Experiences of Housing Insecurity and Homelessness
Among Students of Auraria Campus

Qualification Question:

Are you currently experiencing, or have you ever experienced, housing insecurity or homelessness at any time while attending MSU Denver, UCD, or CCD? ○ Yes ○ No

For your reference, "housing insecurity" includes a broad set of challenges such as the inability to pay rent or utilities, or the need to move frequently. "Homeless" means that a person does not have a stable place to live; it may include staying temporarily with family or friends; sleeping in a car; or living at an emergency shelter, in an abandoned building, or on the street.

- If your answer is "yes", please take a few minutes to complete the following survey. If your answer is "no," please exit now.

Thank you for your willingness to answer questions about your experiences with housing insecurity and homelessness. Data collected from this confidential, anonymous survey will be used to inform Auraria community leaders (administrators, faculty, etc.) about the prevalence and impact of housing insecurity and homelessness among students on our campus. Results may also be used for presentations and/or publications related to students' experiences of housing insecurity and homelessness.

The survey questions will be about your own experiences, about factors that may have contributed to those experiences, and about resources that you have used or needed as a result of challenges with housing/homelessness. The risks of participating are minimal: You may experience discomfort or feel upset due to the personal nature of the survey questions. If this proves to be the case, you may discontinue the survey at any time, or you may skip the offending question(s) and continue on. If you find yourself sad or distressed as a result of participating in this research, you are encouraged to contact the MSU Denver Counseling Center in Tivoli 651; their phone number is 303-615-9988, and the website is https://www.msudenver.edu/counsel/

There are no direct benefits that you will derive from participating in this survey; however, your responses may help increase awareness and create changes in policies and/or resources here on our campus and, potentially, at other institutions as well.

You may choose to participate or not. If you do not wish to participate, simply exit the survey, with no penalty to yourself. If you do participate, completion of the survey indicates your consent to the above conditions.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). Any questions or concerns should be directed to the principal investigator, Randi Smith, by phone at 303 615-1176 or by email at rsmit216@msudenver.edu. If you would like to talk with someone other than the researcher(s), have questions about your rights as a study participant, or have questions or complaints that are not being answered by the researchers, please contact MSU Denver's Human Subjects Protection Program at 303-352-7330 or by email at hspp@msudenver.edu. If you would like to receive study results please contact rsmit216@msudenver.edu.

1. **Gender**:
   - ( ) Male
   - ( ) Female
   - ( ) Transgender
   - ( ) Non-binary
   - ( ) Other _____

2. **Age: _____**years

3. **Ethnicity** *(choose all that apply)***:**
   - ( ) African American/Black
   - ( ) American Indian or Alaska Native
   - ( ) Asian
   - ( ) Hispanic/Latino
   - ( ) Mixed Race
   - ( ) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   - ( ) White
   - ( ) Don't Know
   - ( ) Decline to State

4. **Sexual Orientation**
   - ( ) Straight/heterosexual
   - ( ) Gay or lesbian
   - ( ) Bisexual
   - ( ) Other: _____

5. **Level of Education (check all that apply):**
   - ( ) Completed High School
   - ( ) Completed GED
   - ( ) Working towards Associates degree
   - ( ) Completed Associates degree
   - ( ) Working towards Bachelor's degree
   - ( ) Completed Bachelor's degree
   - ( ) Working towards Master's degree
   - ( ) Completed Master's degree
   - ( ) Working towards doctoral degree

6. **Do you have dependents (child/children/family for whom you are responsible)?** ( ) Yes ( ) No
   If so, for whom are you the primary caregiver? (e.g., "2 children" or "1 disabled relative")
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7. **Do you have a disabling physical condition?** ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Don't Know

8. **Do you have a disabling psychiatric condition?** ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Don't Know

9. **Have you served/are you serving U.S. Military (veteran):** ( ) Yes ( ) No

10. **How many times have you been homeless (**meaning "does not have a stable place to live; may include staying temporarily with family or friends; sleeping in a car; or living at an emergency shelter, in an abandoned building, or on the street") **while attending MSU Denver, UCD, or CCD? (Choose one):**

( ) 0 ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5 or more ( ) Don't know

11. **During the time you've attended MSU Denver, UCD, or CCD, how long was your longest episode of homelessness?**

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12. **While attending MSU Denver, CCD, or UCD, where have you stayed during your episode(s) of housing insecurity/homelessness?** *(choose all that apply)*:

- ( ) Emergency Shelter
- ( ) Transitional Housing for Homeless Persons
- ( ) Psychiatric Hospital or Other Psychiatric Facility
- ( ) Substance Abuse Treatment Facility or Detox Center
- ( ) In a **Family** Member's Room, Apartment or House
- ( ) In a **Friend's** Room, Apartment, or House
- ( ) In an abandoned building
- ( ) Other _____
- ( ) Hotel or Motel
- ( ) Foster Care Home or Foster Care Group Home
- ( ) Place Not Meant for Habitation
- ( ) Hospital (Non-Psychiatric)
- ( ) Outside/on the Street
- ( ) Jail or Prison
- ( ) In a car

13. **What factor(s) contributed to the housing insecurity/homelessness you experienced while attending MSU Denver, CCD, or UCD?** *(choose all that apply)*:

- ( ) Abuse or violence in my home
- ( ) Alcohol/substance abuse problems
- ( ) Asked to leave
- ( ) Bad credit
- ( ) Couldn't pay utilities
- ( ) Disability
- ( ) Emancipated from foster care
- ( ) Discharged from jail
- ( ) Discharged from prison
- ( ) Eviction history
- ( ) Forced to foreclose on home
- ( ) Illness
- ( ) Legal problems
- ( ) Lost a job/couldn't find work
- ( ) Medical expenses
- ( ) Mental Illness
- ( ) Moved to find work
- ( ) Pets not allowed
- ( ) Problems with public benefits
- ( ) Reasons related to my sexual orientation
- ( ) Relationship problems or family break-up
- ( ) Unable to pay rent/mortgage
- ( ) Violated rental agreement
- ( ) Other _____

14. **Have you ever been asked by someone on the streets to exchange sex for money, food, drugs, shelter, clothing, etc.?** ( ) Yes ( ) No

15. **Have you ever traded sex for money, food, drugs, shelter, clothing, etc.?** ( ) Yes ( ) No

16. **Have you ever been the victim of a violent attack while you were experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness?** ( ) Yes ( ) No

17. **During your time at MSU Denver, CCD, or UCD, have you been to an emergency room?**
    ( ) Yes ( ) No
    a. **If you have been to an emergency room, were any visits related to alcohol or substance abuse?**
    ( ) Yes ( ) No

18. **During your time at MSU Denver, CCD, or UCD, have you spent more than 24 hours in the hospital?**
    ( ) Yes ( ) No
    a. **If yes, was this hospital stay in a psychiatric or mental health unit?** ( ) Yes ( ) No

19. **Which of the following resources on campus have you used? (Check all that apply):**

( ) Access Center
( ) Care Team
( ) Career Center
( ) CMEI (Center for Multicultural Excellence)
( ) Counseling Center
( ) EPIC Scholars (Fostering Success)
( ) Food pantry
( ) Free events that provide food
( ) Gender Institute for Teaching & Advocacy
( ) Health Center
( ) Immigrant Services
( ) Internet Access (Library/Computer labs)
( ) LGBTQ Student Resource Center
( ) Phoenix Center at Auraria
( ) Showers in PE Building or other campus facility (as your primary/only option for showering)
( ) Student Care Center/Case Management
( ) Student Emergency Fund
( ) Tivoli Commuter Resource Center
( ) Veteran/Military Student Services

( ) Other _____

20. **During the time you have been a student have you applied for and/or received the following public benefits? (check all that apply)**

	applied for	**received**
Colorado Food Assistance (SNAP/food stamps)	( )	( )
CO Works/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)	( )	( )
Medicaid	( )	( )
Social Security Disability benefits (SSDI)	( )	( )
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	( )	( )
Section 8 Housing	( )	( )
Unemployment insurance compensation	( )	( )
Veterans' Affairs benefits	( )	( )
WIC (Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, & Children	( )	( )
Workers' compensation	( )	( )
Other _____	( )	( )

21. **What additional resources do you need/have you needed on campus as a result of your housing insecurity/homelessness?**

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Are you interested in providing more information about your experiences with housing insecurity and/or homelessness?
If so, please click here to send an email to Dr. Randi Smith,
who will be conducting some face-to-face interviews to learn more about how housing insecurity and homelessness affect college students.