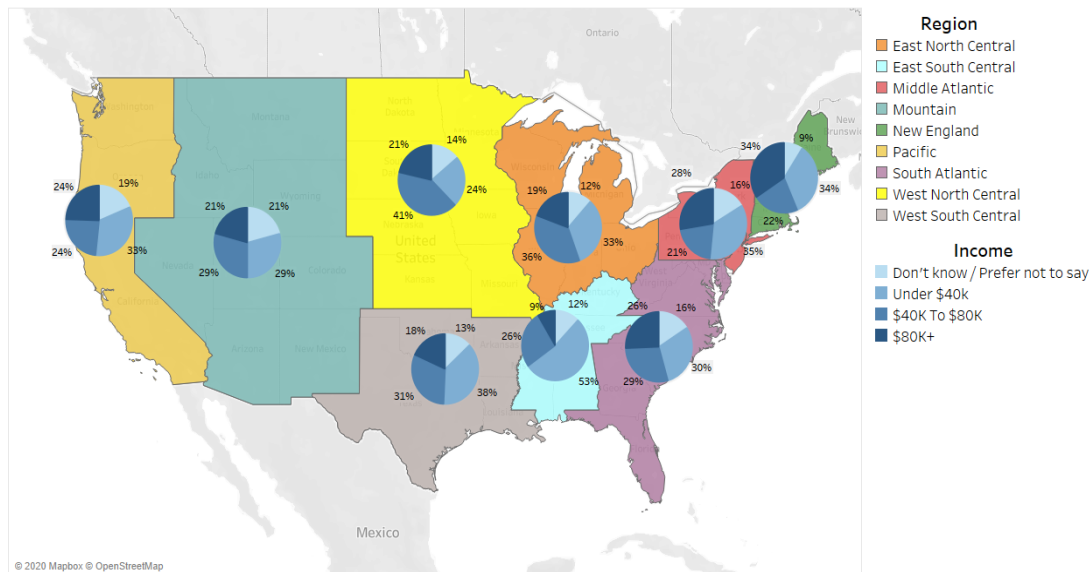


2020 Poll Distribution by Income

National Income Breakdown

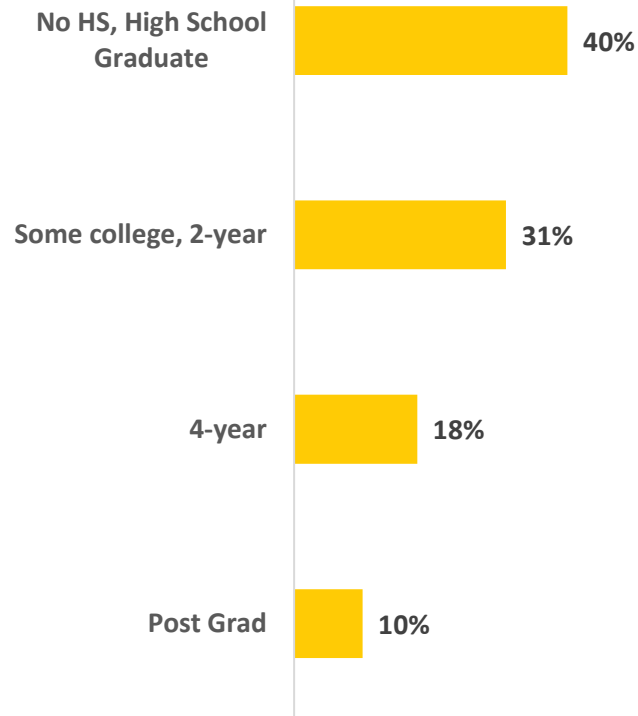


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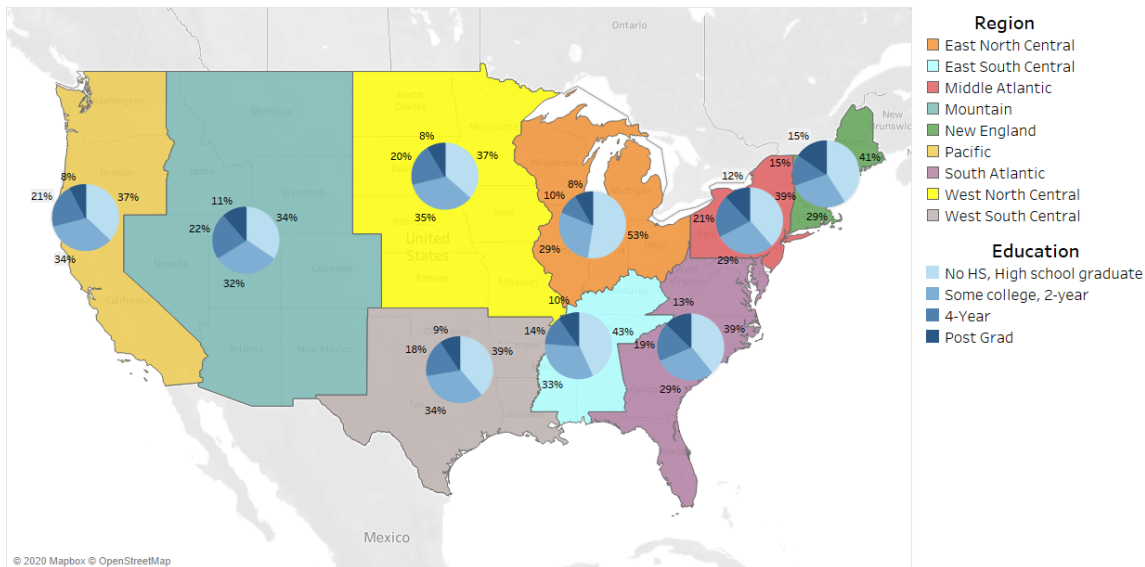


2020 Poll Distribution by Education

National Education Breakdown

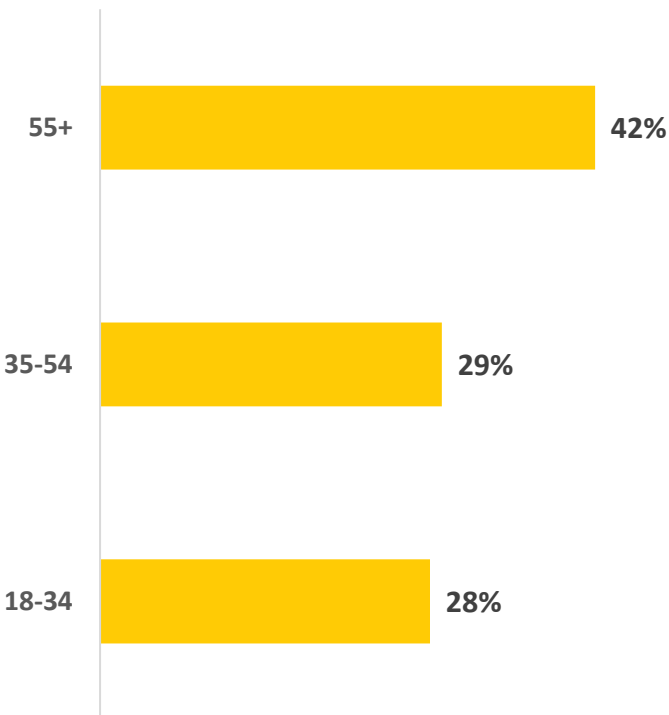


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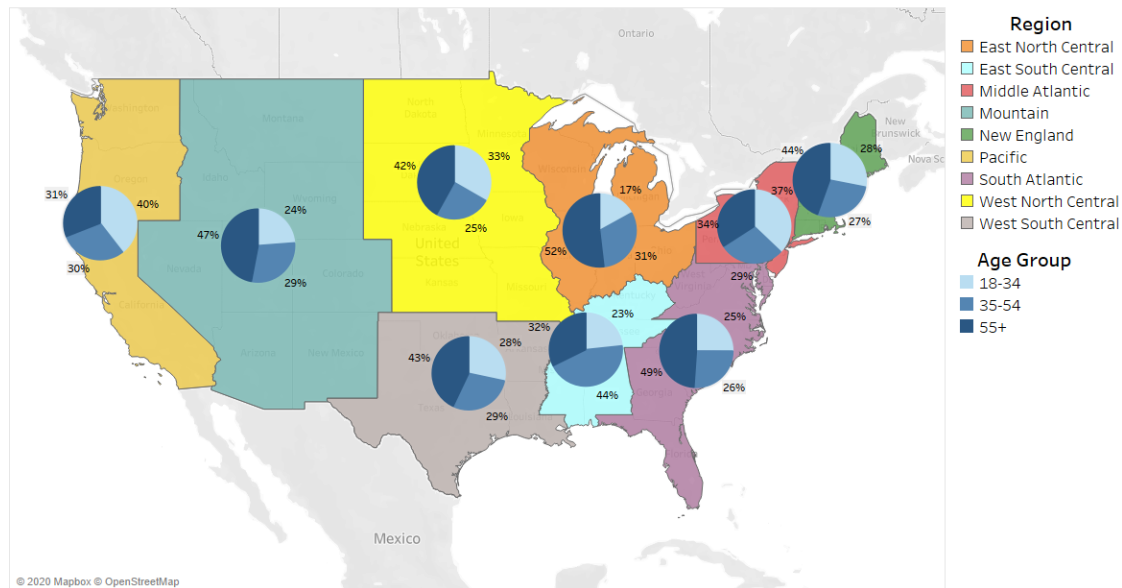


2020 Poll Distribution by Age

National Age Breakdown



Regional Age Breakdown



Disasters of Greatest Concern

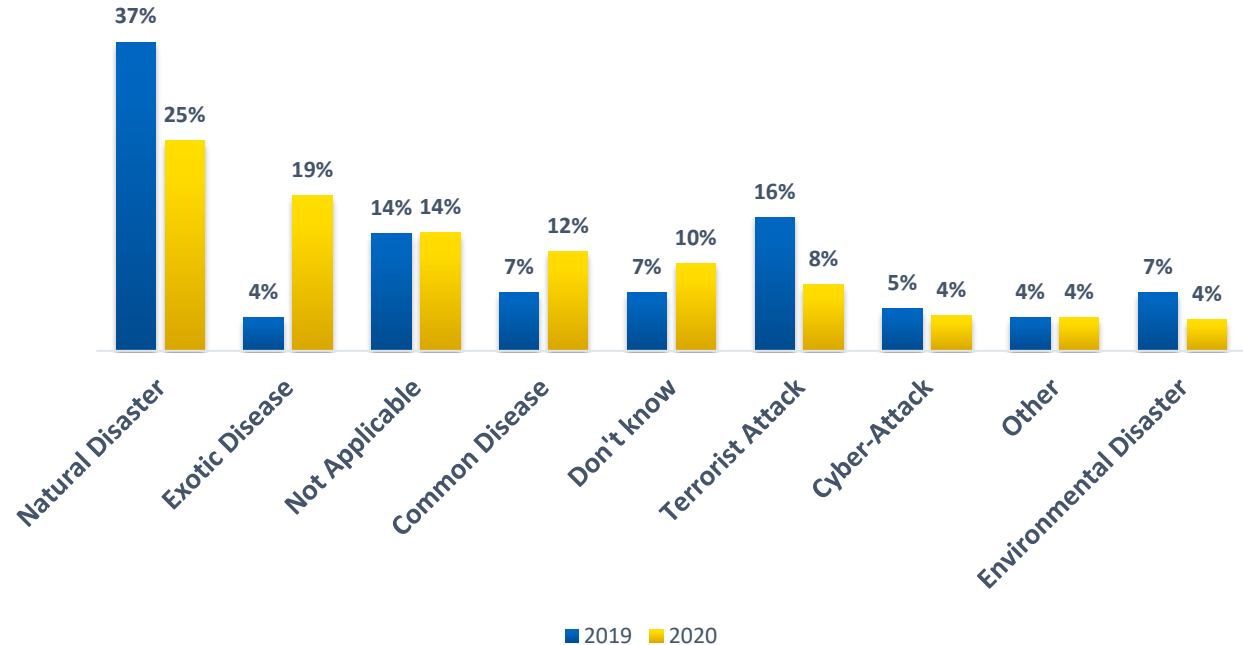
Which ONE, if any, of the following types of disaster are you MOST concerned will affect your community?



In 2020, Americans are still **most** concerned that a natural disaster will affect their community.

Respondents are increasingly concerned about an exotic disease or common disease outbreak.

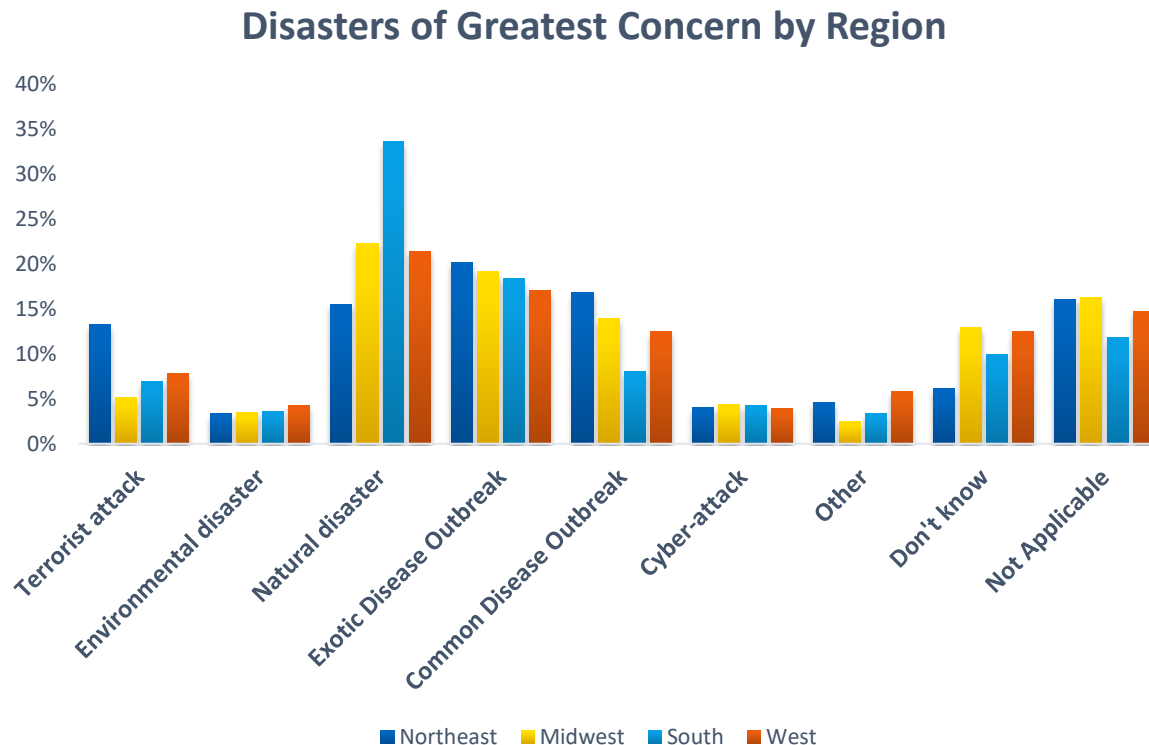
Disasters of Greatest Concern



2020 Disasters of Greatest Concern by Region

When stratified by geographic region, the Northeast is most concerned about an **outbreak of an exotic disease** (20%) or a **commonly occurring disease** (17%).

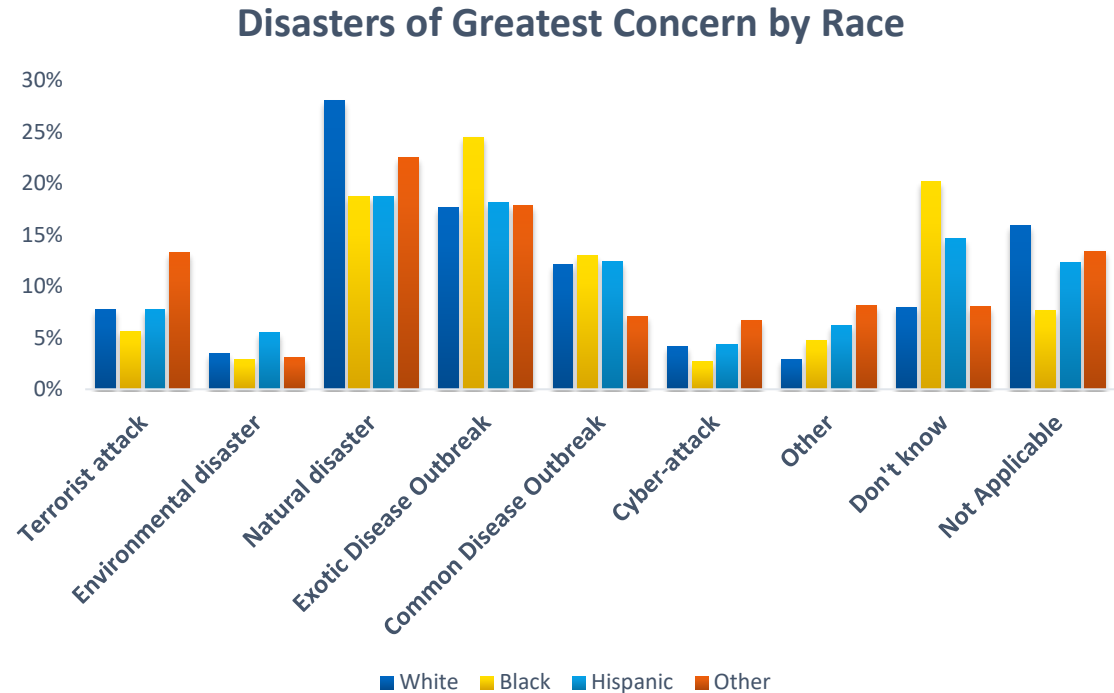
The South is most concerned that a **natural disaster** will affect their community (34%).



2020 Disasters of Greatest Concern by Race

When stratified by race,

- 28% of whites were most concerned that a **natural disaster** would impact their community.
- 24% of blacks were most concerned that an **outbreak of an exotic disease** would impact their community.
- 19% of Hispanics were most concerned that a **natural disaster** would impact their community.
- 23% of other were most concerned that a **natural disaster** would impact their community.

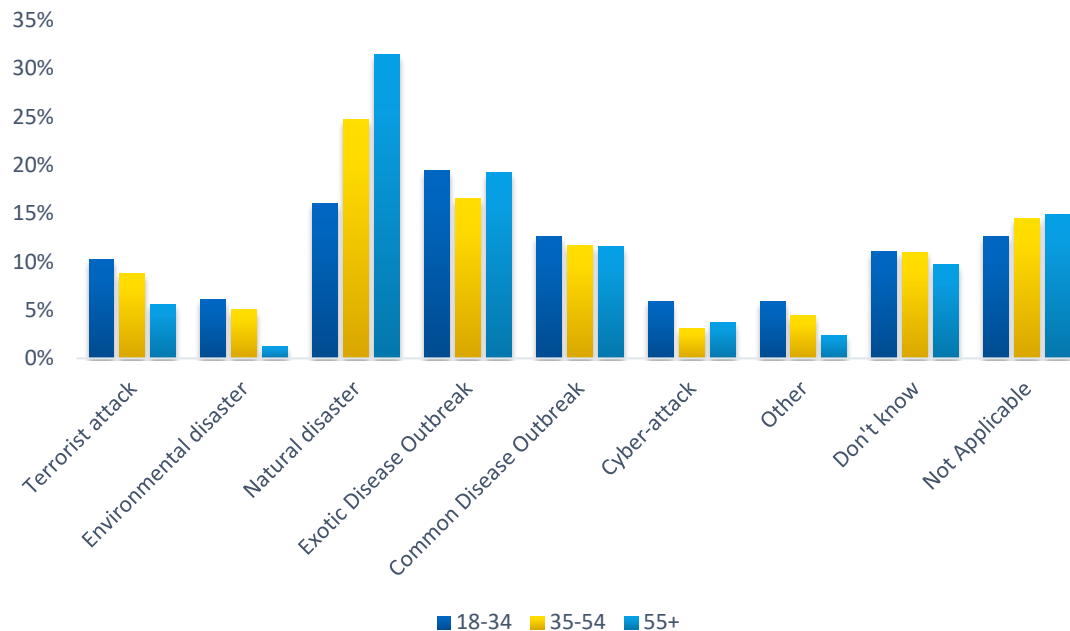


2020 Disasters of Greatest Concern by Age

When stratified by **age**,

- 19% of those aged 18-34 are most concerned that an **outbreak of an exotic disease** will affect their community.
- 25% of those aged 34-55 are most concerned that a **natural disaster** will affect their community.
- 31% of those aged 55+ are most concerned that a **natural disaster** will affect their community.

Disasters of Greatest Concern by Age Group



Prescription Knowledge

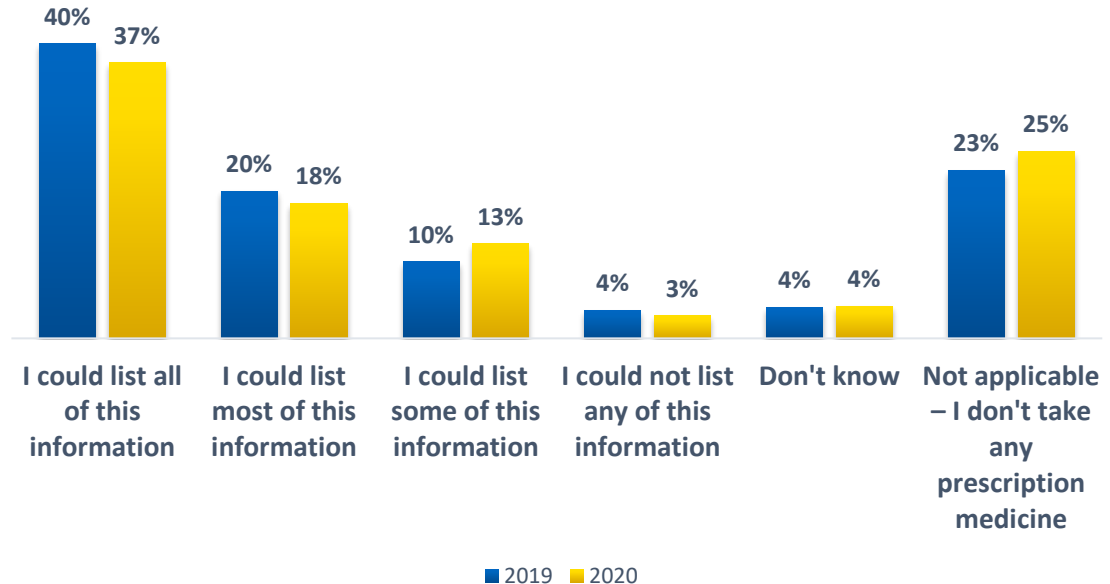
If you had to evacuate your home with no medications or medical supplies, would you know what prescriptions you take, the doctor who prescribed them, and the dose?



Prescription Knowledge

In 2020, Americans are **slightly less** aware of their medical information.

37% said they could list all their medical information, a **decrease** from 40% in 2019.



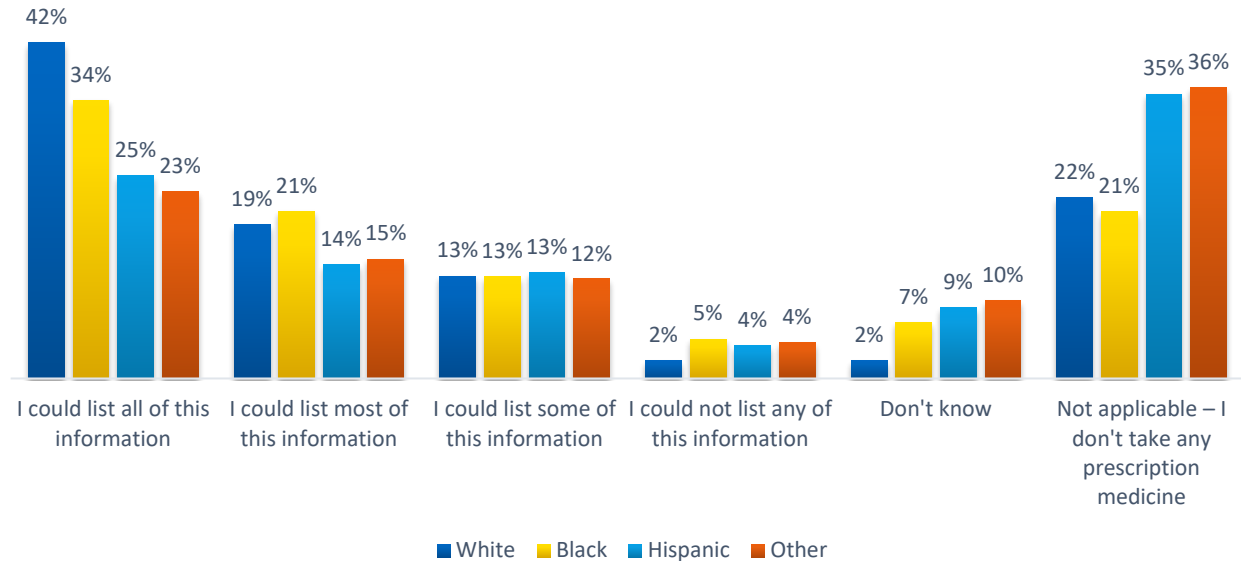
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When stratified by race,

- 42% of whites, 34% of blacks, 25% of Hispanics, and 23% of other can list **all information** related to their medications or medical supplies.
- 2% of whites, 5% of blacks, 4% of Hispanics, and 4% of other say that they could **not list any information**.

Prescription Knowledge by Race



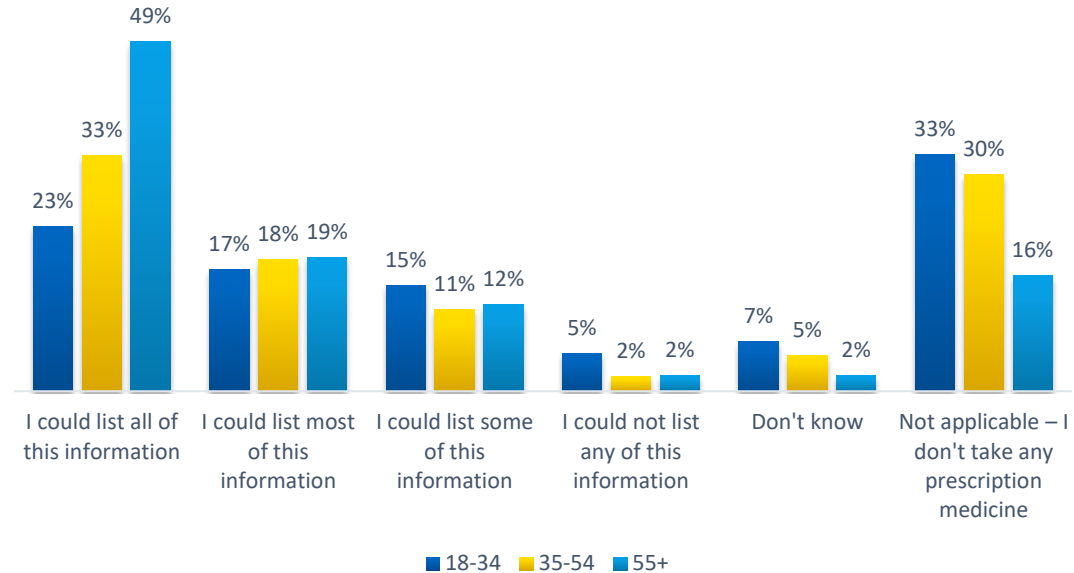
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Prescription Knowledge by Age Group

When stratified by age, **older respondents are more aware** of their prescription information.

- 49% of those aged 55+ are aware of all their prescription information.
- 33% of those aged 34-55 are aware of all their prescription information.
- 23% of those aged 18-34 are aware of all their prescription information.



Maximum Time Away from Prescription Medications

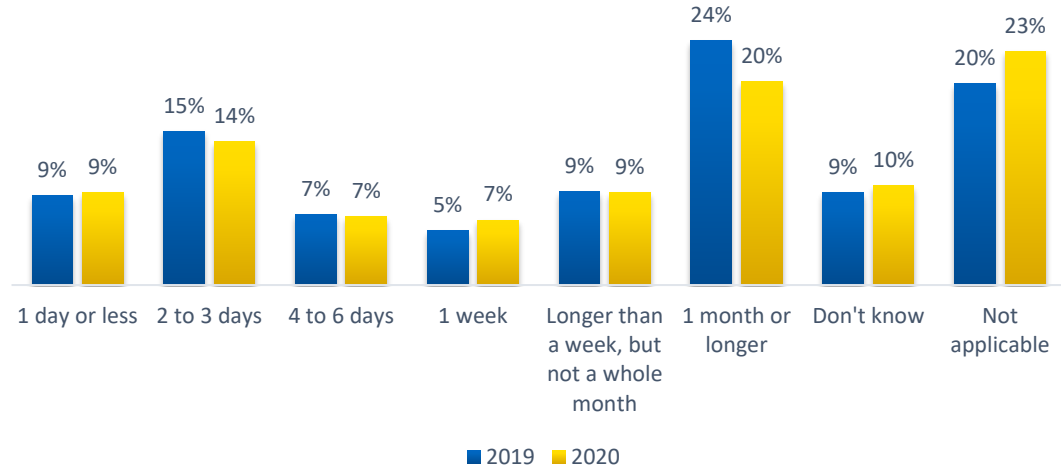
Based on your current health conditions, how long do you think you could go without your regular medications, or be away from medical equipment in your home, before you began experiencing serious effects?



In 2019 and 2020, 37% of respondents say they could **not go longer than 1 week** without their medicines.

Additionally, 46% say they could **not go longer than 1 month** without their medicines.

Time Away from Medical Products (Medicines and Equipment)



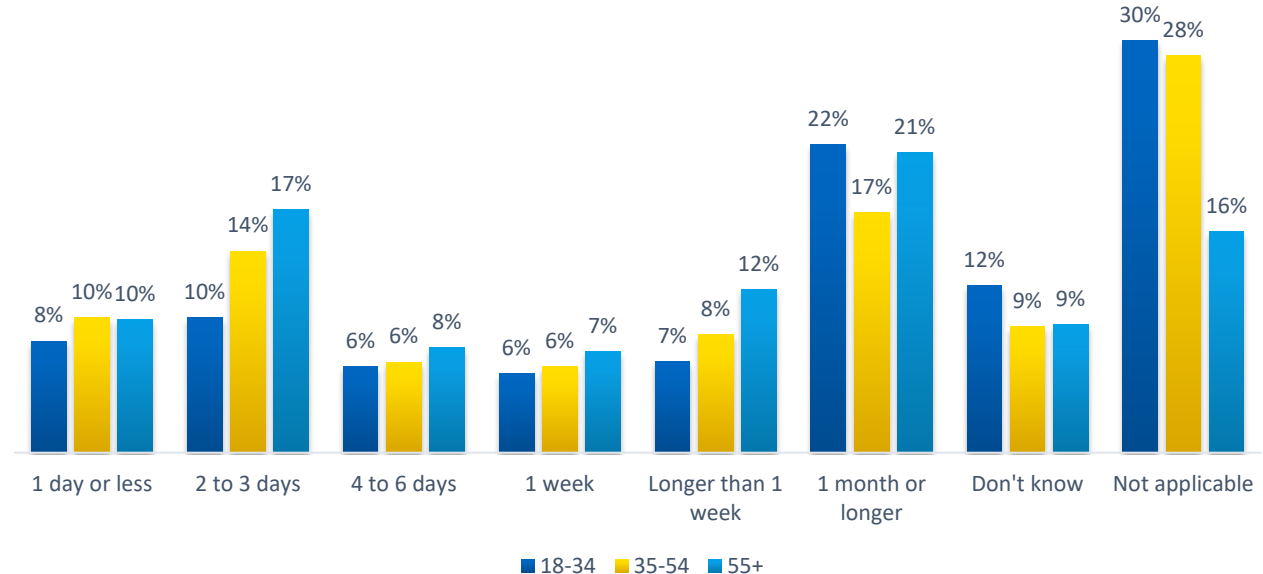
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Time Way from Medical Products by Age

When stratified by age, older respondents could go the least amount of time without their prescription medicines compared to younger respondents.

42% of those aged 55+, 37% of those aged 34-55, and 30% of those aged 18-34 could **not** go longer than a week without their medicines.



Emergency Plan Preparedness

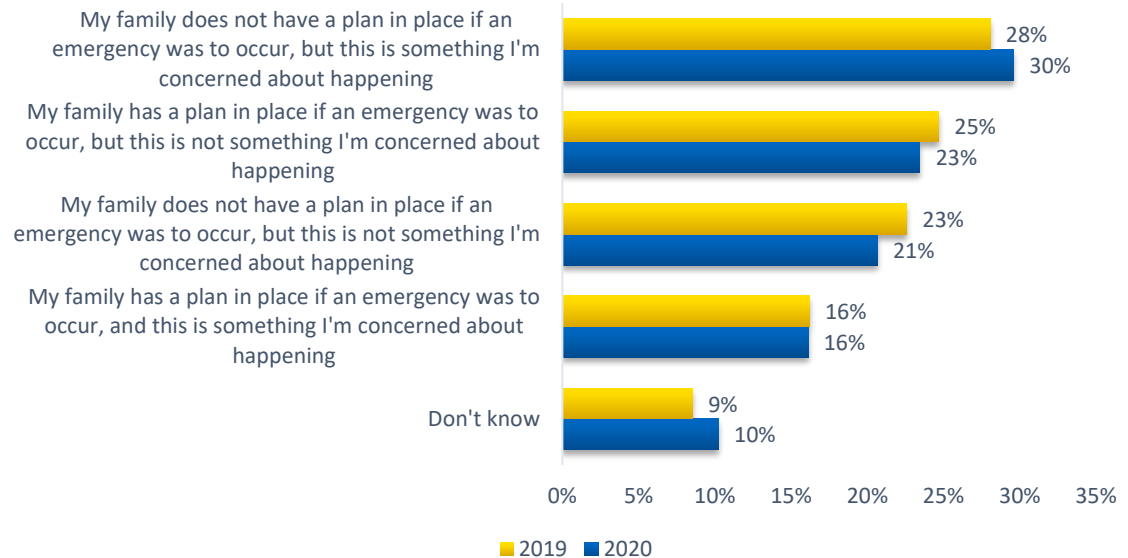
Thinking more generally about having emergency preparation plans in place with your family, which ONE of the following statements best applies to you?



Compared to 2019, there was **no** significant change in respondents' preparation plans or their concern for an emergency in 2020.

Less than half of Americans have an emergency plan in place (40%) and less than half are concerned about an emergency (46%).

Emergency Preparation Plans



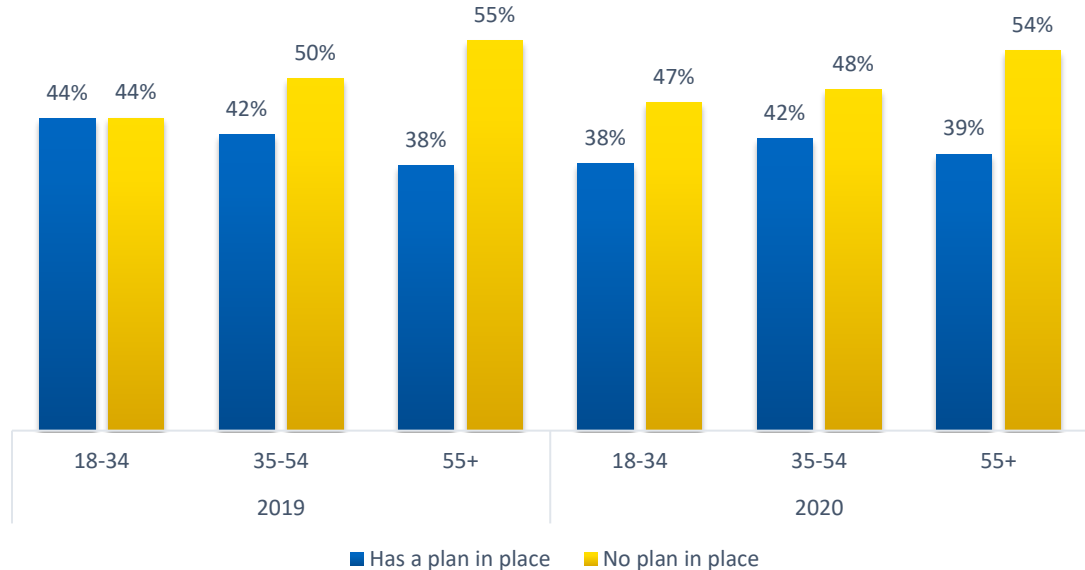
Thinking more generally about having emergency preparation plans in place with your family, which ONE of the following statements best applies to you?

When stratified by **age**,

38% of adults aged 18-34 had an emergency plan in place in 2020, a 6% decrease from 2019.

In 2020 more than half of adults over the age of 55 (54%) report having no emergency plan in place, a 1% decrease from 2019.

Emergency Preparation Plans by Age

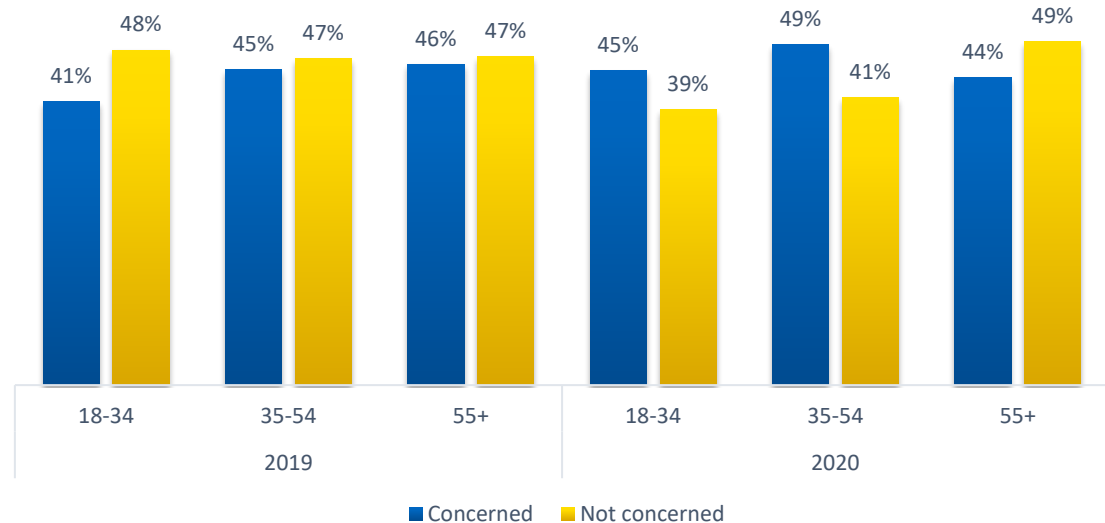


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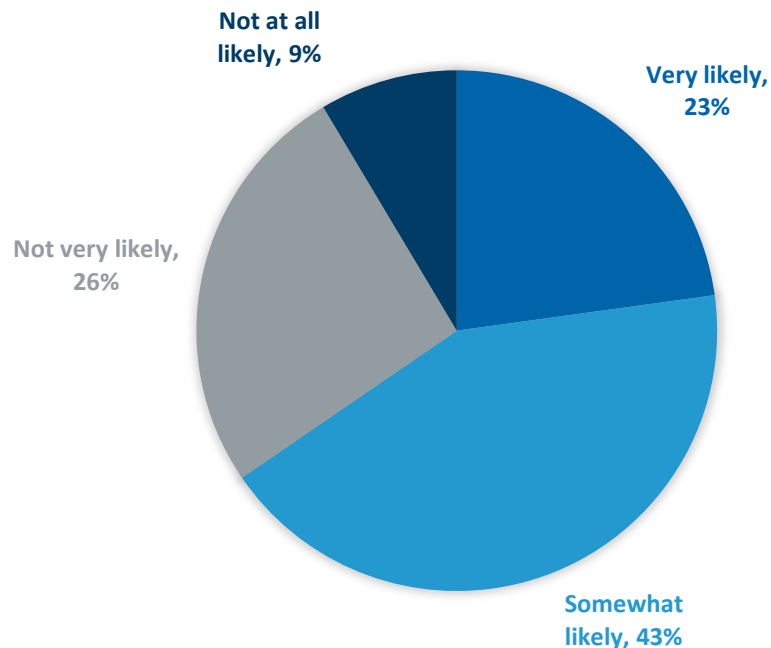
In 2020, more adults **under** the age of 55 are concerned that an emergency will happen compared to 2019, independent of whether they have an emergency plan in place.

Concern for Disaster by Age



Major Disaster Likelihood

If you had to guess, how likely, if at all, do you think it is that a major disaster could impact you and/or your family in the next 5 years?

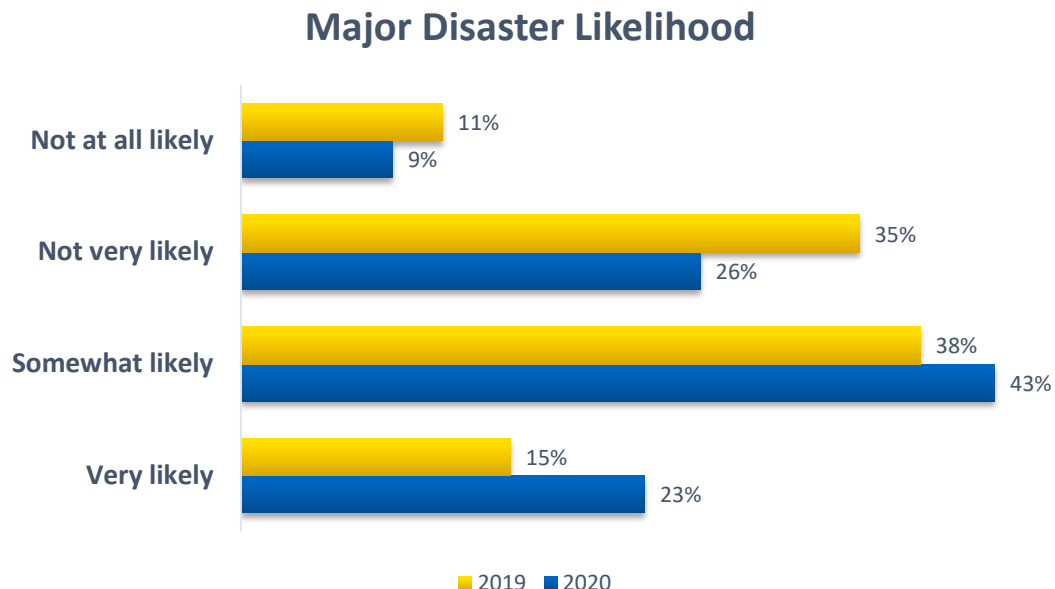


In 2020, 65% of Americans believe a major disaster could impact their family, an increase from 54% in 2019.

If you had to guess, how likely, if at all, do you think it is that a major disaster could impact you and/or your family in the next 5 years?



In 2020, nearly one quarter (23%) of Americans believe it is **very likely** that a major disaster will impact their family, an increase by 8% since 2019.



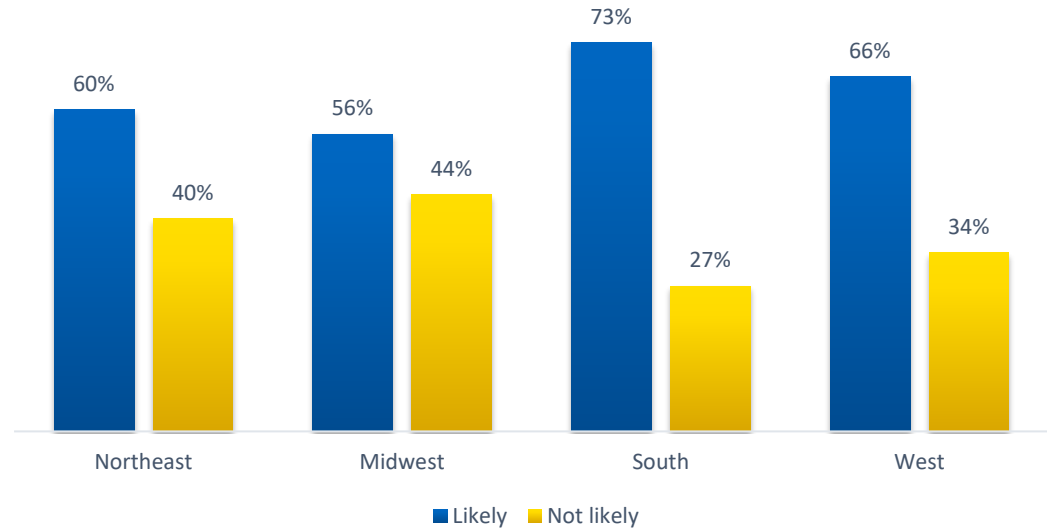
If you had to guess, how likely, if at all, do you think it is that a major disaster could impact you and/or your family in the next 5 years?

When stratified by geographic region, the **South** had the highest proportion of respondents who believe it is likely that a major disaster will impact their family (73%).

The **Midwest** had the lowest proportion of respondents who believe it is likely that a major disaster will impact their family (56%).

Americans in every region believe it is likely that a disaster will affect their family.

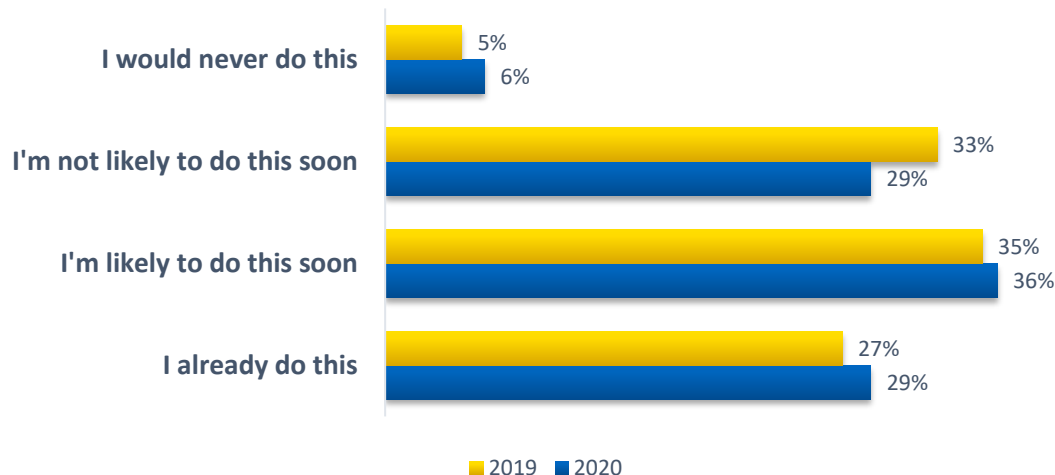
Major Disaster Likelihood by Region



Likelihood of Preparedness Actions

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

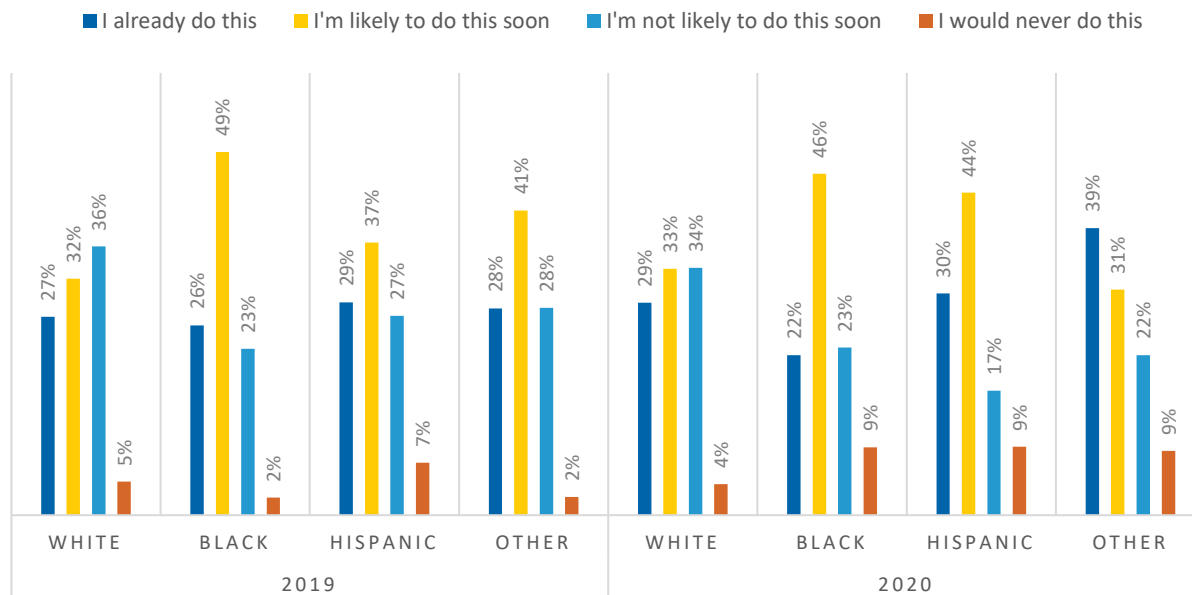
Keep a bag packed with emergency supplies in your house



In 2020, Americans were **slightly more likely** to keep a bag packed with emergency supplies in their house compared to 2019.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

KEEP A BAG PACKED WITH EMERGENCY SUPPLIES BY RACE 2019 VS. 2020

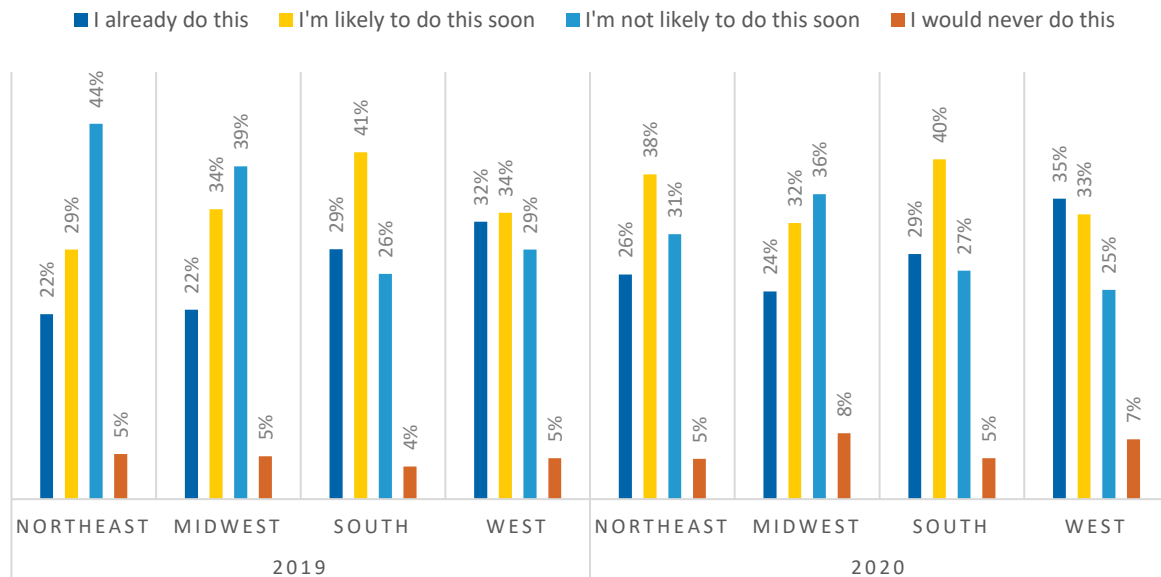


When stratified by **race**, we see that **blacks were least likely** to keep a bag packed with emergency supplies (22%), a decrease of 4% since 2019.

Whites and Hispanics were slightly more likely to keep a bag packed with emergency supplies in 2020 compared to 2019. While other saw an increase of 11% from 2019 to 2020.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

KEEP A BAG PACKED WITH EMERGENCY SUPPLIES BY REGION 2019 VS. 2020

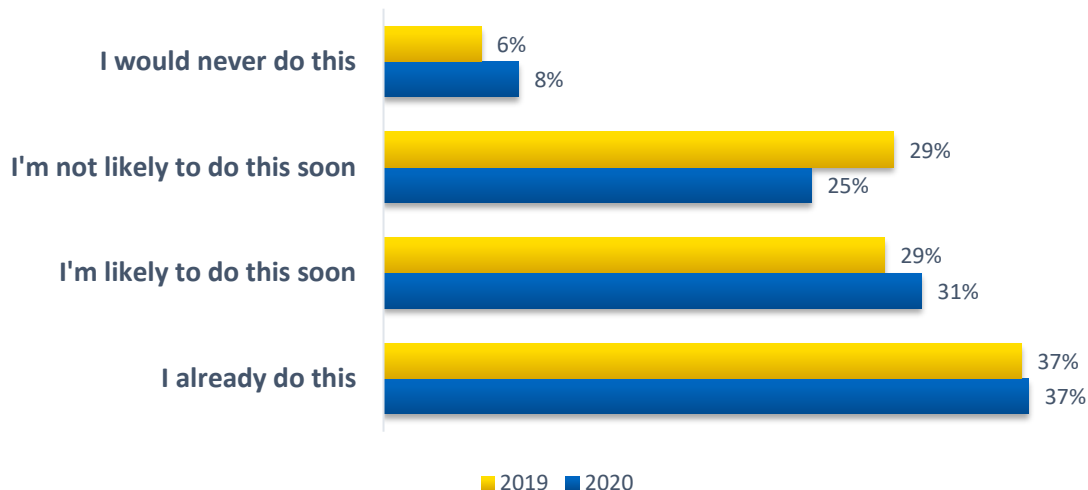


When stratified by **region**, we see that the **West was most likely** to keep a bag packed with emergency supplies (35%), an increase of 3% since 2019.

The **Northeast and the Midwest were slightly more likely** to keep a bag packed with emergency supplies in 2020 compared to 2019.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

Keep a copy of your medical records stored in a safe place

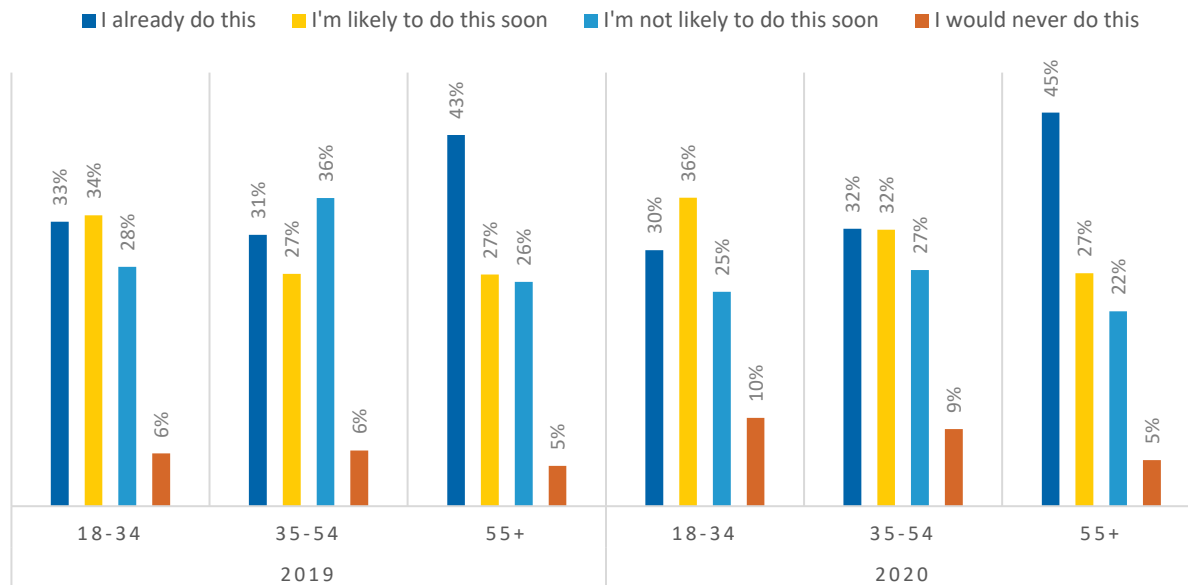


In 2020, Americans were **about as likely** to keep a copy of their medical records stored in a safe place (or likely to do this soon) compared to 2019.

However, there was also a 2% increase in the number of Americans who said they would never keep a copy of their medical records stored in a safe place from 2019 to 2020.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

KEEP A COPY OF YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS BY AGE GROUP 2019 VS. 2020

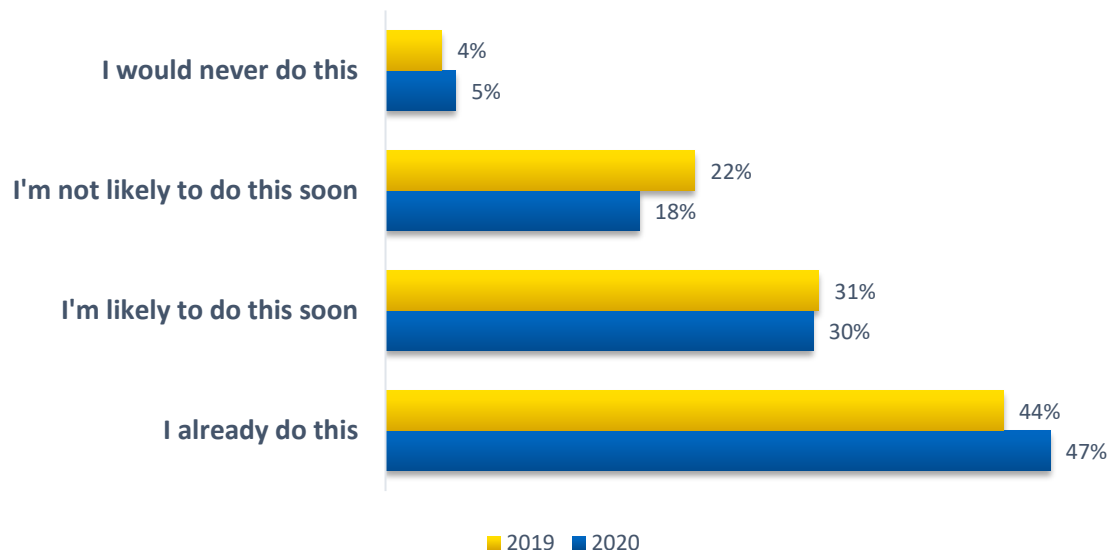


In 2020, those older than 55 years are **most likely** to keep a copy of their medical record (45%), an increase by 2% since 2019.

The youngest age group, ages 18-34, are **least likely** to keep a copy of their medical record (30%), a decrease by 3% since 2019.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

Keep cash on-hand for an emergency

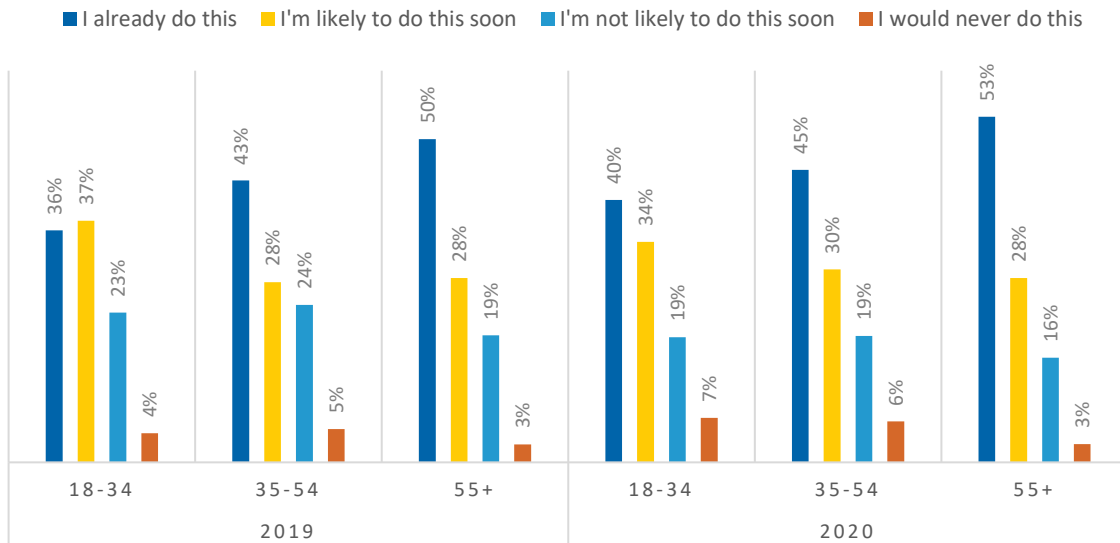


In 2020, Americans are **more likely** to keep cash on hand (47%) than emergency supplies (29%) or their medical records (37%).

There was also a 3% increase in the number of Americans who said they keep cash on hand from 2019 to 2020.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

KEEP CASH ON-HAND BY AGE GROUP 2019 VS. 2020



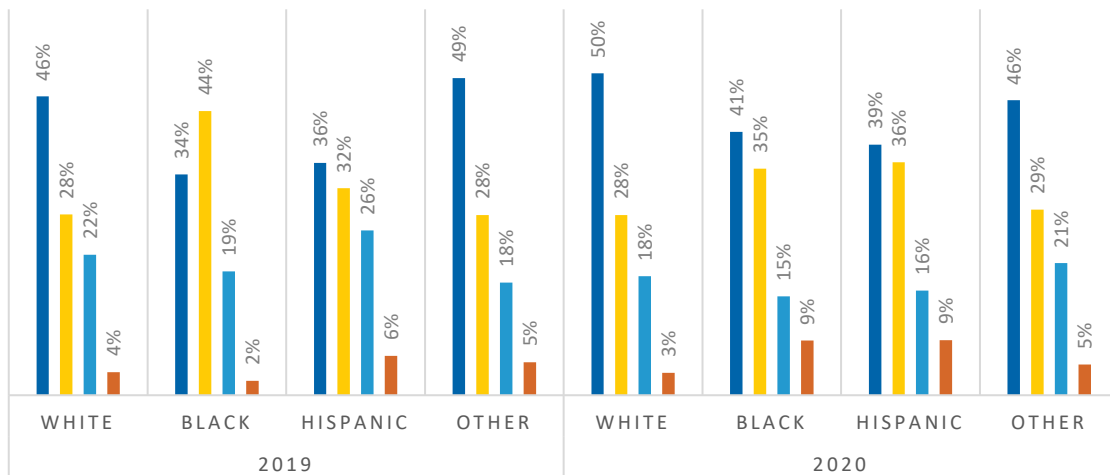
In 2020, those older than 55 years are **most likely** to keep cash on-hand (53%), an increase by 3% since 2019.

All age groups saw an **increase** in the proportion of respondents who keep cash-on hand for an emergency from 2019 to 2020.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

KEEP CASH ON-HAND BY RACE 2019 VS. 2020

■ I already do this ■ I'm likely to do this soon ■ I'm not likely to do this soon ■ I would never do this



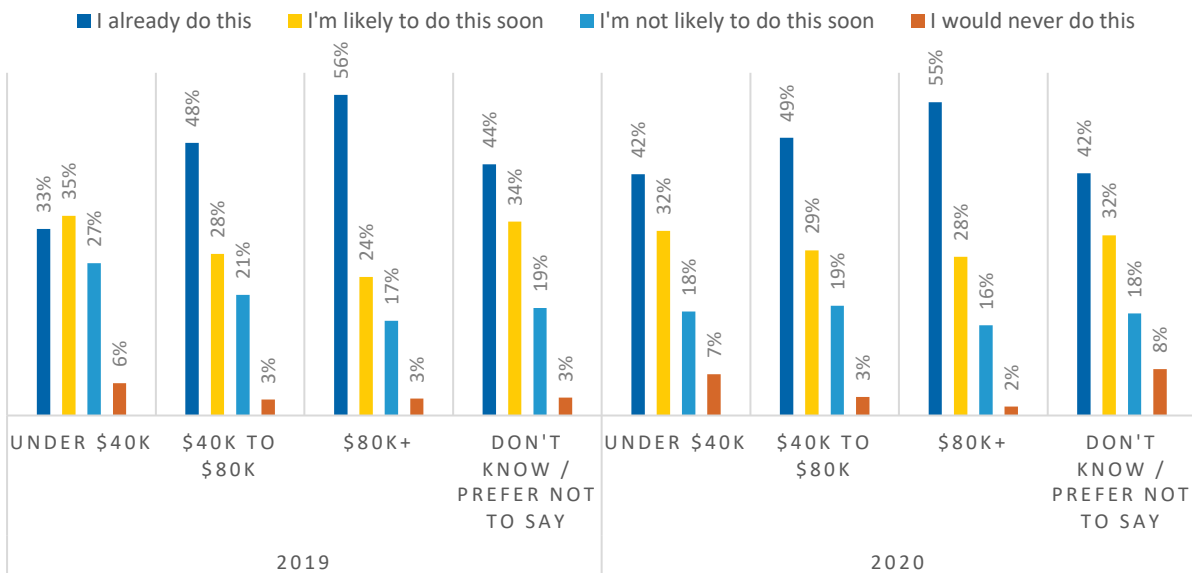
In 2020, whites are **most likely** to keep cash on-hand (50%), an increase by 4% since 2019.

Hispanics are **least likely** to keep cash on-hand (39%).

Blacks saw an **increase** of 7% in the proportion of respondents who report keeping cash on hand in 2020 compared to 2019.

How likely, if at all, are you to take the following preparedness actions in the future?

KEEP CASH ON-HAND BY INCOME 2019 VS. 2020



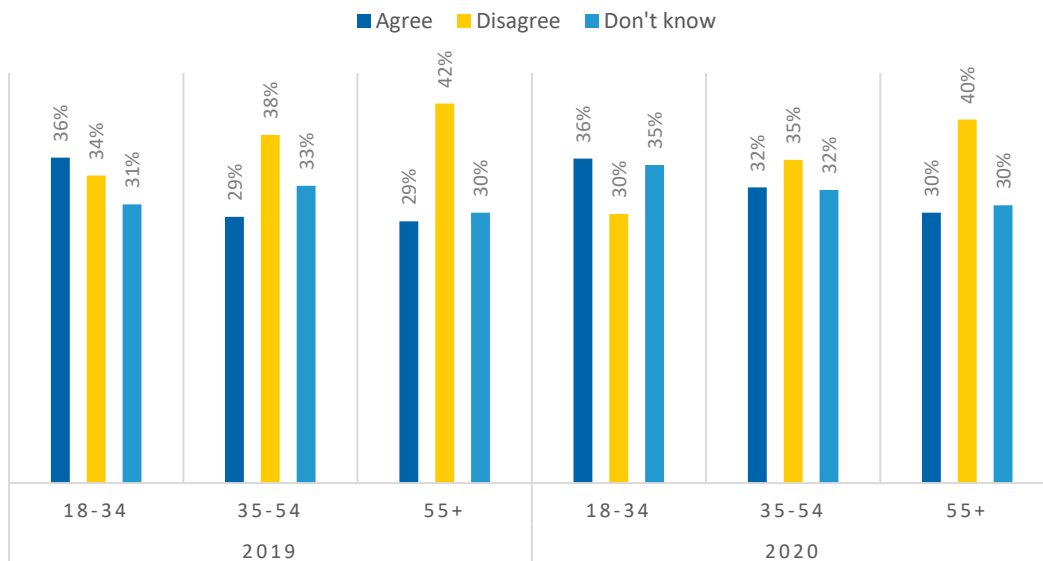
In 2020, those in the highest income bracket (\$80k+) are **most likely** to keep cash on-hand (55%), a decrease by 1% since 2019.

Those in the lowest income bracket (under \$40k) are **least likely** to keep cash on-hand (42%), an increase by 9% since 2019.

Government Preparedness

Federal government agencies (e.g., FEMA or HHS) have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters and aid in disaster response and recovery.

BY AGE GROUP 2019 VS. 2020

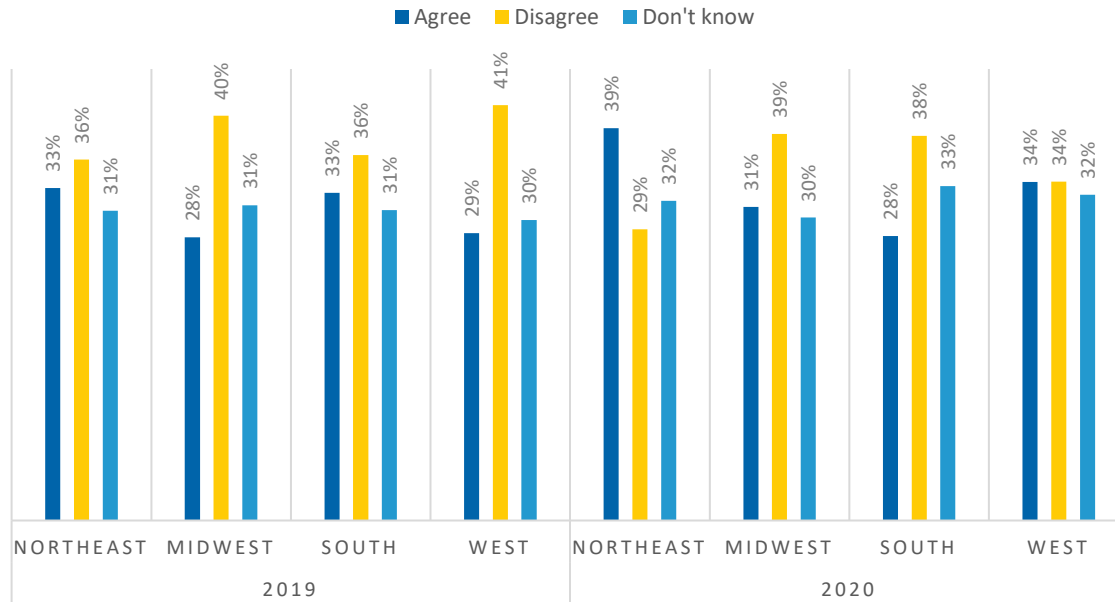


In 2020, those aged 18-34 years were **most likely** to agree that federal government agencies have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters (36%).

18-34 years is the **only** age bracket that has a **higher** proportion of agree than disagree.

Federal government agencies (e.g., FEMA or HHS) have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters and aid in disaster response and recovery.

BY REGION 2019 VS. 2020

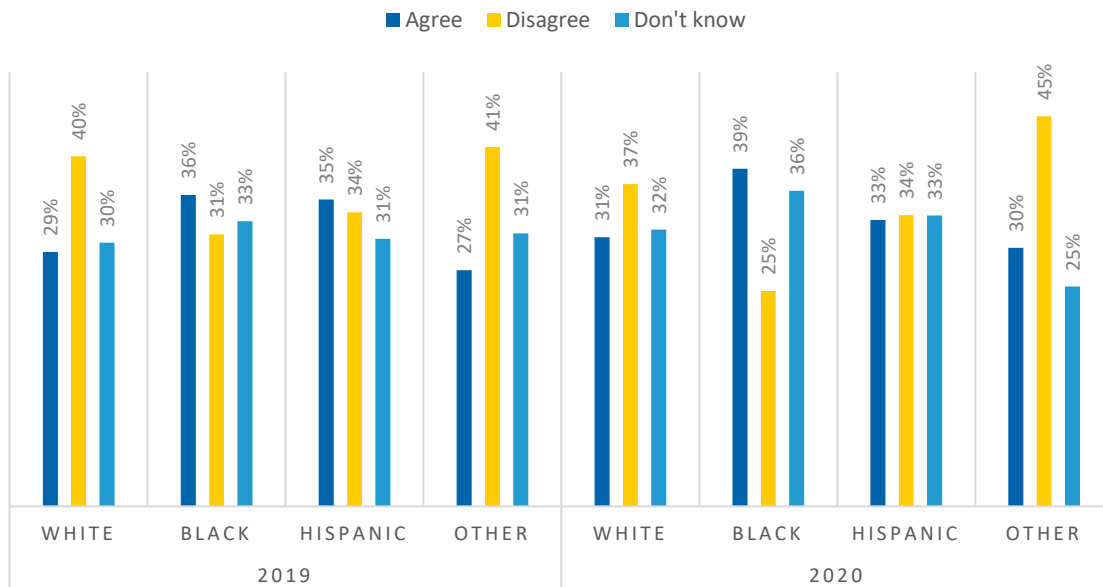


In 2020, the Northeast was **most likely** to agree that federal government agencies have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters (39%).

The Northeast is the **only** region that has a higher proportion of agree than disagree.

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BY RACE 2019 VS. 2020



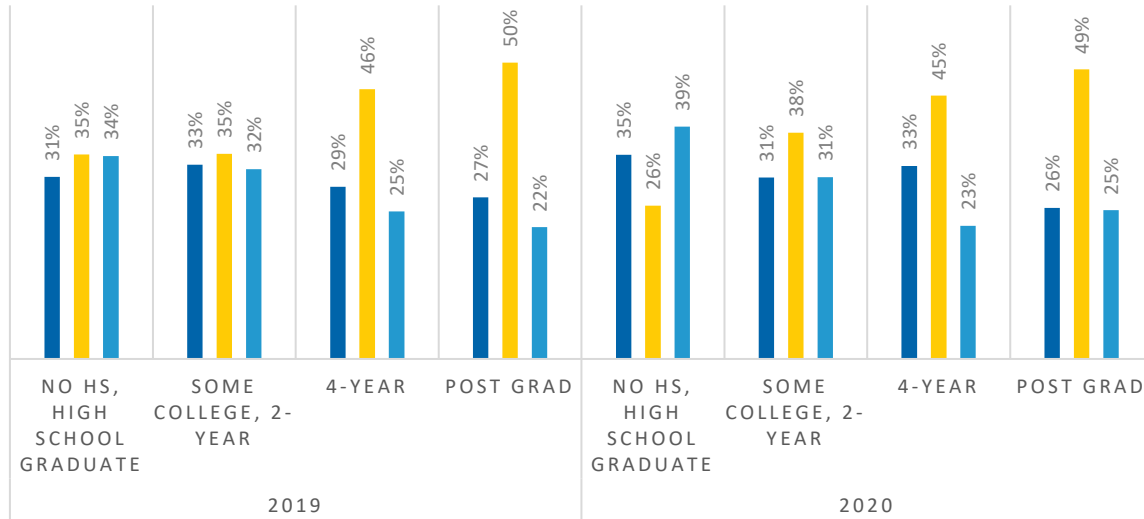
In 2020, Blacks were **most likely** to agree that federal government agencies have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters (39%).

Blacks are the **only** race that has a higher proportion of agree than disagree.

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BY EDUCATION GROUP 2019 VS. 2020

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't know

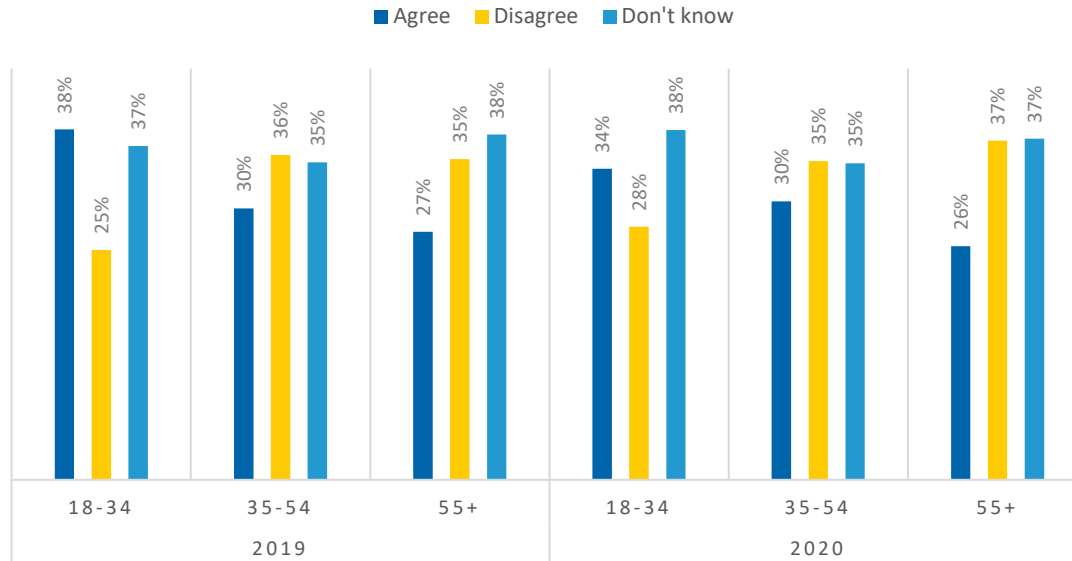


In 2020, those with at most a high school education were **most likely** to agree that federal government agencies have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters (35%).

Those with a high school education are the **only** group that has a higher proportion of agree than disagree.

My state and local government agencies (e.g., the health department) have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters and aid in disaster recovery and clean up.

BY AGE GROUP 2019 VS. 2020



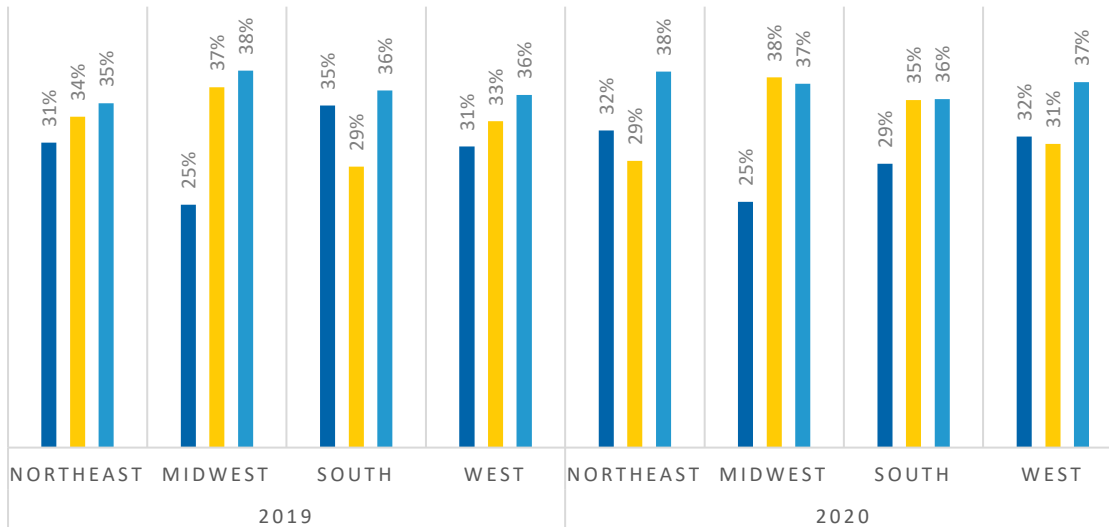
In 2020, those aged 18-34 years were **most likely** to agree that state and local government agencies have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters (34%), though this decreased by 4% since 2019.

Those older than 55 were **least likely** to agree that state and local agencies have enough funding to prepare (26%), a 1% decrease from 2019.

My state and local government agencies (e.g., the health department) have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters and aid in disaster recovery and clean up.

BY REGION 2019 VS. 2020

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't know

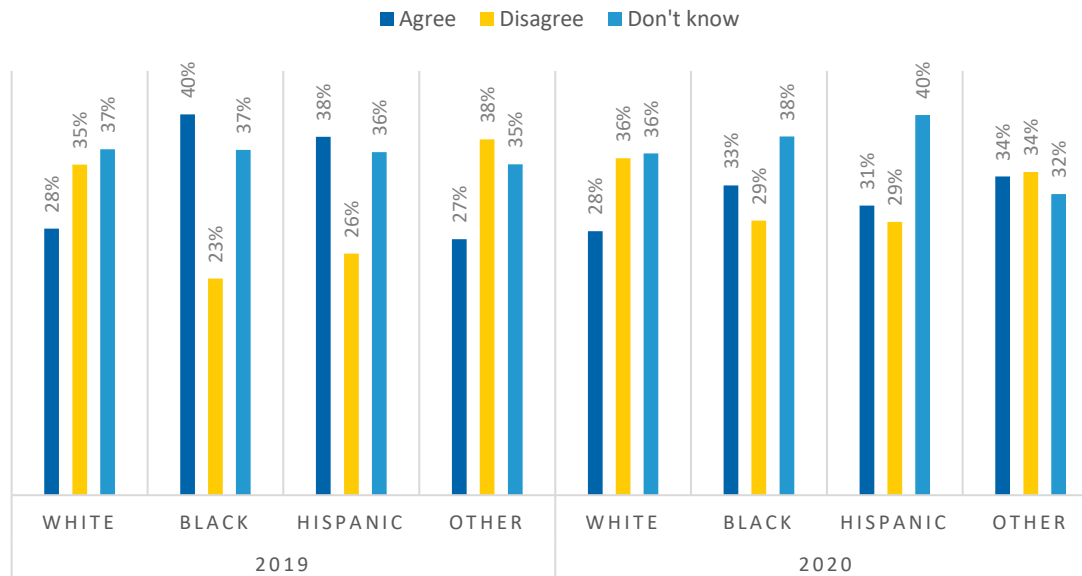


In the south, the proportion of those who agree that state and local government agencies have enough funding **decreased** by 6% from 2019 to 2020.

The Midwest was **least likely** to agree that state and local government agencies have enough funding (25%).

My state and local government agencies (e.g., the health department) have enough funding to prepare communities for disasters and aid in disaster recovery and clean up.

BY RACE 2019 VS. 2020

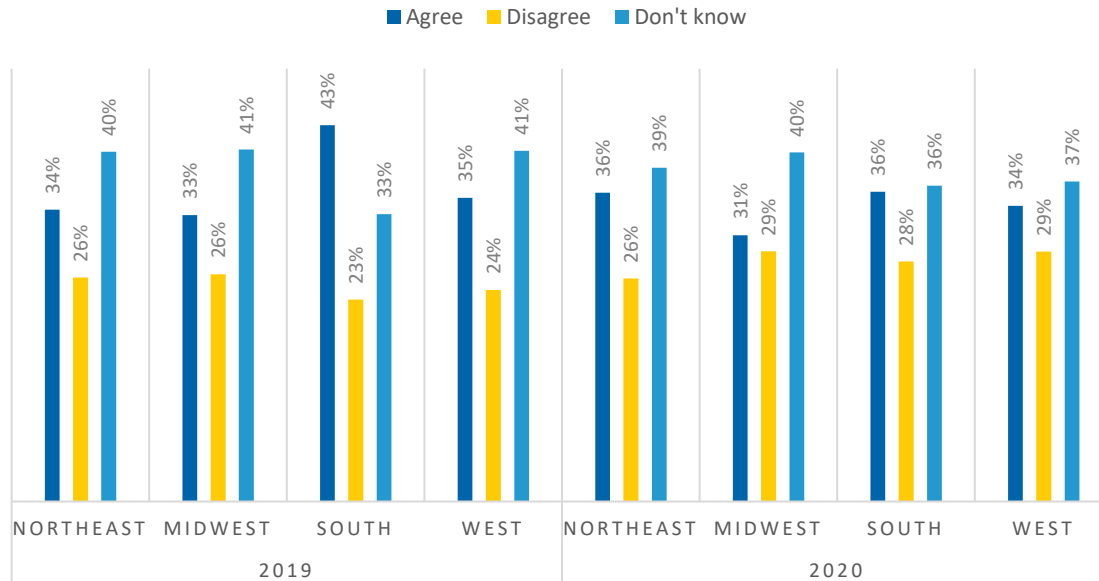


Among blacks, the proportion of those who agree that state and local government agencies have enough funding **decreased** by 7% from 2019 to 2020.

Whites were **least likely** to agree that state and local government agencies have enough funding (28%).

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

BY REGION 2019 VS. 2020



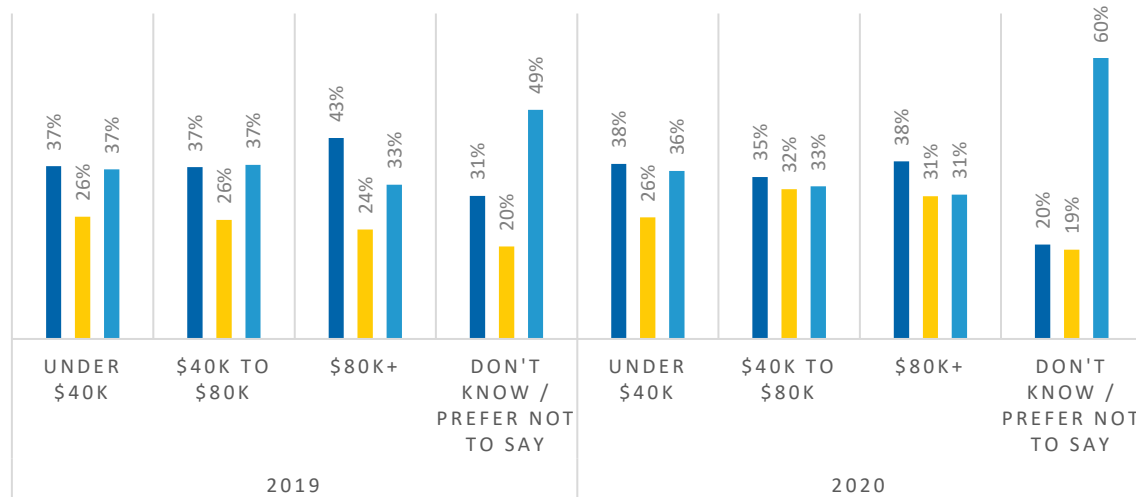
In the South, the proportion of those who agree that local community organizations have the resources they need, **decreased** by 7% from 2019 to 2020.

The Midwest was **least likely** to agree that state and local government agencies have enough funding (31%).

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

BY INCOME LEVEL 2019 VS. 2020

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't know



There was **no significant difference** by income level in views towards community organizations preparedness and ability to assist.

All income level groups (excluding those who responded with “prefer not to say”) have a higher proportion of those who agree that local community organizations are prepared and have the resources they need than those that disagree.