



2010 Community Action of Nebraska Community Assessment Survey

Frequently Asked Questions

1.) What is the community assessment survey?

The community assessment is a survey developed to gauge the various needs and challenges Nebraskans face. The survey is designed to help local Community Action agencies better understand the unique situation of residents in their service area as well as to gain a big picture of all Nebraskans. The data from the survey will be used to evaluate programs and services to help determine those most needed in specific areas as well as to seek funding and support for those programs best suited to each region.

2.) How was I selected?

10,000 respondents were randomly selected from all Nebraska residents.

3.) Is the survey confidential?

Yes. There are no questions on the survey that would identify an individual and the answers are only reported with other answers in a summarized form.

Ex: If a respondent marks that they rent their home, that answer will be grouped with others so that the data reads, "42% of respondents indicated that they rent their homes."

4.) What is the number on my survey for?

The number corresponds to your address for mailing purposes. A reminder postcard and new survey will be sent to those who do not respond within a week of the survey. When a survey is returned to us, the address as well as the corresponding number is deleted forever. At the end of the survey, all numbers and addresses will be permanently deleted, whether the survey was completed or not. The number is never associated with the answers on the survey.

5.) Will my name and/or address be sold?

No. Once the survey is over, all names and addresses will be permanently deleted from our records and nothing will be sold or shared with any other organization or person.

6.) How did you get my name and mailing address?

We purchased a random list of 10,000 people living in Nebraska from a company specializing in development of mailing lists. Our list will be deleted after the survey.

7.) Can I have my name removed from the list?

The list of chosen respondents has been sent to print and the sequence of mailings has begun so you will receive a minimum of three items and a maximum of four. However, at the end of the survey the entire list of names and addresses will be deleted and you will receive no further mailings from us after June 15, 2010. Additionally, we will not keep a record of the names and addresses associated with the survey.

8.) Why is this survey different from the Census? Why couldn't it be included with the Census?

Community Action is an organization completely separate from the Census Bureau. Community Action's survey is designed to gather information to determine how Community Action agencies can be most effective in improving the life of Nebraskans in their regions. The Census survey is conducted by the Census Bureau and seeks to determine basic demographics of all people living in the United States in order to designate federal funding accurately.

9.) Can I answer just some of the questions?

To gain the best picture of Nebraska communities, it is important to answer all the questions. However, if some of the questions make you uncomfortable, you may skip those questions.

10.) I lost my envelope. Where do I send my survey?

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11.) Will I be able to see the results of the survey?

Yes. The results are scheduled to be released in the fall of 2010 and will be available on the Community Action of Nebraska website: www.canhelp.org

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