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SCHOOL CLOSURE DATA BRIEF

2020 COVID-19 PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY



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ABOUT THIS STUDY

The COVID-19 Survey conducted by StudyLA involved 15-minute telephone sessions and online surveys with 2,000 adults living in Los Angeles County (1,000 in the city of Los Angeles and 1,000 in the rest of LA County). The survey was conducted in both English and Spanish from March 23rd to April 8th, and respondents were asked a range of questions concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

Survey results are presented in two sections: (1) toplines, or total responses to the question, and (2) crosstabs, or the question crossed by school district and major demographics. The margin of error for the final sample of 2,000 respondents is $\pm 2\%$.

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QUESTION(S) INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus: close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate? Strongly support/somewhat support/somewhat oppose/strongly oppose

TOPLINES

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

Strongly support	58.5
Somewhat support	27.2
Somewhat oppose	8.5
Strongly oppose	5.8

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

CROSSTABS

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	LAUSD	Other school district
Strongly support	58.1	58.6
Somewhat support	27.2	27.2
Somewhat oppose	8.9	8.4
Strongly oppose	5.8	5.8
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	English	Spanish
Strongly support	57.8	66.4
Somewhat support	27.6	22.3
Somewhat oppose	8.7	6.2
Strongly oppose	5.8	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Black	Asian	White	Latina/o	Other
Strongly support	58.2	62.1	57.8	58.4	47.1
Somewhat support	26.1	28.3	26.8	26.6	40.7
Somewhat oppose	8.5	8.0	9.5	8.3	3.4
Strongly oppose	7.2	1.6	6.0	6.7	8.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Rent home	Own home
Strongly support	58.5	58.6
Somewhat support	27.1	27.4
Somewhat oppose	8.4	8.6
Strongly oppose	6.0	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Working full-time	Working part-time	Student	Homemaker	Retired	Self-employed	Not working
Strongly support	58.9	54.1	56.8	65.8	59.4	56.6	60.1
Somewhat support	28.6	26.4	24.8	24.7	24.0	29.4	27.8
Somewhat oppose	8.4	11.4	11.8	3.2	8.6	9.8	5.7
Strongly oppose	4.1	8.0	6.6	6.4	8.1	4.2	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Can work from home	Cannot work from home
Strongly support	57.8	58.5
Somewhat support	29.9	24.5
Somewhat oppose	8.5	10.4
Strongly oppose	3.7	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. Note: working from home question was asked only of those who indicated an active work status. 1,159 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	No children in household	One or more children in household
Strongly support	58.0	59.3
Somewhat support	27.5	26.7
Somewhat oppose	8.3	8.8
Strongly oppose	6.1	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	No one in household is 65+	Household with someone 65+
Strongly support	57.2	61.0
Somewhat support	28.4	24.8
Somewhat oppose	8.2	9.2
Strongly oppose	6.1	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly support	64.4	54.9	53.8
Somewhat support	24.1	30.6	26.3
Somewhat oppose	7.8	8.9	10.0
Strongly oppose	3.8	5.7	9.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Less than high school	High/tech school graduate	College degree	Graduate degree
Strongly support	63.5	58.1	57.8	59.8
Somewhat support	19.8	27.7	28.2	25.4
Somewhat oppose	7.1	7.3	9.2	10.8
Strongly oppose	9.5	6.9	4.8	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Strongly support	56.2	60.5	57.5	63.4
Somewhat support	27.0	28.0	28.4	23.2
Somewhat oppose	10.5	6.6	9.4	6.9
Strongly oppose	6.4	4.8	4.7	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Gen Z	Millennials	Gen X	Baby Boomers	Silent/Greatest
Strongly support	52.5	57.9	61.6	57.7	65.3
Somewhat support	29.5	28.5	27.8	24.8	22.9
Somewhat oppose	8.9	9.4	6.2	10.5	6.6
Strongly oppose	9.2	4.3	4.4	7.0	5.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Under \$40K	\$40K-<\$75K	\$75K-<\$100K	\$100K-<\$150K	\$150K+
Strongly support	55.5	60.7	58.6	55.9	61.0
Somewhat support	30.8	24.1	27.6	29.9	28.5
Somewhat oppose	6.6	10.3	10.3	8.4	6.8
Strongly oppose	7.1	4.9	3.4	5.8	3.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Chronic medical condition in household	No chronic medical condition in household
Strongly support	62.4	56.8
Somewhat support	24.1	28.7
Somewhat oppose	7.7	9.0
Strongly oppose	5.8	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Would you support the government adopting the following measures to help decrease the spread of the coronavirus? **Close schools for the rest of the school year, beyond the current mandate**

	Male	Female
Strongly support	56.4	60.7
Somewhat support	28.9	25.5
Somewhat oppose	9.0	8.2
Strongly oppose	5.7	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Appendix

2020 COVID-19 SURVEY METHODOLOGY

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center for the Study of Los Angeles conducted a survey to assess LA County residents' opinions on the subject. The COVID-19 Survey involved 15-minute telephone sessions and online surveys with 2,000 adults (phone and online) living in Los Angeles County. Survey respondents were asked about their thoughts on the government's response to the outbreak, their understanding of the virus and the measures taken to curtail its spread, and their emotional and economic states during this pandemic.

SAMPLING

StudyLA conducted all aspects of survey development, the sampling plan, data processing (e.g., data cleaning and weighting), analysis, and dissemination of its findings. Throughout the data collection process, StudyLA worked closely with Interviewing Service of America (ISA Corp.) to oversee the successful implementation of the sampling plan. ISA Corp. is a data collection firm with a call center in Los Angeles County, ensuring that Angelenos were interviewed by other Angelenos.

Since the primary purpose of this study was to gather representative input from adult residents within the Los Angeles region, an initial random digit dial (RDD) sample was employed. The RDD sample was drawn by determining the active phone exchanges (the first three numbers of a seven-digit phone number) and blocks within a given sampling area (in this case, by the zip codes that comprise the county). A random list of all active residential and cell phone numbers in the area was produced. This method includes both listed and unlisted phone numbers. Listed samples were used to meet particular quotas for racial/ethnic categories and geographic location.

The online portion was comprised of responses from double opt-in respondents who have agreed to participate in surveys with ISA Corp.'s SoapBoxSample. SoapBoxSample uses a proprietary panel called MySoapBox that employs a variety of methodologies and recruitment channels (such as online, phone, and face-to-face) to ensure representative results. In addition, SoapBoxSample employs a large network of panel partners worldwide to achieve non-biased samples. Real-time sampling and survey publishing services were also used to target respondents outside of the initial reach. For all methods, adult respondents in LA County were targeted and then randomly selected within their group.

The survey oversampled important groups in the county, such as Latinas/os, African Americans, and Asians, to be able to speak about their unique outlooks.

SCREENERS

The protocol for this study involved asking potential respondents a series of questions, referred to as screeners, which were used to ensure that the person lived within the county and was at least 18 years old. The target sample size was 1,000 residents from the city of Los Angeles and 1,000 residents from Los Angeles County who lived outside the city of LA. The first quota was a random digit dialing of approximately 550 residents. The online survey ran concurrently with a target sample size of 1000 respondents. The remaining racial/ethnic and geographic quotas were determined based on the fallout: 350 African American residents and 275 Asian residents. Given the demographic proportion of Latina/o and white residents in the region, as expected, both groups naturally fell out from the initial wave of online and phone respondents.

DATA COLLECTION

Phone surveys were conducted from March 23, 2020 till April 8, 2020 between the hours of 4:30pm and 9pm during the week, 10am to 4pm on Saturday, and 12am to 5pm on Sunday. The survey was translated into Spanish and translators who speak Spanish were available to conduct interviews for residents who only spoke, or were more comfortable speaking the language.

The online survey ran concurrent with the phone survey and was available in both English and Spanish. The margin of error is $\pm 2.0\%$ for the entire sample of 2000 residents, not adjusted for weighting or design effects. The 2000 responses collected for this survey were weighted based on respondents' self-identified racial and ethnic group, gender, age, and geographic location matching them to the most recently available population parameters from the American Community Survey (ACS) estimates.

DEMOGRAPHICS

School district

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
LAUSD	1,048	52.7
Other school district	942	47.3

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Survey language

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
English	1,873	92.0
Spanish	127	8.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Which ethnic group do you consider yourself a part of or feel closest to?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Black	401	8.4
Asian	293	15.3
White	628	29.0
Latina/o	628	44.4
Other	17	3.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Do you rent your home, are you buying it with a mortgage, or is it entirely paid for?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Rent	877	45.7
Own home	1,075	54.3

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

How would you describe your current work status: working full-time, working part-time, student, homemaker, fully-retired, semi-retired, self-employed, or not working?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Working full-time	794	42.0
Working part-time	208	11.2
Student	118	6.9
Homemaker	46	2.4
Retired	430	16.1
Self-employed	112	5.8
Not working	278	15.6

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Are you able to work from home during the coronavirus pandemic?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Yes	744	61.3
No	410	38.7

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

How many children 17 years or younger live in your household?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
No children in household	1,276	63.0
One or more child in household	713	37.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Are there individuals over 65 years old living in your household?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
No	1,273	66.6
Yes	716	33.4

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Politically, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Liberal	846	41.9
Moderate	611	34.8
Conservative	411	23.3

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

What is the last grade or level you completed in school?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Less than High School	100	5.5
HS/Tech school graduate	808	42.3
College degree	803	39.7
Graduate degree	258	12.5

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Age categories

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
18-29	414	23.8
30-44	547	27.2
45-64	521	32.8
65+	438	16.2

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Generation

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Gen Z	146	8.6
Millennials	613	32.3
Gen X	471	28.0
Baby Boomers	481	24.1
Silent/Greatest	209	7.1

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Total household income

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
<\$40K	444	27.4
\$40K-<\$75K	502	30.8
\$75K-<\$100K	262	15.9
\$100K-<\$150K	230	13.9
\$150K+	231	12.1

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

Do you or someone in your household have a serious chronic medical condition (heart disease, diabetes, lung disease) or a compromised immune system?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Yes	702	34.6
No	1,268	65.4

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.

What is your gender?

	Unweighted frequencies	Weighted percentages
Male	866	48.4
Female	1,115	51.6

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 2,000 adult respondents of the COVID-19 Public Opinion Survey.