



City of Birmingham, Alabama

710 20th Street N,
Birmingham, AL 35203

Community Needs Assessment

The City of Birmingham is in the process of developing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Consolidated Plan that will establish community development goals and guide resource allocations. The Plans will cover the program years of 2020-2025. We invite you to assist the City of Birmingham in establishing community needs and priorities.

We appreciate your time in taking this survey and thank you for your participation. Please note that all information included on this survey will be kept confidential. Confidentiality is protected by not including names on any of the forms. Moreover, no specific identifying information will be kept from the survey or shared with other agencies. Thank you for your participation and valuable input. If you have additional questions regarding this survey, please contact: **Lareisha.Higginbottom@birminghamal.gov**.

1. Do you live in the City of Birmingham?

☐

Yes

☐

No

2. Please identify the zip code for where you live: _____

3. Please check all that apply:

☐

I work in Birmingham

☐

I regularly participate in Birmingham
recreational, cultural, or leisure activities

☐

I have children in City of Birmingham Public
Schools

4. If you could change one thing in your neighborhood, what would it be?

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5. Do you think the physical condition of the public space in your neighborhood (streets, sidewalks, parks) is:

- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Improving
- ☐ Declining

6. Is economic development/job creation a critical issue in the City of Birmingham?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure/Not Applicable

7. Do you feel safe in your immediate neighborhood?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure/Not Applicable

8. Do you think the physical condition of **housing** in your neighborhood is:

- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Improving
- ☐ Declining

9. Do you think abandoned or foreclosed properties are a critical issue in the City of Birmingham?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure/Not Applicable

10. Is gentrification or displacement a critical issue in the City of Birmingham?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure/Not Applicable

11. What are the two most important considerations to you in choosing a place to live? (check all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Family nearby | <input type="radio"/> Access to public transportation |
| <input type="radio"/> Close to work | <input type="radio"/> Access to quality schools/youth services |
| <input type="radio"/> Price of housing | <input type="radio"/> Attractiveness of neighborhood |
| <input type="radio"/> Convenient to neighborhood amenities | <input type="radio"/> Public safety |

Other (please specify):

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12. Please rank the following types of community development in Birmingham in order of need from 1 to 5, where 1 is most needed and 5 is least needed:

Rank	Type
	Safe and Affordable Housing
	Community/Neighborhood Services
	Infrastructure (Streets, Sidewalks, Parks)
	Economic Development (Job Training, Workforce Development, etc.)
	Community/Neighborhood Facilities (Parks, Recreation Facilities, Community Centers, etc.)

13. Please rank the level of need for the following types of public services in Birmingham:

Type	Low Need	Moderate Need	High Need	Unsure/Not Applicable
Fair Housing (preventing discrimination in housing based on race, national origin, disability, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services for Persons with Disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeless Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Services/Child Care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Domestic Violence Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health/Behavioral Health Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job Training/Readiness Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homebuyer Education/Financial Literacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Access to Housing

14. Are you satisfied with your current living situation? If no, what is the **primary** reason you are not?

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| <input type="radio"/> I am happy with my current living situation | <input type="radio"/> No, I don't feel safe in the neighborhood |
| <input type="radio"/> No, too far from work | <input type="radio"/> No, poor access to public transportation |
| <input type="radio"/> No, too expensive | <input type="radio"/> No, poor housing condition |
| <input type="radio"/> No, too small | <input type="radio"/> No, poor access to good schools or other neighborhood amenities |
| <input type="radio"/> No, too crowded | |

No, Other (please specify):

15. Would you like to move from your current home or apartment? If yes, what are the three main reasons you **have not moved yet** (pick up to three).

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| <input type="radio"/> I do not want to move from my current home/apartment | <input type="radio"/> Cannot find a better place to live |
| <input type="radio"/> Need the accessibility features of my current housing unit | <input type="radio"/> Rentals are full; cannot find a place to rent |
| <input type="radio"/> Cannot afford to move/cannot afford to live anywhere else | <input type="radio"/> Landlords do not take Section 8 |
| <input type="radio"/> Family members do not want to move | <input type="radio"/> Job is here |
| <input type="radio"/> Other family reasons | <input type="radio"/> Family is here |
| | <input type="radio"/> I have heard that landlords are evicting a lot of tenants in other buildings/complexes |

Other (please specify):

16. What barriers, if any, keep you from living in another part of Birmingham (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="radio"/> I do not want to live in another part of Birmingham | <input type="radio"/> My family status |
| <input type="radio"/> There are no barriers, if I wanted to move, I could | <input type="radio"/> Discrimination |
| <input type="radio"/> Cannot afford to live anywhere else | <input type="radio"/> Felony/criminal record |
| <input type="radio"/> Cannot afford moving expenses | <input type="radio"/> No accessibility/handicapped accessible housing elsewhere |
| <input type="radio"/> Access to public transit | <input type="radio"/> Gentrification or displacement happening in other areas of the city |
| <input type="radio"/> My race/ethnicity | |

Other (please specify):

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17. Do you or someone in your household have a disability of any type? If yes, please move on to question 18, if no, please move on to question 19.

- ☐ No, nobody in my household has a disability of any type
☐ Yes, someone in my household has a disability

18. If you responded yes in Question 17, please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
I have a disability or a household member has a disability and cannot get around my neighborhood because of broken sidewalks/no sidewalks/poor street lighting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I cannot afford a housing unit that has accessibility/handicapped features (e.g. grab bars, ramps, handicapped parking).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My landlord refused to accept a service animal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My landlord will not accept emotional support animal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My landlord refused to make an accommodation for me or my household member's disability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. When you looked for housing to rent or buy in Birmingham in the past five years, were you ever denied housing to rent or buy? If yes, why (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="radio"/> I have not looked for housing to rent or buy in the past five years | <input type="radio"/> Immigration status |
| <input type="radio"/> I was not denied housing to rent or buy | <input type="radio"/> Source of income |
| <input type="radio"/> Other buyer paid cash or a higher price | <input type="radio"/> Race/ethnicity |
| <input type="radio"/> Size of my family/household | <input type="radio"/> Foreclosure history |
| <input type="radio"/> Bad credit | <input type="radio"/> Service animal |
| <input type="radio"/> Income too low | <input type="radio"/> Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher |
| <input type="radio"/> Health condition | <input type="radio"/> Eviction history |
| <input type="radio"/> HIV-positive | <input type="radio"/> Criminal background |
| <input type="radio"/> Sexual orientation or gender identity | |

Please specify the neighborhood where you looked for housing, but were denied?

20. Have you ever felt you were discriminated against when looking for housing in Birmingham?

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|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Yes, in the past year | <input type="radio"/> No (if no, continue to question 25) |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes, 2 to 5 years ago | <input type="radio"/> Unsure |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes, more than 5 years ago or I don't remember when | |

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21. What was the reason against which you felt discriminated?

22. If you felt you were discriminated against, what did you do about the discrimination (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="radio"/> Called/emailed fair housing organization | <input type="radio"/> Called/emailed a lawyer |
| <input type="radio"/> Called/emailed other organization | <input type="radio"/> Nothing |
| <input type="radio"/> Called/emailed housing authority | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Called/emailed government agency | |

23. Did you file a complaint after you were discriminated against (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes, to the State of Alabama | <input type="radio"/> Yes, to Center for Fair Housing – Northern Alabama |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes, to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) | <input type="radio"/> No, I did not file a complaint |

Yes, Other (please specify):

24. If you filed a complaint, please describe if the complaint was resolved, how long it took to be resolved, and if you were satisfied with the outcome.

Respondent Profile

As we are collecting input on this survey, we want to make sure that we are hearing from many different kinds of people who live in the City of Birmingham. To help us see if we are meeting that goal, please tell us about yourself (**all information gathered in this section will remain confidential and will not be shared with other agencies**):

25. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary

26. Please provide your race (check all that apply):

- ☐ White ☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
☐ American Indian and Alaska Native ☐ Other/Multi-race

27. Please provide your race ethnicity:

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

28. If you identify with a particular religion, please provide it here: _____

29. Please describe your household (check all that apply):

- ☐ Single person ☐ Household with children between 6-18 years of age
☐ Small household (2-4 people) ☐ Household with at least one person between the ages of 55 years and 61
☐ Large household (more than 4 people) ☐ Household with at least one person between the ages of 62 years and 74
☐ Single parent ☐ Household with at least one person age 75 or older
☐ Household with children under 6 years of age

30. Please provide your employment status:

- ☐ Employed full-time ☐ Self-employed
☐ Employed part-time ☐ Retired
☐ Student ☐ Disabled, not able to work
☐ Not employed, looking for work ☐ Work in home (i.e. caregiver or homemaker)
☐ Not employed, not looking for work

31. What category does your total household income fall (include income from all sources)?

- ☐ Less than \$10,000 ☐ \$50,000 - \$75,000
☐ \$10,000 - \$25,000 ☐ \$75,000 - \$100,000
☐ \$25,000 - \$35,000 ☐ More than \$100,000
☐ \$35,000 - \$50,000

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

- ☐ Rent ☐ Have another person/family living in my home
☐ Own home ☐ Receive a housing subsidy
☐ Homeless ☐ Have difficulty making monthly housing expenses
☐ Living doubled up/with friends or family ☐ Have been late on rent or mortgage payments at least twice in past six months

Contact Information

Thank you for completing the survey and assisting the City of Birmingham to plan future housing and community development programs!

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