

Downtown Orlando Community Report Housing and Emergency Shelter



Central Florida Florida Disaster Resilience Initiative Phase 1 Stage 2 2019



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Surveying Completed

Survey Tools used in the Downtown Orlando area appear in the Appendices. Many Survey respondents in Downtown Orlando did not divulge their addresses. However, they did report the neighborhoods in which they live. All of these neighborhoods are located in the Orlando Metropolitan Area in Orange County, Florida.

Table 1. Census Block Groups Surveyed

Blue indicates Census Block Groups in the Central Business District of Orlando or Neighboring Neighborhoods.

Census Block Group	MCF	Housing & Emergency Shelter Surveys
120950103002	2	0
120950188002	1	0
120950189005	16	4
120950104001	0	1
120950147031	1	0
120950152011	0	1
Other	0	3
Total	20	9



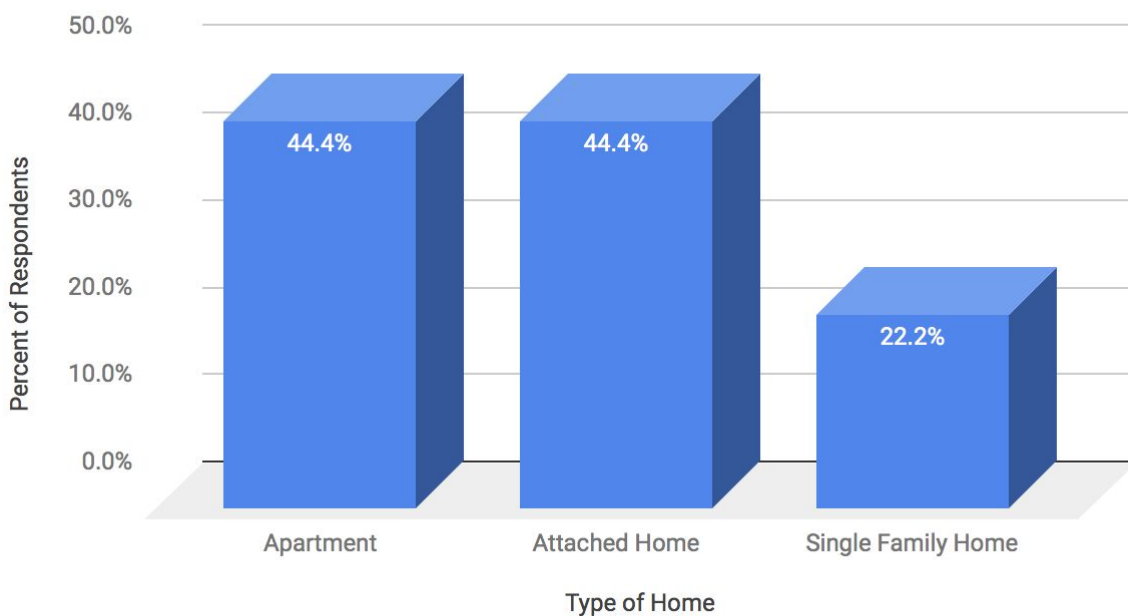
Housing and Emergency Shelter Survey

There were 9 Housing and Emergency Shelter Surveys returned within the Downtown Orlando area and vicinity, although additional surveys from other geographies were collected in Downtown Orlando. Those surveys were assigned to their respective communities, and do not appear here.

Type of Housing was a multiple choice question, with Single Family Home, Apartment, Attached Home (duplex, townhome, etc.), Manufactured Home, and Trailer as options. No respondents resided in Trailers or Manufactured Homes, and 22.2% resided in Single Family Homes. The remaining 88.8% of respondents were evenly divided between residing in Apartments (44.4%) and residing in Attached Homes (44.4%).

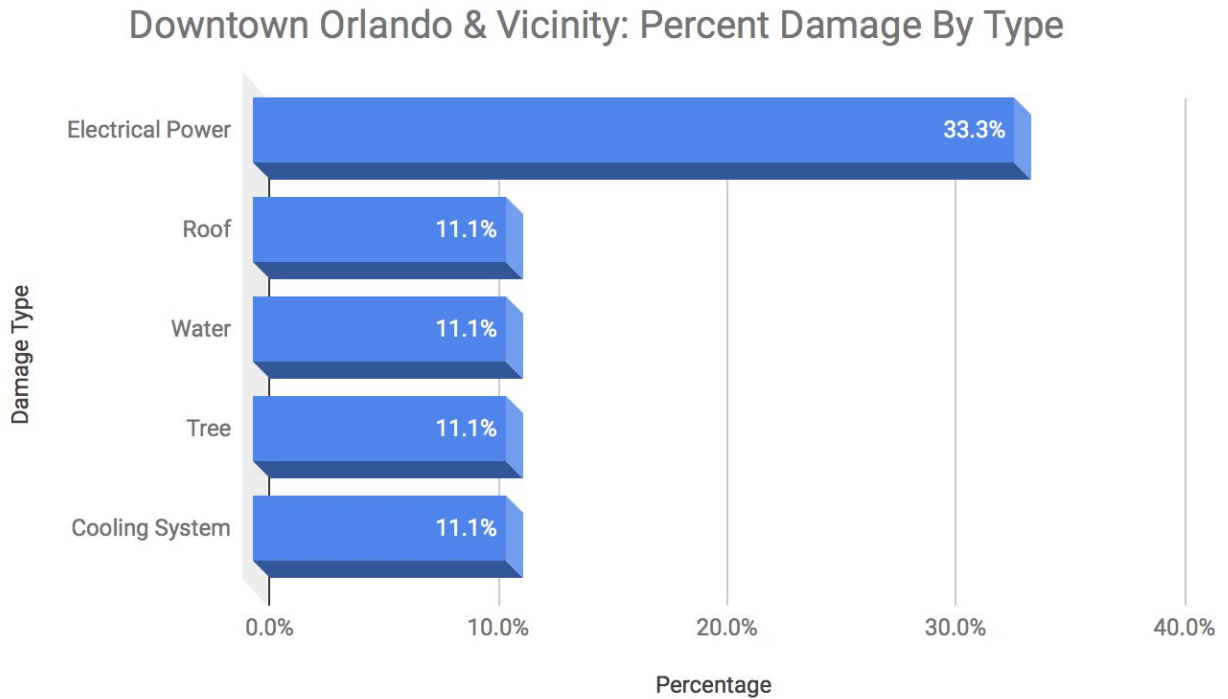
Graph 1. Housing

Downtown Orlando and Vicinity: Type of Home



Type of Damage to Respondents' Residences: A third of survey respondents (33.3%) reported loss of electrical power. Roof, water, tree and cooling system damage were each reported by 11.1% of respondents. All reported damage was repaired in less than 6 months.

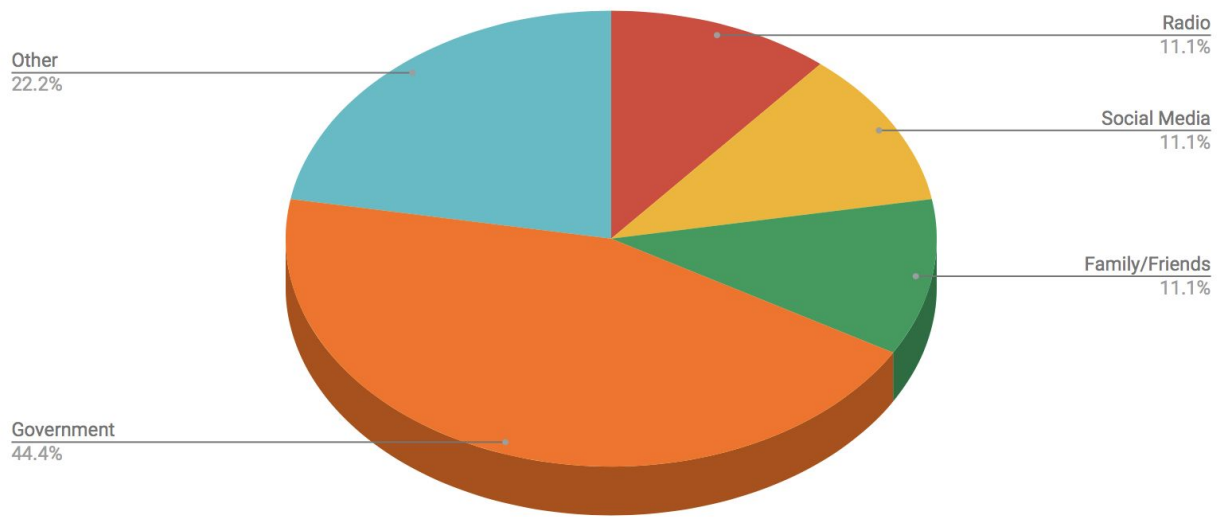
Graph 2.



Sources of Information: Of those having looked for information, 44.4% indicated that they received it from government sources. Unspecified “Other” sources provided information for another 22.22% of respondents. Radio, Social Media, and Family/Friends were sources of information for 11.1% of respondents each.

Graph 3.

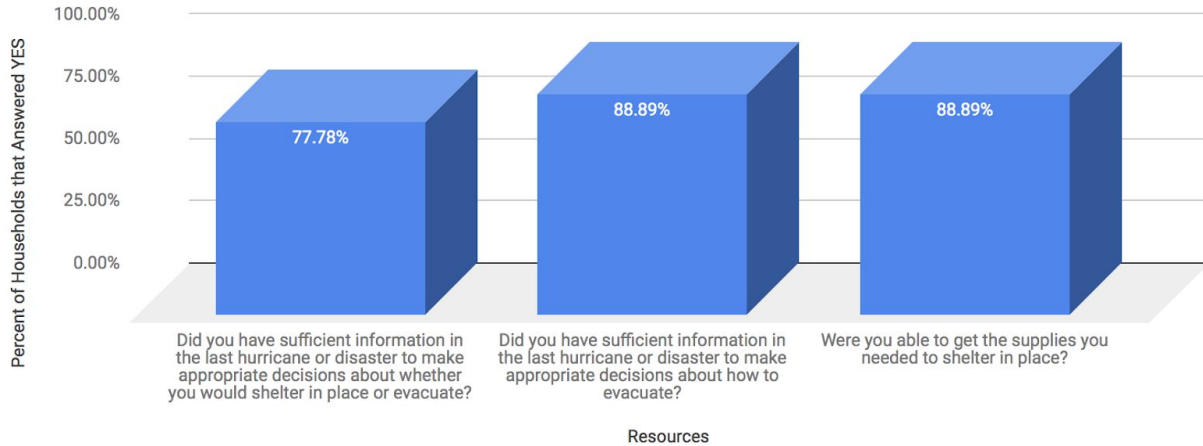
Downtown Orlando & Vicinity: Source of Information During Hurricane Irma Recovery



Preparedness Resources: More than three quarters of respondents (77.78%) stated that they had sufficient information to decide whether to shelter in place or to evacuate, and 88.89% stated that they had the information they needed to evacuate. The vast majority of respondents (88.89%) reported that they were able to secure the supplies they needed to shelter in place for Hurricane Irma.

Graph 4.

Downtown Orlando & Vicinity: Preparedness Resources



Preparedness Knowledge: There is a need for preparedness education in Spanish in Downtown Orlando. More than three quarters (77.8%) of respondents knew how much water was needed to shelter in place, but only 55.6% of respondents knew where their nearest emergency shelter was, what to take to an emergency shelter, or how to get to an emergency shelter. Less than half of the respondents knew if they could take a pet to their shelter or what pet supplies to bring to a shelter, how to comply with a boil water order. Only a third of respondents knew where they could get sandbags or their emergency radio stations. There is a need to educate about the locations of designated emergency shelters, how to find out if they are open, and how to get there.

Graph 5.

Downtown Orlando and Vicinity: Preparedness Knowledge

