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# How adults rate the support offered in their communities

Social supports such as help with problems and access to resources and knowledge have been linked to better emotional and physical well-being. The Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey (CHSS) asks adults if they agree with three statements about support in their communities:

- Living in my community gives me a secure feeling.
- People in my community know they can get help from the community if they are in trouble.
- People can depend on each other in my community.

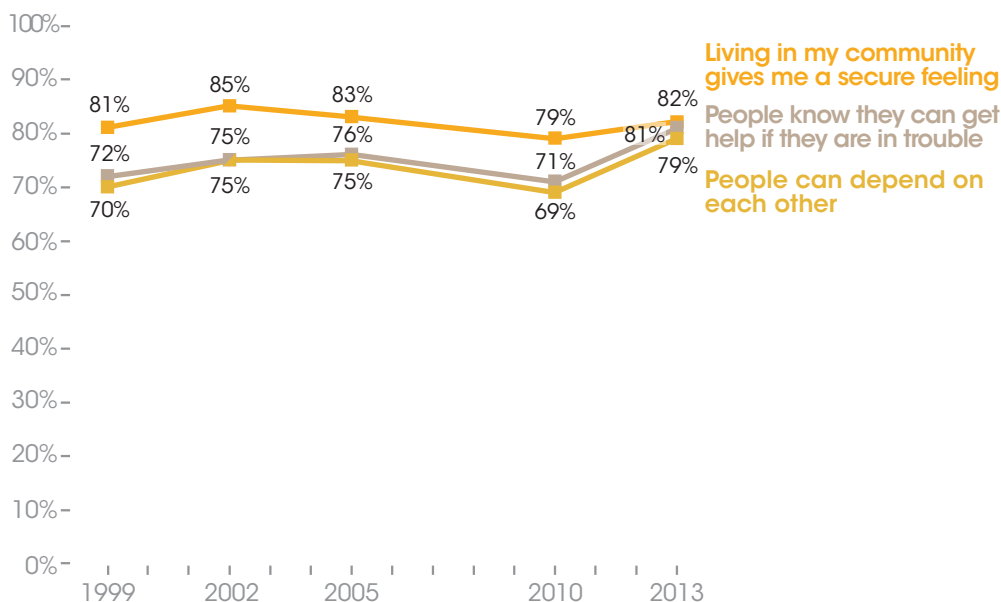
In general, large majorities of Greater Cincinnati adults say that their community is supportive. The percentage of positive responses for all three measures rose from 2010 to 2013.

### Adults' feelings about their communities vary by group

While majorities of all groups say that their community is supportive, reported levels of support vary based on poverty status, race, education and geography.

- **Poverty status:** Adults living above 200% of the Federal

**Percentage of Greater Cincinnati adults who reported they agreed with the following statements about their community** (Graph presents the combined total of adults who said they agreed strongly, agreed somewhat, or leaned toward agreeing with the statement.)



Poverty Level (FPL) report having more social support in their communities than people living at or below 100% FPL or between 100% and 200% FPL.<sup>1</sup>

- **Race:** Whites are more likely than African Americans to report having supportive communities. Adults who report a race other than African American or White report community support at a

rate similar to White adults.

- **Education:** Adults with more education report having more social support in their communities.
- **Geography:** Adults living in the Indiana counties of our region are most likely to report having supportive communities;<sup>2</sup> adults living in the City of Cincinnati are least likely to report this.

<sup>1</sup> The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in 2012 was \$23,050 for a family of four; 200% FPL was \$46,100.

<sup>2</sup> Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties.



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# Most adults rate own homes, neighborhood housing highly

The home and community in which a person lives can affect all aspects of health. Houses in poor condition may increase the risk of injury or exposure to environmental hazards. The Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey (CHSS) asked adults about the condition of neighborhood housing and their own home.

## 8 in 10 adults rate housing in neighborhood well; responses differ by region

More than 8 in 10 Greater Cincinnati adults (84%) rated the condition of houses and apartments in their neighborhood as excellent, very good or good. But responses varied by region.

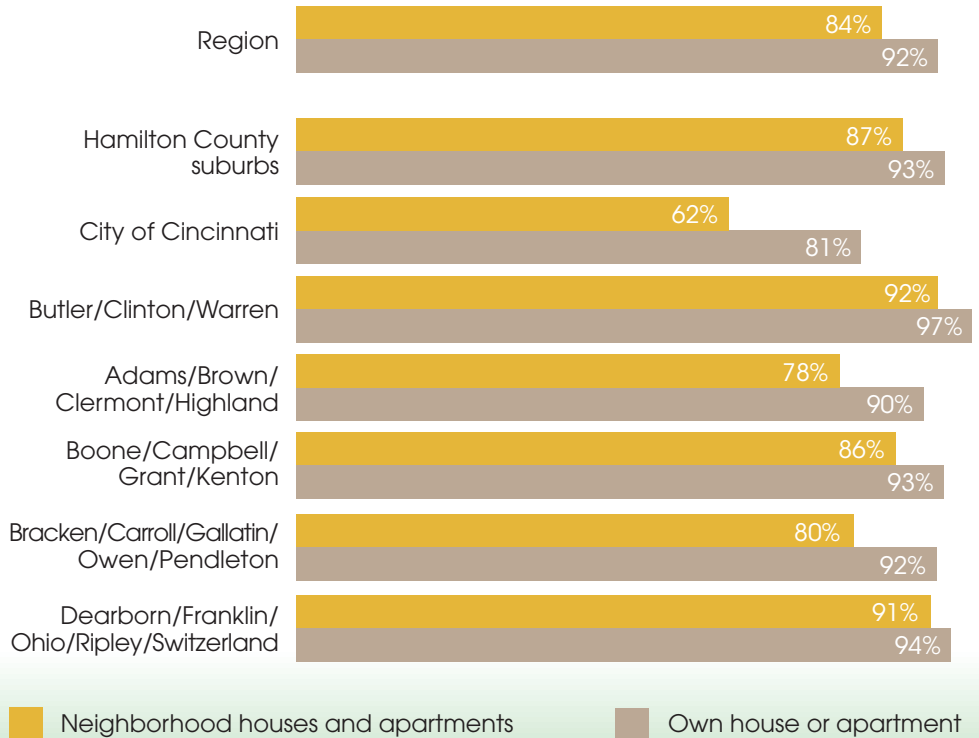
Residents of Butler, Clinton and Warren counties in Ohio (92%) and the region's Indiana counties (91%)<sup>1</sup> were most likely to rate neighborhood housing as excellent, very good or good. This compares with 62% of City of Cincinnati residents.

## 9 in 10 adults rate own home well; Cincinnatians give lower ratings

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Percentage of adults who rate houses and apartments in their neighborhood or their own house or apartment as excellent, very good or good



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