

2016-2020 Consolidated Plan Survey Results

A survey of Arlington County residents was conducted to better understanding community development needs and fair housing barriers. The survey was provided in both English and Spanish (the primary non-English language spoken in the County), in addition to printed survey forms the survey was also available online in both languages. During the survey period of three months, from March to May 2014, a total of 638 completed surveys were received.

Households with incomes under 80% of the area median income adjusted for household size made up 63% of the survey pool (407 households). Given that the purpose of the survey was to prioritize the needs or the low and moderate income population in Arlington only the results from the low and moderate income respondents will be detailed here.

Demographics of Low/mod households surveyed

Hispanic/Latino households accounted for 44 percent of respondents; White households made up 25 percent and African American or Black households were 21 percent of the low/mod survey pool.

The gender of respondents was 70 women and 30 percent male.

Families with children made up 41 percent of households, 44 percent of households had no children, and 14 percent were senior households.

One and two person households made up 49% of the respondents.

A significant majority of the respondents were renters (78 percent).

Low income households (below 60% AMI adjusted for household size) accounted for 90 percent of the low and moderate respondents.

Community Development Priorities

The survey asked for respondents to choose five areas that they felt were the greatest needs in their community. There was also an option to provide other issues not included in the list.

The highest ranking needs were as follows:

The availability of housing that is affordable	293
Public health services, like health or dental care	212
Job training or job opportunities	162
Services to prevent homelessness	146
Housing for elderly residents	137
English classes	114
Emergency assistance for utilities, rent or food	109
Neighborhood improvements	108

Among comments received in the “other” category improved bus service, better customer service from property managers, lowering the property tax burden for seniors, parking issues, and employment services in more languages frequently were cited.

Fair Housing Barriers

The survey asked residents if they have experienced any of barriers to housing, the following were the highest ranked issues:

Housing is expensive	300
I can't rent or buy because of poor credit	94
Public transportation from my neighborhood to my job or shopping	65
I don't understand my rights and responsibilities as a renter	49

Access to adequate public transportation, poor credit, and the cost of housing were most frequently cited under the “other” category.

Housing Poll

Arlington County also conducting a telephone survey of 1,744 residents regarding housing needs and policies. This survey oversampled Hispanic, Asian, African American and lower income seniors (over 65 years of age) households in order to gain valid sample sizes for demographic groups. The results were then weighted to ACS-based demographic factors of ethnicity, age and income.

Housing Affordability

37 percent of Arlington residents' reported spending more than 30 percent of their gross income on housing. There is a 20-point gap between owners (29 percent) and renters (49 percent) reporting spending more than 30 percent on housing. Groups with a greater than average (37 percent) share of rent burdened households are:

- Renters receiving assistance (50 percent);
- Hispanics (49 percent);
- African Americans (50 percent);
- 25-34 year olds (45 percent);
- Columbia Pike area residents (46 percent);
- Residents who have lived in Arlington less than 5 years (45 percent);
- Those with incomes under \$60,000 (56 percent);
- Those with incomes between \$60,000 and \$80,000 (66 percent); and
- Renters in building with 3+ stories (45 percent).

Potential housing related displacement relocation

Two-in-five (41 percent) Arlington residents were at least “somewhat likely” to move out of Arlington within the next 5 years because of housing costs; one-in-four (23 percent) are “very likely” to be displaced because of housing costs. Homeowners are less likely to move because of costs than renters, with only 28 percent of owners responding they are at least “somewhat likely” compared to 61 percent of renters.

The acute (“very likely”) sense of anticipated dislocation is associated with the same groups classifying their current housing as unaffordable...

- African Americans (33 percent very likely to move out);
- Renters (38 percent); and
- 25-34 year olds (34 percent);
- Incomes under \$60K (38 percent); and
- Residents who have lived in Arlington less than 5 years (32 percent).

Arlington County Resident Survey

Consolidated Plan 2016-2020



Neighborhood and Community Needs

The following questions ask for your opinions about your community and its needs. It will be used for Arlington County to develop its Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development for the years 2016-2020. Thank you - your input is important!

What do you think are the greatest needs in your neighborhood or community?

Choose up to 5

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The availability of housing that is affordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health services, like health or dental care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary or transitional housing | <input type="checkbox"/> English classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Services to prevent homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health and counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing for elderly residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial education and counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing for physically disabled residents | <input type="checkbox"/> After school programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing for residents with other special needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency assistance for utilities, rent or food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration assistance or services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence prevention and services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased energy efficiency for housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Early childhood education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with small businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Community involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training or job opportunities |

Fair Housing Barriers

The following question asks about fair housing conditions. Each person is entitled to equal access to housing opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, or source of income.

Have you experienced any of these barriers to housing in your neighborhood or community?

Choose up to 2

- Housing is expensive
- I can't rent or buy because of poor credit
- I can't rent or buy because of a criminal record
- I don't understand my rights and responsibilities as a renter
- A landlord has refused to rent to me because (describe)

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- Public transportation from my neighborhood to my job or shopping isn't adequate
 - I have a disability, and can't find housing that meets my needs
 - Other _____

The following questions will help us analyze the results of the survey. All your personal information will be kept confidential.

Select the following that best describe you (select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner <input type="checkbox"/> Renter	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult with children (under age 18) living in my home <input type="checkbox"/> Adult with no children <input type="checkbox"/> Adult with children not living in my home <input type="checkbox"/> Senior adult, age 65 or above
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	

What is the name of your neighborhood?

How many people live in your household?

1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6 or more

What is your total annual household income (include all members of your household)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001-\$80,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001-50,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80,001-\$90,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-60,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90,001 or more
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001-\$70,000	

Which best describes your race?

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> More than one race

Are you Hispanic or Latino? yes

Additional comments:

Please return survey by May 31, 2014

Mail or drop off
 Housing Division office
 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 700
 Arlington, VA 22201

Drop off
 Any Arlington County library

email
conplan@arlingtonva.us

Or take the survey online at housing.arlingtonva.us

What is a Consolidated Plan?

The Consolidated Plan provides the framework for Arlington’s housing, homeless, community and economic development activities over a five year period, beginning July 2016. It is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for any local jurisdiction receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds.

If you have questions, you can call 703-228-3760 or email conplan@arlingtonva.us