

As part of a McMaster research study, we did surveys with residents in Keith, Stinson and Stipley neighbourhoods. Here are some highlights from Stinson. You can download a full report at [www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/projects/hnstudy](http://www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/projects/hnstudy).

Hamilton neighbourhoods study  
2013 study update  
**STINSON**  
neighbourhood

## ABOUT THE STUDY

Our research team at McMaster is doing the Hamilton Neighbourhoods Study to help find out what kind of difference the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy is making in your neighbourhood. We interviewed residents in the Stinson neighbourhood in 2011 and 2012. Participants were selected at random.

We talked to **310** residents aged 18 and over in Stinson.

On average, they had been living in Stinson for just under **7 years** and living in their current dwelling for just over **5 years**. Almost **3 in 4** people we talked to (74%) had not moved in the past year.

**60%** would like to stay in their neighbourhood for years to come.

**86%** reported that they were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their residence overall, and **72%** with the neighbourhood overall.

**93%** felt safe in the neighbourhood during the day. At night, they felt less safe in the neighbourhood.

**87%** described the people in their neighbourhood as 'friendly' or 'very friendly.'

Overall, the people we surveyed felt that services and amenities already in the neighbourhood were accessible.

Close to 2 out of 5 people felt that family doctors/walk-in clinics and childcare were lacking.

50% felt that a public library was lacking.

Over 50% said they didn't know about local neighbourhood or business associations. Over 50% felt they didn't have influence over their neighbourhood.

People we surveyed were asked: "What do you think are the TWO most important things that would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?" Here's what we heard most often, with the number of responses in brackets.

- 1 Address drug use and drug dealing (53)
- 2 General sense of community e.g. "people should be kinder to each other; increase the sense of community" (32)
- 3 Greater police presence needed (30)
- 4 Address issues related to sex work (26)
- 5 Clean up litter on the streets (25)
- 6 General beautification e.g. "make the neighbourhood prettier" (23)

## GET INVOLVED WITH STINSON!

Your neighbours have been working on these issues and priorities. If you'd like to find out more or get involved in neighbourhood action in Stinson, contact:

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### Stinson Community Association

Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Central Memorial Recreation Centre, 93 West Ave S., Hamilton

To get more information on the Neighbourhood Action Strategy and the Stinson Neighbourhood Action Plan, visit [www.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoods](http://www.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoods)

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Dr. Jim Dunn and his staff at McMaster University are doing the research study this report is based on. If you have any questions, call the study hotline or email us.



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