

# LABarometer

## TOPLINE RESULTS – WAVE 1 – LIVABILITY SURVEY

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Sample: 1,274 Los Angeles County residents (75% response rate)

Margin of Sampling Error<sup>†</sup>: 2.7 percentage points

Full survey codebook and data are at <https://uasdata.usc.edu/survey/UAS+194>. The tables report weighted column percentages.

*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	3.86
Disagree	7.45
Somewhat disagree	9.06
Neither agree nor disagree	8.57
Somewhat agree	25.73
Agree	34.38
Strongly agree	10.96

### Is002b. I am satisfied with my financial situation

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	11.55
Disagree	14.64
Somewhat disagree	14.8
Neither agree nor disagree	12.59
Somewhat agree	22.25

<sup>†</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.

Agree	19.46
Strongly agree	4.71

**Is002c. I am satisfied with my social life**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	3.66
Disagree	7.33
Somewhat disagree	11.31
Neither agree nor disagree	11.46
Somewhat agree	24.62
Agree	32.38
Strongly agree	9.25

**Is002d. I feel self-confident**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	2.54
Disagree	3.9
Somewhat disagree	7.52
Neither agree nor disagree	8.78
Somewhat agree	27.05
Agree	36.18
Strongly agree	14.04

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	4.7
Disagree	9.58
Somewhat disagree	12.66
Neither agree nor disagree	9.16
Somewhat agree	20.47
Agree	30.21
Strongly agree	13.22

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	5.11
Disagree	7.84
Somewhat disagree	9.47
Neither agree nor disagree	12.9
Somewhat agree	24.69

Agree	30.83
Strongly agree	9.16

**Is002g. I am satisfied with my family life**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	2.83
Disagree	4.98
Somewhat disagree	7.31
Neither agree nor disagree	8.83
Somewhat agree	19.62
Agree	35.5
Strongly agree	20.94

*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	5.8
1-3 years	15.31
3-5 years	11.2
5-10 years	14.69
10-15 years	10.48
15-20 years	11.52
20-30 years	16.24
30 or more years	14.76

**ne002. How satisfied are you with your neighborhood?**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly dissatisfied	5.27
Dissatisfied	5.01
Somewhat dissatisfied	10.55
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8.47
Somewhat satisfied	20.33
Satisfied	33.83
Strongly satisfied	16.54

**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	4.05
Disagree	8.1
Somewhat disagree	6.67
Neither agree nor disagree	16.78
Somewhat agree	24.96
Agree	29.1
Strongly agree	10.35

**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	4.74
Disagree	5.86
Somewhat disagree	7.63
Neither agree nor disagree	10.53
Somewhat agree	20.59
Agree	33.39
Strongly agree	17.25

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	7.64
Disagree	8.49
Somewhat disagree	10.85
Neither agree nor disagree	12.81
Somewhat agree	18.02
Agree	27.95
Strongly agree	14.25

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	9.78
Disagree	9.03
Somewhat disagree	13.82
Neither agree nor disagree	9.84

Somewhat agree	22.02
Agree	24.69
Strongly agree	10.83

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	6.29
Disagree	11.6
Somewhat disagree	8.8
Neither agree nor disagree	10.62
Somewhat agree	23.87
Agree	22.32
Strongly agree	16.5

**ne003f. My neighborhood is noisy.**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	10.83
Disagree	22.65
Somewhat disagree	14.42
Neither agree nor disagree	13.67
Somewhat agree	18.19
Agree	11.22
Strongly agree	9.03

**ne003g. Vandalism is common in my neighborhood.**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	15.02
Disagree	23.45
Somewhat disagree	14.07
Neither agree nor disagree	12.84
Somewhat agree	16.38
Agree	9.03
Strongly agree	9.2

**ne003h. My neighborhood is affordable for me.**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	7.15
Disagree	7.03
Somewhat disagree	13.53
Neither agree nor disagree	15.31

Somewhat agree	20.89
Agree	27.64
Strongly agree	8.45

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	5.83
Disagree	7.37
Somewhat disagree	8.56
Neither agree nor disagree	22.31
Somewhat agree	27.43
Agree	21.31
Strongly agree	7.2

**ne003j. I can trust most people in my neighborhood.**

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	6.35
Disagree	8.41
Somewhat disagree	8.93
Neither agree nor disagree	23.48
Somewhat agree	24.38
Agree	22.87
Strongly agree	5.57

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	18.61
Disagree	25.27
Somewhat disagree	13.45
Neither agree nor disagree	13.39
Somewhat agree	12.04
Agree	9.67
Strongly agree	7.56

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	12.62
Disagree	24.87
Somewhat disagree	14.37
Neither agree nor disagree	16.65

Somewhat agree	18.14
Agree	6.95
Strongly agree	6.39

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

	L.A. County Residents
Strongly disagree	15.38
Disagree	21.76
Somewhat disagree	10.91
Neither agree nor disagree	19.45
Somewhat agree	16.65
Agree	8.04
Strongly agree	7.82

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

	L.A. County Residents
Decrease greatly	0.85
Decrease somewhat	4.7
Stay the same	14.07
Increase somewhat	59.48
Increase greatly	20.9

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

	L.A. County Residents
Rent (or lease)	49.58
Own	48.48
Other	1.94

**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	79.07
I plan to move somewhere else	20.93

**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	45.42
Yes	54.58

**ne012s2. Rent control/rent stabilization ordinance**

	L.A. County Residents
No	89.3
Yes	10.7

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	51.26
Yes	48.74

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	56.46
Yes	43.54

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	64.53
Yes	35.47

**ne012s6. Close to family or friends**

	L.A. County Residents
No	54.4
Yes	45.6

**ne012s7. Close to work**

	L.A. County Residents
No	65.85
Yes	34.15

**ne012s8. Close to public transit**

	L.A. County Residents
No	82.21
Yes	17.79



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

	L.A. County Residents
No	53.19
Yes	46.81

**ne012s10. Good-quality local schools**

	L.A. County Residents
No	80.46
Yes	19.54

**ne012s11. Neighborhood feels safe**

	L.A. County Residents
No	56.4
Yes	43.6

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	78.09
Yes	21.91

**ne012s13. Other**

	L.A. County Residents
No	93.12
Yes	6.88

**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	64.45
Yes	35.55

**ne013s2. I want to buy a home instead of renting**

	L.A. County Residents
No	78.07
Yes	21.93

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	69.78
Yes	30.22

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	74.93
Yes	25.07

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	79.04
Yes	20.96

**ne013s6. Far from family or friends**

	L.A. County Residents
No	86.29
Yes	13.71

**ne013s7. Far from work**

	L.A. County Residents
No	92.27
Yes	7.73

**ne013s8. Far from public transit**

	L.A. County Residents
No	97.29
Yes	2.71

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	94.97
Yes	5.03

**ne013s10. Low-quality local schools**

	L.A. County Residents
No	85.53

Yes	14.47
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**ne013s11. Neighborhood feels unsafe**

	L.A. County Residents
No	76.24
Yes	23.76

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	77.41
Yes	22.59

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	80.73
Yes	19.27

**ne013s14. My house/building is being foreclosed**

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.39
Yes	0.61

**ne013s15. Landlord raised the rent**

	L.A. County Residents
No	84.66
Yes	15.34

**ne013s16. Landlord won't make necessary repairs or improvements**

	L.A. County Residents
No	88.39
Yes	11.61

**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	99.85
Yes	0.15

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	98.71
Yes	1.29

**ne013s19. I am worried about being evicted**

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.12
Yes	0.88

**ne013s20. My building is being condemned**

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.91
Yes	0.09

**ne013s21. Other**

	L.A. County Residents
No	81.94
Yes	18.06

**ne014. Where do you plan to move to?**

	L.A. County Residents
Another residence in my current neighborhood	15.57
A different neighborhood in Los Angeles	50.9
A different neighborhood outside of Los Angeles	33.53

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

	L.A. County Residents
Rent	74.02
Buy	19.12
Other	6.86

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

	L.A. County Residents
Median Dollars	1500

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

	L.A. County Residents
Yes	40.75

No	59.25
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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	16.07
Almost never	28.09
Sometimes	35.95
Fairly often	12.63
Very often	7.26

**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	26.44
Almost never	35.58
Sometimes	28.15
Fairly often	6.9
Very often	2.93

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

	L.A. County Residents
Never	10.78
Almost never	36.2
Sometimes	38.85
Fairly often	9.94
Very often	4.22

**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	22.28
Almost never	30.92
Sometimes	30.49
Fairly often	10.72
Very often	5.59

**fe002. Since July 2018, 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	94.9
Yes	5.1

**fe002s2. I was injured or assaulted**

	L.A. County Residents
No	93.76
Yes	6.24

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	83.35
Yes	16.65

**fe002s4. A close relative was injured or assaulted**

	L.A. County Residents
No	96.52
Yes	3.48

**fe002s5. There was a death of someone close to m**

	L.A. County Residents
No	79.44
Yes	20.56

**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	91.75
Yes	8.25

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	89.88
Yes	10.12

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

	L.A. County Residents
No	92.76
Yes	7.24

**fe002s9. I retired from my job**

	L.A. County Residents
No	99.28
Yes	0.72

**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	85.58
Yes	14.42

**fe002s12. I experienced the onset of a major legal problem**

	L.A. County Residents
No	97.44
Yes	2.56

**fe002s13. None of the above**

	L.A. County Residents
No	52.34
Yes	47.66

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

	L.A. County Residents
Very unsafe	4.29
Unsafe	4.26
Neither safe nor unsafe	15.19
Safe	35.81
Very safe	40.44

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

	L.A. County Residents
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Very unsafe	14.16
Unsafe	19.02
Neither safe nor unsafe	21.56
Safe	32.86
Very safe	12.41

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

	L.A. County Residents
Currently working	56.08
On sick or other leave	0.46
Unemployed - on layoff	0.81
Unemployed - looking	5.48
Retired	18.27
Disabled	6.85
Other Labor Force Status	5.46
Mixed	6.58

**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	21.15

**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	67.57

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

	L.A. County Residents
Never	12.12
Almost never	27.91
Sometimes	39.76
Fairly often	14.84
Very often	5.37

**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	24.77
Almost never	23.62



Sometimes	33.75
Fairly often	12.1
Very often	5.76

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

	L.A. County Residents
Never	2.16
Almost never	6.17
Sometimes	27.86
Fairly often	39.08
Very often	24.73

**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	6.17
Almost never	11.67
Sometimes	36.43
Fairly often	28.31
Very often	17.42

**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	62.41
Almost never	18.57
Sometimes	12.51
Fairly often	5.22
Very often	1.3

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

	L.A. County Residents
Never	53.63
Almost never	19.7
Sometimes	17.45
Fairly often	4.78
Very often	4.45

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

	L.A. County Residents
Never	47.14
Almost never	13.59
Sometimes	19.03
Fairly often	8.2
Very often	12.04

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

	L.A. County Residents
Never	52.75
Almost never	18.06
Sometimes	17.33
Fairly often	5.92
Very often	5.94

**cs\_001. Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?**

	L.A. County Residents
Very interesting	35.78
Interesting	45.1
Neither interesting nor uninteresting	15.94
Uninteresting	1.2
Very uninteresting	1.97