

CLIMATE READY PHILLY

2019 OVERVIEW

Demographics

- Again this year our workshop participants were overwhelmingly female (72%)
- The most common self-identification of participant ethnicity was Black or African American (49%), followed by White (27%), and Hispanic or Latino (7%)
- The income range of participants was broad across the three workshops, with 30% of participants reporting annual income under \$25k (45% did not provide a response)
- 52% of participants attended at least some college and 65% were homeowners
- North (21) and North Delaware (15) planning districts had the greatest number of participants, followed by West Park (12) and West (10)

From the surveys

- 41% of participants reported that they had experienced flooding in their homes.

- 35% of participants reported that their home had been damaged by weather.
- 37% of participants have dealt with mold in their homes.
- 74% of participants reported that they or someone they live with suffers from breathing problems.
- 41% of participants reported having an emergency preparedness plan in place.
- 49% of participants reported that they could explain climate change if asked.
- 29% of participants reported that they had received a shut-off notice for at least one utility.

After the workshops

- 18% of participants reported having new concerns.
- 91% of participants reported that they feel they have the resources to get help if they need it.
- 78% of participants indicated that they found the mold presentation to be one of the most useful parts of the workshop.
- Participants suggested future workshop topics could include home weatherization and energy efficiency, emergency planning, asthma prevention, gardening, home repairs, recycling, first aid, and legal assistance to homeowners.
- Participants most often cited better information networks, increased educational programs, emergency preparedness kits, public service announcements, and greater enforcement of environmental regulations as the best ways the city can prepare for climate change.