



Georgia Preparedness Statistics

- 87% of Georgia residents say they are not fully prepared for a large-scale emergency, with 36% claiming they are completely unprepared for a disaster.
- Households aware of *Ready Georgia* are 53% more prepared to survive a disaster than those who are not aware of the campaign.
- Georgia households with children are better prepared than those households without children.
- 40% of respondents do not know the emergency protocol at their workplace, while 53% of households with children are unfamiliar with the protocol for an emergency at their child's school.
- Only 36% of Georgians believe they need to be prepared to survive without assistance for at least three days following a large-scale emergency.
- More than half of Georgia residents believe they have a duty to help each other during an emergency.
- Most respondents say they have stocked at least some emergency supplies in the past 12 months
 - 84% have a flashlight and extra batteries, a 2% increase over the prior year
 - 61% have stocked at least three days of water and nonperishable food
 - 69% have a first aid kit
- However, the majority of Georgians are still missing a few critical supplies
 - 73% do not have a whistle to signal for help
 - 58% do not have extra cash available
 - 84% do not have face masks to filter contaminated air
- Many people have not performed crucial activities that will help them be prepared
 - 74% have not purchased a NOAA Weather Radio
 - 75% have not located a shelter they could go to in case of an emergency
 - Another 67% have not arranged a family meeting or reconnection plan
- Respondents aware of *Ready Georgia* have become more prepared than they were in 2010
 - Households that have developed a home escape plan have increased by 20%
 - Households that have conducted an evacuation or fire drill have grown by 39%
 - Households that have safely stored important documents have risen by 30%
 - Households that have set aside extra prescription medications or copies of prescriptions have grown by 35%
 - Households that have taken first aid or CPR have risen by 30%

** All facts and figures were compiled from a February 2011 statewide survey conducted on behalf of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). The Ready Georgia campaign launched January 2008.*