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Survey of Coastal Connecticut Residents



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Instructions

Thank you very much for participating in this survey! Your responses will help the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and state and local emergency managers better understand the experiences and needs of Connecticut coastal residents in preparing for and responding to hurricanes and other severe coastal storms. If you have any questions, please see to the “Frequently Asked Questions” section on the back of this booklet.

- ❖ **This survey should be filled out by an adult (18 years old or older) in your household who is a primary decision maker regarding safety in an emergency situation. If you are not that person, please give this questionnaire to an adult decision maker and have them fill it out.**
- ❖ **Please use a blue or black pen to complete the survey.**
- ❖ **All responses are strictly confidential and no individual can ever be identified by the answers they give.**



1. Do you live at this residence year-round? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Do you live here at least part of the time during the summer or fall? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Hurricanes and tropical storms affect residents living along the coast in different ways, causing substantial damage in some areas and less in others. Have you ever experienced a hurricane or tropical storm while living on or near the Connecticut coast?

☐ Yes ☐ No → **Skip to Question 20.** ☐ Not Sure → **Skip to Question 20.**

4. Since the beginning of 2009, how many hurricanes and tropical storms, if any, hit your city or town on or near the Connecticut coast while you were at home; that is, not out of town? If none, please enter "0" in the box below. If you're not sure, your best estimate is fine.

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5. Generally speaking, when a hurricane or tropical storm is approaching your city or town, how worried do you feel? Please answer using the following scale ranging from 1 (not at all worried) to 7 (extremely worried).

**Not At All
Worried**

**Extremely
Worried**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Since the beginning of 2009, how many times, if ever, did you leave your home for someplace safer to avoid a hurricane or tropical storm; that is, how many times did you evacuate? Please enter the number in the boxes below.

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7. Generally speaking, how prepared were you for the storm(s) you experienced? Please choose one.

Fully Prepared	Very Prepared	Moderately Prepared	A Little Prepared	Not at all Prepared
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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8. Generally speaking, was the damage, if any, caused by the storm(s) in your local area
Please choose one.

Much Less than
You Expected

☐

A Little Less than
You Expected

☐

About What You
Expected

☐

A Little More than
You Expected

☐

Much More than
You Expected

☐

9. This question is about your experience during Superstorm Sandy, which affected the U.S. in October 2012. In the days immediately before Superstorm Sandy, were you ?

- ☐ At your current home on or near the Connecticut coast
- ☐ In another location on or near the Connecticut coast
- ☐ Somewhere Else

For questions 10 - 19 below, please think about your experience during Superstorm Sandy. If you were NOT on or near the Connecticut coast during Superstorm Sandy, please think about the most recent hurricane or tropical storm, other than Sandy, that you experienced while living on or near the Connecticut coast.

10. Before Superstorm Sandy hit your area, did you leave your home to go someplace safer; that is, did you evacuate?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No → **Skip to Question 13.**

11. When did you leave your home to go someplace safer during Superstorm Sandy? Please choose one.

Before the Storm
Arrived

☐

Just as the Storm
Began to Arrive

☐

During the Storm

☐

After the Storm Passed

☐



12. How much, if at all, did each of the following factors influence your decision to evacuate your home during Superstorm Sandy? For each factor, please use the following scale, ranging from “very strong influence” to “no influence.” **When finished, please skip to question 14.**

	Very Strong Influence	Strong Influence	Moderate Influence	A Little Influence	No Influence
a. High winds and blown objects could cause personal injury or damage my home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Flooding from the ocean/Long Island Sound could cause personal injury or damage my home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. River flooding could cause personal injury or damage my home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. My home could lose electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. My home could become isolated due to blocked roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. I received an official notice to evacuate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other (please specify): _____					

13. How much, if at all, did each of the following factors influence your decision to remain at home during Superstorm Sandy? For each factor, please use the following scale, ranging from “very strong influence” to “no influence.”

	Very Strong Influence	Strong Influence	Moderate Influence	A Little Influence	No Influence
a. I did not expect a very strong storm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. My home is very well built	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. My home is in a safe location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I did not receive a notice to evacuate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. In my experience, it is better to stay home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other (please specify): _____					



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14. During severe weather events, the authorities sometimes advise or order residents of an area to evacuate their homes. During Superstorm Sandy, were you advised or ordered to leave your home for someplace safer; that is, were you asked or told to evacuate? Please choose one.

☐ Yes ☐ No → **Skip to Question 17.** ☐ Not sure → **Skip to Question 17.**

15. How were you notified that you should evacuate? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone making door-to-door visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio broadcast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs posted in my neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet website or smartphone app |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A phone call | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television broadcast | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

16. Who asked or ordered you to evacuate during Superstorm Sandy? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police department | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather broadcaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire department | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor(s), friend(s), or family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A local government official | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governor Malloy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

17. For you, how difficult was the decision to stay or go during Superstorm Sandy? Please choose one.

Not Difficult at All	A Little Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Very Difficult	Extremely Difficult
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Thinking back about your decision to stay or go, would you make the same choice again? Please choose one.

Definitely Would	Probably Would	About 50/50	Probably Would Not	Definitely Would Not
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



19. Storm preparations include things like filling your car with gas, protecting windows, getting extra food and water, checking flashlight batteries, etc. How prepared were you before Superstorm Sandy hit your local area? Please choose one.

**Extremely
Prepared**

☐

**Very
Prepared**

☐

**Moderately
Prepared**

☐

**A Little
Prepared**

☐

**Not at all
Prepared**

☐

Questions 20-23 below ask how you might be affected by hurricanes. Hurricanes are put into categories ranging from 1 to 5, based on the strength of their winds. Category 1 is the weakest and Category 5 is the strongest. A Category 2 hurricane may hit the Connecticut coast in the next 50 years. The next set of questions focuses on Category 2 hurricanes.

20. If a Category 2 hurricane (100 MPH winds) were going to hit your local area, how likely would you be to evacuate if ?

	Definitely Would Not	Probably Would Not	About 50/50	Probably Would	Definitely Would
you received an official notice advising everyone in your local area to evacuate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
you did NOT receive an official notice advising everyone in your local area to evacuate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. If a Category 2 hurricane (100 MPH winds) were going to hit your local area, how likely do you think it is that each of the following would happen?

	Definitely Would Not Happen	Probably Would Not Happen	About 50/50	Probably Would Happen	Definitely Would Happen
a. I or someone in my household would be in danger from storm surge (water from the ocean or Long Island Sound)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I or someone in my household would be injured or killed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. My home or property would be damaged by flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. My home or property would be damaged by high winds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. My home would be isolated due to flooding or debris from high winds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



22. Please answer each of the following questions.

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	About 50/50	No, Probably Not	No, Definitely Not
a. Do you know how to evacuate to a safer location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Would poor health or disability of you or a member of your household make evacuation difficult?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Is your home safe from flooding from the ocean or Long Island Sound?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Is your home safe from high winds and blowing objects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Would you have transportation to evacuate to a safer location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Would you have enough money to evacuate to a safer location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. If asked to evacuate, would you instead stay to protect your home or business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Would you evacuate to avoid being stuck in your local area due to blocked roads after the storm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Would you <u>not</u> evacuate so you could stay to watch the storm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j.. Would your pet(s) or animals make it difficult to evacuate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. On a scale of 0%-100%, with 0% being it definitely will NOT happen and 100% being it definitely WILL happen, how likely do you think it is that each of the following types of hurricane will hit somewhere along the Connecticut coast in the next 50 years? Enter your response in the box next to each. If you're not sure, just give your best estimate.

Category 1 (80 MPH winds)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	%
Category 2 (100 MPH winds)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	%
Category 3 (120 MPH winds)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	%
Category 4 (140 MPH winds)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	%



24. How likely is it that you would evacuate if the following were forecast to hit your local area

	Definitely Would Not	Probably Would Not	About 50/50	Probably Would	Definitely Would
a. A Category 1 hurricane (80 MPH winds)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. A Category 2 hurricane (100 MPH winds)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A Category 3 hurricane (120 MPH winds)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. A Category 4 hurricane (140 MPH winds)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. During a Category 2 hurricane, do you think it would be safer to evacuate or to stay in your home or building? If you're not sure, please give your best estimate.

Much Safer to Evacuate	Somewhat Safer to Evacuate	About 50/50	Somewhat Safer to Stay	Much Safer to Stay
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. Do you have a disaster emergency plan that other members of your household know about, or not?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

27. In case of an emergency, do you have the following supplies in your home, or not? Check all that you have.

- ☐ A 3-day supply of non-perishable, ready-to-eat food for everyone in your household
- ☐ At least 3 gallons of water for each member of your household
- ☐ A flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ A hand crank portable radio or battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- ☐ A first aid kit
- ☐ A cell phone
- ☐ A backup power generator
- ☐ None of the above



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28. Have you updated or replaced your emergency supplies in the past 6 months, or not?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
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29. How confident do you feel about your ability to keep yourself and the people in your household safe during a hurricane or tropical storm? Please choose one.

**Extremely
Confident**

**Very
Confident**

**Moderately
Confident**

**A Little
Confident**

**Not at all
Confident**

☐☐☐☐☐

30. When a hurricane or tropical storm approaches your local area, how frequently, if ever, do you check the forecasts on TV, radio, and/or on the Internet?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never | <input type="checkbox"/> Every couple of hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a day | <input type="checkbox"/> I keep the TV/Radio/Internet updates on throughout the day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> About once a day | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several times a day | |
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31. Is your home located in a hurricane evacuation zone, or not?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure → **Skip to Question 33.**
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32. How did you learn whether or not your home is in a hurricane evacuation zone? Check all that apply. From

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Printed brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone call(s) from local officials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet website(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Conversation(s) with friends or neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical marker(s) (signs) in your neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community meeting(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
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33. On most days, what is your PRIMARY source of information about the weather? Please choose one.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends or family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smart phone, tablet or computer app | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet (World Wide Web) | |



34. Have you ever searched for flood information for your city or town, or not?

☐ Yes ☐ No → Skip to Question 36. ☐ Not sure → Skip to Question 36.

35. How easy or difficult was it to find flood information about your city or town?

Very Easy	Somewhat Easy	Neither Easy nor Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Very Difficult	I did not find the information
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

36. How important are each of the following information sources to you during a weather-related emergency?

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important
Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends or family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet (World Wide Web)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smartphone, tablet, or computer apps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="text"/>				

37. When a hurricane or tropical storm approaches your local area, different people and organizations might ask you to evacuate your home or building. How likely would you be to evacuate if each of the following asked or told you to?

	Definitely Would Not	Probably Would Not	About 50/50	Probably Would	Definitely Would	Not Sure
Governor's Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Government Official(s) (Mayor, First Selectman, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Police/Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local TV and Radio Stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends or Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



38. In general, how accurate do you think weather forecasts are about the following?

	Extremely Accurate	Mostly Accurate	Moderately Accurate	Not Very Accurate	Not at all Accurate	Not Sure
The daily weather forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The extended 7-day forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A hurricane forecast when the storm is 4 to 6 days away	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A hurricane forecast when the storm is 1 to 3 days away	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

39. Have you ever seen an evacuation map of your local area, or not?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No → **Skip to Question 41.** ☐ Not sure → **Skip to Question 41.**

40. Do you know where you saw an evacuation map of your local area? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ A mailer from your local utility company
☐ Community meeting
☐ A printed brochure
☐ A local government office
☐ Friends or family
☐ Internet website
☐ Other (please specify): _____
☐ Not sure

41. To the best of your knowledge, which one of the following is the most likely cause of injury or death during a hurricane? Please choose only one answer.

- ☐ Blown or falling objects from high winds
☐ Rising water levels and high waves (storm surge)
☐ Flooding from heavy rains
☐ Accidents during evacuation
☐ Other (please specify): _____
☐ Not sure



42. How long have you lived on or near (within about 5 miles of) the Connecticut coast?
Please enter your response to the right.

Number of Years

43. How long have you lived **in your present home** on or near the Connecticut coast?
Please enter your response to the right.

Number of Years

44. How many people live in your household, including yourself? Please enter your response to the right. If you live alone, enter "1" and skip to question 47.

Number of People

45. How many of the people in your household are age 17 or younger?

Number of People

46. How many of the people in your household, including yourself, are 80 years or older?

Number of People

47. Which best describes the building where you live? Please choose one.

- ☐ A one-family house detached from any other house
- ☐ A one-family house attached to one or more houses
- ☐ A building with two or more apartments
- ☐ A mobile home
- ☐ Boat, RV, van, etc.
- ☐ Other (please specify):

48. Is your residence raised or on stilts to avoid flooding, or not?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

49. Is your residence

- ☐ Owned by you or someone in your household or family
- ☐ Rented
- ☐ Occupied without payment of rent



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50. In what year were you born?

Year

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51. Are you ?

☐ Male

☐ Female

52. Do you have any children, 18 years old or older, living outside your household?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

53. Do you have any pets or animals?

☐ Yes

☐ No

54. Do you own a motor or sail boat?

☐ Yes

☐ No

55. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

56. Which race or ethnic background best describes you? Please choose one.

☐ African American or Black

☐ Two or more races

☐ Prefer not to answer

☐ Asian

☐ Other

☐ White or Caucasian

☐ Not sure

57. Is English your primary language, or not?

☐ Yes

☐ Not sure

☐ No. Please specify your primary language:

☐ Prefer not to answer

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58. What is the highest level of school you have completed?

☐ No formal education

☐ Associates degree

☐ Less than high school

☐ College degree

☐ Some high school, NO DIPLOMA

☐ Masters degree

☐ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE – high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (GED)

☐ Professional or Doctorate degree

☐ Some college, no degree

☐ Prefer not to answer



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59. Last year (in 2013), what was your total HOUSEHOLD income from all sources? Information about your household income is very important. We greatly appreciate your response and will keep your answer confidential.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000-\$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000-\$39,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-\$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000-\$69,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$200,000 |

60. How many members of your extended family, not including those who live with you in your house, live nearby (in your town or in a nearby town)?

61. Regardless of how you might have voted in recent elections, in politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Republican | <input type="checkbox"/> Other party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat | <input type="checkbox"/> No party/Not interested in politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |

62. In general, would you describe your political views as...

- | Very Liberal | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative | Very Conservative |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

63. Have you ever received messages from the Connecticut Emergency Alerting and Notification Systems, either through email or alerts to your cell phone?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

For more information, or if you would like to sign up for messages from the Connecticut Emergency Alerting and Notification Systems, please go www.ct.gov/ctalert.

Thank You!

Please return this survey in the postage paid envelope enclosed to:

Survey of Coastal Connecticut Residents

55 Wheeler Street Ste 1A
Cambridge, MA 02138-9861



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is sponsoring the survey?

A: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Sea Grant are sponsoring the survey to learn about attitudes toward severe weather events among coastal Connecticut residents. Yale research scientists Jennifer Marlon and Anthony Leiserowitz are conducting the survey.

Q: How will the information I provide be used?

A: Results from the survey will be used to inform hurricane emergency management planning.

Q: How will my confidentiality be protected?

A: Individual survey responses will be summarized in combination with other respondents so that no single individual can be identified. All responses are strictly confidential. Personal information such as addresses is never combined with the data.

Q: How did you get my address?

A: Your address was randomly selected from among all addresses along the Connecticut coast. It was selected using scientific sampling methods to represent other households in your part of the state. The address will **only** be used for the purpose of this survey and not shared with any other organization.

Q: Why can't you interview another household instead of mine?

A: In order to make sure the findings of the study are accurate, receiving information about your household is important to us. Households selected for this study were chosen using scientific sampling methods and your responses cannot be replaced by others.

Q: How much time will this survey take?

A: On average, it should take about 15 minutes to respond to the survey.

Q: I have other questions. Who can I talk to?

A: For questions and comments, contact (203) 436-2598, or email Jennifer.Marlon@yale.edu