

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

### **ASSETS & NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

SEPTEMBER 2022

# CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS.

LANEY WALKER-HARRISBURG CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD

### 1.1 What do you think are your neighborhood's greatest strengths? (Choose up to 5)

Community (People, Neighbors, etc.)	221 resp.	50.1%
History and culture of the Laney-Walker and Harrisburg neighborhoods	201 resp.	45.6%
Location to downtown	166 resp.	37.6%
Historic buildings and landmarks	117 resp.	26.5%
Affordability	115 resp.	26.1%
Places of worship	113 resp.	25.6%
Schools	103 resp.	23.4%
Location to the riverfront	100 resp.	22.7%
Transportation options	94 resp.	21.3%
Local businesses (restaurants, shops, etc.)	82 resp.	18.6%
Parks and open space	69 resp.	15.6%

Different housing options	65 resp.	14.7%
Access to high quality jobs	31 resp.	7%
Policing and safety	27 resp.	6.1%
Other	17 resp.	3.9%

### 1.2 What neighborhood challenges need to be improved immediately? (Choose up to 5)

Crime and safety	337 resp.	76.4%
Housing quality	266 resp.	60.3%
Vacancy, blight and run down conditions	171 resp.	38.8%
People no longer being able to afford to live in the neighborhood	143 resp.	32.4%
Litter in public areas	137 resp.	31.1%
Loitering/people hanging out	133 resp.	30.2%
Free activities for youth (e.g., organized sports, toddler time, arts and crafts, mentoring).	104 resp.	23.6%
Poor lighting	79 resp.	17.9%
Lack of jobs	73 resp.	16.6%
Losing the area's rich African American history and culture	72 resp.	16.3%
Schools	64 resp.	14.5%

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Availability of local businesses				55 resp.	12.5%
Sidewalk conditions				EE roop	12 50/
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Transportation				54 resp.	12.2%
Quality and availability of parks & open space				39 resp.	8.8%
Unsafe street crossings				34 resp.	7.7%
Access to art				6 resp.	1.4%
Other				20 resp.	4.5%
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1.14 Which of the following amenities do you think could improve the neighborhood for you and your family?441 out of 441 answered

Full-service Grocery Store (fresh produce, meats, toiletries, etc.)	313 resp.	71%
Improved streets with safer sidewalks and street crossings	211 resp.	47.8%
Improved neighborhood parks	169 resp.	38.3%
Places to eat (restaurants, cafes, coffee shop)	166 resp.	37.6%
Making spaces more inclusive/accessible for people of all ages/abilities	138 resp.	31.3%
Community event space	125 resp.	28.3%
Community gardens	118 resp.	26.8%
Walking/running trails	117 resp.	26.5%
Athletic playing fields	109 resp.	24.7%
Playground/tot lot	108 resp.	24.5%
Clearly marked bike lanes	104 resp.	23.6%

Library	96 resp.	21.8%
More trees and shaded public areas	84 resp.	19%
Dog park	80 resp.	18.1%
Public art/murals	72 resp.	16.3%

1.29 In the Choice neighborhood, what would be the top three safety concerns for you and your family? *(Choose top 3)* 

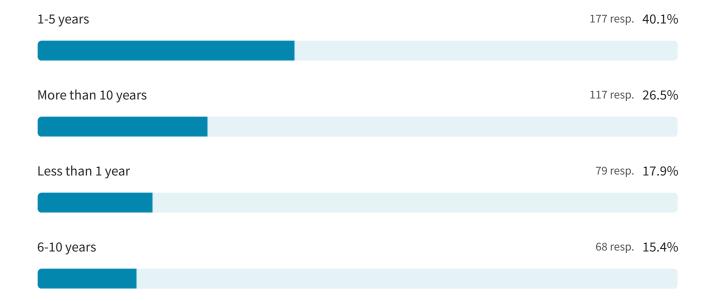
Run-down buildings / squatters	213 resp.	48.3%
Homelessness	202 resp.	45.8%
Gun shots / gun violence	187 resp.	42.4%
Gang activity	151 resp.	34.2%
People buying and selling drugs	83 resp.	18.8%
Mental health	76 resp.	17.2%
Vacant lots	67 resp.	15.2%
Child abuse / neglect	48 resp.	10.9%
Household theft / burglary	46 resp.	10.4%
People using drugs	42 resp.	9.5%
Domestic violence	35 resp.	7.9%

Traffic safety	25 resp.	5.7%
Public drinking/drunkenness	20 resp.	4.5%
Theft of personal property (cell phone, wallet, purse)	15 resp.	3.4%
Other	16 resp.	3.6%

1.41 Looking into the future, what would you like this neighborhood to be known for after it has been redeveloped and invested in? *(Check all that apply)* 

A safe, stable and family-friendly neighborhood.	364 resp. <b>82.5</b> %
An economically stable community that is just and equitable and offers opportunities to everyone for upward mobility and wealth building.	271 resp. <b>61.5</b> %
An integrated neighborhood where everyone feels at home.	254 resp. <b>57.6</b> %
A thriving center of Black and African American culture – a place you can expect to find performances, art, markets, and social events that celebrate the rich heritage and contributions of Black Augustans.	235 resp. <b>53.3</b> %
A walkable and bikeable neighborhood that supports an active, healthy lifestyle.	228 resp. 51.7%
A center for new employment and job training opportunities.	227 resp. <b>51.5</b> %
Other	32 resp. <b>7.3</b> %

### 2.1 How long have you lived in your current home?



# 2.2 What type of housing do you feel is needed in the Choice neighborhood? *(Check all that apply)*

New affordable rental housing	341 resp.	77.3%
A home renovation / modification program to assist residents to age in their existing homes (adding ramps, handrails, etc.)	240 resp.	54.4%
New homes for homeownership	230 resp.	52.2%
New senior housing	219 resp.	49.7%
Supportive housing (e.g., for veterans, transitional housing for the formerly homeless, people with developmental disabilities, ex-offenders transitioning back into society, etc.)	219 resp.	49.7%
New moderately priced rental housing	192 resp.	43.5%
New rental housing that is market rate (the going rate for standard housing.)	127 resp.	28.8%
Cooperative housing that residents own and control together	126 resp.	28.6%
New student housing	102 resp.	23.1%

### 2.3 Do you rent or own your current home?

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### 2.9 If you are a renter, are you interested in becoming a homeowner in the next few years?



### 3.1 What is your current employment status? *(Choose one)*

Employed, full-time	168 resp.	38.1%
Unable to work	72 resp.	16.3%
Retired	64 resp.	14.5%
Unemployed, looking for a job	53 resp.	12%
Employed, part-time	36 resp.	8.2%
Self-employed	21 resp.	4.8%
Employed, multiple jobs	9 resp.	2%
Unemployed, not looking for a job	7 resp.	1.6%
Employed, temporary/seasonal	6 resp.	1.4%
Employed, part-time, and looking for full-time work	5 resp.	1.1%

### 3.2 If employed, where do you work?

In Augusta	168 resp. 68.6%
In the neighborhood	42 resp. 17.1%
Outside of Augusta	28 resp. <b>11.4</b> %
I am not employed	6 resp. 2.4%
Other	12 resp. 4.9%

### 3.3 If employed, in what sector do you work? (Choose all that apply)

Public Administration/Government	36 resp.	14.7%
Retail/Customer service	30 resp.	12.2%
Nursing/health care	29 resp.	11.8%
Food service	27 resp.	11%
Clerical/office support	23 resp.	9.4%
Non-profit	21 resp.	8.6%
Education	18 resp.	7.3%
Janitorial/Maintenance	15 resp.	6.1%
Manufacturing / Warehousing	15 resp.	6.1%
Entrepreneur / Business Owner	13 resp.	5.3%
Social Services	11 resp.	4.5%

I am not employed	9 resp.	3.7%
Trades (plumbing, HVAC, carpentry, electrical, construction)	9 resp.	3.7%
Transportation	5 resp.	2%
Childcare	4 resp.	1.6%
Public Safety	4 resp.	1.6%
Cyber security	3 resp.	1.2%
IT/computers	3 resp.	1.2%
Utilities (electricity, water, gas)	3 resp.	1.2%
Research	2 resp.	0.8%
Other	32 resp.	13.1%

### 3.4 If you are unemployed, how long has it been since you had a job?

Not applicable	87 resp.	44.4%
More than a year	70 resp.	35.7%
6 months to a year	21 resp.	10.7%
Less than 6 months	18 resp.	9.2%

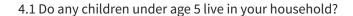
3.5 What do you feel are some of the reasons that people in the neighborhood struggle to get a job or keep a job? 441 out of 441 answered

Lacking the skills needed for available jobs	229 resp.	51.9%
Finding quality or affordable childcare	212 resp.	48.1%
Overcoming criminal history and background checks	209 resp.	47.4%
Not enough transportation options to get to jobs	198 resp.	44.9%
Difficulty finding available jobs	184 resp.	41.7%
Mental health challenges such as (but not limited to) PTSD/trauma, depression, anxiety	178 resp.	40.4%
Not enough education for available jobs	138 resp.	31.3%
Having a handicap or disability or caring for someone with a disability	97 resp.	22%
Difficulty reading	89 resp.	20.2%
Legal issues (such as citizenship)	66 resp.	15%
Difficulty writing/speaking English fluently	65 resp.	14.7%



### 3.6 What was your household income last year?

Less than \$5,000	128 resp.	29%
More than \$50,000	69 resp.	15.6%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64 resp.	14.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58 resp.	13.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	50 resp.	11.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	38 resp.	8.6%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34 resp.	7.7%

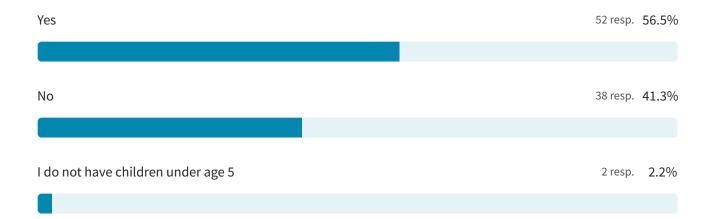


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4.2 If you have children under age 5, do they attend an early childhood learning program or pre-school program?

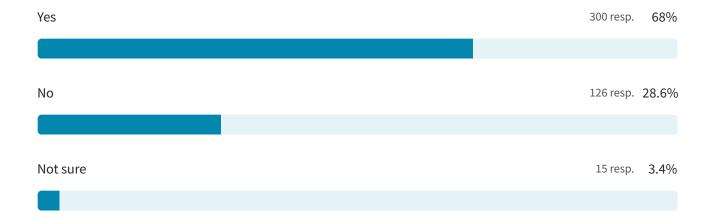
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4.3 If the children under age 5 do not attend an early childhood learning program or pre-school program, what are some of the reasons that they don't participate? *(Check all that apply)* 

Cost – I can't find an affordable program that fits my needs.	33 resp.	35.9%
Quality - I can't find a safe, quality pre-school program.	24 resp.	26.1%
Scheduling conflicts – the drop-off/pick-up times don't work with my schedule.	23 resp.	25%
Openings – none of the programs I tried had spaces available.	22 resp.	23.9%
Location – the programs are too far away or too hard to get to.	19 resp.	20.7%
Other	31 resp.	33.7%

### 4.5 Do you have access to high-speed internet at home?



### 4.6 If not, where do you typically go to access the internet?

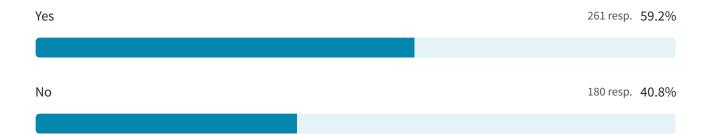
I just use my phone	144 resp.	32.7%
Local library or community center	95 resp.	21.5%
Work	52 resp.	11.8%
Friend or family's home	45 resp.	10.2%
School	10 resp.	2.3%
University	6 resp.	1.4%
Other	176 resp.	39.9%

### 5.1 Do you have health insurance?

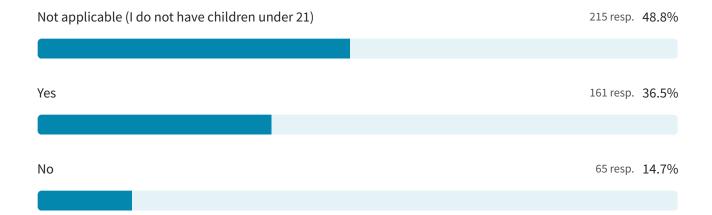
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### 5.2 Do all adults in your household have health insurance?



### 5.3 Do the children in your household have health insurance?



5.4 If you, other adults or children in your household do not have health insurance, what is the main reason? 441 out of 441 answered

Cost	139 resp.	31.5%
I (we) do have insurance	114 resp.	25.9%
Difficulty getting approved for health insurance	24 resp.	5.4%
Not sure how to get insurance	21 resp.	4.8%
Don't feel it is necessary	6 resp.	1.4%
Other	137 resp.	31.1%

5.5 Where do you typically go to receive medical care **when you or your children are sick**? *(Choose up to 3)* 441 out of 441 answered

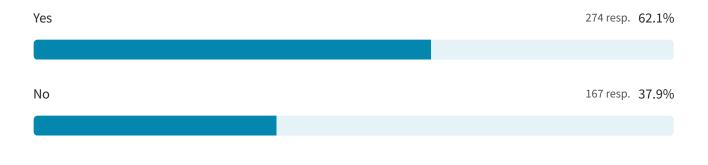
Augusta University Health - Family Medicine (1447 Harper St 1st floor)	178 resp.	40.4%
My primary care doctor	126 resp.	28.6%
Urgent Care	76 resp.	17.2%
Christ Community Health (Medical & Dental Clinic, 1226 D'Antignac St)	44 resp.	10%
Augusta University Care Center Family Medicine Associates (1417 Pendleton Rd)	21 resp.	4.8%
Harrisburg Family Health Care (423 Crawford Avenue)	19 resp.	4.3%
Women's Health of Augusta (1303 D'Antignac St #2500)	15 resp.	3.4%
Drug store/grocery store/walk-in clinic	8 resp.	1.8%
Lamar Medical Center (1448 Lee Beard Way)	7 resp.	1.6%
Druid Park Community Health Center (1018 Druid Park Ave )	6 resp.	1.4%
St Vincent de Paul Health Clinic (Medical Clinic, 432 8th St)	1 resp.	0.2%

Other	89 resp. 20.2%
5.6 How could your access to quality healthcare be improved?	
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Locating more healthcare facilities in the neighborhood	151 resp. 34.2%
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Extending the hours of health-related facilities in the neighborhood	141 resp. 32%
Providing a shuttle to major medical facilities	137 resp. 31.1%
Employing staff who are culturally competent and sensitive to my	
circumstances/history	110 resp. 24.9%
Employing staff at healthcare facilities who understand me	81 resp. 18.4%
Other	107 resp. 24.3%

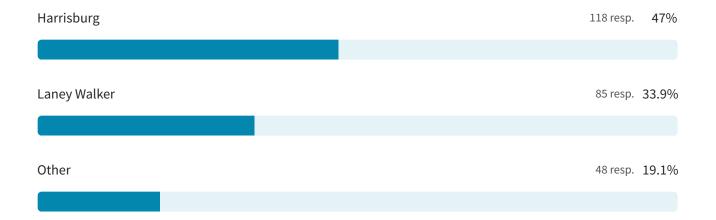


6.1 Do you currently live within the boundary of the Laney Walker-Harrisburg Choice Neighborhood?

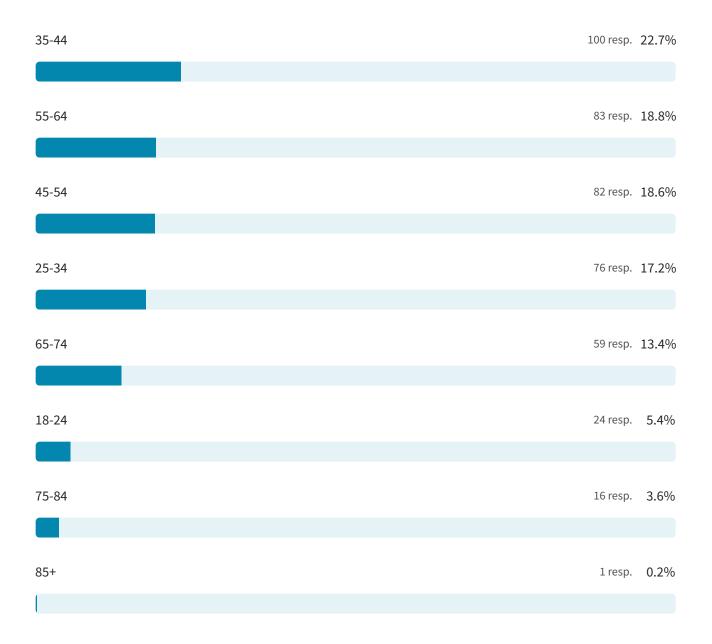
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### 6.1a Which neighborhood do you live in?



### 6.2 What age category best describes you?



### 6.3 With which gender do you identify?

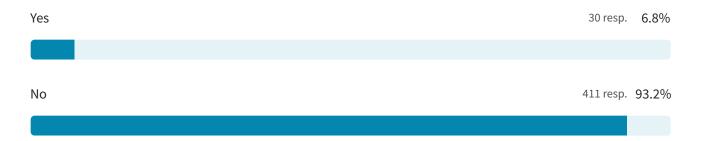
Female	309 resp.	70.1%
Male	121 resp.	27.4%
Non-Binary or Gender Non-Conforming	5 resp.	1.1%
Prefer not to specify	5 resp.	1.1%
Other	1 resp.	0.2%

### 6.4 Race

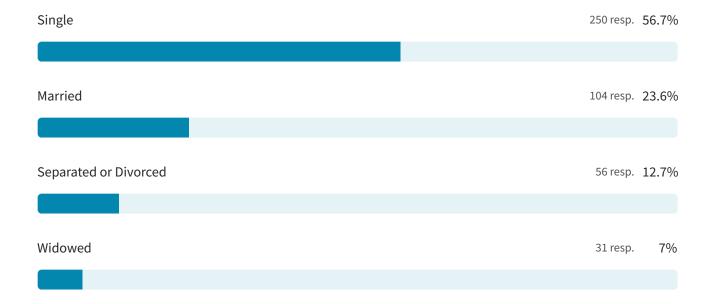
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Black or African American	300 resp.	68%
White	97 resp.	22%
Prefer not to specify	19 resp.	4.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	5 resp.	1.1%
Asian	1 resp.	0.2%
Other	19 resp.	4.3%

### 6.5 Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latinx?



### 6.6 What is your marital status?



What is the highest education level for **each of the adults in your household?** Please choose only the **highest level of education** for each adult.

### 6.10 Head of Household:

High school degree or GED	146 resp.	33.3%
Some college/higher education	113 resp.	25.8%
Bachelor's degree	45 resp.	10.3%
Some high school	45 resp.	10.3%
Associate's degree	34 resp.	7.8%
Master's degree or more	31 resp.	7.1%
8th grade or less	24 resp.	5.5%

### 6.11 Please choose only the highest level of education for Adult #2

N/A - no 2nd adult in household	226 resp. 51.2%
High school degree or GED	68 resp. <b>15.4</b> %
Some college/higher education	58 resp. <b>13.2</b> %
Master's degree or more	22 resp. 5%
Bachelor's degree	21 resp. 4.8%
Some high school	21 resp. 4.8%
Associate's degree	17 resp. 3.9%
8th grade or less	8 resp. 1.8%

### 6.12 Please choose only the highest level of education for Adult #3

N/A - No 3rd adult in household	115 resp.	55.3%
High school degree or GED	33 resp.	15.9%
Some college/higher education	17 resp.	8.2%
Bachelor's degree	12 resp.	5.8%
8th grade or less	10 resp.	4.8%
Some high school	10 resp.	4.8%
Associate's degree	6 resp.	2.9%
Master's degree or more	5 resp.	2.4%

### We hope you will stay in touch.

### Would you like to learn more about the Laney Walker-Harrisburg Choice Neighborhood Planning process?

Would you like to get involved in the planning or simply know when meetings and events will be held? Are you interested in the results of the survey?

