

Table 5.3: Variation in State Context

	Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Texas
Geographic Context					
Population (county average)	297,629	308,084	107,399	123,567	339,463
Land in square miles (county average)	1,410	820	633	590	845
Socioeconomic Conditions					
Income per capita (county average)	\$33,456	\$34,183	\$35,548	\$35,203	\$35,815
Social vulnerability index (county average)	-2.09	0.39	-1.48	-1.40	0.82
Home Rule Institutions					
Home rule option available or applied to county government	X†	X	X	X	—
Planning Mandates					
Local govt. required to adopt state comprehensive plan	—	X	—	X	X
Local govt. required to create own comprehensive plan	—	X	—	—	—
State provides guidelines for local govt. comprehensive plan	X†	X	X†	X	—
Local govt. comprehensive plan must address natural hazards	—	X	—	—	—
<p>Sources: County population and land data taken from U.S. Census (2010) and refers only to the counties included in the study sample; income per capita data were taken from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (2010); social vulnerability data were taken from the SoVI 2006-2010 developed by Cutter, et al. – higher scores indicate more vulnerability; home rule data were obtained primarily from the National Association of Counties report titled <i>County Authority</i> (2010); and the national and planning data source was the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety report titled <i>Survey of State Land-use and Natural Hazards Planning Laws</i> (2009).</p> <p>Notes: The following legend is used: X = yes; — = no; and X† = limited.</p>					

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