

Wave 4 Survey

Fall 2018 -- Blight, Housing, Neighborhoods

N=530 total responses;

Data are weighted using post-stratification weights and should be interpreted with caution

INTRODUCTION: Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may skip any question that you do not wish to answer. However, your participation is important because it helps researchers understand how people perceive changes in the Detroit area, and this information can be used to inform policy decisions affecting the area. When filling out this questionnaire, please remember there are no right or wrong answers, we are just interested in what you think. We take our promise of confidentiality very seriously. All of your answers will be kept strictly confidential. No personally identifying information will ever appear in any study report. If you find that you are disturbed by the content of any of the questions or if you have any questions about the study, please contact us at our toll-free number: 1-800-759-7947.

To begin, we want to confirm that you are the person whom we asked to fill out this questionnaire.

1A. [IF RecipientFirstName = Resident, n=0] To confirm, were you the person who completed the University of Michigan's Detroit Metro Community Health Study this past summer? *REQUIRED	Yes (GO TO Q2)	--
	No (END SURVEY)	--
	Don't know (FLAG FOR COMPARISON TO PRIOR DEMOGRAPHICS)	--

[IF "No" (2) IN Q1A]

We are sorry, but since you are not the person we are intending to reach with this survey we cannot continue. If you know [insert first and last name], please encourage him/her to complete this questionnaire. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [insert DMACS email and phone number].

1B.[IF RecipientFirstName != Resident] Please confirm that your name is [FIRSTNAME LASTNAME]. *REQUIRED	Yes (GO TO Q2)	--
	Yes but I need to correct my name	--
	No (END SURVEY)	--

[IF "Yes but I need to correct my name" (2) IN Q1B]

2. Please enter your name as you would like us to record it.

[IF "No" (3) IN Q1B]





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2. ADDSCREEN. To confirm, do you live at [INSERT ADDRESS?]	Yes (SKIP TO Q7)	--
	No (GO TO Q6)	--
	SKIPPED/MISSING	--

3. [IF NO IN Q2] What is your current address?

4. The word "neighborhood" means different things to different people. In general, when you think about your neighborhood, which of the following options best describes that geographical area?	The 5 or 6 homes nearest mine	3%
	My street or immediate block	12%
	2-5 blocks around where I live	19%
	6-10 blocks around where I live	17%
	About one square mile around where I live	30%
	More than one square mile around where I live	15%
	Other _____	3%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

The next questions are about “blight.” First, which of the following houses would you consider to be blighted? (RANDOMIZE ORDER)

		Blighted	Not blighted	Don't know/ SKIPPED
5		6%	60%	34%
6		62%	9%	29%
7		70%	3%	27%
8		26%	34%	41%

		Blighted	Not blighted	Don't know/ SKIPPED
		45%	22%	33%
10		22%	41%	36%

11. Which condition(s) would you not consider to be blight? Select all that apply.

Missing or boarded-up windows and doors	26%
Badly peeling paint	28%
Detached pieces of siding and roofing	19%
Sagging roof	18%
Uncut lawn or unshoveled driveway	32%
Piled junk	21%
None. They all describe blight.	33%
SKIPPED/MISSING	11%

For the purposes of the rest of this survey, we will define *blight* as a building or property that you can see from the street that is deteriorating in a way that suggests long-term neglect. This can include missing or boarded-up windows and doors, badly peeling paint, detached pieces of siding or roofing, sagging roof, an uncut lawn/unshoveled driveway, or piled junk.

12. Is there blight in your neighborhood now?

Yes	70%
No	22%

Don't Know/SKIPPED	8%
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In 2013, the City of Detroit and the federal government expanded their blight removal programs.

13. Has there been blight in your neighborhood in the past five years?	Yes	72%
	No	14%
	Don't Know/SKIPPED	14%

14. During the past five years, has a city or other official asked for your opinion about removing houses in your neighborhood?	Yes	9%
	No	81%
	Don't Know/SKIPPED	10%

15. Are you aware of any blighted properties that have been removed in your neighborhood during the past five years?	Yes (GO TO Q16)	52%
	No (GO TO Q20)	35%
	Don't Know/SKIPPED (GO TO Q20)	13%

(ASK Q16-19 ONLY IF "YES" IN Q15, N=287)

16. When blighted property was removed in your neighborhood, did you receive notification beforehand?	Yes	8%
	No	87%
	Don't Know/SKIPPED	5%

17. What is your overall opinion of blight elimination activities in your neighborhood?	Very favorable	34%
	Somewhat favorable	24%
	Neutral	18%
	Somewhat unfavorable	12%
	Very unfavorable	9%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	3%

18. How satisfied are you with the selection of houses for demolition in your neighborhood?	Very satisfied	18%
	Satisfied	35%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	22%
	Dissatisfied	12%
	Very dissatisfied	10%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	3%

19. How satisfied are you with the work of the contractors who did the demolition?	Very satisfied	25%
	Satisfied	39%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	21%
	Dissatisfied	6%
	Very dissatisfied	2%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	7%

(ASK ALL RESPONDENTS N = 530)

Now we are interested in changes that you may have noticed in your neighborhood over the past five years (or less if you have not lived in your neighborhood that long). Which of the following have you noticed in your neighborhood in the last five years...

20. In the last five years I have noticed...	More people moving into my neighborhood	40%
	More people moving out of my neighborhood	21%
	No change in people moving in or out of my neighborhood	30%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	8%

21. In the last five years I have noticed...	More businesses opening near my neighborhood	37%
	More businesses closing near my neighborhood	19%
	No change in businesses opening or closing near my neighborhood	38%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	6%

22. In the last five years I have noticed...	My property's value/rent cost has risen	34%
	My property's value/rent cost has gone down	18%
	My property's value/rent cost hasn't changed	27%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	21%

23. In the last five years I have noticed...	My neighborhood is safer	22%
	My neighborhood is less safe	21%
	Safety in my neighborhood hasn't changed	48%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	9%

24. In the last five years I have noticed...	My neighborhood is more attractive	29%
	My neighborhood is less attractive	27%
	My neighborhood's attractiveness hasn't changed	38%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	7%

(ASK Q26-28 ONLY IF "YES" IN Q15, N=287)

25. How has removal of blighted houses in your neighborhood affected how you maintain your property?	I don't maintain my property as much anymore	1%
	I try to do a better job maintaining my property	40%
	It hasn't changed how I maintain my property	49%
	No opinion/SKIPPED	10%

26. How has removal of blighted houses in your neighborhood affected how your neighbors maintain their property?	My neighbors don't maintain their property as much anymore	5%
	My neighbors are trying to do a better job maintaining their property	41%
	It hasn't changed how my neighbors maintain their property	47%
	No opinion/SKIPPED	8%

27. If there is anything else you would like to tell us about blight removal in your neighborhood, please give your response here. OPENEND. VERBATIMS PROVIDED SEPARATELY.

(ASK ALL RESPONDENTS, N = 530)

28. What is your overall opinion of blight elimination activities throughout the city of Detroit?	Very favorable	27%
	Somewhat favorable	30%
	Neutral	20%
	Somewhat unfavorable	9%
	Very unfavorable	7%
	No opinion/SKIPPED	8%

29. Which of the following activities do you feel are good uses of taxpayer dollars to address blight? (Select all that apply)	Removing blighted homes and leaving a vacant lot	45%
	Side lot purchase programs (allowing neighbors to purchase vacant lots next to their property)	69%
	Creating community gardens	58%
	Creating community parks	63%
	Fixing up blighted homes that can be restored	74%
	Removing blighted homes and replacing them with new structures	62%
	None of these	1%
	Other _____	3%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

Now we have some questions on a new topic.

30. In the house or building where you live, is there a basement that you can access?	Yes (GO TO Q31)	83%
	No (SKIP TO Q35)	15%
	Don't know/SKIPPED (SKIP TO Q35)	1%

(ASK Q31 IF YES IN Q30, N=449)

31. In the last year, how many times has your household had problems with flooding or standing water in your basement?	Never (SKIP TO Q35)	50%
	1-2 times in the last year (GO TO Q32)	31%
	3-5 times in the last year (GO TO Q32)	9%
	More than 5 times in the last year (GO TO Q32)	6%
	Don't know/SKIPPED (SKIP TO Q35)	5%

(ASK Q32-34 IF Q33>NEVER (2,3,4), N=197)

32. What has been the impact of flooding on you and your household during the last year? (Select all that apply)	Had to leave my home and stay elsewhere	9%
	Missed work or school	11%
	Experienced stress	50%
	Experienced physical illness from mold or other effects of flooding	11%
	Had to spend money to fix or replace damaged appliances (e.g., furnace, refrigerator)	38%
	Had to spend money to remove water or sewage	51%
	Had to spend money to repair damage to house or foundation	24%
	Lost some of my belongings due to the flooding	51%
	None of these	9%
	Other _____	2%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%
33. Did you have homeowner's or renter's insurance to cover the costs of flooding damage?	Yes	12%
	No	73%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	15%

34. Did you receive assistance from any of the following sources to help with the flooding problem? (Select all that apply)	FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)	9%
	City of Detroit	3%
	State of Michigan	1%
	Red Cross	1%
	Another charity such as church or community organization	3%
	Friends and/or family	17%
	None of these	68%
	Other _____	5%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

(ASK ALL RESPONDENTS N = 530)

Now we have some questions about your neighborhood.

35. **On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means very dissatisfied and 7 means very satisfied, how satisfied overall are you with your neighborhood as a place to live?	1 – Very dissatisfied	6%
	2 – Mostly dissatisfied	9%
	3 – Somewhat dissatisfied	13%
	4 – Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	7%
	5 – Somewhat satisfied	24%
	6 – Mostly satisfied	25%
	7 – Very satisfied	15%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	2%

36. **Thinking about the quality of life in your neighborhood, do you feel it is improving, declining, or staying the same?	Improving	38%
	Declining	16%
	Staying the same	41%
	Don't know/SKIPPED	6%

Next are some statements about how people in your neighborhood get along with one another. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement. (RANDOMIZE ORDER)

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	SKIP/MISSING
37 ** This is a close-knit neighborhood	10%	11%	22%	32%	16%	7%	2%
38 ** People around here are willing to help their neighbors	7%	12%	12%	42%	21%	3%	1%
39 People in this neighborhood generally don't get along with each other	29%	26%	22%	11%	4%	7%	1%
40 **People in this neighborhood can be trusted	12%	13%	20%	29%	14%	10%	2%
41 People in this neighborhood don't share the same values	11%	20%	19%	24%	14%	11%	2%

42. As far as you know, has there been any sort of get-together for your neighborhood during the past year such as a festival, celebration, block party, or picnic?

Yes	38%
No	49%
Don't know/SKIPPED	1%

For each of the following, please indicate how likely is it that your **neighbors** would do something if...(RANDOMIZE ORDER)

	Very likely to do something	Likely to do something	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely to do something	Very unlikely to do something	Don't know	SKIP/MISSING
43 ...a child was showing disrespect to an adult, or acting out of line	16%	25%	14%	16%	13%	13%	3%
44 ...a fight broke out in front of their house	25%	28%	13%	14%	8%	11%	2%
45 ...someone in the neighborhood needed help with yardwork or shoveling snow	26%	40%	10%	9%	5%	8%	1%
46...the fire station or library closest to their house was threatened by budget cuts	10%	22%	19%	12%	10%	25%	2%

47. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: If my neighborhood had a problem, such as safety, street repairs, or abandoned buildings, I would know whom to contact to get the problem solved.

Strongly agree	19%
Agree	31%
Neither agree nor disagree	10%
Disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	13%
Don't know	1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

We are curious about the kinds of changes you would most like to see happen in your neighborhood. How high a priority are each of the following for your neighborhood?
(RANDOMIZE ORDER)

	Very high priority	High priority	Middle priority	Low priority	Very low priority	Don't know	SKIPPED /MISSING
48 Creating more affordable housing	52%	17%	15%	4%	4%	6%	2%
49 Improving public transportation	48%	25%	12%	4%	4%	6%	1%
50 Making it easier to buy healthy food	49%	23%	14%	6%	3%	3%	3%
51 Improving the condition of streets, sidewalks, and lighting	52%	24%	14%	2%	4%	2%	1%
52 Reducing crime	63%	17%	9%	2%	3%	4%	2%
53 Making better use of vacant lots	38%	28%	14%	7%	6%	6%	1%
54 Improving access to safe drinking water	61%	15%	9%	4%	3%	6%	2%
55 Encouraging new shops and stores to open	43%	22%	18%	7%	4%	4%	2%
56 Improving public schools	68%	15%	6%	2%	4%	4%	3%
57 Tearing down abandoned houses	52%	20%	13%	4%	6%	3%	1%
58 Fixing up houses that are in poor condition	50%	24%	12%	5%	3%	4%	1%
59 Making it easier for someone to start a small business	40%	25%	18%	6%	4%	7%	2%
60 Shortening emergency response times	58%	21%	9%	4%	4%	5%	1%
61 Improving parks and playgrounds	45%	27%	15%	4%	3%	3%	1%
62 Improving after school programs and options for high quality child care	50%	21%	11%	4%	3%	8%	3%

	Very high priority	High priority	Middle priority	Low priority	Very low priority	Don't know	SKIPPED /MISSING
63 Investing in public facilities such as libraries, recreation and community centers	45%	24%	14%	5%	5%	5%	2%
64 Providing job training	51%	23%	12%	5%	4%	4%	1%
65 Providing work opportunities for young people	53%	22%	12%	4%	3%	4%	1%

Indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Please remember that your responses are completely confidential. (RANDOMIZE ORDER)

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	SKIP/MISSING
66 **I think the local police are doing a good job of protecting me in my neighborhood	12%	12%	20%	28%	18%	7%	2%
67 **The police in my neighborhood can be trusted	11%	9%	27%	25%	17%	10%	2%

Many people have concerns about safety and security in their neighborhoods. These next questions have to do with your opinions about these issues. (RANDOMIZE ORDER)

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neutral	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know	SKIP/MISSING
68 How safe do you feel at home at night?	33%	34%	14%	8%	8%	2%	1%
69 How safe do you feel being out in your neighborhood alone during the day?	32%	34%	16%	7%	6%	4%	1%

Finally, we have some questions about you and your background.

70. Please enter the month of your birth. (Drop down menu)	18-34	34%
	35-44	17%
71. Please enter your year of birth. (Text box)	45-54	13%
	55-64	15%
	65+	20%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

72. Do you own your home, rent it, have a land contract, or some other arrangement?	Own (or in the process of being bought) (GO TO Q73)	46%
	Rent (GO TO Q75)	39%
	Have a land contract (aka rent-to-own, lease to purchase, contract for deed) (GO TO Q75)	2%
	Some other arrangement (GO TO Q75)	11%
	SKIPPED/MISSING (GO TO Q75)	2%

(ASK Q51-52 IF OWN, Q50=1, N=282)

73. If you were to sell your house today, how much do you think it would it be worth?	\$0	--
	\$1 - \$9,999	9%
	\$10,000 - \$19,999	13%
	\$20,000 - \$29,999	7%
	\$30,000 - \$39,999	8%
	\$40,000 - \$49,999	3%
	\$50,000 - \$59,999	9%
	\$60,000 - \$74,999	10%
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	8%
	\$100,000 - \$124,999	4%
	\$125,000 - \$149,999	1%
	\$150,000 - \$199,999	3%
	\$200,000 - \$249,000	2%
	\$250,000 - \$499,999	3%
	\$500,000 or more	1%
	Don't know	19%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

74. How do you think the value of your home has changed in the last five years?	It has increased	40%
	It has decreased	27%
	It has stayed more or less the same	21%
	I have not been in my home for five years	1%
	Don't know	11%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

(ASK ALL RESPONDENTS N = 530)

75. Have you ever been evicted from your residence for any of the following reasons?

(Select all that apply)

Evicted from a rental property (e.g., apartment) because you were behind on rent payments	6%
Evicted from a home you owned because you were behind on mortgage payments (mortgage foreclosure)	2%
Evicted from a home you owned because you were behind on tax payments (tax foreclosure)	1%
Evicted from a home you were buying with a land contract (rent-to-own, lease to purchase, contract for deed) because of missed payments	--
Evicted from a place of residence for some other reason	6%
Never been evicted or forced to leave a place of residence	83%
SKIPPED/MISSING	3%

76. Please indicate what you consider your racial background to be. We greatly appreciate your effort to describe your background using the standard categories provided. These race categories may not fully describe you, but they do match those used by the Census Bureau. It helps us to compare our survey respondents to the U.S. population. Information about your racial background is very important to us. We greatly appreciate your response and will keep it strictly confidential. Which of the following best describes your race?
(Select all that apply)

White	14%
Black or African-American	78%
Asian or Asian-American	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%
Other (SPECIFY _____)	6%
Two or More Races	1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

77. Finally, do you have any other thoughts about this survey or the topics covered in this survey?

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Additional Demographics:

Gender: What best describes your current gender identity?

Male	44%
Female	52%
Gender nonconforming/Other	1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	3%

Education: What is the highest level of school you have completed? Select one, please.

No formal education	1%
Some education but did not graduate from high school or receive a GED	17%
High school diploma or GED	33%
Some college, no degree	18%
Associate's degree	7%
Bachelor's degree	12%
Master's degree	8%
Professional or Doctorate degree	2%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Cuban?

Yes	7%
No	91%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

Nativity: Were you born in the United States (or a U.S. territory)?

Yes	95%
No	3%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%