


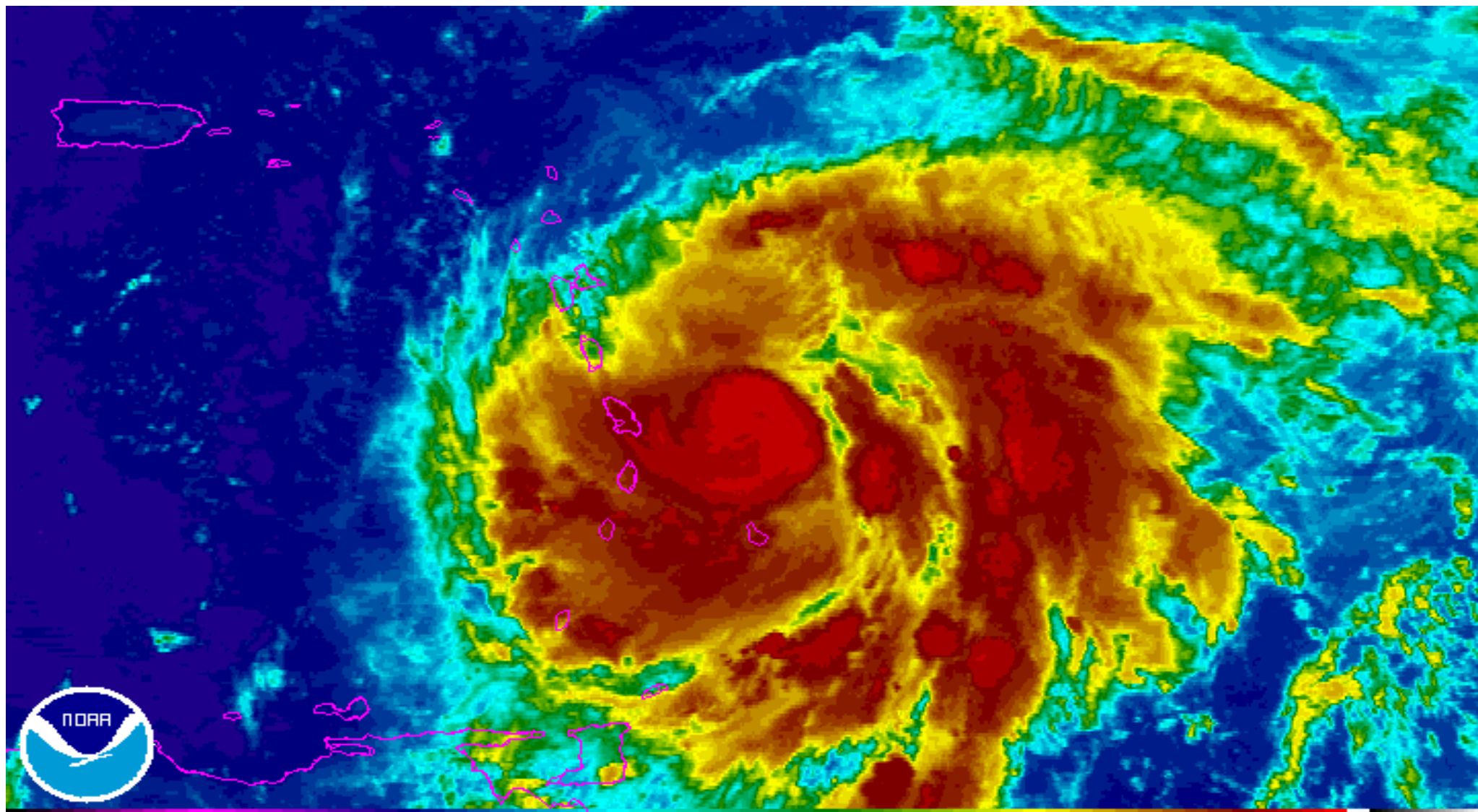
HURRICANE MARIA AND IT'S IMPACT ON PUERTO RICO

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HOW BAD WAS HURRICANE MARIA?

- ▶ Hurricane Maria was classified as a Category 3 storm on Sept 18, 2017.
 - ▶ After 24 hours, it doubled in strength and then became a category 5 storm with winds of 175 mph.
 - ▶ Maria then directly hit Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, 2017 as a category 4 with winds of 155 mph, making it the third largest storm to ever hit the U.S.
 - ▶ Hurricane Maria left 64 people dead in Puerto Rico as it's official death toll, but it could be more than 1,000 due to post-storm recovery.
 - ▶ The worst Hurricane to hit Puerto Rico in over 80 years.
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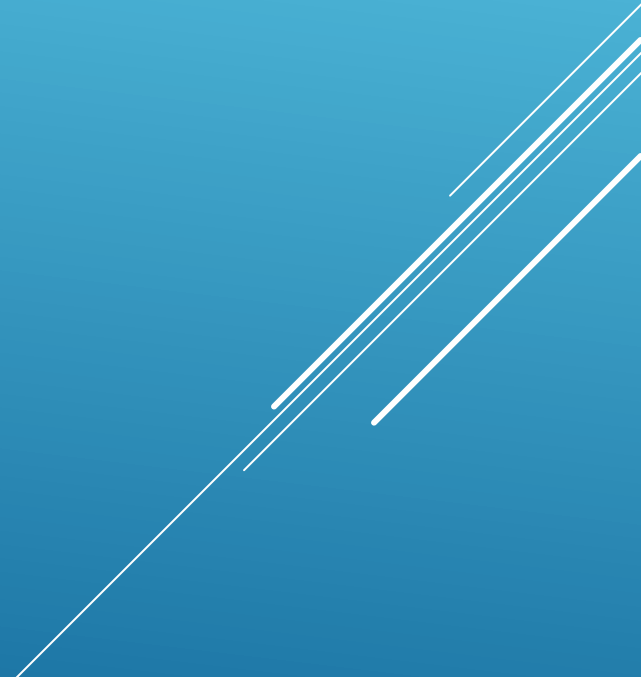
- ▶ A road in San Juan with all the power out and scattered along the road.



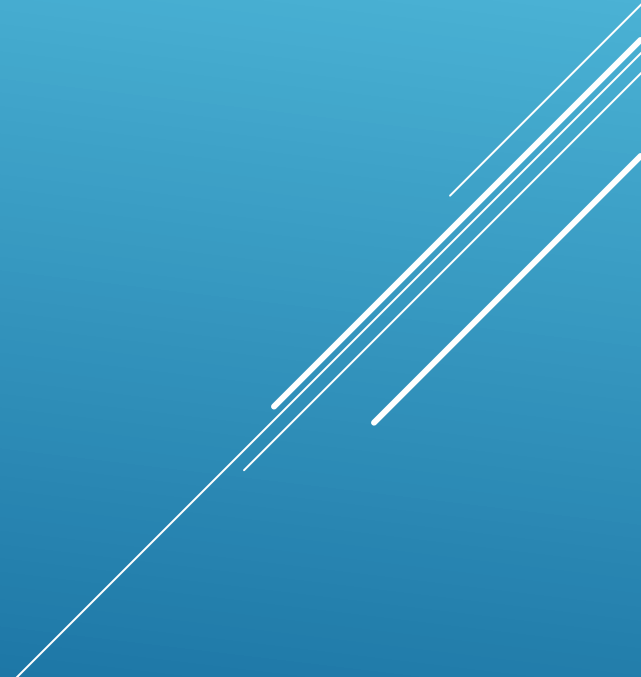


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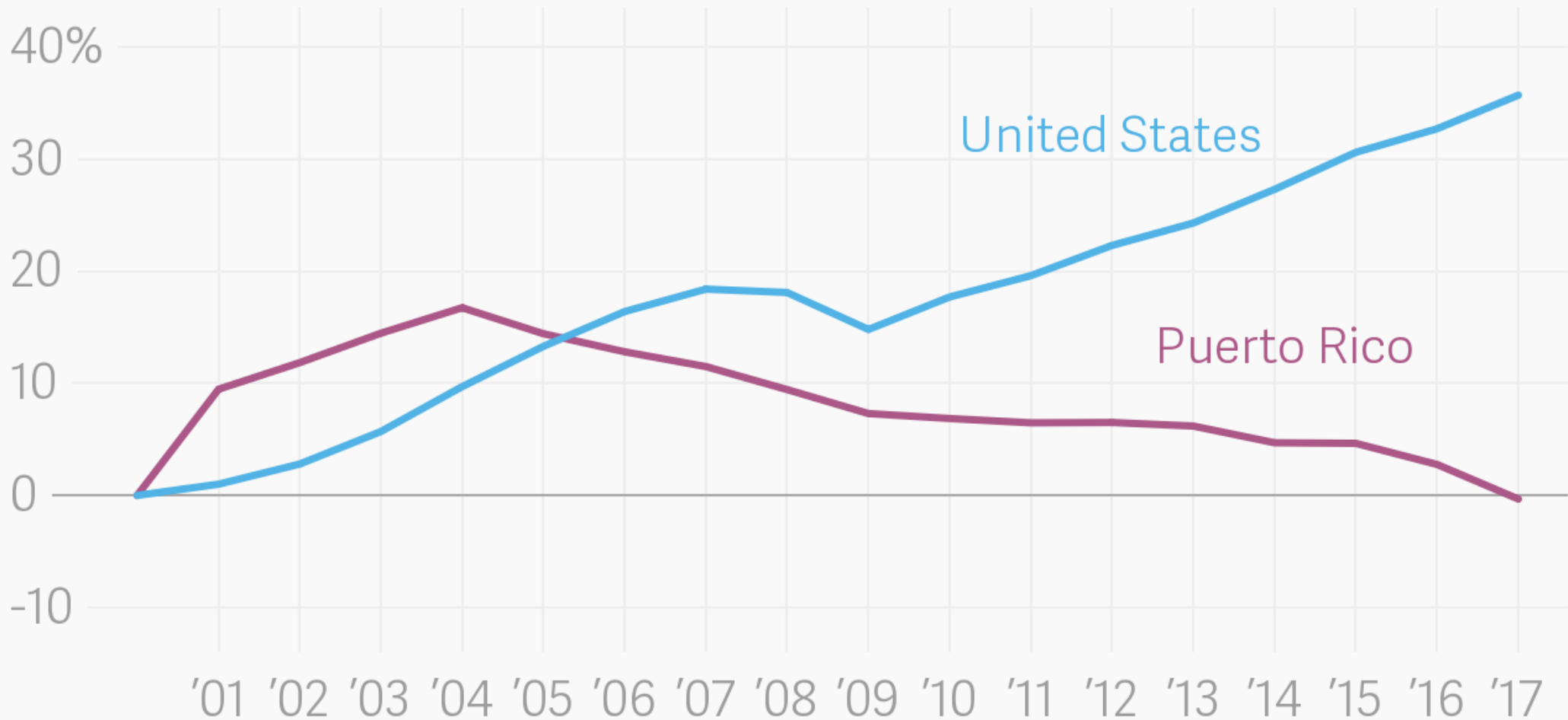
HOW MUCH DAMAGE DID HURRICANE MARIA CAUSE?

- ▶ Puerto Rican Authorities have requested \$94 billion to be able to cover the costs of the damages.
 - ▶ The 3.4 million people living there were affected by Maria
 - ▶ The majority of homes, roads, and agriculture have been either severely damaged and or completely destroyed.
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HOW DOES PUERTO RICO'S ECONOMY REACT TO THIS?

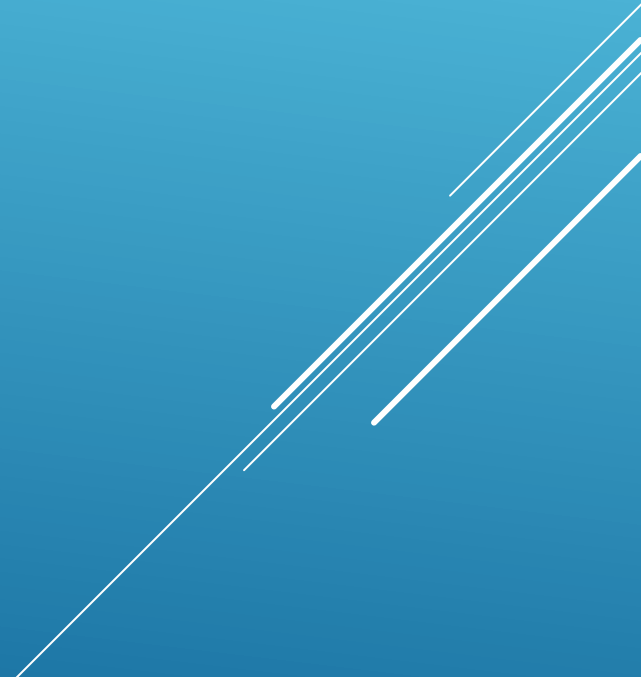
- ▶ The governor of Puerto Rico has said that it would be able to pay any of its debts until 2022.
 - ▶ They will still be in debt for the next 5 years(\$70 billion in debt)
 - ▶ They were already in debt before the storm 11-year recession and Largest Municipal Bankruptcy)
 - ▶ Congress approved \$5 billion in the fall of 2017 as part of an overall package of \$36 billion
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Cumulative GDP growth since 2000



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WHAT NOW?

- ▶ It will take years, not months for Puerto Rico to recover
 - ▶ The Economy needs a total makeover and this is the perfect time to do so.
 - ▶ They need all the help they can get
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