

## Press Release



# AAF Research Finds Unprecedented Outmigration In Puerto Rico Following Hurricane Maria

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Today the American Action Forum released new research examining Puerto Rican outmigration trends post Hurricane Maria. AAF found that Puerto Rico's outmigration rate is on pace to reach, or exceed, levels seen in New Orleans and parts of Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. Preliminary data suggest unprecedented migration from Puerto Rico to the mainland United States is already occurring with up to 179,000 Puerto Ricans fleeing the island; history shows that the outmigration is likely to continue well into this year.