## Food Environment Survey

## Marking Instructions

Please use blue or black ink.
Correct:
Incorrect:
We would like to find out about the way that you perceive or think about the food choices in your neighborhood. Please answer the following questions about your neighborhood, your home, and yourself.

This survey is to be completed by a person who is 18 years or older and does some or most of the food shopping for the household.

## A. Home Food Environment

1. Which of these appliances do you have in your home to cook or store food? (check all that apply)

|  | Yes | No |  | Yes | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Refrigerator | O | $\bigcirc$ | d. Stove | $\bigcirc$ | 0 |
| b. Freezer (attached to refrigerator or stand-alone) | 0 | O | e. Oven | $\bigcirc$ | 0 |
| c. Microwave oven | O | O | f. Other countertop cooking appliance (toaster oven, slow cooker, or electric grill) | 0 | O |

2. Please indicate whether each of these food items were available in your home in the past week:

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a. Bananas | O | O |
| b. Apples | O | O |
| c. Grapes | O | O |
| d. Candy or cookies | O | O |
| e. Snack chips (potato chips, <br> corn chips, tortilla chips, etc.) | O | O |

f. Regular whole milk
$0 \quad 0$

| g. Low-fat milk | O | O |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| h. Regular (non-diet) soda | O | O |
| i. Diet soda | O | O |

3. In your home, how often do you...?

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| j. Carrots | 0 | 0 |

k. Tomatoes

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I. Dark leafy greens (spinach, collards, kale, etc.)
$0 \quad 0$
m. Regular hot dogs
$0 \quad 0$
n. Reduced-fat hot dogs

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o. White bread
p. Whole grain bread

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q. White rice $O$
r. Brown rice

| Never or <br> rarely | Sometimes | Often |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | | Almost |
| :---: |
| Always |

a. Have fruits and vegetables in the refrigerator
b. Have candy or chips available to eat
c. Have fruit available in a bowl or on the counter
d. Have ice cream, cake, pastries, or ready-to-eat sweet baked goods (cookies, brownies, etc.)

## B. Food Shopping Questions

Please answer these questions thinking about the food stores in the neighborhood near where you live.
Think of your neighborhood as the area within about a 20-minute walk or 10-15 minute drive from your home.
4. Please mark whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

| Strongly <br> disagree | Somewhat <br> disagree | Neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree | Somewhat <br> agree | Strongly <br> agree |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

a. It is easy to buy fresh fruits and vegetables in my neighborhood.
b. The fresh produce in my neighborhood is of high quality.
$0 \quad 0$
$0 \quad 0 \quad 0$
$0 \quad 0$
c. There is a large selection of fresh fruits and vegetables in my neighborhood.
d. It is easy to buy low-fat products, such as low-fat milk or lean meats, in my neighborhood.
e. The low-fat products in my neighborhood are of high quality.
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f. There is a large selection of low-fat products available in my neighborhood.
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5. How often do you usually shop for food?

O More than once a week
O Once a week
O Once every 1-2 weeks
O Once a month
O Other (please specify): $\qquad$
6. Is there one store or more than one store where you do most of your food shopping?
O One store
O Two stores
O More than two stores
7. What type of store is the store where you buy most of your food? (Choose the best answer)

O Supermarket
O Small grocery store
O Corner store or convenience store
8. Thinking about the store where you buy most of your food, how do you usually travel to this store? (check all that apply)
O Walk
O Bicycle
O Bus or other public transportation
O Drive your own car
O Get a ride O Other (please specify):

O Supercenter (like WalMart or Costco)
O Other (please specify):
$\qquad$
9. About how long would it take to get from your home to the store where you buy most of your food, if you walked there?
O 10 minutes or less
O 21 to 30 minutes
O 11 to 20 minutes
O More than 30 minutes
10. How important are each of the following factors in your decision to shop at the store where you buy most of your food?

| Not at all <br> important | A little <br> important | Somewhat <br> important | Very <br> important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

a. Near your home
b. Near or on the way to other places where you spend time
c. Your friend/relatives shop at this store
d. Selection of foods
e. Quality of foods
f. Prices of foods

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

11. At the store where you buy most of your food, how hard or easy is it to get each of these types of foods?

| Very <br> easy | Somewhat <br> easy | Somewhat <br> hard | Very <br> hard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| a. Fresh fruits and vegetables | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| b. Canned or frozen fruits and vegetables | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Lean meats | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. Candy and snack chips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e. Low fat products | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| f. Regular soda or other sugary drinks (sports drinks, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| juice drinks, etc.) |  |  |  | 0 |

12. At the store where you buy most of your food, how would you rate the price of fresh fruits and vegetables?
O Very inexpensive
O Not expensive
O Somewhat expensive
O Very expensive
13. Where do you usually purchase fruits and vegetables? Please select all that apply.

O Supermarket
O Small grocery store
O Corner store or convenience store
O Farmer's market
O Fruit and vegetable truck
O Other (please specify):
O I don't buy fresh fruit and vegetables
14. Please mark whether you agree or disagree with the following statements for the store where you buy most of your food and your shopping habits at that store. Questions about unhealthy foods mean those foods often considered to be high in sugar, salt, fat and calories, such as candy, chips, regular soda, sugary cereals, bakery desserts, and so on.

$\left.$| Strongly <br> disagree | Somewhat <br> disagree | Neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree | Somewhat <br> agree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | Strongly |
| :---: |
| agree | \right\rvert\,

a. I notice signs that encourage me to purchase healthy foods.
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b. I often buy food items that are located near the cash register.
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c. The unhealthy foods are usually located near the end of the aisles. $\square$
d. I often buy items that are eye-level on the shelves.

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e. There are a lot of signs and displays encouraging me to buy unhealthy foods.
f. I see nutrition labels or nutrition information for most packaged foods at the store.

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$g$. The foods near the cash register are mostly unhealthy choices.

## C. Restaurant/ Eating Out Questions

15. In an average week, how many times do you eat a meal away from home, or get take-out food, at a...
a. Fast-food restaurant: $\square$ times a week
b. Sit-down restaurant: $\square$ times a week
c. Other type of "restaurant" (e.g., food truck, cafeteria, etc): $\square$ times a week
Please specify type:
16. About how long would it take to get from your home to the fast-food restaurant where you go most often, if you walked there?

O 10 minutes or less
O 11 to 20 minutes
O 21 to 30 minutes
O More than 30 minutes
O I do not eat at fast-food restaurants
17. About how long would it take to get from your home to the sit-down restaurant where you go most often, if you walked there?

O 10 minutes or less
O 11 to 20 minutes
O 21 to 30 minutes
O More than 30 minutes
O I do not eat at sit-down restaurants

Please check the answer that best describes the restaurant where you go most often (including getting take-out if that applies to you) and your opinion about that restaurant.

- Questions about healthy options mean choices that are low-fat, "heart healthy", small portions, fruits and vegetables, and so on.
${ }^{\bullet}$ Questions about unhealthy foods mean those foods that are high in fat, sugar, salt and calories, such as "super-sized" items, foods that are deep-fried, sweet desserts, and so on.

18. Is the restaurant where you go most often a...

O Fast-food restaurant
O Sit-down restaurant
O Other (please specify): $\qquad$
19. Please mark whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about the restaurant where you go most often :

| Strongly <br> disagree | Somewhat <br> disagree | Neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | | Somewhat |
| :---: |
| agree |$\quad$| Strongly |
| :---: |
| agree |

a. There are many healthy menu options at the restaurant.
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b. It is hard to find a healthy option when eating out at the restaurant.
c. It is easy to find healthy fruit and vegetable choices at the restaurant.
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d. It is important to me to be able to make a healthy food choice when eating out.
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e. The restaurant provides nutrition information (such as calorie content) on a menu board or on the menu.

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f. Signs and displays encourage overeating or choosing unhealthy foods from the menu.

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g. It costs more to buy the healthy options.

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h. The menu or menu board highlights and promotes the healthy options at the restaurant.

## D. Your Thoughts and Habits about Food

20. In the last 12 months, how often were you concerned about having enough money to eat nutritious meals?
O Never
O A few times
O Frequently
O Almost all the time
21. How concerned are you about the nutritional content of the foods you eat?

O Not at all concerned
O Not too concerned
O Somewhat concerned
O Very concerned
22. When you shop for food, how important to you is...?

| Not at all <br> important | Somewhat <br> important | Very <br> important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

23. When you eat out at a restaurant or get take-out food, how important to you is...?

| Not at all <br> important | Somewhat <br> important | Very <br> important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

a. Taste
b. Nutrition

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| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

24. Have you ever tried to lose 10 pounds or more?

O Yes O No --> If no, go to question \#26
25. If yes, think about your most recent effort to lose weight. How would you describe the results?

O Lost all I wanted to lose and kept it off
O Lost part of the weight I wanted to lose and kept it off
O Lost weight, but gained some of it back
O Lost weight, but gained all of it back
O Didn't lose any weight
O Still on a diet now
26. When you shop for groceries, how often do you use a list?
O Never
O Occasionally
O Sometimes
O Usually or always
27. How often does your family eat evening meals together?
O Never
O Occasionally
O Sometimes
O Usually or always
28. How often does your family eat meals in front of the TV, with the TV turned on?
O Never
O Occasionally
O Sometimes
O Usually or always

The next question asks about how often you eat certain foods. Think about what you usually eat, including all meals, snacks, and eating out.
29. About how often do you usually eat or drink each of the following items?
$\left.\begin{array}{|cccccc|}\hline 2 \text { or more } \\ \text { times a } \\ \text { DAY }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { Once a } \\ \text { DAY }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { 5-6 times } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { WEEK }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}3-4 \text { times } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { WEEK }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { 1-3 times } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { MONTH }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Less than } \\ \text { once a month } \\ \text { or never }\end{array}\right]$
a. Fruit, not counting juice
b. Fruit juice, such as orange, grapefruit, or tomato
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c. Green salad

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d. Vegetables, not counting potatoes or salad

## E. General Household Questions

30. How many people live in your household other than you? We define household as anyone who lives in your home and shares most meals or food with you.


Adults (18 or over)


Your own children (under 18)


Other children (under 18)
31. How many drive-able motor vehicles (cars, trucks, and motorcycles) are there in your household?

32. Which of these best describes the neighborhood where you live?

O Urban/city or town
O Suburban
O Rural or very rural
33. Do you or someone else in your household own your home?

O Yes
O No (renter)
34. How long have you lived at your current address?

O Less than a year
O More than 1 year, but less than 2 years
O More than 2 years but less than 5 years
O More than 5 years but less than 10 years
O More than 10 years
35. Where do you spend most of your time when you are not at home?

O Work
O School
O Other (please specify): $\qquad$

## F. Background Questions

36. Are you...? O Male O Female
37. How old are you? $\square$
38. What is your racial background or ethnicity?

| O Black/African American | O Asian/South Asian/Pacific Islander |
| :--- | :--- |
| O White/Caucasian | O American Indian or Alaskan Native |
| O Latino/Hispanic | O Other (please specify): |

39. Where were you born?

O Philadelphia
O United States, outside of Philadelphia (please specify state or city): $\qquad$
O Another country (please specify country):
40. What is your marital status?

O Married or living with a partner
O Separated or divorced

O Widowed
O Never been married
41. How tall are you without shoes?

42. How much do you weigh without shoes? $\square$ pounds
43. How would you describe your current employment status?

O Full-time employment ( 35 hours a week or more year-round)
O Part-time employment
O Unemployed, actively seeking employment
O Not employed, not seeking employment (student, retired, home-maker, disabled, etc.)
44. What is your highest level of education?

O 8th grade or less
O Some high school
O High school graduate or GED certificate
O Some college or technical school
O College graduate or more, such as graduate or professional degree
45. In general, would you say your health is:
O Poor
O Fair
O Good
O Very good
O Excellent
46. Do you smoke cigarettes?

O Yes, I currently smoke
O No, but I used to smoke and quit
O No, I have never smoked
47. How would you describe your level of physical activity?

O Not at all active, mostly sedentary
O Moderately active
O Moderately to very active
O Very active (vigorous activity at least 5 days a week)
48. Do you currently receive any of the following?
a. Food stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP benefits)
b. WIC benefits

## Yes No

$0 \quad 0$
$0 \quad 0$
$0 \quad 0$ Government cash assistance inclu
including social security benefits)
49. What is the total yearly income for your household?
O Less than \$20,000
O \$50,000-\$100,000
O \$20,000-\$34,999
O More than \$100,000
O \$35,000-\$49,999 O Not willing to share

## You're Finished! Thank you for your time and effort!

Please take a moment to review your responses to make sure no questions were missed!

