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NEMA REPORT SHOWS STATE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACROSS THE NATION

Lexington, KY—Each year, communities experience a greater number of disasters with more severe impacts. While a relative few rise to the level of needing federal assistance, state and local governments effectively manage most events with existing capabilities. In Fiscal Year 2017 alone, states managed 206 emergency events, only 75 of which rose to the level of receiving federal help. That's 36 percent more state emergencies than federal declarations. This is just one of the many findings in the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) [2018 Biennial Report](#), NEMA's flagship publication represents the most comprehensive compilation of state emergency management data available today and highlights results from an in-depth survey conducted in 2017. The 36-page report contains information on various facets of state emergency management and homeland security: including organizational structures and budgets, utilization of Emergency Management Performance Grants, and how states pay for disasters. It also includes data on staffing, governor's authority over evacuations, state-funded disaster assistance programs, and many more aspects of ensuring states maintain the highest levels of preparedness. Published since 1996, this compendium remains a valuable resource for state emergency management directors and their staff, governors, Members of Congress, state legislators, homeland security officials, and research institutions.

The NEMA 2018 Biennial Report is free to NEMA members. Non-members may purchase the report on the [NEMA website](#).

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