

## NJ Hurricane Sandy Panel: Dissatisfaction persists with residents

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As the third anniversary of Superstorm Sandy's landfall comes around, a new Monmouth University Poll finds a large majority of the state's hardest hit residents are still dissatisfied with recovery efforts.

Although the state's signature recovery program, reNew Jersey Stronger, has seen strong marks from last year to this year, the results come from a recent installment of a panel survey tracking experiences of those impacted by Sandy.

Specifically, 39 percent of the hard-hit residents say they are very (6%) or somewhat (33%) satisfied with the state recovery effort. However, 61 percent said they are somewhat (27%) or very (34%) dissatisfied.

2015's results represents a minor improvement over satisfaction of the recovery effort in 2014, numbers show. A third of the survey's participants (35%) say the state's recovery effort is focused on helping people like them, which is slightly better than last year (28%) and 2013 (23%).

However, two-thirds (65%) still say that people like them have been forgotten in the recovery effort.

Tim Tracey, the project director for Monmouth's Sandy Recovery Survey, which has tracked the experiences of 500 residents, said in many residents' opinions, the state has just not done enough.

"Three years removed from Sandy, the state still receives more negative than positive marks for the job they've done in the recovery effort," he said.



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