

2026 CCCS

[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)
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[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? [neighbor_trustetc_know]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How trustworthy are your neighbors? [neighbor_trustetc_trust]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How helpful are your neighbors? [neighbor_trustetc_helpful]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How friendly are your neighbors? [neighbor_trustetc_friendly]	<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_state]	<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_violen] 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)

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 [experience_threatened]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was physically attacked by someone in public [experience_attacked]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Something that belonged to me was stolen [experience_stolen]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Someone I did not know spoke to me in a sexually inappropriate way in public [experience_sexual]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

FOLLOW-UPS ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID VICTIMIZATION HAPPENED.

[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)
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[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)
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[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)
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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 local political issue. [participation_protest]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
discussed a local political issue with someone in your neighborhood (either in person or online). [participation_discuss]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
contacted or tried to contact a local political official. [participation_contact]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
attended a public meeting about a local political issue. [participation_meeting]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[SES_class] Next we have some questions about your socioeconomic circumstances. If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in?

- Upper class (1)
- Upper-middle class (2)
- Middle class (3)
- Working class (4)
- Lower class (5)

[SES_unexpected] 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)

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? [pss_4_1]	<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? [pss_4_2]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
felt that things were going your way? [pss_4_3]	<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? [pss_4_4]	<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 (please tell us): (3)
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[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)
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[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)
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[race_cat] CONSTRUCTED FROM GROUPS SELECTED ABOVE

- 1) White (only)
- 2) Hispanic (only or with any other selections)
- 3) Black (only)
- 4) Asian (only)
- 5) All Others

[yob] In what year were you born?

▼ 2007 (2007) ... 1919 (1919)

[age_grps] BUILT FROM YOB

- 1) 18-24
- 2) 25-34
- 3) 35-44
- 4) 45-54
- 5) 55-64
- 6) 65-74
- 7) 75+

[where_born] Where were you born?

United States (1)

Somewhere else (please specify) (2)

[ideology] In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

- Very liberal (1)
- Liberal (2)
- Moderate (3)
- Conservative (4)
- Very conservative (5)
- Not sure (9)

[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)
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FOLLOWUPS BASED ON RESPONSE TO *pol_party*

[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) ... 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)
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[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)