

Past Making Connections Presentations, Reports and Surveys

Presentations

- [2003 Assessors Report](#)
- [2004 Assessors Report](#)
- [Making Connections Data - 2003](#) This presentation contains vital statistics data, Des Moines Public Schools ITBS scores, and homeownership/mortgage data for the Making Connections neighborhoods.
- [Making Connections Survey Highlights - 2002](#)
- [Medical Debt Report for MC Neighborhoods 2002](#) This presentation takes a look at the medical debt that many of the households in the Making Connections neighborhoods are carrying.
- [NLP Youth Focus group 2004](#)

Reports

- [Corrections and Making Connections](#) This study examines the rate of incarceration in the Making Connections neighborhoods and Polk County (CFPC, 2004)
- [Homeownership & Poor Neighborhoods: Challenges for Polk County](#) This report provides information on homeownership in Polk County, with a particular emphasis on the poorest neighborhoods. Predatory lending practices in Polk County are reviewed in the report (CFPC, 2004)
- [Housing/Rent Information](#) This document provides basic information concerning percent of owner occupied housing units for Making Connections Neighborhoods, Des Moines and Polk County. In addition, data is provided showing fair market rent by number of bedrooms for Des Moines and the income required to afford fair market rent (LLP, 2005)
- [Justice System Involvement of Young Men in Polk County](#) This report provides information for Polk County on the rate of criminal justice system involvement of young men by both neighborhood and race. (CFPC & LLP, 2004)
- [Making Connections Parents/Improvement, Community Ties](#) This report provides excerpts from the Making connections neighborhood survey regarding school-related questions.
- [Making Connections Resident Meeting Qualitative Survey](#) This is a short report based on brief resident surveys that were conducted at Making Connections events held during the summer of 2003.
- [Making Connections Resident Priorities on Neighborhood Improvement](#) This report discusses the top concerns of residents as identified from the Making Connections survey.
- [NLP 2003 Data Guide](#) This guide provides some important data about Polk County's central-city neighborhoods. In particular, it focuses upon two Making Connections neighborhoods that are part of a Polk County and Annie E. Casey Foundation effort to strengthen families through increased economic opportunity and social connections.
- [NLP Housing Report 2002](#) A brief report that highlights trends in home ownership, home value comparisons, and home sales, with particular attention to home ownership and housing in the Making Connections neighborhoods.

- [NLP Youth survey](#) Focus groups with youth in the Des Moines Making Connections neighborhoods to better understand youth success in school. (NLP, 2004)
- [Scaling Survey Data to Create Results Indicators](#) The report outlines the process for selecting indicators from data collected from the 2002 Making connections survey.
- [Through the Eyes of the Residents](#) A brief report that highlights the Des Moines Making Connections survey (CFPC, 2002)
- [Through the Families Eyes](#) This report highlights the experiences of ten inner-city Des Moines families and their experience with the public systems. (CFPC, 2004)
- [Vital Records Show Need to Focus Attention on Inner City](#) This report uses 1999 to 2001 vital statistics data for Polk County, highlighting the Des Moines' inner-city and the East and West Making Connections neighborhoods.
- [Voter Participation](#) A report that highlights Voter participation for Des Moines and Making Connections neighborhoods for the 1995 Mayoral, 1996 Presidential, 1999 Mayoral, 2000 Presidential, and 2002 Midterm elections.

Surveys

- [2005 Making Connections Survey - Adult questions](#)
- [2005 Making Connections Survey - Child/Youth questions](#)
- [Comparative analysis of Making Connections Sites - Urban Institute Report](#)
- [2002 Making Connections Survey by Household](#) Results of the 2002 Making Connections Survey by type of household, families with children, non-elderly and elderly households without children
- [2002 Making Connections Survey by Making Connections Neighborhood](#) Results by East and West Making Connections neighborhoods
- [2002 Making Connections Survey by Race or Ethnicity](#) Results by race or ethnicity of respondent
- [2002 Making Connections Survey by Tenure for Housing Unit](#) Results by tenure for housing unit - homeowner, renters, in process of purchasing and living in residence for free
- [2002 Making Connections Survey by Total Household Income](#) Results by total household annual income from the past 12 months

To obtain copies of the any of these documents, contact the Making Connections office, 282-3561, info@makingconnectionsdm.org.

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