

**Region XII Council of Governments is preparing a housing needs assessment for the City of Jefferson. The housing needs assessment is an analysis of the housing stock, as well as programs within the community to determine which aspects need improvement and which areas are meeting needs. Part of the planning process includes a public opinion survey. Completing the following survey will help to identify housing strengths and weaknesses in the community.**

**The following survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. None of the information you provide will be used to identify you, this is a completely anonymous survey.**

**Paper copies of this survey are available at City Hall.**

**Completed paper copy surveys may be returned to City Hall, or mailed to Region XII COG at the address below.**

**Thank you for your participation.**

**Please direct questions regarding this survey to:  
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1. Do you live in the City of Jefferson?

- Yes  
 No

2. If you answered "no," where do you reside?

3. If you answered "yes" to question one, how long have you lived in Jefferson?

- Less than 1 year  
 1-5 years  
 6-10 years  
 11-15 years  
 16-20 years  
 21-25 years  
 26+ years

4. What attracted you to Jefferson? (please select all that apply)

- Family
- Job
- Housing
- Schools
- Cost of living
- Proximity to other communities
- Other (please specify)

5. Do you work in Jefferson?

- Yes
- No

6. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

7. Which category below includes your age?

- 17 or younger
- 18-20
- 21-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80 or older

8. What is your race?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> White                     | <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian American                   |
| <input type="radio"/> White, non-Hispanic       | <input type="radio"/> American Indian or Alaska Native          |
| <input type="radio"/> Black or African American | <input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="radio"/> Hispanic or Latino        |   |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)    |   |

9. How many people are in your household?

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> One                    | <input type="radio"/> Five  |
| <input type="radio"/> Two                    | <input type="radio"/> Six   |
| <input type="radio"/> Three                  | <input type="radio"/> Seven |
| <input type="radio"/> Four                   | <input type="radio"/> Eight |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) |                             |

10. How many children in your household are the age of 17 or younger?

- |                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 0 | <input type="radio"/> 4         |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 5         |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 6 or more |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 |                                 |

11. What category best describes your gross total income from all sources **before** deductions last year? This includes employment income, net business income, farm, or rent; pensions; dividends; interest; social security payments; etc.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than \$20,000   | <input type="radio"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999   |
| <input type="radio"/> \$20,000 to \$34,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$35,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$150,000 or more      |
| <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer   |

12. What is your level of education?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Some high school          | <input type="radio"/> 4-year Bachelor's Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> High school or GED        | <input type="radio"/> Master's Degree          |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college              | <input type="radio"/> Doctorate                |
| <input type="radio"/> 2-year Associate's Degree |  |

13. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Employed, working full-time    | <input type="radio"/> Not employed, NOT looking for work |
| <input type="radio"/> Employed, working part-time    | <input type="radio"/> Retired                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Not employed, looking for work | <input type="radio"/> Disabled, not able to work         |

14. If working, what field are you employed in?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Manufacturing and Engineering | <input type="radio"/> Military               |
| <input type="radio"/> Management                    | <input type="radio"/> Child Care             |
| <input type="radio"/> Agriculture                   | <input type="radio"/> Finance                |
| <input type="radio"/> Business and Financial        | <input type="radio"/> Healthcare             |
| <input type="radio"/> Sales                         | <input type="radio"/> Government             |
| <input type="radio"/> Technology                    | <input type="radio"/> Education              |
| <input type="radio"/> Trades                        | <input type="radio"/> Retired                |
| <input type="radio"/> Service Industry              | <input type="radio"/> Not currently employed |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)        |  |

15. What is your current housing ownership status?

- Own
- Rent
- Buying on contract
- Live with family or friends

16. How do you feel about your current housing?

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Very satisfied | <input type="radio"/> Dissatisfied      |
| <input type="radio"/> Satisfied      | <input type="radio"/> Very dissatisfied |
| <input type="radio"/> Indifferent    |   |

17. Are you looking for a new residence?

- Yes, in Jefferson
- Yes, outside of Jefferson
- No

18. If you answered "Yes, outside of Jefferson," why are you looking outside of Jefferson?

- Lack of housing availability
- Easier commute
- Not enough quality homes
- Acreage
- Moving for job opportunities
- I am not looking for a new residence
- Education
- Other (please specify)

19. Do you have the resources to maintain your current home?

- Yes
- No

20. Do any of the following factors prevent you from making investments into your current house? (please select all that apply)

- Traffic- high speed or high volume
- Regulatory hurdles (city zoning, etc.)
- Potential to recapture investment
- Poor storm water control/storm sewer
- Availability of contractors
- Appearance of neighbors property
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

21. Overall, how would you rate the condition of Jefferson's housing stock?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Dilapidated

22. Overall, how would you rate the condition of the apartments in Jefferson?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Dilapidated
- Unsure/Undecided

23. Do you think there is an adequate supply of housing choices (type, cost, condition) in Jefferson?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

24. Should the following types of housing be expanded in Jefferson?

	Yes	No	Maybe	Unsure
Housing for people with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Starter homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low-income housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile home parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Duplexes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condominiums	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apartments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Single-family housing (\$200,000 and above)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Single-family housing (\$200,000 and below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. How important are recreational facilities to you and your family?

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

26. Do you feel that there are adequate recreational opportunities in Jefferson?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

27. Do you feel there are adequate entertainment options in Jefferson?

- Yes
- No

28. If no, what would you like to see? (please select all that apply)

- Children's activities
- Formal dining
- Dancing or music
- Arts or cultural events
- Other (please specify)

29. Are there adequate employment opportunities available in Jefferson?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

30. Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. Please feel free to make any additional comments below.