

Emergency Preparedness

There were two emergency preparedness questions included in the survey to examine if the respondents possessed a 3-day emergency kit (food, water, prescriptions, flashlight, radio, important papers, and contact information) and a family plan for how to get together if a disaster were to strike during work or school. The results indicate that 42.3% possessed a 3-day emergency kit available (Table 67). This represents a decline from 2006 when 48.8% had an emergency kit. The respondents were also asked if they had a family emergency plan for how to get together if a disaster were to strike (Table 68). This has increased this year with a higher percentage making family emergency plans compared to 2006 (49.5% versus 45.6%).

Table 67. Possession of 3-Day Emergency Kit.

Year	% Yes	% No	% Don't Know
08	42.3	57.4	0.2
06	48.8	50.3	1.0

Table 68. Family Emergency Plan for Getting Together if Disaster Struck During Work or School.

Year	% Yes	% Don't Know
08	49.5	50.5
06	45.6	54.4

Emergency Preparedness Crosstabulations

The crosstabulations (age, children in household under 18, housing type, income, race) for possession of a 3-day emergency kit are shown in Tables B384-B388. The highest percentages (in order) were for \$20,001-\$30,000 (61.5%), 56-65 age group (54.5%), and townhouse/condo dwellers (51.4%). The lowest percentages of possession were among apartment dwellers (32.3%), \$70,001-\$100,000 income level (33.7%), and 18-25 age group (34.6%).

The crosstabulations for having a family emergency plan in place to get together if a disaster were to strike during work or school are shown in Tables B389-B393. The highest percentages (in order) were for 56-65 age group (68.2%), \$20,001-\$30,000 (61.5%), apartment dwellers (58.1%), and African-Americans (57.7%). The subgroups with the

lowest percentages were townhouse/condo dwellers (31.4%), Asians (35.0%), and 18-25 age group (38.5%).