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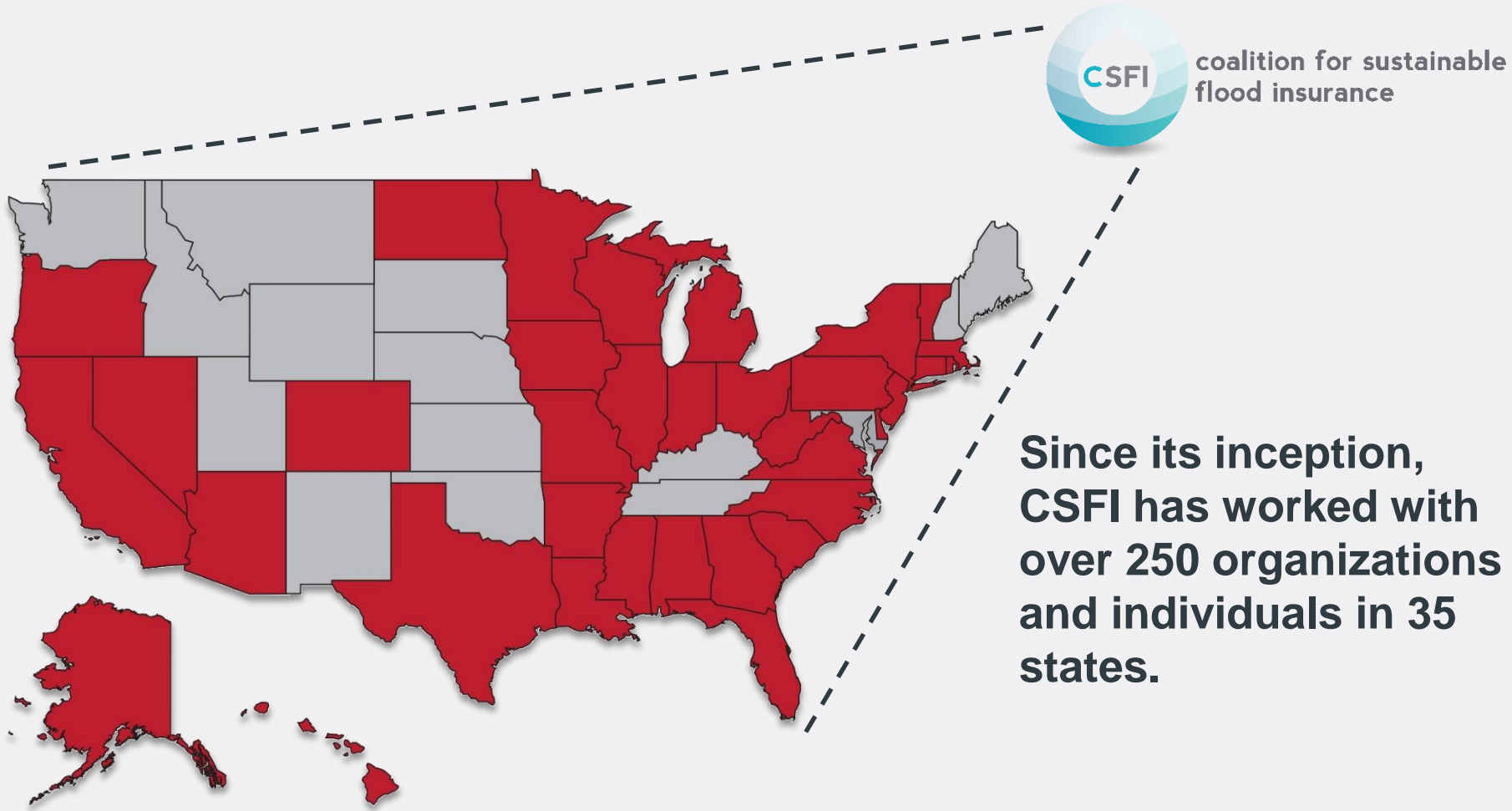
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The Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance

The Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance (CSFI) was formed by GNO, Inc. in 2013, and grew to be national in scope.



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Led by GNO, Inc., and in partnership with the Delegation, the Coalition succeeded in passing the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014.



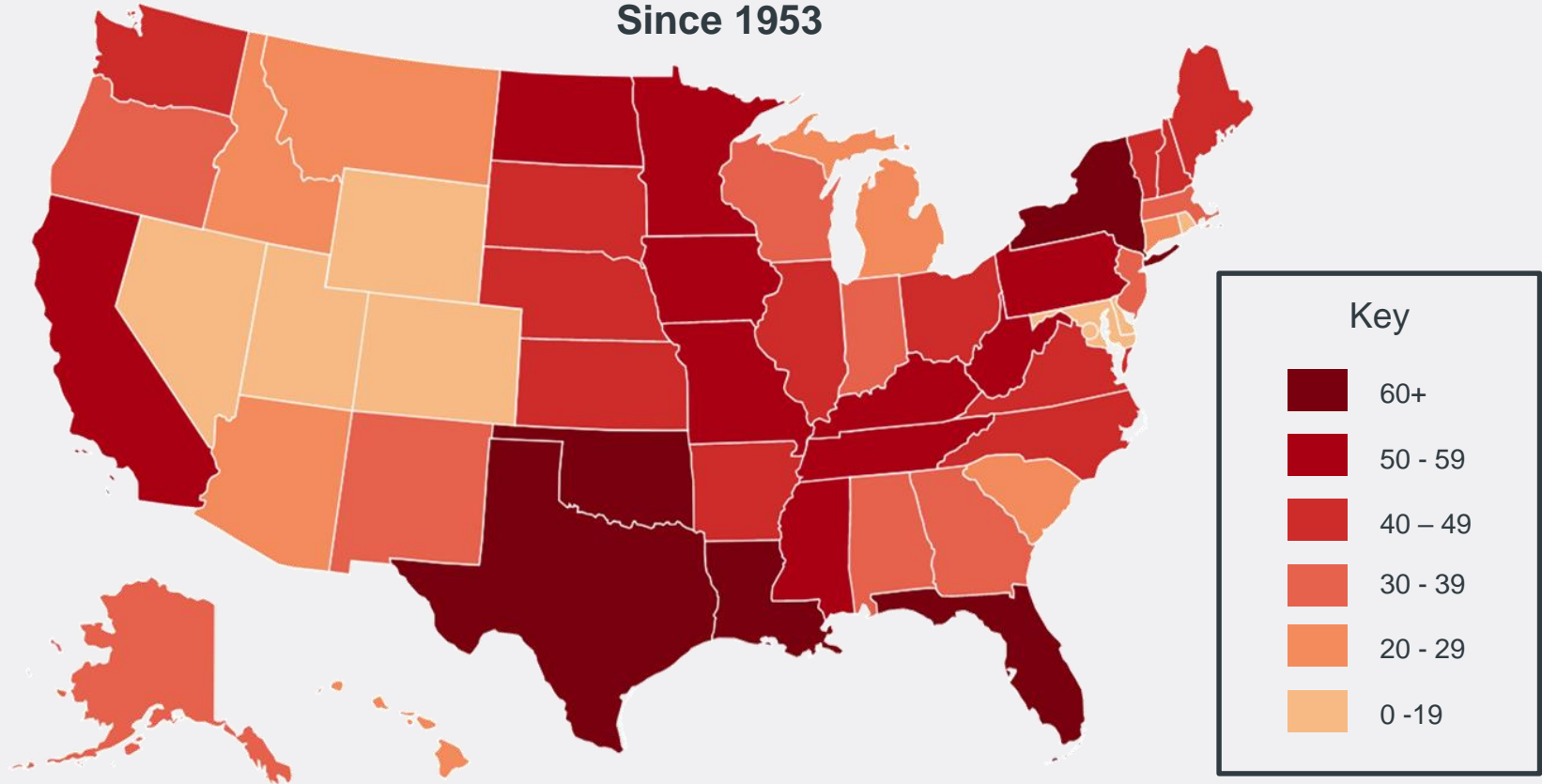
The New York Times JAN. 30, 2014
*Senate Passes Bill to Delay Spike
in Flood Insurance Rates*

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*House Votes to Scale Back Flood-
Insurance Rate Increases*

Why is Flood Insurance Important?

All 50 states have experienced flood disasters.

FEMA Flooding Related Disaster Declarations
Since 1953



Note: Flooding related disaster declarations include; hurricanes, floods, severe storms, costal storms, dam/levee breaks, tsunami, and typhoons

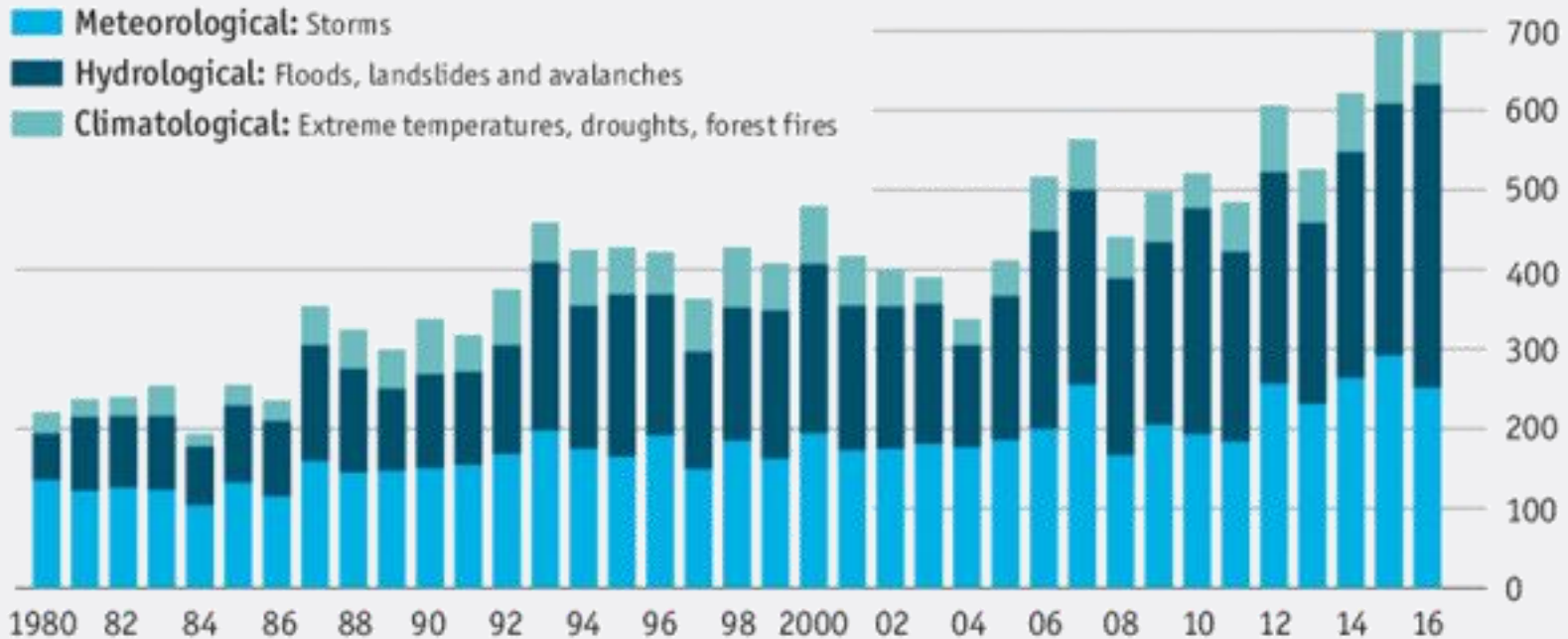
Source: FEMA Disaster Declarations for States and Counties as of 1/7/19

Volatile Weather is Increasing

With weather comes risk and resulting damage.

A rising tide

Natural disasters by cause



Source: Munich Re

The Economic Realities of Living Near Water

Coastal = Commerce

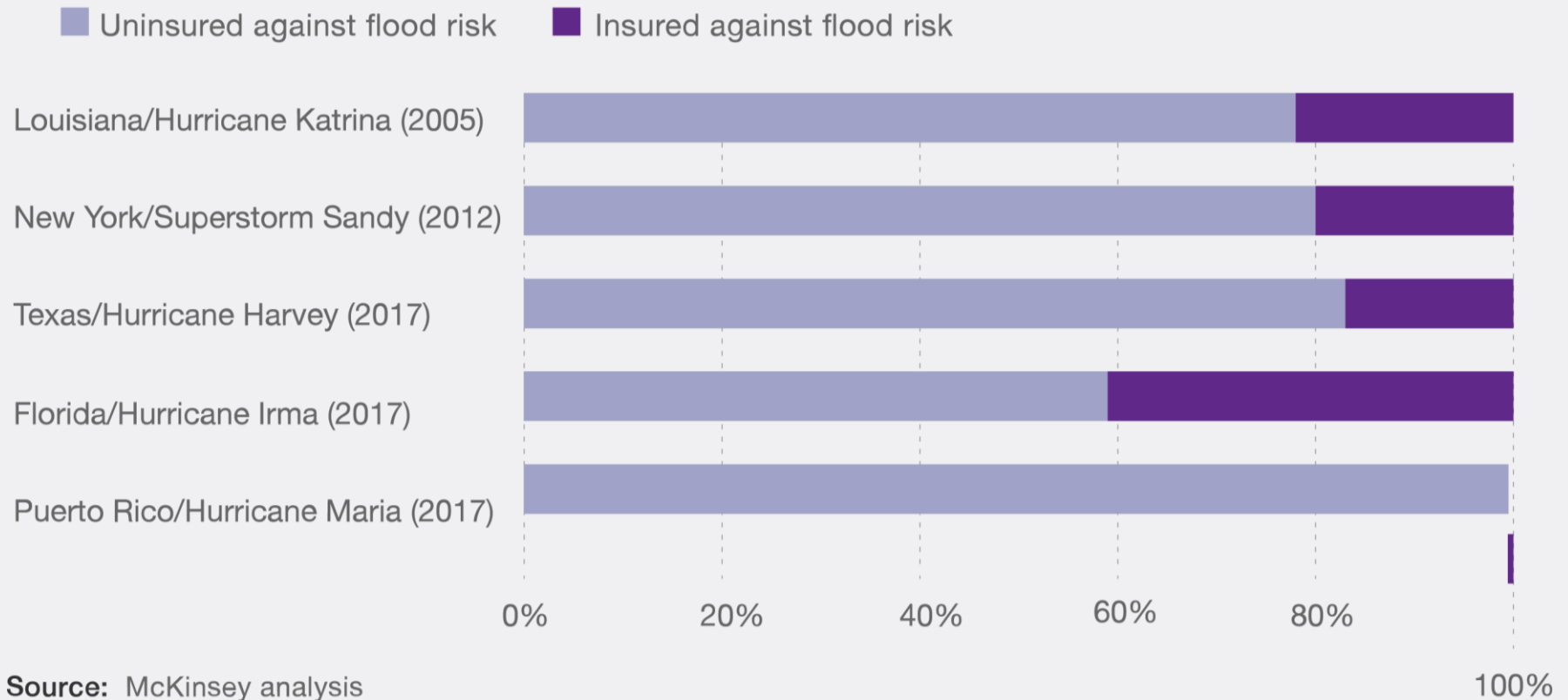


- Coastal areas have a population of 168,803,952 - 51% of the U.S. population
- By 2023, the population of coastal areas will grow by 2.5%
- Coastal areas have 82,740,493 jobs - 51% of the nation's jobs
- Coastal areas have a GDP of \$11 trillion - 57% of the total U.S. GDP.
- With nearly 5.1M payrolled businesses, 51% of the nation's total business are in coastal areas

Emsi 2018.4; Coastal areas are in reference to the ones listed by NOAA, which includes counties on the great lakes

America's Flood Insurance Gap

Solutions must focus on closing America's insurance gap.



Source: McKinsey analysis

Key Principles

CSFI believes the following key principles are critical to sustainable flood insurance:

Risk Assessment – Enhancing the way we assess and communicate risk will protect communities and the NFIP over the long-term and help to close America’s flood insurance gap. Congress and FEMA should use state of the art technology to accurately and simply communicate flood risk

Affordability – Premiums must remain affordable, and people who played by the rules at the time they built or bought their flood policy should not be penalized.

Mitigation – A comprehensive approach to reducing flood losses before a disaster occurs is a more effective means to reducing economic loss and protecting taxpayers interests. Federal, state, and local governments should prioritize investments in mitigation, as should home and business owners

Participation – Adopting policies that encourage more people to carry flood insurance will ensure a greater understanding of flood risk and that individuals and communities recover more quickly and fully following a flood event

Progress on Key Priorities

Real progress has been made in mitigation, recovery and even the definition of success.

Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 signed into law making numerous investments in mitigation and disaster recovery, including:

- Investing more heavily in pre-disaster mitigation funding
- Allows resilience projects to be eligible for HMGP at a greater rate
- Addresses duplication of benefits issue

FEMA announced **Moonshot Goals** of doubling coverage and quadrupling investments in mitigation by 2022:

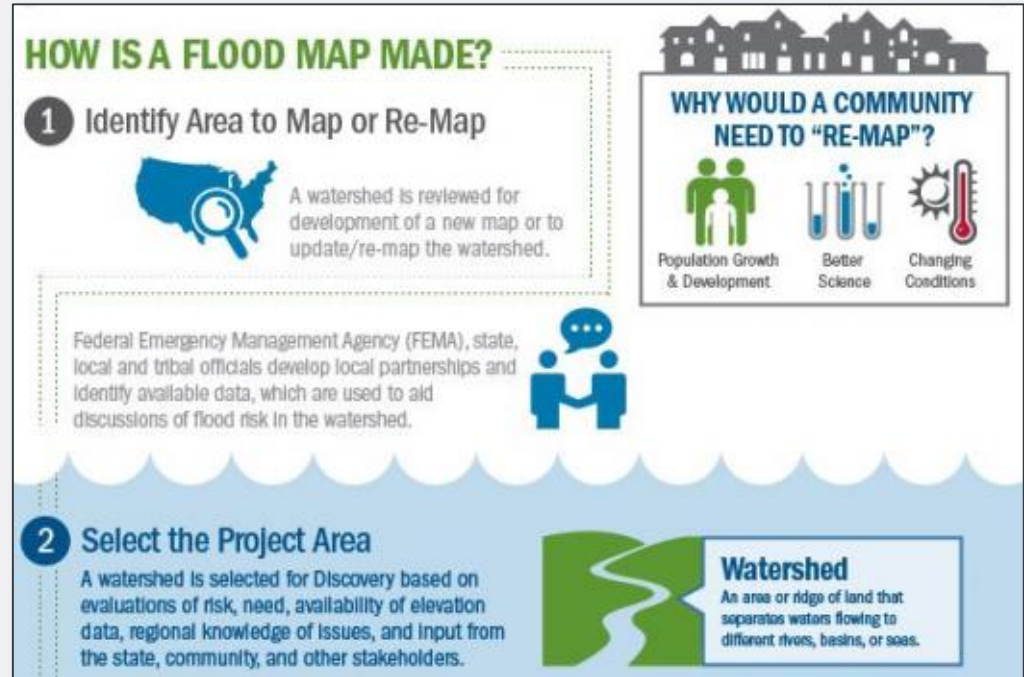


Risk Assessment Proposals

CSFI supports proposals to ensure risk is assessed & communicated accurately.

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- Adopt recent innovations in elevation science to radically improve mapping and precision, including use of LIDAR data
- Increase authorization for the National Flood Mapping Program to ensure adequate resources for flood mapping of the entire country
- Codify exclusion provisions so that parishes and counties can adopt portions of maps at a time
- Provide a one-time premium credit to all pre-FIRM properties that secure an elevation certificate
- Fund reimbursements for successful map appeals



Source: FEMA

Affordability Proposals

CSFI supports proposals that keep flood insurance affordable.

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- **Preserve grandfathering**
- Allow for monthly payments of premiums
- Consider formalizing the 1% cost: value ratio, so that premiums would be capped at 1% of the value of the policy
- Implement annual rate hike caps and affordability assistance
- Address the NFIP's debt



Main News

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Flood insurance premiums may spike, leaving poorer New Yorkers without homes unless Congress acts: report

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Spike in flood insurance premiums hits Roseau hard

Mitigation Proposals

CSFI supports increased investment and ease of use for mitigation.

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- Establish a State Flood Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund
- Freeze interest payments on the NFIP's debt and redirect revenue to FEMA mitigation funds
- Increase the maximum Increased Cost of Compliance coverage (ICC) payment from \$30,000 to \$100,000; ensure payment is not subject to policy caps and that eligibility and flexibility are expanded
- Maintain requirements that any private flood coverage is equal to NFIP coverage, which preserves post disaster mitigation coverage similar to ICC on private flood policies



House Elevation - Freeport, N.Y.

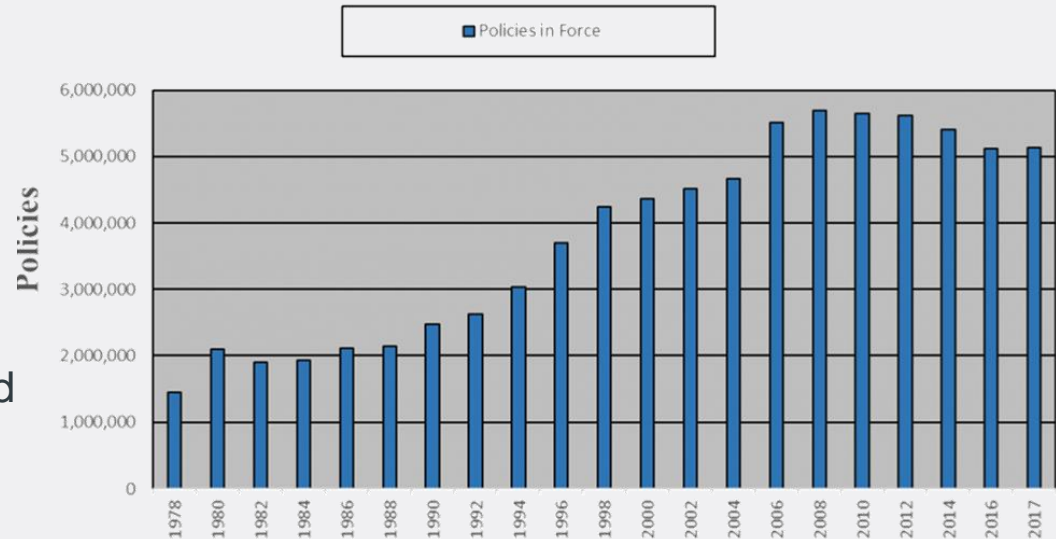
Participation Proposals

CSFI supports policies that increase participation.

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- Offer a tax credit for flood insurance premiums
- Allow for automatic renewals
- Allow for multi-year policies
- Include continuous coverage language to allow property owners to leave the NFIP for a private flood option and subsequently return if they choose
- Expand coverage limits to for residences, multifamily & business structures
- Include business interruption coverage for business

Total Policies in Force by Calendar Year



Source: FEMA

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