

# IHS and CU Housing Survey

In collaboration with Communities United (CU), the Institute for Housing Studies (IHS) aims to engage youth and families in CU's five target neighborhoods to identify core housing and community development challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis. Once determined, IHS will develop data indicators to 1) document neighborhood conditions, 2) provide evidence amplifying the lived experiences of community youth, and 3) inform community-led conversations to define strategies to address COVID-19 related challenges and inequities.

The below survey is developed with the help of youth council to help identify some of the core issues being faced by young people during a challenging year. Any private information provided in the surveys will be kept confidential.

The survey has four parts:

- Part 1: Demographic Information
- Part 2: Housing Conditions before Covid-19
- Part 3: Impacts of COVID-19 on Housing
- Part 4: Key Neighborhood Priorities

All responses are anonymous and confidential

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1. Email \*

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PART 1: Demographic Information

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2. What neighborhood do you live in? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Albany Park

Austin

Belmont Cragin

Roseland

West Ridge

Rogers Park

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your zip code? \*

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4. How long have you lived in the neighborhood? \*

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5. Have you lived in any other neighborhood? If yes; where and for how long? \*

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## 6. What is your ethnicity (Check all that applies) \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Latin@
- African American
- African Immigrant
- White
- South Asian
- East Asian
- Middle Eastern
- European Immigrant
- Pacific Islander
- Prefer not to answer

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. What is your gender identity \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Male
- Trans-male
- Female
- Trans-female
- Non- binary
- Prefer not to answer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Please select your age group \*

Mark only one oval.

- 12 - 15
- 15-20
- 20-24
- Prefer not to answer

**PART 2: Housing  
Conditions  
before COVID-  
19**

The below survey questions are developed with the help of Housing youth council to help identify some of the core issues being faced by young people around housing Pre-Covid19

## 9. What resources are available in your neighborhood? Please choose all that apply \*

Check all that apply.

- Affordable housing
- Accessible housing (for people with disabilities)
- Grocery stores/access to healthy food
- Health clinics & hospitals
- Green space (parks, sidewalk, ect.)
- Accessible transportation (Bus/train station,uber/lyft/taxi)
- Fully funded local schools
- Access to free or low income internet.
- After school programs
- Affordable child care
- Mental health services
- Access to job opportunities for youth and adults

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

10. What resources do you think are missing in your neighborhood? Please choose all that apply and use the 'other' category to include resources not included in this list

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*Check all that apply.*

- Affordable housing
- Accessible housing (for people with disabilities)
- Grocery stores/access to healthy food
- Health clinics & hospitals
- Green space (parks, sidewalk, ect.)
- Accessible transportation (Bus/train station,uber/lyft/taxi)
- Fully funded local schools
- Access to free or low income internet.
- After school programs
- Affordable child care
- Mental health services
- Access to job opportunities for youth and adults

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

11. If you feel comfortable, please share additional insight and examples on your answer choice(s) above

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12. RELATED TO HOUSING: What are some of the ongoing challenges you, your family, or your neighborhood have been experiencing BEFORE COVID-19? Choose all that apply \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Unstable Income
- Doubling up (moving with other family members/loved ones to help with bills).
- Living/moving in an apartment that is not up to code (No heater, ventilations, pests, and other health hazards)
- Challenge paying Rent
- Challenge paying utility bills
- Challenge paying medical bills
- Displacement of families due to lack of affordability in the neighborhood
- Community violence

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

13. If you feel comfortable, please share additional insight and examples on your answer choice(s) above

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### Part 3: Impacts of COVID-19 on Housing

The below survey questions are developed with the help of Housing youth council to help identify some of the core issues being faced by young people around housing in 2020

14. What are some of the challenges you, your family, or friends have experienced, related to housing THIS YEAR as a result of COVID-19. Choose all that applies \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Loss of Income due to the pandemic
  - Increase in Rent
  - Doubling up (moving with other family members/loved ones to help with bills).
  - Moving in an apartment that is not up to code (No heater, ventilations, pests, and other health hazards)
  - Increase in utility bills
  - Increase of medical bills
  - Displacement of families due to lack of affordability in the neighborhood
  - Struggles with remote learning due to no access to Internet/computers
  - Assisting siblings/younger family member with remote learning
  - Attending online classes as continue to assist with household chores, while parents are at work
  - Increase in gun violence
  - Increase in community violence
  - No New Challenges
  - Increase anxiety due to the pandemic and increase in social unrest for justice
- Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

15. If you feel comfortable, please share additional insight and examples on your answer choice(s) above

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16. Reflecting on THIS YEAR so far, how do you think your neighborhood has changed due to the pandemic and social disturbance? Please select all that apply \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Increase in police presence
- Increase in unemployment
- Increase in community violence
- Longer lines to food banks and other community resources
- Lack of affordable housing options
- Decrease in affordable housing

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

17. What role have you played in helping your family during these times? Please select all that apply

*Check all that apply.*

- Have gotten a part time job to assist your family with bills/rent
- Have dropped out of school and taken a full time job to help your family with bills/rents
- Have helped younger family members with remote learning
- Have gotten involved with local community institutions to learn of resources available to help your family/friends
- Have gotten involved with local community organizations to bring more resources to your community/family

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

18. Since the start of COVID-19, have you or your family considered moving from your current neighborhood to another residence? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



19. If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, where have you or your family considered moving to? Select all that apply \*

*Check all that apply.*

- To another Chicago neighborhood
- To a suburb near Chicago
- To another town or city in Illinois
- Out of Illinois to another state
- My family and I have not considered moving

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part 4: Key Neighborhood Priorities

20. What resources do you think are missing in your neighborhood? Please choose all that apply and use the 'other' category to include resources not included in this list \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Affordable housing
- Accessible housing (for people with disabilities)
- Grocery stores/access to healthy food
- Health clinics & hospitals
- Green space (parks, playgrounds, etc.)
- Accessible transportation (Bus/train station,uber/lyft/taxi)
- Fully funded local schools
- Access to free or low income internet.
- After school programs
- Affordable child care
- Mental health services
- Access to job opportunities for youth and adults

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

21. As your community emerges from recent challenges, what are the top two issues you would like to see improved in your neighborhood over the next few years? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Access to affordable housing
- Improved public safety
- Investment in local businesses
- More open/green space
- Improved community resources like mental health facilities

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

22. If you can bring in any resource in your neighborhood what will they be and why?

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