



## Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands Evacuees in New York

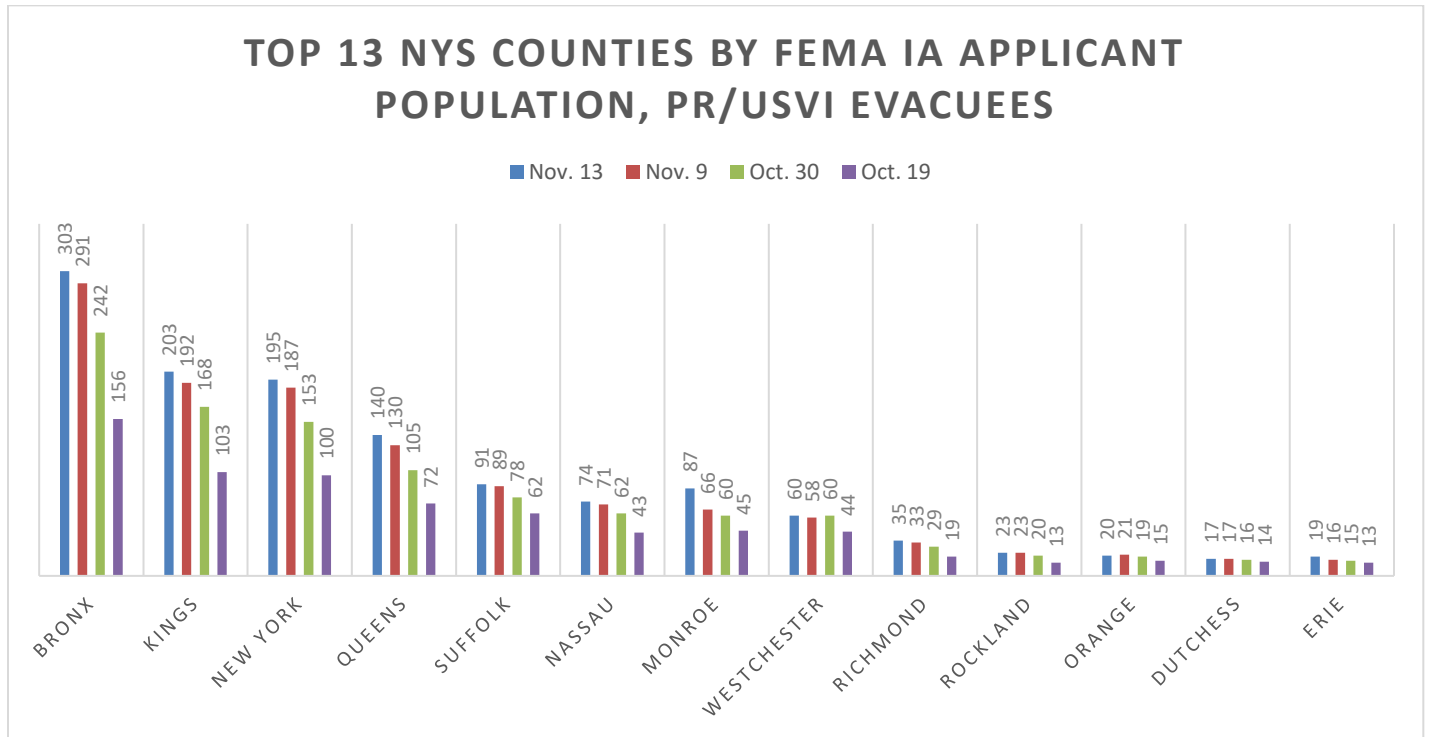
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### Overview

In September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria left a trail of destruction through the Caribbean. The U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands sustained significant damage, causing many to evacuate to the continental United States (CONUS). As of 11/13/2017, there were 16,181 evacuees from PR and USVI who had filed a FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) application and a registered CONUS change-of-address (referred to throughout this report simply as “evacuees”). New York State has the second-highest concentration of evacuees, at 1,399, following Florida at 7,383.

- As of 11/13/2017, there were 1,399 FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) applicants with a NYS address change.
  - 876 in New York City, 165 on Long Island, and 358 elsewhere in the state.
  - Since 10/30, 26% increase in NYC, 18% increase on Long Island, and 14% increase in the rest of the state.
- The City of New York opened a Hurricane Evacuee Services Center (HESC) on 10/19.
  - As of 11/13, 1,216 households from Puerto Rico and USVI have visited the Center.
  - Many evacuees have unmet needs including temporary and permanent housing, food, clothing, public benefits advocacy, and employment services. 79% report remaining unmet needs (see page 3.)
  - NYCVOAD/NYVOAD members providing services at the HESC: American Red Cross of Greater New York, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York, City Harvest, New York Cares, NYDIS, The Salvation Army Greater New York Division.
  - NYCVOAD is taking the lead in reporting HESC service statistics.
- On 10/30, FEMA announced that [Transitional Sheltering Assistance \(TSA\) is available to those displaced from Puerto Rico.](#)
  - “Transitional Sheltering Assistance allows eligible applicants to shelter in a hotel or motel, for a limited period of time, as a bridge to intermediate and longer-term housing.”
  - TSA also includes transportation to the Continental United States and back to the pre-disaster address.
  - As of 11/14, there are 938,000 FEMA IA applicants eligible for TSA.
    - There are 450 households housed under TSA in CONUS.
- In Rochester (11/9/17) the Ibero-American Action League [brought together dozens of local agencies](#) to offer resources for evacuees.



#### Counties with Largest Evacuee % Change (at least 15 IA applicants)

County (Borough)	Increase from 10/30/17 to 11/13/17
Monroe	45%
Queens	33%
New York (Manhattan)	27%
Erie	27%
Bronx	25%
Kings (Brooklyn)	21%
Suffolk	17%
Rockland	15%
Dutchess	6%
Orange	5%

#### Statewide Maps

[New York State Map \(ten layers: PR and USVI, for 11/13, 11/9, 10/30, 10/19 and 10/10\)](#)

[New York State Heat Map \(10/30\)](#) (shows concentration of evacuees)

[New York State Heat Map \(10/19\)](#)

[New York State Heat Map \(10/10\)](#)

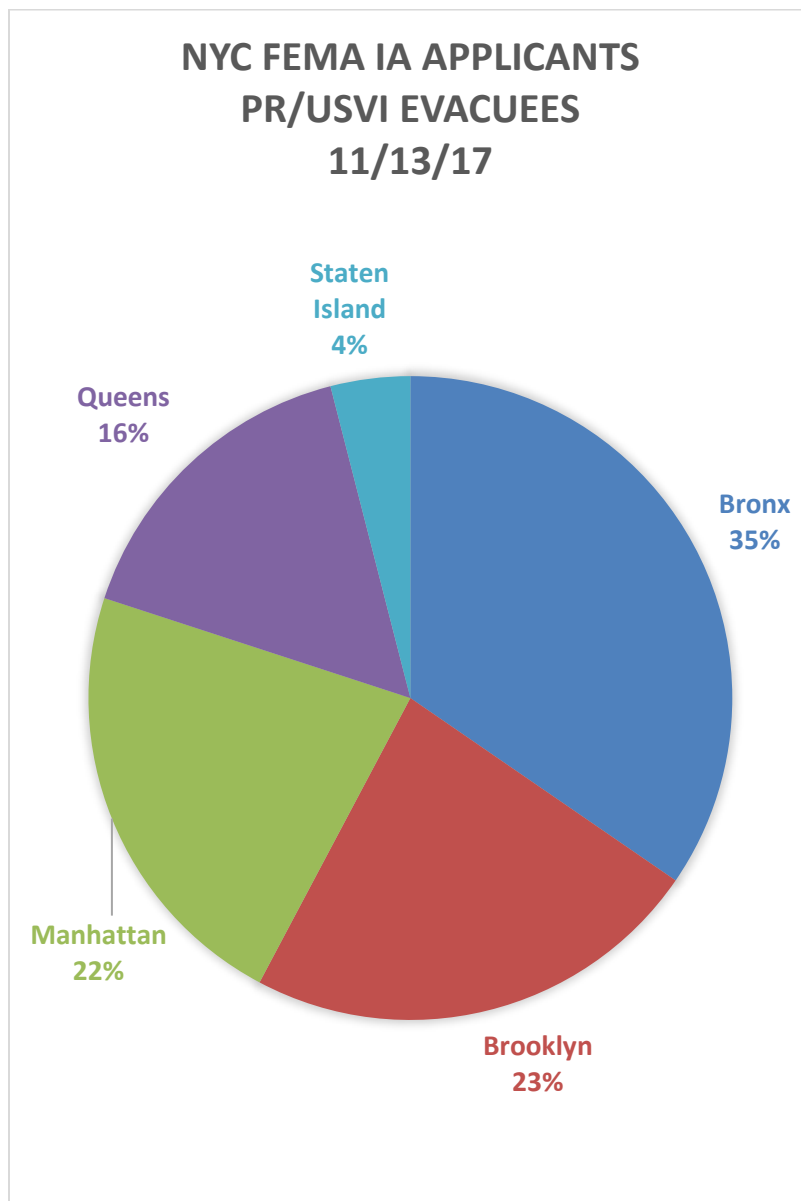
[Puerto Rico and USVI Heat Map \(10/30\)](#) (shows concentration of pre-disaster ZIP codes)

[Puerto Rico and USVI Heat Map \(10/19\)](#)

**New York City Graphs**

**New York City Evacuee Population**  
As of 11/13/2017 (% increase from 10/30/2017)

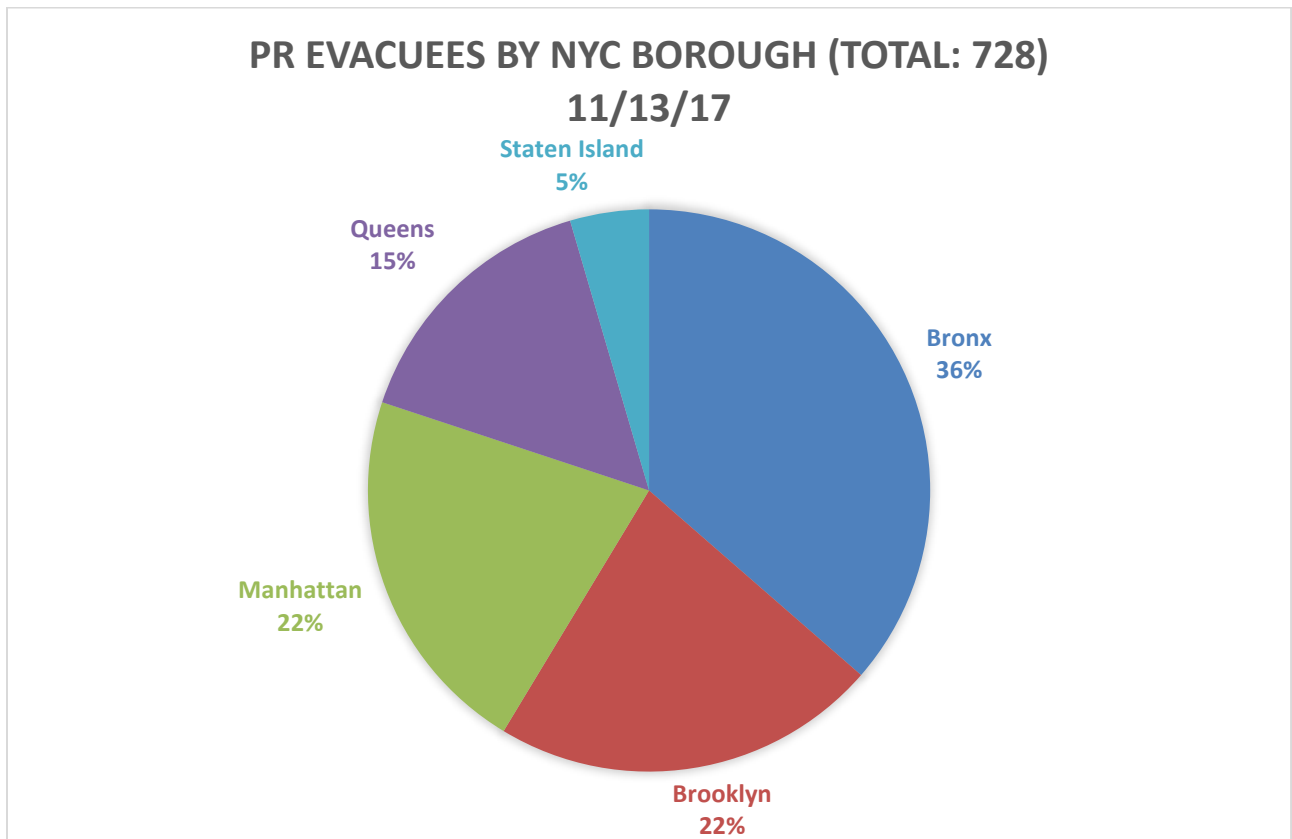
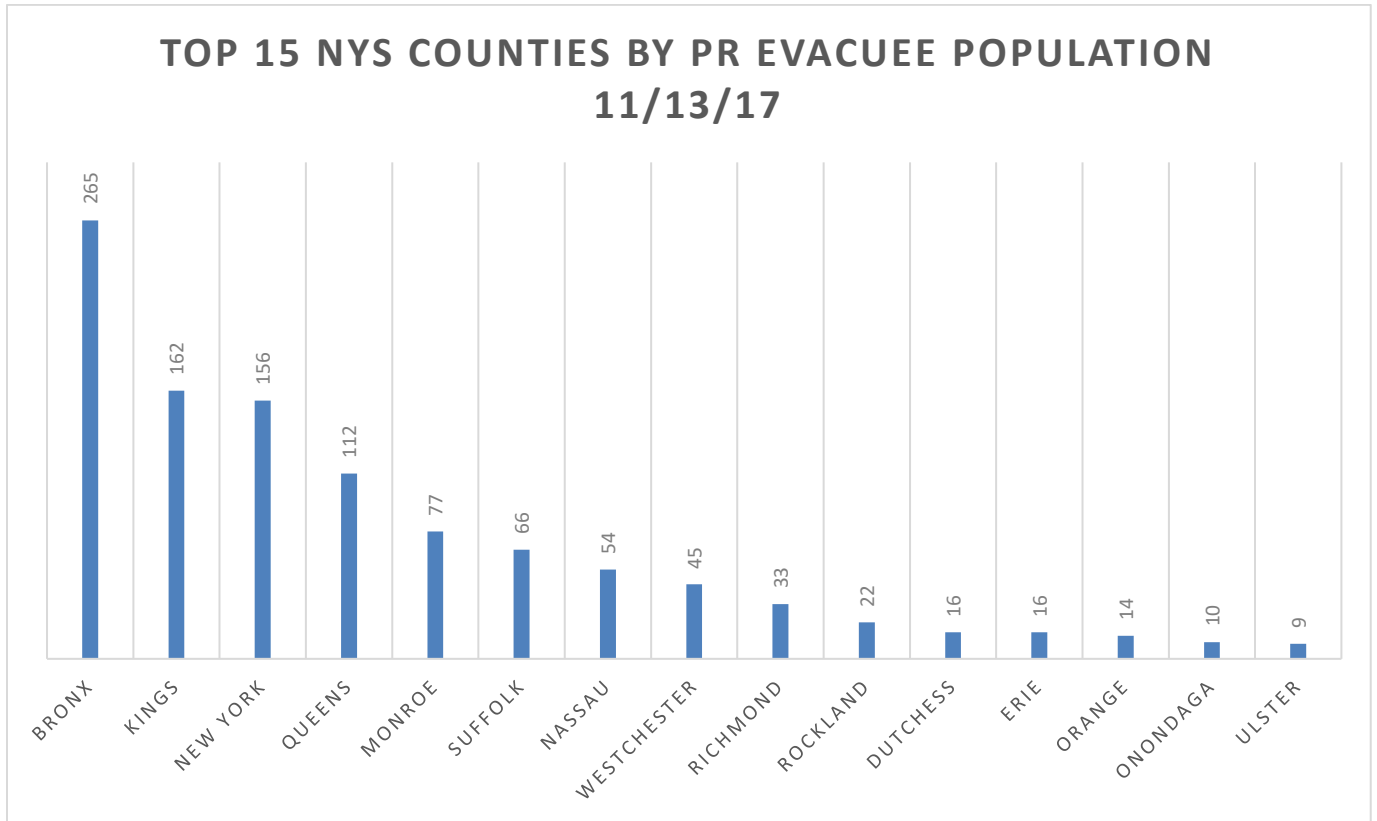
Puerto Rico	Borough (County)	USVI
265 (25%)	Bronx	38 (27%)
162 (20%)	Brooklyn (Kings)	41 (24%)
156 (29%)	Manhattan (New York)	39 (22%)
112 (35%)	Queens	28 (27%)
33 (22%)	Staten Island (Richmond)	2 (0%)



**NYC Service Center Evacuees  
Most Common Remaining Unmet  
Needs (through 11/13/17)**

Clothing	61%
Permanent Housing	59%
Food Support	41%
Temporary Housing	36%
Medical	34%
Employment Services	33%
Public Benefits Advocacy	33%
Transit Assistance	26%

**Puerto Rico Evacuee Graphs**



**U.S. Virgin Islands Evacuee Graphs**

