

# 2018 Fair Housing Survey



The State of Mississippi, six entitlement cities (noted by their logos above), and 50 Public Housing Authorities are currently conducting a fair housing study known as the "Analysis of Impediments" (AI). This study is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition for receiving federal housing and community development funds.

This AI process includes soliciting the opinions of people throughout the State, as well as those involved in the housing industry, including renters and homeowners. As such, you are being invited to take part in this survey to provide your opinions and experiences regarding fair housing.

Your answers are anonymous and will only be reported in a compilation with other responses. Thank you for your time. Please check the appropriate box or provide an answer in the blank space, below.

**1. Where do you live: (Please select one)**

- City of Biloxi
- City of Gulfport
- City of Hattiesburg
- City of Jackson
- City of Moss Point
- City of Pascagoula
- Somewhere else in Mississippi, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Community

**2. Which of the following best describes the type of housing you currently live in? (Choose only one)**

- Single-family home (detached)
- Duplex
- Condo/Townhouse
- Apartment building with 1-4 floors
- Apartment building with 5 or more floors
- Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How many years have you lived in your current housing? \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. If you live in subsidized or assisted housing, please indicate what type:**

- Public Housing
- Multi-family Section 8
- Tenant Based Section 8
- Project Based Section 8
- Other Assisted Housing
- Don't know
- Does Not Apply
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. If you are currently living in public housing or using a voucher, what is the name of your housing authority? \_\_\_\_\_**

This survey is also available online at: <https://www.research.net/r/2018MSFairHousingSurvey>

**6. How long have you lived in your neighborhood?**

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years
- More than 30 years

**7. Which of the following are the most important reasons you decided to live in your neighborhood? (Check all that apply)**

- To live near family and friends
- To be close to work
- Accessibility of goods and services
- To be near public transportation
- Physical accessibility of the building
- Nearby schools for my children/grandchildren
- Access to job opportunities
- Safety in the neighborhood
- Affordability of housing
- I grew up here
- No choice/ Nowhere else to go
- Other reasons, (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**8. How safe would you say you feel walking in your neighborhood during the day time?**

- Very safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Safe
- Not safe

**9. How safe would you say you feel walking in your neighborhood at night?**

- Very safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Safe
- Not safe

**10. How safe would you say you feel walking in your public housing development during the day time?**

- Very safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Does Not Apply
- Safe
- Not safe

**11. How safe would you say you feel walking in your public housing development at night?**

- Very safe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Does Not Apply
- Safe
- Not safe

**12. If you had a choice, would you continue to live in your neighborhood?**

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

Please describe why you feel this way: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**13. How would you rate each of the following aspects of your neighborhood? (Please check one box per row.)**

	Excel- lent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Cleanliness						
Condition of the buildings (including homes)						
Condition of streets and sidewalks						
Condition of the public spaces (parks, libraries, and recreation centers)						
Schools in the neighborhood						
Access to public transportation, like buses or light rail						
Availability of quality public housing (Section 8, affordable housing with income limits, etc.)						
Availability of job opportunities						

**14. Please indicate how easy it would be for you to get to each of the following places if you wanted to go there?(Please check one box per row.)**

	Easy	Slightly Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Difficult	Don't Know
Parks, play-grounds, or other green spaces					
Public libraries					
Supermarkets or grocery stores					
Pharmacies					
Banks and credit unions					
Churches, mosques, synagogues, or other religious or cultural centers					
Community centers or recreational facilities					
Places with jobs that I/ my household would want to have					

**15. What does your community need most? (Check all that apply)**

- Better Jobs
- Better Medical Services
- More Jobs
- Better Housing
- More Services
- Housing Rehab
- Good Grocery Stores
- More Affordable Housing
- Better Roads
- Better Sidewalks
- Better Public Safety
- Water & Sewer Improvements
- Better Educational Opportunities
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Out of 100%, if you had some money to spend on these activities, what percentage would you spend on:**

- Housing** \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Facilities** \_\_\_\_\_
- Economic Development** \_\_\_\_\_
- Human Services** \_\_\_\_\_
- Infrastructure** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Housing**

**17. Do you currently rent your home, own your home, share a room, or something else?**

- Rent from a Housing Authority
- Rent from a private landlord
- Rent a room
- Renter: share a room
- Own
- Owner: share a room
- Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**18. How satisfied would you say you are with the quality of the housing you currently live in?**

- Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Don't know

**19. In the past five years has your rent been paid by a rental assistance program?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**20. If you answered Yes to Question 19, have you ever had difficulty using that Section 8 voucher?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**21. During the past three (3) years, has the overall housing cost of your current home changed?**

- Increased a lot
- Increased some
- Stayed about the same
- Decreased some
- Decreased a lot
- Not Applicable

Please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

**22. Have you been displaced from your housing within the last 10 years?**

- Yes, as a renter                       No, as a renter  
 Yes, as an owner                       No, as an owner  
 Don't remember

**23. If you answered Yes to Question 22, was this the result of the property being:**

- Purchased                       Demolished  
 Improved/renovated                       Foreclosed  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### New Housing

**24. During the past five years, have you looked for a new place to live?**

- Yes, looked for a home/place to **Rent**  
 Yes, looked for a home/place to **Buy**  
 No  
 Don't remember

**25. If you answered Yes to Question 24, did you have trouble finding safe, quality housing that you could afford in a neighborhood you would like to live in?**

- Yes                       No                       Don't know

**26. If you answered Yes to Question 25, do you think it was because of any of the following: (Check all that apply)**

- Race/Ethnicity                       Religion  
 Disability                       Sexual orientation  
 Source of income                       Marital status  
 Sex/Gender                       National origin  
 Ancestry                       Age  
 Criminal history/Record                       Familial status  
 Pregnant or having children  
 Other reasons, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**27. Do you believe that you have been discriminated against in your current housing because of any of the following? (Check all that apply)**

- Race/Ethnicity                       Religion  
 Disability                       Sexual orientation  
 Source of income                       Marital status  
 Sex/Gender                       National origin  
 Ancestry                       Age  
 Criminal history/Record                       Familial status  
 Pregnant or having children  
 Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**28. If you have ever been discriminated by your landlord, did you complain?**

- Yes                       No                       Don't know                       Does Not Apply

**29. Were you satisfied with the outcome of your complaint?**

- Yes                       No                       Don't know                       Does Not Apply

**30. If you ever filed a fair housing complaint with an agency/department, which one? (Check all that apply)**

- Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center  
 HEED  
 U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**31. What was the outcome of informing or complaining to an agency/department about your fair housing issues?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**32. During the past five years, have you applied for a loan to purchase a home, to refinance your mortgage, or to take equity out of your home?**

- Yes                       No                       Don't know                       Does Not Apply

**33. Was the application(s) you made during the past five years approved?**

- Yes                       No                       Don't know                       Does Not Apply  
 If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**34. If you have ever applied for a home loan and your application was NOT approved, which of the following reasons were you given? (Check all that apply)**

- My/our income level is too low  
 The amount I/we had for a down payment is too little  
 How much savings I/we had is too little  
 The value of my property is too low  
 My/our credit history or credit score(s) is too low  
 Something else, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**35. Which of the following issues, if any, limited the housing options you were able to consider? (Check all that apply)**

- What I/we could afford to pay for rent or mortgage  
 The amount of money I/we had for deposit is too low  
 Housing large enough for my/our household  
 My/our credit history or credit score is too low  
 Units that accommodate my/our disability (i.e. wheelchair accessible)  
 Not being shown housing in the neighborhood(s) I wanted to move into  
 Concern that I/we would not be welcome in a particular neighborhood(s)  
 Other reasons, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### About You & Your Household

**36. What is your age?**

- Under 18                       18-24                       25-34                       35-45  
 46-54                       55-61                       62 & older

**37. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_**

**38. How many people under 18 years of age live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_**

**39. Are you, or someone else in your household, living with a disability?**

Yes  No  Don't know  Not Applicable

**40. Are there any problems within your home that create any physical/accessibility issues for yourself or someone living in your household?**

Yes  No  Don't know  Not Applicable

**41. Are you aware of your right to request, from your landlord, a change in rules or policies and your right to request a physical change to your housing to make your home more accessible if necessary due to a disability (called reasonable accommodation)?**

Yes  No  Don't know  Not Applicable

**42. Have you made a request for a reasonable accommodation and/or modification to your landlord?**

Yes  No  Don't know  Not Applicable

**43. If yes, what type of accommodation and/or modification did you request?**

Assistance animal  Live-in attendant  
 Modification of unit  Size of unit  
 Accessibility of unit  Change in rent due date  
 Parking/parking space related  Transfer to another unit  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**44. What was the outcome of your accommodation and/or modification request? \_\_\_\_\_**

**45. Were you satisfied with the outcome of your accommodation and/or modification request?**

Yes  No  Don't know

If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**46. If you are a homeowner or developer, are you aware of your right to request a reasonable accommodation involving land use zoning?**

Yes  No  Don't know  Does Not Apply

If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**47. What is the highest level of school that you have completed?**

Grade school or some high school  
 High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED)  
 Completed vocational/technical school  
 Some college but no degree  
 Bachelor's degree  
 Master's degree or higher

**48. Which of the following describes your current status? (Choose one)**

Employed full-time  Unemployed & looking for work  
 Employed part-time  Unemployed & not looking for work  
 Student  Retired  
 Unable to work due to a disability  
 Stay-at-home caregiver or parent  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**49. Have you ever been homeless?**

Yes  No  Don't know  Does Not Apply

**50. If yes, what led to your homelessness?**

Loss of your job  Jail/prison  
 Illness/hospitalization  Substance abuse issue  
 Eviction  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**51. What is the primary language you use at home?**

English  Spanish  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**52. If you requested your lease agreement or other important documents in your primary language were they provided?**

Yes  No  Did not request

**53. Have you been able to easily communicate with your landlord?**

Yes  No  Don't know

**54. Do you consider yourself Hispanic, Latino, Latina, or of Spanish origin?**

Yes, Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Spanish origin  
 No, not of Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Spanish origin

**55. What is your race? (Please check just one)**

American Indian or Native Alaskan  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 White  
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**56. What is your gender?**

Male  Female  Prefer not to answer

**57. What was your household income for all the people living in your household in 2017? \_\_\_\_\_**

**58. The information you share with us is anonymous. While this is completely optional, you may also provide your name, email, and phone number:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you. If you have any further questions or concerns about fair housing, please contact: Mississippi Home Corp at 601-718-4642

You may also mail this survey to:  
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