

## Survey for the City of Circleville

The City of Circleville is in the Pickaway County of Ohio. This survey was conducted to gather data on demographics, housing and transportation issues within the City for the purpose of policy making.

The survey was distributed electronically via text messages on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2022 to about 5000 contacts within the City. Data on contacts for dissemination of survey questionnaires was assessed from the Utility Department of the City of Circleville.

A total of 257 responses were received as of July 2022. 255 representing 96.1% of the respondents stay in the City while the other 10 respondent, representing 3.9% of the respondents, stay outside the City.

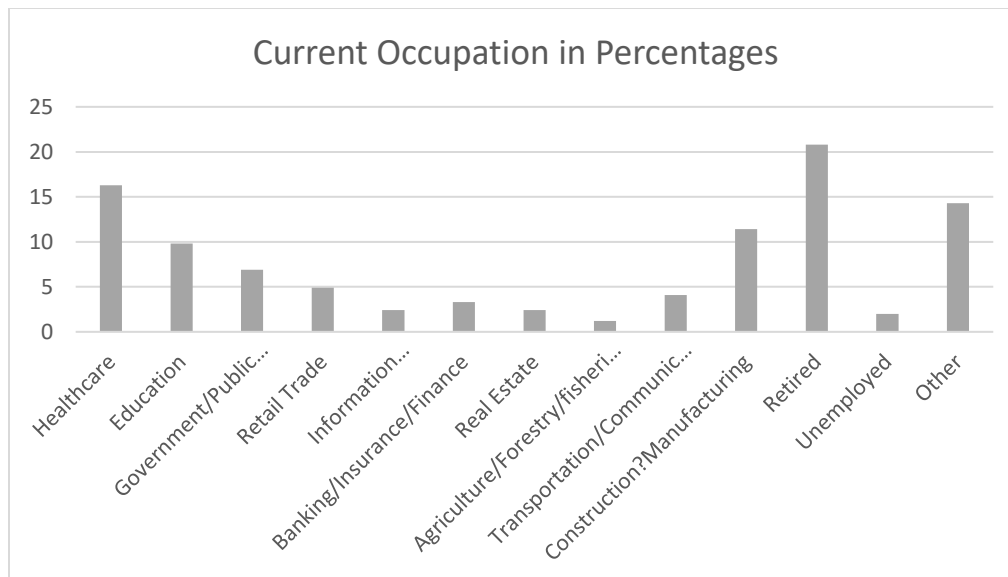
### Demographics

92.9% of the respondents are white/Caucasian, 0.8% are Hispanic, 0.4% are Black/African Americans, 0.4% are Asians/Pacific Islanders, 0.4% are mixed race and 5.2% prefer not to disclose their race/ethnicity.

The age group with the highest percentage of respondents is 50-65, with a total of 36.5%. 23.1% of the respondents are above 65years, 16.1% are between 30-39 year, 14.9% between 40-49 years, 9% between 20-29 and 0.4% between 15-19 years.

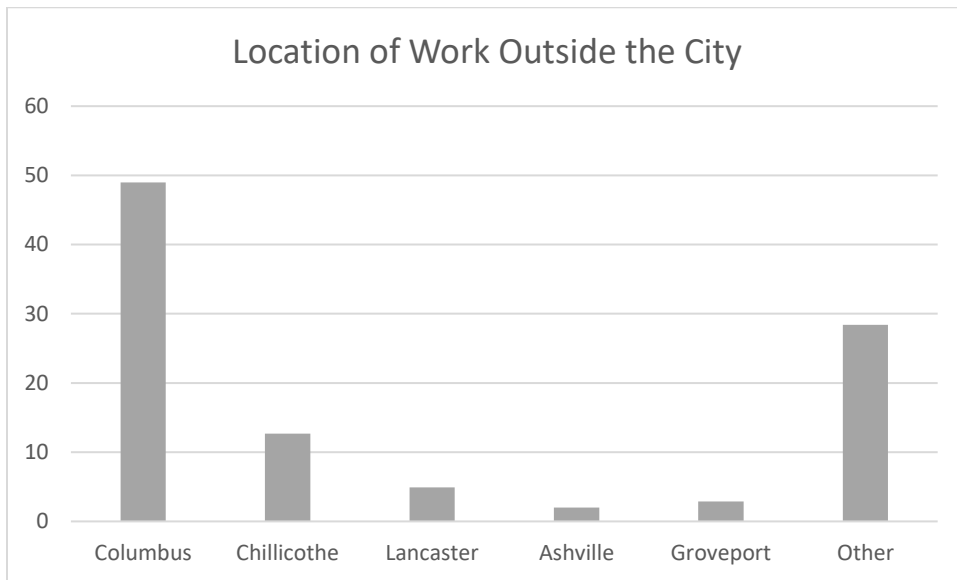
Ninety-nine (99) of the respondents, representing 39.9% have completed high school or GED. 19.4% have a bachelors, 17.4% have a masters, 14.2% have an associate, 3.2% have a doctorate, 1.2% have less than a high school and 4.7% have other qualifications.

20.8% of the respondents are retirees. The highest percentage of workers are in healthcare (16.3%) with the least percentage in agriculture/forestry/fisheries (1.2%). The breakdown for the various occupations is shown in the bar chart below.



50.5% of the respondents work within the city, 30.3% work outside the city and 19.32% work outside the county.

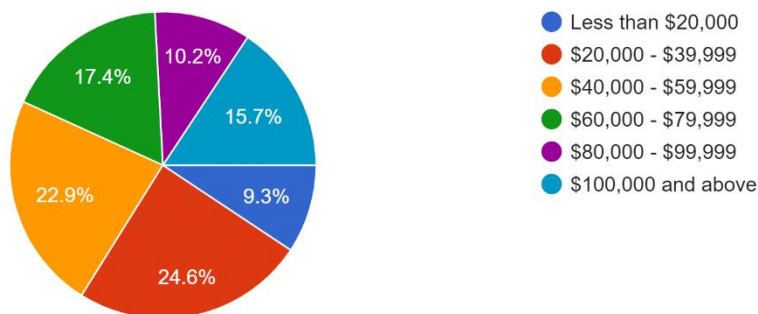
Of the individuals who work outside the City, the largest percentage work in Columbus (49%), 12.7% work in Chillicothe, 4.9% work in Lancaster, 2.9% work in Groveport, 2% work in Ashville and 28.4% work in other locations as represented in the chart below.



The annual average salary shows that most of the respondents earn between \$20,000 to \$39,999 per annum.

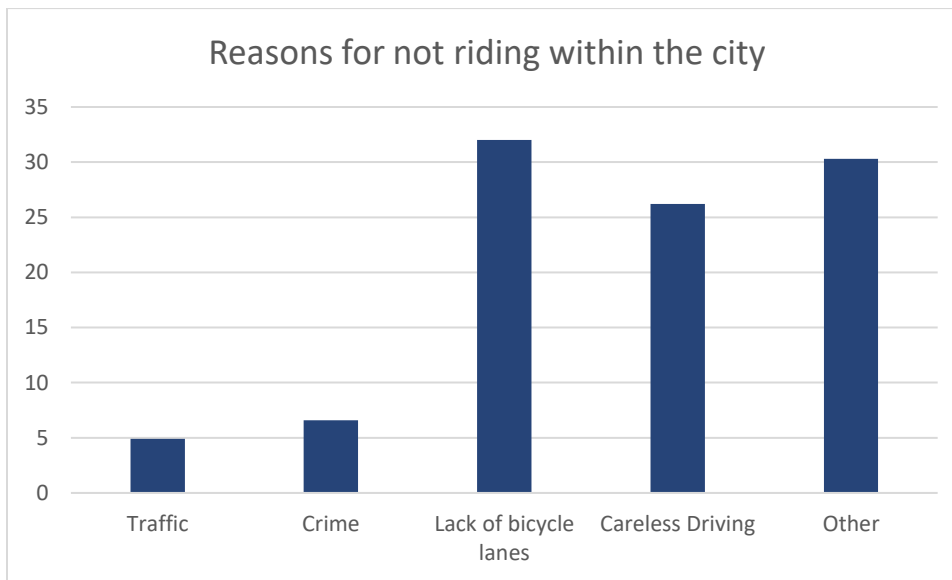
What is your average annual salary?

236 responses



## Transportation

93.7% of respondents own a car or motorcycle and 41.9% own a bicycle. Majority of the respondents (74.9%) indicated they will not consider using bicycle as a primary means of transportation within the City. 45.1% of the respondents indicated that they do not feel it is safe to use a bicycle within the City. However, 28.5% of the respondents feel it is safe to use bicycle within the City while 26.5% were indifferent. Of the various reasons the respondents gave for not feeling safe to use bicycles within the City, 32% are due to lack of bicycle lanes within the City, 26.2% are due to careless driving, 6.6% are due to crime, 4.9% are due to traffic and 30.3% are due to other reasons as shown in the chart below.



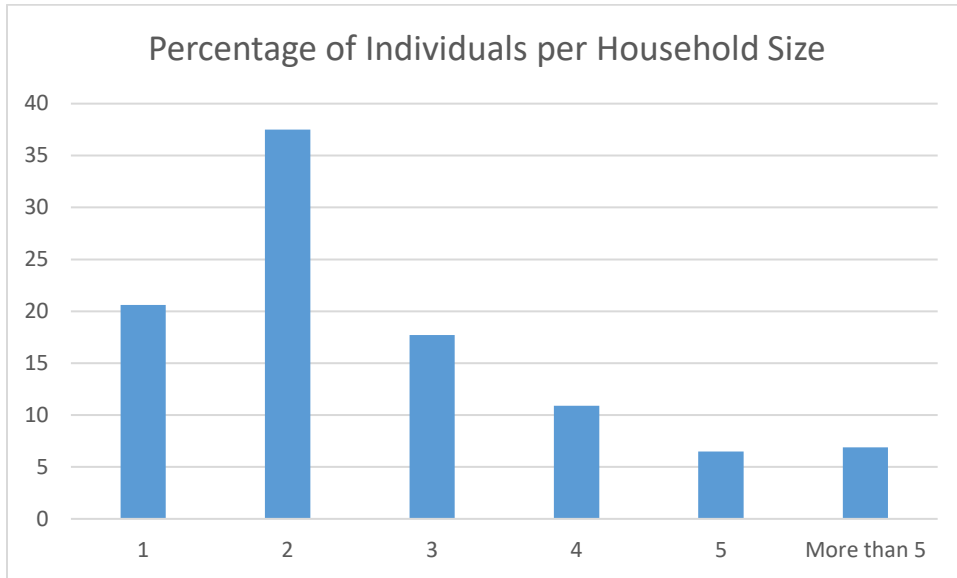
Majority of the respondents (90.8%) prefer using a car as means of transportation within the City, while 8% prefer walking and 3% prefer using bicycle. 89.6% of the respondents prefer using their personal cars, 6% prefer using a bus, 4% prefer using a train and 1% prefer using a taxi. 70.9% of the respondents do not see the need for public bikes in the City, although 29.1% feel it is a good idea.

## Housing

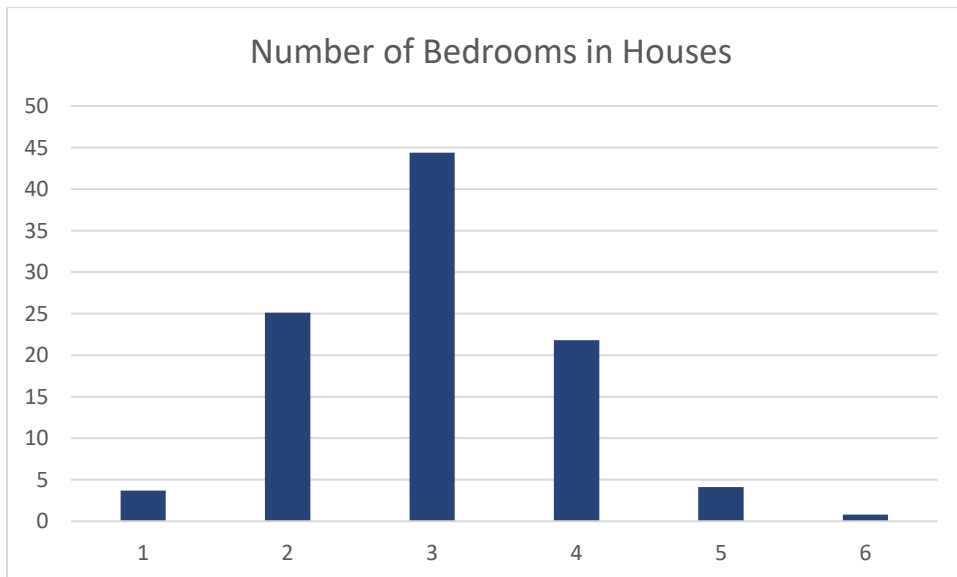
Single-family homes dominate the type of homes of respondents. 89% of the respondents live in a single-family home, 8.2% in apartment type homes, 2% in multi-family homes, 0.4% in townhomes and 0.4% in condos with 79.4% being the owners of the homes and 20.6% renting the homes.

Household size ranges from one to eight individuals in a home. 37.5% of the respondents have two individuals in their homes, 20.6% have one individual, 17.7% have three individuals, 10.9% have

four individuals, 6.5% have five individuals and 6.9% of the respondents have more than five individuals in their home.

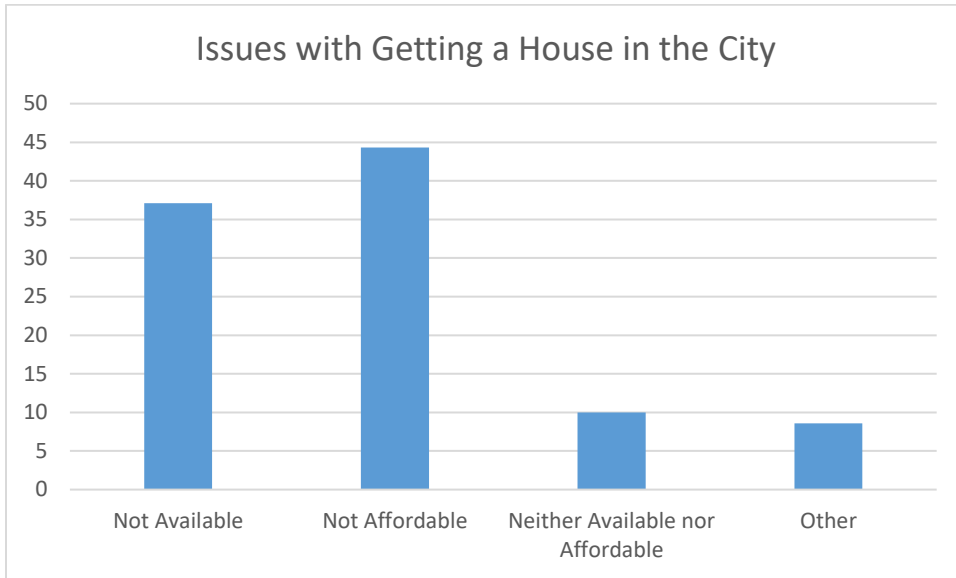


The highest number of bedrooms reported in a house is six (6), with 0.8% of the respondents having 6 bedrooms in their houses. 44.4% of respondents have three (3) bedrooms, 25.1% have two (2) bedrooms, 21.8% have four (4) bedrooms, 4.1% have five bedrooms and 3.7% have one bedroom.

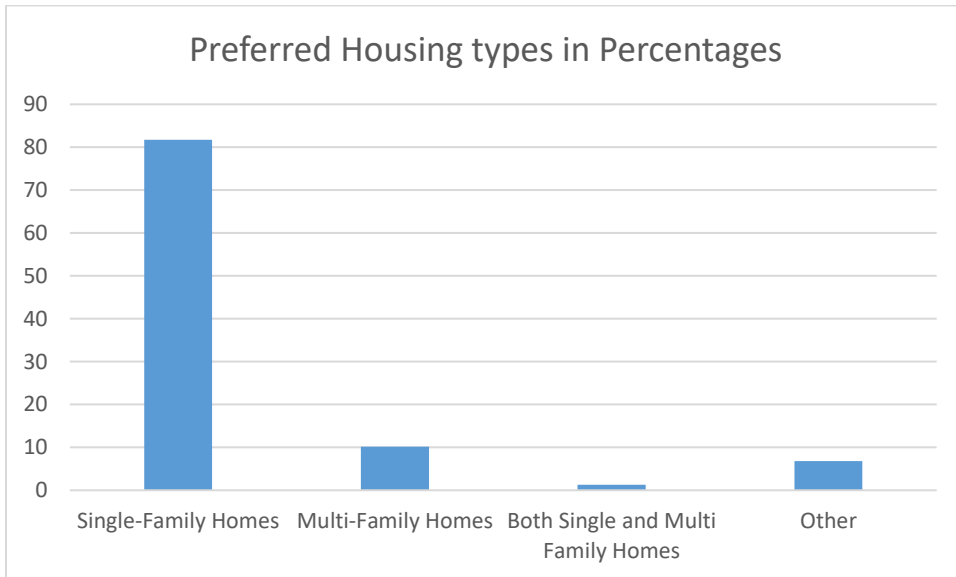


Twenty-five percent (25%) of the respondents indicated they had issues finding accommodation within the City of Circleville. Affordability of the houses is the most reason given by respondents. 44.3% of the respondents indicated the houses were not affordable, 37.1% of the respondents indicated there were no available houses for them to rent or buy, 10% indicated the houses were

neither available nor affordable and 8.6% indicated other reasons accounted for their inability to find a house in the City.

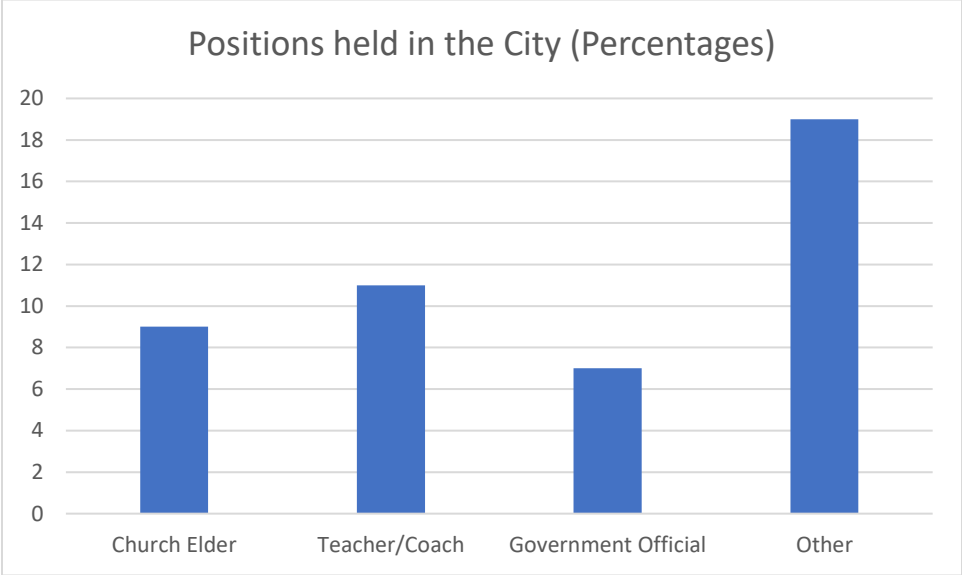


Majority of the respondents (81.7%) would want to have single-family homes in the City. On the other hand, 10.2% would prefer multi-family homes, 1.3% would prefer having both single-family homes and multi-family homes in the City and 6.8% would prefer other forms of homes.



## Leadership

A total of 15.5% of the respondents hold leadership positions within the City. While 9% of the respondents indicated they are church elders, 11% indicated they are teachers, 7% indicated they are government officials and 19% indicated they hold other leadership positions.



**Observations and Recommendations**

A good percentage of respondents work outside the City and as such will not be paying income tax to the City. The City should put in more efforts to attract more investors into the City to provide more jobs and increase revenue, in the form of taxes, that come to the City.

The survey data shows that most individuals own a means of transportation and are not likely to patronize public transports such as trains and buses. The City can secure grants to improve conditions of roads to facilitate easy movement within the City.

In as much as the percentage of people who will want to use bicycles within Circleville is a bit low, this could be due to the reasons of lack of bicycle lanes and reckless driving cited by the respondents. If bicycle usage is to be improved, the City will have to provide safe bicycle lanes within the City. Most of the reasons cited by the respondents for not feeling safe to use bicycles are related to lack of bicycle lanes. For instance, the issue of reckless driving is because individuals must drive in the same road with cars and as such expose bikers to reckless driving.

Most individuals are homeowners and just a handful of the respondents renting. Availability and affordability of houses in the City are major concerns for residents. The City should work towards acquiring grants to build more affordable single-family homes to retain and attract people into the City. Brownfields and other abandoned facilities could be converted into affordable homes.

The sample size is relatively small and may not be a true representation of the views of the entire population of the City of Circleville.