## **Catastrophic Weather Events and** Mitigation: Survey of Homeowners



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This report explores public opinions and homeowners' experiences with severe weather, including U.S. regional perceptions of future risks, preparedness levels, attitudes toward mitigation strategies, post-storm solicitations by contractors and service providers, and homeowners' opinions on the roles of insurance and government in managing severe weather-related risks. Based on an online survey of over 1,500 respondents, report findings underscore the importance of proactive measures for effective preparedness and mitigation strategies to address the increasing risks posed by severe weather events and the need for collaboration between homeowners, insurers, and governments to enhance resilience against natural disasters. The report also highlights how interactions with contractors, public adjusters, and attorney involvement can significantly impact recovery timelines, claims frequency, and insurance costs.

## **KEY FINDINGS:**

64%

Report soliciting from contractors after experiencing a severe weather event.



49%

Report some type of damage to home after experiencing severe weather event.



34%

Report filing an insurance claim after experiencing damage to their home.



45%

Report hiring a contractor after experiencing damage to their home.



65%

Believe their home is at risk from thunderstorms.



80%

Feel confident in their preparedness for severe weather events.



30%

Are aware of premium savings for implementing mitigation measures.



80%

Agree that the government should provide emergency assistance.

