

ONTARIO FACT SHEET:

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

Compiled February 24th, 2020

WHO ARE THEY: N=365 households / 77% Primary residents

- AGE: 57% OF MEN, 53% WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 60. (18% OF MEN & 15% WOMEN = 70 YRS +)
- 47% retired, 25% FT employed, 7% PT employed, 17% self employed
- 50% of households earn less than 125k CAD combined last year.
- 82% live on a septic system / 67% live on a water well
- ONLY 14% HAVE OVERLAND FLOOD INSURANCE. 14% cannot afford it, and 40 % said it is not available. 33% were unsure.

How have they been impacted?

- 29% had contaminated drinking water, 23% had compromised septic systems
- Severe or significant impact:
 - 52% on Environmental / Ecological damages
 - 62% on shoreline property loss
 - 57% on property value loss
- Severe or significant impact:
 - 47% on mental Health Damages
 - 56% on overall sense of Safety and Security
- 1% received financial support from government during the flooding to help offset losses. 91% did not, 7% were unsure.
 - Average estimated losses from 2017 and 2019 = \$140,055.04 CAD per home (remember, 50% of all households earn less than 125k combined annually).

Can they independently battle flooding?

- 71% reported that they do NOT have the resources, knowledge and ability to independently build effective sandbags walls in preparation of flooding.
- 58% do NOT have the ability to make their home more flood resilient.

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT:

- 70% do NOT feel supported by their local government in striving for readiness / resiliency.
- 87% do NOT feel supported by their PROVINCIAL government in striving for readiness / resiliency.
- 88% do NOT feel supported by their FEDERAL government in striving for readiness / resiliency.