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Houston home to thousands who were displaced from New Orleans after Katrina

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Twelve years ago, flood waters after Hurricane Katrina forced hundreds of thousands of New Orleans

residents from their homes, displacing them to other parts of the country.

No city took in more Katrina evacuees than Houston and tens of thousands of them are still living in the Texas metropolis, [enduring disaster](#) for the second time.

Over the weekend and continuing Monday, catastrophic scenes of flooding and people fleeing from their homes in Houston in the wake of Hurricane Harvey has evoked memories of the devastation that hit New Orleans in late August 2005.

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As many as [250,000 people](#) displaced by Katrina wound up seeking refuge at shelters, including the Astrodome sports stadium, in Houston.

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For some it was a temporary move, but thousands of evacuees made Houston their permanent home.

Figures [vary](#), but by some [estimates](#), as many as 40,000 Katrina evacuees are now permanent residents of Houston, according to the [Houston Chronicle](#). Some people there have nicknamed Houston “[New Orleans West](#).”

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