

Survey A: Housing Quality and Maintenance

B1. Which of the following BEST describes your current housing situation?

- I pay some or all of the rent or mortgage for the place where I live..... 1
- I live, without paying rent, in a home rented or owned by a friend or family member..... 2
- I live in temporary housing or a group shelter 3 →GO TO A7
- I am homeless 4 →GO TO A7
- Other _____ (please briefly describe your housing situation) 5 →GO TO A7

A2. Which of the following BEST describes your current housing situation?

- I pay rent or a mortgage or live with someone who does..... 1
- No one I live with, including me, pays rent or a mortgage 2 →GO TO A6
- Some other arrangement _____ (Please briefly describe this)..... 3

A3. In the past 100 days (meaning a little over 3 months) did you, or a person you were staying with, miss a rent or mortgage payment, or pay less than the full amount?

- Yes, missed a payment or paid less than the full amount..... 1
- No..... 2

A4. Are you, or a person you are staying with, behind on rent or mortgage right now?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2

A5. How difficult is it for you, or a person you are staying with, to pay your monthly rent or mortgage?

- Not at all difficult 1
- A little difficult..... 2
- Fairly difficult 3
- Very difficult..... 4

A6. In the past 100 days (meaning a little over 3 months), did your current housing have any of the following problems?^[1]

- Mold & mildew
- Broken windows
- Bad odors from sewage or natural gas
- Holes where outdoor air/rain can come in
- Broken floors or stairs
- Toilet not working for more than 6 hours
- Plumbing problems
- Electricity not working
- Heat not working for more than 24 hours
- Mice, rats, cockroaches, bedbugs or other pests

Yes 1

No 2

A7. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current housing situation?

Not at all satisfied 1

A little satisfied 2

Fairly satisfied 3

Very satisfied 4

Survey B: Involuntary Moves and Homelessness

B1. Which of the following BEST describes your current housing situation?

I pay some or all of the rent or mortgage for the place where I live 1

I live, without paying rent, in a home rented or owned by a friend or family member 2

I live in temporary housing or a group shelter 3 → GO

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I am homeless 4 → GO

TO B4

Other _____ (please briefly describe your housing situation) 5 → GO

TO B4

B4. How many times have you moved in the past 100 days (meaning a little over 3 months)?

- None..... 1 → **GO TO B7**
- 1 2 → **GO TO B5**
- 2 3 → **GO TO B5**
- 3 4 → **GO TO B5**
- 4 or more 5 → **GO TO B5**

B5. Thinking about why you moved, was one of the reasons because you had trouble paying for your home or apartment?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2

B6. Thinking again about the reason or reasons you moved, did either someone you lived with, or you yourself, receive:

- A formal or informal (written or oral) request to leave from your landlord, mortgage company, or a bank 1
- A formal, written order to leave from a court..... 2
- Both..... 3
- Neither 4

B7. During the past 100 days (meaning a little over 3 months), for how many days did you live with family or friends because you didn't have another place to stay?

- No days 1
- 1-2 days..... 2
- 3-6 days..... 3
- 1 to 2 weeks 4
- 2 or more weeks 5

B8. We are about to ask you about how long, if at all, you've been homeless in the last 100 days (meaning a little over 3 months). By homeless, we mean that, because you had nowhere else to go, you were sleeping in a homeless shelter or a similar place, or someplace not usually used for sleeping like on the street, or in a car, or an abandoned building, or a bus or a train station.

For how long were you homeless in the last 100 days?

- No days 1
- 1-2 days 2
- 3-6 days 3
- 1 to 2 weeks 4
- 2 or more weeks 5

^[1] The list of housing quality concerns has been adapted from questions in the Family Options Study and the Fragile Families Study. In these surveys, each concern is listed as a separate question, which is why they had to be adapted. HUD has developed a standard housing quality index from the American Housing Survey, known as the [PQI, poor quality index](#). However, it consists of a total of 35 detailed questions that are all assigned different weights. The concerns listed in question A4 are all weighted highly in the PQI and address the major definitional components within the literature on housing quality. These include concerns that can cause health problems or represent major structural deficiencies.