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## TOPLINE RESULTS – WAVE 2 – AFFORDABILITY SURVEY

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Sample: 1,250 Los Angeles County residents (75% response rate)

Margin of Sampling Error<sup>1</sup>: 2.8 percentage points

Full survey codebook and data are at <https://uasdata.usc.edu/survey/UAS+363>. 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)	90.1	9.1	0.7
Convenience store (7-Eleven, ampm, gas station stores, etc.)	45.1	53.3	1.5
Drug store (CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, etc.)	45.3	52.9	1.6
Big-box or Discount store (Target, Walmart, Costco, Dollar Store, etc.)	70.5	28.5	0.9
Food pantry/Food Bank	6.1	91.8	2.0
School provided meals	14.7	83.7	1.4
Full service restaurant or café (either in person or through a delivery app, for example DoorDash, Postmates, Grubhub, etc.)	51.5	46.5	1.9
Fast food restaurant or café (either in person or through a delivery app, for example DoorDash, Postmates, Grubhub, etc.)	59.8	38.6	1.5
Online retailer (Amazon Fresh, Fresh Direct, etc.)	19.4	78.9	1.6
Meal prep or delivery services (Produce boxes, Meal kits, Blue Apron, Hello Fresh, etc.)	4.7	93.4	1.8

<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	8.5	89.9	1.5
Food donations from a faith-based organization, or other community-based organization (e.g. YMCA, local health organization, etc.)	2.9	95.7	1.3
Other. Please specify:	2.1	94.7	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	30.2
1 to 2 miles	47.6
3 to 5 miles	40.0
6 to 10 miles	15.7
10 to 15 miles	4.6
Greater than 15 miles	2.8
I currently don't travel at all for my food; I get delivery/take out, etc.	1.7

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	10.5
No	87.3
Unsure	2.5

**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	8.4
No	88.9
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	2.9
No	94.8
Unsure	2.2

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

Excellent	8.2
Very Good	33.4
Good	38.6
Fair	15.4
Poor	4.2

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

Yes	88.0
No	9.0
Unsure	2.8

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

**he003a.** Primary care doctor or clinic

0	35.5
1-2	43.3
3-6	17.1
7+	4.0

**he003b.** Dentist

0	48.0
1-2	42.5
3-6	8.6
7+	0.8

**he003c.** Specialty doctor

0	62.3
1-2	22.9
3-6	10.1
7+	4.6

**he003d.** Emergency room

0	88.2
1-2	10.4
3-6	1.1
7+	0.24

**he003e.** Urgent care center

0	82.4
1-2	15.2
3-6	4.4
7+	0.19

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for at least one response in he003a-e (n = 1,030).

**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	31.4
Agree	44.7
Agree somewhat	13.5
Neither agree nor disagree	6.9
Disagree somewhat	1.5
Disagree	1.3
Disagree strongly	0.3

**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	31.3
Agree	41.5
Agree somewhat	15.3
Neither agree nor disagree	7.4
Disagree somewhat	2.5
Disagree	1.4
Disagree strongly	0.4

**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	27.1
Agree	40.1
Agree somewhat	15.3
Neither agree nor disagree	8.0
Disagree somewhat	6.3
Disagree	1.7
Disagree Strongly	1.2

**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	12.1	87.8
Seeing a primary care physician	10.9	89.0
Seeing a specialty doctor	9.6	90.3

Mental health care or counseling	7.4	92.5
Dental care	19.5	80.4
Vision care	11.3	88.6
Follow-up care	8.4	91.5
Emergency services (for example, ER visit, ambulance, etc.)	4.0	95.9
COVID testing	8.9	91.0

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

Yes	8.9
No	87.8
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	4.2	95.7
Clothing	9.0	91.9
Rent or Mortgage payment	5.4	94.5
Education (for example tuition)	3.2	96.7
Transportation (for example car insurance, gas, Lyft, or Uber, etc.)	5.1	94.8
Entertainment	10.0	90.0

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

Single-family home	52.0
Condo or townhome or duplex	13.4
Guest house or other accessory dwelling unit	0.5
Apartment	28.3
Dorm	0.1
Room in a house	2.9
Car or other vehicle	0.0
Mobile home/trailer	1.0
Hotel or motel	0.0
Emergency shelter, transitional housing, or other supportive housing	0.2
Indoor place not typically meant to be housing (abandoned building, subway station, etc.)	0.1
Outdoors (on the street, at a park, etc.)	0.1
Other. Please specify:	0.7

Asked of respondents who selected any response from “Single-family home” to “Emergency shelter” in pu001 (n = 1,217).

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

Rent or lease	50.1
Own	42.9
No one in my household pays rent or owns it	6.9

Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” or “Own” in pu002 (n = 1,134).

**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	72.6	27.3
Spouse or partner	40.7	59.3
Child(ren)	4.5	95.4
Friend(s)	1.3	98.6
Parent(s)	12.7	87.2
Grandparent(s)	1.2	98.7
Sibling(s)	2.9	97.0
Other relative(s)	2.0	98.0
Coworker(s)	0.0	100.0
Other, please specify:	2.6	97.3

\*Note: response categories are not mutually exclusive.

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

0-6 months	4.1
6 months-1 year	9.2
1-2 years	15.4
2-5 years	19.1
More than 5 years	52.0

**pu005.** Did you move to your current place within the **past 12 months** (since October 2020)?

Yes	12.0
No	87.9

Asked of respondents who selected “No” in pu005 (n = 1,088).

**pu005a.** Did you move to your current place between March 2020 and September 2020?

Yes	2.9
No	97.1

Asked of respondents who selected any response from “Single-family home” to “Apartment” in pu001 (n = 1,161).

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

0	3.8
1	19.2
2	28.4
3	31.6
4	14.6
5+	2.2

Asked of respondents who selected any response from “Single-family home” to “Hotel or motel” in pu001 (n = 1,211).

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

0	14.9
1	36.1
2	25.7
3	11.8
4	6.9
5	2.6
6	1.0
7	0.2
8	0.2
9	0.0

Asked of respondents who selected “Rent or lease” in pu002 (n = 564).

**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>	\$1,366.55
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Asked of respondents who selected “Own” in pu002 (n = 552).

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

Yes	65.5
No	34.4

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in pu010 (n = 319).

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

<b>Weighted average</b>	\$2,283.91
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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 **past 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>	\$61,311.09
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Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” in pu002 or “Yes” in pu010 (n = 966).

**pu013.** In the **past 12 months** (since October 2020), how many times has your household been late or missed a rent or a mortgage payment?

0	86.4
1	2.6
2	2.0
3	3.2
4	1.5
5	0.8
6	0.5
7	0.2
8	0.0
9	0.8
10	0.2
11	0.0
12	0.8

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0 times” for pu013 (n = 124).

**pu014.** Since UAS312/October 2020, have you been protected from eviction by the federal eviction moratorium under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)?

Yes	33.3
No	40.5
Unsure	26.0

Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” in pu002 or “Yes” in pu010 (n = 965).

**af001.** Over the **next 6 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	10.4
Somewhat unlikely	6.5
Somewhat likely	17.7
Very likely	65.2

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

Not at all	72.6
Sometimes	22.0
Often	3.5
Very often	1.8

Asked of respondents who selected either “Rent or lease” in pu002 and “Yes” in pu005 (n = 99).



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	3.9
No	94.7
I don't know	1.2

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	0.0
No	100.0
I don't know	0.0

**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?	6.3	93.6
The city condemned the property and forced you to leave?	0.0	100.0
The landlord raised the rent?	9.7	90.2
The neighborhood was dangerous?	13.6	86.3
The landlord wouldn't fix anything and your place was getting run down?	11.3	88.6
The landlord went into foreclosure?	1.8	98.2

Asked of respondents who selected "Yes" in ba001 and "No" in ba002 or "Yes" in ba003a (n = 9).

**ba010.** Why were you, or a person you were staying with, evicted from, or told by the landlord to leave, your previous residence?:

Missed or late rent payments	12
Property damage	0.0
Disturbing other tenants	5.0
Unauthorized occupants or pets	27.7
Illegal activity on the property	0.0
Other reason	55.1

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in pu005 (n = 144).

**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)	28.2	71.7
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)	22.5	77.7
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)	40.0	59.9
Other (e.g., natural disaster, health reasons, to attend or leave college, other reason). Please specify:	21.0	78.9

**ba005.** In the **past 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	23.2	76.7
Restaurants or stores closing	36.7	63.2
New, more expensive restaurants or stores opening	15.2	84.7
New housing development	32.5	67.4
More construction sites	33.3	66.6
Increasing housing costs	52.4	47.5
Increasing costs of local goods and services	53.0	46.9
Feeling out of place	6.7	93.2
Neighbors, friends, and/or family members moving out	22.5	77.4
None of the above/Doesn't apply	21.5	78.4

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005a (n = 300).

**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	43.3
Negative	12.8
Neutral	43.8

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005b (n = 474).

**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	2.2
Negative	78.1
Neutral	19.6

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005c (n = 198).

**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	27.0
Negative	39.4
Neutral	33.0

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005d (n = 417).

**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	32.8
Negative	32.3
Neutral	34.8

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005e (n = 410).

**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	33.2
Negative	35.9
Neutral	30.8

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005f (n = 676).

**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	8.5
Negative	71.0
Neutral	20.4

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005g (n = 681).

**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	1.9
Negative	85.8
Neutral	12.1

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005h (n = 88).

**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	0.0
Negative	80.0
Neutral	19.9

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba005i (n = 286).

**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	3.7
Negative	55.9
Neutral	40.3

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

Very dissatisfied	6.7
Dissatisfied	7.8
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	26.5
Satisfied	39.4
Very satisfied	19.5

**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	18.8	78.6	2.3

Broken window	5.8	91.9	2.2
Broken door to the outside or broken lock on a door to the outside	8.5	88.4	2.9
Mice, rats, cockroaches, bedbugs, or other pests	25.2	72.7	2.0
Exposed wires or other electrical problems	7.1	90.2	2.5
No hot water	5.4	91.1	3.3
No heat because the main heating equipment broke	4.8	91.2	3.9
No running water	3.6	92.8	3.5
Stopped up sinks, toilet, bath or shower	17.3	79.5	3.1

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009a (n = 237).

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

No	34.7
Yes; within 24 hours	18.4
Yes; within 2-3 days	21.4
Yes; within 4+ days	25.3

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009b (n = 78).

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

No	59.6
Yes; within 24 hours	8.9
Yes; within 2-3 days	13.0
Yes; within 4+ days	18.3

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009c (n = 100).

**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	46.7
Yes; within 24 hours	15.0
Yes; within 2-3 days	7.2
Yes; within 4+ days	31.0

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009d (n =290).

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

No	47.6
Yes; within 24 hours	17.5
Yes; within 2-3 days	13.3
Yes; within 4+ days	21.4

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009e (n = 86).

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

No	50.9
Yes; within 24 hours	17.6
Yes; within 2-3 days	12.4
Yes; within 4+ days	18.9

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009f (n = 68).

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

No	27.1
Yes; within 24 hours	44.3
Yes; within 2-3 days	15.7
Yes; within 4+ days	12.7

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009g (n = 57).

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

No	66.4
Yes; within 24 hours	4.3
Yes; within 2-3 days	6.3
Yes; within 4+ days	22.8

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009h (n = 43).

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

No	25.6
Yes; within 24 hours	47.2
Yes; within 2-3 days	17.3
Yes; within 4+ days	9.7

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in ba009i (n = 222).

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

No	15.6
Yes; within 24 hours	40.1
Yes; within 2-3 days	27.4
Yes; within 4+ days	16.7

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	37.1
No	62.8

Asked of respondents who selected “Yes” in sc008 (n = 423)

**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	75.9	19.6	2.8	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Elementary school	54.6	32.2	10.9	0.8	1.2	0.0	1.0
Middle school or junior high	75.9	21.2	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
High school	65.1	28.1	5.8	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Four-year college	88.2	9.9	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Community colleges	88.8	7.9	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Trade school, including technical institutes and vocational schools	97.5	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8

\***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 = 328).

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

Neighborhood public school	63.0
Magnet public school	14.7
Charter school	17.9
Private or religious school	10.0
Home school	2.3
Other, please specify:	2.8

\***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 = 328).

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

Very good	33.1
Good	34.3
Moderate	24.9
Bad	3.7
Very bad	1.7
Not sure	2.0

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 328).

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

Mostly affordable	27.5
Affordable	51.1
Unaffordable	6.2
Mostly unaffordable	5.3
Not sure	9.7

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 328).

**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	61.5
Rarely	18.4
Sometimes	13.0
Often	5.4
Very often	1.5

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 328).

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

Excellent	17.1
Good	39.9
Fair	30.5
Poor	9.3
Very poor	3.1

Asked of respondents who selected more than “0” for elementary school, middle school or junior high, or high school in sc001a-g (n = 328).

**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	29.3
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Somewhat better	32.9
About the same	21.5
Somewhat worse	12.3
Much worse	3.8