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TOPLINE RESULTS – WAVE 2– LIVABILITY SURVEY

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Sample: 1,386 Los Angeles County residents (80% response rate)
Margin of Sampling Error[†]: 2.6 percentage points

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We would like to learn more about how people in Los Angeles County live, what they like or don't like, and how they feel about the future. This survey is first in a series of surveys we will ask every quarter to residents of LA County.

Thank you for your participation in this important study about where we live.

Is002. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Is002a. My health is excellent.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	3.85
Disagree	6.17
Somewhat disagree	11.13
Neither agree nor disagree	11.57
Somewhat agree	23.68
Agree	33.95
Strongly agree	9.65

Is002b. I am satisfied with my financial situation.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	8.47
Disagree	13.22
Somewhat disagree	12.71
Neither agree nor disagree	14.11
Somewhat agree	22.44

[†] 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.

Agree	22.99
Strongly agree	6.05

Is002c. I am satisfied with my social life.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	5.85
Disagree	9.54
Somewhat disagree	13.65
Neither agree nor disagree	14.35
Somewhat agree	21.41
Agree	28.50
Strongly agree	6.70

Is002d. I feel self-confident.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	2.86
Disagree	5.71
Somewhat disagree	7.55
Neither agree nor disagree	14.04
Somewhat agree	22.86
Agree	34.97
Strongly agree	12.00

Is002e. I am satisfied with the amount of free time I have.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	4.22
Disagree	8.59
Somewhat disagree	10.38
Neither agree nor disagree	14.29
Somewhat agree	19.04
Agree	31.68
Strongly agree	11.80

Is002f. I am satisfied with my job or other daily activities.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	4.37
Disagree	9.43
Somewhat disagree	9.74
Neither agree nor disagree	17.20
Somewhat agree	22.08

Agree	28.76
Strongly agree	8.43

Is002g. I am satisfied with my family life.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	2.57
Disagree	4.53
Somewhat disagree	7.62
Neither agree nor disagree	12.55
Somewhat agree	16.49
Agree	34.77
Strongly agree	21.46

The following section includes a number of questions about your neighborhood. As you answer these questions, please think of "your neighborhood" as the streets, homes, schools, businesses and amenities within a 15-minute walk of your residence.

ne001. How many years have you lived in your neighborhood?

	L.A. County Residents
Less than 1 year	4.07
1-3 years	10.95
3-5 years	15.55
5-10 years	17.86
10-15 years	10.21
15-20 years	12.15
20-30 years	15.30
30 or more years	13.91

ne002. How satisfied are you with your neighborhood?

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly dissatisfied	4.91
Dissatisfied	7.34
Somewhat dissatisfied	10.47
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10.58
Somewhat satisfied	19.95
Satisfied	32.71
Strongly satisfied	14.03

ne003. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

ne003a. There are safe and convenient public transit options in my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	4.29
Disagree	7.03
Somewhat disagree	8.89
Neither agree nor disagree	21.04
Somewhat agree	25.32
Agree	27.36
Strongly agree	6.07

ne003b. I am satisfied with the number and quality of businesses and services (grocery stores, health care services, restaurants, etc.) in my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	4.11
Disagree	7.28
Somewhat disagree	7.41
Neither agree nor disagree	11.16
Somewhat agree	24.99
Agree	33.40
Strongly agree	11.65

ne003c. I am satisfied with the number and quality of parks and green spaces in my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	7.13
Disagree	10.51
Somewhat disagree	12.99
Neither agree nor disagree	16.22
Somewhat agree	20.02
Agree	24.62
Strongly agree	8.51

ne003d. My neighborhood is clean and the roads and sidewalks are in good condition.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	11.60
Disagree	9.20
Somewhat disagree	12.43
Neither agree nor disagree	10.69

Somewhat agree	22.60
Agree	24.40
Strongly agree	9.07

ne003e. There is a lot of traffic in or around my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	5.41
Disagree	12.70
Somewhat disagree	14.56
Neither agree nor disagree	12.27
Somewhat agree	24.91
Agree	18.83
Strongly agree	11.32

ne003f. My neighborhood is noisy.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	8.94
Disagree	19.82
Somewhat disagree	14.13
Neither agree nor disagree	15.69
Somewhat agree	19.85
Agree	12.47
Strongly agree	9.09

ne003g. Vandalism is common in my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	13.55
Disagree	22.47
Somewhat disagree	12.79
Neither agree nor disagree	15.33
Somewhat agree	14.97
Agree	10.49
Strongly agree	10.41

ne003h. My neighborhood is affordable for me.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	3.89
Disagree	6.52
Somewhat disagree	10.67
Neither agree nor disagree	16.88

Somewhat agree	21.35
Agree	32.43
Strongly agree	8.27

ne003i. In my neighborhood, people watch out for each other.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	6.18
Disagree	9.99
Somewhat disagree	10.44
Neither agree nor disagree	24.48
Somewhat agree	25.29
Agree	17.09
Strongly agree	6.52

ne003j. I can trust most people in my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	7.37
Disagree	9.54
Somewhat disagree	10.57
Neither agree nor disagree	24.50
Somewhat agree	22.89
Agree	19.96
Strongly agree	5.18

ne003k. There are too many people hanging around on the streets near my home.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	15.65
Disagree	22.34
Somewhat disagree	12.05
Neither agree nor disagree	13.32
Somewhat agree	16.58
Agree	11.22
Strongly agree	8.83

ne003l. There is a lot of crime in my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	12.42
Disagree	24.06
Somewhat disagree	14.63
Neither agree nor disagree	15.14

Somewhat agree	16.50
Agree	8.61
Strongly agree	8.65

ne003m. There is a lot of drug and alcohol use in my neighborhood.

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	14.33
Disagree	21.60
Somewhat disagree	11.12
Neither agree nor disagree	19.74
Somewhat agree	14.31
Agree	10.74
Strongly agree	8.16

ne004. What do you think will happen to home prices in your neighborhood a year from now?

	L.A. County Residents
Decrease greatly	1.82
Decrease somewhat	7.28
Stay the same	20.04
Increase somewhat	53.79
Increase greatly	17.07

ne005. Does your household rent or own your current residence?

	L.A. County Residents
Rent (or lease)	51.62
Own	45.49
Other	2.89

ne011. In the next year, do you plan to stay in your current residence or move somewhere else?

	L.A. County Residents
I plan to stay in my current residence	77.87
I plan to move somewhere else	22.13

ne012. What are your main reasons for planning to stay in your current residence? Please check all that apply.

ne012s1. Rent/mortgage is affordable

	L.A. County Residents
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No	52.58
Yes	47.42

ne012s2. Rent control/rent stabilization ordinance

	L.A. County Residents
No	93.33
Yes	6.67

ne012s3. I like the physical features of my house/apartment (size, interior design, condition of appliances, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	69.61
Yes	30.39

ne012s4. I like the physical conditions of my neighborhood (cleanliness, sidewalk quality, noise, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	81.18
Yes	18.82

ne012s5. I like the community of people who live in my neighborhood

	L.A. County Residents
No	85.27
Yes	14.73

ne012s6. Close to family or friends

	L.A. County Residents
No	70.98
Yes	29.02

ne012s7. Close to work

	L.A. County Residents
No	82.05
Yes	17.95

ne012s8. Close to public transit

	L.A. County Residents
No	95.86
Yes	4.14

ne012s9. Close to services and amenities (grocery stores, schools, health care services, parks, community organizations, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	78.18
Yes	21.82

ne012s10. Good-quality local schools

	L.A. County Residents
No	95.07
Yes	4.93

ne012s11. Neighborhood feels safe

	L.A. County Residents
No	78.28
Yes	21.72

ne012s12. I wish I could move but I can't afford to change my living situation

	L.A. County Residents
No	79.70
Yes	20.30

ne012s13. Other

	L.A. County Residents
No	96.31
Yes	3.69

ne013. What are your main reasons for planning to leave your current residence? Please check all that apply.

ne013s1. Rent/mortgage is unaffordable

	L.A. County Residents
No	75.55
Yes	24.45

ne013s2. I want to buy a home instead of renting

	L.A. County Residents
No	76.75
Yes	23.25

ne013s3. I don't like the physical features of my house/apartment (size, interior design, condition of appliances, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	74.38
Yes	25.62

ne013s4. I don't like the physical conditions of my neighborhood (cleanliness, sidewalk quality, noise, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	76.55
Yes	23.45

ne013s5. I don't like the community of people who live in my neighborhood

	L.A. County Residents
No	83.91
Yes	16.09

ne013s6. Far from family or friends

	L.A. County Residents
No	92.57
Yes	7.43

ne013s7. Far from work

	L.A. County Residents
No	98.09
Yes	1.91

ne013s8. Far from public transit

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.78
Yes	0.22

ne013s9. Far from services and amenities (grocery stores, schools, health care services, parks, community organizations, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	96.76
Yes	3.24

ne013s10. Low-quality local schools

	L.A. County Residents
No	95.26

Yes	4.74
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ne013s11. Neighborhood feels unsafe

	L.A. County Residents
No	86.11
Yes	13.89

ne013s12. Change in living situation (divorce, dispute, violence, new household member, roommate change, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	92.56
Yes	7.44

ne013s13. Change in work situation (retirement, graduation, new job, etc.)

	L.A. County Residents
No	92.24
Yes	7.76

ne013s14. My house/building is being foreclosed

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.96
Yes	0.04

ne013s15. Landlord raised the rent

	L.A. County Residents
No	96.80
Yes	3.20

ne013s16. Landlord won't make necessary repairs or improvements

	L.A. County Residents
No	91.19
Yes	8.81

ne013s17. Landlord told me, or a person I live with, to leave (a written eviction notice has not yet been served)

	L.A. County Residents
No	97.79
Yes	2.21

ne013s18. Landlord told me, or a person I live with, to leave (a written eviction notice has been served)

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.97
Yes	0.03

ne013s19. I am worried about being evicted

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.68
Yes	0.32

ne013s20. My building is being condemned

	L.A. County Residents
No	100.0
Yes	0.00

ne013s21. Other

	L.A. County Residents
No	82.68
Yes	17.32

ne014. Where do you plan to move to?

	L.A. County Residents
Another residence in my current neighborhood	15.40
A different neighborhood in Los Angeles	40.90
A different neighborhood outside of Los Angeles	43.70

ne015. Does your household plan to rent or buy the next residence you move into?

	L.A. County Residents
Rent	73.21
Buy	20.91
Other	5.88

ne016. A year from now, what do you think your household will pay in rent per month?

	L.A. County Residents
Median Dollars	\$1,500

ne017. Do you plan to sell your current house in the next year?

	L.A. County Residents
Yes	51.53

No	48.47
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fe001. The following questions ask you about your feelings and thoughts during the last 30 days. In each case, please indicate how often you felt or thought a certain way.

fe001a. In the last 30 days, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	30.89
Almost never	23.62
Sometimes	31.07
Fairly often	9.91
Very often	4.51

fe001b. In the last 30 days, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	6.06
Almost never	8.05
Sometimes	28.83
Fairly often	31.23
Very often	25.83

fe001c. In the last 30 days, how often have you felt that things were going your way?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	6.20
Almost never	10.09
Sometimes	40.54
Fairly often	30.22
Very often	12.95

fe001d. In the last 30 days, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	31.61
Almost never	28.90
Sometimes	27.81
Fairly often	8.63
Very often	3.05

fe002. Since July 2019, did any of the following new illnesses, injuries, or life events happen to you? Please check all that apply.

fe002s1. I suffered the onset of a serious illness

	L.A. County Residents
No	94.28
Yes	5.72

fe002s2. I was injured or assaulted

	L.A. County Residents
No	97.21
Yes	2.79

fe002s3. A close relative suffered the onset of a serious illness

	L.A. County Residents
No	91.58
Yes	8.42

fe002s4. A close relative was injured or assaulted

	L.A. County Residents
No	98.03
Yes	1.97

fe002s5. There was a death of someone close to me.

	L.A. County Residents
No	85.63
Yes	14.37

fe002s6. I experienced the onset of serious relationship difficulties with a romantic partner (this could include a separation or divorce)

	L.A. County Residents
No	95.02
Yes	4.98

fe002s7. I experienced the onset of a serious problem with a close friend or relative (including children)

	L.A. County Residents
No	94.30
Yes	5.70

fe002s8. I became unemployed, yet I wanted to be employed

	L.A. County Residents
No	90.48
Yes	9.52

fe002s9. I retired from my job

	L.A. County Residents
No	98.85
Yes	1.15

fe002s10. I made a decision to retire in the next 6 months

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.73
Yes	0.27

fe002s11. I experienced the onset of a major financial setback or crisis

	L.A. County Residents
No	91.07
Yes	8.93

fe002s12. I experienced the onset of a major legal problem

	L.A. County Residents
No	98.36
Yes	1.64

fe002s13. None of the above

	L.A. County Residents
No	39.65
Yes	60.35

fe003. How safe do you feel walking alone in your neighborhood during the daytime?

	L.A. County Residents
Very unsafe	3.83
Unsafe	7.53
Neither safe nor unsafe	16.92
Safe	40.30
Very safe	31.42

fe004. How safe do you feel walking alone in your neighborhood after dark?

	L.A. County Residents
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Very unsafe	15.89
Unsafe	21.05
Neither safe nor unsafe	25.38
Safe	28.54
Very safe	9.15

laborstatus. What is your labor force status? Please choose all that apply.

	L.A. County Residents
Currently working	48.59
On sick or other leave	0.61
Unemployed - on layoff	4.45
Unemployed - looking	14.06
Retired	13.31
Disabled	4.52
Other Labor Force Status	6.64
Mixed	7.82

ex001. Looking ahead, what do you think the chances are that you will lose your main job in the next year? Please use the slider below to respond.

	L.A. County Residents
Mean	23.29

ex002. If you were to lose your main job, what do you think the chances are that you will find a new job in the next year? Please use the slider below to respond.

	L.A. County Residents
Mean	56.12

cm001. How often do you chat or visit informally with neighbors?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	15.28
Almost never	27.38
Sometimes	38.03
Fairly often	14.00
Very often	5.31

cm002. How often do you and your neighbors help each other out by lending things like tools, giving someone a ride, or watching each other's houses when you're away?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	25.79
Almost never	26.08

Sometimes	31.81
Fairly often	10.93
Very often	5.38

cm003. How often do you chat or visit informally with friends and/or relatives?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	4.78
Almost never	9.63
Sometimes	37.82
Fairly often	30.33
Very often	17.43

cm004. How often do you and your friends and/or relatives help each other out by lending things like tools, giving someone a ride, or watching each other's houses when you're away?

	L.A. County Residents
Never	7.93
Almost never	14.03
Sometimes	39.42
Fairly often	25.55
Very often	13.07

cm005. How often do you participate in the following activities?

cm005a. Neighborhood association (e.g. tenant's group, block crime watch, community council)

	L.A. County Residents
Never	71.94
Almost never	11.76
Sometimes	12.36
Fairly often	2.90
Very often	1.05

cm005b. Charity or service work (e.g. PTA, local library, animal shelter)

	L.A. County Residents
Never	67.40
Almost never	15.27
Sometimes	11.88
Fairly often	3.88
Very often	1.56

cm005c. Religious organization (e.g. church, temple, spiritual center)

	L.A. County Residents
Never	58.34
Almost never	11.98
Sometimes	14.76
Fairly often	7.59
Very often	7.33

cm005d. Recreational, social, or political organization (e.g. book club, political advocacy group, sports league)

	L.A. County Residents
Never	68.21
Almost never	13.44
Sometimes	12.68
Fairly often	3.45
Very often	2.22

cs_001. Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?

	L.A. County Residents
Very interesting	43.84
Interesting	37.86
Neither interesting nor uninteresting	17.40
Uninteresting	0.37
Very uninteresting	0.52