



Community Survey - Polk

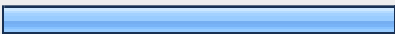
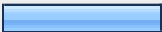


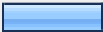



1. In your opinion, does Polk County have a problem with:						
	No problem	Somewhat of a problem	Major problem	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Abuse or neglect of older people	27.3% (81)	25.9% (77)	5.4% (16)	41.4% (123)	2.61	297
Awareness of resources	17.2% (51)	38.0% (113)	28.3% (84)	16.5% (49)	2.44	297
Supervised recreation in my part of the county	26.0% (77)	25.0% (74)	20.3% (60)	28.7% (85)	2.52	296
Bullying among children at school	11.6% (34)	32.0% (94)	12.9% (38)	43.5% (128)	2.88	294
Prescription drug misuse	7.1% (21)	31.3% (93)	25.6% (76)	36.0% (107)	2.91	297
<i>answered question</i>						304
<i>skipped question</i>						5

2. What is the need for affordable housing in Polk County?						
	No need	Somewhat of a need	Major need	Don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
For families to rent	4.4% (13)	26.8% (80)	50.7% (151)	18.1% (54)	2.83	298
For homeownership	7.2% (21)	24.8% (72)	42.4% (123)	25.5% (74)	2.86	290
For senior adults to rent	7.5% (22)	32.0% (94)	34.4% (101)	26.2% (77)	2.79	294
For disabled and special needs	4.5% (13)	25.4% (74)	38.5% (112)	31.6% (92)	2.97	291
For homeless persons	8.5% (25)	21.8% (64)	31.6% (93)	38.1% (112)	2.99	294
<i>answered question</i>						303
<i>skipped question</i>						6

3. Does your household have its own reliable (runs most of the time) transportation?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	89.4%	270
No 	10.6%	32
answered question		302
skipped question		7

4. If NO, do members of your household have trouble getting transportation to: (Check ALL that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
No trouble 	59.6%	53
the doctor or clinic 	23.6%	21
school 	6.7%	6
urgent care or hospital 	13.5%	12
work 	14.6%	13
county offices 	7.9%	7
grocery store 	20.2%	18
Other (please specify) 	7.9%	7
answered question		89
skipped question		220






5. When a household member needs transportation, do they use: (Check ALL that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
family or neighbor's vehicle	84.0%	189
Polk County public transit	25.8%	58
special van service	3.1%	7
walk	15.1%	34
taxi	0.9%	2
bicylce or scooter	6.7%	15
Other (please specify)		21
answered question		225
skipped question		84










6. Are you aware Polk County provides public transportation?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	84.5%	251
Yes, but not in my area	3.0%	9
No	12.8%	38
Our zip code is		102
answered question		297
skipped question		12




7. If you work, how long is your commute, ONE WAY?

	Response Percent	Response Count
less than 30 minutes 	45.8%	126
30-44 minutes 	8.0%	22
45-59 minutes 	4.4%	12
60 minutes or more 	2.9%	8
Not Applicable 	39.3%	108
answered question		275
skipped question		34

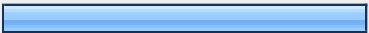

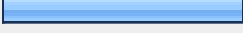
8. If you have children under 19 years of age, are they enrolled in any of the following: (Check ALL that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Polk Co. Public Schools 	81.2%	82
Polk Co. Pre-schools (3-5) 	5.9%	6
Early Head Start (0-3) 	4.0%	4
Day Care (0-5) 	5.0%	5
Private Pre-school (0-5) 	1.0%	1
Private school 	3.0%	3
Charter School 	3.0%	3
Home school 	8.9%	9
After school care 	5.9%	6
answered question		101
skipped question		208






9. Do the children under 19 in your household have health insurance?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	79.0%	94
No 	18.5%	22
Some do and some don't 	2.5%	3
answered question		119
skipped question		190


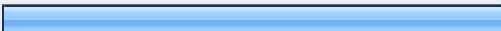
10. For those who DO have insurance, what kind is it?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Medicaid 	55.0%	55
Healthy Choice 	11.0%	11
Private insurance 	36.0%	36
Other (please specify)		5
answered question		100
skipped question		209



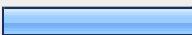


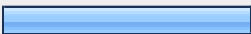
11. Do you have any children on the waiting list for any of the following services? (Check ALL that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
No 	92.0%	104
Child Care 	1.8%	2
Early Head Start 	3.5%	4
After school programs 	2.7%	3
Child care subsidy voucher	0.0%	0
Polk Co. pre-school 	0.9%	1
Private pre-school	0.0%	0
answered question		113
skipped question		196

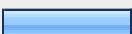
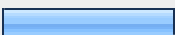

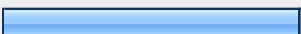
12. Can you purchase weekly child care without financial assistance?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	24.5%	26
No 	75.5%	80
answered question		106
skipped question		203

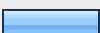
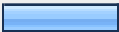
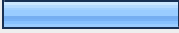
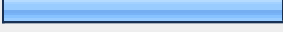
13. How would you rate the quality of child care in Polk County?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent 	4.8%	7
Good 	12.9%	19
Average 	28.6%	42
Below average 	10.9%	16
poor 	5.4%	8
Does not apply 	37.4%	55
<i>answered question</i>		147
<i>skipped question</i>		162

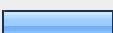
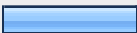


14. Finding help for the early detection of my child's health or learning issues was:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No problem 	19.0%	26
Somewhat of a problem 	25.5%	35
Major problem 	10.9%	15
Does not apply 	44.5%	61
<i>answered question</i>		137
<i>skipped question</i>		172


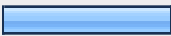

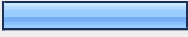
15. Finding after school programs for 11-16 year olds is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
No problem		14.3%	20
Somewhat of a problem		17.1%	24
Major problem		26.4%	37
Don't know		42.1%	59
<i>answered question</i>			140
<i>skipped question</i>			169


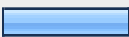
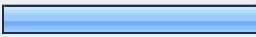
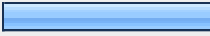
16. Finding supervised recreation for 11-16 year olds is:

		Response Percent	Response Count
No problem		16.4%	23
Somewhat of a problem		20.0%	28
Major problem		25.7%	36
Don't know		37.9%	53
<i>answered question</i>			140
<i>skipped question</i>			169





17. Finding summer activities for my child(ren) is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No problem 	19.6%	27
Somewhat of a problem 	25.4%	35
Major problem 	27.5%	38
Does not apply 	27.5%	38
<i>answered question</i>		138
<i>skipped question</i>		171




18. Affording after school or summer programs is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No problem 	11.6%	16
Somewhat of a problem 	18.8%	26
Major problem 	38.4%	53
Don't know 	31.2%	43
<i>answered question</i>		138
<i>skipped question</i>		171

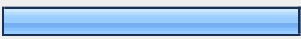
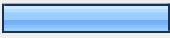
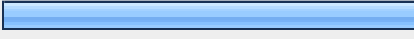
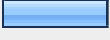
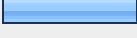
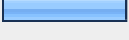
19. Finding someone to watch my child(ren) while I am job hunting or attending training or school is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No problem 	16.9%	23
Somewhat of a problem 	19.9%	27
Major problem 	20.6%	28
Does not apply 	42.6%	58
<i>answered question</i>		136
<i>skipped question</i>		173

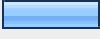

20. Buying groceries over the past 18 months has been:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No problem to afford 	36.1%	105
A minor problem to afford 	38.1%	111
A major problem to afford 	25.8%	75
<i>answered question</i>		291
<i>skipped question</i>		18



21. When affording groceries is a problem, do you: (Check ALL that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Use your own money meant to pay a bill 	44.7%	98
Go to a local food pantry 	24.7%	54
Look for sale items or use coupons 	62.6%	137
Go to a local agency for assistance 	15.5%	34
Use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) 	20.1%	44
Other (please specify) 	18.3%	40
<i>answered question</i>		219
<i>skipped question</i>		90



22. Over the past 18 months has someone in your household gone without a meal because there was no money for food?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	14.1%	40
No 	85.9%	244
<i>answered question</i>		284
<i>skipped question</i>		25



23. Over the past 18 months has anyone in your household been out of work or looked for a new job?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	51.4%	142
No (If NO, SKIP to Section #7) 	48.6%	134
<i>answered question</i>		276
<i>skipped question</i>		33

24. If YES, were they looking for

	Response Percent	Response Count
Full time 	85.0%	119
Part time 	15.0%	21
<i>answered question</i>		140
<i>skipped question</i>		169

25. Did they find a job?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	36.1%	44
No 	63.9%	78
<i>answered question</i>		122
<i>skipped question</i>		187

26. If they found a new job, is it for

		Response Percent	Response Count
the same number of hours as their last job		42.0%	29
more hours than their last job		26.1%	18
less hours than their last job		31.9%	22
answered question			69
skipped question			240



27. If they found a new job, is it for:

		Response Percent	Response Count
more pay than their last job		21.7%	15
less pay than their last job		49.3%	34
same pay as their last job		29.0%	20
answered question			69
skipped question			240



28. How much longer, ONE WAY, is the commute than their old job?

		Response Percent	Response Count
the same		29.9%	20
less than 15 minutes longer		20.9%	14
15-29 minutes longer		19.4%	13
30-44 minutes longer		14.9%	10
45 minutes or more longer		14.9%	10
answered question			67
skipped question			242




29. In the past 18 months, did anyone in your household seek and find training for a higher paying job?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	21.1%	34
No 	78.9%	127
<i>answered question</i>		161
<i>skipped question</i>		148

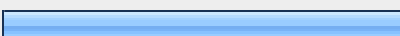
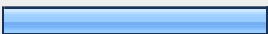
30. If NO, I know low-cost training is available:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	28.9%	35
No 	71.1%	86
<i>answered question</i>		121
<i>skipped question</i>		188

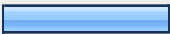

31. If YES, did you complete training?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	23.0%	14
Not yet 	31.1%	19
No 	45.9%	28
<i>answered question</i>		61
<i>skipped question</i>		248

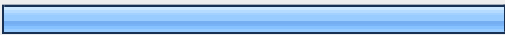

32. Have you considered starting a business of your own?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	60.0%	105
No 	40.0%	70
<i>answered question</i>		175
<i>skipped question</i>		134







33. Are you aware that low-cost assistance is available to help you get started or grow your business?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	24.9%	43
No 	75.1%	130
<i>answered question</i>		173
<i>skipped question</i>		136








34. Do you have access to the internet?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	76.2%	144
No 	23.8%	45
<i>answered question</i>		189
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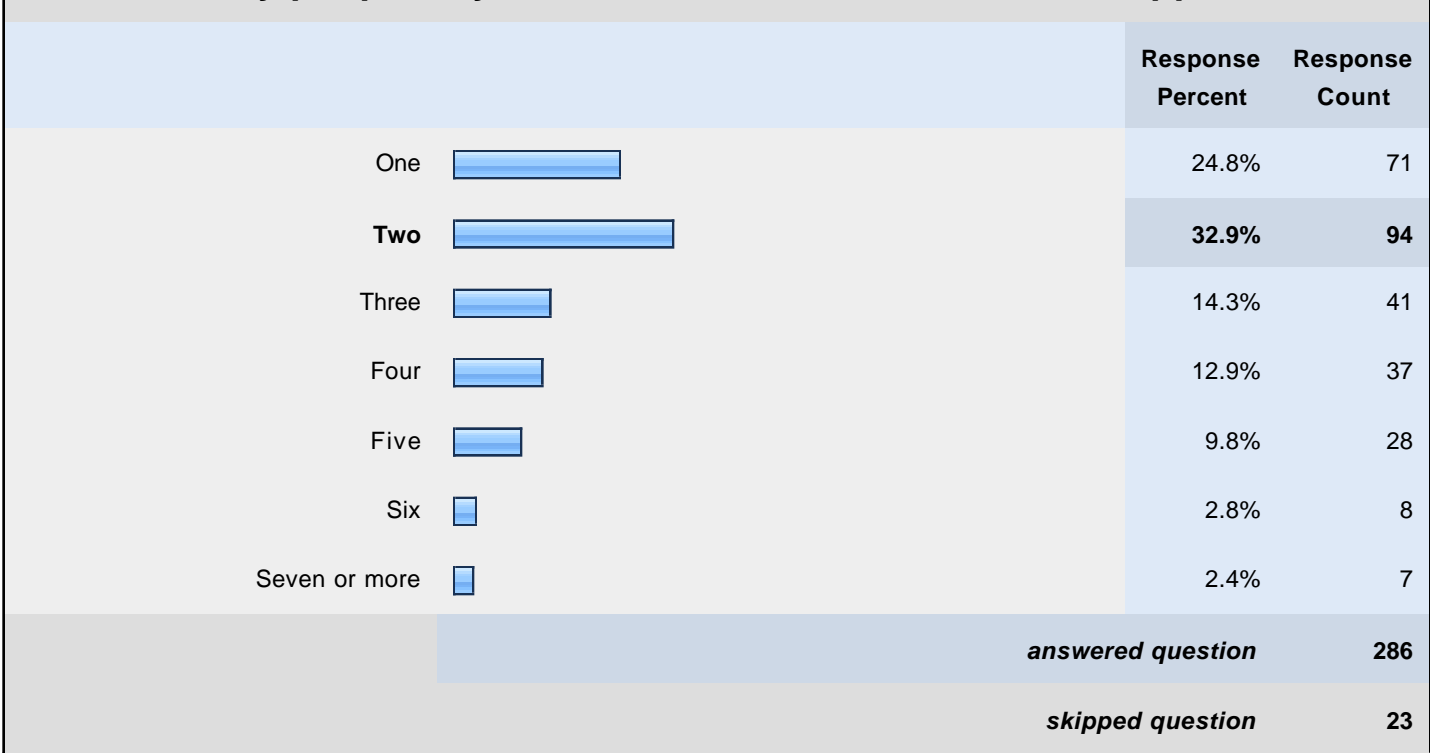
35. How many people live in your house? (Include yourself and list number of each)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Children 0-4 	18.2%	53
Children 5-10 	15.5%	45
Children 11-17 	25.4%	74
Adults 18-59 	72.2%	210
Adults 60-74 	28.2%	82
Adults 75+ 	13.7%	40
<i>answered question</i>		291
<i>skipped question</i>		18

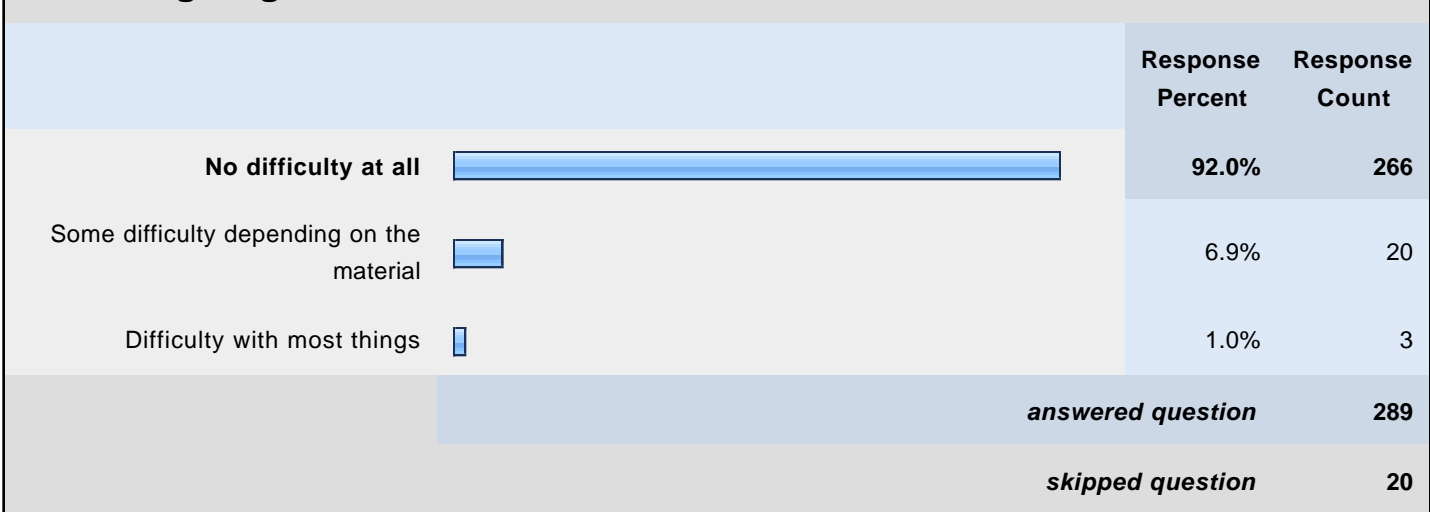
36. What was your household income last year BEFORE taxes?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$10,000 	18.6%	49
\$10,000-\$19,999 	18.6%	49
\$20,000-\$29,999 	14.4%	38
\$30,000-\$49,999 	22.4%	59
\$50,000-74,999 	13.3%	35
\$75,000-\$99,999 	7.2%	19
\$100,000 or more 	5.3%	14
<i>answered question</i>		263
<i>skipped question</i>		46

37. How many people in your household does this income support?



38. Do you or any adult members of your household have difficulty reading or writing English?




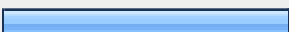
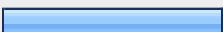

39. If there are difficulties, does it affect your or their ability to do any of the following? (Check ALL that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
EARN-Get a job or a better job		36.1%	13
LEARN-Pursue a higher level of education or training		25.0%	9
Manage your/their finances		33.3%	12
Access to community and medical services		13.9%	5
Understand important information about your/their health		33.3%	12
Help children with school work		22.2%	8
Use technology or computer		33.3%	12
<i>answered question</i>			36
<i>skipped question</i>			273

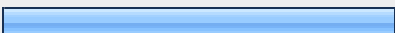

40. During the last 18 months, did you miss a rent, mortgage or utility payment because you did not have enough money?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		37.6%	106
No		62.4%	176
<i>answered question</i>			282
<i>skipped question</i>			27

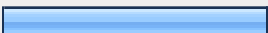

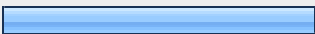
41. Is your monthly heat bill in the coldest months of winter:

	Response Percent	Response Count
less than \$100 	10.1%	27
\$101-\$200 	43.3%	116
\$201-300 	32.8%	88
\$301 or more 	13.8%	37
<i>answered question</i>		268
<i>skipped question</i>		41



42. In the past 18 months, have you or your household faced a financial crisis?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	59.3%	159
No (If NO, SKIP to Question 8) 	40.7%	109
<i>answered question</i>		268
<i>skipped question</i>		41

43. If YES, did you use your emergency savings to get through this crisis?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	40.0%	80
No 	13.0%	26
Don't have emergency savings 	47.0%	94
<i>answered question</i>		200
<i>skipped question</i>		109

44. Did you seek help to get through this financial crisis?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		54.1%	100
Yes		45.9%	85
<i>answered question</i>			185
<i>skipped question</i>			124



45. If NO, why not?

	Response Count
	58
<i>answered question</i>	58
<i>skipped question</i>	251



46. If YES, what kind of help did you receive OR If YES, I sought help but did not get help because

	Response Count
	77
<i>answered question</i>	77
<i>skipped question</i>	232

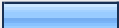

47. Have you ever used bartering to obtain the things your household needs?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	35.1%	84
No 	64.9%	155
<i>answered question</i>		239
<i>skipped question</i>		70


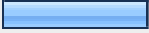

48. Have you been able to save money in the past 18 months?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	27.8%	68
No 	72.2%	177
<i>answered question</i>		245
<i>skipped question</i>		64

49. In the past 18 months have you or any member of your household experienced any form of discrimination?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	16.9%	47
No (If NO, SKIP to Section #11) 	83.1%	231
<i>answered question</i>		278
<i>skipped question</i>		31

50. I YES, what kind? (Check ALL that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Age 	45.2%	19
Economic 	9.5%	4
Disability 	16.7%	7
Gender/sex 	33.3%	14
Housing 	9.5%	4
Race/Ethnicity 	21.4%	9
Religion 	4.8%	2
Other (please specify)		4
<i>answered question</i>		42
<i>skipped question</i>		267

51. When you need medical care, where do you USUALLY go?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Private doctor in Polk County	42.9%	121
Private doctor in another county/state	25.5%	72
St Luke's Hospital ER	5.3%	15
Health Department	2.8%	8
Saluda Medical Center	2.5%	7
Wellness Center	3.2%	9
The Free Clinics	1.4%	4
Blue Ridge Community Health Services	2.8%	8
Other	5.3%	15
I do not go to a doctor because (reason)	8.2%	23
answered question		282
skipped question		27

52. When you need a dentist, where do you USUALLY go?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Dentist in Polk County	34.7%	95
Dentist in another county/state	32.5%	89
Collins Dental Center	2.9%	8
Blue Ridge Community Health/Stokes Dental Center	2.9%	8
Other	3.6%	10
I do not go to a dentist because (reason)	28.5%	78
<i>answered question</i>		274
<i>skipped question</i>		35

53. When you go to the doctor or dentist are there barriers to getting good care?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	29.5%	77
No (If NO, SKIP to Question 5)	70.5%	184
<i>answered question</i>		261
<i>skipped question</i>		48




54. If YES, what are the barriers? (Check ALL that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Cost	78.8%	67
Can't understand what the doctor or dentist tells me	1.2%	1
Deaf/hard of hearing/American Sign Language	0.0%	0
Language	2.4%	2
Time off from work	11.8%	10
Transportation	17.6%	15
Other (type)	11.8%	10
answered question		85
skipped question		224





55. Have you or your children ever been shown how to do dental care at home to prevent cavities or gum disease?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	86.2%	218
No	13.8%	35
answered question		253
skipped question		56




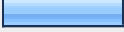

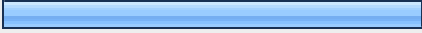

56. If staying healthy is important for you and your household, do you know five ways to prevent disease?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	81.2%	220
No 	7.4%	20
Don't know 	11.4%	31
answered question		271
skipped question		38


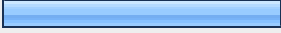
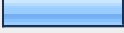

57. Do you rent or own your housing?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Rent 	29.5%	84
Own 	56.8%	162
Buying a home in progress 	9.5%	27
Live with others 	4.2%	12
answered question		285
skipped question		24




58. What kind of housing do you live in?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Apartment 	9.4%	26
Duplex 	0.7%	2
Live with others 	2.5%	7
Single/double-wide mobile 	18.1%	50
Condominium 	1.1%	3
Single family/site built 	63.5%	176
Homeless	0.0%	0
Other (kind) 	4.7%	13
<i>answered question</i>		277
<i>skipped question</i>		32




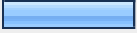

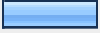

59. What would you say is the condition of the housing in which you are living?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent 	35.7%	101
Good 	42.0%	119
Fair 	18.0%	51
Poor 	4.2%	12
<i>answered question</i>		283
<i>skipped question</i>		26

60. If you have searched for different housing in the past 18 months, have you had any problems finding decent, safe, and sanitary housing?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	14.1%	36
No 	19.9%	51
Have not searched 	66.0%	169
<i>answered question</i>		256
<i>skipped question</i>		53

61. Age:

	Response Percent	Response Count
under 18 	0.7%	2
18-24 	3.5%	10
25-34 	9.8%	28
35-44 	19.6%	56
45-64 	44.1%	126
65-74 	14.0%	40
75+ 	8.4%	24
<i>answered question</i>		286
<i>skipped question</i>		23

62. Sex/gender:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	29.6%	81
Female	70.4%	193
<i>answered question</i>		274
<i>skipped question</i>		35

63. Race:

	Response Percent	Response Count
White/Caucasian	91.8%	258
Black/African American	6.0%	17
Multi-racial	0.0%	0
Native American	1.1%	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	1.1%	3
<i>answered question</i>		281
<i>skipped question</i>		28

64. Ethnicity - Hispanic/Latino:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	5.3%	12
No	94.7%	216
<i>answered question</i>		228
<i>skipped question</i>		81

65. Are you currently:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Employed (Please answer Questions 6 and 7 before continuing)	50.0%	139
Unemployed (SKIP to Question 8 and continue)	24.1%	67
Homemaker (SKIP to Question 8 and continue)	4.7%	13
Retiree (SKIP to Question 8 and continue)	20.1%	56
Student (SKIP to Question 8 and continue)	1.1%	3
answered question		278
skipped question		31

66. If EMPLOYED, is your employment:

	Response Percent	Response Count
full time	65.0%	89
part time	22.6%	31
2 part time jobs	3.6%	5
1 full time job + 1 part time job	6.6%	9
3 or more jobs	2.2%	3
answered question		137
skipped question		172

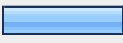


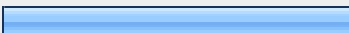

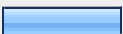
67. If EMPLOYED, what type of work do you do?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Agriculture	1.9%	3
Business/Banking	4.5%	7
Education/Child Care	8.4%	13
Equine and related	0.6%	1
Government/Public Service	20.6%	32
Health or Dental Care	16.1%	25
Human Services	7.1%	11
Hospitality/Food Service	3.2%	5
Industry/Manufacturing	5.2%	8
Landscaping/Construction	2.6%	4
Faith-based	0.0%	0
Self-employed	9.0%	14
Real Estate and related	1.9%	3
Other (type)	18.7%	29
<i>answered question</i>		155
<i>skipped question</i>		154

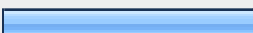
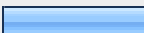
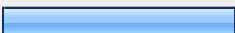

68. I have health insurance:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	71.1%	199
No (SKIP to Question 11)	28.9%	81
<i>answered question</i>		280
<i>skipped question</i>		29









69. If YES, I use:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Medicare (includes supplemental policy) 	18.0%	35
Medicaid 	10.3%	20
Military 	0.5%	1
Private Insurance (BCBS, United Health, etc.) 	52.6%	102
Cooperative (monthly payments to doctor, dentist or health center) 	1.0%	2
Other (please specify) 	17.5%	34
<i>answered question</i>		194
<i>skipped question</i>		115

70. If you have Private Insurance, who pays for it?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Employer pays all or most of my cost 	37.7%	52
Employer and I (or my family) each pay about half 	21.0%	29
I (or my family) pay all or most of the cost 	34.8%	48
Other 	6.5%	9
<i>answered question</i>		138
<i>skipped question</i>		171

71. Education completed:

	Response Percent	Response Count
8th grade or less 	3.5%	10
12th grade or less, no diploma equivalent 	11.7%	33
High School graduate or GED 	17.0%	48
Some college, but no degree 	23.4%	66
Vocational school or certificate training 	2.5%	7
Associate's Degree (AA) 	9.2%	26
Bachelor's Degree (BA or BS) 	19.1%	54
advanced degree (Masters or Doctorate) 	13.5%	38
	<i>answered question</i>	282
	<i>skipped question</i>	27

72. Tell us if there are any other quality of life concerns or community issues you want us to know about? Type briefly in box.

	Response Count
	45
	<i>answered question</i>
	45
	<i>skipped question</i>
	264