

November 2024

1. How has your business been impacted by Hurricane Helene, if at all.

Topic: Employment

	Total [n=154]	Manufacturing [n= 37]	Non-Manufacturing [n=117]
Staffing challenges (e.g., worker displacement, cannot show-up to work)	6.8%	9.1%	5.7%
Damage to property/physical assets (e.g., building, vehicles, equipment)	8.5%	5.2%	10.1%
Inventory losses	6.4%	10.4%	4.4%
Supply chain disruptions	16.6%	28.6%	10.8%
Reduced operating hours	10.6%	15.6%	8.2%
Loss of business or new orders	8.5%	13.0%	6.3%
Increased time to complete orders	6.0%	9.1%	4.4%
Increased costs to produce goods or services	5.1%	6.5%	4.4%
Something not listed above (Please Specify) _____	6.0%	6.5%	5.7%
Business was not impacted by Hurricane Helene	64.7%	48.1%	72.8%

2. How long will it take your business to become fully operational?

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	Total [n=78]	Manufacturing [n=37]	Non-Manufacturing [n=41]
Already fully operational	82.1%	83.8%	80.5%
About one month	1.3%	0.0%	2.4%
One to three months	12.8%	10.8%	14.6%
Three to six months	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Six months to one year	1.3%	2.7%	0.0%
More than one year	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Will never be fully operational	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

3. What do you need to become fully operational?

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	Total [n=16]	Manufacturing [n=11]	Non-Manufacturing [n=5]
Returning employees	33.3%	16.7%	44.4%
New employees	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Reestablished infrastructure (e.g., water, power)	60.9%	54.5%	66.7%
Grant funds for repairs	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Loans/Line of credit	25.0%	16.7%	30.0%
Other	61.5%	78.6%	41.7%