

# 2025 Cook County Community Survey

**[CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE]**

**[GEOLOCATION QUESTIONS; ZIP CODE/CROSS STREETS]**

**[mip]** What is the most important issue facing residents of Cook County?

- ☐ Availability of good jobs (1)
- ☐ Crime and safety (2)
- ☐ Cost of housing (3)
- ☐ Cost of basic needs like groceries (4)
- ☐ Homelessness (5)
- ☐ Immigration (6)
- ☐ Taxes (7)
- ☐ Other (please specify) (8) \_\_\_\_\_

[Attention Check Question]

**[neighborhood\_howlong]** In this survey, we are going to ask you some questions about your neighborhood. **Please think about your neighborhood as the half-mile area surrounding where you live.** First, how long have you lived in your neighborhood?

- ☐ Less than 1 year (1)
- ☐ 1 to 5 years (2)
- ☐ 5 to 10 years (3)
- ☐ More than 10 years, but not my whole life (4)
- ☐ My whole life (5)

[neighborhood\_satis] Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your neighborhood as a place to live?

- ☐ Very satisfied (1)
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied (2)
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (3)
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied (4)
- ☐ Very dissatisfied (5)

How would you rate the **quality** of each of the following **in your neighborhood?**

	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very good (4)	Excellent (5)
Air quality (neighborhood_ratings_air)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and open spaces (neighborhood_ratings_parks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garbage/recycling services (neighborhood_ratings_garbage)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drinking water from tap (neighborhood_ratings_water)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grocery stores (neighborhood_ratings_grocery)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street/sidewalk maintenance (neighborhood_ratings_street)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to public transportation (neighborhood_ratings_pubtrans)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Systems to reduce flooding (neighborhood_ratings_flooding)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please answer the following questions about your **neighbors**.

	Not at all (1)	A little (2)	Somewhat (3)	Very (4)	Extremely (5)
How well do you know your neighbors? <b>(neighbor_trustetc_know)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How trustworthy are your neighbors? <b>(neighbor_trustetc_trust)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How helpful are your neighbors? <b>(neighbor_trustetc_helpful)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How friendly are your neighbors? <b>(neighbor_trustetc_friendly)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**[public\_trans\_use]** How frequently, if ever, do you take public transportation (like a bus, subway, or train)?

- ☐ 5-7 days per week (6)
- ☐ 2-4 days per week (5)
- ☐ About once per week (4)
- ☐ A few times a month (3)
- ☐ Monthly or less often (2)
- ☐ Never (1)

Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and F to score the quality of their academic work. What grade would you give to the **public schools** in...

	A (1)	B (2)	C (3)	D (4)	F (5)
The neighborhood where you live (education_grade_neighborhood)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chicago (education_grade_chicago)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The United States (education_grade_us)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Below you will see a list of institutions in U.S. society. Please tell us **how much confidence** you have in each one.

	Very little (1)	Some (2)	Quite a lot (3)	A great deal (4)
The U.S. Congress (confidence_congress)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Illinois state government (confidence_labor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The local government in the city or town where you live (confidence_localgov)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The police in the area where you live (confidence_police)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please rate how safe or unsafe you think you would feel in each of the following situations:

	Very safe (1)	Somewhat safe (2)	Neither safe nor unsafe (3)	Somewhat unsafe (4)	Very unsafe (5)
Walking around in your neighborhood during the day (safety_walking_day)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking around in your neighborhood after dark (safety_walking_dark)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Riding public transportation during the day (safety_pubtrans_day)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Riding public transportation after dark (safety_pubtrans_dark)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking around downtown Chicago during the day (safety_downtown_day)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking around downtown Chicago after dark (safety_downtown_dark)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driving on the expressways in the area (safety_expressways)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**[crime\_compare\_proper]** Thinking about the neighborhood where you live, would you say that **property crime**—for example, theft—is higher or lower than in other areas of Cook County?

- ☐ Much higher (1)
- ☐ Somewhat higher (2)
- ☐ About the same (3)
- ☐ Somewhat lower (4)
- ☐ Much lower (5)

**[crime\_compare\_violent]** Thinking about the neighborhood where you live, would you say that **violent crime**—for example, a person being physically attacked—is higher or lower than in other areas of Cook County?

- ☐ Much higher (1)
- ☐ Somewhat higher (2)
- ☐ About the same (3)
- ☐ Somewhat lower (4)
- ☐ Much lower (5)

**[experience\_crime]** Which of the following have you personally experienced **in the last 12 months**?

	Yes, experienced this in past 12 months (1)	No, did not experience this in last 12 months (0)
Someone I did not know threatened me in public ( <b>experience_threatened</b> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was physically attacked by someone in public ( <b>experience_attacked</b> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Something that belonged to me was stolen ( <b>experience_stolen</b> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Someone I did not know spoke to me in a sexually inappropriate way in public ( <b>experience_sexual</b> )	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**[threat\_location]** You said that, in the past year, **someone you did not know threatened you in public**. Where did that happen?

- ☐ In the neighborhood where I live (1)
- ☐ Somewhere else (please explain) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**[attack\_location]** You said that, in the past year, **someone physically attacked you in public.** Where did that happen?

- ☐ In the neighborhood where I live (1)
- ☐ Somewhere else (please explain) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**[stolen\_location]** You said that, in the past year, **something that belonged to you was stolen.** Where did that happen?

- ☐ In the neighborhood where I live (1)
- ☐ Somewhere else (please explain) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**[sexual\_location]** You said that, in the past year, **someone you did not know spoke to you in a sexually inappropriate way in public.** Where did that happen?

- ☐ In the neighborhood where I live (1)
- ☐ Somewhere else (please explain) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**[preselect]** Next we would like to ask you some questions about voting and politics. Which of the following statements best describes you?

- ☐ I did not vote in the November 2024 presidential election. (1)
- ☐ I thought about voting this time – but didn't. (2)
- ☐ I usually vote, but didn't this time. (3)
- ☐ I attempted to vote but did not or could not. (4)
- ☐ I definitely voted in the November 2024 presidential election. (5)

**[whovote]** Who did you vote for in the presidential election?

- ☐ Donald J. Trump (1)
- ☐ Kamala D. Harris (2)
- ☐ Someone else (please specify) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

*[participation\_batt]* Thinking about **local (city or county)** political issues. During the **past 12 months**, have you...

	Yes (1)	No (0)
joined in a protest march, rally, or demonstration about a <b>local</b> political issue. <b>(participation_protest)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
discussed a <b>local</b> political issue with someone in your neighborhood (either in person or online). <b>(participation_discuss)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
contacted or tried to contact a <b>local</b> political official. <b>(participation_contact)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
attended a public meeting about a <b>local</b> political issue. <b>(participation_meeting)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*[SES\_unexpected]* Next we have some questions about your economic circumstances. If you had an unexpected expense of \$400 today, how certain are you that you would be able to come up with the money to pay for it?

- ☐ Not at all certain (1)
- ☐ A little certain (2)
- ☐ Somewhat certain (3)
- ☐ Very certain (4)
- ☐ Extremely certain (5)



**[SES\_food]** In the last 30 days, which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household?

- ☐ Often not enough to eat (1)
- ☐ Sometimes not enough to eat (2)
- ☐ Enough, but not always the kinds of food I wanted to eat (3)
- ☐ Enough of the kinds of food I wanted to eat (4)

**[overall\_health]** Now we want to ask you some questions about your health. In general, would you say your health is poor, fair, good, very good, or excellent?

- ☐ Poor (1)
- ☐ Fair (2)
- ☐ Good (3)
- ☐ Very good (4)
- ☐ Excellent (5)

[PSS-4] The questions in this scale ask you about your feelings and thoughts during the last month. How often have you:

	Never (1)	Almost never (2)	Sometimes (3)	Fairly often (4)	Very often (5)
felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life? <b>[stress_unable]</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems? <b>[stress_confident]</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
felt that things were going your way? <b>[stress_goingway]</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them? <b>[stress_difficulties]</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[gender] Finally, for statistical purposes, we would like to ask you some demographic questions. First, do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

- ☐ A man (1)
- ☐ A woman (2)
- ☐ In some other way (3) \_\_\_\_\_

[sexual\_orientation] Do you think of yourself as:

- ☐ Gay or lesbian (1)
- ☐ Heterosexual or straight (2)
- ☐ Bisexual (3)
- ☐ Something not listed (please tell us): (4) \_\_\_\_\_

*[race]* What is your race and/or ethnicity? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native (4)
- ☐ Asian (6)
- ☐ Black or African American (3)
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino (2)
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African (8)
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
- ☐ White (1)
- ☐ Something not listed (please tell us): (7) \_\_\_\_\_

*[year]* In what year were you born?

▼ 2007 (2007) ... 1919 (1919)

*[where\_born]* Where were you born?

- ☐ United States (1)
- ☐ Somewhere else (please specify) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**[pol\_party]** Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

- ☐ Democrat (1)
- ☐ Republican (2)
- ☐ Independent (3)
- ☐ Other party (please specify) (4) \_\_\_\_\_

**[pol\_strdem]** Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- ☐ Strong (1)
- ☐ Not very strong (2)

**[pol\_strrep]** Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- ☐ Strong (1)
- ☐ Not very strong (2)

**[pol\_leaners]** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- ☐ Closer to Democratic (1)
- ☐ Neither (2)
- ☐ Closer to Republican (3)

**[educ]** What is the highest level of school you have completed?

- ☐ Less than a high school diploma (1)
- ☐ High school diploma or equivalent (GED) (2)
- ☐ Some college with no degree (3)
- ☐ Associate degree (4)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree (5)
- ☐ Graduate or professional degree (6)

**[fam\_income]** Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

- Less than \$10,000 (1)
- \$10,000 - \$19,999 (2)
- \$20,000 - \$29,999 (3)
- \$30,000 - \$39,999 (4)
- \$40,000 - \$49,999 (5)
- \$50,000 - \$59,999 (6)
- \$60,000 - \$69,999 (7)
- \$70,000 - \$79,999 (8)
- \$80,000 - \$99,999 (9)
- \$100,000 - \$119,999 (10)
- \$120,000 - \$149,999 (11)
- \$150,000 - \$199,999 (12)
- \$200,000 - \$249,999 (13)
- \$250,000 - \$349,999 (14)
- \$350,000 - \$499,999 (15)
- \$500,000 or more (16)
- Prefer not to say (99)

**[employment]** What is your employment status?

- ☐ Employed full time (1)
- ☐ Employed part time (2)
- ☐ Not employed for pay (3)
- ☐ Retired (4)
- ☐ Something not listed (please specify): (5) \_\_\_\_\_

**[rent\_own]** Do you pay rent for your home, make monthly mortgage payments for your home, own your home outright with no payments due, or have some other living arrangement?

- ☐ Pay rent (1)
- ☐ Pay mortgage (2)
- ☐ Own home with no payments due (3)
- ☐ Some other arrangement (4)

**[children]** Do you have any children under age 18?

☐ Yes (1)

☐ No (2)

**[grades]** What grades are your children currently in? Check all that apply. [IF HAVE KIDS]

☐ Pre-Kindergarten / Preschool (1)

☐ K-5th grade (2)

☐ 6th grade (3)

☐ 7th grade (4)

☐ 8th grade (5)

☐ 9th grade (HS freshman) (6)

☐ 10th grade (HS sophomore) (7)

☐ 11th grade (HS junior) (8)

☐ 12th grade (HS senior) (9)

**[civics]** As far as you know, are any of your children **currently** taking a class on civics or American government in school?

☐ Yes, they are taking a class like this (1)

☐ No, they are not taking a class like this (2)

☐ I am not sure whether they are taking a class like this (3)

**[type\_of\_school]** What type of schools do your children in each of these grades attend?

	Neighborhood public school (1)	Public charter school (2)	Private school (3)	Other (4)
Pre- Kindergarten / Preschool (x1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K-5th grade (x2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6th grade (x3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7th grade (x4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8th grade (x5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9th grade (HS freshman) (x6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10th grade (HS sophomore) (x7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11th grade (HS junior) (x8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12th grade (HS senior) (x9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>