

Community Survey

Name of Community: _____

Interviewer: _____

Perceived Crime/Safety/Disorder

First, we'd like to know how you feel about safety and crime in your neighborhood, and in Baton Rouge in general. By 'neighborhood', we mean the area around where you live and around your house. It may include places you shop, religious or public institutions, or a local business district. It is the general area around your house where you might perform routine tasks, such as shopping, going to the park, or visiting with neighbors.

Do you consider your neighborhood a high, medium, or low crime neighborhood?

1. High crime
2. Medium Crime
3. Low Crime
4. Don't know
5. No Response

How likely do you think it is that you may be the victim of a crime in your neighborhood in the next 12 months? Would you say it is:

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

How often would you say purse snatching, robbery, or other street crimes occur around your neighborhood? Would you say these things happen:

1. Very often
2. Somewhat often
3. Somewhat seldom
4. Very seldom
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

How often do you see drug dealers or users on the streets around your neighborhood? Do you see them:

1. Very often
2. Somewhat often
3. Somewhat seldom

4. Very seldom
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

How often do you see prostitutes or people looking for the services of a prostitute around your neighborhood? Do you see them:

1. Very often
2. Somewhat often
3. Somewhat seldom
4. Very seldom
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

For each of the following would you say it is a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, a minor problem or not a problem at all in your neighborhood?

Trash and litter lying around

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Neighborhood dogs running loose

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Graffiti on sidewalks and walls

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Vacant houses and unkempt lots

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Unsupervised youth

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Too much noise

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

People drunk or high on drugs in public

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Abandoned cars or car parts lying around

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Next, how serious a problem are gangs in your community? Would you say they are: a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. A minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

In your opinion what is the main reason why young people in your community join gangs?
(do not read, select only one)

1. For protection
2. As a substitute for family
3. It's part of their culture
4. A lack of adult supervision
5. A lack of employment opportunities for young people
6. To commit crimes for the purpose of obtaining material goods
7. Other, specify

8. Don't know
9. Refused

As far as crime is concerned, how safe do you feel in Baton Rouge, outside your neighborhood? Would you say you feel very safe, fairly safe, not very safe, or not safe at all?

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. Not very safe
4. Not safe at all
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

How about your neighborhood? How safe do you feel it is? Would you say you feel very safe, fairly safe, not very safe, or not safe at all in your neighborhood?

1. Very safe
2. Fairly safe
3. Not very safe
4. Not safe at all
5. Don't Know
6. No answer

Have you been a victim of crime in the last year in your neighborhood?

1. No
2. Yes
3. Don't Know
4. No answer

Has anyone else in your household been a victim of a crime in the last year in your neighborhood?

1. No
2. Yes
3. Don't Know
4. No answer

Have any of your close friends in your neighborhood or your neighbors been a victim of crime in your neighborhood in the last year?

1. No
2. Yes
3. Don't Know
4. No answer

Where do you get information about crime in your community from? Do you get it from people you know, from the news media, or somewhere else?

1. People I know
2. News media
3. Somewhere else
4. Don't Know
5. No answer

Have you recently changed your usual daily routines because of concern for your safety, like avoiding certain parts of your neighborhood or staying at home?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. No answer

Next, I want to ask you how much you worry about each of the following situations happening in your neighborhood. Do you worry very frequently, somewhat frequently, seldom or never about:

Yourself or someone in your family getting sexually assaulted

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Being attacked while driving your car

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Getting mugged

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Getting beaten up, knifed or shot

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Getting murdered

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Your home being burglarized while someone is at home

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Your home being burglarized while no one is at home

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Getting hit by a stray bullet

1. Very frequently
2. Somewhat frequently
3. Seldom
4. Never
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Do you think that your neighborhood will be a better or worse place to live in the next 12 months, or will it stay the same?

1. Get better
2. Get worse
3. Stay the same
4. Don't Know
5. No answer

Does your neighborhood or community have a civic association?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

(If Yes) Are you a member?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

(If Yes) Do you hold a leadership position in it, for example as president, vice president, or treasurer?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

Aside from a civic association, do you know if your neighborhood has a community anti crime organization?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

Do you know if your community has a state designated Crime Prevention and Development District?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

Do you ever see police patrols in your neighborhood?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

About how frequently do you see police patrols in your neighborhood?

1. Several times a day
2. About once a day
3. Several times a week
4. About once a week
5. Less than once a week
6. A few times a month
7. Less than a few times a month
8. Almost never
9. Don't know
10. No response

Do you feel that the police do a good job controlling crime in your neighborhood?

1. Yes

2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to protect you from crime? Would you say: a great deal, some, little or none at all?

1. A great deal
2. Some
3. Little
4. None at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

What about the ability of the police to solve crime?

1. A great deal
2. Some
3. Little
4. None at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

What about the ability of the police to prevent crime?

1. A great deal
2. Some
3. Little
4. None at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Please rate the police in your community on the following aspects, such as responding quickly to calls for help. Would you rate the police very high, high, average, low or very low?

1. Very high
2. High
3. Average
4. Low
5. Very low
8. Don't know
9. Refused

What about the friendliness of the police?

1. Very high
2. High
3. Average
4. Low
5. Very low
8. Don't know
9. Refused

How would you rate the fairness of the police in dealing with people?

1. Very high
2. High
3. Average
4. Low
5. Very low
8. Don't know
9. Refused

In some places in the nation there have been charges of excessive use of force by the police. In your community would you say this is a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, a minor problem or not a problem at all?

1. Serious problem
2. Somewhat of a problem
3. Minor problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Have you had any contact with the police during the past two years?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

(If Yes) Would you say you were very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Neither
4. Somewhat dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied
8. Don't know
9. Refused

(If they have a civic association – see above) Do you think your civic association does anything to reduce crime in your neighborhood?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

(If they have an anti crime organization – see above) Do you think your community anti crime organization has an impact on crime in your neighborhood?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

(If yes), what type of impact do they have? What actions do they take (i.e. what sort of things do they do)?

[open-ended question]

Do people in your neighborhood do anything to help prevent crime?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. No response

(If yes) What do they do? Why do they do it? Do you think it helps? Why/why not?

(If no) Why do you think they don't do anything?

[open-ended questions]

Do you think crime in your neighborhood is best dealt with by the police or by community residents?

1. By the police
2. By community residents
3. Other (specify _____)

Why do you think crime in your neighborhood is best dealt with by [answer to previous question]?

[open-ended question]

Now we are going to move away from questions about crime in your neighborhood to a more general set of questions.

Social Capital

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

1. Most people can be trusted
2. Can't be too careful
3. Other, depends (Volunteered)
4. Don't Know
5. No answer

Next, we'd like to know how much you trust different groups of people. First, think about (GROUP). Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

1. Trust them a lot
2. Trust them some
3. Trust them only a little
4. Trust them not at all (vol)
5. Does not apply

6. Don't Know
7. Refused

What about:

- A. People in your neighborhood
- B. People you work with
- C. People at your church or place of worship
- D. People who work in the stores where you shop
- E. The police in your local community
- F. White people
- G. African Americans or Blacks
- H. Asian people
- I. Hispanics or Latinos
- J. City government
- K. State government
- L. Federal government
- M. Journalists
- N. Clergy

In the last few years, about how often have you ... [Insert Activity]? [If Necessary Probe with Categories]

1. Every week (or more often)
2. Almost every week
3. Once or twice a month
4. A few times per year
5. Less often than that
6. Never
7. Don't know,
8. Refused

- A. Had friends to home
- B. Visited relatives
- C. Socialized with co-workers
- D. Played cards or board games with friends or relatives
- E. Attended a club meeting
- F. Hung out with friends
- G. Gone out to bars or clubs with friends
- H. Attended a public meeting

Now I'd like to ask whether you have taken part in activities with different groups and organizations. I'm going to read a list; just answer YES if you have been involved in the past 12 months with this kind of group.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

4. Refused

- A. Sports club
- B. Youth organization
- C. Parents' association like PTA
- D. Activities at church
- E. Neighborhood association
- F. Charity organization
- G. Professional association
- H. Hobby, investment, or garden societies
- I. Other clubs or organizations

In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any local club or organization?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know
- 4. Refused

City-Parish government has limited resources and has to set priorities. All of the following issues are important, but if the city can't do everything, which issues do you think should have the highest priority? Take economic development: should it have the highest priority; high priority; medium priority; or lower priority?

- 1. Highest Priority
 - 2. High Priority
 - 3. Medium Priority
 - 4. Lower Priority
 - 5. Don't Know
 - 6. No answer
-
- A. Economic Development
 - B. Education
 - C. Reducing Traffic Congestion
 - D. Fighting Crime
 - E. Cleaning Up Litter

Collective Efficacy

Turning now to some questions about people who live near or around you, would you say it is very likely, likely, neither likely nor unlikely, unlikely, or very unlikely that your neighbors could be counted on to intervene if

- 1. Very Likely
- 2. Likely
- 3. Neither Likely nor Unlikely
- 4. Unlikely

5. Very Unlikely
 6. Don't Know
 7. No Response
-
- A. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a street corner
 - B. Children were spray painting graffiti on a local building
 - C. Children were showing disrespect to an adult
 - D. A fight broke out in front of your house
 - E. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts

Would you say you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree that

1. Strongly Agree
 2. Agree
 3. Neither Agree nor Disagree
 4. Disagree
 5. Strongly Disagree
 6. Don't Know
 7. No Response
-
- A. People around here are willing to help their neighbors
 - B. This is a close knit neighborhood
 - C. People in this neighborhood can be trusted
 - D. People in this neighborhood generally don't get along with each other
 - E. People in this neighborhood don't share the same values

Intergenerational Closure

For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you

1. Strongly Disagree
 2. Disagree
 3. Neither Disagree nor Agree
 4. Agree
 5. Strongly Agree
 6. Don't Know
 7. No Response
-
- A. Parents in this neighborhood know their children's friends.
 - B. Adults in this neighborhood know who the local children are.
 - C. There are adults in this neighborhood that children can look up to.
 - D. Parents in this neighborhood generally know each other.
 - E. You can count on adults in this neighborhood to watch out that children are safe and don't get in trouble.

Reciprocated Exchange

About how often do you and people in your neighborhood do favors for each other? By favors we mean such things as watching each others' children, helping with shopping, lending garden or shop tools or other small acts of kindness?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Don't know
6. No response

How often do you and people in this neighborhood have parties or other get-togethers where other people in the neighborhood are invited?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Don't know
6. No response

When a neighbor is not at home, how often do you and other neighbors watch over their property?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Don't know
6. No response

How often do you and other people in this neighborhood visit in each others' homes or on the street?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Don't know
6. No response

How often do you and other people in this neighborhood ask each other advice about personal things such as childrearing or job openings?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Don't know
6. No response
- 7.

Demographic Characteristics

Do you or anyone else in the household own any guns?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

(If Yes) Is the main reason for the gun sport or protection against crime?

1. Sport
2. Protection against crime
3. Both
4. Neither
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Age/Year of Birth _____

Race/Ethnicity

1. White
2. Black
3. Hispanic
4. Asian
5. Other

Sex

1. Male
2. Female

And could you please stop me when I get to the category that includes your household income.

- <10,000
- 10,000 – 20,000
- 20,000 – 30,000
- 30,000 – 40,000
- 40,000 – 50,000
- 50,000 – 60,000
- 60,000 – 70,000
- 70,000 – 80,000
- 80,000 – 90,000
- 90,000 – 100,000
- 100,000

Don't know

No Response/Refused

How long have you lived in your neighborhood?

- 1 year or less
- 2-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21 years or more
- All my life
- Don't Know
- No answer

Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

- Married
- Living with partner
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Single, never married
- Don't Know
- NA

Do you have children living in your household with you?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. No Response

(If Yes) How many?

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more
- Other answer
- NA

What is the highest grade of schooling that you have completed?

- 8th Grade or less
- Some high school
- High School Diploma
- Vocational/Technical school
- Some College
- College degree
- Some graduate school

Graduate degree
NA

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Would you call yourself [Read Answer Categories]:

Extremely Liberal
Liberal
Slightly Liberal
Moderate, middle of the road
Slightly Conservative
Conservative
Extremely Conservative
Don't Know
NA

How long have you lived in Baton Rouge?

1 year or less
2-10 years
11-20 years
21 years or more
All my life
Don't Know
No answer

How likely is it that you will move away from Baton Rouge within the next two years or so?

Very likely
Somewhat likely
Somewhat unlikely
Very unlikely
Don't Know
No answer