

# Monmouth Housing Survey

Your answers to these questions will help the City of Monmouth plan for future housing. If you are a full-time Monmouth College student, please go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Monmouth\\_Students](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Monmouth_Students) to complete a different survey. All other Monmouth residents or people working in Monmouth, please complete this survey. Your answers will be confidential. A summary of the findings will be reported.

## I. This section asks about where you live now.

1. Do you live in Monmouth?

- Yes – within the City limits
- Yes – outside of the City limits
- No

2. What town do you live in or closest to?

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## 3. What would cause you to consider moving to Monmouth?(check all that apply)

- Additional recreation facilities or activities *(If checked, please specify in the comment box below)*
- New businesses and services *(If checked, please specify in the comment box below)*
- Lower property taxes
- Better quality elementary schools
- Better quality secondary schools
- More local jobs
- Higher quality single family homes
- New housing subdivisions
- More attractive neighborhoods
- Improved downtown
- Better overall community image as place to live
- Lower cost housing
- More rental housing available
- Higher quality rental housing
- Assistance with renovating older homes
- Better downtown
- Other improvements *(If checked, please specify in the comment box below)*

If you checked "recreation" or "businesses & services" or "other improvements", please specify:

## 4. Do you currently:

- Own your home
- Rent
- Live with others, but not paying rent or mortgage
- Other (please specify)

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5. What type of housing do you live in?

- Apartment
- Duplex
- Condominium
- Mobile home
- Townhome/duplex
- Retirement community/independent living/assisted living
- Single-family detached house
- Other (please specify)

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6. How important or not important to you were each of the following factors in choosing where you live now?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	N/A
Close to your work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to your spouse's/partner's work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to shopping, services, entertainment, restaurants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rental housing was available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Houses were available to purchase	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
House met my/our needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Liked the neighborhood/setting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of government housing assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts, cultural, recreation activities in community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety of community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to health care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking distance to places you go regularly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lively, attractive downtown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convenient location for an older person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected "Very Important" or "Somewhat Important" for "Other," please specify the factor:

## II. This section asks about your future housing plans.

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7. Are you considering moving in the next 3 years?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

8. Assuming suitable housing was available, would you consider moving to a home in Monmouth, another Illinois town, or outside of Illinois? *(check all that apply)*

- Home in Monmouth
- Home in another Illinois town *(If checked, please specify the **towns** you are considering in the comments box below)*
- Home outside of Illinois *(If checked, please specify the **states** you are considering in the comments box below)*
- Not sure where

Please specify town(s)/state(s) you are considering:

9. What are the main reasons you are considering moving from your current home? *(check all that apply)*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for a larger home to buy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unhappy with current neighbors                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for a smaller home to buy                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Current home is in poor condition                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently rent and plan to buy a home             | <input type="checkbox"/> Unhappy with current neighborhood conditions              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently own a home but looking for a rental     | <input type="checkbox"/> Need more assistance with daily life                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently rent and looking for a different rental | <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to be closer to family                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for a higher quality home                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for new job opportunities                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for better schools                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Looking for lower cost of living/taxes                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Want a bigger city                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Desire better climate                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Want a more rural area                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Desire community with more shopping, services, recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)                            |  |

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10. Which type of home would you be looking for?

- Single family detached house
- Mobile home
- Condominium
- Retirement community/independent living/assisted living
- Townhome/duplex
- Rental apartment
- Other (please specify)

11. How many bedrooms do you need in your next home?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more
- Not sure

12. How many bathrooms do you need in your next home?

- 1
- 1.5
- 2
- 2.5
- 3 or more
- Not sure

13. What kind of location are you looking for? *(check all you would consider)*

- Rural setting
- Large lot subdivision
- In town neighborhood
- Downtown with urban amenities
- Walkable area where many places are within walking distance
- Other (please describe)

14. Would you consider renovating an older home?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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III. Where people work often determines where they live. The question below asks about where adults in your household work.

15. Where do the primary earner(s) supporting your household work?

	Adult 1	Adult 2	Adult 3	Adult 4
Primary earner	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

IV. Your opinion is important for future planning. The following questions ask what you think about Monmouth as a place to live.

16. Thinking about the future of Monmouth, what are the 3 main changes that are needed to make it a better place to live?

1.

2.

3.

17. What changes are needed in the **downtown area** to make it a more attractive place to live?

18. Do you live in downtown Monmouth?

- Yes
- No

19. Would you consider living in downtown Monmouth?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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V. Knowing a little about your household will help in understanding your answers to the previous questions. Please share a little information about you and your household.

20. Are you:

- Male
- Female

21. What is your age?

- Under 20
- 21-34
- 35-64
- 65-84
- 85 or older

22. Not including yourself, how many people living in your home are in each age group?

- 0-5 years
- 6-12 years
- 13-18 years
- 19-22 years
- 23-34 years
- 35-64 years
- 65-74 years
- 75-84 years
- 85 years or older

23. What is your total annual household income from all sources?

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

24. How much could you spend per month on housing, either in rent or a mortgage payment (including tax and insurance)?

- Less than \$500
- \$500-\$699
- \$700-\$899
- \$900-\$1099
- \$1100-\$1299
- \$1300-\$1499
- \$1500-\$1699
- \$1700-\$1999
- \$2000 or more



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25. Please add any additional comments you have about living in Monmouth below.