

Methodology



The Tompkins County Office of Human Rights (OHR) simultaneously conducted a qualitative fair housing choice survey. It was administered for the purpose of gathering anecdotal data from historically disenfranchised and difficult-to-reach populations in the City of Ithaca. It was conducted in the following manner:

- The survey was conducted at various sites throughout the City of Ithaca where protected classes of residents could likely be found.
- The survey period lasted from June 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014.
- Data was collected using a truncated version of the quantitative survey, using paper surveys and collected in drop boxes.
- Residents were asked to share personal stories involving what they considered to be housing discrimination.
- In some instances, OHR staff were on-site to assist residents in filling out the survey.
- In total, 116 Tompkins County residents completed the survey.

SURVEY LOCATIONS

Tompkins County Public Library
 Loaves and Fishes Free Meal Program
 Rescue Mission
 Alternatives Federal Credit Union
 Tompkins County Department of Health
 Tompkins County Office of the Aging
 Tompkins Community Action
 Cornell Cooperative Extension
 Women's Opportunity Center
 Ithaca Free Clinic



Rescue Mission, State Street

Sample Demographics

Table 33. Demographic Profile of Survey Sample

	Total	
	#	%
Residence (Q1)		
City of Ithaca	52	46.3
Town of Ithaca	24	21.43
Other Tompkins County	36	32.27
Gender (Q12)		
Male	33	29.46
Female	79	70.54
Age (Q13)		
18-24	8	7.27
25-34	24	21.82
35-54	48	43.63
55-74	27	24.54
75+	3	2.73
Children (Q11)		
None	61	55.96
Any	48	44.04
Income (Q17)		
\$20,000 or less	59	59.19
\$20,001 - \$40,000	23	21.90
\$40,001 - \$60,000	14	13.33
\$60,001 - \$80,000	2	1.90
More than \$80,001	7	6.67
Race (Q15)		
White	83	75.45
African American	18	16.36
American Indian or Alaskan Native	9	8.18
Asian, Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	4	3.64
Other	8	7.27



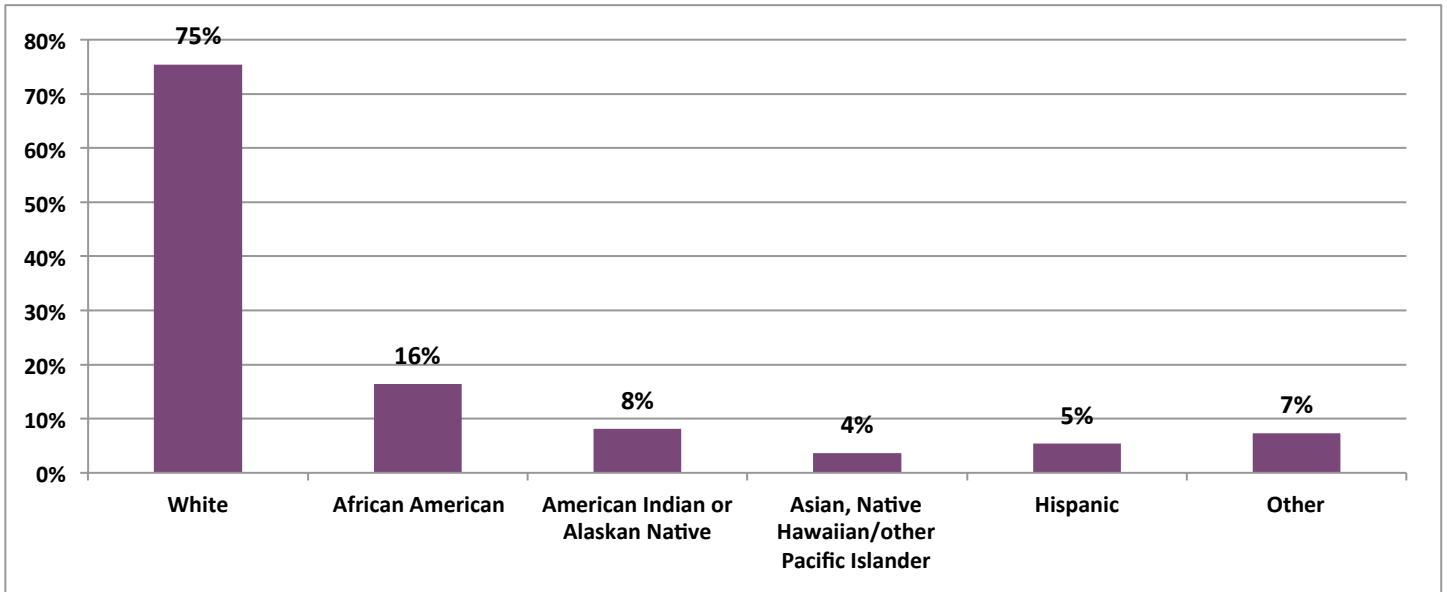


Figure 89. Profile of Survey Sample by Race/Ethnicity

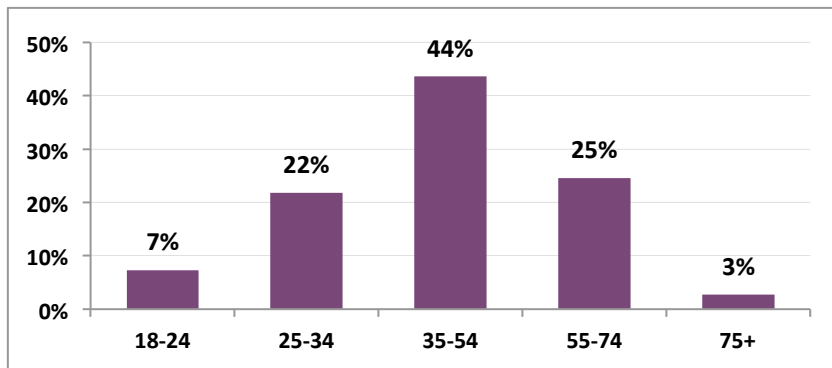


Figure 90. Age Profile of Survey Sample

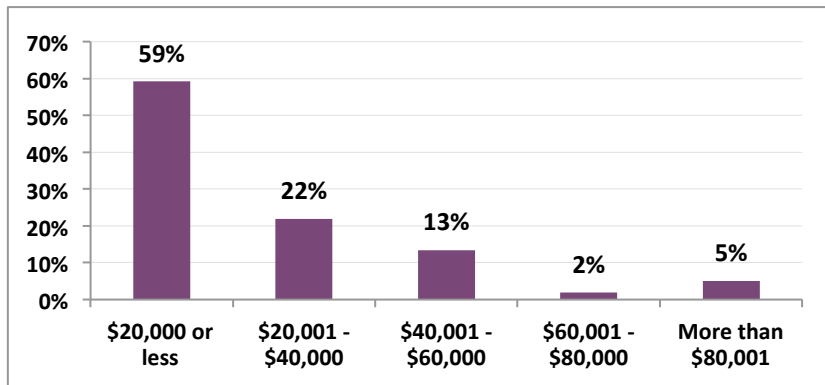


Figure 91. Income Profile of Survey Sample

Thirty-eight respondents (33.93 percent) reported that they or someone they know had experienced unlawful discrimination in Tompkins County while obtaining housing in the last five years. Sixty-four percent (64%) of those respondents reported that the discrimination took place in the City of Ithaca. Eight (8) of those respondents said that they reported the discrimination.

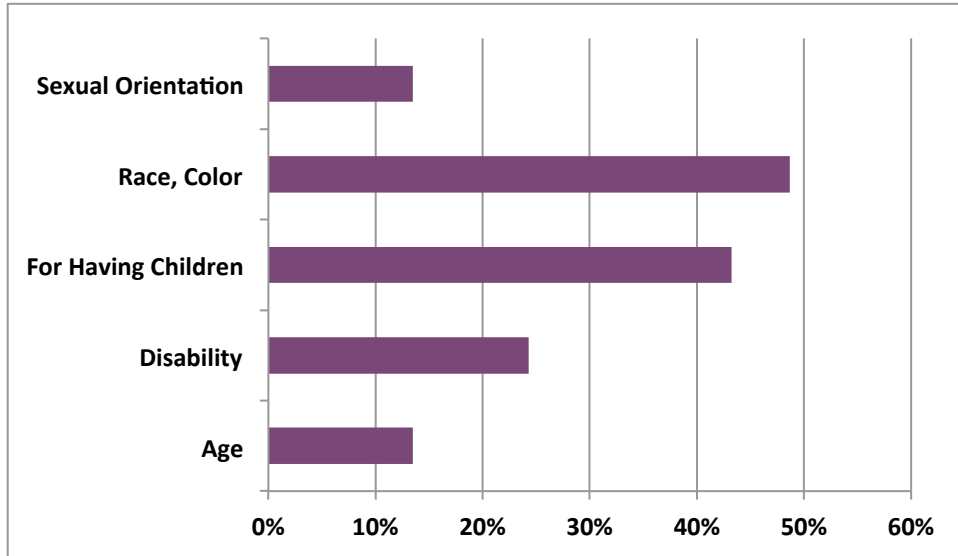


Figure 92. Bases of Discrimination Stories

Residents were asked if they or anyone they've known had been denied housing due to source of income or ability to speak English:

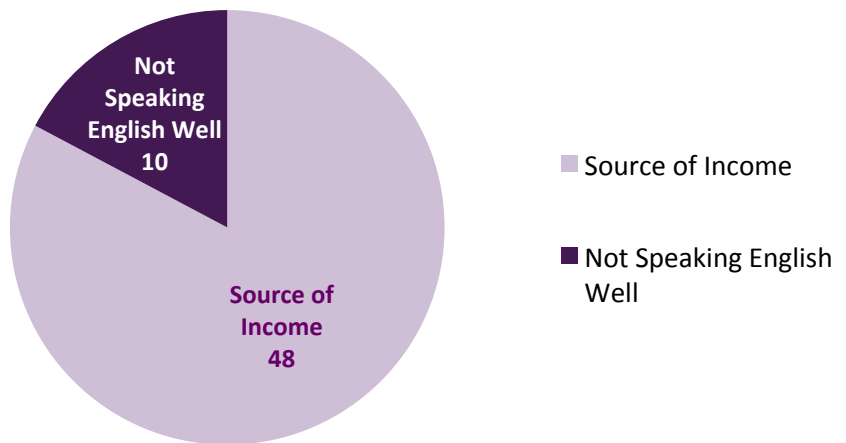


Figure 93. Source of Income and LEP (Q9a and Q9b)