## A nationwide survey of mortgage borrowers throughout the United States

Over the last few years the U.S. economy has gone through some dramatic changes that have affected mortgage practices. Learning directly from borrowers about their experiences will help us improve lending practices and the mortgage process for future borrowers.

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Thank you for your help with this important national study.

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# We are interested in learning about your experience purchasing or refinancing either a personal home or a home for someone else, including rental property. 

## We look forward to hearing from you.

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Thank you for helping us to learn more about your experience in getting a mortgage.

1. Within the past $\mathbf{1 5}$ months or so, did you take out or co-sign mortgage loan documents (including any mortgage refinances)?Yes $\rightarrow$ If you took out or co-signed more than one mortgage during this period, please refer to your experiences with the last mortgage you took out or co-signed throughout this survey.No $\rightarrow$ You do not need to complete the rest of the survey. Please return the blank questionnaire so we know the survey does not apply to you. The money enclosed is yours to keep.
2. Did we mail this survey to the address of the house or property you financed with the mortgage?
Yes $\square$ No
3. Including you, how many people signed or cosigned for this mortgage?
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$\square 2$ 34 or more

If this loan was co-signed by others, take into account all co-signers as best you can when answering the rest of the survey. Otherwise, it is your own situation that we want to know about.
4. When you began the process of getting your mortgage, how familiar were you (and any cosigners) with each of the following?

| Very | SomewhatNot All <br> At Al mortgage interest rates |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The <br> available at that time | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The different types of <br> mortgages available | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The process of taking out a <br> mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The down payment needed to <br> qualify for a mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The income needed to qualify <br> for a mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Your credit history or credit <br> score | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The money needed at closing | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

5. When you began the process of getting your mortgage, how concerned were you about qualifying for a mortgage?Very
SomewhatNot at all
6. How firm an idea did you (and any co-signers) have about the mortgage you wanted?Firm ideaSome idea Little idea
7. How much did you use each of the following sources to get information about mortgages or mortgage lenders?

|  | A <br> Lot | A <br> Little | Not <br> At All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Your lender or broker | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Other lenders or brokers | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Real estate agents or builders | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Material in the mail | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Websites that provide information |  |  |  |
| $\quad$on getting a mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Friends/relatives/co-workers | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Bankers or financial planners | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Housing counselors | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

Other (specify)
8. Which of the following best describes your shopping process?

I picked the loan type first, and then I picked the lender/brokerI picked the lender/broker first, and then I picked the loan type
9. How did you apply for your mortgage? Mark one answer.Directly to a lender, such as a bank or credit unionThrough a mortgage broker (someone who works with two or more lenders to get a loan)
$\square$ Other (specify)
10. How many different lenders/brokers did you seriously consider before choosing where to apply for your mortgage? Mark one answer.
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11. How many different lenders/brokers did you end up applying to? Mark one answer.

13. How important were each of the following in choosing the lender/broker you used for the mortgage you took out?

|  | Very | Somewhat | Not All <br> At All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having an established banking <br> relationship | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Having a local office or branch <br> nearby | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Used previously to get a <br> mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Lender/broker is a personal <br> friend or relative | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Lender/broker operates online <br> Lender is a community bank or <br> credit union | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Recommendation from a <br> friend/relative/co-worker | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Recommendation from a real <br> estate agent/home builder | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Recommendation from a <br> lending website | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| Reputation of the lender/broker | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Spoke my primary language, <br> which is not English | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

14. Who initiated the first contact between you and the lender/broker you used for the mortgage you took out?I (or one of my co-signers) didThe lender/broker didWe were put in contact by a third party (such as a real estate agent or home builder)
15. How open were you to suggestions from your lender/broker about mortgages with different features or terms?VerySomewhatNot at all
16. How important were each of the following in determining the mortgage you took out?

|  | Very | Somewhat | Not <br> At All |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Low interest rate <br> Low APR (Annual <br> Percentage Rate) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Low closing fees | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Low down payment | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Low monthly payment | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| An interest rate fixed for <br> the life of the loan | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A term of less than 30 years | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| No mortgage insurance | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

17. Was the "Good Faith Estimate" you received from your lender/broker...

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Easy to understand | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Valuable information | $\square$ | $\square$ |

18. Did the "Good Faith Estimate" lead you to...

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ask questions of your lender/broker | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Seek a change in your loan or closing | $\square$ | $\square$ |

19. In the process of getting your mortgage from your lender/broker, did you...

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Add a co-signer | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Resolve credit report errors or problems | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Answer follow-up requests for more <br> information about income or assets | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Have multiple appraisals <br> Redo/refile paperwork due to processing <br> delays | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Delay or postpone closing date | $\square$ | $\square$ |

20. During the application process were you told about mortgages with any of the following?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| An interest rate that is fixed for the <br> life of the loan | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| An interest rate that could change over <br> the life of the loan | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A term of less than 30 years | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A higher interest rate in return for lower <br> closing costs | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A lower interest rate in return for paying <br> higher closing costs (discount points) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Interest-only monthly payments | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| An escrow account for taxes and/or <br> homeowner insurance | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A prepayment penalty (fee if the mortgage <br> is paid off early) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Reduced documentation or "easy" <br> approval | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| An FHA, VA, USDA or Rural housing <br> loan | $\square$ | $\square$ |

21. In selecting your settlement agent did you...

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Use an agent recommended by the | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| lender/broker | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Use an agent you had used previously | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Shop around | $\square$ | $\square$ |

22. Did your lender require you to get title insurance on your mortgage?

23. (If Yes in Q22) Which best describes how you picked the title insurance?Reissued previous title insuranceUsed title insurance recommended by lender/broker or settlement agentShopped around
24. Overall, how satisfied are you that the mortgage you got was the one with the...

|  |  | Not <br> Very |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Somewhat | All |  |

25. Overall, how satisfied are you with the...

|  | Very | Somewhat | Not All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lender/broker you used | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Application process | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Loan closing process | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The information in mortgage <br> disclosure documents | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The timeliness of mortgage <br> disclosure documents | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Settlement agent | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

26. Did you take a course about home-buying or talk to a housing counselor?No
$\square \mathrm{Yes} \square$
27. (If Yes to Q26) How was the home-buying course or counseling provided?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| In person, one-on-one | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| In person, in a group | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Over the phone | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Online | $\square$ | $\square$ |

28. (If Yes to Q26) How many hours was the home-buying course or counseling?Less than 3 hours
$\square 3-6$ hours7-12 hoursMore than 12 hours
29. (If Yes to Q26) Overall, how helpful was the home-buying course or counseling?Very
$\square$ Somewhat
Not at all

## Your Mortgage

30. When you took out your mortgage, what was the loan amount (the dollar amount you borrowed)?
\$ $\qquad$ .00Don't know
31. What is the monthly payment (including the amount paid to escrow for taxes and insurance)?
\$ $\qquad$ .00
$\square$ Don't know
32. What is the interest rate on your mortgage?
$\qquad$ \%
33. Is this an adjustable-rate mortgage (one that allows the interest rate to change over the life of the loan)?YesNoDon't know
34. At the time of application, did the lender give you the option to set/lock the interest rate so that it would not change before closing?YesNoDon't know
35. When was the interest rate set/locked on your loan?At applicationBetween application and closingAround closing
36. Many mortgages have discount points paid to the lender to get a lower interest rate. Did you pay any discount points?

37. (If Yes in Q36) How many discount points did you pay?
$\qquad$ points
$\square$ Don't know
38. Some lenders charge origination points to cover the cost of preparing a mortgage for closing. These are often expressed as a percentage of the loan amount. Did you pay any origination points?
$\square$ No $\rightarrow$ Skip to Q40Yes $\downarrow$
39. (If Yes in Q38) How many origination points did you pay?
$\qquad$ points
Don't know
40. Does your mortgage have any of the following features?

| Yeatures? | Yes | No | Don't <br> Know |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| A prepayment penalty (fee if the <br> mortgage is paid off early) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| An escrow account for taxes and/or <br> homeowner insurance | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A balloon payment | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Interest-only payments | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Owner's title insurance <br> Credit life/debt suspension/debt <br> cancellation insurance | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

41. Were the costs to close your loan paid in any of the following ways?

| By me or a co-signer (check or | Yes | No | Don't <br> Know |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| wire transfer) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| By lender/broker | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| By seller/builder | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Added to the mortgage amount | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

Other (specify) $\qquad$
42. At or before closing did you compare the final loan costs to the Good Faith Estimate you received earlier from your lender?NoYes $\downarrow$
43. (If Yes to Q42) Did you find any significant differences between the two?
YesNo
44. Did you seek input about your closing documents from any of the following people?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lender/broker | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Attorney | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Real estate agent | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Settlement agent | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Title agent | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Trusted friend or relative who is not |  |  |
| $\quad$a co-signer on the mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Housing counselor | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Other (specify) | $\square$ |  |

45. Did you face any unpleasant "surprises" at your loan closing?No Yes $\downarrow$
46. (If Yes to Q45) What unpleasant surprises did you face?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Different loan terms | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Higher monthly payment | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Higher interest rate | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Unexpected fees $\square$ <br> Higher amount of money needed  <br> at closing  | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Asked to sign blank documents <br> Rushed at closing or not given time <br> to read documents <br> Other (specify) <br>  | $\square$ | $\square$ |

47. At the same time you took out your mortgage, did you also take out another loan on your property (a second lien, home equity loan, or home equity line of credit - HELOC)?
$\square$ NoYes $\downarrow$
48. (If Yes to Q47) What was the amount of this loan?
\$ $\qquad$ .00Don't know
49. How well could you explain to someone the...

50. What was the primary purpose of your mortgage at the time you took it out? Mark one answer.

51. Which statement best describes the approach you took to purchase your house or property?
$\square$ Had a pre-approval or pre-qualification from a lender before I made the purchase
$\square$ Shopped for a mortgage after making the purchase offer
$\square$ Shopped for house and mortgage at the same time
52. Did you use the proceeds from the sale of another property to help pay for the house or property you bought?

53. (If Yes to Q52) How much money from the sale of this other property was used to purchase your property?
\$
$\square$ Don't know
54. What percent down payment did you make on your property?
0\%
$\square$ Less than 5\%
$\square 5 \%$ to less than $10 \%$
$\square 10 \%$ to less than $20 \%$
$\square 20 \%$ or more
55. Did you use any of the following sources of funds to purchase the property?

Savings, retirement account, inheritance, or other assets
Assistance or loan from a nonprofit or government agency
Gift or loan from family or friend
Seller contribution
Purchase or construction loan skip to Q60.

If you refinanced, took a new loan on a mortgage-free property or chose "other" in Q50 continue with Q56.
56. How important, if at all, were the following reasons in your decision to refinance, modify or obtain a new mortgage?

| Very | Somewhat | Not <br> At All |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change to a fixed-rate loan | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Get a lower interest rate | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Get a lower monthly payment | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Consolidate or pay down other <br> debt | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Repay the loan more quickly | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Take out cash | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

57. Approximately how much was owed, in total, on the old mortgage(s) and loan(s) you refinanced?
\$ $\qquad$ .00Zero (the property was mortgage-free)
58. How does the total amount of your new mortgage(s) compare to the total amount of the old mortgage(s) and loan(s) when they were paid off?


New amount is lower
$\square$ New amount is about the same
$\square$ New amount is higherProperty was mortgage-free
59. Did you use the money you got from this new mortgage for any of the following?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| College expenses | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Auto or other major purchase | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Pay off other bills or debts | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Home repairs/additions | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Savings | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Closing costs of new mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Business or investment | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Other (specify) $\quad \square$ | $\square$ |  |

## Your Mortgaged Property

60. When did you buy or acquire your property?

61. What was the purchase price of your property, or if you built it, the construction and land cost?
\$ $\qquad$ .00Don't know
62. How did you acquire the property?

Mark one answer.Purchased an existing home in a standard sale from the previous ownerPurchased a newly-built home from a builderPurchased a foreclosed property from a bank, investor, or government agencyPurchased a "short sale" property from the previous owner
$\square$ Purchased land and built a houseReceived as a gift or inheritanceOther (specify) $\qquad$
63. What type of house is on your property?

Mark one answer.Single-family detached houseTownhouse, row house, or villaMobile home or manufactured home2-unit, 3-unit, or 4-unit dwellingCondo, apartment house, or co-opUnit in a partly commercial structure
$\square$ Other (specify)

64. (If multiple units in Q63) How many separate living units does your mortgage cover?
$\qquad$ units
65. About how much do you think your property is worth in terms of what you could sell it for now?
\$ $\qquad$ .00 $\square$ Don't know
66. Do you rent out any portion of your property?No $\rightarrow$ Skip to Q68Yes $\downarrow$
67. (If Yes to Q66) How much rent do you receive?
\$ $\qquad$ .00 per month
68. Which of the following best describes how you use this property?Primary residence (where you spend the majority of your time)
$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\square \text { It will be my primary residence soon } \\ \square \text { Seasonal or second home } \\ \square \text { Home for other relatives } \\ \square \text { Rental or investor property } \\ \square \text { Other (specify) } \\ \\ \end{array}\right.$
69. (If primary residence in Q68) When did you move into the property?

70. Is anyone who currently lives in the property a co-signer on your mortgage?Yes
No

## Your Household

71. What is your current marital status?

72. Do you have a partner who shares the decision-making and responsibilities of running your household but is not your legal spouse?Yes No

Please answer the following questions for you and your spouse or partner, if applicable.

75. Owned other residential properties besides this one:

$\left.\begin{array}{lcc}\text { Spouse/ }\end{array}\right]$| You |
| :---: |
| Partner |

76. Highest level of education achieved:

| You | Spouse/ <br> Partner |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Some schooling | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| High school graduate | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Technical school | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Some college | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| College graduate | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Postgraduate studies | $\square$ | $\square$ |

77. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

| You | Spouse/ <br> Partner |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| No | $\square$ | $\square$ |

78. Race: Mark all that apply.

| You | Spouse/ <br> Partner |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| White | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Black or African American | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Asian | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | $\square$ | $\square$ |

79. Current work status: Mark all that apply.

|  | You | Spouse/ <br> Partner |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Self-employed/work for self <br> Employed full time | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Employed part time <br> Retired <br> Temporarily laid-off or on leave | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Not working for pay (student, <br> homemaker, disabled, unemployed) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\square$ | $\square$ |  |

80. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? (Active duty includes serving in the U.S. Armed Forces as well as activation from the Reserves or National Guard).

Yes, now on active duty
Yes, on active duty in the past, but not now Partner

No, never on active duty except for initial/basic training
No, never served in the U.S. Armed Forces
81. Besides you (and your spouse/partner), does anyone else live in your household or use your house as a permanent address?
82. (If Yes to Q81) How many of the other household members are 18 years of age or younger?
__ household members
None
83. (If Yes to Q81) How many of the other household members are older than 18?
___ household members
$\square$ None
84. (If Yes to Q81) Do any of the other household members help pay for household expenses?Yes No
85. Approximately how much is your total annual household income from all sources (wages, salaries, tips, interest, child support, investment income, retirement, social security, and alimony)?Under \$35,000\$35,000 to \$49,999\$50,000 to \$74,999\$75,000 to \$99,999\$100,000 to \$174,999$\$ 175,000$ or more
86. How does this total annual household income compare to what it is in a "normal" year?Higher than normalNormalLower than normal
87. Does your total annual household income include any of the following sources?

| Wages or salary | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Business or self-employment | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Interest or dividends | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Alimony or child support | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Social Security benefits | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | $\square$ | $\square$ |

88. Does anyone in your household have any of the following?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 401(k), 403(b), IRA, or pension plan | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Stocks, bonds, or mutual funds (not in |  |  |
| $\quad$ retirement accounts or pension plans) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Certificates of deposit | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Investment real estate | $\square$ | $\square$ |

89. Which one of the following statements best describes the amount of financial risk you are willing to take when you make investments?Take substantial financial risks expecting to earn substantial returns
$\square$ Take above-average financial risks expecting to earn above-average returns
$\square$ Take average financial risks expecting to earn average returns
$\square$ Not willing to take any financial risks
90. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Owning a home is a good financial investment
Mortgage lenders generally treat borrowers well
Late payments will lower my credit rating
Lenders shouldn't care about any late payments, only whether loans are fully repaid
It is okay to default or stop making mortgage payments if it is in the borrower's financial interest
91. In the last couple of years, have any of the following happened to you?

| Separated/divorced | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Married/remarried/new partner | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Death of a household member <br> Addition to your household <br> (not including spouse/partner) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Person leaving your household <br> (not including spouse/partner) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Disability or serious illness of <br> household member | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Disaster affecting your house <br> Disaster affecting your (or your <br> spouse/partner's) work <br> Moved within the area (less than 50 miles) <br> Moved to a new area (50 miles or more) | $\square$ | $\square$ |

92. In the last couple of years, have any of the following happened to you (or your spouse/partner)?

| Layoff, unemployment or reduced | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\quad$ hours of work | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Promotion | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Starting a new job | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Starting a second job | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Business failure | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| A personal financial crisis | $\square$ | $\square$ |

93. In the last couple years, how have the following changed for you (and your spouse/partner)?

|  | Significant <br> Increase | Little/No <br> Change | Significant <br> Decrease |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Household income | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Housing expenses | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Non-housing expenses | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

94. In the last couple years, how have the following changed in your neighborhood?

|  | Significant <br> Increase | Little/No <br> Change | Significant <br> Decrease |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of homes for sale | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Number of vacant homes | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Number of homes for rent | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Number of foreclosures or <br> short sales | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| House prices <br> Overall desirability of <br> living there | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

## Your Future Expectations

95. What do you think will happen to the prices of homes like yours in your neighborhood over the next couple of years?Increase a lotIncrease a littleRemain about the sameDecrease a littleDecrease a lot
96. In the next couple of years, how do you expect the overall desirability of living in your neighborhood to change?Become more desirableStay about the sameBecome less desirable
97. In the next couple of years, how do you expect the following to change for you (and your spouse/partner)?

|  | Significant <br> Increase | Little/No <br> Change | Significant <br> Decrease |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Household income | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Housing expenses | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Non-housing expenses | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

98. How likely is it that in the next couple of years you will...

| Very | Somewhat | Not All <br> At All |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Move and sell your property | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Move but keep your property | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Refinance your mortgage | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Pay off your mortgage and own <br> your property mortgage-free | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

99. How likely is it that in the next couple of years you (or your spouse/partner) will face...

|  |  |  | Not |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very |  |  |  | Somewhat | At All |
| :--- |

100. If your household faced an unexpected personal financial crisis in the next couple of years, how likely is it you could...

|  | Very | Somewhat | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { At All } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pay your bills for the next 3 months without borrowing | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Get significant financial help from family or friends | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Borrow enough money from a bank or credit union | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Significantly increase your income | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

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We have provided the space below if you wish to share additional comments or further explain any of your answers. Please do not put your name or address on the questionnaire.

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