

**FY 2016 – FY 2020 Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment
A Survey for Affordable Housing and Community Development Needs in DC**

The survey was released to the public the week of October 12th and was open for 6 weeks, until Thanksgiving on November 24th, 2016. The Department of Housing and Community Development was committed to wide and persistent marketing throughout the six week period by mailing, e-mailing, and posting flyers across the city. In order to receive broad participation among residents with limited or no English proficiency, the survey was translated from English into six additional languages – French, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Spanish, and Korean. The results were aggregated and downloaded from Survey Monkey.

Outreach Methodology

Mailed

- Churches and other places of worship
- ANC Commissioners
- City Councilmembers
- Civic Associations
- Communications data base
- Senior Centers
- Libraries

Posted

Information was prominently placed in the following places:

- DHCD's website
- DHCD Lobby
- DHCD Housing Resource center
- 1,000 Flyers with forum, hearing, and survey information distributed at local events, community boards, and Community Based Organizations across the city
- Social Media
 - Instagram-Twice a week
 - DHCD's Twitter-Daily
 - DHCD's Facebook-Daily

E-mailed

- ANC Commissioners
- Churches and other places of worship
- Councilmembers/Legislative staff and Constituent service staffers

- All Civic Associations
- Mayor's office
- Mayor's Office of Community Relations staff e-mailed to Neighborhood List Servs
- Community Based Organizations who work directly with DHCD
- Free media websites
- Homeless organizations
- Libraries
- Community Action Groups
- Housing Association for Non-Profit Developers
- Coalition for Non-Profit Housing and Economic Development
- Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness: Housing Solutions Committee
- Capital City Fellows
- Young Leaders in Affordable Housing
- Mayor's Office of African Affairs
- Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs
- Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
- DC Language Access Coalition
- All DHCD Staff
- Department of Energy and Environment
- DC Housing Authority
- Office of Planning
- Deputy Mayor's Office for Planning and Economic Development
- Young Innovative Planning Professional Superstars (YIPPS) List Serv
- Electronic flyers noting a public forum, hearing, and survey were emailed to the following blogs and news sites:
 - dc.curbed.com
 - onedconline.org
 - dc.urbanturf.com
 - shawneighbors.com
 - hillzoo.com
 - newcolumbiaheights.blogspot.com
 - congressheightsontherise.com
 - eastbankdc.org
 - [Southwest...The Little Quadrant that Could](#)
 - brooklandbridge.com
 - HStreetGreatStreet@gmail.com
 - www.popville.com
 - parkviewdc.com
 - <https://wamu.org/>
 - <http://www.whur.com/communitys-choice/>

- [Central Shaw Neighborhood Association](#)
- Washington Post Community Calendar & DC in Brief
- mymajicdc.hellobeautiful.com/events

Events

DHCD staff used tablets during Lead Safe Awareness Week, Consolidated Plan Public Events, and Housing Regulation Administration Training to promote survey participation.

Survey Results

- 1. Please Select Your Ward. For assistance identifying the Ward where you live, please type your home address into the “What’s My Ward” application.**

Answer:

Ward	Response Percent	Response Count	Percentage of Population in each Ward
1	19.90%	122	13%
2	5.40%	33	12%
3	6.90%	42	13%
4	17.10%	105	13%
5	18.30%	112	13%
6	13.20%	81	13%
7	8.60%	53	11%
8	10.60%	65	12%
Total	100.00%	613	100%

Source: 2014 American Community Survey (1-year) (% of population in each Ward)

- 2. Please type your 5-digit Zip/Postal Code. For assistance identifying your Zip Code, please type your home address into the “Look Up a Zip Code” form on the U.S. Postal Service website.**

Answer:

Zip codes were collected as part of this survey, but they were not used for more in depth analysis. As a result, zip codes are not displayed here.

- 3. How long have you lived in your neighborhood?**

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1 year	12.9%	77
1-3 years	27.6%	164
4-8 years	17.5%	104
More than 8 years	42.0%	250
Total	100.0%	595

4. Since moving to your neighborhood, how would you rate the condition of its public sidewalks?

Answer:

	Response Count	Percentage
Excellent	43	7%
Good	256	43%
Fair	219	37%
Poor	66	11%
No Opinion	5	1%
Total	589	100%

5. How would you rate the physical condition of facilities in your neighborhood, including libraries and recreation centers?

Answer:

	Response Count	Percentage
Excellent	73	13%
Good	255	44%
Fair	166	28%
Poor	63	11%
No Opinion	27	5%
Total	584	100%

6. Since moving to your neighborhood, how would you rate the physical condition of its housing stock?

Answer:

	Response Count	Percentage
Excellent	49	8%
Good	236	41%
Fair	184	32%
Poor	99	17%
No Opinion	13	2%
Total	581	100%

7. Do you believe vacant properties are a significant issue in your neighborhood?

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	31%	179
No	56%	323
Not sure	13%	76
Total	100%	578

8. Do you believe housing costs are affordable in your neighborhood?

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	16%	92
No	76%	435
Not Sure	9%	49
Total	100%	576

9. Please rank the level of need for the following types of public services in your neighborhood.

Answer:

Answer Options	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion	Response Count	% Noted as High Need
Child Care Services	57	146	207	136	546	38%
Adult Care Services	63	144	211	128	546	39%
Crime Prevention/Education	53	178	289	26	546	53%
Domestic Violence Services	71	145	158	172	546	29%
Homeless/Housing Crisis Services	106	140	241	59	546	44%
Ex-Offenders/Returning Citizens Services	90	121	211	124	546	39%
Job Training/Readiness Programs	73	109	290	74	546	53%
Legal Services	81	140	223	102	546	41%
Medical/Mental Health Services	66	130	282	68	546	52%

Answer Options	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion	Response Count	% Noted as High Need
Senior Citizen Services	32	137	290	87	546	53%
Services for Persons with Disabilities	49	161	224	112	546	41%
Tenant/Landlord Counseling	83	128	228	107	546	42%
Transportation	145	142	220	39	546	40%
Veterans Services	75	146	132	193	546	24%
Youth Services	50	116	307	73	546	56%

10. Please rank the level of need for the following types of neighborhood services where you live.

Answer:

Answer Options	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion	Response Count	% Noted As High Need
Building Code Enforcement	119	161	183	80	543	34%
Demolition of Abandoned Buildings	279	90	95	79	543	17%
Neighborhood Organizing	85	174	245	39	543	45%

11. Please rank the level of need for the following types of housing programs in your neighborhood:

Answer:

Answer Options	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion	Response Count	% Noted as High Need
Disability accessibility improvements	80	161	166	104	511	32%
Aging in place improvements for seniors	46	119	265	81	511	52%
Fair Housing Education/Enforcement	60	122	263	66	511	51%
Homebuyer Education/Financial Literacy	60	133	258	60	511	50%
Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation/Repair	56	137	264	54	511	52%

Answer Options	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion	Response Count	% Noted as High Need
Homebuyer Down Payment/Closing Costs Assistance	54	107	278	72	511	54%
Lead-Based Paint Testing/Removal	75	107	202	127	511	40%
Rental Housing Rehabilitation/Repair	68	135	236	72	511	46%
Rental Housing for People who are Homeless/Transitioning out of Homelessness	94	92	250	75	511	49%
Rental Housing for People with Disabilities	70	113	230	98	511	45%
Rental Housing for Seniors	54	110	263	84	511	51%
Rental Payment Assistance/Vouchers	75	95	255	86	511	50%
Weatherization/Energy Efficiency Improvement Assistance	36	119	297	59	511	58%

12. Please rank the level of need for the following types of public infrastructure in your neighborhood:

Answer:

Answer Options	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion	Response Count	% Noted as High Need
Sidewalk improvements	132	214	147	13	506	29%
Additional Playgrounds, Community Gardens, or other Green Spaces	103	162	226	15	506	45%
Improvements to Existing Parks and Open Space	102	171	209	24	506	41%
Street Improvements	89	180	221	16	506	44%
Street Lighting Improvements	110	172	204	20	506	40%
Street Tree Plantings	129	176	175	26	506	35%

13. Please rank the level of need for the following types of economic development services in your neighborhood:

Answer:

Answer Options	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	No Opinion	Response Count	% Noted as High Need
Commercial Rehabilitation (façade and interior improvements)	125	156	168	54	503	33%
Employment training	59	117	266	61	503	53%
Small Business Loans	49	124	234	96	503	47%
Small Business Technical Assistance	51	114	240	98	503	48%

14. What is your gender?

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	32%	159
Female	65%	328
Prefer not to answer	3%	15
Total:	100%	502

15. Please provide your race.

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	% of Race in District
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	2	0%
Asian	9%	43	4%
Black/African-American	41%	203	50%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	0	0%
White	37%	185	40%
Other	5%	27	4%
Prefer not to answer	8%	41	-
Two or more Races (Not included in survey)	-	-	3%
Total:	100%	501	100%

Source: 2014 American Community Survey (1-year) (% of Race Districtwide)

16. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count	% Hispanic in DC
Yes	6%	31	10%
No	86%	430	
Prefer not to answer	8%	40	
Total	100%	501	

Source: 2014 American Community Survey (1-year) (% Hispanic Districtwide)

17. Please describe your household. (Check all that apply)

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Living Alone	28%	137
Young Professionals (Aged 24-35) living together	18%	87
Married or Living with a Partner	33%	165
Single Parent	10%	49
Elderly household with at least one person over the age of 62	15%	73
Living with at least one person with a disability	8%	38
Household with at least one child under 6 years of age	12%	59
Household with at least one child between 6 and 18 years of age	13%	65
Household with at least one child between 19 and 26 years of age	6%	30
Lives with person(s) that are not in my family	10%	47

18. Please provide your employment status.

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Employed full-time	65%	321
Employed part-time	6%	31
Self-employed	4%	22
Disabled, not able to work	3%	17
Work in home (caregiver, homemaker)	2%	9
Student	2%	12
Retired	9%	46
Not employed, looking for work	5%	24
Not employed, NOT looking for work	3%	16
Total	100%	498

19. What is your household size?

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1	28%	137
2	35%	176
3	17%	83
4	11%	54
5	5%	24
6	2%	10
7	2%	9
8 or more	1%	5
Total	100%	498

20. What category does your total household income fall into? (Include income from all sources)

Respondents chose from income ranges based upon their household size noted in Question 19. The Department of Housing and Community Development aggregated all responses to develop the summary table below.

Answer:

Area Median Income	Response Count	% of Total
< 30% AMI	92	19%
30-50% AMI	49	10%
50-60% AMI	46	9%
60-80% AMI	54	11%
80-100% AMI	58	12%
100-120% AMI	47	9%
> 120% AMI	150	30%
Total	496	100%

21. Please provide your housing status (check all that apply):

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Renter	44.8%	221
Homeowner	47.9%	236
Living doubled-up/with friends, family	9.3%	46
Have another person/family living in my home	10.1%	50
Receiving a housing subsidy	5.3%	26
Have difficulty making monthly housing expenses	10.5%	52
Have been late on rent or mortgage payments at least twice in the past 6 months	4.7%	23

22. What is your age-group or cohort?

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	0%	0
18 - 24	3%	15
25 - 40	47%	229
41 - 65	40%	195
66 - 75	9%	44
Older than 75	2%	10
Total	100%	493

23. If you work in DC, please select the Ward where you work. For assistance identifying the Ward where you work, please type your office address into the “What’s My Ward” application.

Respondents could skip this question if they were unemployed or retired.

Answer:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1	13%	53
2	19%	82
3	7%	30
4	5%	20
5	9%	38
6	17%	71
7	5%	22
8	10%	44
I work outside of the District of Columbia	15%	63
Total	100%	423