

Custom Delivery

The Docking Institute works with you to develop a housing study that is tailored to meet your specific needs and concerns. Professional services provided by the Institute's University Center for Survey Research (UCSR) include the development of a questionnaire/research protocol, sampling, telephone or self-administered (mail) surveys, fieldwork, interviewing, analysis of data, report writing, and report presentation, all in a time frame allowing for the successful completion of the project.

Information gathered and analyzed by professional staff members will prove to be a valuable resource in your planning and development efforts. We provide final reports in both text and electronic formats, and the Director of the Institute or our research scientists can make public presentations of our findings. Our professional reports and presentations can be used to assist decision-makers that will influence your programs and operations.

Cost of Services

A custom proposal and cost estimate is available upon request at no extra cost. (See contact information on back of this brochure.)

Mission

The primary mission of Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs is to facilitate effective public policy decision-making.

The Institute's five primary programs are:

- Public policy and public opinion research for governmental and non-profit entities.
- Strategic planning and consulting.
- Public affairs programming through conferences, speakers, forums, television and radio programming, newspaper columns and scholarly publications.
- Telecommunications and information technology consulting and development.
- Public administration and leadership training programs.

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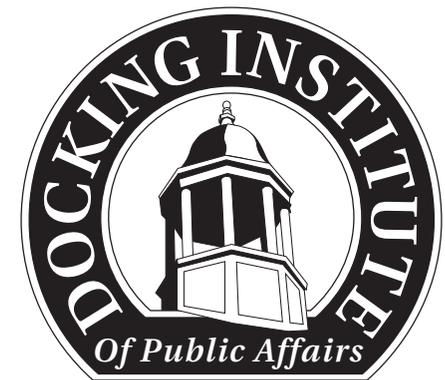


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Housing
Quality, Availability
& Affordability



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Information Requirements

The availability of affordable and high quality housing is vital to the existence and future development of communities, cities and counties.

If you are a decision-maker, planner or analyst in a governmental or non-profit entity and are interested in:

- Obtaining state and federal grants and other funding to assist with the housing needs of your community and or county;
- Evaluating the availability of housing for elderly and special-needs residents in your region of interest;
- Attracting new businesses to your community by providing them with information about housing for workers;
- Understanding housing market trends, construction costs, infrastructure, land availability, barriers to housing, and private and public financing; and/or
- Determining housing construction trends to assist with public works and utilities planning ...

... then let us help you with your information needs!

Information Solutions

The Docking Institute can conduct assessments and surveys in your community, city, or county to:

- Assess the availability of various types of housing (i.e., single family, apartments, duplexes, condos, etc.) in your region of interest;
- Measure the availability of housing for elderly and special-needs residents, and determine the general quality of housing for all residents of your region;
- Calculate the costs of different types of available housing, and estimate whether housing is affordable to the residents in your area;
- Evaluate recent construction and building trends of various housing types and determine if barriers to access exist for some residents;
- Map local infrastructure and land availability with Geographic Information System software;
- Use new Bureau of the Census data to provide census tract information for your area of interest; and/or
- Measure the perceptions of residents about the quality, availability, and affordability of housing in your community, city, or county.

Why Conduct Housing Studies?

Effective decision-making and planning are dependent upon valid and reliable information.

Federal and state granting agencies require accurate survey/assessment data to authorize funding for projects vital to communities, cities and counties of all sizes.

Businesses are increasingly looking at features such as housing quality, availability and affordability for their workers when selecting new site locations. With up-to-date housing information, site selectors can accurately evaluate your community, city or county as being acceptable for their labor force and, consequently, locate their operations in your area.

With correct and accurate housing information, public officials can correctly determine housing needs and trends, and can apply scarce public funds in an efficient and effective manner.