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Topline & Methodology

The Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of Puerto Rico Residents

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The Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of Puerto Rico Residents was conducted in-person from July 3 to August 29, 2018. Interviews were completed in Spanish among 1,500 randomly selected adults ages 18 and older residing in Puerto Rico at the time of the survey who were also living there when Hurricane Maria hit the island on September 20, 2017. The sample was stratified by five regions with 100 sampling points (Census Block Groups) randomly sampled in proportion to each region's size (i.e. more Block Groups were selected in more populous areas). Within each Block Group, interviews were conducted with 15 randomly selected adults in each Block Group. The final results have been weighted for demographics and so that each region reflects its estimated share of Puerto Rico's population. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. For results based on subgroups the margin of sampling error may be higher. Estudios Tecnicos of San Juan, Puerto Rico collaborated with KFF and Washington Post researchers on sample design and weighting and conducted the fieldwork. SSRS provided methodological consultation and data tabulations. See Methodology appendix on page 29 for full methodological details.

Unwtd N: Unweighted number of interviews for a given group.

Notes: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*). (3) "vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent and not an explicitly offered choice. (4) Data aren't shown if the number of respondents asked a question (the unweighted N) is less than 100. (5) Screener questions asked at the beginning of the survey to determine eligibility are shown after demographics.

1. Considering everything, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of Puerto Rico?

	Total
Optimistic	50
Pessimistic	43
Don't know/Refused	7

S3. Thinking back to last September, was your home or the place you were living damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria, or not? (IF NECESSARY: Regardless of whether or not you could file an insurance claim, would you say your home or the place you were living was damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria, or not?)

	Total
Damaged	66
Not damaged	34
Don't know/Refused	-

S4. (Ask if home was damaged in the hurricane) Was that minor damage that could be repaired within a month, major damage requiring more than a month to repair, or was your home destroyed? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent says their home was destroyed but has since been rebuilt, code as destroyed.)

	Total
Minor damage	61
Major damage	35
Home was destroyed	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Unwtd N	1002

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S3/S4 Combo Table Based on Total

Home was damaged (NET) Major damage/Destroyed (Sub-net)	Total 66 26
Home was destroyed	3
Major damage	23
Minor damage	40
Don't know/Refused	*
Not damaged	34
Don't know/Refused	_

S5. Did you own a vehicle such as a car or truck that was damaged by Hurricane Maria, or not? (INTERVIEWER: Check "No" if the person indicates that they did not have a car or truck when Hurricane Maria passed)

	Total
Yes	21
No	79
Don't know/Refused	*

S9. At any time since last September, have you or another family member living in your household (INSERT ITEM) as a result of Hurricane Maria, or not? (READ ITEMS IN ORDER)

	Yes	No	DK/Ref
a. Been laid off or lost a job			
Total	12	88	*
b. Had overtime or regular hours cut back at work			
Total	28	71	*
c. Had any other loss of income, such as lost income			
from a small business or unpaid missed days of work			
Total	24	76	*

S9 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Any job/income loss	42
No job/income loss	58
Don't know/Refused	1

S3/S5/S9 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Affected (home and/or vehicle was damaged and/or any job/income loss)	81
Not affected/Don't know/Refused	19

\$3/\$5/\$9/Q7/Q4/Q45/Q52 Combo Table Based on Total

I	otal
Impacted (major damage/destroyed home or vehicle damage, economic/job loss,	
drank water from natural source, without power more than 3 months, physical or	
mental health new/worse from storm)	83
Not impacted	17

2a. Did you lose power at your home after Hurricane Maria, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT LOST POWER AFTER HURRICANE IRMA, CODE AS A YES)

	Total
Yes, lost power	100
No, did not lose power	*
Don't know/Refused	-

2. Do you currently have electric power at your home, or not?

	Total
Yes, have electricity	99
No, do not have electricity	1
Don't know/Refused	_

3. (Ask if currently have electricity) Is this power from the island's power grid or from a local generator?

	Total
From island's power grid	98
From a local generator	1
Have electricity from other source (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Unwtd N	1489

4. (Ask if lost power after the hurricane and home is powered by the island's power grid) In what month was your power first restored? (DO NOT READ LIST)

	Total
1-2 month power outage (NET)	30
September	*
October	12
November	17
3-4 month power outage (NET)	33
December	21
January	13
5-6 month power outage (NET)	23
February	13
March	10
6+ month outage (NET)	10
April	4
Мау	3
June	2
July	1
August	*
Never lost power (Vol.)	_
Don't know/Refused	4
Unwtd N	1458

	Total
Lost power after hurricane	100
Lost power but currently have electricity	99
From island's power grid	97
1-2 month power outage (NET)	29
September	*
October	12
November	17
3-4 month power outage (NET)	32
December	20
January	12
5-6 month power outage (NET)	22
February	13
March	10
6+ month outage (NET)	9
April	4
May	3
June	2
July	1
August	*
Don't know/Refused what month	4
From a local generator	1
Have electricity form other source (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused source of electricity	1
Lost power but do not currently have electricity	1
Don't know/Refused if have electricity	_
Didn't lose power after hurricane/never lost power (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused if lost power	-

5. (Ask if lost power after the Hurricane and home is powered by the island's power grid) In the past month, how often have you lost power for more than an hour at a time? (READ LIST)

	Total
Lost power for more than an hour at least once (NET)	79
Four or more times	32
Two to three times	36
Once	11
Never	19
Don't know/Refused	2
Unwtd N	1458

Q2a/Q2/Q3/Q5 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Lost power after hurricane	100
Lost power but currently have electricity	99
From island's power grid	97
Lost power for more than an hour at least once (NET)	77
Four or more times	31
Two to three times	35
Once	11
Never	19
Don't know/Refused	2
From a local generator	1
Have electricity from other source (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused source of electricity	1
Lost power but do not currently have electricity	1
Don't know/Refused if have electricity	_
Didn't lose power after hurricane/Never lost power (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused if lost power	-

6. (Ask if lost power after the hurricane) Since Hurricane Maria hit, did the loss of electricity to your home cause you to have problems (INSERT), or not? (scramble items a-c)

	Yes	No	DK/Ref	Unwtd N
a. Storing or preparing fresh foods Total	70	30	*	1475
b. Storing medications safely Total	29	71	*	1478
 Using medical devices that need electricity Total 	26	73	*	1479

Q2a/Q4/Q6a Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Lost power after the hurricane	100
Yes, had problems storing or preparing fresh foods	70
No, did not have problems storing or preparing fresh foods	30
Don't know/Refused if had problems storing or preparing fresh foods	*
Didn't lose power after the hurricane/Never lost power (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused if lost power	-

Q2a/Q4/Q6b Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Lost power after the hurricane	100
Yes, had problems storing medications safely	29
No, did not have problems storing medications safely	71
Don't know/Refused if had problems storing medications safely	*
Didn't lose power after the hurricane/Never lost power (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused if lost power	_

Q2a/Q4/Q6c Combo Table Based on Total

T	Cotal
Lost power after the hurricane	100
Yes, had problems using medical devices that need electricity	26
No, did not have problems using medical devices that need electricity	73
Don't know/Refused if had problems using medical devices that need electricity	<i>!</i> *
Didn't lose power after the hurricane/Never lost power (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused if lost power	-

7. After Hurricane Maria, did you ever drink water from a natural source, such as a stream or river, or did you never do this?

	Total
Yes, drank water from a natural source	21
No, did not drink water from a natural source	78
Don't know/Refused	*

8. Since Hurricane Maria, how worried are you about the quality of water in your home? Very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, not at all worried?

	Total
Worried (NET)	53
Very worried	29
Somewhat worried	25
Not worried (NET)	46
Not too worried	18
Not at all worried	28
Do not have water in home (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1

9. Which of the following best describes your personal situation in terms of recovering from Hurricane Maria? Would you say that your day-to-day life is largely back to normal, almost back to normal, still somewhat disrupted, or still very disrupted?

	Total
Back to normal/Not disrupted (NET)	75
Largely back to normal	38
Almost back to normal	36
Life was not disrupted by Maria (Vol.)	1
Totally back to normal (Vol.)	*
Still disrupted (NET)	25
Still somewhat disrupted	18
Still very disrupted	7
Don't know/Refused	_

11. (Items a, b asked if home was damaged in the hurricane; item c asked if vehicle was damaged in the hurricane; item d asked if had any loss of income due to the hurricane) For each of the following areas, please tell me if you need more help than you are getting, you're getting all the help you need, or if this isn't an issue for you? (First/Next,) what about (INSERT)? (READ FIRST TIME, THEN AS NECESSARY: Do you need more help, are you getting all the help you need, or is this not an issue for you?) (scramble items a-h)

	Need more help	Getting all the help you need	Not an issue for you	DK/Ref	Unwtd N
a. Finding affordable permanent					
housing		_			
Total	15	6	78	1	1002
b. Repairing damage to your hom					
Total	47	16	37	*	1002
c. Getting transportation					
Total	17	6	77	*	307
d. Finding a job					
Total	21	7	71	1	584
e. Getting the medical care you					
and your family need					
Total	15	24	61	1	1500
f. Getting mental health care f	or				
you and your family, such as					
professional counseling or othe	r				
mental health assistance					
Total	10	13	77	1	1500
g. Navigating the different sys	tems				
for receiving help from the					
government					
Total	21	14	63	2	1500
h. Restoring electricity to					
your home					
Total	13	16	71	*	1500

S3/Q11a Combo Table Based on Total

Home was damaged Need more help finding affordable permanent housing Getting all the help you need finding affordable permanent housing Finding affordable permanent housing is not an issue for you Don't know/Refused Home was not damaged Don't know/Refused home damage	Total 66 10 4 51 1 34
S3/Q11b Combo Table Based on Total	
Home was damaged Need more help repairing damage to your home Getting all the help you need repairing damage to your home Repairing damage to your home is not an issue for you Don't know/Refused Home was not damaged Don't know/Refused home damage	Total 66 31 11 24 * 34
S5/Q11c Combo Table Based on Total	
Vehicle was damaged Need more help getting transportation Getting all the help you need getting transportation Getting transportation is not an issue for you Don't know/Refused Vehicle was not damaged Don't know/Refused vehicle damage	Total 21 4 1 16 * 79 *
S9a/S9b/S9c/Q11d Combo Table Based on Total	
Experienced job/income loss Need more help finding a job Getting all the help you need finding a job Finding a job is not an issue for you Don't know/Refused Did not experience job/income loss	Total 42 9 3 30 *

12. Thinking about the rebuilding and recovery efforts in your area, please tell me if you think enough resources are being devoted in each of the following areas, or if more resources are necessary. (First/Next,) what about (INSERT)? (READ FIRST TIME, THEN AS NECESSARY: Would you say enough resources are being devoted in this area, or are more resources necessary?) (scramble items a-k)

	Enough resources are being devoted	More resources are necessary	NA/Not an issue in your area (Vol.)	Too many resources are being devoted (Vol.)	DK/Ref
a. Repairing damag	ed homes				
Total	12	78	3	*	7
b. Getting financi	al help to people who	need it			
Total	9	76	2	*	13
c. Getting mental	health services to th	ose who need them			
Total	11	71	2	*	15
d. Repairing damag	ed schools				
Total	9	74	6	1	11
e. Repairing roads	and highways				
Total	4	93	*	*	3
g. Helping small b	usinesses that were a	ffected by the sto	rm		
Total	7	79	2	*	12
h. Helping people	whose jobs were affec	ted by Maria find	employment oppor	tunities	
Total	5	86	1	*	9
j. Restoring the e	lectrical power grid				
Total	18	76	3	=	3
k. Rebuilding hote	ls and tourist attrac	tions			
Total	16	54	8	2	21

13. In your opinion, do you think Puerto Ricans got enough warning of the severity of Hurricane Maria before it hit the island, or do you think there was NOT enough warning about how bad the storm would be?

	Total
Got enough warning	73
Did not get enough warning	25
Don't know/Refused	2

14. Overall, how prepared do you think Puerto Ricans are to deal with hurricanes in the future? Very prepared, somewhat prepared, not too prepared, or not at all prepared?

	Total
Prepared (NET)	32
Very prepared	5
Somewhat prepared	27
Not prepared (NET)	67
Not too prepared	32
Not at all prepared	35
Don't know/Refused	1

15. Overall, how prepared do you think the federal government is to deal with hurricanes in Puerto Rico in the future? Very prepared, somewhat prepared, not too prepared, or not at all prepared?

	Total
Prepared (NET)	41
Very prepared	11
Somewhat prepared	30
Not prepared (NET)	54
Not too prepared	29
Not at all prepared	25
Don't know/Refused	5

16. How would you rate the job (INSERT) has done in responding to Hurricane Maria? Excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor? Next, what about (INSERT)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Would you say (INSERT) has done an excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor job in responding to Hurricane Maria?) (scramble items a-e)

	EXCELLENT/VERY GOOD/GOOD		FAIR/POOR					
	NET	Excellent	Very good	Good	NET	Fair	Poor	DK/Ref
a. The federal gove	rnment							
Total	39	8	8	23	58	36	22	3
b. President Trump								
Total	15	3	2	10	80	28	52	5
c. The Puerto Rican	govern	nment						
Total	25	4	4	17	74	40	34	2
d. Governor Rossell	Ó							
Total	31	6	4	20	67	36	31	2
e. Your municipal g	overnme	ent and mayor	-					
Total	41	14	8	19	58	25	33	2

17. Do you think the rebuilding of Puerto Rico is a priority for the U.S. federal government, or is it not a priority? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: if respondent indicates that they think it SHOULD be a priority, please repeat the question and emphasize "IS it a priority"?)

	Total
Priority	39
Not a priority	55
Don't know/Refused	6

18. In your opinion, was the federal government's response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico better, worse, or about the same as its response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma that impacted the mainland US around the same time?

	Total
Better	7
Worse	54
About the same	27
Don't know/Refused	12

19. In your opinion, do you think the federal government's response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico would have been better, worse, or about the same if Puerto Rico was a state?

	Total
Better	61
Worse	6
About the same	25
Don't know/Refused	9

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

21. Did you evacuate or leave your home for any amount of time as a result of Hurricane Maria, or not?

	Total
Yes, evacuated	27
No, did not evacuate	73
Don't know/Refused	*

22. (Ask if evacuated or left their home as a result of Hurricane Maria) When you evacuated or left your home as a result of Hurricane Maria, did you stay in Puerto Rico or did you leave the island?

	Total
Stayed in Puerto Rico	88
Left the island	12
Don't know/Refused	_
Unwtd N	387

23. (Asked if evacuated or left their home as a result of Hurricane Maria and left the island of Puerto Rico) Did you go to the mainland U.S. or somewhere else? (sample size insufficient to show results)

Q21/Q22/Q23 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Evacuated home as a result of hurricane Maria	27
Stayed in Puerto Rico	24
Left the island	3
Went to the U.S. mainland	3
Went somewhere else	*
Don't know/Refused	_
Don't know/Refused	_
No, did not evacuate home as a result of Hurricane Maria	73
Don't know/Refused	*

24. (Asked if evacuated or left their home as a result of Hurricane Maria) How long were you away from your home? (READ LIST)

	Total
Less than a month (NET)	53
Less than two weeks	41
Two weeks to less than a month	12
One month or more (NET)	37
One to two months	14
Longer than two months	23
Still away from home/have not returned (Vol.)	10
Don't know/Refused	*
Unwtd N	387

Q21/Q24 Combo Table Based on Total

Total
27
14
11
3
10
4
6
3
*
73
*

25. (Ask if home was damaged in the hurricane) Has your home been restored to the same condition it was in before Maria, has it been restored to a livable condition but not the same as before Maria, or is your home still in an unlivable condition?

	Total
Restored to the same or better condition (NET)	37
Been restored to the same condition	34
Home is in a better condition now than before Maria (Vol.)	3
Not restored to the same or better condition (NET)	61
Been restored to a livable condition but not the same as before Maria	52
Still in an unlivable condition	9
Moved to a new home (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1
Unwtd N	1002

S3/Q25 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Home was damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria	66
Restored to the same or better condition (NET)	24
Been restored to the same condition	23
Home is in a better condition now than before Maria (Vol.)	2
Not restored to the same or better condition (NET)	40
Been restored to a livable condition but not the same as before Maria	34
Still in an unlivable condition	6
Moved to a new home (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
Home was not damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria	34
Don't know/Refused	_

26. After Hurricane Maria, did you ever use a tarp or plastic sheeting to cover all or part of your roof, or not?

	Total
Yes, used tarp or plastic sheeting to cover roof	15
No, did not use tarp or plastic sheeting to cover roof	85
Don't know/Refused	-

27. (Ask if used tarp or plastic sheeting to cover all or part of their roof) Do you currently have a tarp or plastic sheeting covering all or part of your roof, or not?

	Total
Yes	45
No	55
Don't know/Refused	_
Unwtd N	206

Q26/Q27 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Yes, used tarp or plastic sheeting to cover roof after Hurricane Maria	15
Currently have a tarp or plastic sheeting to cover roof	7
No, do not currently have a tarp or plastic sheeting to cover roof	8
Don't know/Refused	_
No, did not use tarp or plastic sheeting to cover roof after Hurricane Maria	85
Don't know/Refused	-

28. (Asked if home was damaged in the hurricane) Do you feel like the current living conditions in your home are safe for you and your family, or not safe?

	Total
Safe	79
Not safe	19
Don't know/Refused	1
Unwtd N	1002

S3/Q28 Combo Table Based on Total

Home was damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria Conditions in the place currently living are safe Conditions in the place currently living are not safe Don't know/Refused	Total 66 52 13 1
Home was not damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria	34
Don't know/Refused	_

29. (Ask if home was damaged in the hurricane) Did you have homeowners' or renters' insurance at the time Hurricane Maria hit, or not?

	Total
Yes	22
No	74
Don't know/Refused	4
Unwtd N	1002

S3/Q29 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Home was damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria	66
Yes, had homeowners' or renters' insurance at the time	15
No, did not have homeowners' or renters' insurance at the time	
Hurricane Maria hit	49
Don't know/Refused	3
Home was not damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria	34
Don't know/Refused	_

30. (Ask if home was damaged in the hurricane and had homeowners' or renters' insurance) Did your homeowners' or renters' insurance cover wind damage, or not?

	Total
Yes	46
No	35
Don't know/Refused	19
Unwtd N	243

S3/Q29/Q30 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Home was damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria	66
Yes, had homeowners' or renters' insurance at the time Hurricane Maria hit	15
Homeowners' or renters' insurance covered wind damage	7
Homeowners' or renters' insurance did not cover wind damage	5
Don't know/Refused	3
No, did not have homeowners' or renters' insurance at the time	
Hurricane Maria hit	49
Don't know/Refused	3
Home was not damaged as a result of Hurricane Maria	34
Don't know/Refused	_

31. Have you applied or tried to apply for disaster assistance from either the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or not?

	Total
Yes, applied	62
Tried to apply	2
No, have not applied	35
Don't know/Refused	1

40. (Asked if applied for disaster assistance from FEMA) What is the status of your application with FEMA? Has it been approved, is it still pending, was it denied, or are you not sure of the status?

	Total
Approved	43
Pending	7
Denied	45
Not sure	5
Other (Vol.)	1
Refused	*
Unwtd N	927

41. (Ask if applied for disaster assistance from FEMA and application was approved) How satisfied were you with the amount of money you received from FEMA? Very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Cablasta (MTT)	Total
Satisfied (NET)	71
Very satisfied	30
Somewhat satisfied	41
Dissatisfied (NET)	28
Somewhat dissatisfied	14
Very dissatisfied	14
Don't know/Refused	1
Unwtd N	389

Q40/Q41 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
FEMA application was approved	43
Satisfied (NET)	30
Very satisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	13
Somewhat satisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	17
Dissatisfied (NET)	1,2
Somewhat dissatisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	6
Very dissatisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	6
Don't know/Refused how satisfied	*
FEMA application still pending	7
FEMA application has been denied	45
Not sure	5
Other (Vol.)	1
Refused	*

Q31/Q40/Q41 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Yes, applied for assistance from FEMA	62
FEMA Application was approved	27
Satisfied (NET)	19
Very satisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	8
Somewhat satisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	11
Dissatisfied (NET)	7
Somewhat dissatisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	4
Very dissatisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	4
Don't know/Refused how satisfied	*
FEMA Application still pending	4
FEMA Application has been denied	28
Applied for assistance from FEMA and not sure about status	3
Applied for assistance from FEMA and other status (Vol.)	1
Applied for assistance from FEMA and Refused status	*
Tried to apply for assistance from FEMA	2
Did not apply for assistance from FEMA	35
Don't know/Refused about applying	1

31a. Have you applied or tried to apply for disaster assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA), or not?

	Total
Yes, applied	4
Tried to apply	*
No, have not applied	95
Don't know/Refused	1

40a. (Ask if applied for disaster assistance from SBA) What is the status of your application with SBA? Has it been approved, is it still pending, was it denied, or are you not sure of the status? (sample size insufficient to show results)

41a. (Ask if applied for disaster assistance from SBA and application was approved) How satisfied were you with the amount of money you received from the SBA? Very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? (sample size insufficient to show results)

Q31a/Q40a/Q41a Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Yes, applied for assistance from SBA	4
SBA Application was approved	2
Satisfied (NET)	2
Very satisfied with the amount of money received from SBA	1
Somewhat satisfied with the amount of money received from SBA	*
Dissatisfied (NET)	*
Somewhat dissatisfied with the amount of money received from SBA	-
Very dissatisfied with the amount of money received from FEMA	*
Don't know/Refused how satisfied	*
SBA Application still pending	*
SBA Application has been denied	2
Applied for assistance from SBA and not sure about status	*
Applied for assistance from SBA and other status (Vol.)	*
Applied for assistance from SBA and Refused status	-
Tried to apply for assistance from SBA	*
Did not apply for assistance from SBA	95
Don't know/Refused about applying	1

Q31/Q31a/Q40/Q40a Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Applied for disaster assistance	63
Approved for disaster assistance	28
Denied/Pending/Not sure	34
Tried to apply for disaster assistance or has not applied for	
disaster assistance	37
Don't know/Refused	*

42. Since Hurricane Maria, have you or another family member received help paying for food, housing, or health care, or other financial help from a local or national charity, such as a church or non-profit organization, or not? (READ IF NECESSARY: Do not include money you received from FEMA or other government sources)

	Total
Yes	23
No	77
Don't know/Refused	1

(READ TO ALL): On another topic...

43. Compared to before Hurricane Maria, is/are your (INSERT 1st ITEM) better, worse, or about the same today? And compared to before Maria, is/are your (INSERT 2ND ITEM) better, worse or about the same today? How about your (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (IF NECESSARY: Compared to before Hurricane Maria, is/are your (INSERT ITEM) better, worse, or about the same today? (scramble items a-h, f always follows e)

	Better	Worse	About the N/same today	A (Vol.)	DK/Ref
a. Personal financial situation					
Total	17	25	57	NA	1
b. Housing situation					
Total	15	17	67	NA	1
c. Job situation					
Total	13	13	53	20	1
d. Physical health					
Total	14	15	69	NA	1
e. Mental and emotional health					
Total	15	17	67	NA	1
f. General level of stress					
Total	16	26	58	NA	1
g. Overall quality of life					
Total	18	17	65	NA	1
h. Relationships with family members					
Total	20	6	74	NA	1

44. Thinking back to last September, at any time since Hurricane Maria hit, have you or any other adult in your household (INSERT ITEM), or not? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (scramble items a-e)

	Yes	No	N/A (Vol.)	DK/Ref
a. Fallen behind in paying your rent or mortgage				
Total	17	75	8	*
b. Had problems paying for food				
Total	26	74	*	*
c. Taken on an extra job or worked extra hours to	o make ends	meet		
Total	22	66	12	*
d. Borrowed money from friends or relatives to m	ake ends me	et		
Total	24	75	1	*
e. Had problems getting enough water to drink				
Total	50	50	*	*

Q44 Yes Summary Table Based on Total

±*	otal
Yes to any	67
a. Fallen behind in paying your rent or mortgage	17
b. Had problems paying for food	26
c. Taken on an extra job or worked extra hours to make ends meet	22
d. Borrowed money from friends or relatives to make ends meet	24
e. Had problems getting enough water to drink	50

45. Do you or another family member living in your household have any health conditions that are new or have gotten worse as a result of Hurricane Maria, or not?

	Total
Yes	23
No	76
Don't know/Refused	1

46. As a result of Hurricane Maria, have you or any other adult in your household (INSERT ITEM), or not? (scramble items a-e)

	Yes	No	DK/Ref
a. Had problems getting needed medical care			
Total	16	84	1
b. Been unable to fill a prescription	1 -	0.5	1
Total c. Had trouble getting urgent or emergency care	15	85	1
Total	10	90	*
d. Had to go to a different doctor or clinic than you did bef	fore the	hurricane	
Total	15	85	*
e. Had trouble getting medical appointments with specialists			
Total	20	80	*

Q46 Yes Summary Table Based on Total

5	rotal
Yes to any	32
a. Had problems getting needed medical care	16
b. Been unable to fill a prescription	15
c. Had trouble getting urgent or emergency care	10
d. Had to go to a different doctor or clinic than you did before the hurricane	15
e. Had trouble getting medical appointments with specialists	20

47. How many children under the age of 18 are living in your household?

	Total
None	65
Children living in household (NET)	35
One	15
Two	14
Three	5
Four	1
Five	*
6 or greater	*
Don't know/Refused	*

48. (Ask if have children in their household) In general, compared to before Hurricane Maria, is the (INSERT) of the (children)/(child) in your household better, worse, or about the same today? How about their (INSERT)? (IF NECESSARY: Compared to before Hurricane Maria, is the (INSERT) of the (children)/(child) in your household better, worse, or about the same today?) (scramble items a-c)

В	etter 1	Worse	About the same	Children/child born after Maria (Vol.)	Different for different children (Vol.)	DK/Ref	Unwtd N
a. Mental and emoti	onal head	lth					
Total	10	10	79	1	_	*	442
b. Physical health							
Total	11	3	85	1	=	*	442
c. School situation							
Total	14	18	63	2	1	2	442

49. How worried are you that (INSERT ITEM) - Very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried? (READ LIST) (scramble items a-g)

		WORRIED		NOT	WORRIED		
	NET	Very Som	ewhat	NET 1	Not too N	ot at 1	DK/Ref
	Wo	rried wo	rried	V	orried all	worried	
a. Another hurricane wil	l hit Pu	erto Rico a	nd cause sim	ilar or	worse damage	than Maria	
Total	91	77	14	8	4	5	1
b. You won't have enough	income	to meet all	your needs				
Total	77	49	28	23	10	13	1
c. Health care services	may not	be availabl	e if you nee	d them			
Total	85	63	22	14	6	9	1
d. You won't be able to	find or	afford a de	cent place t	o live			
Total	55	38	17	45	14	31	1
e. You will lose electri	c power						
Total	88	73	15	12	6	6	*
f. You won't be able to	find or	keep a good	job				
Total	51	35	15	48	9	38	2
g. Your children won't b	e able t	o get a goo	d education				
Total	50	39	11	47	5	42	3

MHEALTH. In general, would you say your mental health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	72
Excellent	23
Very good	14
Good	34
Fair/Poor (NET)	28
Fair	24
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	1

50.	Since	Hurrican	e Mai	ria,	have	you	started	takir	ng a	new	prescr	ipti	on	medicine	or	increased	your
dose	for p	problems	with	your	emot	ions	, nerves	, or	men	tal	health,	or	not	?			

	Total
Yes, have taken new prescription medicine or increased dose	13
No, have not taken prescription medicine	87
Don't know/Refused	*

51. Since Hurricane Maria, have you or another family member in your household received mental health services, such as from a doctor, counselor, or other mental health professional, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If R says they were already receiving mental health services before Maria and have continued to receive them since, code as YES)

	Total
Yes	14
No	86
Don't know/Refused	*

52. (Ask if personally received mental health services since Hurricane Maria or have a family member who received mental health services) Was the help you or your family member received related to your experiences with Hurricane Maria, or not?

	Total
Yes	68
No	32
Don't know/Refused	_
Unwtd N	201

Q51/Q52 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Yes, personally received mental health services since Hurricane Maria	
or have a family member who received mental health services	14
Yes, help received was related to experiences with Hurricane Maria	9
No, help received was not related to experiences with Hurricane Maria	4
Don't know/Refused	_
No, respondent and family members did not receive mental health	
services since Hurricane Maria	86
Don't know/Refused	*

53. Was there a time since Hurricane Maria when you thought you or a family member might need mental health services but did NOT receive them, or has this not happened?

	Total
Yes	17
No	83
Don't know/Refused	*

77.	How	important	t, if	at	all,	has	your	rel	Ligious	fait	h be	een	in	coping	with	the	rec	cover	y from
Hur	ricar	ne Maria?	Very	imp	porta	nt,	somewh	nat	importa	ant,	not	too	in	nportant	, or	not	at	all	important?
(REZ	AD LI	IST)																	

	Total
Important (NET)	89
Very important	74
Somewhat important	15
Not important (NET)	10
Not too important	3
Not at all important	7
Don't know/Refused	1

55. Have any of your close friends or family members moved away from Puerto Rico because of Hurricane Maria, or not?

	Total
Yes	68
No	32
Don't know/Refused	1

56. (Ask if have any closer friends or family members who moved away from Puerto Rico because of Hurricane Maria) As far as you know, are they planning on staying out of Puerto Rico permanently, or not?

	Total
Yes	75
No	18
Don't know/Refused	7
Unwtd N	987

Q55/Q56 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Have any close friends or family members who moved away from Puerto Rico	
because of Hurricane Maria	68
Staying out of Puerto Rico permanently	51
Not staying out of Puerto Rico permanently	12
Don't know/Refused	5
No, do not have any close friends or family members who moved	
away from Puerto Rico because of Hurricane Maria	32
Don't know/Refused	1

57. Are you currently planning to move or seriously considering moving away from Puerto Rico, or not?

	Total
Yes	27
No	71
Don't know/Refused	2

58. Since Hurricane Maria, have you and your family taken any steps to prepare for future hurricanes in your area, or not?

	Total
Yes	81
No	18
Don't know/Refused	*

60. Did anyone close to you, such as a family member or close friend, die as a result of Hurricane Maria, either because they were injured during the storm or because they had trouble getting clean water, food, or medical care in the months after the storm, or not?

	Total
Yes	19
No	80
Don't know/Refused	1

DEMOGRAPHICS

Read to all: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

AGE. What is your age?

AGE2. (Ask if refused age) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

	Total
18-24	10
25-34	18
35-44	16
45-64	32
65+	24
Don't know/Refused	*

GENDER. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX:

	Total
Male	47
Female	53

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ LIST) (INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship))

	Total
High school grad or less (NET)	52
Less than high school	12
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	12
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	28
Some college (NET)	26
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	11
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	15
College grad + (NET)	22
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)	18
Some postgraduate or professional school, no postgraduate degree	1
Post-graduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate,	
medical, or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)	4
Don't know/Refused	-

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ LIST IN ORDER)

	Total
Employed (NET)	42
Employed full-time	31
Employed part-time	11
Not employed (NET)	57
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	10
Unemployed and not seeking employment	4
A student	3
Retired	22
On disability and can't work	9
A homemaker or stay at home parent	10
Don't know/Refused	*

COVERAGE. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?

	Total
Covered by health insurance	90
Not covered by health insurance	10
Don't know/Refused	*

COVTYPE. (Ask if insured) Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3)

	Total
Plan through your employer	16
Plan through your spouse's employer	3
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	18
Medicaid/Reforma/Government Plan/Mi Salud	50
Somewhere else	3
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	2
Don't know/Refused	*
Unwtd N	1379

Coverage/Covtype Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Covered by health insurance	90
Plan through your employer	14
Plan through your spouse's employer	3
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	16
Medicaid/Reforma/Government Plan/Mi Salud	4 4
Somewhere else	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	10
Don't know/Refused	*

HEALTH. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	66
Excellent	21
Very good	14
Good	31
Fair/Poor (NET)	34
Fair	29
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

61. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

	Total
Yes	21
No	79
Don't know/Refused	*

62. (Ask if does not personally have disability/handicap/chronic disease) Is there any other adult in your household that has a disability, handicap, or chronic disease that keeps them from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

	Total
Yes	15
No	85
Don't know/Refused	*
Unwtd N	1132

Q61/Q62 Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
Self or adult in household who has a disability, handicap, or chronic disease	33
Personally have debilitating condition	21
Other adult in household has debilitating condition	11
No adult in household who has a disability, handicap, or chronic disease	67
Don't know/Refused	*

63. Do you think the U.S. Congress has too much, too little or about the right amount of control over Puerto Rico affairs these days?

	Total
Too much	29
Too little	46
About the right amount	11
Don't know	12
Refused	2

64. In the future, do you personally think Puerto Rico should become a completely independent nation, should it remain a territory of the United States, or should it be admitted to the United States as the fifty-first state?

	Total
Independent	10
Remain a territory of U.S.	26
Be admitted to the U.S.	48
Don't know/Refused	16

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: Republican, Democrat, an Independent, or what? (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

	Total
Republican	10
Democrat	22
Independent	11
Other/None	33
Don't know/Refused	23

MARITAL. Are you: (READ LIST) (IF REFUSED, PROBE ONCE: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

	Total
Married/Living with a partner (NET)	60
Married	41
Single, living with a partner	18
Not married/Living with a partner (NET)	40
Single, that is never married	20
Separated	4
Widowed	8
Divorced	9
Refused	*

NATIVITY. Were you born on the island of Puerto Rico, in another part of the United States or in another country? (IF REFUSED, PROBE ONCE: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

	Total
Puerto Rico	91
U.S.	6
Another country	3
Don't know/Refused	-

INCOME. Last year - that is, in 2017 - what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ LIST]

INCOME1. (Ask if respondent's income in 2017 was less than \$20,000) Was that ... [READ LIST]

INCOME2. (Ask if respondent's income in 2017 was \$20,000 to less than \$50,000) Was that ... [READ LIST]

INCOME3. (Ask if respondent's income in 2017 was \$50,000 or more) Was that ... [READ LIST]

INCOME Combo Based on total

	Total
Less than \$20,000	58
Less than \$5,000	14
\$5,000 to less than \$10,000	13
\$10,000 to less than \$15,000	14
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	13
Less than \$20,000 Unknown	4
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	26
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	8
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	7
\$30,000 to less than \$35,000	4
\$35,000 to less than \$40,000	3
\$40,000 to less than \$45,000	2
\$45,000 to less than \$50,000	1
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000 Unknown	2
\$50,000 or more	4
Don't know/Refused	13

HHADULTS. How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household INCLUDING YOURSELF?

	Total
1	16
2	44
3	22
4	11
5	4
6 or greater	2
Don't know/Refused	*

Screener Questions

Sa. I just need to select someone from your household who were in Puerto Rico when Hurricane Maria hit. Tell me, including you, how many people are there, ages 18 and older, living in this household who were in Puerto Rico when Hurricane Maria hit?

	Total
1	16
2	44
3	22
4	11
5	4
6	2
7	*
Don't know/Refused	_

Sb. (Ask if two or more people in the household were in Puerto Rico when Hurricane Maria hit, or refused to answer how many people in the household were in Puerto Rico at that time) For this survey I need to speak with the adult currently at home who (had the last)/(has the next) birthday. May I please speak with that person now?

	Total
Yes, respondent is correct person	100
Yes, new person is coming to the door	*
No one 18+ is home right now	_
Refused	_
No one 18 years or older was in Puerto Rico when Hurricane Maria hit	_
Unwtd N	1247

S1. Thinking back to last September, were you living in this home at the time Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, or were you living somewhere else?

	Total
Living here	92
Living somewhere else	8
Don't know/Refused	_

S2. (Ask if was living somewhere else when Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico) In which municipality were you living in at the time Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico?

	Total
Adjuntas	_
Aguada	_
Aguadilla	4
Aguas Buenas	1
Aibonito	_
Anasco	1
Arecibo	5
Arroyo	1
Barceloneta	1
Barranquitas	3
Bayamon	1
Cabo Rojo	_
Caguas	_
Camuy	3
Canovanas	4
Carolina	1
Catano	1
Cayey	_
Ceiba	1
Ciales	2
Cidra	1
Coamo	2
Comerio	_
Corozal	-
Culebra	-
Dorado	1
Fajardo	1
Florida	1
Guanica	2
Guayama	1
Guayanilla	-
Guaynabo	3
Gurabo	1
Hatillo	_
Hormigueros	_
Humacao	4
Isabela	1
Jayuya	2
Juana Diaz	1
Juncos	4

Lajas	1
Lares	2
Las Marias	-
Las Piedras	_
Loiza	_
Luquillo	3
Manati	1
Maricao	_
Maunabo	_
Mayaguez	3
Moca	1
Morovis	_
Naguabo	4
Naranjito	_
Orocovis	1
Patillas	_
Penuelas	4
Ponce	3
Quebradillas	_
Rincon	1
Rio Grande	_
Sabana Grande	_
Salinas	1
San German	2
San Juan	10
San Lorenzo	_
San Sebastian	_
Santa Isabel	2
Toa Alta	2
Toa Baja	3
Trujillo Alto	_
Utuado	_
Vega Alta	1
Vega Baja	2
Vieques	_
Villalba	_
Yabucoa	1
Yauco	1
Other	-
Wasn't in Puerto Rico during Hurricane Maria (Vol.)	-
Don't know/Refused	-
Unwtd N	102

Methodology

The Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation Survey Project is a partnership combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The Post-Kaiser Survey of Puerto Rico Residents, the 33rd in the series, was conducted in-person from July 3 to August 29, 2018 among a random sample of 1,500 adults ages 18 or older residing in Puerto Rico who were living there when Hurricane Maria struck the island on September 20, 2017. Computer-assisted in-person interviews were conducted at the respondent's home and were carried out in Spanish.

Sampling, questionnaire translation, data collection and weighting were managed by Estudios Tecnicos of San Juan, Puerto Rico in close collaboration with The Washington Post and the Kaiser Family Foundation. SSRS of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania provided methodological consultation and data tabulations.

Sample Selection and Fieldwork

To ensure representation across Puerto Rico, the sample was stratified into five regions comprised of Puerto Rico's 78 municipalities. These included Metropolitan, North-Central, West, East and South. Across all regions, 100 Census Block Groups were randomly sampled in proportion to each region's size (i.e. more Block Groups were selected in more populous areas) and 15 interviews with randomly selected adults were conducted in each Block Group. The sample frame was based on the 2010 U.S. Census of Population and Housing in Puerto Rico and the 2016 Puerto Rico American Community Survey.

In order to randomly select adults to interview, interviewers went to a randomly selected block within each Block Group. The first household was selected randomly and subsequent households were selected following a systematic pattern (i.e. every fifth house or every sixth house). Interviewers made three attempts at different times of the day and different days of the week at each randomly selected household until an interview or a hard refusal was obtained. If the selected household was not available, the interviewer went to the house immediately next door. These field methods were put in place to ensure a representative sample of people who were home at different times, rather than just including the people who were easiest to find at home.

When an interviewer made contact with a randomly selected household, an eligible adult within the household was randomly selected to complete the interview by asking for the eligible adult at home with the next or last birthday based on a random rotation.

Weighting and Data Processing

A multi-stage weighting process was applied to ensure an accurate representation of the Puerto Rican population. The first stage of weighting involved computing a household weight and was followed by the creation of a population weight. The sample was then weighted to match demographic estimates for the Puerto Rican population using data from the Census Bureau's 2012-2016 American Community Survey on sex and age within each region and that regions are proportionately representative of the adult Puerto Rico population. Finally, data were balanced by education using the overall 2016 Puerto Rico ACS estimates.

At the end of the field period, Estudios Tecnicos and SSRS completed several data validation processes on the data that included: internal validity checks, testing for straightlining and analyzing paradata (interviewer workload, interview length, interview time and overlap of interviews). The Kaiser Family Foundation, along with SSRS, also conducted a percent-match procedure to identify cases that share a high percentage of identical responses to a large set of questions. This extra validation measure allows for detection of possible duplicate data, whether as a result of intentional falsification or due to errors in data-processing.

All sampling error margins and tests of statistical significance have been adjusted to account for the stratified, cluster sampling design and weighting. The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups and specific questions. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting and sampling design.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as appears in this document. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked.

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