Neighborhood Environment Walkability Scale (NEWS) - Abbreviated

We would like to find out more information about the way that you perceive or think about your neighborhood. Please answer the following questions about your neighborhood and yourself.

A. Types of residences in your neighborhood

Please circle the answer that best applies to you and your neighborhood.

1. How common are detached single-family residences in your immediate neighborhood?
   1  2  3  4  5
   None A few Some Most All

2. How common are townhouses or row houses of 1-3 stories in your immediate neighborhood?
   1  2  3  4  5
   None A few Some Most All

3. How common are apartments or condos 1-3 stories in your immediate neighborhood?
   1  2  3  4  5
   None A few Some Most All

4. How common are apartments or condos 4-6 stories in your immediate neighborhood?
   1  2  3  4  5
   None A few Some Most All

5. How common are apartments or condos 7-12 stories in your immediate neighborhood?
   1  2  3  4  5
   None A few Some Most All

6. How common are apartments or condos more than 13 stories in your immediate neighborhood?
   1  2  3  4  5
   None A few Some Most All
B. Stores, facilities, and other things in your neighborhood

About how long would it take to get from your home to the nearest businesses or facilities listed below if you walked to them? Please put only one check mark (✓) for each business or facility.

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[check here _____ if not applicable]
1. Stores are within easy walking distance of my home.
   - strongly disagree
   - somewhat disagree
   - somewhat agree
   - strongly agree

2. There are many places to go within easy walking distance of my home.
   - strongly disagree
   - somewhat disagree
   - somewhat agree
   - strongly agree

3. It is easy to walk to a transit stop (bus, train) from my home.
   - strongly disagree
   - somewhat disagree
   - somewhat agree
   - strongly agree

C. Access to services

D. Streets in my neighborhood

Please circle the answer that best applies to you and your neighborhood. Both local and within walking distance mean within a 10-15 minute walk from your home.
2. There are many alternative routes for getting from place to place in my neighborhood. (I don't have to go the same way every time.)

1. There are sidewalks on most of the streets in my neighborhood.

2. Sidewalks are separated from the road/traffic in my neighborhood by parked cars.

3. There is a grass/dirt strip that separates the streets from the sidewalks in my neighborhood.

4. My neighborhood streets are well lit at night.

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E. Places for walking and cycling

Please circle the answer that best applies to you and your neighborhood.

You’re making great progress......keep it up!
5. Walkers and bikers on the streets in my neighborhood can be easily seen by people in their homes.

1. strongly disagree 2. somewhat disagree 3. somewhat agree 4. strongly agree

6. There are crosswalks and pedestrian signals to help walkers cross busy streets in my neighborhood.

1. strongly disagree 2. somewhat disagree 3. somewhat agree 4. strongly agree

F. Neighborhood surroundings/aesthetics

Please circle the answer that best applies to you and your neighborhood.

1. There are trees along the streets in my neighborhood.

1. strongly disagree 2. somewhat disagree 3. somewhat agree 4. strongly agree

2. There are many interesting things to look at while walking in my neighborhood.

1. strongly disagree 2. somewhat disagree 3. somewhat agree 4. strongly agree

3. There are many attractive natural sights in my neighborhood (such as landscaping, views).

1. strongly disagree 2. somewhat disagree 3. somewhat agree 4. strongly agree

4. There are attractive buildings/homes in my neighborhood.

1. strongly disagree 2. somewhat disagree 3. somewhat agree 4. strongly agree
Please circle the answer that best applies to you and your neighborhood.

1. There is so much traffic along nearby streets that it makes it difficult or unpleasant to walk in my neighborhood.

   1. strongly disagree   2. somewhat disagree   3. somewhat agree   4. strongly agree

2. The speed of traffic on most nearby streets is usually slow (30 mph or less).

   1. strongly disagree   2. somewhat disagree   3. somewhat agree   4. strongly agree

3. Most drivers exceed the posted speed limits while driving in my neighborhood.

   1. strongly disagree   2. somewhat disagree   3. somewhat agree   4. strongly agree

H. Crime

1. There is a high crime rate in my neighborhood.

   1. strongly disagree   2. somewhat disagree   3. somewhat agree   4. strongly agree

2. The crime rate in my neighborhood makes it unsafe to go on walks during the day.

   1. strongly disagree   2. somewhat disagree   3. somewhat agree   4. strongly agree

3. The crime rate in my neighborhood makes it unsafe to go on walks at night.

   1. strongly disagree   2. somewhat disagree   3. somewhat agree   4. strongly agree
Single items that did not load on other factors

Parking is difficult in local shopping areas.

1 strongly disagree
2 somewhat disagree
3 somewhat agree
4 strongly agree

The streets in my neighborhood do not have many cul-de-sacs (dead-end streets).

1 strongly disagree
2 somewhat disagree
3 somewhat agree
4 strongly agree

The streets in my neighborhood are hilly, making my neighborhood difficult to walk in.

1 strongly disagree
2 somewhat disagree
3 somewhat agree
4 strongly agree

There are major barriers to walking in my local area that make it hard to get from place to place (for example, freeways, railway lines, rivers).

1 strongly disagree
2 somewhat disagree
3 somewhat agree
4 strongly agree