



# HUD Survey of Public Housing Agencies

This brief survey solicits your opinion—as a spokesperson for your agency—of the service being provided to you by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Please answer the questions by placing an “x” in the box of the response that comes closest to describing your experiences with HUD. If you deal with more than one HUD program, office, or employee, please take all of your experiences into consideration when answering the questions.

Be assured that the information you provide will be combined with all other answers and that **neither you nor your agency will be identified in reporting the survey findings to HUD or anyone else.** We request that you do not tell us your name. The survey is being conducted by Silber & Associates, an independent, non-partisan research organization.

Please complete the questionnaire this week and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you need assistance, you may telephone Silber & Associates toll-free at 1-888-SILBER-1 (888-745-2371) or e-mail support@silberandassociates.com.

1. How **frequent** have your **agency’s contacts** been **with HUD** during the past twelve months?

Very frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)  
 Somewhat frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)  
 Not very frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)  
 None at all ———> **On behalf of your agency, are you in a position to assess and comment on the performance of HUD’s organization and programs?**  
 Don’t know ———>

Yes (CONTINUE)  
 No ———>  
 Don’t Know ———>

PLEASE FORWARD TO APPROPRIATE PERSON, OR RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE IF THERE IS NO SUCH PERSON

2. During the past twelve months has your <b>agency</b> had <b>contact</b> with:	Yes	No	Don’t Know
a. HUD personnel in HUD’s Washington DC Headquarters office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD personnel in one or more of HUD’s field offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD personnel in a specialized HUD Center or Hub (such as Real Estate Assessment Center, Section 8 Financial Management Center, Troubled Agency Recovery Center (TARC), Multifamily Property Disposition Center, HUD Homeownership Centers, FHA Resource Center, HUD Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. A contractor working for HUD (such as a Section 8 Performance Based Contract Administrator)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. HUD has several **different responsibilities**. On one hand, it provides various forms of **support** (for example, funding, technical assistance, information) and, on the other, it has a **regulatory** responsibility (that is, it makes rules, assures compliance with those rules, makes assessments). In your agency’s relationship with HUD, would you say HUD is mainly providing support to you, mainly regulating you, or doing both about equally?

Mainly providing support to you  
 Mainly regulating you  
 About equally providing support and regulating you  
 Neither/something other  
 Don’t know

4. Thinking first about **HUD programs** with which you currently deal and then about how HUD runs those programs, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with:

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	It depends	Don’t know
a. The HUD programs you currently deal with	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The way HUD currently runs those programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Listed below are different ways to think about **your relationship with HUD**. For each item, indicate your general level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction at the present point in time. *Check "Not Applicable" if the situation does not apply to your agency (for example, if you do not currently receive information from HUD).*

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with...?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable	Don't know
a. The <b>quality</b> of the <b>information</b> you currently receive from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The <b>timeliness</b> of the <b>information</b> you currently receive from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The <b>timeliness of decision-making by HUD</b> (such as requests for waivers, rulings, and approvals)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The <b>quality</b> of <b>guidance</b> you currently get from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The <b>consistency</b> of <b>guidance</b> you currently get from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The <b>clarity of HUD rules and requirements</b> that apply to your agency; in other words, how easy they are to understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The <b>responsiveness</b> of the <b>people</b> with whom you currently deal at HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The <b>competence</b> of the <b>people</b> with whom you currently deal at HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The extent to which <b>HUD employees</b> have the <b>knowledge, skills, and ability</b> to do their work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Your ability to <b>reach</b> the <b>people at HUD</b> whom you need to contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The <b>time commitment</b> needed to <b>comply</b> with HUD <b>reporting</b> requirements (such as those involving REAC or PIC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Below are **changes that occurred at HUD** over the last decade. Have they made HUD better or worse, or have they not had much effect?

	Much better	Somewhat better	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Not had much effect	Not aware of such changes/Not applicable	Don't know
a. <b>Organizational changes</b> , such as consolidation of previously independent offices under other offices [like the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) or establishment of the PIH Information Center (PIC)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Outsourcing project-based <b>Section 8 program monitoring</b> through a <b>third-party entity</b> such as a Performance Based Contract Administrator.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. HUD provides **training and technical assistance** through different methods. For each method listed below, please indicate how useful or not useful you've found it. *Check "Have not used" if that applies.*

	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Not too useful	Not useful at all	Have not used	Don't know
a. HUD-sponsored <b>conferences</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD-sponsored <b>satellite broadcasts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD-sponsored <b>training programs</b> conducted by <b>contractors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. HUD's <b>Webpage</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. HUD's <b>Webcast training</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. HUD participation in <b>panel discussions</b> and <b>training sessions</b> set up by <b>non-HUD groups</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. HUD has increasingly relied on **electronic transmission** to communicate with its partners. Based on your experience in the past 12 months, please indicate how effective or ineffective each of the following has been as a tool for HUD to convey important information to you, such as notices and guidance. *Check "Have not used" if HUD hasn't communicated with you this way.*

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not too effective	Not effective at all	Have not used	Don't know
a. HUD <b>listserves</b> (automated mailing lists of subscribers to which HUD sends <b>e-mail</b> messages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD's <b>Website</b> postings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD's <b>E-mail</b> (individual correspondence to or from a HUD employee)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.	How would you characterize <b>relations</b> between your <b>agency</b> and <b>HUD today</b> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Don't know
10.	Over the <b>last several years</b> have <b>relations</b> between your <b>agency</b> and <b>HUD</b> gotten:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Much better	Somewhat better	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Have not changed
11.	Indicate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each of the following as it relates to your agency. <i>Check "Not Applicable" if the situation does not apply.</i>					
	a. HUD's ability to accurately <b>monitor income and rent policies</b> through the <b>Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Project (RHIP)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b. The ability of HUD field office personnel to <b>consistently</b> and <b>reliably interpret policies</b> and <b>regulations</b> that pertain to your agency's grants and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c. HUD's current capacity to <b>collect</b> and <b>make available</b> tenant (HUD-50058) data and reports in the <b>PIH Information Center (PIC)</b> system ( <i>Consider such things as ease of use of the system, usefulness of reports, appropriateness of data collected, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d. HUD's current capacity to <b>monitor</b> and <b>provide oversight</b> of your agency's activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	e. The <b>timeliness</b> of <b>financial information</b> you receive from <b>HUD</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	f. The <b>timeliness</b> of <b>funds disbursed</b> by HUD for your agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	g. The quality of <b>technical assistance</b> and <b>guidance</b> you receive about <b>PIC</b> and from <b>REAC</b> related to electronic transmission of information to HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	h. The <b>physical inspections performed</b> by HUD's <b>REAC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	i. <b>Electronic financial reporting</b> to <b>REAC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	j. The <b>Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	k. The <b>Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	l. The <b>quality</b> of HUD support & technical assistance related to improving the <b>energy efficiency</b> of housing supported by HUD programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	m. The <b>Enterprise Income Verification (EIV)</b> system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	n. The <b>amount</b> of support & technical assistance for implementing <b>asset management</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	o. The <b>quality</b> of support & technical assistance for implementing <b>asset management</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. What, if anything, can HUD do to **improve** the process for **converting to asset management**? (Please print.)  
 *Check this box if you are not converting to asset management.* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

13. What, if anything, can HUD do to **improve** the **Enterprise Income Verification (EIV)** system? (Please print.)  
 *Check this box if EIV is not applicable.* \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Housing agencies may work with several HUD offices, hubs and centers for various purposes. Are the **different functions and responsibilities** of **these offices, hubs and centers**:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very clear	Somewhat clear	Somewhat unclear	Very unclear	Don't know



15. **Grants.gov (formerly eGrants)** is intended to be a simple, unified electronic storefront for interactions between grant applicants and Federal agencies—providing information about grant opportunities and facilitating grant applications. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Grants.gov—considering such things as ease of use, usefulness etc.? Check “Have not used” if you haven’t used Grants.gov.

Very satisfied   
  Somewhat satisfied   
  Somewhat dissatisfied   
  Very dissatisfied   
  Don't know   
  Have not used Grants.gov

16. Consider HUD’s public communications, such as to Congress and the media, about public housing agencies. Do **those communications** generally make it much easier for you to accomplish your agency’s objectives, somewhat easier, somewhat harder, or much harder, or do they generally have no effect?

Much easier   
  Somewhat easier   
  Somewhat harder   
  Much harder   
  No effect   
  Don't know

17. At present, taking everything into consideration, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with HUD’s **overall performance**?

Very satisfied   
  Somewhat satisfied   
  Somewhat dissatisfied   
  Very dissatisfied   
  Don't know

18. Please indicate the **title/position** of the person (or persons) who answered these questions:

Agency Director                     
  Agency Deputy Director                     
  Other Agency Senior Official  
 Other Agency Employee                     
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Taking into account all the jobs in your employment history, how many **years**, in total, have you **interacted with HUD** as part of your job?

Less than 1 year   
  1 - 3 years   
  4 - 6 years   
  7 - 9 years   
  10 years or more

20. Which **field office** or offices does your agency interact with on a regular basis? Mark all that apply.

<b>REGION I</b>	Bangor <input type="checkbox"/>	Boston <input type="checkbox"/>	Burlington <input type="checkbox"/>	Hartford <input type="checkbox"/>	Manchester <input type="checkbox"/>	Providence <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION II</b>	Albany <input type="checkbox"/>	Buffalo <input type="checkbox"/>	Camden <input type="checkbox"/>	Newark <input type="checkbox"/>	New York <input type="checkbox"/>	Syracuse <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION III</b>	Baltimore <input type="checkbox"/>	Charleston <input type="checkbox"/>	Philadelphia <input type="checkbox"/>	Pittsburgh <input type="checkbox"/>	Richmond <input type="checkbox"/>	Wash., D. C. <input type="checkbox"/> Wilmington <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION IV</b>	Atlanta <input type="checkbox"/> Knoxville <input type="checkbox"/>	Birmingham <input type="checkbox"/> Louisville <input type="checkbox"/>	Columbia <input type="checkbox"/> Memphis <input type="checkbox"/>	Greensboro <input type="checkbox"/> Miami <input type="checkbox"/>	Jackson <input type="checkbox"/> Nashville <input type="checkbox"/> San Juan <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacksonville <input type="checkbox"/> Orlando <input type="checkbox"/> Tampa <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION V</b>	Chicago <input type="checkbox"/>	Cincinnati <input type="checkbox"/> Grnd. Rapids <input type="checkbox"/>	Cleveland <input type="checkbox"/> Indianapolis <input type="checkbox"/>	Columbus <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee <input type="checkbox"/>	Detroit <input type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis <input type="checkbox"/>	Flint <input type="checkbox"/> Springfield <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION VI</b>	Albuquerque <input type="checkbox"/>	Dallas <input type="checkbox"/> New Orleans <input type="checkbox"/>	Ft. Worth <input type="checkbox"/> Okla. City <input type="checkbox"/>	Houston <input type="checkbox"/> San Antonio <input type="checkbox"/>	Little Rock <input type="checkbox"/> Shreveport <input type="checkbox"/>	Lubbock <input type="checkbox"/> Tulsa <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION VII</b>	Des Moines <input type="checkbox"/>	Kansas City <input type="checkbox"/>	Omaha <input type="checkbox"/>	St. Louis <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>REGION VIII</b>	Casper <input type="checkbox"/>	Denver <input type="checkbox"/>	Fargo <input type="checkbox"/>	Helena <input type="checkbox"/>	Salt Lk. City <input type="checkbox"/>	Sioux Falls <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION IX</b>	Fresno <input type="checkbox"/>	Honolulu <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento <input type="checkbox"/>	Las Vegas <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego <input type="checkbox"/>	Los Angeles <input type="checkbox"/> San Francisco <input type="checkbox"/>	Phoenix <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana <input type="checkbox"/>	Reno <input type="checkbox"/> Tucson <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGION X</b>	Anchorage <input type="checkbox"/>	Boise <input type="checkbox"/>	Portland <input type="checkbox"/>	Seattle <input type="checkbox"/>	Spokane <input type="checkbox"/>	

We welcome and appreciate any comments you may have about HUD. PLEASE PRINT. Use extra paper if needed.  
PLEASE DO NOT IDENTIFY YOURSELF OR ANYONE ELSE BY NAME.

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**Thank You for Completing the HUD Survey of Community Development Departments.**  
Please return your completed questionnaire to:

HUD SURVEY, c/o Silber & Associates, P.O. Box 651, Clarksville, MD 21029-0651. A prepaid envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

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