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## TOPLINE RESULTS – WAVE 1 – AFFORDABILITY SURVEY

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Sample: 1,326 Los Angeles County residents (75% response rate)

Margin of Sampling Error<sup>1</sup>: 2.6 percentage points

Full survey codebook and data are at <https://uasdata.usc.edu/survey/UAS+312>. The tables report weighted column percentages.

*This survey asks questions about your experience with the cost of living in Los Angeles, including cost of groceries, medical care, housing, and education. Some questions ask about you, and others ask about your household. “Household” includes you and others living with you who contribute financially to your home or who are dependent financially. If you live alone, or do not consider anyone else you live with to be a member of your household, please answer these questions as an individual.*

**fd001a-m.** In the **last 14 days**, did you or someone else in your household buy or get food from any of the following types of stores or sources?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Grocery store / supermarket (Ralphs, Vons, Trader Joe’s, local grocery stores, etc. either in person or by delivery)	89.5	9.8	0.7
Convenience store (7-Eleven, ampm, gas station stores, etc.)	34.0	64.3	1.7
Drug store (CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, etc.)	37.3	60.6	2.1
Big-box or Discount store (Target, Walmart, Costco, Dollar Store, etc.)	63.7	35.3	1.0
Food pantry/Food Bank	8.3	90.4	1.3
School provided meals	10.0	88.8	1.2
Full service restaurant or café (either in person or through a delivery app, for example DoorDash, Postmates, Grubhub, etc.)	40.2	58.3	1.5
Fast food restaurant or café (either in person or through a delivery app, for example DoorDash, Postmates, Grubhub, etc.)	48.8	49.2	2.0
Online retailer (Amazon Fresh, Fresh Direct, etc.)	15.8	82.7	1.5
Meal prep or delivery services (Produce boxes, Meal kits, Blue Apron, Hello Fresh, etc.)	3.9	94.6	1.5

<sup>1</sup> Factors other than sampling error, including question wording, question order, sample type (e.g. opt-in panels vs. probability panels such as UAS), population coverage, and impact of current events, may affect the results of any survey. In addition, the results of questions asked without an interviewer (e.g. in an internet panel) may differ somewhat from similar questions asked by an interviewer over the phone. The margin of sampling error is calculated at the 95% confidence level, using a sample proportion of 0.5 to generate an upper bound of uncertainty. Please note that this is only an approximate measure of error. A more precise measure would require upper and lower bounds to be calculated for each individual question or outcome.

Farmer's market	5.8	92.7	1.4
Food donations from a faith-based organization, or other community-based organization (e.g. YMCA, local health organization, etc.)	5.0	93.7	1.4
Other. Please specify:	2.7	94.3	3.1

**fd002.** About how many miles do you or other household members typically travel to get food for the household? If you go to more than one place, please add up all of the distance.

0.5 miles or less than a 15-minute walk	14.9
1 to 2 miles	34.4
3 to 5 miles	31.7
6 to 10 miles	10.3
10 to 15 miles	4.4
Greater than 15 miles	2.4
I currently don't travel at all for my food; I get delivery/take out, etc.	1.9

Here are several statements that people have made about their food situation. For the following statements, please indicate whether the statement was true for you/your household in the past 14 days.

**fd003.** During the past **14 days**, there was a time when I was worried that I or other members of my household would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources.

Yes	10.7
No	87.5
Unsure	1.9

**fd004.** During the **past 14 days**, there was a time when I or other members of my household ate less than I/they should have because of a lack of money or other resources.

Yes	8.7
No	88.7
Unsure	2.6

**fd005.** During the past **14 days**, there was a time when I or other members of my household went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources.

Yes	3.9
No	94.0
Unsure	2.1

**he001.** Would you say that in general your health is...

Excellent	8.5
Very Good	33.8
Good	38.9
Fair	14.9
Poor	4.0

**he002.** Are you currently covered by any type of health insurance?

Yes	83.9
No	12.5
Unsure	3.6

Over the last 12 months, how many times did you visit (in-person or via telehealth) a(n):

**he003a.** Primary care doctor or clinic

0	40.3
1-2	40.1
3-6	16.0
7+	3.6

**he003b.** Dentist

0	49.3
1-2	40.8
3-6	9
7+	1.04

**he003c.** Specialty doctor

0	65.6
1-2	21.5
3-6	8.6
7+	4.4

**he003d.** Emergency room

0	89.0
1-2	9.6
3-6	1.1
7+	0.41

**he003e.** Urgent care center

0	84.7
1-2	13.6
3-6	1.7
7+	0.14

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for at least one response in he003a-e (n = 1,053).

**he004a.** Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement about your experience visiting the doctor (or doctors) over the past 12 months:  
The doctor(s) were responsive to my concerns.

Agree strongly	36.3
Agree	43.0
Agree somewhat	10.1
Neither agree nor disagree	8.0
Disagree somewhat	0.9
Disagree	0.5
Disagree strongly	1.3

**he004b.** Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement about your experience visiting the doctor (or doctors) over the past 12 months:  
Overall, I’m satisfied with the quality of care that I received.

Agree strongly	35.2
Agree	42.2
Agree somewhat	11.0
Neither agree nor disagree	6.8
Disagree somewhat	3.0
Disagree	0.6
Disagree strongly	1.2

**he004c.** Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement about your experience visiting the doctor (or doctors) over the past 12 months:  
I was able to get the care that I needed quickly.

Agree strongly	30.9
Agree	38.5
Agree somewhat	16.5
Neither agree nor disagree	7.6
Disagree somewhat	3.4
Disagree	1.4
Disagree Strongly	1.8

**ph001a-i.** During the past 12 months, was there a time when you needed any of the following but went without it or delayed it because the cost was too high?

	Yes	No
Prescription medicine	10.9	89.1
Seeing a primary care physician	9.1	90.9
Seeing a specialty doctor	9.2	90.8

Mental health care or counseling	8.3	91.7
Dental care	19.5	80.5
Vision care	11.9	88.1
Follow-up care	6.2	93.8
Emergency services (for example, ER visit, ambulance, etc.)	4.9	95.1
COVID testing	5.2	94.8

**ph002.** Do you currently have any debt or unpaid bills because of the costs of your medical care?

Yes	9.9
No	87.0
Unsure	3.1

**ph003a-f.** During the past 12 months, did you ever have to go without, or delay paying for, other things you wanted or needed such as food, clothing, housing or other expenses, due to the costs of your medical care?

	Yes	No
Food	6.2	93.8
Clothing	9.2	90.8
Rent or Mortgage payment	6.5	93.5
Education (for example tuition)	2.8	97.2
Transportation (for example car insurance, gas, Lyft, or Uber, etc.)	5.6	94.4
Entertainment	12.1	87.9

**pu001.** Where are you currently living? (Single response)

Single-family home	51.0
Condo or townhome or duplex	14.1
Guest house or other accessory dwelling unit	0.6
Apartment	28.1
Dorm	0.3
Room in a house	2.6
Car or other vehicle	0.1
Mobile home/trailer	1.7
Hotel or motel	0.4
Emergency shelter, transitional housing, or other supportive housing	
Indoor place not typically meant to be housing (abandoned building, subway station, etc.)	0.1
Outdoors (on the street, at a park, etc.)	0.2
Other. Please specify:	0.9

Asked of respondents who selected any response from “Single-family home” to “Emergency shelter” in pu001 (n = 1,298).

**pu002.** Do you or someone else in your household rent, lease or own the place where you live?

Rent or lease	49.6
Own	44.2
No one in my household pays rent or owns it	6.2

Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” or “Own” in pu002.

**pu003.** Who in your household currently pays the rent/lease or owns the place where you live?

Please check all that apply.

	Yes*	No
Myself	72.4	27.6
Spouse or partner	40.8	59.2
Child(ren)	4.7	95.4
Friend(s)	2.5	97.5
Parent(s)	12.8	87.3
Grandparent(s)	1.5	98.5
Sibling(s)	2.6	97.4
Other relative(s)	2.8	97.3
Coworker(s)	0.1	99.9
Other, please specify:	2.5	97.5

\*Note: response categories are not mutually exclusive.

**pu004.** How long do you expect to stay in your current place?

0-6 months	8.9
6 months-1 year	10.1
1-2 years	14.9
2-5 years	17.1
More than 5 years	49.0

**pu005.** Did you move to your current place within the past 12 months?

Yes	11.5
No	88.5

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in pu005 (n = 159).

**pu006.** Was this...

Before January 2020	38.3
Between January and March 2020	20.5
Between April and June 2020	17.4
Between July and September 2020	23.8

Asked of respondents who selected any response from “Single-family home” to “Apartment” in pu001 (n = 1,230).

**pu007.** How many bedrooms are in the place where you live?

0	3.3
1	18.0
2	30.2
3	31.4
4	14.7
5+	2.3

Asked of respondents who selected any response from “Single-family home” to “Emergency shelter” in pu001 (n = 1,298).

**pu008.** How many adults are currently living in the place where you live, **other than yourself?** (If you live alone, choose “0.”)

0	14.3
1	37.1
2	22.8
3	16.4
4	5.0
5	2.3
6	1.6
7	0.1
8	0.1
9	0.2
10	
11+	0.2

Asked of respondents who selected “Rent or lease” in pu002 (n = 626).

**pu009.** Excluding any government rental assistance your household might receive (for example, through housing vouchers), what does your household currently pay in rent per month?

<b>Weighted average</b>	\$1,474.11
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Asked of respondents who selected “Own” in pu002 (n = 581).

**pu010.** Does your household have a mortgage or loan on your current housing?

Yes	65.9
No	34.2

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in pu010 (n = 342).

**pu011.** What does your household currently pay for a mortgage or home loan per month?

<b>Weighted average</b>	\$1,961.01
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**pu012a-e.** Taking into account everyone in your household, what was the amount your household received for each of the following income sources over the **last 12 months**? Please add up the income of everyone living in your household. Your best guess is okay. If no one in the household has a type of income, please click on “does not apply.”

<b>Weighted average</b>	\$45,973.37
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Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” in pu002 or “Yes” in pu010 (n = 1,044).

**pu013.** In the past 6 months, how many times has your household been late or missed a rent or a mortgage payment?

0	84.6
1	5.1
2	4.1
3	2.1
4	1.0
5	1.0
6	1.4
7	0.2
8	0.1
9	0.2
10	
11	
12	0.3

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0 times” for pu013 (n = 154).

**pu014.** Since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, have you been protected from eviction by the federal eviction moratorium under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)?

Yes	25.0
No	47.6
Unsure	27.5

Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” in pu002 or “Yes” in pu010 (n = 1,044).

**af001.** Over the next six months, how likely is it that your household will be able to pay the [rent/ mortgage or home loan] on time every month?

Very unlikely	10.0
Somewhat unlikely	9.9
Somewhat likely	21.1
Very likely	59.0

**af002.** In the last 12 months, how often have you worried that you might lose the place that you were living in?

Not at all	69.6
Sometimes	24.3
Often	3.5
Very often	2.6

Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” in pu002 or “Yes” in pu005 (n = 102).

The next questions ask about evictions. An eviction is when your landlord forces you to move when you don't want to, due to non-payment of rent, property damage, or other reasons. Please indicate whether each of these questions does or does not apply to you.

**ba001.** Did you leave your previous residence because you, or a person you were staying with, were evicted?

Yes	6.3
No	90.8
I don't know	3.0

Asked of respondents who selected “No” in ba001 (n = 92).

**ba002.** Did you, or a person you were staying with, receive an eviction notice while living at your previous residence?

Yes	
No	97.3
I don't know	2.7

**ba003a-f.** Did you move away from your previous residence because...

	Yes	No
Your landlord told you, or a person you were staying with, to leave?	1.9	98.1
The city condemned the property and forced you to leave?	2.8	97.2
The landlord raised the rent?	7.5	92.5
The neighborhood was dangerous?	20.8	79.2
The landlord wouldn't fix anything and your place was getting run down?	20.6	79.4
The landlord went into foreclosure?	1.1	98.9

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in pu005 (n = 156).

**ba004.** Which of the following reasons, if any, describe why you moved away from your previous place? Please check all that apply.

	Yes	No
Family-related (i.e., change in marital status, to establish own household, other family reason)	37.7	62.3
Employment-related (i.e., retired, lost job or looking for work, to be closer to work/easier commute, new job or job transfer, other job-related reason)	16.9	83.1
Housing-related (i.e., foreclosure/eviction, wanted better neighborhood/less crime, wanted own home, wanted cheaper housing, wanted new or better home/apartment, other housing-related reason)	41.4	58.6
Other (e.g., natural disaster, health reasons, to attend or leave college, other reason). Please specify:	19.7	80.3

**ba005.** In the last 6 months, have you observed or experienced any of the following in your neighborhood? Please check all that apply.

	Yes	No
Young people moving in	20.8	79.3
Restaurants or stores closing	49.0	51.0
New, more expensive restaurants or stores opening	8.7	91.3
New housing development	26.6	73.4
More construction sites	25.4	74.6
Increasing housing costs	38.1	62.0
Increasing costs of local goods and services	37.9	62.1
Feeling out of place	8.5	91.5
Neighbors, friends, and/or family members moving out	20.8	79.2
None of the above/Doesn't apply	23.6	76.4

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005a (n = 288).

**ba006\_1.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: Young people moving in. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	44.7
Negative	14.0
Neutral	41.4

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005b (n = 672).

**ba006\_2.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: Restaurants or stores closing. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	3.1
Negative	77.0
Neutral	19.9

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005c (n = 112).

**ba006\_3.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: New, more expensive restaurants or stores opening. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	31.3
Negative	38.6
Neutral	30.2

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005d (n = 363).

**ba006\_4.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: New housing development. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	43.1
Negative	30.6
Neutral	26.3

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005e (n = 365).

**ba006\_5** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: More construction sites. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	36.5
Negative	33.4
Neutral	30.1

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005f (n = 503).

**ba006\_6.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: Increasing housing costs. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	14.6
Negative	73.3
Neutral	12.1

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005g (n = 501).

**ba006\_7.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: Increasing costs of local goods and services. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	2.0
Negative	86.6
Neutral	11.4

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005h (n = 120).

**ba006\_8.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: Feeling out of place. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	1.4
Negative	73.0
Neutral	25.6

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005i (n = 309).

**ba006\_9.** You mentioned that you observed or experienced the following in your neighborhood: Neighbors, friends, and/or family members moving out. In general, how would you characterize the impact of these changes on your neighborhood?

Positive	7.0
Negative	51.9
Neutral	41.1

**ba007.** In general, how satisfied are you with your current housing?

Very dissatisfied	7.2
Dissatisfied	9.5
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	22.0
Satisfied	41.5
Very satisfied	19.9

**ba008a-i.** Over the last 6 months, have you experienced any of these problems in your current housing?

	Yes	No	Doesn't apply
Broken stove, refrigerator, or other appliance	22.5	74.0	3.5

Broken window	6.7	89.9	3.4
Broken door to the outside or broken lock on a door to the outside	8.0	88.6	3.5
Mice, rats, cockroaches, bedbugs, or other pests	29.2	67.7	3.1
Exposed wires or other electrical problems	7.8	89.0	3.2
No hot water	6.2	90.0	3.8
No heat because the main heating equipment broke	5.1	90.5	4.4
No running water	3.0	93.4	3.7
Stopped up sinks, toilet, bath or shower	17.6	79.2	3.3

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009a (n = 293).

**ba009a.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: Broken stove, refrigerator, or other appliance?

No	32.1
Yes; within 24 hours	11.1
Yes; within 2-3 days	24.8
Yes; within 4+ days	32.0

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009b (n = 86).

**ba009b.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: Broken window?

No	48.9
Yes; within 24 hours	10.7
Yes; within 2-3 days	14.6
Yes; within 4+ days	25.9

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009c (n = 94).

**ba009c.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: Broken door to the outside or broken lock on a door to the outside?

No	47.5
Yes; within 24 hours	21.5
Yes; within 2-3 days	10.7
Yes; within 4+ days	20.3

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009d (n =375 ).

**ba009d.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: Mice, rats, cockroaches, bedbugs, or other pests?

No	42.2
Yes; within 24 hours	19.9
Yes; within 2-3 days	15.1
Yes; within 4+ days	22.8

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009e (n = 94).

**ba009e.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: Exposed wires or other electrical problems?

No	52.7
Yes; within 24 hours	14.9
Yes; within 2-3 days	14.8
Yes; within 4+ days	17.7

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009f (n = 77).

**ba009f.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: No hot water?

No	13.2
Yes; within 24 hours	49.4
Yes; within 2-3 days	23.6
Yes; within 4+ days	13.9

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009g (n = 63).

**ba009g.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: No heat because the main heating equipment broke?

No	58.8
Yes; within 24 hours	13.1
Yes; within 2-3 days	8.5
Yes; within 4+ days	19.6

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009h (n = 37).

**ba009h.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: No running water?

No	22.2
Yes; within 24 hours	60.6
Yes; within 2-3 days	13.0
Yes; within 4+ days	4.1

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009i (n = 249).

**ba009i.** Were repairs made to fix the problem(s) in your current housing: Stopped up sinks, toilet, bath or shower?

No	18.5
Yes; within 24 hours	38.4
Yes; within 2-3 days	23.9
Yes; within 4+ days	19.2

The next questions ask about schools in your neighborhood. You may have answered similar questions recently, we appreciate your answering them again to make sure we have the most recent information.

**sc008.** Do any children live with you in your current housing?

Yes	40.3
No	59.7

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in sc008 (n = 499)

**sc001a-g.** Please indicate how many of the children in your household are currently enrolled in preschool or daycare, primary school, middle school, high school, trade school, or college?\*

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Preschool or daycare	78.1	15.8	3.5	1.2	1.3	0.1	
Elementary school	55.3	32.0	9.9	1.8	1.0		
Middle school or junior high	75.4	23.1	1.5				
High school	62.7	28.8	8.0	0.4			0.1
Four-year college	86.6	11.3	1.9	0.2			
Community colleges	87.0	10.9	0.6	1.5			
Trade school, including technical institutes and vocational schools	99.2	0.6	0.2				

\*Note: response categories are not mutually exclusive.

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 378).

**sc002.** What type(s) of school(s) do your child(ren) attend? Check all that apply.\*

Neighborhood public school	66.0
Magnet public school	12.7
Charter school	11.3
Private or religious school	9.3
Home school	9.8
Other, please specify:	3.1

\*Note: response categories are not mutually exclusive.

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 378).

**sc003.** In general, how would you rate the **availability** of schooling options that meet the needs of the children in your household?

Very good	25.0
Good	37.2
Moderate	28.9
Bad	5.4
Very bad	2.5
Not sure	1.0

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 378).

**sc004.** How would you rate the **affordability** of the schooling options available to the children in your household?

Mostly affordable	29.5
Affordable	48.6
Unaffordable	9.8
Mostly unaffordable	3.0
Not sure	9.2

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 378).

**sc005.** In the last 12 months, how often have you worried that your household could not afford to pay for the children’s school and after-school needs (including material and equipment required)?

Never	52.4
Rarely	21.8
Sometimes	21.2
Often	3.2
Very often	1.3

**sc006.** How would you rate the overall quality of schools in your neighborhood:

Excellent	10.2
Good	41.9
Fair	36.6
Poor	9.2
Very poor	2.1

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 378).

**sc007.** Compared to the quality of education you received when you were a child, how would you rate the quality of the child(ren)'s education?

Much better	23.0
Somewhat better	30.1
About the same	24.7
Somewhat worse	16.1
Much worse	6.2