I am going to read some statements that people might make about their [block]. Each time I read one of these statements, please tell me if it is mostly true or mostly false about your [block] simply by saying "true" or "false"

True = 1
False = 0

Q1. I think my [block] is a good place for me to live.
Q2. People on this [block] do not share the same values.
Q3. My [neighbors] and I want the same things from the [block].
Q4. I can recognize most of the people who live on my [block].
Q5. I feel at home on this [block].
Q6. Very few of my [neighbors] know me.
Q8. I have no influence over what this [block] is like.
Q9. If there is a problem on this [block] people who live here can get it solved.
Q10. It is very important to me to live on this particular [block].
Q11. People on this [block] generally don't get along with each other.
Q12. I expect to live on this [block] for a long time.

Total Sense of Community Index = Total Q1 through Q12

Subscales:
- Membership = Q4 + Q5 + Q6
- Influence = Q7 + Q8 + Q9
- Reinforcement of Needs = Q1 + Q2 + Q3
- Shared Emotional Connection = Q10 + Q11 + Q12

*Scores for Q2, Q6, Q8, Q11 need to be reversed before scoring.
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ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

The attached scale was developed using the urban block as the referent for determining one’s sense of community. If you are going to use a different referent, replace “block” with the specific name of the setting you wish to assess (e.g. school, neighborhood, city, church, etc.) Do not use “community” as the referent. Make other adaptations as appropriate (e.g. Q12 “expect to live” can be changed to “expect to belong”.) Feel free to contact me if you need any assistance.

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