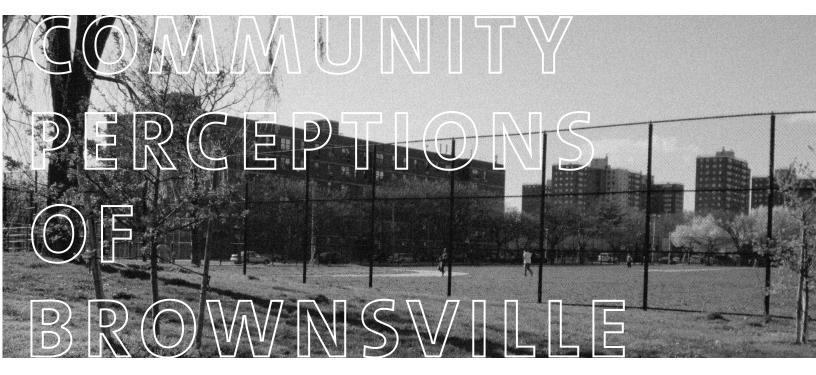


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A Survey of Neighborhood Quality of Life, Safety, and Services

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# COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS OF BROWNSVILLE: VIEWS OF QUALITY OF LIFE, SAFETY, AND SERVICES

In 2010, the Center for Court Innovation began exploring the possibility of creating a community court in Brownsville, Brooklyn. A community court is a neighborhood-focused court that attempts to harness the authority of the justice system to address local problems. As part of the planning process community members were asked to voice their opinions about their neighborhood and community through an "Operation Data" survey, a tool to assess community needs and inform future initiatives. In October 2010, 815 residents, merchants, or people who work in Brownsville completed the survey. Their perceptions of quality of life, safety, services, and youth issues in their neighborhood are presented in this report.

### **BACKGROUND ON BROWNSVILLE**

The Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn covers less than two square miles and has a population of 113,484 (Citizens' Committee for Children in New York, 2010). Median income for a family in Brownsville is \$26,802 with 32.1 percent of families living below the poverty line (New York City Department of City Planning, 2011). Brownsville has the highest concentration of public housing developments in New York City (New York City Housing Authority) and 48 percent receive income support in the form of public assistance, SSI, and/or Medicaid (New York City Department of City Planning, 2011). The majority of residents (80 percent) are African-American. Crime is a major concern in Brownsville—in 2008 it had the highest homicide rate in the city, and along with the surrounding communities of East New York, Bushwick, and Bedford-Stuyvesant accounted for nearly a fifth of the city's murders and almost half of those in Brooklyn (Wright 2008).

### **METHODOLOGY**

The 2010 Brownsville survey was conducted by 25 members of the Juvenile Justice Corps (JJC), the Center for Court Innovation's AmeriCorps program. The survey consisted of 82 questions asking respondents about their perceptions on a wide range of community issues including youth, the justice system, community problems and safety. Assigned to four teams of about six individuals each, the JJC members conducted surveys with people on the street in seven specific zones in Brownsville. For the purposes of the survey, Brownsville was defined by the

official census boundaries that coincide with the area of the 73rd Precinct. The zones (see Appendix A for a map of the Brownsville zones) were high pedestrian traffic areas, such as around public housing complexes, in the main shopping district, and close to subway station entrances. In five of the zones, the volunteers conducted surveys at least twice a day (once in the morning and once in the afternoon). The other two zones (Zone 5 and Zone 6) were in the Ocean Hill part of Brownsville (north of Eastern Parkway) and were only surveyed once.

The Juvenile Justice Corps members conducted surveys Monday through Saturday for one week in October. They approached individuals in public spaces and, with permission, in some businesses. They asked if they were interested in participating in the survey (no incentives were offered). The survey took approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. While a total of 815 surveys were completed, for some questions the number of responses was as low as 639.

Descriptive statistics are reported for most of the questions. Where appropriate, t-tests and regression analysis were used to indicate any significant difference between results based on respondent background characteristics and the relationship between variables.

#### **PROFILE OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS**

Table 1 presents demographic data for the survey respondents. The respondents were nearly evenly divided between men and women. The majority (78 percent) identified as black and 14 percent identified as Hispanic or Latino. Brownsville residents made up the majority of the survey respondents (82 percent). Forty-seven percent of the respondents were unemployed; although adults who are not in the labor force consist of 43 percent of the population in Brownsville (New York City Department of City Planning, 2011) the sample may be skewed towards the unemployed because most of the surveys were administered from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To accommodate survey gathering from those who work during the middle of the week, some surveys were also conducted on a Saturday.

Forty-one percent of respondents lived in New York City Housing Authority public housing, and the majority of those lived in Brownsville Houses (28 percent) and Tilden (11 percent). The mean number of years respondents have lived in Brownsville is 19 years. The mean age of respondents was 42 years old. Since the survey asked a number of questions about youth, some results will be considered comparing responses of youth (ages 19 to 24, 13 percent) to adults (25 and older).

Demographics	2010
Male	52%
Female	48%
Race/Ethnicity	
Black	78%
Hispanic	14%
Other	5%
White	3%
Living in Public Housing	41%
Brownsville Residents	83%
Work in Brownsville	14%
Brownsville Merchant	3%
Currently unemployed	47%
Mean years lived/worked in Brownsville	19 years
Mean age	42 years
16 – 24	13%
25 - 40	34%
41 - 55	35%
55+	18%

Table 1: Respondent Demographics, 2010

Note: n=815 but can be as low as 780 for some elements due to missing data.

### **COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

Respondents were asked to rate issues in the neighborhood as a big problem, minor problem, not a problem, or don't know. Of the list of 18 community issues, over 50 percent of residents stated that 13 of them were big problems in the neighborhood. Overall, 80 percent of residents identified guns, gangs, drug use, drug selling, and assault as the top community problems. The top five quality of life issues were identified as obesity and other public health problems, homelessness, public drinking, garbage removal and run down public spaces. T-tests show that respondents in Zone 4, the southeast corner of Brownsville close to the Brownsville Rec Center, were less likely to categorize certain quality of life issues as big problems than respondents from other zones. These include run down public spaces (17 percent compared to 41 percent), abandoned building and foreclosures (35 percent compared to 18 percent), graffiti (43 percent compared with 18 percent) and prostitution (26 percent compared to 18 percent).

Table 2 presents the full results for community problems in Brownsville.

	Big	Minor	Not a	
Community Problems	Problem	Problem	Problem	Don't Know
Guns	72%	12%	7%	10%
Gangs	71%	12%	9%	8%
Drug use	69%	14%	8%	9%
Obesity, asthma, or other public health problems*	68%	12%	6%	14%
Drug selling in public	66%	15%	10%	10%
Mugging/Robbery	59%	18%	12%	12%
HIV/AIDS	58%	9%	6%	27%
Theft	58%	21%	10%	12%
Assault	57%	23%	10%	11%
Homelessness	56%	22%	10%	12%
Public drinking	55%	20%	17%	8%
Evictions	50%	20%	9%	21%
Garbage removal/littering	50%	24%	20%	6%
Run down public spaces***	48%	26%	18%	8%
Abandoned buildings/Foreclosures*	46%	26%	19%	9%
Vandalism	44%	21%	19%	16%
Graffiti*	44%	26%	20%	10%
Prostitution*	39%	20%	19%	22%

Table 2: Problems in the Brownsville Community, 2010

\*p<.05 in Zone 4. \*\*\*p<.001 in Zone 4; note n is at least 682 for all variables

### YOUTH ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY

One area of primary interest for the Center for Court Innovation in creating the Brownsville survey was the perceptions of youth problems in the community. Twenty-one questions were related to youth crime and other youth issues. The issues considered to be the biggest youth problems were unemployment (81 percent), few adult role models (77 percent), drug use (76 percent), drug selling (75 percent), and teen pregnancy (72 percent) and nothing to do after school (72 percent). Almost every issue asked in relation to youth was considered to be a "big problem" (the options were big problem, minor problem, not a problem, and don't know).

Of the people surveyed, 12 percent were considered youth (ages 16-24). In general, youth were less likely that those 25 and older to consider issues as big problems. A significantly lower percentage of youth identified drug use, drug selling, the lack of educational opportunities, and depression as big problems than did adults. To youth, the biggest issues were: unemployment (73 percent), teen pregnancy (73 percent), using weapons (69 percent), and few adult role models (63 percent). Table 3 presents the complete results.

Youth Problems	Big Problem			Minor Problem		roblem	Don't Know	
	25+	16-24	25+	16-24	25+	16-24	25+	16-24
Unemployment	81%	73%	7%	12%	5%	9%	7%	6%
Few adult role models	77%	63%	9%	18%	6%	12%	7%	7%
Drug use***	76%	57%***	11%	19%	5%	13%	9%	10%
Drug selling***	75%	56%***	11%	19%	5%	13%	10%	11%
Teenage pregnancy	72%	73%	13%	17%	7%	3%	9%	6%
Nothing to do after school	72%	58%	9%	21%	10%	13%	8%	10%
Gang Activity	70%	55%	11%	24%	9%	17%	11%	4%
Using weapons	69%	69%	10%	12%	8%	14%	0%	5%
Fighting	69%	58%	18%	25%	7%	13%	6%	4%
Lack of other educational/training opportunities***	67%	50%***	14%	21%	9%	15%	10%	14%
Dropping out of school	67%	61%	11%	16%	6%	11%	17%	13%
Underage drinking	65%	58%	10%	15%	8%	13%	16%	13%
Disorderly conduct	65%	50%	20%	28%	11%	18%	3%	4%
Lack of GED programs***	65%	48%***	13%	18%	10%	14%	12%	19%
Health issues (HIV/AIDS, STDs, eating disorders, asthma, etc.)	61%	49%	11%	12%	6%	15%	22%	24%
Truancy	60%	48%	16%	18%	10%	18%	14%	16%
Few parks, recreational facilities or sports teams	59%	52%	18%	16%	18%	24%	5%	9%
Depression**	58%	39%**	15%	27%	8%	14%	19%	20%
Bullying	56%	44%	18%	29%	13%	17%	13%	10%
Homelessness	49%	50%	20%	22%	13%	18%	18%	11%
Sexual assault/rape	37%	39%	23%	17%	16%	25%	24%	19%

Table 3: Community Perceptions of Youth Problems

\*\*\*p< .001; Note: n=815 but can be as low as 763 for some data elements due to missing data.

The responses to the open-ended question, "What is one thing you think needs to be done to reduce youth crime and improve conditions for young people," were wide ranging, but the most common themes were more afterschool activities and programs, a community center, jobs, parental guidance and better parenting, positive role models, more police/a better relationship with the police, and more sports teams. These recommendations correlate with the responses to the survey questions on biggest problems in the community. A few AmeriCorps members reported that when they asked the question, people said that the parents need to be aware of their kids and to communicate with them, but so many parents work multiple jobs and just are not around.

# SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Forty-one percent of respondents reported that they lived with school-aged children (elementary through high school) and those children attend nearly 200 different schools in all five boroughs, though most of the respondents reported that distance to and from school was not a problem (67 percent). The biggest issue for school-aged children, similar to youth, was a lack of after-school activities. Table 4 presents the complete responses.

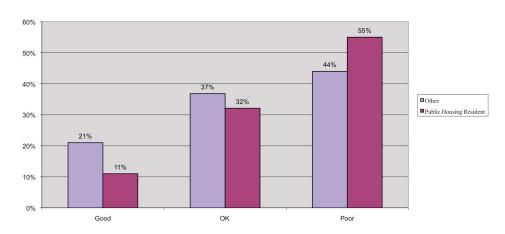
Problems facing kids	Big Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem
Having after-school activities.	40%	14%	46%
Getting homework help.	30%	11%	59%
Safe travel to and from school	25%	18%	57%
Absences from school	21%	12%	67%
Distance from school to home.	16%	18%	66%

 Table 4: Community Perceptions of Problems Facing School-aged Children

Note: n=338

# QUALITY OF LIFE AND SAFETY

Respondents from the Brownsville community, especially those living in public housing, felt that the quality of life could be improved. Public housing residents were significantly less likely to feel that the quality of life was good or very good (11 percent compared to 21 percent of those who lived in other type of housing such as a privately owned co-op, house, or apartment, p<.001).



### Figure 1: Quality of Life, by Public Housing

Some additional questions were asked of residents concerning their perceptions of safety in various locations. While public and non-public housing residents do not statistically differ in their feelings of safety in local parks or going to and from the subway, public housing residents did feel less safe on the street (38 percent compared to 51 percent). A few residents reported that while they know that gangs exist in their neighborhoods, one of the strengths is that everyone knows everybody else, so you don't need to worry about safety; the people who need to be careful are the ones who aren't from the neighborhood.

	At home		me On the street		To and fr subv		In the parks	
	Female	Male	Female Male		Female	Male	Female	Male
Safe	73%***	83%	37%***	54%	37%***	53%	37%***	53%
Neutral	11%***	8%	25%***	22%	23%***	22%	22%***	22%
Unsafe	15%***	9%	38%***	24%	40%***	25%	40%***	26%

Table 5: Feelings of safety in the community, by gender

\*\*\*p<.005 two-tailed; note: n=684

Table 5 demonstrates the close correlation between feelings of safety and gender. Females were significantly more likely to report feeling unsafe at home, on the street, traveling to and from the subway, and in parks than males (p<.001). There was no significant relationship between age and feelings of safety.

#### Regularly occurring neighborhood conflicts

Public housing residents were significantly more likely to report that conflicts occurred between residents of different apartment buildings than were non-public housing residents (58 percent compared to 50 percent, p<.001). Community respondents 55 and older were less likely to say that any of the conflicts occurred regularly in the neighborhood (except for business owner/resident disputes), compared to those who were under the age of 55 (p<.001). Finally, significantly fewer respondents in Zone 4 (southeast corner of Brownsville) reported that landlord/tenant disputes occur regularly compared with the other zones (27 percent in Zone 4 compared to 45 percent in other zones, p<.05).

Conflicts occur regularly	Total	NY	CHA	Over 55	
		Public housing resident	Non-public housing resident	55+	Under 55
Between building disputes	53%	58%***	50%	35%***	57%
Family disputes	52%	56%*	50%	36%***	56%
Neighbor/Neighbor disputes	46%	52%	43%	34%***	49%
Landlord/Tenant disputes	44%	42%	45%	34%***	46%
Conflict over use of parks	36%	37%	36%	28%***	38%
Business owner/Resident disputes	35%	34%	36%	33%	36%

Table 6: Regular occurring conflicts in Brownsville neighborhoods

\*p<.05, \*\*\*p<.001; note : n=639

#### **Greatest Strengths**

A few open-ended questions asked the respondent to identify the greatest strength of Brownsville and what was missing. The responses varied, but a few things were oft repeated by community members, including friendly people who come together in a time of crisis, churches, and everyone coming together for the "Old Timers' Day" barbeque. Community resources mentioned by many respondents were the close access to public transportation and the shopping district on Pitkin Avenue. Finally, the strong police presence was also recognized as one of the top strengths in the community.

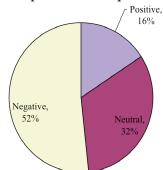
Respondents were also asked what they felt was missing in the Brownsville community. The answers ranged from a mall to a farmer's market, to more community centers and youth programs, to more unity and love. The biggest thing missing from the community was jobs. The second most common response was that they needed more police.

Twenty-six percent of the community members responded that there was nothing that they could think of that was a strength in the community.

### **QUALITY OF LIFE AND SAFETY**

#### Police

Figure 2 illustrates the community perception about its relationship with the police. fifty-two percent of respondents felt that the relationship between police and the community was negative. Only 16 percent responded that the relationship was positive, while thirty-two percent were neutral. Those over the age of 55 had the most positive feelings towards the police (24 percent positive), while those ages 25 to 40 had the most negative feelings (11 percent positive and 63 percent negative).



#### Figure 2: Relationship between the police and the community

Table 7 presents the responses of community members to several more specific questions regarding their relationship with the police. There was a statistically significant difference between responses by age, with a larger percentage of those over the age of 55 agreeing or strongly agreeing with each statement (i.e., having more positive perceptions of the police). The highest percentage of community members (38 percent) agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that the police would treat you with respect if you had contact with them. There was a strong perception in the community that the police do not treat everyone fairly regardless of who they are (only 19 percent of the sample agreed or strongly agreed that the police are fair). However, when asked if they had personally been treated unfairly by the police, only 31 percent responded in the affirmative.

Relationship with Police	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree or Agree
Would treat you with respect if you had contact with them	14%	24%	18%	16%	29%	38%
Treat everyone fairly regardless of who they are	7%	12%	13%	26%	42%	19%
Are helpful	10%	23%	32%	14%	22%	33%
Are friendly and approachable	0%	23%	28%	16%	23%	23%
Can be relied on to be there when you need them	8%	23%	21%	20%	28%	32%
Respond well to the issues in the community	8%	20%	22%	22%	29%	28%
Deal positively with young people	5%	14%	21%	22%	38%	19%

 Table 7: Community Perceptions about its Relationship with the Police

\*\*\*p<.001 for differences between age groups <55 and 55+. Note: n can be as low as 750 for some elements due to missing data.

Responses to open-ended questions demonstrated a desire to improve relations with the police. Some community members expressed a perception that the police are not interested in getting to know community members and that a closer, more respectful relationship would decrease crime. Indeed, many local residents expressed a desire for a stronger police presence in the community. Questions about Brownsville's strengths identified the police presence as one of the top five responses and when asked what was missing from the community, the second most common response, after jobs, was more police and a better relationship with the police.

#### Stop and Frisk

A few of the survey questions addressed the police policy of "stop and frisk," which is a limited search that allows police to stop a person of suspicion and conduct a weapons patdown. Of the sample, 225 (28 percent) reported that they had either been stopped or stopped and frisked in the last year (182 males and 43 females). On average, individuals reported that they were either stopped or stopped and frisked five times in the past year. By conducting a regression analysis (Table 8), it was found that gender and age were statistically significant variables that were positively correlated with being stopped (p<.001). Males were, on average, seven times more likely to be stopped than females and youths nearly twice as likely to get stopped as adults. Forty-four percent of the youth surveyed had been either stopped or stopped and frisked in the last year.

	Odd ratio
Intercept	697
Male	1.82***
Youth	7.01***
Black	1.30
Hispanic	1.67
Other	.70
Public housing resident	1.29
Currently employed	1.06
R-square	.161

Table 8: Predictors for Being Stopped and Frisked, Survey Respondents in Brownsville, 2010

\*\*\*p<.001(2-tailed test)

The survey asked an open-ended question about how the respondents felt when stopped and frisked. The majority of the responses were negative: "it happens all the time, hate it," "angry, disrespected," "annoyed," "bad, females should be searched by females," "not doing anything wrong," "bad, I was innocent," "bothered," "harassed," "crazy," "unfair," "disrespected," "discriminated," "felt like I wasn't human," "I'm used to it but don't like it," "insulted and belittled," "misuse of authority," "ok procedure, but mad about why," "profiled, violated," "taken advantage of, like an animal," "they were aggressive," "scared and targeted," "very embarrassed," "wasting time."

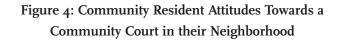
Not all of the comments were negative however; some of the respondents did see the need for the policy: *"it was fine, doing their job," "I respect it," "not a big deal," "wasn't really bothered."* A 19-year-old man with kids, who just got out of jail said he didn't enjoy being stopped and frisked, but that *"lots of cops is a good thing*" Because they reduce local crime.

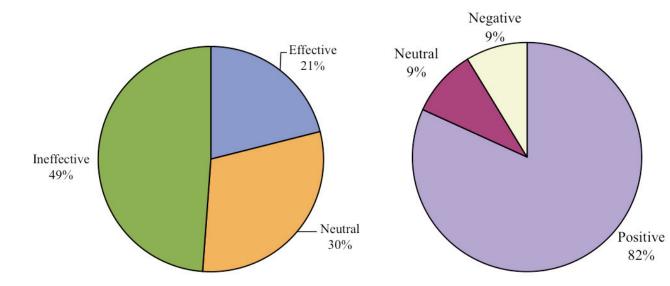
While the practice of "stop and frisk" is controversial, there is little doubt that weapons are a significant problem in the community. Guns were identified as the top community problem in the survey.

#### **Court System**

While most community members reported that they felt that the court system was ineffective in dealing with crime in their community (Figure 3), they also expressed overwhelmingly positive feelings towards having a community court in their neighborhood (Figure 4). A community court was defined as a "court in the neighborhood designed to handle cases involving arrests for non-violent crimes where the goal is to offer those arrested the chance to do community service and attend programs instead of jail." Residents in the southeast corner of Brownsville (Zone 4) and the NYCHA housing residents in Brownsville Houses, Van Dyke I & II, and Tilden (Zone 3) expressed the most interest in having a community court in their neighborhood (94 percent and 87 percent).

### Figure 3: Effectiveness of the Court System in Dealing with Crime in the Community





# CONCLUSION

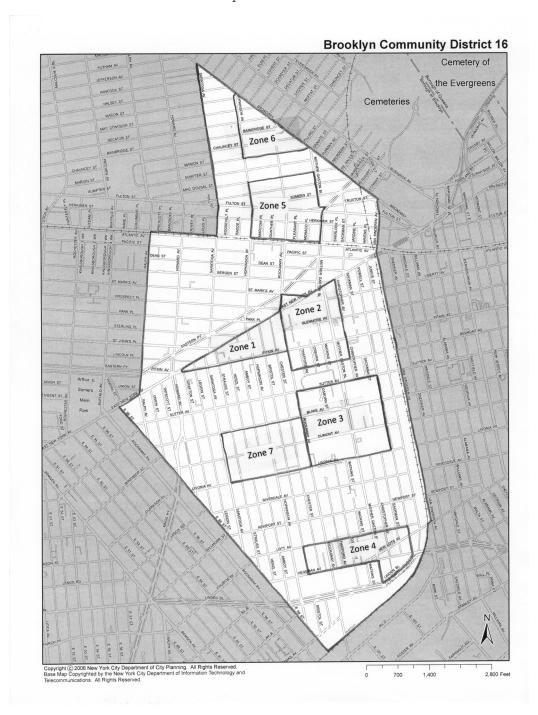
The survey results suggest that the most important local needs as perceived by those who live and work in the Brownsville community are:

- **Quality of life**—Over half of the respondents consider quality of life to be poor in Brownsville, especially those living in public housing.
- **Unemployment**—Respondents identified unemployment as the biggest problem facing youth and jobs in general as the top thing missing from the community.
- **Drug selling and drug use**—Respondents identified drug selling and drug use as big problems for both youth and adults throughout Brownsville.
- **Positive role models**—Along with unemployment, a big problem for youth is the lack of positive adult role models. Respondents believe that parents, police officers, and other community members need to take a more active and positive role in mentoring youth in the community.
- **Community centers/after-school activities**—A lack of after-school of activities and gang activities are pressing concerns for the community members in Brownsville.
- **Police**—Respondents expressed ambivalence about the police: on the one hand, a desire for a more respectful relationship, on the other, an interest in a larger police presence in the community to combat violence.
- **Courts**—While nearly half of the respondents reported that the courts is ineffective in addressing crime in their community, 81 percent view the creation of a community court in their neighborhood as a positive development.

The Center for Court Innovation intends to continue conducting surveys in Brownsville in the future to measure changes in community perceptions over time.

### **APPENDIX A**

Map of Brownsville



# **APPENDIX B**

# Brownsville Operations Data Survey 2010

			Brownsville Operation Data COMMUNITY SURVEY FALL 2010
			Opening Remarks
problen to know work in	ns of your neighborhood, especia v your name. This information is	ally regarding you for research purp	he New York Juvenile Justice Corps. We're conducting a survey to learn about the strengths and h. Participation in this survey is voluntary. Your responses will be kept confidential. I don't even nee oses only. The survey will be about 10 minutes, and is only for residents, merchants, and those who a you? If so, do you agree to participate? (If they say yes, then start the survey, if not, thank them
H	Answers		Question
	OMMUNITY		Quesuon
T			
1			First, I have a few basic questions. What is your relationship to this neighborhood? Choose all that apply.
		1 2 3 4	Resident Merchant Work in the neighborhood Other
2			How many years have you lived/worked in this neighborhood? (if less than 1, put 0)
3			How would you rate the quality of life in the neighborhood? Is the quality of life:
		1 2 3 4 5 6	Very Good Good OK Poor Very Poor Don't Know
YOUTH	4		
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24		Not a Don't roblem Know 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4	Let's start by talking about <b>youth</b> crimes and other <b>youth</b> issues that may exist in the neighborhood. After each problem that I state, tell me whether it is either a 1 - big problem (something that happens often and should be addressed) 2 - minor problem or 3 - not a problem Drug selling Drug use Fighting Disorderly conduct ( <i>yelling, throwing things</i> ) Gang Activity Truance, ( <i>kids not in school when they should be</i> ) Dropping out of school Underage drinking Using weapons Sexual assault/rape Homelessness ( <i>running away or getting kicked out</i> ) Teenage pregnancy Bullying Unemployment Lack of GED programs Lack of other educational/training opportunties Few parks, recreational facilities or sports teams Nothing to do after school Depression Health issues ( <i>HIV/AIDS, STDs, eating disorders, asthma, etc.</i> ) Few adult role models
25			What is one thing you think needs to be done to reduce youth crime and improve conditions for young people?

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JUS	TICE SYSTEM	
	Strongly Strongly	I'm going to ask you about police in your area this past year. Remember, your answers will remain anonymous. For each statement below, please tell me if you 1- Strongly agree 2- Agree 3- Neutral 4- Disagree 5- Strongly disagree <i>The police</i>
	Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Disagree	
33 34 35 36 37 38 39	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Would treat you with respect if you had contact with them Treat everyone fairly regardless of who they are Are helpful Are friendly and approachable Can be relied on to be there when you need them Respond well to the issues in the community Deal positively with young people
40	1	Would you characterize the relationship between the police and your community <i>over the past vear</i> as Positive
	2 3 4	Neutral Negative Don't Know
41 42	<u>Yes No</u> 1 2 1 2	Have you called the police for help <i>in the past year</i> ? Have you been unfairly treated by the police <i>in the past year</i> ?
43 44		If you have been stopped and frisked by the police, how many times in the past year? How did you feel about it?
45	1 2 3 4 5	How effective do you think the court system is at dealing with crime in your community? Very effective Effective Neutral Ineffective Very ineffective

46	1 2 3	In general, how would you feel about having a community court in your neighborhood? (A community court is defined as a court right here in the neighborhood designed to handle case involving arrests for non-violent crimes where the goal is offer those arrested the chance to d community service and attend programs instead of jail.) Positive Neutral Negative
CON	MUNITY PROBLEMS/SAFETY	
		I am now going to ask you some <i>general</i> questions about problems and issues in the neighborhood. After each issue that I state, tell me whether it is a:
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65 66 67 68	Safe Neutral Unsafe D/K 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4	If the respondent is a resident, In the following locations, please tell me if you feel 1- safe 2- neutral/no opinion 3- unsafe In your home On the street On the way to and from the subway In the local parks
69 70 71 72 73 74	Yes         No           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2           1         2	Do you find the following disputes occur regularly in your neighborhood? Landlord/Tenant disputes ( <i>ex: apartment repairs</i> ) Business owner/Resident disputes ( <i>ex: not wanting kids into their store</i> ) Neighbor/Neighbor disputes Family disputes Conflict between residents of different apartment buildings Conflict over use of parks or common spaces
75		In just a few words, what would you identify as the greatest strengths of your neighborhood? (ex: good community programs, close-knit community, strong police presence, etc.)
76		What is one thing missing from the Brownsville community that could make it better?

DEMOGRAPHICS		
77	1 2	Male Female
78	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	What racial group do you consider yourself a part of? [optional] Black or African American White Hispanic/Latino American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Other:
79	1 2 3 4	Where do you currently live? Privately owned home, Co-Op or apartment NYCHA (public) housing complex Shelter/temporary housing Homeless
80	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 13 14 15 16 17	If you currently live in a public housing complex, which one? (don't read list out loud) Van Dyke I Van Dyke II Tilden Brownsville Houses Marcus Garvey Marcus Garvey Marcus Garvey Marcus Garvey Sutter Ave-Union Street Raiph Avenue Sutter Ave-Union Street Tapscott Street Tapscott Street Tapscott Street Nutland Towers Woodson Hughes Apartment Reverand Randolph Brown Attantic Towers Glenmore Other
81	Yes No 1 2	Are you currently employed?
82		How old are you?

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