



HUD Survey of Fair Housing Assistance Program Agencies

This brief, confidential 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.

Your responses will remain strictly confidential. Neither you nor your agency will be identified in reporting the survey findings to HUD or anyone else. The survey is being conducted by Silber & Associates, an independent and non-partisan research organization.

Please complete the questionnaire this week and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you need assistance, please 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 agency had contact 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 the 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	<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?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mainly providing support
Mainly regulating
About equally providing support and regulating
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:

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"/>

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

5. Listed below are different ways to think about **your relationship with HUD**. For each item, indicate your 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 quality of the information 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 timeliness of the information 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 timeliness of decision-making by HUD (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 quality of guidance 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 consistency of guidance 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 clarity of HUD rules and requirements 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 responsiveness of the people 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 competence of the people 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 HUD employees have the knowledge, skills, and ability 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 reach the people at HUD 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 time commitment required to comply with HUD reporting requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. 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 conferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD-sponsored satellite broadcasts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The National Fair Housing Training Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. HUD-sponsored training programs conducted by contractors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. HUD's Webpage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. HUD's Webcast training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. HUD participation in panel discussions and training sessions set up by non-HUD groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. 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 listserves (automated mailing lists of subscribers to which HUD sends e-mail messages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD's Website postings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD's E-mail (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"/>

8. How adequate is your **reimbursement** from HUD for covering the costs of:

	Very adequate	Somewhat adequate	Somewhat inadequate	Very inadequate	Don't know
a. Investigating individual complaints?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Training and administration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Capacity building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. How adequate is the **level of technical assistance** currently provided to you by HUD in support of your agency's responsibility for responding to fair housing complaints?

	Very adequate	Somewhat adequate	Somewhat inadequate	Very inadequate	Don't know
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Some FHAP agency officials say they would like to see a **closer partnership with HUD** in pursuing **pattern and practice or Secretary-initiated cases**. Others say this is not necessary, as the U.S. Department of Justice or states' attorneys general have this duty. What do you say?

	Would like to see closer partnership	Not necessary	It depends	Don't know
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. How often, if at all, do you **work with** local Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) **organizations on cases** they are investigating?

	Very often	Sometimes	Not at all	Don't know
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Some FHAP agency officials say they would like to build **closer partnerships with FHIP organizations** with respect to (a), (b), and/or (c) below. Others say this is not necessary or appropriate. What do you say?

	Would like to see closer partnerships	Not necessary or appropriate	It depends	Don't know
a. Investigating cases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Testing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Education activities/outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. What, if any, **major new steps** could HUD take that it is not now taking to help you with your fair housing and fair lending responsibilities?

14. Please indicate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each of the following as it relates to your agency. Check "Not applicable" if the situation does not apply to your agency.

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable	Don't know
a. The recent upgrading of TEAPOTS (Title Eight Automated Paperless Office Tracking System)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The overall effectiveness of TEAPOTS in the investigation and tracking of complaints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD's on-site performance assessment process for FHAP agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The amount of support & technical assistance you receive from HUD related to addressing fair lending issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The quality of support & technical assistance you receive from HUD related to addressing fair lending issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. If your agency put together a **logic model** in conjunction with a HUD NOFA application, have you found that the logic model helped you to...?

	Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	No	I Don't know	Haven't done a logic model in conjunction with HUD grant application
a. Better identify performance indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Better think through activities to achieve your desired objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Better manage your HUD grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



16. How would you characterize **relations** between your **agency** and **HUD today**? Very good Good Bad Very bad Don't know
17. Over the **last several years** have **relations** between your **agency** and **HUD** gotten much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse, much worse, or have they not changed? Much better Somewhat better Somewhat worse Much worse Have not changed Don't know
18. 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
19. 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: _____
20. 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

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

REGION I	Bangor <input type="checkbox"/>	Boston <input type="checkbox"/>	Burlington <input type="checkbox"/>	Hartford <input type="checkbox"/>	Manchester <input type="checkbox"/>	Providence <input type="checkbox"/>
REGION II	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"/>
REGION III	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"/>
REGION IV	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"/>
REGION V	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"/>
REGION VI	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"/>
REGION VII	Des Moines <input type="checkbox"/>	Kansas City <input type="checkbox"/>	Omaha <input type="checkbox"/>	St. Louis <input type="checkbox"/>		
REGION VIII	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"/>
REGION IX	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"/>
REGION X	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.

Thank You for Completing the HUD Survey of Fair Housing Assistance Program Agencies. 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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