



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

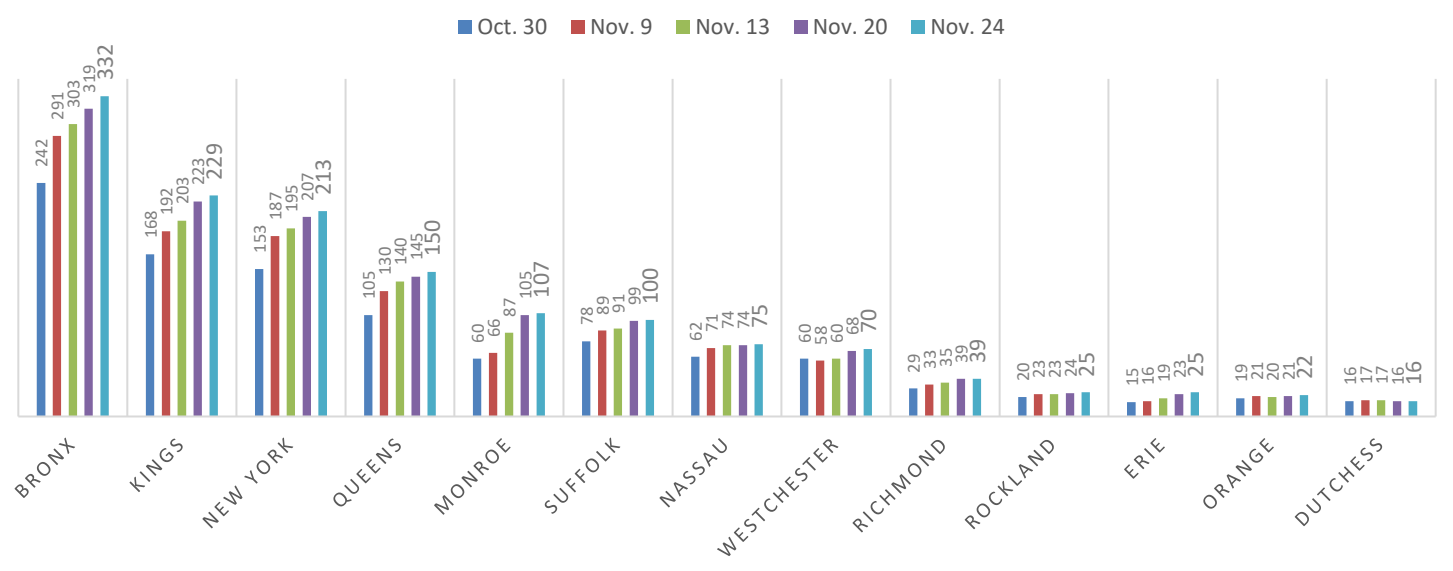
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Overview

In September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria left a trail of destruction through the Caribbean. The U.S. territories of Puerto Rico (PR) and the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) sustained significant damage, causing many to evacuate to the continental United States (CONUS). As of 11/24/2017, there were 17,792 evacuees from PR and USVI who had filed a FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) application and a CONUS address change. This report refers to IA applicants as “evacuees”. New York State has the second-highest concentration of evacuees, at 1,544, following Florida at 8,045.

- As of 11/24/2017, there were 1,544 FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) applicants with a NYS address change.
 - 963 in New York City, 175 on Long Island, and 406 elsewhere in the state.
 - Since 11/13, 10% increase in NYC, 6% increase on Long Island, and 13% increase in the rest of the state.
- The City of New York opened a Hurricane Evacuee Services Center (HESC) on 10/19.
 - As of 11/21, 1,481 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. 67% 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, New York Disaster Interfaith Services, The Salvation Army Greater New York Division.
 - NYCVOAD is taking the lead in reporting HESC service statistics.
- In Rochester on 11/9, the Ibero-American Action League [brought together dozens of local agencies](#) to offer resources for evacuees. As of 11/28, Ibero reports [over 1,300 evacuees](#) have registered with them.
- Those seeking assistance in New York State can call the Governor’s evacuee hotline at 1-888-364-4901. 2-1-1 is also keeping track of needs and making referrals.
- On 10/30, FEMA announced that [Transitional Sheltering Assistance \(TSA\) is available to those displaced from PR.](#)
 - “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 over 938,000 people eligible for TSA.
 - TSA-funded charter flights to CONUS have not yet begun.

TOP NYS COUNTIES BY FEMA IA APPLICANT POPULATION PR & USVI



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

County (Borough)	Increase from 11/13/17 to 11/24/17 (total IA applicants as of 11/24)
Erie	32% (25)
Monroe	23% (107)
Westchester	17% (70)
Kings (Brooklyn)	13% (229)
Richmond (Staten Island)	11% (39)
Orange	10% (22)
Suffolk	10% (100)
Bronx	10% (332)
New York (Manhattan)	9% (213)
Rockland	9% (25)
Queens	7% (150)

Statewide Maps

[New York State Map \(four layers, PR and USVI, 11/24, 11/20\)](#) (a pin is a zip code where at least one evacuee is located)

[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 \(10/10\)](#)

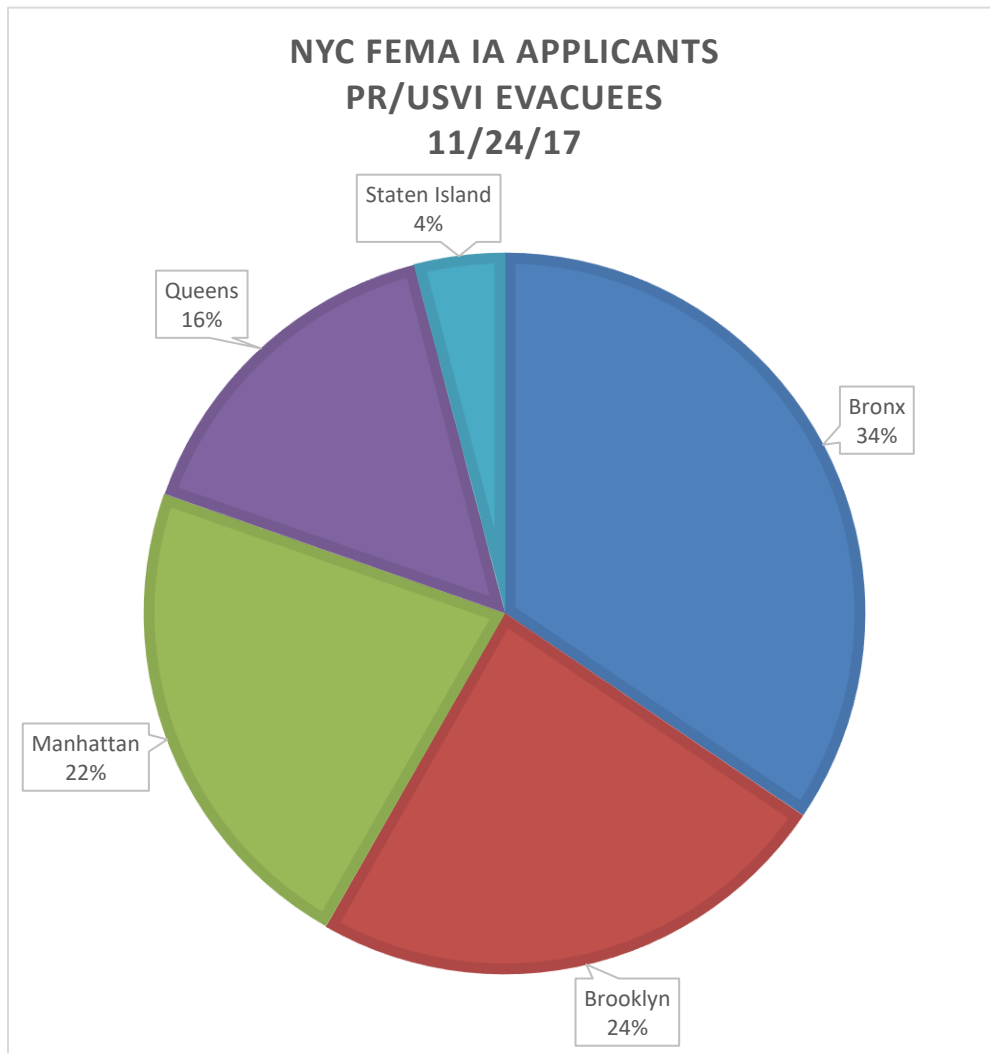
[Puerto Rico and USVI Heat Map \(10/30\)](#) (shows concentration of pre-disaster ZIP codes)

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

New York City Graphs

New York City Evacuee Population
As of 11/24/2017 (% increase from 11/13/2017)

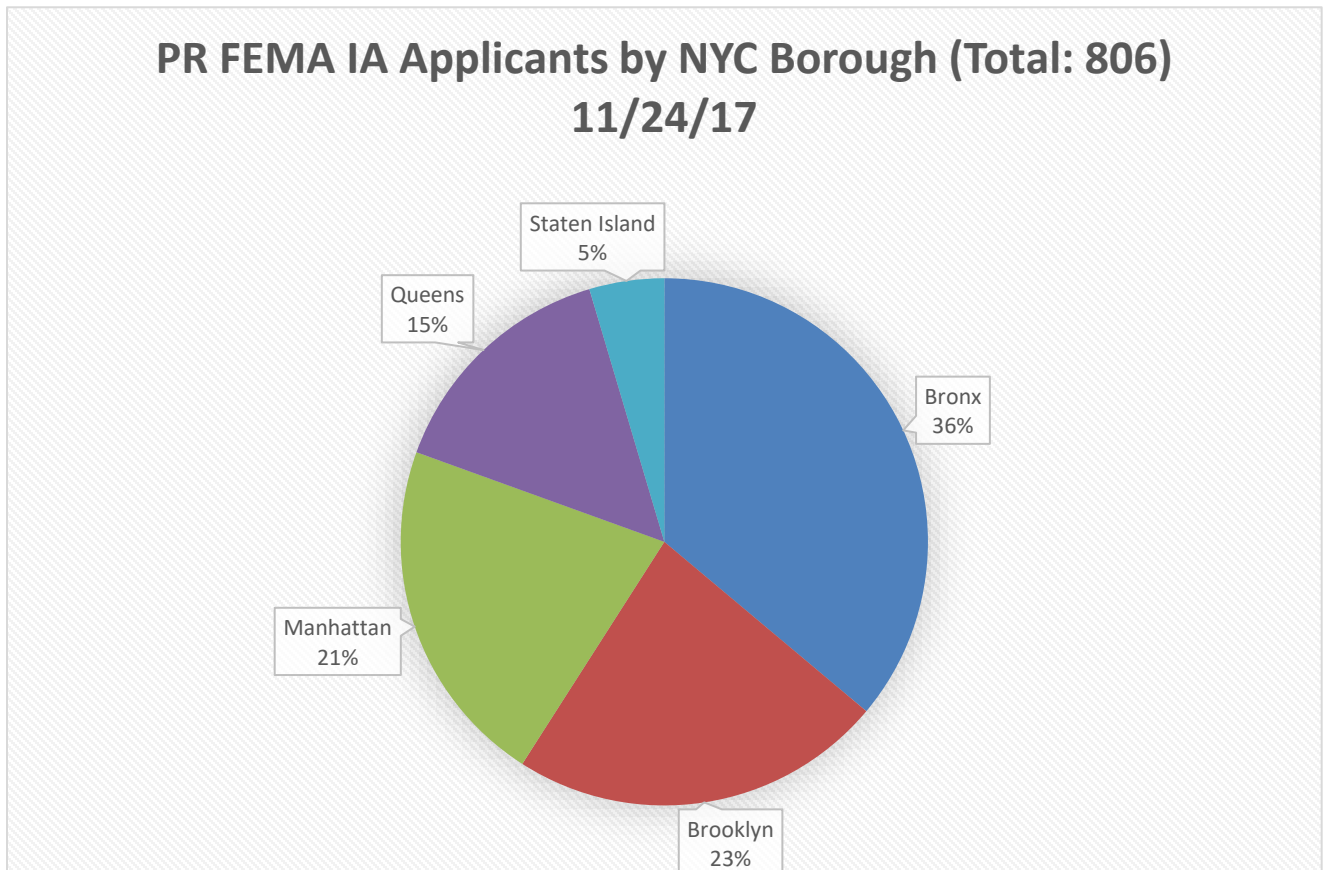
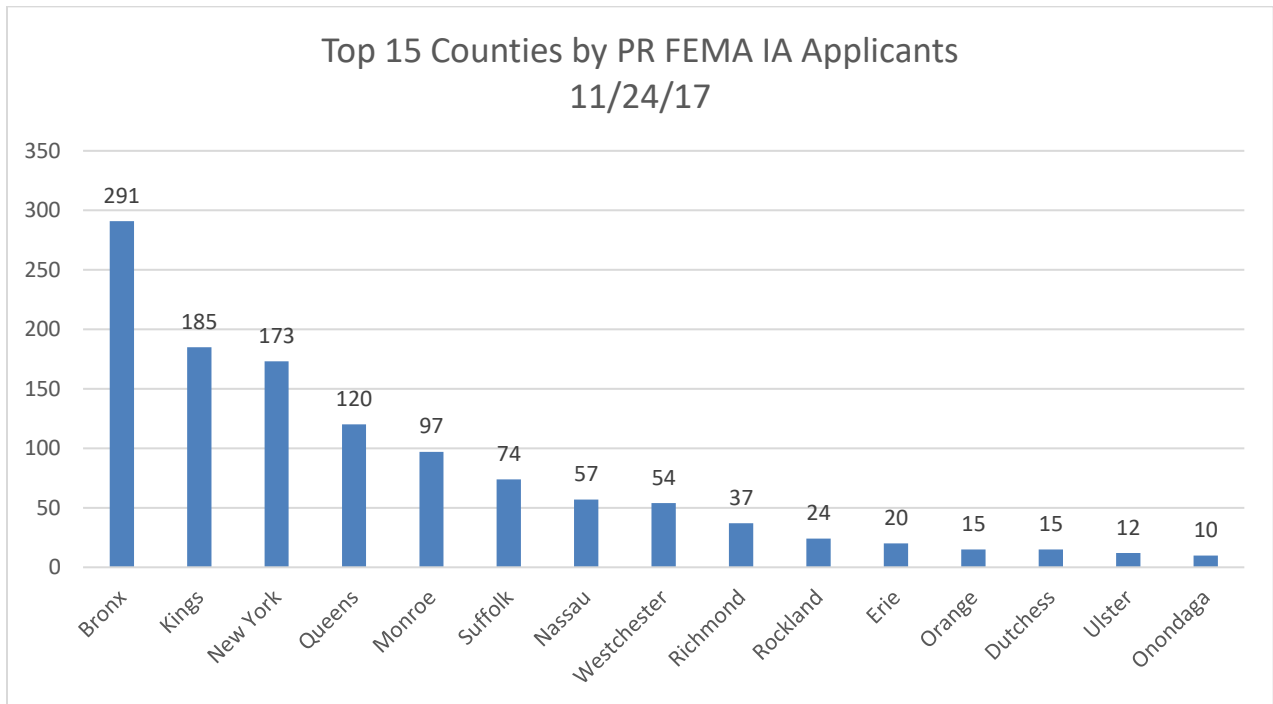
PR	Borough (County)	USVI
291 (10%)	Bronx	41 (8%)
185 (15%)	Brooklyn (Kings)	44 (7%)
173 (11%)	Manhattan (New York)	40 (3%)
120 (7%)	Queens	30 (7%)
37 (12%)	Staten Island (Richmond)	2 (0%)



**NYC Service Center Evacuees
Most Common Remaining Unmet
Needs (through 11/20/17)**

Clothing	63%
Permanent Housing	60%
Food Support	44%
Temporary Housing	36%
Medical	35%
Employment Services	35%
Public Benefits Advocacy	32%
Transit Assistance	29%

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U.S. Virgin Islands Evacuee Graphs

