

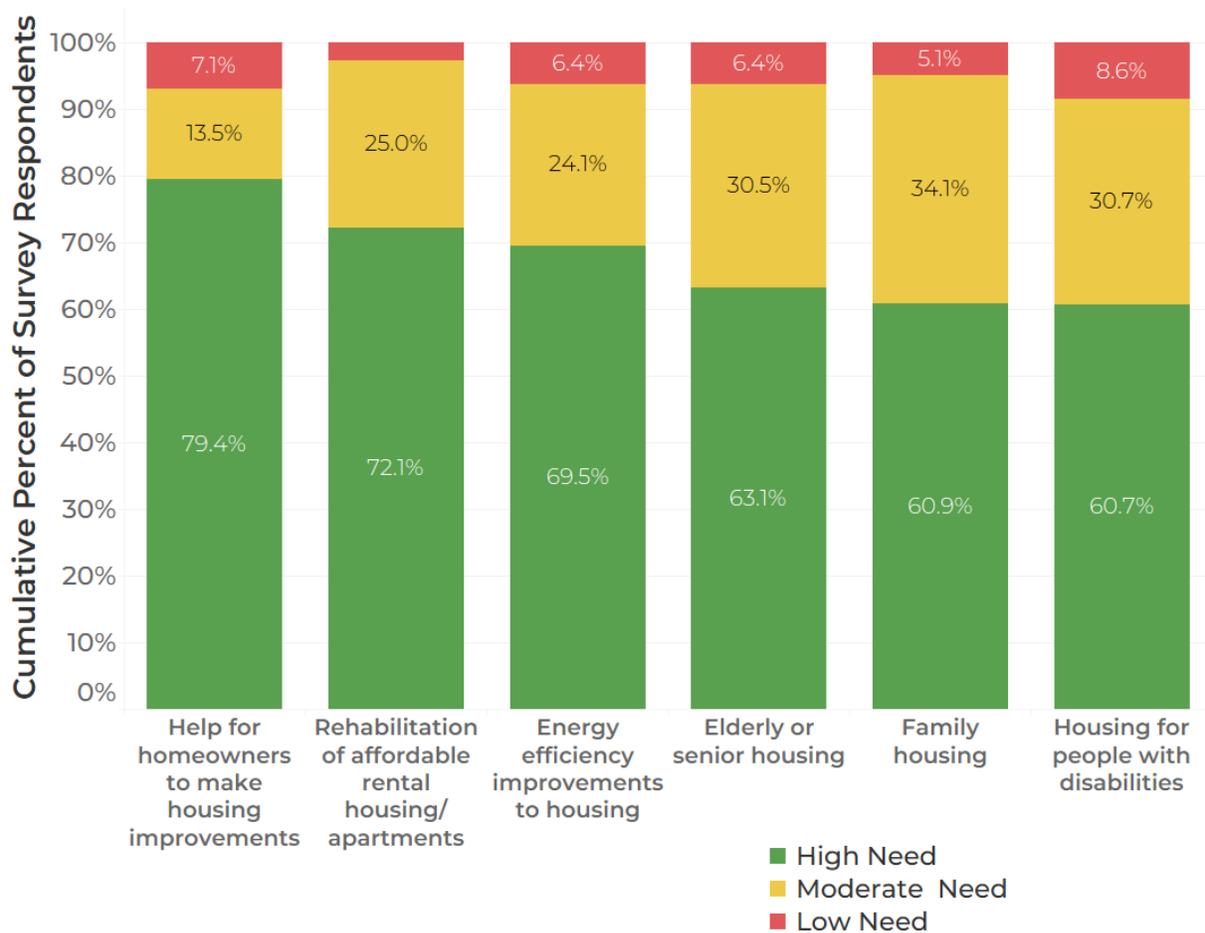
Community Survey Results

The community survey asked residents and stakeholders about barriers to fair housing access, affordable housing needs, and provision of public services in the city and county. A total of 142 people responded to the survey, representing a range of age groups, income levels, races and ethnicities, and zip codes. Full survey results are included in the appendix.

Respondents' Thoughts about Housing Needs

When asked about housing needs in Kansas City and Wyandotte County, survey respondents noted the highest levels of need for help for homeowners to make housing improvements, rehabilitation of affordable rental housing and apartments, and energy efficiency improvements to housing, all of which were noted as high-level need by about 70% of respondents or more (see Figure 2). In addition to these top housing needs, elderly or senior housing, family housing, and housing for people with disabilities were noted as high-level needs by more than 60% of survey respondents.

Figure 1: Housing Needs in the City and County as Rated by Residents and Stakeholders in the Community Survey



Respondents' Thoughts about Access to Community Resources

When asked about the distribution of community resources, more than 75% of survey participants said that roads and sidewalks, grocery stores and other shopping, and property maintenance are not equally provided throughout all neighborhoods. More than 50% of survey participants noted that garbage collection and police and fire protection are equally available across their communities (see Figure 3).

Figure 2: Availability of Community Resources in the City and County as Rated by Residents and Stakeholders in the Community Survey



Respondents' Thoughts about Fair Housing

Most survey participants reported understanding or somewhat understanding their fair housing rights (50.0% and 34.3%, respectively; see Figure 4). While only 15.7% of respondents said that they did not know their fair housing rights, 50.0% said they would not know where to file a housing discrimination complaint (see Figure 5).

Figure 3: Responses to “Do you understand your fair housing rights?” from the Community Survey

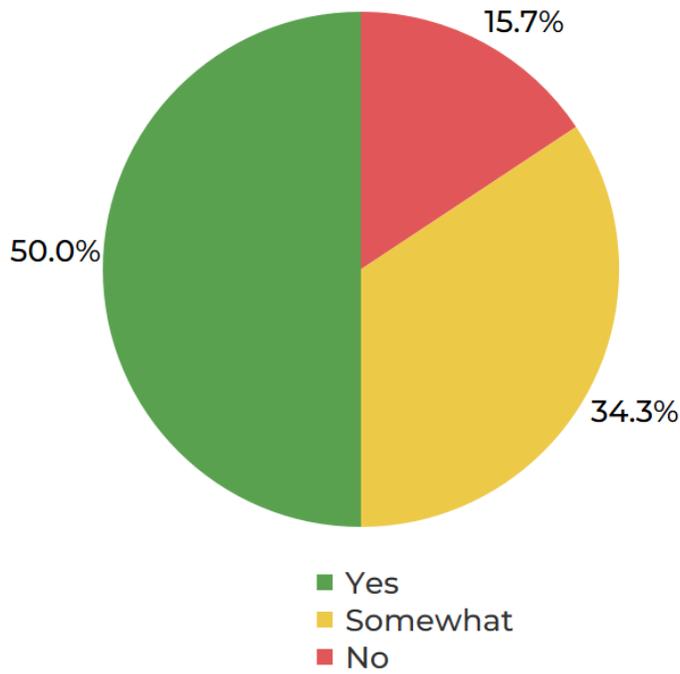
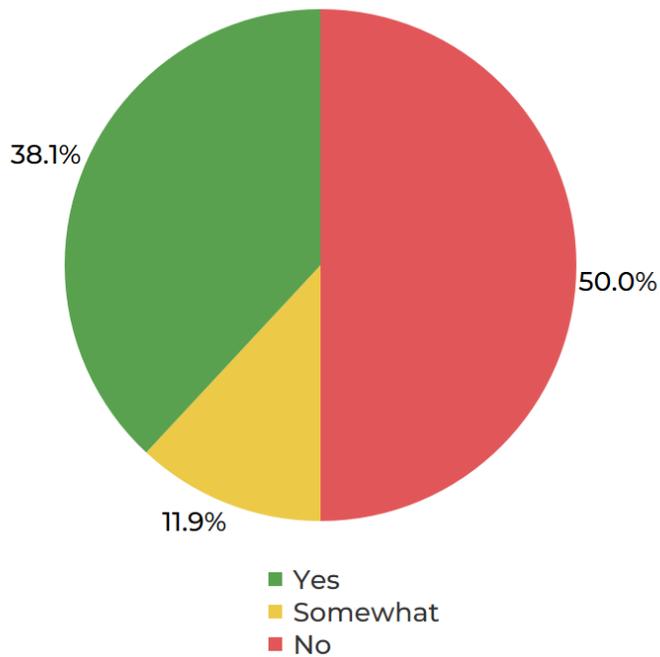


Figure 4: Responses to “Do you know where to file a housing discrimination complaint?” from the Community Survey



Twelve (12) survey participants experienced housing discrimination while living in the city or county. Of those 12 people:

- Seven respondents noted that they were discriminated against by a landlord or property manager. Two residents were discriminated against by real estate agents, one by a mortgage lender, and two noted other sources of discrimination.
- Race/color was the most common basis for discrimination, cited by five people, followed by familial status, noted by three people.
- Only one person filed a report of discrimination. Reasons for not filing discrimination complaints included not knowing what good it would do (identified by five people), not knowing where to file (identified by three people), fear of retaliation (identified by two people), not realizing discrimination was against the law (identified by two people), and other reasons (identified by four people).

Slightly more than one third of respondents (37.9%) said they believe housing discrimination is an issue or may be an issue in the city or county, while 15.9% said they do not believe housing discrimination is an issue.

Asked to select any factors that are barriers to fair housing in the city and county, respondents most often identified the following (see Figure 6):

- ❖ Neighborhoods that need revitalization and new investment (selected by 74.2% of respondents);
- ❖ Not enough affordable housing for families (selected by 73.4%);
- ❖ Not enough affordable housing for individuals (selected by 68.6%);
- ❖ Not enough affordable housing for seniors (selected by 62.9%);
- ❖ Displacement of residents due to rising housing costs (selected by 60.5%); and
- ❖ Lack of housing options for people with disabilities (selected by 53.2%).

Notably, responses focused on the need for revitalization and new investment, as well as for increasing the supply for affordable housing—including for people with disabilities and seniors—and reducing displacement of residents due to rising housing costs.

Figure 5: Responses to “Do you think any of the following are barriers to fair housing in Wyandotte County/ Kansas City? (Check any that apply.)” from the Community Survey

