

# Washtenaw County Housing and Neighborhood Survey



The Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development wants to hear from you about housing and other neighborhood issues- schools, jobs, transportation, services and more. We also want to know what happened the last time you looked for housing. We're asking because your answers will help shape our future housing and community development plans.

All of your answers will be kept confidential. The survey will take 5 – 7 minutes.

To thank you for your time, each household that completes a survey may include their contact information at the end of the survey for an opportunity to receive a \$10 Kroger gift card.

By completing the survey, you're helping us plan for the future. Thank you!

## Your Neighborhood

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- How long have you lived in your current home?
  - Less than 1 year
  - 1-2 years
  - 3-5 years
  - 6-10 years
  - More than 10 years
- How long have you lived in your neighborhood?
  - Less than 1 year
  - 1-5 years
  - 6-10 years
  - 11-20 years
  - 21-30 years
  - More than 30 years
- What do you call your neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you don't live in an area with a neighborhood title, give us the closest major intersection.
- Which of the following were the most important reasons you decided to live in your neighborhood? **Check all that apply.**
  - To live near family or friends
  - To be close to work
  - Accessibility of goods and services, such as neighborhood centers and stores
  - To be near public transportation
  - Schools for my children or grandchildren
  - Access to job opportunities
  - Safety in the neighborhood
  - Affordability of housing
  - I grew up here
  - No choice/Nowhere else go to
  - Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. If you had the choice, would you continue living in your neighborhood?

- Yes
- No

Why do you think this is? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Right now, how likely are you to recommend your neighborhood to someone else as a good place to live?

- Definitely would recommend
- Probably would recommend
- Probably would not recommend
- Definitely would not recommend

7. How much do you feel that people in your neighborhood can count on each other when they need help?

- A great deal
- Somewhat
- A little
- Not at all

8. How would you rate the following aspects of your neighborhood?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of the buildings (including homes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of the streets and sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of the public spaces (parks, libraries, rec centers, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools in the neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of quality housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordability of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of job opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Please indicate how easy it would be for you to get to each of the following places if you wanted to go there.

	Very Easy	Somewhat Easy	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Don't Know
Parks, playgrounds or other green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supermarkets or grocery stores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banks and credit unions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious or cultural centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community centers or recreational facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places with jobs that I or someone in my household would want to have	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. How safe would you say you feel walking in this neighborhood **during the day**?

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe

11. How safe would you say you feel walking in this neighborhood **at night**?

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe

## Your Housing

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12. Which of the following best describes the type of housing you currently live in? **Choose only one.**

- Single-family home (detached)
- Duplex or 2-family
- Row house
- Apartment/condo building with 1-4 stories
- Apartment/condo building with 5 stories or more
- Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

13. How satisfied would you say you are with the quality of housing you currently live in?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

14. During the past three years, how have the overall housing costs for your current home changed?

- Increased a lot
- Increased some
- Stayed the same
- Decreased some
- Decreased a lot
- Not applicable

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you currently rent your home, own your home, or something else?

- Rent from the Ann Arbor Housing Commission (*go to Question 16*)
- Rent from a private landlord (*go to Question 16*)
- Own (*go to Question 18*)
- Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (*go to Question 18*)

16. In the past five years, has your rent been paid with a housing choice voucher (Section 8)?

- Yes (*go to Question 17*)
- No (*go to Question 18*)
- Don't know (*go to Question 18*)

17. Have you ever had difficulty leasing with a housing choice voucher?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## Housing Availability

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18. During the past five years, have you looked for a new place to live?

- Yes, looked for a home to rent (*go to Question 19*)
- Yes, looked for a home to buy (*go to Question 19*)
- No (*go to Question 23*)

19. Did you have trouble finding safe, quality housing that you could afford in a neighborhood you would like?
- Yes (*go to Question 20*)
  - No (*go to Question 23*)
20. Which of the following things, if any, limited the housing options you were able to consider? **Check all that apply.**
- Affordability: What I/we could afford to pay for rent or a mortgage
  - Accommodations: Units that accommodate my/our disability (i.e. wheelchair accessible)
  - Size: Housing large enough for my/our household
  - Credit: My/our credit history or credit score
  - Deposit Amount: The amount of money I/we had for a deposit
  - Lack of Options: Not being shown housing in the neighborhood(s) I wanted to move into
  - Feelings of Unwelcomeness: Concern that I/we would not be welcome in a particular neighborhood(s)
  - Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
21. Do you think you were treated differently than other people looking for housing?
- Yes (*go to Question 22*)
  - No (*go to Question 23*)
22. If yes, do you think it was because of any of the following? **Check all that apply.**
- Race/ethnicity
  - Religion
  - Gender
  - Sexual orientation
  - Disability
  - Pregnant or children
  - Age
  - Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
23. During the past five years, have you applied for a loan to purchase a home, to refinance your mortgage or take equity out of your home?
- Yes (*go to Question 24*)
  - No (*go to Question 26*)
24. Was the application(s) you made during the past five years approved?
- Yes (*go to Question 26*)
  - No (*go to Question 25*)
25. When your application was not approved, which of the following reasons were you given? **Check all that apply.**
- My/our income level
  - The amount I/we had for a down payment
  - How much savings I/we had
  - The value of my property
  - My/our credit history or credit score(s)
  - Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## About You

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26. How old are you?
- |                                         |                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 64 years    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 24 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 74 years    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 84 years    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 years and over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 54 years |                                            |
27. What gender do you identify with?
- Male
  - Female
  - Transgender
  - Prefer not to answer
28. What race do you identify with? **Check all that apply.**
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - Asian
  - Black or African American
  - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
  - White
  - Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
29. Do you consider yourself as Hispanic, Latino, Latina, or of Spanish origin?
- Yes, Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Spanish origin
  - No, not Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Spanish origin
30. Which of the following is your highest level of education?
- Some or no high school
  - High school graduate or GED
  - Vocational/technical school after high school
  - Some college
  - College graduate
31. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? **Choose only one.**
- Employed full time (40+ hours a week)
  - Employed part time (less than 40 hours a week)
  - Unemployed and looking for work
  - Unable to work due to a disability
  - Stay-at-home caregiver or parent
  - Retired
  - Student
  - Other, please specify : \_\_\_\_\_
32. Including you, how many people 18 years of age or older live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
33. How many children under 18 years of age live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
34. Are you, or is someone in your household, living with a disability?
- Yes
  - No
35. In what zip code do you currently live? \_\_\_\_\_



## Thank you for taking the survey!

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If you want to know when we issue the report based on the survey results, please give us your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in the opportunity to receive a \$10 Kroger gift card, please provide your name, address, and email or phone number.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mailing in your survey

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If you would like to mail in your survey, please mail to:

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Attention: Samantha Olson  
415 W Michigan Ave  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

If you have questions, please contact Samantha Olson at [olsonson@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:olsonson@ewashtenaw.org) or 734-544-6714.