



**The Survey of  
Chicagoland Neighborhoods**

**Department of Justice**

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

**BJS** Bureau of Justice Statistics

Title 42, Section 3732, United States Code, authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, to collect information using this survey and requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 7418-85F2. Comments regarding any other aspect of this data collection may be sent to, to DOJ Clearance Officer, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW Washington, DC 20531 or by calling toll-free 1-800-937-8285

## **Commonly Asked Questions**

### ***What is the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics Survey of Chicagoland Neighborhoods?***

The U.S. Bureau of Justice (BJS) Survey of Chicagoland Neighborhoods is a survey of households in the Chicago area to obtain information about Chicago communities.

### ***Who is the sponsor of this study?***

The survey is sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The survey is conducted under the authority of Title 42, United States Code, Section 3732. To learn more about BJS, you can visit them on the web at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs).

### ***How long will it take to complete this survey?***

We anticipate that most households will be able to complete the mailed survey in about 5-6 minutes. Some households may be contacted later for a more detailed survey.

### ***Am I required to complete this survey?***

Participation is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to answer. However, your household was randomly selected for this scientific sample survey, and you cannot be replaced with another household. Your cooperation is extremely important to help ensure the completeness and accuracy of this much needed information.

### ***Who will use this information?***

Results from this survey (and similar surveys conducted by The U.S. Department of Justice) will be used to better understand the needs of neighborhood residents.

### ***Who can I call with questions?***

If you would like further information, you can contact Westat at 1-888-380-0050.

### ***How was my household chosen for this study?***

Households were selected at random from all Chicago-area residential addresses. By selecting households randomly, we will be able to create scientific estimates about households in the Chicago area. It's important to participate, so that we have an accurate picture of the Chicagoland community.

### ***How do I know you'll keep my information confidential?***

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose as required by law (Title 42, U.S. Code, Sections 3789g). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce statistical summaries about crime and safety. After the study is completed, identifying information - your address and phone number - are destroyed.



# U.S. Department of Justice Survey of Neighborhood Safety

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Please use a black or blue pen to complete this form.
- Mark  to indicate your answer.
- If you want to change your answer, darken the box  and mark the correct answer.

## START HERE

The following questions ask about your neighborhood. By neighborhood, we mean the general area around your house or the building you live in, where you might do things such as shopping, going to the park, or visiting with neighbors.

**1. On the whole, is this neighborhood a good place to live?**

- Yes
- No

**2. How much of a problem is litter, broken glass or trash on the sidewalks and streets?**

- Never a problem
- Almost never a problem
- Sometimes a problem
- Almost always a problem
- Always a problem

**3. How much of a problem is crime in your neighborhood?**

- Never a problem
- Almost never a problem
- Sometimes a problem
- Almost always a problem
- Always a problem

Please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

**4. People around here are willing to help their neighbors.**

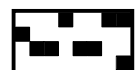
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

**5. This is a close-knit neighborhood.**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

**6. People in this neighborhood can be trusted.**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know



7. People in this neighborhood generally get along with each other.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

8. People in this neighborhood share the same values.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

9. The police are doing a good job in dealing with problems that really concern people in this neighborhood.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

10. When people in your neighborhood call 911, does help arrive quickly?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

11. How long have you lived at this address?

- 1 year or less
- 1 to 5 years
- 5 or more years

Telephone Number

12. What is the best phone number to use to contact you? (This phone number will only be used for the purpose of this research study.)

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Mail  
to:

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return your form in the postage paid envelope provided or mail to:

Name  
Address  
City, State Zip



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