

NEW YORK FACT SHEET:

Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Social Vulnerability & Economic Loss Survey

Compiled February 24th, 2020

WHO ARE THEY: N=379 households / 48% Primary residents

- AGE= 61% OF MEN, 58% OF WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 60
- 50% retired, 29% FT employed, 6% PT employed, 7% self employed
- 50% of households earned less than 125k USD combined last year.
- 52% live on a septic system.
- ONLY 8% HAVE OVERLAND FLOOD INSURANCE. 32% can't afford it, and 36% it's unavailable.

How have they been impacted?

- 13% had contaminated drinking water, 18% had compromised septic systems
- Severe or significant impact:
 - 41% on Environmental / Ecological damages
 - 70% on shoreline property loss
 - 53% on property value loss
- Severe or significant impact:
 - 41% on mental Health Damages
 - 50% on overall sense of Safety and Security
- 31% received financial support from government during the flooding to help offset losses. 56% did not, 12% were unsure.
 - Average estimated losses from 2017 and 2019 = \$94,904.82 USD per home (remember, 50% of all households earn less than 125k USD combined annually).

Can they independently battle flooding?

- 70% do NOT have the resources or money to make their home more flood resilient.
- 58% do NOT have the ability to make their home more flood resilient.

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT:

- 44% do NOT feel supported by their local government in striving for readiness / resiliency.
- 67% do NOT feel supported by their PROVINCIAL government in striving for readiness / resiliency.
- 84% do NOT feel supported by their FEDERAL government in striving for readiness / resiliency.

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