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### **Did You Know?**

According to a national survey *How Much Do We Know? Public Awareness of the Nation's Fair Housing Laws* released by HUD in April, 2002 :

- Only 54% of the public knows that it is illegal for real estate agents to limit the search for a home to neighborhoods based on their racial composition.
- Only 38% of the public knows that it is illegal to treat families with children differently than households without children.
- 23% of the population thinks that homeowners can restrict selling their homes to potential purchasers based on the purchaser being a member of a protected class (i.e. refuse to sell to a person based on race).
- One-fifth of the population approves of many instances of housing discrimination without being aware that the activities are illegal.
- 13% of the population supports a variety of discriminatory housing practices with the knowledge the actions are illegal.
- People between the ages of 35 and 44 are more likely to have a higher knowledge of fair housing laws than both younger and older generations.