

Community Needs Assessment Survey



ABOUT THE SURVEY

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) is committed to expanding the planning capacity of small and/or rural communities in Illinois to identify local housing needs, and empower those communities to take steps to meet those needs. As part of this commitment, IHDA offers technical assistance to communities in order to build upon and link to existing efforts, identify strengths and needs within the community, and otherwise generate localized capacity via a Community Revitalization Strategy process.

We invite you to be part of this Community Revitalization Strategy process by participating in the "Community Needs Assessment Survey." The survey is completely anonymous, and does not collect any identifying information. You should be able to complete the survey in under 10 minutes. Your participation will help our agency and your community strategize for future planning and investment, and identify community needs and goals. The survey first considers several community characteristics such as: Mobility, Community Life, Economy, Education and Wellness, and lastly, Community Engagement and Initiatives. The second portion of the survey further assesses your community input.

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

MOBILITY

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

My community...

Has adequate lighting in public spaces

Has emergency phones or call boxes in public spaces

Allows for clear sight lines that provide safety in public spaces

Has recreational paths and walking trails

Is pedestrian-friendly

I am able to...

Easily travel by bicycle in my community (*bicycle trails, bike lanes*)

Easily travel by car in my community (*paved roads, road maintenance*)

Access my downtown/commercial area by my transportation of choice

COMMUNITY LIFE

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Housing in my community...

Is in good condition

Offers options that suit a variety of lifestyles and needs

Is affordable to households making a variety of incomes

Is available for the elderly

(Other)

There are enough public places for the community (*parks, community rooms, squares*)

The cleanliness of downtown is adequate

ECONOMY

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

My community has...

Adequate commercial and retail development

Various types of retail establishments

Various types of dining establishments

Storefronts that look well-kept and attract shoppers



COMMUNITY
REVITALIZATION

ECONOMY, continued Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Not Applicable

My community has...

A variety of employment opportunities that provide wages that enable employees to live in the community if they choose

Legal services available

Adequate financial services (*banking*)

I am able to...

Run the majority of my daily errands without leaving my community

Afford to run the majority of my daily errands without leaving my community

EDUCATION AND WELLNESS Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Not Applicable

There are opportunities and services that meet the needs of my community for...

K-12 education

Post-secondary education (*community college*)

Vocational training and education

Job training and education

Health services (*hospitals or clinics*)

Pharmacy care and services

Adequate childcare options

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INITIATIVES Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Not Applicable

My community...

Makes plans with its residents' best interests in mind

Works with local business owners to improve public and shared spaces to create a sense of community

Is working to create a positive future for the downtown/square area

When it comes to my community, I am...

Excited by the changes and plans I feel are happening

Aware of opportunities to engage with my community leaders (*public or town hall meetings*)

Interested in the opportunity to provide feedback to my community's leaders regarding local issues



COMMUNITY INPUT

1. Please describe any new development, if any, that you believe would most benefit your community:

2. What type(s) of commercial development do you believe would benefit your community?

3. What type(s) of economic development do you believe would benefit your community?

4. Do you think there is need for more housing opportunities for residents in your community?

Yes

No

Not sure

5. What type(s) of housing do you think there is need for in your community? *Please select all that apply.*

Rental housing

Homeownership

6. What is the size of your household?

1 person

2-4 persons

5+ persons

7. What is your household income?

\$0 - \$30,000

\$30,001 - \$60,000

\$60,001 - \$100,000

\$100,001 or higher

8. How do you learn about things happening in your community? *Please select all that apply.*

Television

Radio

Newspaper

City government website

Community newsletter

Word-of-mouth

Social media (*Facebook, Twitter, etc.*)

Other:

9. Where do you currently reside?

City/town/village name:

County: