

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.

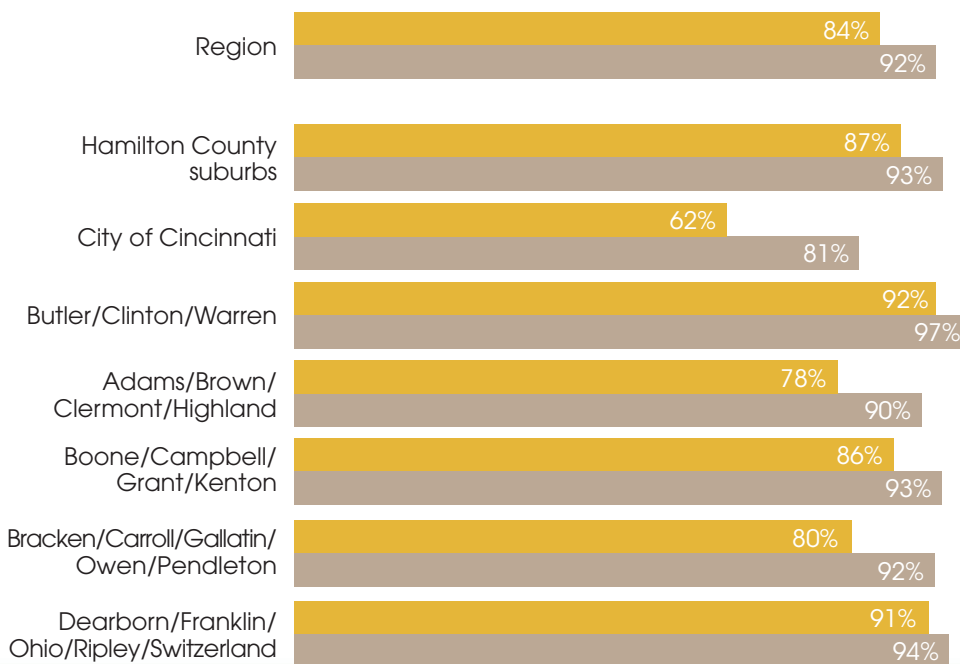
Residents of Butler, Clinton and Warren counties in Ohio (92%) and the region's Indiana counties (91%)¹ were most likely to rate neighborhood housing as excellent, very good or good. This compares with 62% of City of Cincinnati residents.

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



Neighborhood houses and apartments

Own house or apartment

¹ Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties.

own house or apartment as excellent, very good or good. More than 90% of adults in all regions except the City of Cincinnati rated their own homes well. In the City of Cincinnati 81% of adults rated their own homes well.

African American adults less likely to rate own home, neighborhood homes well

Fewer than 7 in 10 African American adults (67%) rated the condition of houses and apartments in their neighborhood as excellent, very good or good. This compares with more than 8 in 10 White adults (85%). Likewise, fewer than 8 in 10 African American adults (78%) rated their own home as excellent, very good or good, compared with more than 9 in 10 White adults (93%). Home ownership may be a factor. Only 35% of African American households in the Cincinnati-Middletown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)² are owned by the resident, compared with 74% of White households.³

Adults with more income, education more likely to rate homes highly

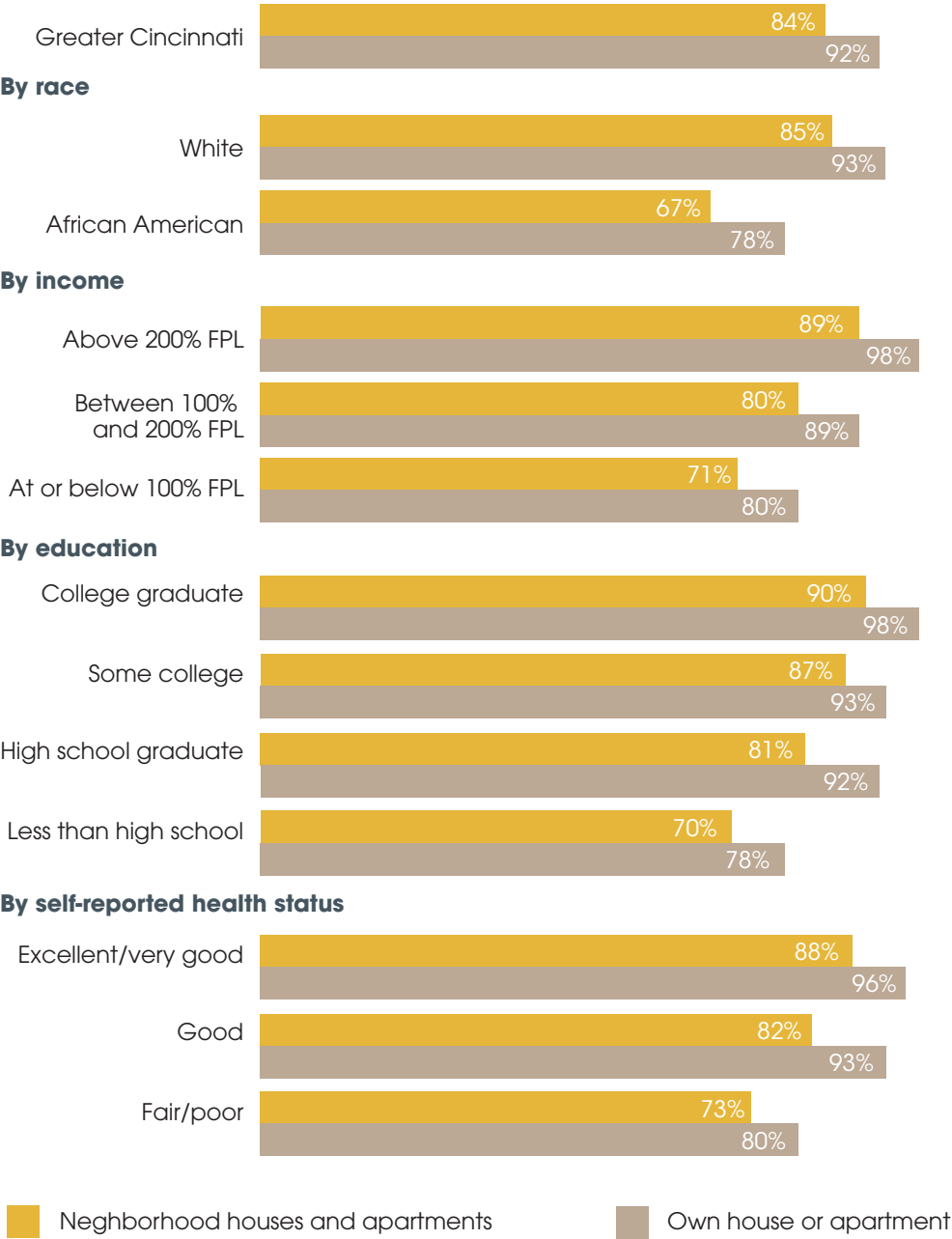
As income rises, the percentage of adults who rate neighborhood housing and their own home positively rises as well. Among adults living at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)⁴, 71% rated neighborhood homes as excellent, very good or good; 80% rated their own homes this way. Among adults living above 200% FPL, 89% rated neighborhood homes highly, and 98% rated their own home highly. Similarly, as education increases so does the percentage of adults rating housing highly. (See graph.)

² The 15-county Cincinnati-Middletown MSA includes Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties in Ohio; Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton and Pendleton counties in Kentucky; and Dearborn, Ohio and Union counties in Indiana. This area is slightly smaller than the region covered by the CHSS.

³ American Community Survey, 2012 five-year estimates: <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t>

⁴ The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in 2012 was \$23,050 for a family of four; 200% FPL was \$46,100.

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Higher housing ratings linked to better health

Among adults who reported their own health as fair or poor, 73% rated neighborhood housing positively. This compares with 88% of adults who reported their own health as excellent or very good. Likewise, 80% of adults reporting fair or poor health rated their own home positively, compared with 96% of adults who reported excellent or very good health.