

***PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR  
RECENT RESIDENTIAL  
MORTGAGE EXPERIENCE***

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***A nationwide survey of mortgage borrowers  
throughout the United States***

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Over the last few years the U.S. economy has gone through some dramatic changes that have affected mortgage practices. Learning directly from borrowers about their experiences will help us improve lending practices and the mortgage process for future borrowers.

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The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), created in 2010 to ensure that all consumers have access to markets for consumer financial products and services and that markets for consumer financial products and services are fair, transparent, and competitive.

Thank you for your help with this important national study.

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We are interested in learning about your experience purchasing or refinancing either a personal home or a home for someone else, including rental property.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Thank you for helping us to learn more about your experience in getting a mortgage.

**1. At any time in 2013, did you take out or co-sign mortgage loan documents?**

- Yes → If you took out or co-signed more than one mortgage during this period, please refer to your experiences with the last mortgage you took out or co-signed throughout this survey.
- No → You do not need to complete the rest of the survey. Please return the blank questionnaire so we know the survey does not apply to you. The money enclosed is yours to keep.

**2. Did we mail this survey to the address of the house or property you financed with the mortgage?**

- Yes       No

**3. Including you, how many people signed or co-signed for this mortgage?**

- 1       2       3       4 or more

If this loan was co-signed by others, take into account all co-signers as best you can when answering the rest of the survey. Otherwise, it is your own situation that we want to know about.

**4. When you began the process of getting your mortgage, how familiar were you (and any co-signers) with each of the following?**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
The mortgage interest rates available at that time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The different types of mortgages available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The process of taking out a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The down payment needed to qualify for a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The income needed to qualify for a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your credit history or credit score	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The money needed at closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5. When you began the process of getting your mortgage, how concerned were you about qualifying for a mortgage?**

- Very       Somewhat       Not At All

**6. How firm an idea did you (and any co-signers) have about the mortgage you wanted?**

- Firm idea       Some idea       Little idea

**7. How much did you use each of the following sources to get information about mortgages or mortgage lenders?**

	A Lot	A Little	Not At All
Your lender or broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lenders or brokers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Real estate agents or builders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Material in the mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Websites that provide information on getting a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends/relatives/co-workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bankers or financial planners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing counselors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8. Which of the following best describes your shopping process?**

- I picked the loan type first, and then I picked the lender/broker
- I picked the lender/broker first, and then I picked the loan type

**9. How did you apply for your mortgage? Mark one answer.**

- Directly to a lender, such as a bank or credit union
- Through a mortgage broker (someone who works with two or more lenders to get a loan)
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**10. How many different lenders/brokers did you seriously consider before choosing where to apply for your mortgage? Mark one answer.**

- 1       2       3       4       5 or more



**11. How many different lenders/brokers did you end up applying to? Mark one answer.**

- 1     2     3     4     5 or more

**12. Did you apply to more than one lender/broker for any of the following reasons?**

	Yes	No
Searching for better loan terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concern over qualifying for a loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information learned from the "Good Faith Estimate"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turned down on earlier application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13. How important were each of the following in choosing the lender/broker you used for the mortgage you took out?**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Having an established banking relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a local office or branch nearby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Used previously to get a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lender/broker is a personal friend or relative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lender/broker operates online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lender is a community bank or credit union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendation from a friend/relative/co-worker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendation from a real estate agent/home builder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendation from a lending website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reputation of the lender/broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spoke my primary language, which is not English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**14. Who initiated the first contact between you and the lender/broker you used for the mortgage you took out?**

- I (or one of my co-signers) did  
 The lender/broker did  
 We were put in contact by a third party (such as a real estate agent or home builder)

**15. How open were you to suggestions from your lender/broker about mortgages with different features or terms?**

- Very     Somewhat     Not At All

**16. How important were each of the following in determining the mortgage you took out?**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Low interest rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low APR (Annual Percentage Rate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low closing fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low down payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low monthly payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An interest rate fixed for the life of the loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A term of less than 30 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No mortgage insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**17. Was the "Good Faith Estimate" you received from your lender/broker...**

	Yes	No
Easy to understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuable information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**18. Did the "Good Faith Estimate" lead you to...**

	Yes	No
Ask questions of your lender/broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seek a change in your loan or closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**19. In the process of getting your mortgage from your lender/broker, did you...**

	Yes	No
Add a co-signer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolve credit report errors or problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Answer follow-up requests for more information about income or assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have multiple appraisals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Redo/refile paperwork due to processing delays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delay or postpone closing date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**20. During the application process were you told about mortgages with any of the following?**

	Yes	No
An interest rate that is fixed for the life of the loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An interest rate that could change over the life of the loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A term of less than 30 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A higher interest rate in return for lower closing costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A lower interest rate in return for paying higher closing costs ( <i>discount points</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest-only monthly payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An escrow account for taxes and/or homeowner insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A prepayment penalty ( <i>fee if the mortgage is paid off early</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced documentation or "easy" approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An FHA, VA, USDA or Rural housing loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**21. In selecting your settlement agent did you...**

	Yes	No
Use an agent recommended by the lender/broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use an agent you had used previously	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shop around	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**22. Did your lender require you to get title insurance on your mortgage?**

- No
- Yes

**23. (If Yes in Q22) Which best describes how you picked the title insurance?**

- Reissued previous title insurance
- Used title insurance recommended by lender/broker or settlement agent
- Shopped around

**24. Overall, how satisfied are you that the mortgage you got was the one with the...**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Best terms to fit your needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowest interest rate for which you could qualify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowest closing costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**25. Overall, how satisfied are you with the...**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Lender/broker you used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loan closing process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information in mortgage disclosure documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The timeliness of mortgage disclosure documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Settlement agent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**26. Did you talk to a credit counselor or take a course about home buying?**

- No
- Yes

**27. (If Yes to Q26) How was counseling or the home-buying course provided?**

	Yes	No
In person, one-on-one	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In person, in a group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over the phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**28. (If Yes to Q26) How many hours was the counseling or the home-buying course?**

- Less than 3 hours
- 3 – 6 hours
- 7 – 12 hours
- More than 12 hours

**29. (If Yes to Q26) Overall, how helpful was counseling or the home-buying course?**

- Very
- Somewhat
- Not At All

**Your Mortgage**

**30. When you took out your mortgage, what was the loan amount (the dollar amount you borrowed)?**

\$  .00  Don't know

**31. What is the monthly payment (including the amount paid to escrow for taxes and insurance)?**

\$  .00  Don't know

**32. What is the interest rate on your mortgage?**

%  Don't know



**33. Is this an adjustable-rate mortgage (one that allows the interest rate to change over the life of the loan)?**

- Yes
- No
  
- Don't know

**34. At the time of application, did the lender give you the option to set/lock the interest rate so that it would not change before closing?**

- Yes
- No
  
- Don't know

**35. When was the interest rate set/locked on your loan?**

- At application
- Between application and closing
- Around closing

**36. Many mortgages have discount points paid to the lender to get a lower interest rate. Did you pay any discount points?**

- No
- Yes

**37. (If Yes in Q36) How many discount points did you pay?**

points  
 Don't know

**38. Some lenders charge origination points to cover the cost of preparing a mortgage for closing. These are often expressed as a percentage of the loan amount. Did you pay any origination points?**

- No → Skip to Q40
- Yes

**39. (If Yes in Q38) How many origination points did you pay?**

points  
 Don't know

**40. Does your mortgage have any of the following features?**

	Yes	No	Don't Know
A prepayment penalty (fee if the mortgage is paid off early)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An escrow account for taxes and/or homeowner insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A balloon payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest-only payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner's title insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Credit life/debt suspension/debt cancellation insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**41. Were the costs to close your loan paid in any of the following ways?**

	Yes	No	Don't Know
By me or a co-signer (check or wire transfer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By lender/broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By seller/builder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Added to the mortgage amount	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**42. At or before closing did you compare the final loan costs to the Good Faith Estimate you received earlier from your lender?**

- No
- Yes

**43. (If Yes to Q42) Did you find any significant differences between the two?**

- Yes
- No

**44. Did you seek input about your closing documents from any of the following people?**

	Yes	No
Lender/broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Real estate agent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Settlement agent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Title agent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trusted friend or relative who is not a co-signer on the mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**45. Did you face any unpleasant "surprises" at your loan closing?**

- No
- Yes

**46. (If Yes to Q45) What unpleasant surprises did you face?**

	Yes	No
Different loan terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher monthly payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher interest rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unexpected fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher amount of money needed at closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asked to sign blank documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rushed at closing or not given time to read documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**47. At the same time you took out your mortgage, did you also take out another loan on your property (a second lien, home equity loan, or home equity line of credit - HELOC)?**

- No
- Yes

**48. (If Yes to Q47) What was the amount of this loan?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Don't know

**49. How well could you explain to someone the...**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Process of taking out a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difference between a fixed- and an adjustable-rate mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difference between a prime and subprime loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difference between a mortgage's interest rate and its APR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amortization of a loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consequences of not making required mortgage payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**50. What was the primary purpose of your mortgage at the time you took it out? Mark one answer.**

- Purchase of a property
  - Permanent financing on a construction loan
  - Refinance or modification of an existing mortgage
  - New loan on a mortgage-free property
  - Some other purpose (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Skip to Q56 on the next page*

**51. Which statement best describes the approach you took to purchase your house or property?**

- Had a pre-approval or pre-qualification from a lender before I made the purchase
- Shopped for a mortgage after making the purchase offer
- Shopped for house and mortgage at the same time

**52. Did you use the proceeds from the sale of another property to help pay for the house or property you bought?**

- No
- Yes

**53. (If Yes to Q52) How much money from the sale of this other property was used to purchase your property?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Don't know

**54. What percent down payment did you make on your property?**

- 0%
- Less than 5%
- 5-9.99%
- 10-19.99%
- 20% or more

**55. Did you use any of the following sources of funds to purchase the property?**

	Used	Not Used
Savings, retirement account, inheritance, or other assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistance or loan from a nonprofit or government agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gift or loan from family or friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seller contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Purchase or construction loan skip to Q60.*



If you refinanced, took a new loan on a mortgage-free property or chose "other" in Q50 continue with Q56.

**56. How important, if at all, were the following reasons in your decision to refinance, modify or obtain a new mortgage?**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Change to a fixed-rate loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get a lower interest rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get a lower monthly payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consolidate or pay down other debt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repay the loan more quickly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take out cash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**57. Approximately how much was owed, in total, on the old mortgage(s) and loan(s) you refinanced?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Zero (the property was mortgage-free)

**58. How does the total amount of your new mortgage(s) compare to the total amount of the old mortgage(s) and loan(s) when they were paid off?**

- New amount is lower
- New amount is about the same
- New amount is higher
- Property was mortgage-free

**59. Did you use the money you got from this new mortgage for any of the following?**

	Yes	No
College expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auto or other major purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay off other bills or debts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home repairs/additions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Savings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closing costs of new mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business or investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Your Mortgaged Property

**60. When did you buy or acquire your property?**

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
month / year

**61. What was the purchase price of your property, or if you built it, the construction and land cost?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Don't know

**62. How did you acquire the property?**

Mark one answer.

- Purchased an existing home in a standard sale from the previous owner
- Purchased a newly-built home from a builder
- Purchased a foreclosed property from a bank, investor, or government agency
- Purchased a "short sale" property from the previous owner
- Purchased land and built a house
- Received as a gift or inheritance
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**63. What type of house is on your property?**

Mark one answer.

- Single-family detached house
- Townhouse, row house, or villa
- Mobile home or manufactured home
- 2-unit, 3-unit, or 4-unit dwelling
- Condo, apartment house, or co-op
- Unit in a partly commercial structure
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**64. (If multiple units in Q63) How many separate living units does your mortgage cover?**

\_\_\_\_\_ units

**65. About how much do you think your property is worth in terms of what you could sell it for now?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00  Don't know

**66. Do you rent out any portion of your property?**

No → Skip to Q68

Yes →

**67. (If Yes to Q66) How much rent do you receive?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 per month





**68. Which of the following best describes how you use this property?**

- Primary residence (*where you spend the majority of your time*)
- It will be my primary residence soon
- Seasonal or second home
- Home for other relatives
- Rental or investor property
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**69. (If primary residence in Q68) When did you move into the property?**

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
month / year

**70. Is anyone who currently lives in the property a co-signer on your mortgage?**

- Yes  No

**Your Household**

**71. What is your current marital status?**

- Married
- Separated
- Never married
- Divorced
- Widowed

**72. Do you have a partner who shares the decision-making and responsibilities of running your household but is not your legal spouse?**

- Yes  
 No

Please answer the following questions for you and your spouse or partner, if applicable.

**73. Age at last birthday:**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
	____ years	____ years

**74. Sex:**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**75. Owned other residential properties besides this one:**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**76. Highest level of education achieved:**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
Some schooling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High school graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
College graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postgraduate studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**77. Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**78. Race: Mark all that apply.**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
White	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**79. Current work status: Mark all that apply.**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
Self-employed/work for self	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed full time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed part time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporarily laid-off or on leave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not working for pay ( <i>student, homemaker, disabled, unemployed</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**80. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? (Active duty includes serving in the U.S. Armed Forces as well as activation from the Reserves or National Guard).**

	You	Spouse/ Partner
Yes, now on active duty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, on active duty in the past, but not now	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No, never on active duty except for initial/basic training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No, never served in the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**81. Besides you (and your spouse/partner), does anyone else live in your household or use your house as a permanent address?**

- No
- Yes

**82. (If Yes to Q81) How many of the other household members are 18 years of age or younger?**

household members

- None

**83. (If Yes to Q81) How many of the other household members are older than 18?**

household members

- None

**84. (If Yes to Q81) Do any of the other household members help pay for household expenses?**

- Yes
- No

**85. Approximately how much is your total annual household income from all sources (wages, salaries, tips, interest, child support, investment income, retirement, social security, and alimony)?**

- Under \$35,000
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$174,999
- \$175,000 or more

**86. How does this total annual household income compare to what it is in a "normal" year?**

- Higher than normal
- Normal
- Lower than normal

**87. Does your total annual household income include any of the following sources?**

	Yes	No
Wages or salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business or self-employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest or dividends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alimony or child support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Security benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**88. Does anyone in your household have any of the following?**

	Yes	No
401(k), 403(b), IRA, or pension plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stocks, bonds, or mutual funds (not in retirement accounts or pension plans)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificates of deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment real estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**89. Which one of the following statements best describes the amount of financial risk you are willing to take when you make investments?**

- Take substantial financial risks expecting to earn substantial returns
- Take above-average financial risks expecting to earn above-average returns
- Take average financial risks expecting to earn average returns
- Not willing to take any financial risks

**90. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

	Agree	Disagree
Owning a home is a good financial investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mortgage lenders generally treat borrowers well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Late payments will lower my credit rating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lenders shouldn't care about any late payments, only whether loans are fully repaid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is okay to default or stop making mortgage payments if it is in the borrower's financial interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**91. In the last couple of years, have any of the following happened to you?**

	Yes	No
Separated/divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Married/remarried/new partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Death of a household member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addition to your household (not including spouse/partner)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Person leaving your household (not including spouse/partner)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability or serious illness of household member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disaster affecting your house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disaster affecting your (or your spouse/partner's) work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moved within the area (less than 50 miles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moved to a new area (50 miles or more)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**92. In the last couple of years, have any of the following happened to you (or your spouse/partner)?**

	Yes	No
Layoff, unemployment or reduced hours of work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Starting a new job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Starting a second job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business failure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A personal financial crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**93. In the last couple years, how have the following changed for you (and your spouse/partner)?**

	Significant Increase	Little/No Change	Significant Decrease
Household income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-housing expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**94. In the last couple years, how have the following changed in your neighborhood?**

	Significant Increase	Little/No Change	Significant Decrease
Number of homes for sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of vacant homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of homes for rent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of foreclosures or short sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
House prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall desirability of living there	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Your Future Expectations

**95. What do you think will happen to the prices of homes like yours in your neighborhood over the next couple of years?**

- Increase a lot
- Increase a little
- Remain about the same
- Decrease a little
- Decrease a lot

**96. In the next couple of years, how do you expect the overall desirability of living in your neighborhood to change?**

- Significant increase
- Stay about the same
- Significant decrease

**97. In the next couple of years, how do you expect the following to change for you (and your spouse/partner)?**

	Significant Increase	Little/No Change	Significant Decrease
Household income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-housing expenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**98. How likely is it that in the next couple of years you will...**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Move and sell your property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Move but keep your property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refinance your mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay off your mortgage and own your property mortgage-free	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**99. How likely is it that in the next couple of years you (or your spouse/partner) will face...**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulties making your mortgage payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A layoff, unemployment, or forced reduction in hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some other personal financial crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**100. If your household faced an unexpected personal financial crisis in the next couple of years, how likely is it you could...**

	Very	Somewhat	Not At All
Pay your bills for the next 3 months without borrowing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get significant financial help from family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borrow enough money from a bank or credit union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Significantly increase your income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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