# FAIR HOUSING 

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A recent GAO report assessed the thoroughness of the process used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to resolve complaints of housing discrimination (GAO-06-79). As part of that study, GAO did a telephone survey, which is reproduced here, of a sample of complainants in housing discrimination cases that were investigated and closed by HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) and state and local Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) agencies from July 1 through December 31, 2004. A survey research firm under contract to GAO interviewed a random sample of 575 complainants to determine their levels of satisfaction with the thoroughness, fairness, timeliness, and outcomes of the complaint intake and investigation process.

Using HUD records, GAO mailed advance letters to and subsequently called the complainants of record in 1,517 eligible cases. The response rate was 38 percent, resulting in the 575 complete interviews. The sample was allocated proportionally across three types of case closures (administrative, conciliation without determination of cause, or a determination of no cause) and responsible agency (FHEO or FHAP). Results were weighted, or statistically adjusted, to make them representative of the entire population of 4,327 complaints closed in the 6 -month period the sample covered. The fieldwork was conducted in May and June of 2005 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

The computer-assisted telephone interviewing questionnaire reproduced here is annotated with the unweighted number of actual respondents answering each question and the
weighted estimates of the percentages giving each answer. Because this survey was conducted with only a sample of the entire population, the results are subject to sampling error-that is, the natural variations that may arise because this sample was only one of any number of samples that could have been drawn to represent the same population. As a result, each of the percentage estimates is followed by a 95 percent confidence interval showing the range that would contain the true value for the actual population for 95 percent of the samples we could have drawn.

## GAO HUD Complainant Questionnaire

Survey final codebook
Note: Weighted percentages follow each question. $N$ indicates the number of actual respondents to a question. The 95 percent confidence interval, showing lower and upper bounds of the estimates, is in parentheses.

## NOTE:

1. Variable names are in bold type.
2. Questions were asked of all respondents unless indicated otherwise.
3. Italics denote automated fills from sample database or previous question in interview.

Respnum CATI respondent number (use to match with openends)
Quota Sample - cell quota
1 HUD Admin Closure
2 HUD Conciliate w/out cause
3 HUD No Cause
4 FHAP Admin Closure
5 FHAP Conciliate w/out cause
6 FHAP No Cause
AAPOR AAPOR disposition
1 Completed interview
Intdate Date of interview
Spa Language used for Interview
0 English
1 Spanish
Rotate Sample - flag for reading categories forward/reversed
1 Forward response categories
2 Reversed response categories
Replic Sample - replicate number
Orgflag Sample - flag for institutional call
0 Residential call
1 Institutional call

| Dupflag | Sample - flag for duplicate institutional cases |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | Unique case |
| 1 | Duplicate case |
| DateClose | dFiled Sample - dateclosedfiled |
| FHAPClos | ureDate Sample - FHAPclosuredate |
| HUDDateF | Filed Sample-HUDdatefiled |
| Responsib | bility Sample-Responsibility |
| Region2 | Sample - region |
| Statevloca | a Sample - statevlocal |
| 0 | Other than State |
| 1 | State |
| FHAPNam | e Sample - FHAPname |
| Issues1 | Sample - issues1 |
| Issues2 | Sample - issues2 |
| Bases | Sample - bases |
| Office | Sample - Office |
| ClosCat1 | Sample - closcat1 |
| ClosCat2 | Sample - closcat2 |
| A. Initial co | ntact: |
| DIALSCR | Hello, I'm $\qquad$ with PA Consulting I'm calling for $\qquad$ |
| 1 | Continue interview in English |
| 2 | Continue interview in Spanish |

SCR_A I'm calling to learn about housing discrimination complaints on behalf of the U.S.
Government Accountability Office, which is the research arm of Congress. I'm not selling anything, this is a brief government research study about housing discrimination complaints made to fair housing agencies. $\mathrm{N}=575$

1 Named complainant available 96.9\% (94.9-98.2)
2 Correct number, but proxy suggested 3.2 (1.8-5.1)
3 Incorrect number, referral obtained
4 Interview can't continue
D. Evaluate Proxy Complainant (Individual):

## SCR_D ASK THESE QUESTIONS: N=19

Are you sure $\qquad$ named complainant $\qquad$ can't tell us more about these things?
What's your relationship to $\qquad$ named complainant $\qquad$ ?
What role did you play in this complaint?
What were some of the key events that took place during the investigation?
What would you say the complaint was about? - Specify and compare with
$\qquad$ issue/basis $\qquad$ .

1 Proxy is adequate $100 \%$ (85.4-100)
2 Proxy is NOT adequate

## B. Read Introduction to Selected complainant:

SCR_B I would like to ask you a few questions about your experiences with the complaint investigation process of the fair housing organizations you dealt with. For instance, what kind of contact you had with them, and how satisfied you were with the process. This survey is voluntary, but we'd really like your participation so we can understand how people see the complaint system, would that be OK? N=575

According to our records from The Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, _you/named complainant) $\qquad$ brought a complaint about fair housing discrimination, which was last handled by $\qquad$ office $\qquad$ and which ended in
$\qquad$ month of closure $\qquad$ . Does that sound about right to you?

1 Yes 98.9\% (97.6-99.6)
2 No 1.1 (0.4-2.4)
SCR_B What part of what I just read do you remember differently?
SCR_B1A (openend) Issue was not fair housing discrimination - Specify:
SCR_B1B (openend) Investigating office/organization not as described - Specify: ___office (typeover)
SCR_B1C (openend) Closure date not as described - Specify: $\qquad$

SCR_B2 IF CONCILIATION: Do $\qquad$ you/named complainant still have any kind of ongoing relationship with the party you filed the complaint against, where they have to meet the terms of some kind of agreement? $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{2 0 7}$

1 Respondent feels that there is no ongoing relationship - Continue with next screening question. ("Don't Know" responses get coded as answer 1) 100\% (98.6-100)
2 Respondent feels that case has ongoing relationship - Probe to confirm, then terminate.

SCR_B3 FOR ALL: Do you have any ongoing legal procedures or litigation related to your complaint? $\mathrm{N}=575$

1 Respondent feels that there is no further legal activity - Continue with Question 1. (Don't know responses get coded here.) 100\% (99.5-100)
2 Respondent feels that case has ongoing legal activity - Probe to confirm, then terminate
C. Evaluate Institutional Respondent

## IF RESPONDENT IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION:

SCR_IN1 According to our records, your organization was the complainant of record in this case. Did your organization carry out the intake process entirely on its own, or did you go through intake with HUD or another FHAP? $\mathbf{N}=16$

1 Intake on own 74.3\% (49.3-91.2)
2 With other organization 25.8 (8.8-50.7)
-5 Before 5/23
SCR_IN2 And did your organization conduct an investigation entirely on its own, or did you take the complaint to HUD or another FHAP to conduct the investigation? $\mathrm{N}=16$

1 Investigation on own 5.5\% (0.2-25.5)
2 With other organization 94.5 (74.5-99.8)
3 No investigation
-5 Before 5/23

Decision rule:

|  | 1-Investigation on own | 2-Investigation w/ <br> other | 3-No investigation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1-Intake on own | Terminate now | Skip intake, Do <br> investigation, Do <br> conciliation: Go to <br> section E and continue | Terminate now |
| 2-Intake w/ other | Do Intake, Skip <br> investigation, Do <br> Conciliation: Go to <br> section E and continue | Do all: Go to section E <br> and continue | Do intake, Skip <br> investigation, Do <br> conciliation: Go to <br> section E and continue |

E. Identify Institutional Respondent:

## IF RESPONDENT IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION:

ORG1 Was your organization representing a specific individual who came to you with a problem, or did your organization originate this complaint and was acting on its own behalf? $\mathbf{N}=33$

1 Representing an individual 15.8\% (4.8-34.9)
2 Own behalf 84.2 (65.1-95.3)
ORG2 1. Representing an individual - READ:"The questions l'm going to ask you are written from the point of view of an individual, private complainant. When I ask you about your experiences with the fair housing organizations you dealt with, l'd like you to answer in terms of what your organization experienced during intake and investigation with the FHAP or HUD office you took that complaint to, and not what you think the impressions of the individual were, or their experiences with your organization when they first came to you with the complaint."

Press any key to continue.
ORG3 2. Own behalf - READ: "The questions I'm going to ask you are written from the point of view of an individual, private complainant. I'd like you to answer in terms of what your organization went through during intake and investigation with the FHAP or HUD office you took that complaint to."

Press any key to continue.
INT First, I'd like you to think back to when you first realized you had a housing discrimination issue.

Press any key to continue.

Q1 How did you first learn where to make a fair housing complaint? (DO NOT READ ANSWERS, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Q1_1 1 Attorney/lawyer $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{5 7 5}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $5.8 \%$ | $3.9-8.3$ |
| Not mentioned | 94.2 | $91.7-96.1$ |

Q1_2 2 Bank/lender N=575

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $0.5 \%$ | $0.1-1.3$ |
| Not mentioned | 99.5 | $98.7-99.9$ |

Q1_3 3 Brochure $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $2.3 \%$ | $1.1-4.2$ |
| Not mentioned | 97.7 | $95.9-98.9$ |

Q1_4 4 Church/faith-based group $\mathrm{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $0.6 \%$ | $0.2-1.4$ |
| Not mentioned | 99.4 | $98.6-99.8$ |

Q1_5 5 Fair housing organization $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $10.8 \%$ | $8.3-13.7$ |
| Not mentioned | 89.2 | $86.3-91.7$ |

Q1_6 6 Friend/neighbor/relative $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $21.3 \%$ | $17.6-25.0$ |
| Not mentioned | 78.7 | $75.0-82.4$ |

Q1_7 7 Government (Federal) agency (not HUD) N=575

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $5.3 \%$ | $3.4-7.9$ |
| Not mentioned | 94.7 | $92.1-96.7$ |

Q1_8 8 Government (State) agency $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $4.9 \%$ | $3.1-7.4$ |
| Not mentioned | 95.1 | $92.7-96.9$ |

Q1_9 9 HUD N=575

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $12.8 \%$ | $9.9-15.7$ |
| Not mentioned | 87.2 | $84.3-90.1$ |

Q1_10 10 Internet $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $10.7 \%$ | $8.0-13.9$ |
| Not mentioned | 89.3 | $86.1-92.0$ |

Q1_11 11 Landlord/apartment manager $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $1.8 \%$ | $0.9-3.4$ |
| Not mentioned | 98.2 | $96.6-99.2$ |

Q1_12 12 Legal aid $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $2.3 \%$ | $1.1-4.0$ |
| Not mentioned | 97.7 | $96.0-98.9$ |

Q1_13 13 Newspaper/magazine $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $0.9 \%$ | $0.4-1.5$ |
| Not mentioned | 99.1 | $98.5-99.6$ |

Q1_14 14 Print ad (e.g. billboard) $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $1.9 \%$ | $0.7-3.8$ |
| Not mentioned | 98.2 | $96.2-99.3$ |

Q1_15 15 Political/elected official $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $1.1 \%$ | $0.5-2.3$ |
| Not mentioned | 98.9 | $97.7-99.6$ |

Q1_16 16 Radio N=575

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $0.5 \%$ | $0.1-1.8$ |
| Not mentioned | 99.5 | $98.2-99.9$ |

Q1_17 17 Realtor $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $1.5 \%$ | $0.6-3.1$ |
| Not mentioned | 98.5 | $96.9-99.4$ |

Q1_18 18 Telephone book $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $5.4 \%$ | $3.6-7.7$ |
| Not mentioned | 94.7 | $92.3-96.4$ |

Q1_19 19 Television $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $2.2 \%$ | $1.1-3.9$ |
| Not mentioned | 97.8 | $96.1-98.9$ |

Q1_20 20 Tenant association $\mathbf{N}=575$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $0.6 \%$ | $0.1-2.0$ |
| Not mentioned | 99.4 | $98.0-99.9$ |


| Q1_21 | 21 O | Other - SPECIFY: | Q1 (openend) | $\mathrm{N}=575$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percent |  | Lower and upper bounds |
|  | Mentioned | 22.4\% |  | 18.7-26.2 |
|  | Not mentioned | 77.6 |  | 73.8-81.3 |

## $N=575$

Q2 Before you talked to anyone at a fair housing organization about your complaint, what did you expect from the fair housing process? I'm going to read you a list of things some people might expect. For each one, tell me whether that's something you thought the organization would do for you.

For Q2A to Q2H
1 Yes
2 No
$-7 \quad$ Not applicable (NA)
Q2A The first one is: The fair housing organization would take your side in pursuing your complaint. Is that something you thought they would do? N=563

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $58.0 \%$ | $53.6-62.5$ |
| No | 42.0 | $37.5-46.4$ |

Q2B The organization would prevent the other party from taking immediate action against you while investigating the complaint? $\mathrm{N}=546$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $53.9 \%$ | $49.3-58.4$ |
| No | 46.1 | $41.6-50.7$ |

Q2C The organization would conduct an investigation? $\mathbf{N}=571$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $94.9 \%$ | $92.7-96.5$ |
| No | 5.1 | $3.5-7.3$ |

Q2D The organization would help you and the other party resolve your differences? N=569

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $88.9 \%$ | $85.8-91.6$ |
| No | 11.1 | $8.5-14.2$ |

Q2E The organization would help both sides equally? $\mathbf{N}=559$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $79.7 \%$ | $76.1-83.3$ |
| No | 20.3 | $16.7-23.9$ |

Q2F The organization would punish the violator? $\mathbf{N}=557$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $65.9 \%$ | $61.6-70.1$ |
| No | 34.2 | $29.9-38.4$ |

Q2G The organization would get you a financial award? $\mathbf{N}=560$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $30.1 \%$ | $25.9-34.3$ |
| No | 69.9 | $65.7-74.1$ |

Q2H Was there anything else you thought the organization would do? N=569

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $50.1 \%$ | $45.7-54.5$ |
| No | 49.9 | $45.5-54.3$ |

1 Yes
2 No
-7 Not applicable (NA)

## Q2HO (openend) (SPECIFY)

IF RESPONDENT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION:
IF INTAKE ON OWN ( $1^{\text {ST }}$ SCREENER IN SECTION C =1) SKIP TO SCREENER BEFORE QN. 24
Q3 After talking to a complainant or developing this complaint on your own, did your organization then go through the intake process with HUD or another FHAP or did you go directly into an investigation on a perfected complaint? N=17

1 Intake first unreliable (5.2-57.2)
2 Investigation unreliable (42.8-94.9)
-4 After 5/23
NOTE: Q3 was taken off the survey May 23, and scr_in1 and scr_in2 were added.
Q4 According to our records, you last worked with the __office__ on the details of your complaint. Did you contact any other organizations about your complaint before you started working with the __office__? N=550

1 Yes 22.8\% (19.0-26.5)
CONTINUE
2 No 77.2 (73.5-81.0)
GO TO QN. 6
Q5A (openend) What was the name of the other organization that you spoke with about your complaint?

PROBE FOR ONE OR MORE NAMES, CAPTURE VERBATIM AND CODE EXACT ORGANIZATION NAMESAFTER INTERVIEW. RESPONDENT CAN SPECIFY MORE THAN ONE ORGANIZATION.

SPECIFY ORGANIZATION \#1 NAME:
Q5B Were there any others? $\mathbf{N}=129$
1 Yes 16.6\% (10.6-24.2)
2 No 83.4 (75.8-89.4)

Q5BO (openend) SPECIFY ORGANIZATION \#2 NAME:
1 Yes
2 No
Q5C Were there any others? $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{2 5}$
1 Yes 21.5\% (6.4-45.8)
2 No 78.5 (54.2-93.7)
Q5CO (openend) SPECIFY ORGANIZATION \#3 NAME:
GO TO QN. 8
Q6 IF DID NOT WORK WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION:
After you first presented the details of your complaint to the __office__, did they ask you to sign a formal complaint form? $\mathbf{N}=421$

1 Yes 90.1\% (86.6-93.0)
2 No 9.9 (7.1-13.4)
SKIP TO QN. 11
Q7 IF YES: Did you sign the complaint? $\mathbf{N}=376$
1 Yes 98.5\% (97.5-99.2)
2 No 1.1 (0.5-2.0)
-8 DK 0.4 (0.1-1.1)
(DO NOT READ)
GO TO QN. 11
Q8 IF DID WORK WITH MORE THAN ONE ORGANIZATION:
After you first talked to the __Qn5A __ and _Qn5BO__and _Qn5CO__ about the details of your complaint, were you asked to sign a formal complaint form? $\mathrm{N}=129$

1 Yes 48.3\% (39.0-57.6)
2 No 42.1 (32.7-51.4)
-8 DK 9.6 (4.5-17.7)
(DO NOT READ)
Q9 IF YES: Did you sign the complaint? $\mathrm{N}=\mathbf{7 7}$
1 Yes 83.5\% (71.1-92.2)
2 No 6.4 (1.7-15.8)
-8 DK 10.1 (3.4-21.9)
(DO NOT READ)

Q10 IF YES: Which organization had you sign the complaint form? (IF ONLY ONE OTHER ORGANIZATION, INTERVIEWER CAN CODE WITHOUT ASKING) N=13

SPECIFY:

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Other organization 1 | unreliable | $20.0-82.7$ |
| Other organization 2 | unreliable | $13.0-13.6$ |
| Other organization 3 | 7.5 | $0.2-35.0$ |

INT2 Now, I have a few questions about your experiences with any and all of the fair housing organizations that you worked with, from the time you first presented your complaint until you signed a formal complaint form, [IF DID NOT SIGN A COMPLAINT FORM: Or, since you didn't sign that form, until your case went to the investigation phase, or it ended.]

Press any key to continue.
Q11 The first time you tried to call or visit the fair housing organization where you provided details of your complaint, how hard or easy was it to reach someone? Was it very hard, somewhat hard, neither hard nor easy, somewhat easy, or very easy? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=531

1 Very hard 16.7\% (13.3-20.1)
2 Somewhat hard 13.5 (10.4-17.1)
3 Neither 7.1 (4.8-10.0)
4 Somewhat easy 22.2 (18.4-26.0)
5 Very easy 39.5 (35.0-44.0)
-7 NA (DO NOT READ)
-8 DK 1.1 (0.3-2.7) (DO NOT READ)
Q12 If you ever had to call the organization back with a question or to give additional information, how hard or easy was it to contact the right person when you called back? Was it very hard, somewhat hard, neither hard nor easy, somewhat easy, or very easy? Or did you not have to do that? (ROTATE ANSWERS) $\mathbf{N}=511$

1 Very hard 18.6\% (14.9-22.2)
2 Somewhat hard 14.9 (11.6-18.8)
3 Neither 6.0 (3.9-8.9)
4 Somewhat easy 19.7 (16.0-23.3)
5 Very easy 39.1 (34.5-43.6)
-7 N/A-didn't call
(DO NOT READ)
-8 DK 1.8 (0.7-3.6) (DO NOT READ)

Q13 How well or poorly did staff at the fair housing organization explain the length of time each step in the fair housing process would take? Would you say they did an excellent, good, fair, or poor job at explaining this? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=516

1 Excellent 30.8\% (26.7-34.9)
2 Good 26.2 (22.1-30.4)
3 Fair 16.6 (13.1-20.2)
4 Poor 24.3 (20.4-28.3)
-7 NA
-8 DK 2.0 (1.0-3.7)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
Q14 And how well or poorly did staff at the fair housing organization explain the complaint and investigation process? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=524

1 Excellent 28.0\% (24.0-32.0)
2 Good 29.8 (25.6-34.0)
3 Fair 18.4 (14.7-22.0)
4 Poor 22.6 (18.7-26.5)
-7 NA
(DO NOT READ)
-8 DK 1.2 (0.5-2.6) (DO NOT READ)
Q15 Did staff at the fair housing organization tell you whether or not they could help you resolve your differences with the other party? $\mathbf{N}=542$

1 Yes 52.7\% (48.4-57.0)
2 No 44.6 (40.2-48.8)
-7 NA (DO NOT READ)
-8 DK 2.7 (1.6-4.5)
(DO NOT READ)
Q16 If you asked the organization to take immediate action to prevent you from losing a housing opportunity before an investigation was done, did they attempt to do this? $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 8 0}$

1 Yes 25.6\% (21.3-30.0)
2 No 69.4 (64.7-74.0)
-7 N/A (DO NOT READ)
-8 DK 5.0 (2.9-7.9)
(DO NOT READ)
Q17 Did the staff at the fair housing organization ask you questions in order to understand what happened between you and the other party? N=548

1 Yes 81.0\% (77.4-84.7)
2 No 17.7 (14.1-21.2)
-7 N/A
-8 DK 1.3 (0.4-3.0)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)

Q18 How quickly or slowly did the fair housing organization do each of the following? (ROTATE ANSWERS)

From your perspective, did they do this very quickly, somewhat quickly, neither quickly nor slowly, somewhat slowly, or very slowly? Or did you not ask them any questions?

## For Q18A to Q18C

1 Very quickly
2 Somewhat quickly
3 Neither
4 Somewhat slowly
5 Very slowly
-7 N/A (DO NOT READ)
-8 DK
(DO NOT READ)
Q18A Get back to you with answers to your questions, if you had any? N=508

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very quickly | $29.6 \%$ | $25.5-33.7$ |
| Somewhat quickly | 25.2 | $21.1-29.2$ |
| Neither | 10.3 | $7.6-13.5$ |
| Somewhat slowly | 17.4 | $13.6-21.1$ |
| Very slowly | 16.9 | $13.4-20.4$ |
| Don't know | 0.8 | $0.2-2.1$ |

Q18B Ask you to sign a complaint form after you first talked with them? Or did they not ask you to sign a complaint form? $\mathbf{N}=516$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very quickly | $42.1 \%$ | $37.5-46.7$ |
| Somewhat quickly | 26.5 | $22.3-30.6$ |
| Neither | 12.5 | $9.5-16.0$ |
| Somewhat slowly | 8.6 | $6.1-11.6$ |
| Very slowly | 7.3 | $4.9-10.4$ |
| Don't know | 3.1 | $1.8-5.0$ |

Q18C Make a decision on whether your case would be investigated as a fair housing complaint? N=529

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very quickly | $32.8 \%$ | $28.5-37.0$ |
| Somewhat quickly | 29.5 | $25.2-33.7$ |
| Neither | 9.2 | $6.7-12.4$ |
| Somewhat slowly | 12.7 | $9.7-16.2$ |
| Very slowly | 13.1 | $10.1-16.5$ |
| Don't know | 2.8 | $1.6-4.6$ |

Q19 How $\qquad$ did you find the staff at the fair housing organization:

Did you find them very courteous, somewhat courteous, not very courteous, or not at all courteous? (ROTATE ANSWERS)

## For Q19A to Q19H

1 Very
2 Somewhat
3 Not very
4 Not at all
-7 NA
-8 DK
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
Q19A Courteous N=537

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very courteous | $62.7 \%$ | $58.3-67.0$ |
| Somewhat courteous | 21.2 | $17.5-25.0$ |
| Not very courteous | 6.6 | $4.3-9.5$ |
| Not at all courteous | 8.7 | $6.3-11.7$ |
| Don't know | 0.8 | $0.4-1.5$ |

Q19B Helpful $\mathbf{N}=539$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very helpful | $47.9 \%$ | $43.5-52.3$ |
| Somewhat helpful | 24.2 | $20.3-28.1$ |
| Not very helpful | 10.2 | $7.4-13.5$ |
| Not at all helpful | 15.9 | $12.6-19.2$ |
| Don't know | 1.8 | $0.9-3.5$ |

Q19C Knowledgeable $\mathbf{N}=534$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very knowledgeable | $49.4 \%$ | $45.0-53.7$ |
| Somewhat knowledgeable | 26.6 | $22.5-30.7$ |
| Not very knowledgeable | 10.2 | $7.5-13.4$ |
| Not at all knowledgeable | 9.8 | $7.1-13.0$ |
| Don't know | 4.1 | $2.4-6.5$ |

Q19D Understandable $\mathbf{N}=538$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very understandable | $51.8 \%$ | $47.4-56.1$ |
| Somewhat understandable | 26.1 | $22.2-30.1$ |
| Not very understandable | 7.4 | $5.0-10.4$ |
| Not at all understandable | 13.7 | $10.6-17.3$ |
| Don't know | 1.0 | $0.5-2.0$ |

Q19E Thorough $\mathbf{N}=533$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very thorough | $43.7 \%$ | $39.5-47.9$ |
| Somewhat thorough | 22.6 | $18.7-26.4$ |
| Not very thorough | 11.5 | $8.6-15.0$ |
| Not at all thorough | 20.0 | $16.4-23.7$ |
| Don't know | 2.2 | $1.2-3.7$ |

Q19F Interested in your complaint N=541

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very interested | $48.8 \%$ | $44.5-53.2$ |
| Somewhat interested | 22.9 | $19.1-26.7$ |
| Not very interested | 9.4 | $6.9-12.5$ |
| Not at all interested | 18.3 | $14.8-21.9$ |
| Don't know | 0.5 | $0.1-1.5$ |

## Q19G

Respectful $\mathbf{N}=539$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very respectful | $61.8 \%$ | $57.5-66.1$ |
| Somewhat respectful | 22.9 | $19.1-26.8$ |
| Not very respectful | 6.3 | $4.2-9.1$ |
| Not at all respectful | 8.4 | $6.0-11.4$ |
| Don't know | 0.6 | $0.1-1.4$ |

Q19H
Impartial N=531

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very impartial | $51.9 \%$ | $47.4-56.4$ |
| Somewhat impartial | 23.3 | $19.4-27.1$ |
| Not very impartial | 6.0 | $4.0-8.6$ |
| Not at all impartial | 15.1 | $11.8-18.5$ |
| Don't know | 3.7 | $2.2-5.9$ |

Q20 After you presented the details of your complaint [and signed a complaint form], did you receive a letter from a fair housing organization telling you whether or not they would pursue your case with an investigation? $\mathrm{N}=550$

1 Yes 85.6\% (82.5-88.8)
2 No 14.4 (11.2-17.5)

SKIP TO QN. 22
CONTINUE WITH QN. 21

Q21 Did you ever receive any notification that a fair housing organization would pursue your case? $\mathrm{N}=84$

1 Yes 32.3\% (21.7-44.4)
2 No 67.7 (55.7-78.3)

CONTINUE
SKIP TO QN. 23

Q22 How satisfied where you with the way the organization explained its decision to pursue your case or not? Very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=491

1 Very satisfied 46.0\% (41.4-50.6)
2 Somewhat satisfied 19.8 (15.9-23.7)
$3 \quad$ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 5.4 (3.4-8.2)
4 Somewhat dissatisfied 5.0 (3.3-7.3)
$5 \quad$ Very dissatisfied 22.7 (18.7-26.7)
-7 N/A
-8 Don't know 1.1 (0.3-2.6) (DO NOT READ)

Q23 Overall, thinking about everything that happened from when you first contacted a fair housing organization to provide the details of your complaint [up to signing a complaint form], how satisfied were you with this first step in the complaint process? Very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=549

1 Very satisfied 46.2\% (41.8-50.6)
2 Somewhat satisfied 24.8 (20.8-28.7)
3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4.8 (2.9-7.5)
4 Somewhat dissatisfied 6.3 (4.4-8.7)
5 Very dissatisfied 17.3 (13.8-20.8)
-7 N/A
-8 Don't know 0.6 (0.2-1.5)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
IF RESPONDENT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION: IF INVESTIGATION ON OWN, OR NO INVESTIGATION (2ND SCREENER IN SECTION C =1 or 3), SKIP TO QN. 37

Q24 Did a fair housing organization conduct an investigation? That is, did they pursue your case after getting the details from you? $\mathrm{N}=560$

1 Yes 65.8\% (61.5-70.1)
2 No, prompt to make sure 28.3 (24.3-32.4)
-8 DK, prompt to make sure 5.9 (3.9-8.5)

CONTINUE
SKIP TO QN. 37
SKIP TO QN. 37

NOTE: Q3 skipped Complainants to Q25 before it was taken off the survey May 23. The new screeners skipped to Q24, which is why the N for Q24 is 14 cases lower than the rest of the investigation questions.

Q25 Did staff at the fair housing organization tell you the name of the person who would investigate your case? $\mathbf{N}=375$

1 Yes 83.2\% (78.6-87.2)
2 No 12.1 (8.8-16.1)
-7 N/A
-8 DK 4.7 (2.5-8.0)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
Q26 Now let's talk about the investigation process. By this I mean what happened after you signed a formal complaint form and it became an official fair housing discrimination complaint, and an investigator began to look into the details of your complaint.

During the investigation of your case, what methods did you and the fair housing investigator use to communicate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY; DO NOT READ.)

Q26_1 1 Telephone $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 5}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $87.9 \%$ | $83.5-91.4$ |
| Not mentioned | 12.1 | $8.6-16.5$ |

Q26_2 2 In person $\mathbf{N}=375$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | $32.2 \%$ | $27.1-37.4$ |
| Not mentioned | 67.8 | $62.6-72.9$ |

Q26_3 3 Mail $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 5}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 54.6 | $49.2-60.0$ |
| Not mentioned | 45.4 | $40.0-50.8$ |

Q26_4 4 E-mail $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 5}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 8.1 | $5.4-11.6$ |
| Not mentioned | 91.9 | $88.4-94.6$ |

Q26_5 5 Fax $\mathbf{N}=375$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 9.2 | $6.5-12.5$ |
| Not mentioned | 90.8 | $87.5-93.5$ |

Q26_6 6 Other method (SPECIFY):___ Q26 (openend)__ $\mathbf{N}=375$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 2.5 | $0.9-5.5$ |
| Not mentioned | 97.5 | $94.5-99.1$ |

Q27 How hard or easy was it to get in touch with the investigator? Was it very hard, somewhat hard, neither hard nor easy, somewhat easy, or very easy? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=362

1 Very hard 11.9 (8.5-16.1)
2 Somewhat hard 13.6 (10.0-17.7)
$3 \quad$ Neither 8.8 (5.8-12.6)
4 Somewhat easy 20.6 (16.0-25.3)
5 Very easy 44.7 (39.4-50.0)
-7 NA
(DO NOT READ)
-8 DK 0.4 (0.1-1.2)
(DO NOT READ)
Q28 How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the amount of contact you had with the investigator? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=369

1 Very satisfied 45.8 (40.6-51.0)
2 Somewhat satisfied 17.0 (13.0-21.0)
$3 \quad$ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 5.6 (3.4-8.7)
4 Somewhat dissatisfied 13.9 (10.1-18.4)
$5 \quad$ Very dissatisfied 17.4 (13.2-21.6)
-7 N/A
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)

Q29 How hard or easy was it to understand any information that investigators provided you? Was it very hard, somewhat hard, neither hard nor easy, somewhat easy, or very easy to understand? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=360

1 Very hard 8.7 (5.7-12.7)
2 Somewhat hard 12.7 (9.0-17.2)
3 Neither 6.0 (3.9-8.8)
4 Somewhat easy 20.8 (16.3-25.4)
$5 \quad$ Very easy 51.6 (46.1-57.0)
-7 NA
-8 DK 0.1 (0.0-0.6)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
Q30 How well or poorly did the investigator keep you informed about the progress of your case during the investigation? Would you say the investigator did an excellent, good, fair, or poor job at this? (ROTATE ANSWERS) $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 5}$

1 Excellent 32.0 (27.3-36.6)
2 Good 22.0 (17.6-26.3)
$3 \quad$ Fair 18.5 (14.2-22.9)
4 Poor 24.3 (19.7-29.0)
-8 DK 3.2 (1.4-6.2)
(DO NOT READ)
Q31 Were you notified when your case was closed? $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 5}$

1 Yes 91.5 (87.9-94.3)
2 No 8.5 (5.7-12.1)

CONTINUE
SKIP TO QN. 32

Q31A How were you notified? (DO NOT READ ANSWERS)
Q31A_1 1 Mail $\mathbf{N}=341$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 89.3 | $85.9-92.1$ |
| Not mentioned | 10.7 | $7.9-14.1$ |

Q31A_2 2 In person $\mathbf{N}=341$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 8.2 | $5.5-11.7$ |
| Not mentioned | 91.8 | $88.3-94.5$ |

Q31A_3 3 E-Mail N=341

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned |  |  |
| Not mentioned | 100 | $99.1-100$ |

Q31A_4 4 Telephone $\mathbf{N}=341$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 22.0 | $17.8-26.2$ |
| Not mentioned | 78.0 | $73.8-82.2$ |

Q31A_5 $5 \quad$ Fax $\mathbf{N}=341$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 0.9 | $0.3-1.8$ |
| Not mentioned | 99.1 | $98.2-99.7$ |

Q31A_6 $6 \quad$ Other (SPECIFY):__Q31 (openend)

| $\mathbf{N}=341$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| Not mentioned | 0.4 | $0.1-0.9$ |

Q31A_7 -8 DK N=341

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mentioned | 0.3 | $0.1-1.0$ |
| Not mentioned | 99.7 | $99.0-100$ |

Q32 After your case was closed, were you told about any options you may have left to further consider your complaint? $\mathbf{N}=349$
$1 \quad$ Yes 46.3 (40.7-51.9)
2 No 53.7 (48.1-59.3)
-7 N/A
Q33 How quickly or slowly did the investigating organization do each of the following? (ROTATE ANSWERS)

From your perspective, would you say they did this very quickly, somewhat quickly, neither quickly nor slowly, somewhat slowly, or very slowly?

For Q33A to Q33C
1 Very quickly
2 Somewhat quickly
3 Neither
4 Somewhat slowly
5 Very slowly
-7 N/A
-8 DK
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
Q33A Contact you to start the investigation after you were notified that your complaint would be investigated? $\mathbf{N = 3 6 7}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very quickly | 36.9 | $31.6-42.1$ |
| Somewhat quickly | 27.6 | $22.8-32.5$ |
| Neither | 14.1 | $10.4-18.5$ |
| Somewhat slowly | 11.8 | $8.5-15.7$ |
| Very slowly | 8.4 | $5.4-12.3$ |
| Don't know | 1.3 | $0.5-2.7$ |

Q33B Respond to any questions or requests you had? $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 6 1}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very quickly | 43.4 | $38.2-48.7$ |
| Somewhat quickly | 23.6 | $18.9-28.2$ |
| Neither | 10.9 | $7.6-15.0$ |
| Somewhat slowly | 9.1 | $6.2-12.8$ |
| Very slowly | 12.7 | $9.0-17.2$ |
| Don't know | 0.3 | $0.1-1.1$ |

Q33C Complete the investigation on your complaint? $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 6 2}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very quickly | 33.8 | $28.6-38.9$ |
| Somewhat quickly | 23.9 | $19.2-28.6$ |
| Neither | 10.4 | $7.3-14.3$ |
| Somewhat slowly | 15.7 | $11.7-20.5$ |
| Very slowly | 13.3 | $9.8-17.6$ |
| Don't know | 2.9 | $1.3-5.4$ |

Q34 How well or poorly did the investigating organization do each of the following? Would you say they did an excellent, good, fair, or poor job at this? (ROTATE ANSWERS)

For Q34A to Q34E

| 1 | Excellent |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 | Good |
| 3 | Fair |
| 4 | Poor |
| -8 | DK |

(DO NOT READ)
Q34A The first one is: listen to you. $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 5}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Excellent | 39.4 | $34.4-44.4$ |
| Good | 19.8 | $15.7-23.9$ |
| Fair | 17.8 | $13.5-22.1$ |
| poor | 20.6 | $16.1-25.1$ |
| Don't know | 2.4 | $0.9-5.1$ |

Q34B Investigate the evidence in your case. $\mathbf{N}=375$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Excellent | 27.9 | $23.5-32.4$ |
| Good | 19.5 | $15.3-23.7$ |
| Fair | 13.8 | $10.2-18.0$ |
| poor | 30.6 | $25.7-35.4$ |
| Don't know | 8.3 | $5.5-11.9$ |

Q34C Interview your witnesses. N=375

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Excellent | 19.0 | $15.0-22.9$ |
| Good | 11.2 | $7.9-15.2$ |
| Fair | 7.0 | $4.6-10.1$ |
| poor | 30.3 | $25.4-35.2$ |
| Don't know | 32.6 | $27.6-37.6$ |

Q34D Ask you for documents related to your case. $\mathbf{N}=375$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Excellent | 34.3 | $29.4-39.2$ |
| Good | 22.8 | $18.2-27.5$ |
| Fair | 14.3 | $10.8-18.4$ |
| poor | 17.2 | $13.1-22.0$ |
| Don't know | 11.3 | $8.1-15.2$ |

Q34E Explain the process for investigating fair housing complaints. $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 7 5}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Excellent | 33.0 | $28.3-37.7$ |
| Good | 25.2 | $20.5-29.9$ |
| Fair | 20.5 | $16.0-25.0$ |
| poor | 15.2 | $11.4-19.7$ |
| Don't know | 6.1 | $3.8-9.3$ |

Q35 How $\qquad$ did you find the staff who investigated your case:

Did you find them very courteous, somewhat courteous, not very courteous or not at all courteous? (ROTATE ANSWERS)

For Q35A to Q35H
1 Very
2 Somewhat
3 Not very
4 Not at all
-7 NA (DO NOT READ)
-8 DK (DO NOT READ)
Q35A Courteous N=368

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very courteous | 62.0 | $56.9-67.2$ |
| Somewhat courteous | 21.0 | $16.6-25.3$ |
| Not very courteous | 6.9 | $4.2-10.7$ |
| Not at all courteous | 8.5 | $5.6-12.3$ |
| Don't know | 1.6 | $0.4-4.4$ |

Q35B Helpful $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 6 7}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very helpful | 48.9 | $43.7-54.1$ |
| Somewhat helpful | 22.5 | $17.9-27.1$ |
| Not very helpful | 11.6 | $8.2-15.9$ |
| Not at all helpful | 16.1 | $12.2-20.7$ |
| Don't know | 0.9 | $0.1-3.1$ |

Q35C Knowledgeable N=368

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very knowledgeable | 54.9 | $49.5-60.2$ |
| Somewhat knowledgeable | 21.8 | $17.4-26.3$ |
| Not very knowledgeable | 9.6 | $6.5-13.5$ |
| Not at all knowledgeable | 10.1 | $6.8-14.2$ |
| Don't know | 3.6 | $1.8-6.5$ |

Q35D
Understandable N=368

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very understandable | 54.8 | $49.6-60.1$ |
| Somewhat understandable | 20.5 | $16.2-24.9$ |
| Not very understandable | 9.8 | $6.6-13.7$ |
| Not at all understandable | 12.3 | $8.7-16.8$ |
| Don't know | 2.6 | $1.1-5.1$ |

Q35E Thorough $\mathbf{N}=367$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very thorough | 45.8 | $40.8-50.9$ |
| Somewhat thorough | 21.0 | $16.5-25.4$ |
| Not very thorough | 11.8 | $8.4-16.0$ |
| Not at all thorough | 18.8 | $14.4-23.2$ |
| Don't know | 2.6 | $1.2-4.8$ |

Q35F Interested in your complaint N=369

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very interested | 50.5 | $45.2-55.7$ |
| Somewhat interested | 23.1 | $18.6-27.6$ |
| Not very interested | 10.2 | $7.0-14.2$ |
| Not at all interested | 13.5 | $9.8-17.9$ |
| Don't know | 2.8 | $1.2-5.6$ |

Q35G Respectful $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 6 8}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very respectful | 62.6 | $57.4-67.7$ |
| Somewhat respectful | 20.1 | $15.8-24.4$ |
| Not very respectful | 6.2 | $3.5-10.0$ |
| Not at all respectful | 9.3 | $6.1-13.4$ |
| Don't know | 1.8 | $0.6-4.2$ |

Q35H
Impartial N=367

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very impartial | 50.9 | $45.6-56.3$ |
| Somewhat impartial | 21.2 | $16.9-26.0$ |
| Not very impartial | 8.6 | $5.6-12.4$ |
| Not at all impartial | 16.6 | $12.6-21.4$ |
| Don't know | 2.7 | $1.3-4.8$ |

Q36 Overall, how satisfied were you with how the investigation was conducted? Very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? (ROTATE ANSWERS) $\mathbf{N}=369$
$1 \quad$ Very satisfied 37.4 (32.6-42.2)
2 Somewhat satisfied 18.0 (13.7-22.3)
$3 \quad$ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4.5 (2.6-7.1)
4 Somewhat dissatisfied 10.5 (7.4-14.3)
$5 \quad$ Very dissatisfied 29.2 (24.4-34.0)
-7 N/A
-8 Don't know 0.5 (0.1-1.2)

Q37 The next set of questions is about any attempts to resolve the differences between you and the other party. Fair housing organizations or other groups might suggest that the two parties try to settle the complaint with an agreement. This could have happened at any time after you first presented the details of your complaint.

Did anyone from a fair housing organization suggest that you and the other party should try to work out your differences on your own? N=566

1 Yes 26.0 (22.1-29.9)
2 No 74.0 (70.1-77.9)
-7 NA
Q38 Did anyone from a fair housing organization offer to work with you and the other party to find a way to resolve your differences? $\mathbf{N = 5 7 5}$

1 Yes 42.4 (38.4-46.4)
2 No 57.6 (53.6-61.6)
SKIP TO QN. 41
Q39 Did you agree to work with anyone from that organization to resolve your differences with the other party? N=239

1 Yes 86.7 (81.4-91.0)
2 No 13.3 (9.0-18.6)
-7 N/A

CONTINUE
SKIP TO QN. 41
SKIP TO QN. 41

Q40 Did you and the other party come to an agreement with the help of that organization? N=205
1 Yes 63.5 (57.1-70.0)
SKIP TO QN. 44
2 No 36.5 (30.0-43.0)
Q41 Did anyone at any other organization work with you and the other party to help you resolve your differences? $\mathrm{N}=442$

| 1 | Yes $12.2(8.9-16.1)$ | CONTINUE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | No $87.8(83.9-91.1)$ | SKIP TO QN. 43 |

Q42 Did you and the other party come to an agreement with the help of that other organization? $\mathrm{N}=49$

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1 Yes 35.2 (20.8-51.9)
2 No 64.8 (48.1-79.2)
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SKIP TO QN. 44
CONTINUE

Q43 Did you and the other party come to an agreement on your own, without the involvement of any other organization? $\mathrm{N}=426$

1 Yes 10.7 (7.8-14.3)
2 No 89.3 (85.8-92.2)

Q44 Did the agreement that resolved your differences require the other party to do anything that directly affected you? $\mathbf{N}=196$

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1 Yes 62.0 (54.8-69.1)
2 No 38.0 (30.9-45.2)
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CONTINUE
SKIP TO QN. 46

Q45 Did the other party comply with the terms of that agreement that directly affected you? N=122
1 Yes 92.1 (85.9-96.1)
2 No 7.9 (3.9-14.1)
Q46 How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the terms of the agreement between you and the other party? Very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=196
$1 \quad$ Very satisfied 38.8 (31.7-45.9)
2 Somewhat satisfied 33.8 (26.9-40.8)
$3 \quad$ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 3.5 (1.3-7.6)
4 Somewhat dissatisfied 6.8 (3.8-11.2)
$5 \quad$ Very dissatisfied 17.0 (11.6-23.7)
-7 N/A (DO NOT READ)
-8 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
Q47 How quickly or slowly did the attempt to settle or resolve your case go? From your perspective, was it very quickly, somewhat quickly, neither quickly nor slowly, somewhat slowly, or very slowly? $\mathrm{N}=548$

1 Very quickly 24.9 (21.1-28.7)
2 Somewhat quickly 21.2 (17.5-24.8)
3 Neither 12.5 (9.5-15.9)
4 Somewhat slowly 11.6 (8.8-14.9)
$5 \quad$ Very slowly 27.3 (23.4-31.3)
-7 N/A (DO NOT READ)
-8 DK 2.6 (1.3-4.5) (DO NOT READ)
Q48 To what extent did you feel pressure to resolve your case? To a great extent, some extent, little extent, or no extent? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=561

1 Great extent 32.4 (28.2-36.6)
2 Some extent 15.1 (12.0-18.2)
$3 \quad$ Little extent 5.6 (3.8-7.9)
$4 \quad$ No extent 45.5 (41.0-50.0)
-7 NA
-8 DK 1.4 (0.5-3.0)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)

Q49 IF "LITTLE EXTENT" OR HIGHER: Which of the following possible reasons explain why you felt pressure to resolve your case? Please answer yes or no to each reason.

For Q49A to Q49G
1 Yes
2 No
-7 NA
-8 DK
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
Q49A The first one is: I thought there was too much of a chance that I might lose? N=305

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 42.6 | $36.5-48.6$ |
| No | 56.6 | $50.5-62.7$ |
| Don't know | 0.8 | $0.1-3.4$ |

Q49B I feared being evicted from the place I was living at the time? N=297

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 46.8 | $40.6-53.0$ |
| No | 53.2 | $47.1-59.4$ |
| Don't know |  |  |

Q49C I did not feel that the staff handling my case was handling it very well? N=305

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 53.0 | $47.2-59.0$ |
| No | 45.3 | $39.5-51.2$ |
| Don't know | 1.6 | $0.4-4.5$ |

Q49D Someone from a fair housing organization told me that I had a weak case? N=306

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 22.9 | $17.8-28.0$ |
| No | 76.9 | $71.8-82.0$ |
| Don't know | 0.3 | $0.0-1.2$ |

Q49E Someone from a fair housing organization told me to settle? $\mathrm{N}=\mathbf{3 0 8}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 27.8 | $22.6-33.0$ |
| No | 72.0 | $66.7-77.2$ |
| Don't know | 0.2 | $0.0-1.0$ |

Q49F I felt pressure to resolve my case because of financial reasons? $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{3 0 9}$

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 37.6 | $31.7-43.4$ |
| No | 62.5 | $56.6-68.3$ |
| Don't know |  |  |

Q49G Were there any other reasons? (SPECIFY: Q49G (openend) N=309

|  | Percent | Lower and upper bounds |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 55.3 | $49.2-61.3$ |
| No | 44.7 | $38.7-50.8$ |
| Don't know |  |  |

Q50 The last few questions are on how you feel about the outcome of your complaint and the overall process you went through.

Aside from how the process went, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the outcome of your case - in other words, the final decision that was made? Very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? (ROTATE ANSWERS) N=565

1 Very satisfied 22.2 (19.1-25.2)
2 Somewhat Satisfied 14.3 (11.4-17.3)
$3 \quad$ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4.2 (2.6-6.3)
4 Somewhat dissatisfied 7.7 (5.5-10.4)
$5 \quad$ Very dissatisfied 50.8 (47.0-54.6)
$-7 \quad$ N/A
-8 Don't know 0.9 (0.3-2.2)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
Q51 And how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the whole process - how the complaint was handled by the fair housing agencies from the time you first presented your complaint, through investigation, and any attempts to come to an agreement? (ROTATE ANSWERS) $\mathrm{N}=573$
$1 \quad$ Very satisfied 26.4 (23.1-29.7)
2 Somewhat Satisfied 17.6 (14.1-21.0)
$3 \quad$ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4.5 (2.9-6.5)
4 Somewhat dissatisfied 13.1 (10.0-16.1)
5 Very dissatisfied 37.6 (33.6-41.6)
-7 N/A
(DO NOT READ)
-8 Don't know 0.9 (0.2-2.4)
(DO NOT READ)
Q52 Based on your experiences, how likely would you be to file a fair housing complaint with the same fair housing organization if you experienced discrimination or were harmed by discrimination again? Would you be very likely, somewhat likely, about as likely as not, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to do this again? (ROTATE ANSWERS) $\mathbf{N}=575$

1 Very likely 47.4 (43.3-51.5)
2 Somewhat likely 9.5 (7.0-12.5)
3 About as likely as not 2.8 (1.6-4.6)
4 Somewhat unlikely 8.2 (5.8-11.2)
5 Very unlikely 29.9 (26.0-33.9)
-7 N/A
-8 Don't know 2.2 (1.2-3.9)
(DO NOT READ)
(DO NOT READ)
VER l'd like to verify the spelling of your name.

## 1 Complainant 1

2 Complainant 2
3 Complainant 3
4 Complainant' 4
5 Proxy/representative [Please Specify]

CONTACT1 For quality assurance purposes, would you mind if the GAO contacted you in the future to discuss this interview? N=575
$1 \quad$ Yes (also collect best phone number) 93.1 (90.3-95.3)
2 No 6.9 (4.7-9.8)
CONTACT2 Verify best phone number
Q53 For our last question, what suggestions, if any, do you have for improving the way complaints about housing discrimination are handled - that is, what you would do to improve the process? (RECORD VERBATIM) N=574

1 Enter comments: Q53 (openend) 77.8 (74.3-81.3)
2 No comments 22.2 (18.8-25.7)
That's all the questions we have for you. Thanks so much for helping us with our study.

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