Hurricane Katrina's Impact on the Manufactured Housing Survey (MHS)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the anticipated impact of Katrina on the survey data?

We expect the shipment\production figures to increase as manufacturers comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) contracts for single-unit homes. Inventories are expected to decrease as existing units are claimed by FEMA. We do not anticipate an increase in placements as inventories drop because FEMA units (**federally owned**) are not included in the **private** placement data collected by the MHS.

Will the collection of MHS data from the affected area be impacted?

Yes, but the level of impact has yet to be determined.

My dealership is in a damaged area. Will I continue to receive the survey form (C-MH-9A)? Yes, if your dealership is in an area that is currently receiving mail. Census will not mail a form to a dealer covered by a ZIP code that is not currently receiving mail as indicated by the U.S. Postal Service. Census will attempt to contact dealers by phone to acquire information on inventory units.