

Prospective New Orleanians - LSU / NOLA-YURP Survey, 2008

Welcome to the LSU - NOLA-YURP Survey for Prospective New Orleanians, 2008!

It has been nearly three years since Hurricane Katrina. New Orleans' recovery is very mixed – some excellent, some hardly at all, and lots in between. Much remains to be done.

We are interested to learn more about NOLA YURP members who are considering moving to New Orleans (but don't live there now).

NOLA YURP is partnering with the LSU Sociology Department in Baton Rouge to help us understand how you use NOLA YURP, what your impressions are about New Orleans, whether you want to move to New Orleans, and what your plans are for the coming years.

We ask you to participate in this survey to help us understand these things. The survey will only be used to improve NOLA YURP's offerings, for recovery planning, and for scholarly research. We are not doing any fund raising or selling anything. All your answers are completely confidential, and you are free to skip any question or to end the survey at any point. We will report results only in aggregate, percentaged form. We will not release data with personally identifying information.

If you have questions about this survey, you may contact the LSU Sociology Department at 126 Stubbs Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, 225-578-1645. If you have questions about respondents' rights, you may contact Robert C. Mathews, Chairman of the Institutional Review Board at LSU, at 203 B-1 David Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, 225-578-8692.

Thank you very much for your help!

IMPORTANT NOTE. This survey is intended only for people who have NOT (yet) moved (or moved back) to New Orleans. If you are NOW LIVING in Greater New Orleans, please look at your email invitation, and take the version for people now living in New Orleans. Thanks!

Living in New Orleans

1. Please answer the following questions about where you live and have lived. (Please give City, State)

Where do you live now?

Where did you mostly grow up?

Where were you born?

2. Have you ever visited New Orleans? (Please do not include just driving through without stopping, transferring planes at the airport, etc.)

Yes

No

3. [If yes] How many times?

Once

Twice

3-5 Times

6 Times or More

4. [If yes] What were the nature of your visits? Please check all that apply.

Pre-Katrina Tourism, fun (incl. Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, etc.)

Post-Katrina Tourism, fun (incl. Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, etc.)

Pre-Katrina Work, professional (incl. work-related conventions)

Post-Katrina Work, professional (incl. work-related conventions)

Pre-Katrina nonprofit or service work

Post-Katrina relief and/or recovery work

Other (please explain)

5. Have you ever lived in New Orleans?

Yes

No

6. [If yes] How long?

[Record answer in years. If less than one year record 0.]

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7. [If yes] Were you living in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina struck?

Yes

No

8. [If you lived in Greater New Orleans at the time of Katrina] Did you and your household evacuate because of the Hurricanes?

Yes

No

9. [If evacuated] How long did you stay away?

A week or less

1-2 weeks

3-4 weeks

1-2 months

More than 2 months

More than 2 months, but will return this year

Returned for a while and then left for good

Have not returned

10. [If evacuated] Where did you stay? Check any of the following that apply.

With relatives

With members of your religious community not related to your family

With friends

With neighbors

With colleagues, co-workers, members of an association you belong to, etc.

With People you had no previous connection to

In a hotel or motel

In a house, apartment, or condo that you bought or rented

In a public shelter

In a trailer provided by FEMA, or some other relief agency

Other (please specify)

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Hurricane Aftermath

11. Regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, how much did you yourself do any of the following?

	A lot	Some	A little	Not at all
I provided food and/or cooked for hurricane survivors	jq	jq	jq	jq
I physically worked clearing debris	jq	jq	jq	jq
I physically worked gutting housing	jq	jq	jq	jq
I physically worked repairing or rebuilding housing	jq	jq	jq	jq
I helped secure resources (besides money) for survivors and/or rebuilding	jq	jq	jq	jq
I did fund-raising for survivors and/or rebuilding	jq	jq	jq	jq
I donated some of my own money for survivors and/or rebuilding	jq	jq	jq	jq
I provided transportation for survivors and/or relief/rebuilding organizations	jq	jq	jq	jq
I helped provide or distribute information for survivors and/or relief/rebuilding organizations	jq	jq	jq	jq
I did unpaid volunteer work with relief/rebuilding organizations	jq	jq	jq	jq
I did paid work (incl internships, etc., that paid your living expenses) with relief/rebuilding organizations	jq	jq	jq	jq
I served in a leadership position with relief/rebuilding	jq	jq	jq	jq

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organizations

I did relief/rebuilding work with a church or other faith-based organization	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I worked with a government agency for relief/rebuilding	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I provided space in my own residence for survivors	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I provided space in my own residence for relief/recovery workers	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I worked with evacuees in a shelter or trailer park (FEMA or otherwise) outside Greater New Orleans	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I worked with evacuees with a service provider outside Greater New Orleans	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I have medical training and provided medical services to survivors	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I have counseling training (psychological, social work, and the like) and provided counseling to survivors	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I provided spiritual support to survivors	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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I provided business, financial, or personal-finance counseling to survivors	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀	j ₀
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Relocating to New Orleans

12. How likely is it that you will move to New Orleans within the next ...

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Haven't decided
One year?	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Two years?	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Five years?	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Ten years?	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

13. How important are the following to you in deciding whether or not to move to New Orleans?

	Very Important to me	Important to me	Somewhat Important to me	Not Very Important to me	Not at All Important to me
Having a good job	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Having a good income	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Seeing a long-term future for myself in New Orleans	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Developing skills and credentials for an eventual move to another place	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Having a meaningful experience while I'm young	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Living in a neighborhood I like	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Meeting new friends	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Having/finding a long-term intimate relationship	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Helping the city's recovery	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Social Justice; Working with the disadvantaged	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Building a business; being an entrepreneur	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Working in/with a nonprofit organization	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Enjoying good food, music, night life	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Community organizing	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
My spiritual life	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Activities with church or religious organizations	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

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14. If you know, what neighborhood or subdivision do you think you'd like to live in, if you move to New Orleans? (Multiple answers okay)

A.

B.

C.

D.

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Occupational Choices

15. Which occupational sectors are attractive to you?

	Very Attractive to me	Attractive to me	Somewhat Attractive to me	Not Very Attractive to me	Not at All Attractive to me
Manufacturing, Construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business, Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Starting your own business, company, store	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law, Medicine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education, Research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Arts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Politics, Government service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nonprofits, Community work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religion, spiritual	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If Other, please specify

16. And which of these fields do you think will be strong in New Orleans, say, 10-15 years from now? Which ones do you think offer good career paths in New Orleans?

	Will be very Strong	Will be Strong	Will be in the middle	Will be Weak	Will be very Weak
Manufacturing, Construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business, Finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Starting your own business, company, store	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law, Medicine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education, Research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Arts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Politics, Government service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Religion, spiritual	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If Other, please specify

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17. What is/was your employment status?

	Retired	Student	Homemaker	Employed full or part time	Volunteer, Intern	Unemployed
Three years ago (Before Hurricane Katrina)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Now	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. What is/was your occupation?

Three years ago
(Before Hurricane Katrina)

Now

19. Have you had job offers from other cities or regions, besides New Orleans? Or if you are self-employed: have you concretely looked into the possibility of starting a business in another city or region, besides New Orleans?

Yes

No

Storm Damage

20. What do you think about a New Orleans neighborhood you'd like to live in?

	Strongly believe is True	Believe is True	Unsure	Believe is Not True	Strongly believe is Not True
With good engineering and adequate funding, the New Orleans neighborhood I'd like to live in can be protected against major flooding	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
The New Orleans neighborhood I'd like to live in can recover from the hurricane and flooding damage	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq

21. And when do you think these things will happen?

	Now or for the coming hurricane season	In the next 12 months	Within the next five years	Someday	Never
The New Orleans neighborhood I'd like to live in will be protected against major flooding	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
The New Orleans neighborhood I'd like to live in will recover from the hurricane and flooding damage	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq

NOLA YURP

We'd like to ask you some questions about NOLA YURP.

22. How often do you visit NOLA YURP?

- Just about every day
- Several times a week
- Several times a month
- Several times a year
- Just once

23. Have you made a helpful professional contact through the NOLA YURP network?

- Yes
- No

24. Have you found a job through a contact made in the NOLA YURP network?

- Yes
- No

25. Have you been to a NOLA YURP event?

- Yes
- No

26. How did you find out about NOLA YURP? [Please give all ways]

27. What do you find most helpful about NOLA YURP? [Multiple answers encouraged]

28. What features do you think NOLA YURP should add to make it more valuable to you? [Multiple answers encouraged]

The Community

We'd like to ask you some questions about your family and friends in the community.

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

- Most people can be trusted
- Can't be too careful

30. How much do you trust the following groups of people?

	Trust them a lot	Trust them some	Trust them only a little	Trust them not at all	Does not apply
People in your neighborhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People you work with	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People at your church or place of worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People who work in the stores where you shop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The police in your local community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People outside your community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
White people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
African Americans or Blacks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asian people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hispanics or Latinos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Family and Friends

31. 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

32. Do you have children? How many?

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more

33. About how many family and close friends do you have in each of these groups? (People you're close enough to, that you'd visit each other at home.)

	About 0-15	About 15-50	About 50-100	About 100 or more
Family and friends who live in Greater New Orleans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family and friends who live in the place you live now	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family and friends who live in a different place (i.e., not in Greater New Orleans and not in the place you live now)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Community Activities

34. About how often have you done the following?

	Every week (or more often)	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times per year	Less often than that	Never
Had friends over to your home	j	j	j	j	j	j
Visited relatives in person or had them visit you	j	j	j	j	j	j
Socialized with co-workers outside of work	j	j	j	j	j	j
Played cards or board games with others	j	j	j	j	j	j
Attended a club meeting	j	j	j	j	j	j
Hung out with friends at a park, shopping mall, or other public place	j	j	j	j	j	j
Attended any public meeting in which there was discussion of town or school affairs	j	j	j	j	j	j
Gone to bars, nightclubs, music events	j	j	j	j	j	j
Attended sports events (professional, college, etc.)	j	j	j	j	j	j

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35. Have you taken part in activities with the following groups and organizations in the past 12 months?

	Yes	No
An adult sports club or league, or an outdoor activity club	j ₄	j ₄
A youth organization like youth sports leagues, the scouts, 4 H clubs, and Boys & Girls Clubs	j ₄	j ₄
A parents' association, like the PTA or PTO, or other school support or service groups	j ₄	j ₄
Activities at your church or place of worship, other than attending services? This might include teaching Sunday school, serving on a committee, attending choir rehearsal or a retreat. Or working with any organization affiliated with religion, such as the Knights of Columbus or a bible study group	j ₄	j ₄
A neighborhood association, like a block association, a homeowner or tenant association, or a crime watch group	j ₄	j ₄
A charity or social welfare organization that provides services in such fields as health or service to the needy	j ₄	j ₄
A professional, trade, farm, or business association	j ₄	j ₄
Any other hobby, investment, or garden	j ₄	j ₄

clubs or societies

Any other kinds of
clubs or organizations

j

j

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

j Yes

j No

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Hurricane Recovery

Now we'd like to ask you some questions about New Orleans' Hurricane recovery.

37. How good a job do you think the following have done in the recovery from the Hurricanes and subsequent flooding?

	Great	Good	Neither Good Nor Bad	Bad	Terrible
The Louisiana state government	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Greater New Orleans local governments	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
The U.S. government	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
President Bush	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Nonprofit organizations working in New Orleans	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
The leadership of New Orleans neighborhood associations	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Local New Orleans churches, synagogue, and other faith-based organization	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
National Denominational or faith-based leadership and organizations working in New Orleans	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq

38. What is your impression – how good a job have New Orleans community leaders done since the Hurricanes in the following ways?

	Great	Good	Neither Good Nor Bad	Bad	Terrible
Accepting input from all community members	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Providing material assistance fairly to all community members	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Providing community or social support	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq
Providing spiritual support	jq	jq	jq	jq	jq

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39. What is your impression – how would you rate the overall Hurricane recovery of the following?

	Fully Recovered	Mostly Recovered	About Half Recovered	Somewhat Recovered	Not at All Recovered
The New Orleans neighborhood you'd like to move to	j	j	j	j	j
The Greater New Orleans Area	j	j	j	j	j
The New Orleans religious community in your denomination	j	j	j	j	j

40. Have you yourself had any of the following feelings because of what's happened in New Orleans as a result of the Hurricane?

	Yes	Yes, just a little	No
Depressed	j	j	j
Angry	j	j	j
Hopeful	j	j	j
Fearful, Anxious	j	j	j

New Orleans' Future

41. How do you think each of the following will change?

	Get better	Stay the same	Get worse
The economy in New Orleans 12 months from now	j	j	j
The economy in New Orleans five years from now	j	j	j
New Orleans as a place to live 12 months from now	j	j	j
New Orleans as a place to live five years from now	j	j	j

42. If you think about a neighborhood in New Orleans where you might like to live and your religious denomination in New Orleans, what do you think most New Orleans residents, who lived there before Katrina, will do in the long run?

	Less than a third will come back to stay	Between one third and two thirds will come back to stay	More than two thirds will come back to stay
New Orleans residents of your religious denomination	j	j	j
New Orleans residents of a neighborhood you might like to live in	j	j	j

Household and Background

Finally, we have a few questions about your household and your background.

43. In what year were you born?

[RECORD FULL YEAR (e.g., 1978)]

44. Are you male or female?

Male

Female

45. Do you consider yourself to be:

White

Black

Asian

American Indian

Other

If Other, please specify

46. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

47. 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

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48. Do/did you own your own residence (house, condo, apartment)?

	Own	No, Don't/didn't Own
Three years ago (Before Hurricane Katrina)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Now	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

49. What is your religious preference?

- Protestant
- Catholic
- Jewish
- Other [Please Specify]
- None

If Other, please specify)

50. [If Protestant]: What specific denomination is that, if any?

51. Are you a member of a local church, synagogue, or other religious or spiritual community where you live now?

- Yes
- No

52. Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

- Every week (or more often)
- Almost every week
- Once or twice a month
- A few times per year
- Less often than that

Politics

53. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

- Strong Republican
- Republican
- Lean Republican
- Independent
- Lean Democrat
- Democrat
- Strong Democrat
- Other (Please specify)
- Neither

If Other, please specify

54. If the 2008 Presidential election were being held tomorrow, who would you vote for?

- John McCain
- Barak Obama
- Someone else (Who)
- Would not vote
- Haven't made up my mind yet

If Someone else, who?

55. We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Would you call yourself:

- Extremely Liberal
- Liberal
- Slightly Liberal
- Moderate, middle of the road
- Slightly Conservative
- Conservative
- Extremely Conservative

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56. What was your total income before taxes during 2007, from all sources? (If you are living with a spouse or intimate partner, give the total income that you and all other members of your household earned before taxes during 2007, from all sources.)

- Under \$15,000
- \$15,000 to \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$50,000
- \$50,000 to \$75,000
- \$75,000 to \$100,000
- \$100,000 to \$200,000
- More than \$200,000

57. Optional: If you would let LSU contact you again for a follow-up survey, please give us contact information. We will ONLY use this contact information for a follow-up survey and will not reveal it to anyone else.

Email Address:

Phone Number:

This concludes the survey. Thank you for participating and giving so generously of your time.