

## **Dear Shelby County Resident:**

The United Way of Shelby County and its partners, including the Community Foundation of Shelby County, the Sidney-Shelby County Health Department, and the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services are partnering with Illuminology, a research consultancy, to complete an important effort to gauge residents' priorities through a **Community Needs Assessment**.

The information we learn from this assessment will help us better serve you and all of Shelby County now and into the future.

We really need as many residents as possible to complete the survey so we can better understand what Shelby County residents need and want to see us work together to address. The survey is completely anonymous and Illuminology will analyze and present all responses as a group.

Completing the survey will take less than 10 minutes.

## **How to Participate:**

Please scan the QR code below or visit this webpage for access:  
<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/2023-Shelby-County-Community-Survey>

If you have any questions, please call Karla Young at 937-492-2101 or Dr. Amanda Scott, the researcher leading Illuminology's work, at 614.447.3176.

And, if you don't have internet access you can still participate! Dr. Scott can mail you a paper copy to complete. Just call her at the number above.



## 2023 Shelby County Community Survey

The United Way of Shelby County and its partners, including the Community Foundation of Shelby County, the Sidney-Shelby County Health Department, and the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services need your input to support their planning efforts.

Please answer the questions as honestly as you can. If you don't know the answer to a question or if it is not applicable to you, feel free to skip it.

If you do not live in Shelby County, please do **NOT** complete this survey.

### OPINIONS ABOUT SHELBY COUNTY

1. Overall, how is the quality of life in Shelby County? [CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor

2. What do you like most about living in Shelby County? [PLEASE WRITE ANSWER BELOW]

3. In the past 12 months, how often have you: [FOR EACH ITEM BELOW, CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Gone to a community event or activity in Shelby County	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Felt close to others in Shelby County (besides family)	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Felt like you belonged in Shelby County	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Gone to a local gov't or political meeting in Shelby County	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

4. In the past 12 months, have you volunteered in your community, or have you not done that?

Have  
done that      Have not  
done that

5. In your opinion, how much opportunity do you have to affect what happens in Shelby County?

[CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Much  
opportunity      Some  
opportunity      Little  
opportunity      No  
opportunity

6. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way things are going in Shelby County right now? [CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Very satisfied      Somewhat  
satisfied      Somewhat  
dissatisfied      Very  
dissatisfied

7. What do you think is the biggest problem facing **adults** in Shelby County? [PLEASE WRITE ANSWER BELOW]

{PLEASE TURN OVER AND COMPLETE THE BACK}

8. What do you think is the biggest problem facing **teens** in Shelby County? [PLEASE WRITE ANSWER BELOW]

9. What do you think is the biggest problem facing **children** in Shelby County? [PLEASE WRITE ANSWER BELOW]

10. What problems do you or your family face with transportation or getting where you need to go?

[Check all that apply]

- Don't have transportation problems
- Financial issues (can't afford gas, vehicle repairs, etc.)
- Don't have a valid driver's license
- Don't have a vehicle or have to share a vehicle
- Lack of access to public transportation (schedule, distance, etc.)
- Other

11. How often do transportation problems impact your day-to-day life (i.e., ability to get to appointments or work, take children to school, get groceries, etc.)?

- Every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Never

12. Please indicate how true you believe the following statement is: Everyone in Shelby County has a fair and just opportunity to achieve their highest level of physical, emotional and mental health.

Very true      Somewhat true      Somewhat untrue      Very untrue

13. Please think for a moment about your vision for Shelby County in five years – what does that look like? In an ideal world, what would be different? [PLEASE WRITE ANSWER BELOW]

14. What makes Shelby County feel like home to you? [PLEASE WRITE ANSWER BELOW]

## PROBLEMS FACING ADULTS

15. Next, we'd like you to think about some specific challenges that may affect **adults** in Shelby County. For each item below, please mark whether you think it is not an issue, is a minor issue, or is a serious issue for Shelby County residents. [FOR EACH ITEM BELOW, CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

A. The use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
B. Homelessness	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
C. Lack of affordable housing	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
D. Not enough money for basic needs including healthy food	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
E. Hard to find good paying jobs in the county	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
F. Domestic violence between adult partners	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
G. Physical or financial abuse of senior citizens	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
H. Racial or ethnic bias	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
I. Lack of affordable, high-quality childcare	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
J. Lack of health care providers	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
K. Lack of mental health care providers	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
L. Mental or emotional issues among adult residents	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
M. Sexually transmitted diseases among adult residents	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
N. Unaffordable dental insurance or dental care	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
O. Unaffordable medical insurance, copays, medical care, or medications	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
P. Biased or unfair law enforcement	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
Q. Crime	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
R. Fire and ambulance response times are too long	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
S. Hard to safely get to places by walking or biking	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
T. Lack of public transportation	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
U. Fast, reliable internet access at home	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
V. Hard to know how to find services when you need help	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
W. Lack of recreational or cultural activities	Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue

16. Please look again at the problems in the table above. In your opinion, what are the **TWO MOST IMPORTANT** problems facing Shelby County **adults**? Please pick two and write the letters below.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> most important problem:		<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> most important problem:	
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## PROBLEMS FACING CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

17. Next, we'd like you to think about some specific challenges that may affect **children and teenagers** in Shelby County. For each item below, please mark whether you think it is not an issue, is a minor issue, or is a serious issue for Shelby County residents. [FOR EACH ITEM BELOW, CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
A. Teen vaping				
B. The use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs among children and teenagers		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
C. Child abuse or neglect		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
D. Teen pregnancy		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
E. Lack of health care providers		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
F. Lack of mental health care providers		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
G. Mental or emotional issues among children and teenagers		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
H. Sexually transmitted diseases among children and teenagers		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
I. Children are not well prepared to start school		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
J. Students do not learn what they need to learn in middle and high school		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
K. Hard to safely get to places by walking or biking		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
L. Lack of public transportation		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
M. Racial or ethnic bias		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
N. Lack of recreational or cultural activities		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
O. Lack of support from family members		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue
P. Difficulty finding good jobs close to home after graduation		Not an issue	Minor issue	Serious issue

18. Please look again at the problems in the table above. In your opinion, what are the **TWO MOST IMPORTANT** problems facing Shelby County **children and teenagers?** Please pick two and write the letters below.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> most important problem:		<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> most important Problem:	
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## DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

*PLEASE NOTE: If you are helping someone else complete this survey, please answer these questions about that person.*

19. Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor? [CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Excellent      Very good      Good      Fair      Poor

20. What is your gender? [CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Male      Female      Non-binary

21. In what year were you born? [WRITE A FOUR DIGIT YEAR]

22. For how many years have you lived in Shelby County?

 YEARS

23. Which of the following best describes your race? [CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY]

White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Some other race
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24. Do you or does someone you live with own or rent your home? [CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Own      Rent

25. What is the highest level of education you have completed? [CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Less than 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade (no diploma)	High School Degree / GED	Some College (no degree)	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
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26. What school district do you live in? [CIRCLE ONE ANSWER]

Anna      Botkins      Fairlawn      Fort  
Loramie      Hardin-  
Houston      Jackson  
Center      Russia      Sidney

Other:  
please  
write  
below