

Where is the Money? Slides

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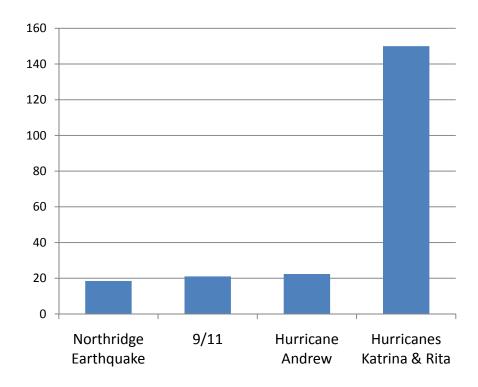
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Damages caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita dwarfed those of previous disasters

Hurricanes Katrina & Rita: \$150 billion

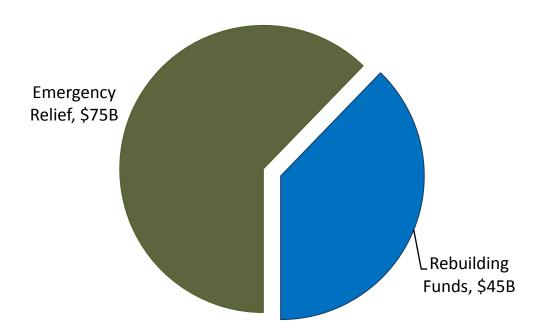


Sources: Damage estimates: "Natural catastrophes and man-made disasters 2005: high earthquake casualties, new dimension in windstorm losses," Swiss Re Sigma Insurance Research, No.2/2006, Swiss Reinsurance Company, Economic Research & Consulting. Zurich. www.swissre.com/sigma. Total Damages are defined by the sigma study are all the financial losses directly attributable to a major event (damage to buildings, infrastructure, vehicles, etc., irrespective of whether insured or not. Includes business interruption directly due to building damage, but does not include indirect financial detriments such as loss of earnings by down-stream suppliers, shortfall in GDP, nor non-economic losses. All figures are presented in 2005 dollars. Federal spending: Testimony of Donald E. Powell, Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding before the U. S. House Committee on the Budget August 2, 2007 http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/programs/gc_1187965134242.shtml



Most federal spending has gone for relief, not rebuilding

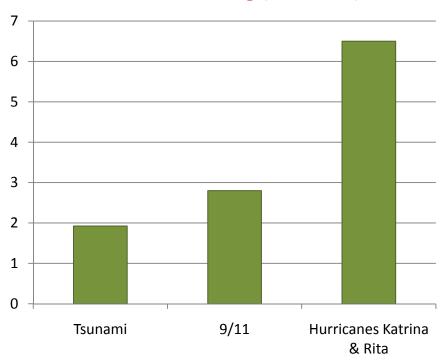
Federal spending: \$120.5 billion





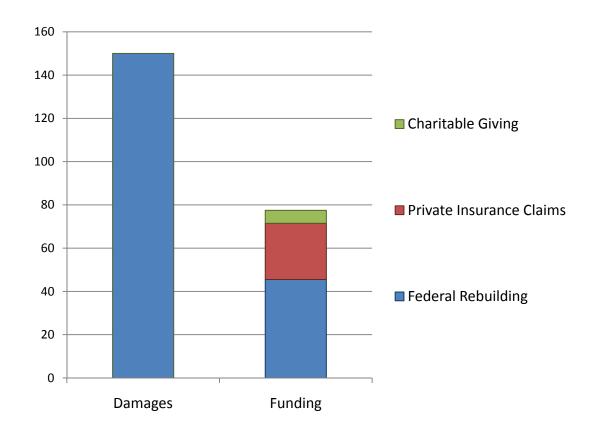
Charitable giving has also far outpaced that for previous disasters

Charitable Giving (\$Billions)





But charitable and insurance funding do not close the gap



Sources: Private insurance: Louisiana Department of Insurance and Mississippi Insurance Department, 97 percent of claims reported. Excludes flood insurance payments. Charitable giving: "Giving in the Aftermath to the Gulf Coast Hurricanes," Foundation Center, August 2007

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