

**What is this survey for?**

The following 20-minute survey asks about your current housing situation as a XXXX student as well as your housing situation in the past year. The first part of the survey asks for background information, and the second part of the survey asks more specific questions regarding your housing experiences as a XXXX student. The survey is completely anonymous. You may skip any question you would prefer not to answer. If you would like to participate in a one-on-one, 30-minute follow-up interview, there is information at the end of the survey on how to do so.

**Part I: Background Information**

1) What is your date of birth? [*month/date/year: XX/XX/XXXX*] (Rationale: This provides the ability to understand the variability in age more.)

2) What is your year in college? [*multiple choice: choose one answer from drop-down choices: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, Other \_\_\_\_\_*] (Rationale: These are community college students, so 1-6 years should be OK. Included “other,” just in case.)

3) What is your anticipated graduation date? [*Month and Year*] (Rationale: Graduation dates could be a large range, so have students write it in. Would also allow them to write in that they may not plan to graduate.)

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**Part II: In this part of the survey, questions ask about your current housing situation as well as your housing situation in the past school year.**

1) In the past school year, have you been homeless or suffered from housing insecurity?

(Homeless/housing insecure = not having a stable, suitable, and structurally safe dwelling with your own room in which to live.) [*Yes/No Question*] (Rationale: Simple yes/no question.)

2) Are you currently homeless or suffering from housing insecurity? (Homeless/housing insecure = not having a stable, suitable, and structurally safe dwelling with your own room in which to live.) [*Yes/No Question*] (Rationale: Simple yes/no question.)

3) In the past school year, have you slept in any of the following places? Check all that apply.

[*radio-button, check all that apply*] (Rationale: Based this question and choices on the survey from Goldrick-Rab, et al. (2019) and modified it to fit the reality of community college students in NYC.)

- Campus housing
- A rented or owned apartment or house with *your own* room (alone or with people not related to you)
- A rented or owned apartment or house with *your own* room (with a relative)
- A shelter
- A relative's home *without* your own space (e.g., sleeping on a couch or the floor) with no permanent home to return to

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- A hotel or motel without a permanent home to return to (not on vacation or other travel)
- Transitional housing or an independent living program
- A group home such as a residential reentry center or residential program for mental health or substance abuse
- A treatment center (e.g., a detox center, a hospital)
- Outdoor location (e.g., street, sidewalk, or alley; bus or train station; campground or woods; park, beach, or riverbed; under a bridge or overpass)
- A closed area/space with a roof not meant for human habitation (e.g., an abandoned building; car, truck, van, RV, or camper; encampment or tent; unconverted garage, attic, or basement)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

4) Are you currently sleeping in any of the following places? Check all that apply. *[radio-button, check all that apply] [Same choices as in Question 7.]* Rationale: Same rationale as Question 7.)

5) In the past school year, have you moved three times or more? *[Yes/No Question]* (Rationale: Simple yes/no question.)

6) In the past school year, did you leave where you were living because you felt unsafe? (Unsafe = physically or emotionally unsafe because of the structure you are living in or because of the people you are living with.) *[Yes/No Question]* (Rationale: Simple yes/no question.)

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7) Are you currently living somewhere that you feel unsafe? (Unsafe = physically or emotionally unsafe because of the structure you are living in or because of the people you are living with.)

*[Yes/No Question]* (Rationale: Simple yes/no question.)

8) Have you ever used any services provided by XXXX because of your housing situation?

*[Yes/No Question]* (Rationale: Simple yes/no question.)

9) If you answered *Yes*, to Question 8, please describe the services you used.

10) Are you currently using any services provided by XXXX because of your housing situation?

*[Yes/No Question]* (Rationale: Simple yes/no question.)

11) If you answered *Yes*, to Question 10, please describe the services you are using.

12) Is there anything else you would like to indicate about your former or current housing situation?

13) We would like to learn more about your housing situation. If you would be willing to participate in a 30-minute one-on-one interview, please include your name and email address.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey today.

### **Participant Information**

- Code Assigned Interviewee: [Name, email, and other information would be kept in a secure document with the corresponding code assigned, and the code would go here.]
- Date:
- Time:
- Location:

### **Opening**

Thank you for meeting with me today, and allowing me to learn more about your housing experiences while at XXXX. Through this interview, I hope to learn more about your lived experiences as someone who has or is experiencing housing insecurity. I would also like to learn what services at XXXX are available to support your housing situation and encourage you to remain enrolled in XXXX. Finally, I hope to learn what policies XXXX may have that have benefited you and your housing situation.

You signed a consent form previously but I'd like to briefly review how I will treat the interview data. I will never associate your name with anything that you say in this interview, and I will do my utmost to mask your identity so that readers cannot associate your comments with your identity in any public research reports.

I'd like to remind you that your participation in this interview is completely voluntary. You are free to end the interview at any time, or to not answer any question. Please also let me know if anything comes up that we should treat as "off-the-record" in any public reports of the research.

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On the consent form that you filled out previously, you indicated that I could record the interview. May I still record the interview? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If YES: I am going to turn on the transcript and record features now.

If NO: I will take notes of what you say.

Before we begin, do you have any questions about participating in this interview?

### **Questions**

- 1) Please tell me a little about yourself. For example: Where are you from? What are you studying at XXXX? What do you enjoy doing when you are not in the classroom?
- 2) Could you talk about what made you decide to attend college at XXXX?
- 3) What challenges, housing or otherwise, have you faced at XXXX? How have you overcome them?
- 4) Please describe a typical day in your life in as much detail as you are comfortable sharing. *(Note: If the participant does not mention anything about housing-insecurity impacting their typical day, probe a bit more with the next question.)* Can you share how a typical day might unfold when your housing situation is challenging?
- 5) Please describe your current living situation in as much detail as you are comfortable sharing.
- 6) If you are comfortable sharing, can you tell me about what contributed to you being homeless or experiencing housing insecurity?
- 7) Can you provide examples of the services, supports, or people you have used to address your housing insecurity? How have they helped you or not helped you? Follow-up questions: Can you talk a bit more about [*X service, X support, or X person*]? How do you make use of it/work with that person? What could be improved?
- 8) Could you please talk about if you plan to continue at XXXX and graduate? Why or why not?

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9) What are your future professional and personal goals?

10) Is there anything else you would like to share with me about your living situation while attending XXXX?

### **Closing**

We are now at the end of the interview. Is there anything more you'd like to share with me about housing experiences as a student at XXXX?

Thank you very much.