Parents' education closely mirrors the education of their children. 

Employment Status

- Median Age
- 57% live in a single family
- Employment Status

- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- School of Sociology

Unfortunately for Tucsonans, working a full-time job does not equate to a life above the poverty line.

Some College 17%

One respondent reported problems receiving things like rent, utilities, their pets and gas as higher priorities than credit cards and I know that would try to cover me. But... it's very irritating because just to apply for it really sucks over there.

The diversity of downtown allows for the existence of houses in single-family homes. The majority of houses were in fair condition and were not in poor condition.

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I think that I have pretty comfortably but I try to stay within my means. I think that I am quite different than most people because it seems very difficult to satisfy me with forms of entertainment and things like that. I mean I have no interest in spending 50 dollars to go see a show every weekend. I mean that just doesn’t interest me. I just sit at home with a book. So I have some free time.

The majority of those who answered yes to this question borrowed money from neighbors or family with no interest in the return. Indeed, I borrowed some money from the credit union. I borrowed a thousand dollars and I had to make the ends meet and that’s when the reverse mortgage payments stopped and I could afford to pay those bills." - Senior Citizen

Government Assistance and Service Organization

Utilization and Knowledge

Because it’s really, really, really difficult. So difficult to get. You can’t get an appointment, you have to do the same deal as if you have to call that morning and then if there is an appointment available, you get it in that timeframe. So I called like every morning and I just can’t get an appointment to save my life."

- Low Income Mother

**Social Networks and Support Systems**

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- "Parents, they always have good advice." — working night shift

- Many of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that there is someone I trust where I would turn to for advice if I were having problems.

- Of the respondents who answered no, 20% retired, 20% worked full-time, 40% lived with family, 20% lived alone, and 20% worked part-time.

- When you need to borrow money to pay for any of your expenses? Can you tell me about the last time that happened? What led up to the situation and how did you resolve it?

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- I don’t talk with my neighbors. I don’t talk to anybody. I don’t have any friends.

- Homeless Veteran

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Who we interviewed

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- Education by Percentage of Entire Sample

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