



# Community Race Relations Survey 2020

## Survey Purpose

The MLK Dream Team and partner groups want to learn about your perspectives on race relations in the Muncie/Delaware County community. This information will be compared to a similar survey conducted about 20 years ago. We want to know what successes we can celebrate and also identify where we can improve and grow. The MLK Dream Team will use the results to create an action plan to address our community's needs. We appreciate your time to complete this survey (approximately 10 minutes). Your responses are voluntary and you can skip questions if you so choose. You will not be identifiable in any way. Thank you for your time!

Please contact the MLK Dream Team at [TheMLKDreamTeam@gmail.com](mailto:TheMLKDreamTeam@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns regarding this survey.

## Online Survey

Surveys may be taken online by visiting the MLK Dream Team Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MLKDT/>

## Submitting a Paper Survey

Muncie Public Library, one of the partnering organizations, serves as a collection point for paper surveys. Completed surveys can be dropped off at any MPL book drop at Kennedy Library, Maring-Hunt Library, or Carnegie Library. All surveys submitted to MPL will be gathered and delivered to Dr. Melinda Messineo and the BSU students who are helping to conduct and analyze the survey.

Completed surveys can also be mailed to: The MLK Dream Team, P.O. Box 1004, Muncie, IN 47308.

## Agreement to Participate

By accepting this invitation to participate, **you certify that you are at least 18 years of age or older.** Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You may stop participating at any time.

- Have you attended any local race-related community-sponsored events in the past year? (Select all that apply).
  - Black Expo
  - Community school sponsored race-related events
  - MLK Dream Team events (Freedom Bus, Black History Month, Walk of Fame, etc.)
  - MLK Day events sponsored by the Collective Coalition of Concerned Clergy
  - Minnetrista Cultural Center and Oakhurst Gardens
  - Muncie Pride Events
  - NAACP
  - TEAMWork for Quality Living or Forward STEPS events
  - R.A.C.E (Reconciliation Achieved through Community Engagement) events
  - Ball State University Multicultural, Unity, and Diversity events
  - Human Rights Commission events
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - I have not attended any local race-related community sponsored events in the past year.

- Over the past five (5) years, would you say that race relations in Muncie and Delaware County have been getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Getting better     
  Getting worse     
  Staying about the same

- Of the following locations in Muncie or Delaware County, please tell us where you have heard about, witnessed, or experienced an event where someone experienced race-based discrimination within the past five (5) years. (You may skip a category if you are unfamiliar with a location or have not heard about, witnessed, or experienced an event.)

Location	Heard About	Witnessed	Experienced	Not Applicable
Stores				
Restaurants				
Local hospitals/clinics				
Religious/spiritual places of worship				
Home buying, renting, or leasing practices				
Local Government				
Fire and Emergency services				
Law Enforcement				
Local news coverage				
Workplace				
K-12 schools				
Colleges/Universities				
Social Service Agencies				
Court system				
Other _____				

- If you were to pick three locations that the community should focus on in terms of improving race relations, given the locations provided in question 6, which locations would you select?

Most important: \_\_\_\_\_

Second most important: \_\_\_\_\_

Third most important: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please list any other locations that were not mentioned in question 6 where you feel addressing race relations should be a priority:

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6. How frequently would you say efforts towards acceptance and understanding between people of different races/cultures in Muncie/Delaware County have occurred within the past five years?

- Frequently     Occasionally     Rarely     Never     Not sure

7. Of the following locations in Muncie or Delaware County, please tell us where you heard of, witnessed, or experienced any specific efforts in Muncie and Delaware County that worked towards acceptance or understanding between people of different races. (You may skip a category if you are unfamiliar with a location or have not heard about, witnessed, or experienced an effort.)

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Location	Heard About	Witnessed	Experienced	Not Applicable
Stores				
Restaurants				
Local hospitals/clinics				
Religious/spiritual places of worship				
Home buying, renting, or leasing practices				
Local Government				
Fire and Emergency services				
Law Enforcement				
Local news coverage				
Workplace				
K-12 schools				
Colleges/Universities				
Social Service Agencies				
Court system				
Other _____				

9. Do you think these incidents toward racial understanding were more a result of individual or organizational efforts?

- Result of Individual Efforts     Result of Organizational Efforts     Both     Not Sure

10. What would you recommend that the community do to increase racial acceptance and understanding in Muncie and Delaware County?

11. Are there any other issues dealing with racial discrimination or acceptance that you believe should be addressed (and have not already been asked about above)?

- Yes                       No/None  
 If yes, please explain

12. Do you feel you have a voice in the community?  Yes  No  Sometimes  Not sure  
If yes or sometimes, please describe:

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If no or not sure: Why do you think your voice or opinion is not heard?  
Would you like to have your voice heard?  Yes  No

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13. How often do you interact with people of a racial or ethnic background different than your own?

<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a year
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
<input type="checkbox"/> A couple times a year	

14. Where do you usually interact with people that have a racial or ethnic background different than your own? Select all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> At work or school	<input type="checkbox"/> At home (spouse/family member)
<input type="checkbox"/> At community org/club/association meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> At someone else's home
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious/Spiritual places of worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
<input type="checkbox"/> In neighborhood/apt complex	<input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants/bars
<input type="checkbox"/> While shopping, banking, nail/hair done...	<input type="checkbox"/> Everywhere
<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	
<input type="checkbox"/> I don't have opportunities to interact with people who have a different racial or ethnic background.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

15. What is your biological sex?

Female  Male  Non-binary/Other  I prefer to not respond

16. What age range do you fall under?

18-24  25-39  40-49  50-59  70 and over  I prefer to not respond

17. Which racial or ethnic group do you identify with? (Select all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Black African American (not Hispanic)	<input type="checkbox"/> White, Caucasian (not Hispanic)
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American/ Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Latino/a, Chicano/a, Mexican American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to respond
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian, Pacific Islander	

18. Do you have any disabilities protected by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)? If yes, what type(s) of disabilities do you have? (Select all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> A sensory impairment (vision or hearing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> A mobility impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a disability
<input type="checkbox"/> A learning disability (ADHD, dyslexia, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to respond
<input type="checkbox"/> A mental health disorder	

19. What is your current employment status? Select all that apply.

- Employed full-time
- Employed part time
- Unemployed looking for work
- Unemployed not looking for work
- Retired
- Student
- I prefer not to respond

20. Please select your highest grade or year school completed.

- Eighth grade or lower
- Some high school
- High school graduate or GED
- Some college
- Associates degree or vocational
- Bachelor's degree
- Professional or graduate degree
- I prefer not to respond

21. What is your total annual household income?

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more
- I prefer not to respond

22. What is your religious preference?

- Bahai'i, Buddhist, Hindu
- Christian (e.g. Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, etc.)
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Pagan, Wiccan
- Agnostic
- Athiest
- None
- Prefer not to answer
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you selected "Christian", which denomination do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

23. How long have you been a resident of Muncie/ Delaware County?

- Less than a year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years

24. Have you lived in other communities; if so, what was the size of community? Select all that apply.

- Smaller than Muncie
- The same size as Muncie
- Not sure of the size
- Larger than Muncie
- I have never lived in another community

**Thank you for your time. We appreciate your contribution very much!**