

## Pew Charitable Trusts Flood Preparedness Survey

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*The survey was conducted for the Pew Charitable Trusts via telephone (landline and cell) by SSRS on its Omnibus survey platform and online via its proprietary probability panel. Interviews were conducted from February 11 – 16, 2020 among a representative random sample of 800 total respondents. The margin of error with design effect for the total respondents is +/-3.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. More information about the survey design and weights are available in the methodology report.*

Note: Percentages less than 0.5 are presented as \*.

### Based on total respondents

FLOO1. Recently there has been some discussion of infrastructure in the US-- such as roads, bridges, schools and hospitals. How much, if anything, have you heard, read or seen about this topic? (READ LIST)

	Total
A great deal	26%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	25%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

FLOO2. Thinking about the infrastructure in your community, how comfortable are you that it can withstand extreme weather, such as flooding, wildfires, or hurricanes? Are you...(READ LIST)

	Total
Comfortable (Net)	65%
Very comfortable	25%
Somewhat comfortable	40%
Uncomfortable (Net)	33%
Very uncomfortable	11%
Somewhat uncomfortable	22%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

FLOO3/FLOO3a. Congress will be debating how much federal funding should be spent on infrastructure such as roads, bridges, schools and hospitals. Do you think they should spend the same amount of money normally used for these expenses so that they are kept in good working condition or should they spend slightly more money to improve the infrastructure to withstand harsh weather and floods in the future? Do you feel strongly or NOT strongly about this?

	Total
Spend Same (Net)	29%
Spend same, strongly	16%
Spend same, not strongly	13%
Don't know/Refused	*
Spend more (Net)	68%
Spend more, strongly	58%
Spend more, not strongly	10%
Don't know/Refused	*
Depends	1%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

FLOO4. One proposal that Congress is considering is to require all structures using federal funding be built to withstand future flooding if they are in flood prone areas. Do you favor or oppose this proposal? PAUSE FOR ANSWER AND THEN: Is that strongly or somewhat (favor/oppose)?

	Total
Favor (Net)	85%
Strongly favor	51%
Somewhat favor	34%
Oppose (Net)	11%
Strongly oppose	6%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Don't know/No opinion	2%
Refused	1%

FLOO5/FLOO5a. Another proposal is for the federal government to give grants to states and communities to make highways and roads safer to better withstand harsh weather. This would mean Congress spending money upfront to reduce the long-term costs of disaster recovery. If the choice was between Congress spending money now to fund infrastructure or paying even more money after a disaster to repair and rebuild, which should they choose? IF NECESSARY: Should they spend a bit more now or wait and maybe have to spend even more later? Do you feel strongly or NOT strongly about this?

	Total
Spend a bit more now (Net)	83%
Spend a bit more now, strongly	66%
Spend a bit more now, not strongly	16%
Don't know/Refused	1%
Spend even more later (Net)	13%
Spend ever more later, strongly	8%
Spend even more later, not strongly	5%
Don't know/Refused	-
Don't know	2%
Refused	3%

FLOO6. In general, do you think the Earth's climate has been getting hotter in recent years, or has there been no real change?

	Total
Getting hotter	71%
No change	26%
Other/Depends	1%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

FLOO7. How concerned are you that the number of extreme weather events, such as storms, floods, excessive heat and wildfires will increase over the next 10 years? Would you say you are... (READ LIST)?

	Total
Very/Somewhat concerned (Net)	74%
Very concerned	46%
Somewhat concerned	29%
Not very/Not at all concerned (Net)	26%
Not very concerned	12%
Not at all concerned	14%
Don't know	*
Refused	*