



CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Food Resource Accessibility Survey

*This Food Resource Accessibility Survey is being conducted to help inform City agencies on how to improve food access in your neighborhood. Please answer these questions to help determine what kind of grocery stores and food resources are needed in your neighborhood. If you prefer, you may submit this survey anonymously without including your contact information at the end. The survey is sponsored by the Centers for New Horizons, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Chicago State University with support of the City of Chicago.*

1. **Where do you live?**     Bronzeville     Kenwood     Hyde Park     Fuller Park  
 Washington Park     Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **How many people live in your household?**     1     2-3     4-5     6-7     8+
  
3. **For how many children (under 18 years) do you shop?**     1     2-3     4-5     6-7     8+
  
4. **What is your racial/ethnic background?** \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. **How old are you?**     under 18     18-24     24-35     36-45     46-55     56-65     65+
  
6. **How often do you shop for food?**  
 1X a week     2-3X a week     every other week     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. **Where have you bought or received food from in the last 12 months?** *Check all that apply*  
 From a large supermarket (e.g. Jewel-Osco, Whole Foods etc.)  
 From a medium size supermarket (such as Pete’s Produce, Cermak Produce e.tc)  
 From a corner store     Donation from friends     Donation from family  
 Donation from church     Food Pantry     Farmers market  
 Donation from social service agency (such as Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, etc.)  
 From a soup kitchen     From a community garden or urban farm  
 Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. **How do you most often get to places where you get your food?**  
 Walk     Car     Bus     Train     Bike     Taxi     Get a ride     OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. **Is it hard for you to get to places where you purchase or receive food?**     Yes     No

**10. Where do you shop for food?** *Check all that apply*

- Jewel-Osco    Dominick's    Walgreens    Save-A-lot    Dollar Store    Aldi  
 Michael's    Whole Foods    Wal-Mart    Trader Joe's    One Stop  
 Farmer's Market    Community/neighborhood garden  
 Corner store (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Are the stores you checked on question 10 (above) located in your neighborhood?**

- Yes, all of them are located in my neighborhood  
 No, none of them is located in my neighborhood  
 Some are located in my neighborhood, but others are not

Any comment about this question? \_\_\_\_\_

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**12. If you don't buy your food at local stores (within your neighborhood), why not?**

*Check all that apply*

- Poor quality/Freshness of food    Poor Customer Service    Lack of variety  
 Stigma/shame (afraid that people might view you negatively if you shop at local stores)  
 High Prices    Safety Concerns    Lack of information about the store  
 Store doesn't accept LINK card and other food assistance programs  
 Stores are hard to get to by bus or train  
 Other reason(s) \_\_\_\_\_
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**13. Are there fruits or vegetables you like, but cannot buy in your neighborhood?**

- Yes    No

**14. What fruits or vegetables can't you buy in the neighborhood that you would like to?**

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**15. What fruits do you eat or serve your family most often?** *Check all that apply*

- Apples    Bananas    Berries    Cherries    Grapes    Kiwi    Mangos    Melons  
 Oranges    Peaches    Pears    Plums    OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**16. What vegetables do you eat or serve your family most often?** *Check all that apply*

- Avocado    Bok Choy    Broccoli    Cabbage    Carrots    Cauliflower    Corn  
 Greens    Green beans    Lettuce    Spinach    Peas    Potatoes    Water melon  
 OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
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Answer the following question by rating each factor with a number, 1 through 4. Mark 1 if the factor is very important, 2 if the factor is somewhat important, 3 if the factor is of little importance and 4 if the factor is of no importance. You can use numbers more than once. For example, if two of the factors are very important, you would mark 1 for both. (1=Very important; 2=Somewhat important; 3=Of little importance; 4=Not important at all)

**17. Is it important to you that the food provided by stores: (Check all that apply).**

- (a) Is fresh?
  - (b) Is affordable?
  - (c) Includes healthy, prepared/ready to eat foods?
  - (d) Free of chemicals/pesticides?
  - (e) Grown by local farmers who treat farm workers fairly?
  - "Other" factors (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**18. There are different types of stores that sell food. Which type of market would you prefer to have in your neighborhood?** Please rank the following options, 1 through 3. You can only use each ranking once. (1=most preferred; 2=somewhat preferred; 3 = least preferred)

- (a) Cooperative Full Service Market (Worker/community owned, e.g. Hyde Park Co-op)
- (b) Supermarket Chain store (like Jewel-Osco)
- (c) an independent grocery store (like Village Foods in Hyde Park)

**19. In addition to the stores listed in question 18 above, are there any additional grocery stores or markets that you would prefer to have in your neighborhood?**

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**20. Has anyone in your household participated in any of these Federal Food Assistance Programs in the last 12 months?** Check all that apply

- Food Stamp Program       WIC Program       National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program       Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Summer Food Service program       WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
- Meals on Wheels Program       Community Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) distribution

**21. How would you describe the food your family has eaten most often in the last 12 months?**

- Homemade meals from groceries we buy
  - Ready-made meals from the grocery
  - Meals from fast food or other restaurants
  - Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
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**22. Which one of these statements best describes how much food, and/or your preferred food, is available to your family?**

- We always have enough to eat and the kinds of food we want
- We have enough to eat but not always the kinds of food we want
- Sometimes we don't have enough to eat
- Often we don't have enough to each

**23. Besides selling fresh vegetables and fruit, what services or items would you like to have in a full service food market or in nearby businesses?** *Please rate each with a number between 1 and 3 according to how important they are to you. You can use the same rating for multiple items. For example, if both bakery and flowers are very important to you, place a 1 next to each. (1= very important; 2=somewhat important; 3= not important)*

- \_\_\_ a) Bakery
- \_\_\_ b) Meat/Fish
- \_\_\_ c) Dry Goods (such as dry beans)
- \_\_\_ d) Flowers
- \_\_\_ e) Accept SNAP and /WIC cards
- \_\_\_ (f) ATM
- \_\_\_ (g) food demonstration
- \_\_\_ (h) senior Discount program
- \_\_\_ (i) OTHER (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**24. What would be the best way to make sure there is fresh, healthy food in your neighborhood?** *Only check one:*

- \_\_\_ One large grocery store
- \_\_\_ Several smaller grocery stores in different parts of the neighborhood
- \_\_\_ Community gardens or urban farms that sell vegetables and fruit
- \_\_\_ A food co-op that brings food in from farms all year; (usually requires payment in advance for regular deliveries to a specific location for you to pick up).
- \_\_\_ A mobile produce store that comes to my neighborhood
- \_\_\_ Help with building my own garden so I can grow my own food
- \_\_\_ Corner stores that have good quality fresh fruit and vegetables
- \_\_\_ Making sure food pantries and other places that give away food have fresh food

**25. What is your annual household income?**

- less than \$15,000     \$15,001- \$25,000     \$25,001- \$49,999     \$50,000 – \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999     \$100,000 – \$149,000     \$150,000 and over     I'd prefer not to say.

**26. What is the nearest cross street (intersection) from your house?** (Facing North)

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**Do you have any comments about this survey?**

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