Census Tract 37.04: Sunnyside Neighborhood

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Housing Characteristics

- Internet access with a computer
- Marital Status
- Exterior Condition of Home

- Education
  - 73% GED or Some College
  - 1% Finished College

- Workforce
  - 24% Retired or Disabled

Most of the working force of the household respondents did have either a full or part-time job.

Types of Homes

Dogs were a must for some households for security purposes.

Nutrition

- “It’s gross. They always have to eat
  • Meat
  • Fruits
  • Vegetables

Most of the participants receive between $30-$40 in food stamps.

Average Expenditure Monthly

- Groceries: $177.86
- Eating Out: $147.2

Recommendations

- What Can Tucson Do?
  - Transportation
  - Education
  - Increase Safety
  - Employment Opportunities

- What Can Charities in Tucson Do?
  - "More work, but more opportunities for work.
    - Married Mother of Two Children"
  - "They could set up food banks. Also, set up activities for the children, I would really like a gym for low-income people, because I would love to work out." - Respondent

Household Finances

- Average Monthly Income: $1,700
- Average Monthly Expenses: $1,830

Reasons for Change in Income

- Positive Income Change
  - New Job
  - Raise

- Negative Income Change
  - Disability
  - Less Work
  - Can't Find Job

Change in Income from Previous Five Years

- More Income: 27%
- Less Income: 27%
- Similar Income: 46%

Leftover Income for Other Expenses: 30%

Priorities of Household Expenses

1. Rent
2. Utilities
3. Food
4. Insurance
5. Household Needs

Family and Friends

- When participants asked whom they trust for advice. "Friend, he is a disability. I have helped him out. Doesn’t have an income, help out with errands." - Single male respondent

Conclusions

- There is lots of hope in Tucson, with the help of the community & state government, we can make a change for the better and hopefully give everyone an equal opportunity and better well-being.

Charitable organizations are easily used, so we need more awareness of what organizations are available. They need to go out to community and get people actively involved.

Tucson has a good food stamp organization, but most of the people we interviewed had SNAP and would be really struggling without it.

Need more programs to help the impoverished find jobs or provide more employment opportunities, especially using public transportation, because a lot of the individuals do not own cars.

The roads really need to get fixed, because the potholes are killing people’s cars and make for unsafe walking environments.