










# Hamilton County Housing Needs Assessment Resident Survey






## 1. Which community do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Arcadia		1.3%	1
B. Atlanta		0.0%	0
C. Carmel		6.7%	5
D. Cicero		2.7%	2
E. Fishers		21.3%	16
<b>F. Noblesville</b>		<b>32.0%</b>	<b>24</b>
G. Sheridan		12.0%	9
H. Westfield		24.0%	18
Other (please specify township or another description)		0.0%	0
answered question			<b>75</b>
skipped question			<b>0</b>





## 2. Which best describes your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Single person		13.7%	10
B. Single person over age 65		1.4%	1
C. Single parent with children under 18 at home		1.4%	1
D. Married couple (no children)		20.5%	15
E. Married couple over age 65		4.1%	3
<b>F. Married couple with children under 18 at home</b>		<b>54.8%</b>	<b>40</b>
G. Unmarried couple (no children)		1.4%	1
H. Unmarried couple over age 65		1.4%	1
I. Unmarried couple with children under 18 at home		1.4%	1
J. Intergenerational (3 or more generations living together)		0.0%	0
answered question			<b>73</b>
skipped question			<b>2</b>






### 3. What type of home do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Single family house		89.2%	66
B. Duplex		0.0%	0
C. 3-4 unit building		0.0%	0
D. 5+ unit building (apartment)		6.8%	5
E. Mobile home		0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		4.1%	3
answered question			74
skipped question			1







### 4. Do you own or rent your home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Own, with mortgage		80.3%	57
B. Own, no mortgage		11.3%	8
C. Rent		7.0%	5
D. Neither, living with others		0.0%	0
E. Neither, living in shelter or homeless		1.4%	1
answered question			71
skipped question			4








## 5. How long have you lived in your current home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Less than six months		1.4%	1
B. Six months to 1 year		9.5%	7
C. 1-3 years		18.9%	14
<b>D. 4-10 years</b>		<b>40.5%</b>	<b>30</b>
E. 10+ years		29.7%	22
answered question			<b>74</b>
skipped question			<b>1</b>






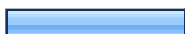



## 6. How would you describe the area where you live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Rural area		6.8%	5
B. Small town		14.9%	11
C. Suburban neighborhood with houses only		35.1%	26
<b>D. Suburban neighborhood with a mix of houses, shops and businesses</b>		<b>36.5%</b>	<b>27</b>
E. Urban residential neighborhood with a mix of houses and apartments		2.7%	2
F. Downtown city with a mix of offices, apartments, shops		4.1%	3
G. Unsure		0.0%	0
answered question			<b>74</b>
skipped question			<b>1</b>



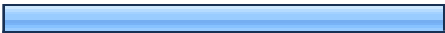


## 7. How much is your monthly rent/mortgage payment?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Less than \$300 per month		4.7%	3
B. \$300-399 per month		1.6%	1
C. \$400-499 per month		0.0%	0
D. \$500-599 per month		1.6%	1
E. \$600-749 per month		10.9%	7
F. \$750-999 per month		28.1%	18
<b>G. \$1000-1499 per month</b>		<b>40.6%</b>	<b>26</b>
H. \$1500 per month or more		12.5%	8
<b>answered question</b>			<b>64</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>










## 8. What is your household income (all sources)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Less than \$10,000 per year		1.5%	1
B. \$10,000 - \$14,999		0.0%	0
C. \$15,000 - \$24,999		1.5%	1
D. \$25,000 - \$34,999		1.5%	1
E. \$35,000 - \$49,999		10.3%	7
F. \$50,000 - \$74,999		20.6%	14
<b>G. \$75,000 - \$99,999</b>		<b>26.5%</b>	<b>18</b>
H. \$100,000 - \$149,999		20.6%	14
I. \$150,000 - \$199,999		11.8%	8
J. \$200,000 or more		5.9%	4
answered question			<b>68</b>
skipped question			<b>7</b>

## 9. What does housing mean to you? (check all that apply)






		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Access to schools		50.0%	37
<b>B. Basic Shelter</b>		<b>74.3%</b>	<b>55</b>
C. Long-term investment		66.2%	49
D. Neighborhood/connections to neighbors		66.2%	49
Other (please specify)		8.1%	6
answered question			74
skipped question			1

## 10. Have you experienced any of the following in the past two years? (check all that apply)








		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Difficulty paying rent/mortgage		14.8%	8
B. Difficulty paying utilities		13.0%	7
C. Dissatisfaction with local services (trash pick-up, street maintenance)		27.8%	15
D. Inability to make needed repairs/improvements to your home		22.2%	12
E. Overcrowding		3.7%	2
F. Signs of disinvestment		31.5%	17
<b>G. Unkempt houses in my neighborhood</b>		<b>59.3%</b>	<b>32</b>
H. Vandalism		14.8%	8
Other (please specify)		14.8%	8
answered question			<b>54</b>
skipped question			<b>21</b>










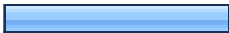

### 11. What changes do you plan to make in the next 3-5 years? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Move to a more affordable house(i.e. downsize)		5.5%	4
B. Purchase a home for the first time		1.4%	1
C. Relocate to another area		12.3%	9
D. Upgrade to a larger or nicer home		21.9%	16
E. No change		64.4%	47
answered question			73
skipped question			2








### 12. What are the barriers to homeownership in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Ability to secure financing/credit problems		23.3%	17
B. Cost of housing/Affordability		45.2%	33
C. Coming up with a down payment		32.9%	24
D. Condition of affordable housing		28.8%	21
E. Location of affordable housing		30.1%	22
F. No barriers		31.5%	23
Other (please specify)		11.0%	8
answered question			73
skipped question			2

### 13. What are the barriers to housing choice in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Accessibility for people with disabilities		17.5%	11
B. Age restricted housing		6.3%	4
C. Condition of housing units		23.8%	15
<b>D. Cost of housing</b>		<b>65.1%</b>	<b>41</b>
E. Distance to employment		33.3%	21
F. Diversity of housing stock		19.0%	12
G. Transportation/access to public transportation		31.7%	20
H. Utility costs		33.3%	21
Other (please specify)		19.0%	12
answered question			<b>63</b>
skipped question			<b>12</b>

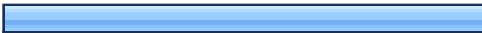






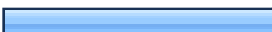

#### 14. What type of housing is needed in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Affordable housing		48.5%	32
B. Apartments		16.7%	11
C. Housing for people with disabilities		27.3%	18
D. Senior housing		28.8%	19
E. Single family homes		47.0%	31
F. Transitional housing for homeless		24.2%	16
Other (please specify)		21.2%	14
answered question			66
skipped question			9


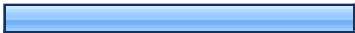





## 15. How important are the following housing issues in Hamilton County?

	Not important	Not very important	Neither important nor unimportant	Somewhat important	Very important	Rating Count
Ability to age in place	2.9% (2)	1.4% (1)	20.0% (14)	37.1% (26)	<b>38.6% (27)</b>	70
Access to jobs	1.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.3% (3)	33.3% (23)	<b>60.9% (42)</b>	69
Access to medical care	1.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.4% (3)	35.3% (24)	<b>58.8% (40)</b>	68
Addressing vacant/abandoned homes	1.4% (1)	4.3% (3)	14.5% (10)	31.9% (22)	<b>47.8% (33)</b>	69
Affordability	0.0% (0)	1.4% (1)	5.7% (4)	34.3% (24)	<b>58.6% (41)</b>	70
Foreclosure prevention	1.5% (1)	4.5% (3)	16.4% (11)	<b>38.8% (26)</b>	<b>38.8% (26)</b>	67
Home repair/ maintenance	0.0% (0)	2.9% (2)	17.4% (12)	<b>43.5% (30)</b>	36.2% (25)	69
Housing for people with disabilities	2.9% (2)	1.4% (1)	27.5% (19)	<b>42.0% (29)</b>	26.1% (18)	69
Housing for Veterans	1.5% (1)	2.9% (2)	26.5% (18)	<b>47.1% (32)</b>	22.1% (15)	68
Housing quality	0.0% (0)	4.2% (3)	8.5% (6)	38.0% (27)	<b>49.3% (35)</b>	71
Housing type	1.5% (1)	3.0% (2)	16.4% (11)	<b>52.2% (35)</b>	26.9% (18)	67
Safety	1.4% (1)	4.3% (3)	2.9% (2)	29.0% (20)	<b>62.3% (43)</b>	69
Senior housing	0.0% (0)	7.2% (5)	23.2% (16)	<b>43.5% (30)</b>	26.1% (18)	69
Transportation options	0.0% (0)	7.4% (5)	17.6% (12)	33.8% (23)	<b>41.2% (28)</b>	68
answered question						<b>72</b>
skipped question						<b>3</b>

**16. In your opinion, what are the needs facing special populations (like homeless, Veterans, disabled)? (check all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Access to employment		72.2%	52
B. Accessible housing (compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act)		54.2%	39
<b>C. Affordable housing</b>		<b>76.4%</b>	<b>55</b>
D. Down payment assistance		40.3%	29
E. Rent subsidy		31.9%	23
F. Transportation options		59.7%	43
G. Transitional housing		29.2%	21
H. Utility assistance		40.3%	29
Other (please specify)		12.5%	9
answered question			<b>72</b>
skipped question			<b>3</b>

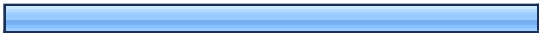



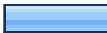
## 17. What supportive services are needed in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Financial management training/counseling		70.5%	43
B. Housing counseling		52.5%	32
C. Job training and counseling		57.4%	35
D. Substance abuse counseling		36.1%	22
E. Mental health services		45.9%	28
F. Utility or rental assistance		42.6%	26
Other (please specify)		8.2%	5
answered question			61
skipped question			14

**18. HAND creates and promotes affordable, quality housing and educates the community about housing needs. HAND is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is tax exempt under federal IRS law. HAND addresses the housing needs of low- and moderate-income individuals, families and senior citizens in Hamilton County. HAND does this by providing affordable housing options through the development of rental properties and assisting residents in obtaining homeownership. HAND is conducting a housing needs assessment to determine the needed housing services in the Hamilton County community over the next several years. How familiar are you with HAND's services?**

	<b>Not familiar at all</b>	<b>Barely familiar</b>	<b>Somewhat familiar</b>	<b>Quite familiar</b>	<b>Very familiar</b>	<b>Rating Count</b>
Senior Rental Housing (Spicewood Garden, Plum Tree Gardens, Pebble Brook Garden)	<b>70.4% (50)</b>	5.6% (4)	11.3% (8)	5.6% (4)	7.0% (5)	71
Low Income Rental Housing (non-age restricted) (Roper Lofts)	<b>68.6% (48)</b>	10.0% (7)	14.3% (10)	0.0% (0)	7.1% (5)	70
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	<b>77.1% (54)</b>	7.1% (5)	7.1% (5)	1.4% (1)	7.1% (5)	70
Homeownership Program	<b>76.1% (54)</b>	5.6% (4)	11.3% (8)	0.0% (0)	7.0% (5)	71
Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	<b>77.1% (54)</b>	7.1% (5)	8.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	7.1% (5)	70
Homebuyer Counseling and Education	<b>80.0% (56)</b>	4.3% (3)	7.1% (5)	1.4% (1)	7.1% (5)	70
<b>answered question</b>						<b>71</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>4</b>

## 19. May we contact you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. No		80.3%	57
B. Yes, please contact me with information about the housing needs assessment		7.0%	5
C. Yes, please add me to your contact list for email		9.9%	7
D. Yes, please add me to your mail contact list		4.2%	3
Contact information (name, phone, email, mail)		15.5%	11
answered question			71
skipped question			4



**Page 2, Q3. What type of home do you live in?**

1	5+ Condo	Feb 14, 2013 10:26 PM
2	Condominium	Feb 7, 2013 4:06 PM
3	Car, due to Chemical Sensitivities. Unable to find affordable, physically tolerable housing where the landlord will be accomidating to my physical disability	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM

**Page 2, Q9. What does housing mean to you? (check all that apply)**

1	Proximity to jobs	Mar 7, 2013 9:52 AM
2	a home to share family life and experiences	Feb 26, 2013 4:52 PM
3	Access to employment; family stability/wellbeing; quality of life	Feb 21, 2013 12:55 PM
4	Family Castle	Feb 13, 2013 10:58 PM
5	Stability, with proper housing opportunity... ability to heal physically. Perhaps a safe haven. Hopes to heal enough that I can again have some even part employment. For many people with this illness proper housing would literally save their life.	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM
6	Safe place to raise a family	Feb 4, 2013 11:44 AM

**Page 2, Q10. Have you experienced any of the following in the past two years? (check all that apply)**

1	Theft	Mar 11, 2013 9:09 AM
2	I have noticed the streets are to small for emergency apparatus	Mar 8, 2013 2:40 PM
3	Street signs falling over, poor street cleaning and snow removal	Mar 7, 2013 9:52 AM
4	Homes on market for long periods without selling	Feb 21, 2013 12:55 PM
5	too many coyotes	Feb 15, 2013 4:11 PM
6	None of the above	Feb 14, 2013 10:26 PM
7	no to all	Feb 13, 2013 10:58 PM
8	Extreme Difficulty finding affordable healthy housing that meets the needs of the Chemically Sensitive population. I have looked at places that were not healthy for anyone to live in due to the degree of mold, poor ventilation system, and materials used were a extreme challenge physically for me.	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM

**Page 2, Q12. What are the barriers to homeownership in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)**

1	i can hardly afford to live in the city i work for!	Mar 8, 2013 6:25 PM
2	difficult selling my home because of lower value at this time.	Mar 8, 2013 3:04 PM
3	Local taxes	Mar 8, 2013 12:43 PM
4	Cost of utilities. \$120 a month for water in the winter? Ridiculous!!!	Mar 7, 2013 9:52 AM
5	Housing for Chemically Sensitive, MCS	Feb 13, 2013 9:59 AM
6	Variety of homes (quality, price ranges, land sizes, etc...)	Feb 8, 2013 12:48 PM
7	Lack of housing which meets the needs of people with severe chemical sensitivity health issues.	Feb 5, 2013 2:04 PM
8	Finding Appropriate Housing for the Chemically and Mold Sensitive, in structure materials, location, cost and condition	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM

**Page 2, Q13. What are the barriers to housing choice in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)**

1	none	Mar 12, 2013 1:01 PM
2	UTILITIES!!!!!! Thanks for selling our water department. My bill went up the very next billing cycle!	Mar 8, 2013 6:25 PM
3	selling	Mar 8, 2013 3:04 PM
4	property taxes higher in some communities than others	Mar 8, 2013 2:09 PM
5	don't know	Mar 8, 2013 1:49 PM
6	None	Feb 13, 2013 10:58 PM
7	Housing for Chemically Sensitive, MCS	Feb 13, 2013 9:59 AM
8	too small Lot size	Feb 12, 2013 10:19 AM
9	Variety of homes, cost of homes, needs more custom homes, larger lots are needed	Feb 8, 2013 12:48 PM
10	The water bill in Sheridan is way way too high. It should be almost 200 dollars.	Feb 5, 2013 10:38 PM
11	Lack of housing which meets the needs of people with severe chemical sensitivity health issues.	Feb 5, 2013 2:04 PM
12	For me it is physically tolerable housing for the Chemically and Mold Sensitive. Condition, rent and utility costs, accesible to my disability.	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM

**Page 2, Q14. What type of housing is needed in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)**

1	Smaller Custom Homes	Mar 11, 2013 9:09 AM
2	Houses with more acreage	Mar 9, 2013 4:26 PM
3	better built homes at resonable price	Mar 8, 2013 3:04 PM
4	unique homes for 2nd time home buyers. Not cookie cutter \$100K homes that Arbor typically builds	Mar 8, 2013 2:09 PM
5	don't know	Mar 8, 2013 1:49 PM
6	Renovated historic homes	Feb 28, 2013 11:34 AM
7	none PLEASE!	Feb 26, 2013 4:52 PM
8	Housing for people with arrest records; supportive housing for people who need case management or other services to remain stable	Feb 21, 2013 12:55 PM
9	More Flat-Maint free (1 level)"55" and older homes	Feb 13, 2013 10:58 PM
10	Housing for Chemically Sensitive, MCS	Feb 13, 2013 9:59 AM
11	There are extremely too many three-story townhouses. Hamilton County needs more affordable housing for empty-nesters, such as zero-lot line homes.	Feb 7, 2013 4:06 PM
12	Affordable family sized rental homes	Feb 6, 2013 10:02 PM
13	Housing which meets the needs of people with severe chemical sensitivity health issues.	Feb 5, 2013 2:04 PM
14	Housing for those with Chemcial/Mold Sensitivities. Currently I know more than 10 individuals including myself that are in desperate need of physically safe housing with connections to this area. There would be no difficulty in renting safe housing to the Chemically Sensitive if proper precautions were taken in the construction process, if it was managed properly, and maintence was done properly. There is such a very desperate need for housing that if done properly it would be rented.	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM

**Page 2, Q16. In your opinion, what are the needs facing special populations (like homeless, Veterans, disabled)? (check all that apply)**

1	Laziness- Wanting handouts	Mar 11, 2013 9:09 AM
2	people with out drivers licenses driving anyways because there are no public transportation options to work, other than cab	Mar 8, 2013 2:09 PM
3	don't know	Mar 8, 2013 1:49 PM
4	unknown	Feb 26, 2013 4:52 PM
5	Access to help with mental health and disabilities	Feb 15, 2013 4:11 PM
6	Housing for Chemically Sensitive, MCS	Feb 13, 2013 9:59 AM
7	Not sure	Feb 8, 2013 12:48 PM
8	Lack of housing which meets the needs of people with severe chemical sensitivity health issues.	Feb 5, 2013 2:04 PM
9	Finding housing that meets the needs of the physical disability Chemicals/Mold Sensitivities.	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM

**Page 2, Q17. What supportive services are needed in Hamilton County? (check all that apply)**

1	more industrial manufacturing jobs	Mar 8, 2013 3:04 PM
2	Transit	Mar 8, 2013 1:46 PM
3	Case management/social services for older adults and adults with disabilities; substitute decision-making for incapacitated adults	Feb 21, 2013 12:55 PM
4	A group with great understanding of Chemical Sensitivities or willingness to advocate, build, and manage housing that will meet the desperate needs of this disability.	Feb 5, 2013 11:20 AM
5	Childcare services/support for single parents or families uprooted - care and schooling while parent seeks new job etc	Feb 4, 2013 11:44 AM

**Page 3, Q19. May we contact you?**

1	R. Randall Schumacher 1103 Maple Ave Noblesville, IN 46060	Feb 28, 2013 11:36 AM
2	nesslynn18@yahoo.com	Feb 27, 2013 2:08 AM
3	Gail Rothrock	Feb 21, 2013 12:55 PM
4	Brent Ehrman 317.840.7383 brent.ehrman@crowehorwath.com	Feb 13, 2013 10:00 AM
5	fsewald@yahoo.com	Feb 10, 2013 10:34 AM
6	Velda Qualkenbush 317-850-4381	Feb 8, 2013 12:45 PM
7	Sandy Thomas 317-693-4382 SandyT@callCarpenter.com	Feb 6, 2013 10:03 PM
8	Amy Shankland, 317-770-2005, ashankland@noblesville.in.us, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060	Feb 6, 2013 5:01 PM
9	No need to contact me - but thanks for offering this survey & considering my responses. I have a friend (Lou Anne Cottingham at 765-252-9917) who is homeless in Hamilton Co. because of inability to find any housing catering to her severe chemical sensitivity issues. No mental illness, & no lack of motivation to improve her circumstances.	Feb 5, 2013 2:09 PM
10	Lou Anne Cottingham 765-252-9917 louacott@gmail.com 2144 Cicero Rd. Noblesville, IN 46060	Feb 5, 2013 11:22 AM
11	***submitted by MLW	Feb 4, 2013 11:44 AM