

Appendix A. Questionnaire

Illinois Muslims: Needs, Assets,
and Opportunities

Questionnaire

Welcome and thank you for taking part in this historic survey!

This research is being conducted by the **Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement at the University of Illinois Chicago (IPCE)** and the **Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU)**. It is convened by the **Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition** and partners.

We are asking about experiences and demographics of Illinois Muslims. Illinois has one of the largest and most diverse Muslim communities across the nation. A snapshot of Illinois Muslims is a snapshot of America's Muslims - and we need your input.

This study is 100% funded by the generous contributions of community members and organizations. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Please be advised that this questionnaire asks

about some sensitive topics such as mental health, suicide, drug use, and crime victimization. We respect your confidentiality, and we take all appropriate steps to ensure the privacy of your opinions. No identifiable data will be shared with any non-UIC research personnel or non-UIC research organizations. No information collected in this survey will be tied back to you in any way.

Note that completion of this survey is completely voluntary, and you may skip any question you are not comfortable answering by clicking continue. You may also choose to stop participation in this survey at any point with no consequence.

If you have any questions, or need additional support in completing the survey, please contact the principal investigator, Umair Tarbhai at utarbh2@uic.edu.

Participant Screening

1. Are you at least 18 years of age?
 - a. (Yes || No)
2. Are you an Illinois Resident?
 - a. (Yes || No)
3. Are you a Muslim?
 - a. (Yes || No)
4. In what year were you born?
 - a. (Open response)
5. What is your current zip code?
 - a. (Open response)

LOGIC: If Q1 or Q2 or Q3 = "NO" filter to exclusion message screen

LOGIC: If Q4 = > 1993 filter to exclusion message screen

LOGIC: If Q5 = < 60000 or > 62999 filter to exclusion message screen

Healthcare Access

6. In the last 12 months did you have an illness, injury or condition that needed care right away?
 - a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q6 = "YES" show Q7 if Q6 = "NO" skip to Q8

7. In the last 12 months when you needed care right away, how often did you get care as soon as you needed?
 - a. (Always || Usually || Sometimes || Never)
8. In the last 12 months how easy was it to get the medical care, tests, or treatment you needed?
 - a. (Very easy || Somewhat easy || somewhat difficult || very difficult)
9. Do you have a parent/grandparent/guardian for whom you are currently responsible?
 - a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q9 = "YES" show Q10 if Q9 = "NO" skip to Q11

10. Over the past 12 months have you helped your parent/guardian/grandparent with any of the following? (Select all that apply)
 - a. (Financially || Help with an errand/housework || Transportation || Health-related tasks (e.g., checking blood sugar/blood pressure/medication management) || Act as their main social outlet || Other (Please specify))

Mental Health

11. Have you experienced mental health symptoms (e.g., sadness, anxiety, withdrawal, loss of joy) which affected your work, relationships, and/or daily life...

a. Over the last 12 months?

i. (Yes || No)

b. Ever?

i. (Yes || No)

12. Have you been treated by a mental health professional...

a. In the last 12 months?

i. (Yes || No)

b. Ever?

i. (Yes || No)

13. If you ever felt that you needed to see a mental health professional, which of the following would make you reluctant to seek treatment? Select all that apply.

a. (Not knowing where to find treatment || Being seen as weak || Fear of harming my career || Feeling embarrassed || Lack of trust in mental health professionals || Not culturally acceptable || Lack of Muslim mental health professionals || Too expensive || None, I would seek mental health services || I don't know || Other (Please specify))

14. Have you ever tried to do anything to kill yourself or make yourself not alive anymore?

a. (Yes || No)

Political and Civic Engagement

15. Are you eligible to vote (at least 18 years or older and a citizen of the United States)?

a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q15= "YES" show Q16. If Q15 = "NO" skip to Q17

16. Are you registered to vote?

a. (Yes, I am registered || No, but I am planning to register || No, and I am not planning to register || I do not know if I am registered)

17. Have you ever volunteered or done community organizing/rallying for a political organization or candidate?

a. In the past 12 months?

i. (Yes || No)

b. Ever?

i. (Yes || No)

18. Have you met or communicated by email, phone or mail with your Federal elected congressional representative or their staff within the last year? By "Federal elected representative" we mean your Congress member representing

we mean your Congress member representing your district or state in Washington, D.C.

a. (Yes || No)

19. Have you met or communicated by email, phone or mail with your locally elected representatives or their staff within the last year? By “local” we mean a representative in city or state government, such as a mayor, city council member, state legislator, governor or their staff.

a. (Yes || No)

20. What policy areas are you most concerned about? (Select up to three).

a. (Economy || Foreign Policy || Education || Climate Change || Health Care || Mental Health || Civil Rights || Gun violence || Islamophobia || Immigration || Other (Please Specify))

Drug Abuse

21. Approximately how many drinks of any kind of alcoholic beverages did you drink in the past SEVEN days?

a. (None || 1-7 || 8 - 19 || 20 or more)

22. Do you know someone in your faith community who is currently or has in the past struggled with addiction to alcohol or other drugs?

a. (Yes || No)

23. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on how your faith community deals with people struggling with addiction?

a. My faith community should be tougher on drug addicts || My faith community should provide more support to those struggling with addiction || My faith community provides adequate support to those struggling with addiction)

Poverty

Over the last 12 months, how often have the following occurred in your household...

24. Not enough food in the house for everyone living there?

a. (Very often || Often || Somewhat often || Never)

Over the last 12 months, have you or anyone in your household...

25. Struggled to find work or a job?

a. (Yes || No)

26. Been laid off?

a. (Yes || No)

27. Worried that they may not be able to pay their bills?

a. (Yes || No)

28. Accessed social welfare programs (e.g., unemployment insurance, food stamps, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to help make ends meet?

a. (Yes || No)

29. Been a victim of a property crime? (Note: Property crimes involve the taking or damaging of property without force or harm such as robbery, theft, motor-theft, arson)

a. (Yes || No)

30. Been a victim of a violent crime? (Note: Violent crimes involve either harm or the threat of violence such as battery, assault, rape, domestic violence)

a. (Yes || No)

31. Been a victim of a hate crime? (Note: Hate crimes are crimes motivated by prejudice against one's race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc)

a. (Yes || No)

Discrimination

Over the past 12 months, how often have you experienced the following...

32. Discrimination by someone INSIDE your faith community because of your gender?

a. (Regularly || Occasionally || Rarely || Never)

33. Discrimination by someone OUTSIDE your faith community because of your gender?

a. (Regularly || Occasionally || Rarely || Never)

34. Discrimination by someone INSIDE your faith community because of your race?

a. (Regularly || Occasionally || Rarely || Never)

35. Discrimination by someone OUTSIDE your faith community because of your race?

a. (Regularly || Occasionally || Rarely || Never)

36. Discrimination by someone INSIDE your faith community because of your sect?

a. (Regularly || Occasionally || Rarely || Never)

37. Discrimination by someone OUTSIDE your faith community because of your religious beliefs?

a. (Regularly || Occasionally || Rarely || Never)

38. Do you know a person in your faith community who was the victim of violence from someone in his or her family in the past 12

months? By this we mean domestic violence.

a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q38 = “YES” show Q39 and Q40. If Q38 = “NO” skip to Q41

39. Did this person report the violence to law enforcement?

a. (Yes || No)

40. Did this person report the violence to a religious or community leader?

a. (Yes || No)

Bullying

41. Do you have a child/children currently attending a public/private/religious school between kindergarten and the 12th grade?

a. (Yes, a public school || Yes, a private school || Yes, a religious school || No)

LOGIC: If Q41= “YES” show Q42. If Q41 = “NO” skip to Q44

42. In the past 12 months, have you had a child experience bullying (insults or physical assaults) because of any of the following? Select all that apply.

a. (Race || National origin || Religion || Other: please specify || My child has not experienced bullying for any of these in the past 12 months)

LOGIC: If Q42 = Anything other than “My child has not experienced bullying” show Q43. If Q42 = “My child has not experienced bullying” skip to Q44

43. Who bullied your child? Select all that apply.

a. (Another student or group of students || A teacher or school official || An anonymous source || Someone else)

Inclusion

44. Prior to the pandemic, how often did you visit your house of prayer?

a. (Never || Seldom/Less than a few times a year || A few times a year || Once or twice a month || Once a week || More than once a week)

LOGIC: If Q44 = “ONCE OF TWICE A MONTH/ ONCE A WEEK/MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK” show Q45 through Q48. If Q44 = Anything else skip to Q49

At my house of prayer...

45. My opinions seem to count

a. (Strongly disagree || Disagree || Agree || Strongly Agree)

46. Women are included in decision making

a. (Strongly disagree || Disagree || Agree || Strongly Agree)

47. Young adults are included in decision making

a. (Strongly disagree || Disagree || Agree || Strongly Agree)

48. Outreach work (e.g., interfaith engagement), if any, is...

a. (Adequate || Too Little || Too Much)

49. If your house of prayer went to the city or zoning board to obtain permission to build, move or expand, was there significant resistance in the general community to your move, expansion or building?

a. (No || Yes || We didn't go the city or zoning board)

50. My faith community should be more accommodating to the needs of those with disabilities

a. (Strongly disagree || Disagree || Agree || Strongly Agree)

51. My faith community should be more supportive of divorced people

a. (Strongly disagree || Disagree || Agree || Strongly Agree)

Importance of Faith

52. How important is your faith to the way you think of yourself?

a. (Not important at all || Not too

important || Somewhat important || Very important)

53. When making purchase decisions about products and services, how important is it that they be halal?

a. (Not important at all || Not too important || Somewhat important || Very important)

LOGIC: If Q41 = "YES" show Q54. If Q41 = "NO" skip to Q55.

54. Does your child have access to food that meets your family's religious dietary needs at their school?

a. (Yes || No)

Donating

55. Have you contributed money to a cause or institution associated with your faith community in the last 12 months?

a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q55 = "YES" show Q56 through Q57. If Q55 = "NO" skip to Q58

56. Which of the following have you contributed to (Select all that apply)?

a. (Overseas relief organizations || Domestic relief organizations || Your house of worship (church/mosque/temple/synagogue) || Civil

rights organizations || Research organizations || Educational organizations || Youth and family services)

57. How much money have you donated to these organizations in the last 12 months?
- a. (\$100 or less || \$100 to \$500 || \$500 to \$1000 || \$1000 to \$5000 || \$5000 to \$10000 || \$10000 to \$25000 || More than \$25000)

Now a few questions about you. We are collecting this information for statistical purposes to make sure we are capturing as broad and diverse a sample of the Illinois population as possible.

As a reminder, your answers will be kept confidential, and you may choose to skip any question if you are not comfortable disclosing this information.

Demographics

58. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?
- a. Select one (Yes || No)
59. What is your race/ethnicity? (allow for multiple responses)
- a. Select all that apply (White || African American or Black || Asian or Pacific Islander || Native American or American

Indian || Arab || Other)

60. In addition to English, what if any other languages do you speak at home?
- a. (English || Arabic || Urdu || French || Spanish || Bosnian || Farsi || Turkish || Other (please specify))
61. Were you born in the United States?
- a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q61 = "NO" show Q62. If Q61 = "YES" skip to Q63

62. What is your country/region of origin?
- a. (South Asia: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh || South East Asia: Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia || Middle East: Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Sudan, Libya, Palestine etc || Africa: Mauritania, Somalia, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Comoros, Mayotte, Senegal, Djibouti, Mali, Gambia, Guinea, Niger, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Chad etc. || Europe: Albania, Bosnia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia || Western Europe: France, Germany, Denmark || America: Canada, Argentina, Brazil etc. || Other)
63. What is the highest degree or level of school you have COMPLETED? (IMT)
- a. Select one (Some grade school || Some high school || Graduated high school ||

Technical/Vocational || Some College
 || Graduated College/Bachelors/BA ||
 Graduate/Professional/PhD/JD/MA,etc.)

64. Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

a. (Protestant || Roman Catholic || Mormon || Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox || Jewish || Muslim || Buddhist || Hindu || Atheist || Agnostic || Something else)

65. What best describes you now? (Select all that apply)

a. (Sunni Muslim || Shiite Muslim || Sufi || Salafi || Ahmedi || Ismaili || A member of the nation of Islam || Muslim || Other (please specify))

66. How would you describe your gender or gender identity? (IMT)

a. (Male || Female || Neither (Please specify))

67. Are you a member of the LGBTQI community? (IMT)

a. Select one (Yes || No)

68. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

a. (Employed full time || Employed part time || Self employed/Business Owner || Unemployed || Retired || Other)

LOGIC: If Q68 = "SELF EMPLOYED/BUSINESS OWNER" show Q69. If Q68 = Anything else skip to Q70.

69. How many people do you currently employ?

a. (Open answer)

70. Which of the following best describes your work sector?

a. (Healthcare || Education || Engineering || Law || Manufacturing || Arts and Entertainment || Nonprofit/Social Service || Policy/Civic || Business || Entrepreneurship || Technology || (Other))

71. What was the total combined income for all the people in your household, before taxes, for the past 12 months?

a. (Less than \$25,000 || \$25,001 to less than \$50,000 || \$50,001 to less than \$75,000 || \$75,001 to less than \$100,000 || \$100,001 to less than \$250,000 || \$250,001 to less than \$500,000 || Over \$500,000)

72. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

a. Select one (Yes || No)

73. Which of the following best describes your political affiliation?

a. (Democrat || Republican || Independent)

74. Which of the following best describes your marital status?
- a. (Married || cohabiting with a partner || Single || Divorced || Separated || Widowed)

75. Have you ever been divorced?
- a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q75 = "YES" show Q76. If Q75 = "NO" skip to Q77.

76. Which of the following were the main reasons for your marriage ending? (Select all that apply)
- a. Select all that apply (Infidelity (emotional or physical) || Conflicts over money/finance || Conflicts over parenting style || Conflicts over in-laws/ abuse from in-laws || Domestic abuse || Emotional abuse || Sexual abuse || Financial abuse || Differences in religious commitment || Verbal abuse || Abandonment || Neglect || Differences in wanting children or not || Cross cultural differences || Intra-faith differences || Mental illness that goes un-addressed || Incompatible personalities or life goals || Incarceration || Deportation || The loss of a child || Infertility || Drug addiction || Gambling addiction || Porn addiction || Gaming addiction || Dishonesty/withholding information || Unfair distribution of responsibilities (financial/household chores/children) || Lack of sex || Over demanding sex || Impotence || Incompatible

Sexual identity (LGBTQ person married to a straight person) || Mistreatment of step-children || Difficulty blending a step family || Lack of physical attraction || Fraudulent marriage for immigration benefits || Disagreement about having children or not/how many || Disagreement regarding non-monogomy (open marriage or polygamy) || Other (please fill in))

77. Are you currently a student?
- a. (Yes || No)

LOGIC: If Q77 = "YES" show Q78. If Q77 = "NO" skip to outro

78. Do you have access to food that meets your religious dietary needs in your school cafeteria?
- a. (Yes || No)

Thank you!

Thank you for completing this survey.

The information you provide will help ISPU and UIC develop a comprehensive report on Illinois Muslims' Demographics, Needs, and Assets. As a reminder, your answers and demographic data will be kept completely confidential.

To be connected to resources or contact the **Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition** for any reason outside of this research please email info@ILMuslimCivicCoalition.org. For more

information about this study, please go to www.ILMuslimCivicCoalition.org. We thank you for your time!

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