Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands Evacuees in New York
12/22/2017

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). Significant infrastructure issues persist; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimates that full power restoration will occur by May 2018.

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(1) Government Updates

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- 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.”
  - 28 hotels across the state are housing 148 applicants in 156 rooms.
  - As of 11/14, there are over 950,000 people eligible for TSA.
  - Chartered flights are no longer planned to CONUS due to reported low demand. At this time, only Florida has a host-state agreement with Puerto Rico.

New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES)

- Puerto Rico & USVI Helpline: (888) 364-4901
- At this time, a host-state agreement between Puerto Rico and New York State has not been signed.
(2) New York State
- New York State has 1,869 evacuee households according to FEMA Individual Assistance registrations.
  - Second-highest concentration of evacuees in the country.
  - The number of non-registered households in the state is unclear.

Figure 1

Puerto Rico and USVI Evacuee Households
FEMA Individual Assistance Applicants
12/20/2017

Source: FEMA statistics compiled by New York VOAD with support from New York Disaster Interfaith Services

Figure 2

New York City Hurricane Evacuee Population
Puerto Rico and USVI Households (FEMA IA Registrants)
12/20/2017

Source: FEMA statistics compiled by New York VOAD with support from New York Disaster Interfaith Services
**Figure 3**

New York State Counties by FEMA IA Population (>50 Households)
Largest % Change (November 20th to December 20th, 2017)
Puerto Rico and USVI Evacuees

Source: FEMA statistics compiled by New York VOAD with support from New York Disaster Interfaith Services

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**Figure 4**

Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands Evacuees in New York State (FEMA IA registered)
12/20/2017

- Puerto Rico, Hurricane Irma: 83%
- Puerto Rico, Hurricane Maria: 7%
- U.S. Virgin Islands, Hurricane Irma: 1%
- U.S. Virgin Islands, Hurricane Maria: 9%

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Figure 5

Top Ten New York State Counties by FEMA IA Applicant Population (Households)
Puerto Rico and USVI Evacuees

Source: FEMA statistics compiled by New York VOAD with support from New York Disaster Interfaith Services
(3) New York City

- New York City has 1,126 registered households, 60% of total New York State population
- The City of New York opened a Hurricane Evacuee Services Center (HESC) on 10/19.
  - As of 12/14, 1,801 households from Puerto Rico and USVI have visited the Center.
  - New York City estimates there are 17,000 evacuees in New York State,
  - Many evacuees have unmet needs including temporary and permanent housing, food, clothing, public benefits advocacy, and employment services.
  - NYCVOAD is taking the lead in reporting HESC statistics.
- New York Disaster Interfaith Services opened a marketplace for evacuee clothing and household goods on November 27th. The Marketplace is co-located at the HESC. As of 12/15, the marketplace had served 1,339 individuals, and distributed over 4,600 items of clothing and 1,300 coats. Key partners include Burlington Coat Factory, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York, Delivering Good, Macy’s, New York City Council Speaker’s Office, New York City Office of the Mayor, Salvation Army Greater New York Division.

**Figure 6**

New York City Hurricane Evacuees, Puerto Rico and USVI
FEMA IA Registered Households
October – December 2017

Source: FEMA statistics compiled by New York VOA D with support from New York Disaster Interfaith Services
Marketplace Statistics

**Figure 7**

Return vs. New Households  
NYDIS Marketplace  
December 11th to December 21st, 2017

**Figure 8**

Total Households and Individuals Served  
NYDIS Marketplace  
December 5th to December 21st, 2017
**Figure 9**

Items Distributed to Evacuees  
NYDIS Marketplace  
December 5th to December 21st, 2017

**Figure 10**

Units of Clothing Distributed  
NYDIS Marketplace  
December 5th to December 21st, 2017
(4) Rochester

- The Ibero-American Action League has 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. They are planning weekly openings through the end of January, and report housing and security deposit as the largest needs. They report between 200 and 300 attendees each day the MARC is open.

(5) Interactive Maps

New York State Map (six layers, PR & USVI, 11/30, 11/24, 11/20) (pin is a zip code where at least one evacuee is located)

New York State Heat Map (10/30) (shows concentration of evacuees)

New York City Heat Map (11/30)
New York State (minus NYC) Heat Map (11/30)
Long Island Heat Map (11/30)

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