

KATRINA FACTS

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HEALTH CARE:

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HOUSING:

184,000 have requested aid to rebuild their homes from LA Road Home Program- 43,000 have received checks; 60,000 families live in 240 square-foot FEMA "toxic trailers" in Gulf Coast; in NOLA, rents have doubled, 80% of the 5,100 public housing units remain closed, and 12,000 are homeless.

EDUCATION:

65% of NOLA schools closed; two-tiered education system of charter schools and public schools implemented.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE:

The FEMA funds available to rebuild public infrastructure only covers 1/8th of the damage suffered in LA alone, despite needing to cover five states. Much of the \$110 billion in grants and loans for recovery has been for short-term or emergency projects, not long-term rebuilding. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has spent less than 20 percent of the levee funds available to protect NOLA. Fifty million gallons of water lost every day due to leaks in pipes.

RIGHT TO RETURN:

NOLA population down 40%; Black population was 67% of city-now 47%; hundreds of thousands in Gulf displaced.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:

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Community members, faculty, and staff should contact Dr. Scott Myers-Lipton at (510) 508-5382 or smlipton@sjsu.edu

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