

THE PULSE

Checking our pulse is essential in monitoring our Vital Signs. The Pulse highlights a specific indicator of human well-being that is contained in United Way of Central Oklahoma's Vital Signs report or is being noticed through United Way's work in the community.

HOUSEHOLD PREPAREDNESS FACTS: OKLAHOMA

An emergency or disaster can strike at any time. Emergency and disaster preparedness is critical to keeping individuals and families safe when these unexpected events occur. It is important for individual Oklahomans and their families to realize they have an important role to play in the overall preparedness of their communities by being prepared themselves.

With **78** major disaster declarations, Oklahoma has the **GREATEST NUMBER** of disaster declarations of any non-coastal state¹

HOW PREPARED ARE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA*?

House or Building Number Visible²

YES

75.4% YES

NO

24.6% NO

Generator Present in 1-Unit Buildings Excluding
Manufactured/Mobile Homes³

YES

18.3% YES

NO

81.7% NO

Non-Perishable Emergency Food Supply to
Sustain Household for Three Days⁴

YES

82.8% YES

NO

17.2% NO

Emergency Water Supply of Three
Gallons per Person⁵

YES

54.2% YES

NO

45.8% NO

HOW PREPARED ARE HOUSEHOLDS CONTINUED

Communication Plan Including a Contingency for Disruption in Cell Phone Service⁶



Emergency Meeting Location⁷



Prepared Emergency Evacuation Kit⁸



Access to Financial Information⁹



Assistance Needed Evacuating or Sheltering Pets to a Safe Place at Least 50 Miles Away¹⁰



Evacuation Funds of up to \$2,000¹¹



Reliable Evacuation Vehicle(s) Available¹²



Likely Place to Stay During a 2-Week Evacuation to a Safe Place at Least 50 Miles Away¹³



- 69.5% With relatives or friends
- 2.2% Travel trailer or recreational vehicle
- 22.3% Hotel or Motel
- 2.1% Other
- 3.9% Public shelter

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The Pulse is a product of Vital Signs, Central Oklahoma's broad-based community indicators report with over two decades of trend data in six key areas important to our quality of life.

Interested in printed copies of Vital Signs or a presentation?

Contact United Way of Central Oklahoma's Research, Convening and Advocacy Department at info@unitedwayokc.org or (405) 236-8441

NOTES AND CITATIONS

* The U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Housing Survey defines the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area as Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Grady, and Lincoln counties.

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