

Tool 5.1: Sample Research Findings and Data for Matching Activity

Finding: Police are arresting people for syringe possession, even when they participate in lawful syringe access programs.

- **Data:** 71% of survey respondents had been charged with unlawful syringe possession.
- **Data:** Of those arrested for syringe possession, 9 out of 10 people were carrying an official card, saying they were part of a syringe exchange program.
- **Data:** “I’ve known about people getting arrested just for having syringes in their property. I’ve been arrested and as soon as the police have asked me, “do you have anything in your pocket”, and I say, “Yes, syringes,” before they even let me explain, they cuff me....[meanwhile] I have everything in my pocket and everything in my wallet that say it’s OK for me to carry syringes.”

Finding: Downtown Brooklyn residents want new and better grocery store options.

- **Data:** 84% of respondents wish they had more options for grocery stores in their communities

Finding: Demolition of Public Housing results in the destruction of communities and hardship in the lives of those that are displaced.

- **Data:** “I had a good friend that lived in Scott Carver Homes (public housing development)...she told me when she had to move out it was like leaving a piece of her behind because for 26 years that is all she knew. Talking to her about that you could feel the anger and hurt in her voice.”

Finding: The health of many workers and residents suffering from 9/11-related health problems is not improving.

- **Data:** 88% state their health symptoms may have been caused or worsened by 9/11.
- **Data:** 81% with 9/11-related symptoms have seen a doctor concerning their symptoms.

Finding: Chinatown residents have been subject to increased neglect, harassment, and displacement as gentrification has increased.

- **Data:** 73 percent of Chinatown tenants reported experiencing harassment from their landlords

- **Data:** 71% of Chinatown residents surveyed lived with one or more serious housing violation (including little or no heat, little or no hot water, lack of running water, leaking pipes, collapsing ceilings, exposed wires, and leaking gas) in the past 12 months.

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Finding: The vast majority of restaurant employers do not provide health-related benefits such as health insurance or paid sick days for their employees.

- **Data:** 72% of restaurant workers reported working while sick
- **Data:** Only 32% of restaurant workers sought medical care due to an on-the-job industry.

Finding: Domestic workers lack paid sick and personal days.

- **Data:** 57 % of domestic workers surveyed do not receive any paid sick days
- **Data:** 71% of domestic workers surveyed do not receive any paid personal days.

Finding: Many domestic workers do not earn enough income to meet their basic needs

- **Data:** 93% of domestic workers were found to be living under the “low-wage” level
- **Data:** 17% of domestic workers were found to be living below the federal poverty line

Finding: The vast majority of public housing residents do not participate in the official resident participation system at the local or city levels.

- **Data:** Only 14 percent of survey respondents voted in the last RA election at their development
- **Data:** 1 in 2 residents did not even know that their housing development had a resident association, and only 1 in 5 residents participated in their resident association.

Finding: Immigrant and limited English-proficiency New York residents are living in unsafe and unhealthy housing conditions yet do not know there is a city agency, HPD, designed to help address their housing needs.

- **Data:** 60% of Immigrant and limited English-proficiency New Yorkers surveyed reported to living with one or more critical housing code violation in the past 12 months.
- **Data:** 62% of respondents did not know that there is a governmental agency, HPD, dedicated to meeting their housing needs.

Finding: Residents of public housing have no decision-making powers over policies that effect their buildings and homes.

- **Data:** “We [resident boards] are puppet boards. You really don’t care what we have to say anymore because you go ahead and you do what you want to do, and then come to us to say it’s a done deal.”
- **Data:** “I understand what you are saying about the different roles and responsibilities of NYCHA, Congress and HUD, but what we’re saying is: Who do we go to if NYCHA is not listening to us?”