

# HOLMES COUNTY HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY SURVEY

The United Way Wayne and Holmes Counties and our partners are working to better understand **housing** and **transportation** challenges in Holmes County, Ohio and explore practical solutions together. We don't have all the answers, but we want to be part of creating positive change for residents, workers, employers, seniors, veterans and families. Your feedback will help shape new community coalitions focused on realistic, local solutions that make life easier for everyone.

**Your responses are anonymous and will only be shared in summary form.**  
**We ask for your zip code for data purposes only.**

**You may choose to share your contact information at the end of the survey.**

**The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete.**  
**Thank you for taking the time to share your input!**

## LET'S GET STARTED!

### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ROLE IN THE HOLMES COUNTY COMMUNITY?

(Check all that apply)

- I live in this community
- I work in this community
- I represent a business or employer
- I represent a church or faith-based organization
- I work in healthcare or social services
- I'm a landlord, builder, or housing provider
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP CODE:** Where you live or work:

## HOUSING

### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION IN OUR COMMUNITY?

(Choose one)

- Plenty of affordable and available housing
- Some housing available, but limited affordability
- Very limited availability or affordability
- Major shortage or quality concerns

# HOUSING

## WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST HOUSING CHALLENGES YOU SEE OR EXPERIENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

(Check all that apply)

- Not enough affordable options**
  - Poor housing conditions / need for repairs**
  - Limited options for seniors**
  - Limited options for young families or first-time renters/buyers**
  - High rent or purchase prices**
  - Lack of accessible housing (for disabilities, etc.)**
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
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## HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW STRUGGLED TO FIND OR KEEP HOUSING IN THE PAST YEAR?

(Choose one)

- Yes**    **No**    **Not Sure**

## WHAT KINDS OF HOUSING WOULD HELP MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS?

(Check all that apply)

- Affordable rental housing** - Apartments or homes with rent priced for low- to moderate-income families.
- Single-family homes for purchase** - Houses that allow families to build equity & long-term stability.
- Senior housing / assisted living** - Safe, accessible housing for older adults who need varying levels of care.
- Transitional housing** - Short-term housing for individuals or families moving out of crisis situations.
- Emergency housing** - Immediate, temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness or emergencies.
- Accessible housing for people with disabilities** - Homes designed or adapted for mobility and accessibility needs.
- Multi-family apartments or townhomes** - Housing options that provide multiple units in one building or complex.
- Workforce housing** - Affordable housing for essential workers and moderate-income earners near jobs.
- Temporary housing for seasonal workers** - Short-term accommodations for workers during peak employment seasons.
- Supportive housing** - Housing combined with services for mental health, substance recovery, or other needs.
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT FEARS DO YOU HAVE WHEN IT COMES TO MULTI-FAMILY UNITS OR APARTMENT COMPLEXES?

(Check all that apply)

- Increased traffic or congestion** - Concern about more cars and road safety.
  - Noise levels** - Worry about loud neighbors or constant activity.
  - Crime or safety issues** - Fear of higher crime rates or reduced neighborhood security.
  - Property value decline** - Concern that nearby home values may drop.
  - Overcrowding** - Worry about too many people in a small area.
  - Strain on local resources** - Impact on schools, utilities, and emergency services.
  - Parking shortages** - Fear of insufficient parking spaces for residents and visitors.
  - Change in neighborhood character** - Concern about losing the community's look and feel.
  - Poor maintenance or upkeep** - Worry that properties may become neglected over time.
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
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## WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU SEE IN MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING OR APARTMENT COMPLEXES?

(Check all that apply)

- More affordable housing options** - Helps individuals and families find homes within their budget.
  - Efficient use of land** - Maximizes space and reduces urban sprawl.
  - Closer to jobs and services** - Convenient access to employment, shopping, and healthcare.
  - Community amenities** - Shared spaces like playgrounds, gyms, or green areas.
  - Energy efficiency** - Lower utility costs and smaller environmental footprint.
  - Diverse housing choices** - Meets needs of singles, couples, and small families.
  - Supports local economy** - Brings more residents to support businesses and services.
  - Improved walkability** - Encourages walking and reduces reliance on cars.
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
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## WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY RENT/MORTGAGE PAYMENT YOU CONSIDER AS AFFORDABLE?

(Choose one)

- Less than \$500**
- \$500-\$749**
- \$750-\$999**
- \$1000-\$1249**
- \$1250-\$1499**
- \$1500-\$1749**
- \$1750-\$1999**
- \$2000 or more**
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

# HOUSING

**IF YOU HAD TO MOVE TODAY, HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU THAT YOU COULD FIND HOUSING IN HOLMES COUNTY THAT MEETS YOUR NEEDS?**

(Choose one)

- Very confident**
- Somewhat confident**
- Not confident**
- Unsure**

**WHAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO FIND HOUSING IN HOLMES COUNTY THAT MEETS YOUR NEEDS?**

(Check all that apply)

- More affordable options**
- Greater variety of housing types (apartments, single-family homes, etc.)**
- Better access to information and listings**
- Assistance with financing or down payment programs**
- Flexible lease or purchase terms**
- Housing closer to jobs, schools, or services**
- Improved transportation options**
- Support for accessibility needs**
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# TRANSPORTATION

**HOW DO YOU (OR YOUR EMPLOYEES/CONGREGATION MEMBERS/PATIENTS) USUALLY GET TO WORK, APPOINTMENTS, SCHOOL, OR STORES?**

(Check all that apply)

- Personal vehicle**
- Ride from family or friends**
- Walking or biking**
- Employer transportation**
- Volunteer driver or church van**
- Horse & buggy**
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# TRANSPORTATION

## WHAT TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES DO YOU SEE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

(Check all that apply)

- No public transportation options
  - Car repairs or cost of ownership
  - Lack of transportation for seniors or people with disabilities
  - Difficulty accessing jobs or healthcare
  - Long travel times or unsafe roads
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## IF YOUR CAR STOPPED WORKING TODAY, HOW WOULD YOU GET WHERE YOU NEED TO GO?

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## WOULD YOU USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IF AVAILABLE LOCALLY?

(Check all that apply)

- Community shuttle or bus
- Volunteer driver program
- Rideshare or carpool network (Lyft, Uber)
- Bike or walking trails connecting key locations
- Delivery or mobile services (DoorDash, McDelivery, groceries, prescriptions, etc.)
- None of these
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHY WOULD YOU USE THESE TRANSPORTATION OR DELIVERY OPTIONS?

(Check all that apply)

- To save money on transportation costs
- To reduce reliance on owning a personal vehicle
- For convenience and time savings
- To access work, school, or appointments
- To improve health and wellness (walking/biking)
- To reduce environmental impact
- Because of limited parking or traffic concerns
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# TRANSPORTATION

**HOW OFTEN DO TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES CAUSE MISSED WORK, APPOINTMENTS, OR SCHOOL FOR YOU?** (Choose one)  Frequently  Occasionally  Rarely  Never

**HOW OFTEN DO TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES CAUSE MISSED WORK, APPOINTMENTS, OR SCHOOL FOR PEOPLE YOU KNOW?** (Choose one)  Frequently  Occasionally  Rarely  Never  Unsure

**WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS A REASONABLE FEE (\$) TO GET FROM DOWNTOWN MILLERSBURG TO MILLERSBURG WALMART?** (approximately 1 ½ miles one way)

## COMMUNITY IMPACT & MOVING FORWARD

**HOW DO HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AFFECT YOUR FAMILY, EMPLOYEES, OR ORGANIZATION?**

  
  

**WHAT GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE MOST AFFECTED BY THESE CHALLENGES?**

(Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Families with young children              | <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals experiencing homelessness        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors / older adults                    | <input type="checkbox"/> People in recovery or w/ mental health needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal or migrant workers                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-income households                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth and young adults                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single parents                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essential workers (healthcare, education) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                 |

**WHAT LOCAL STRENGTHS OR RESOURCES COULD WE BUILD ON TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?**

Think about organizations, programs, or assets already in Holmes County that could help. For example: community groups, businesses, schools, transportation services, volunteer networks, or faith-based organizations.

# COMMUNITY IMPACT & MOVING FORWARD

**WHAT SMALL/SIMPLE IDEAS DO YOU THINK COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE RIGHT NOW IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

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**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A LOCAL COALITION OR HELPING WITH SOLUTIONS?**

(Choose one)

- Transportation       Both       Keep me informed  
 Housing       No, not at this time

**WHAT INDIVIDUALS, AGENCIES AND/OR COMPANIES IN THE COMMUNITY DO YOU FEEL SHOULD BE INVITED TO BE A PART OF A HOLMES COUNTY HOUSING AND/OR TRANSPORTATION COALITION?**

Please list as many contacts as possible. We want to make sure all sectors of our community are covered.

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## OPTIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

**If you wish to remain anonymous, please skip this section and go to the back of this page.**

If you're comfortable sharing your contact information, please provide your name, email, and/or phone number so we have a way to follow up with you. Your information will only be shared with United Way Wayne & Holmes Counties.

**Full Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

