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Numbers and Statistics



Question: How much of New Orleans was flooded?

Answer: 80 percent according to the Interagency Performance Evaluation Taskforce

Question: How strong were the winds of Hurricane Katrina?

Answer: Hurricane Katrina came ashore with 127 mph winds.



Question: How large was the storm surge during Hurricane Katrina?

Answer: The storm surge was 28 to 30 feet along Mississippi.

Question: How long did it take to get the water out of New Orleans?

Answer: The City of New Orleans was de-watered in 53 days. More than 250 billion gallons of water were removed from the city.

Question: How much debris has the Corps removed in Louisiana and Mississippi?

Answer: The Corps has removed 44 million cubic yards of debris in Louisiana and Mississippi to date with more to come. To visualize this amount consider that a cubic yard is about as big as a one washing machine. Forty-four cubic yards is enough debris to fill the Superdome nearly 12 times.

Question: How many miles of levees have been repaired and restored to pre-Katrina condition?

Answer: 220 miles or 1.16 million feet including 25 miles of new levees and floodwalls.