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# LAUSD Strike Report - Update

2019 LOS ANGELES PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY REPORT









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# **ABOUT THIS STUDY**

Note: the following report is based on partially collected data (516 phone and online respondents). The survey runs throughout the month of January 2019. These results reflect the opinions of the 516 residents who were surveyed during the LAUSD strike from Monday, January 14 through Sunday, January 20, 2019. The margin of error is ±4.31% for the 516 respondents.

The annual Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey conducted by StudyLA involved 20-minute telephone sessions and online surveys with more than 2,000 adults (1,200 phone and 800 online) living in Los Angeles County. Survey respondents were asked about quality-of-life perceptions, personal economic wellbeing, economic concerns, overall life satisfaction, and various civic issues. The margin of error is  $\pm 3.0\%$  for the entire sample.

For more information on study methodology, see Appendix section at the end of this report.

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## **TOPLINES**

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers going on strike this January to meet their demands?

| Strongly support | 53.1 |
|------------------|------|
| Somewhat support | 25.5 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12.2 |
| Strongly oppose  | 9.2  |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 516 adult respondents of the 2018 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

## **CROSSTABS**

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Black | Asian | White | Latina/o | Other |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Strongly support | 77.2  | 30.5  | 45.4  | 62.4     | 50.7  |
| Somewhat support | 13.4  | 33.5  | 32.1  | 18.1     | 39.2  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 2.7   | 17.1  | 11.9  | 14.6     | 0.0   |
| Strongly oppose  | 6.6   | 19.0  | 10.6  | 4.8      | 10.1  |
| 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. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | LAUSD | School district |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Strongly support | 61.8  | 46.3            |
| Somewhat support | 21.4  | 28.6            |
| Somewhat oppose  | 10.9  | 13.3            |
| Strongly oppose  | 5.9   | 11.8            |
| Total            | 100.0 | 100.0           |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+   |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Strongly support | 66.2  | 51.1  | 51.3  | 38.3  |
| Somewhat support | 15.3  | 26.2  | 26.6  | 38.1  |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12.4  | 15.5  | 11.4  | 9.0   |
| Strongly oppose  | 6.1   | 7.2   | 10.7  | 14.6  |
| Total            | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Rent home | Own home |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| Strongly support | 57.5      | 49.0     |
| Somewhat support | 23.3      | 27.2     |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12.8      | 12.0     |
| Strongly oppose  | 6.5       | 11.8     |
| Total            | 100.0     | 100.0    |

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Working<br>full-time | Working<br>part-time | Student | Homemaker | Retired | Self-<br>employed | Not working |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| Strongly support | 55.3                 | 44.0                 | 60.5    | 53.5      | 41.6    | 64.5              | 63.7        |
| Somewhat support | 23.9                 | 32.5                 | 16.8    | 21.3      | 35.1    | 16.8              | 17.8        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 13.4                 | 17.1                 | 15.5    | 23.2      | 5.9     | 7.3               | 9.9         |
| Strongly oppose  | 7.4                  | 6.4                  | 7.3     | 2.1       | 17.4    | 11.3              | 8.5         |
| 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. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Union household | Non-union household |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Strongly support | 61.3            | 50.8                |
| Somewhat support | 16.7            | 28.0                |
| Somewhat oppose  | 8.9             | 13.1                |
| Strongly oppose  | 13.1            | 8.1                 |
| Total            | 100.0           | 100.0               |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Single | Married/Domestic partnership | Divorsed/Separated/Widowed |
|------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Strongly support | 60.0   | 46.9                         | 56.0                       |
| Somewhat support | 21.3   | 25.3                         | 32.1                       |
| Somewhat oppose  | 11.0   | 15.5                         | 6.3                        |
| Strongly oppose  | 7.7    | 12.2                         | 5.6                        |
| Total            | 100.0  | 100.0                        | 100.0                      |

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Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | No children in household | One or more children |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Strongly support | 50.9                     | 58.0                 |
| Somewhat support | 25.4                     | 24.3                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12.7                     | 11.6                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 11.0                     | 6.2                  |
| Total            | 100.0                    | 100.0                |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|------------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Strongly support | 65.8    | 49.8     | 42.1         |
| Somewhat support | 21.7    | 28.0     | 27.7         |
| Somewhat oppose  | 6.9     | 16.0     | 13.9         |
| Strongly oppose  | 5.6     | 6.2      | 16.3         |
| Total            | 100.0   | 100.0    | 100.0        |

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Registered voter | Not registered voter |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Strongly support | 53.6             | 51.0                 |
| Somewhat support | 26.2             | 23.5                 |
| Somewhat oppose  | 11.5             | 14.6                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 8.7              | 10.9                 |
| Total            | 100.0            | 100.0                |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | High school or less | College degree | Graduate degree |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Strongly support | 55.6                | 52.5           | 41.2            |
| Somewhat support | 24.0                | 29.0           | 24.1            |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12.2                | 12.7           | 11.2            |
| Strongly oppose  | 8.3                 | 5.8            | 23.5            |
| Total            | 100.0               | 100.0          | 100.0           |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Under \$40K | \$40K-<\$70K | \$70K-<\$100K | \$100K-<\$150K | \$150K+ |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Strongly support | 57.5        | 40.8         | 59.3          | 68.2           | 31.1    |
| Somewhat support | 25.7        | 32.1         | 14.6          | 16.3           | 38.2    |
| Somewhat oppose  | 11.4        | 13.9         | 15.9          | 6.8            | 14.1    |
| Strongly oppose  | 5.4         | 13.2         | 10.2          | 8.7            | 16.6    |
| 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. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Upper class | Upper-middle class | Middle class | Lower-middle class | Lower class |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Strongly support | 43.5        | 38.0               | 56.0         | 57.1               | 51.0        |
| Somewhat support | 24.0        | 37.2               | 24.4         | 20.3               | 30.3        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 0.0         | 17.4               | 11.2         | 15.3               | 9.5         |
| Strongly oppose  | 32.5        | 7.5                | 8.4          | 7.2                | 9.2         |
| 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. 516 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Do you support LAUSD teachers being on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Male  | Female |
|------------------|-------|--------|
| Strongly support | 46.3  | 58.4   |
| Somewhat support | 27.6  | 23.9   |
| Somewhat oppose  | 12.9  | 11.7   |
| Strongly oppose  | 13.2  | 5.9    |
| Total            | 100.0 | 100.0  |

Last August, LAUSD teachers voted to authorize a strike if labor negotiations cannot reach an agreement. Would you support LAUSD teachers going on strike this January to meet their demands?

|                  | Identifies as LGBTQ | Does not identify as LGBTQ |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Strongly support | 58.7                | 52.6                       |
| Somewhat support | 31.8                | 24.6                       |
| Somewhat oppose  | 7.2                 | 12.9                       |
| Strongly oppose  | 2.3                 | 10.0                       |
| Total            | 100.0               | 100.0                      |

**Appendix** 

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

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

|          | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Black    | 99                     | 10.3                 |
| Asian    | 99                     | 17.6                 |
| White    | 196                    | 35                   |
| Latina/o | 103                    | 34.4                 |
| Other    | 9                      | 2.8                  |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

|                       | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| LAUSD                 | 233                    | 42.9                 |
| Other school district | 283                    | 57.1                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles 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 home | 215                    | 49.6                 |
| Own home  | 287                    | 50.4                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles 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 | 139                    | 37.2                 |
| Working part-time | 58                     | 14.0                 |
| Student           | 15                     | 4.1                  |
| Homemaker         | 26                     | 6.1                  |
| Retired           | 198                    | 19.8                 |
| Self-employed     | 38                     | 8.3                  |
| Not working       | 40                     | 10.5                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Is someone in your household a member of a union?

|                  | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Union member     | 105                    | 21.3                 |
| Not union member | 404                    | 78.7                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Are you currently single, married, divorced, separated, widowed, or in a domestic partnership?

|                              | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Single                       | 152                    | 36.9                 |
| Married/Domestic partnership | 250                    | 46.5                 |
| Divorced/Separated/Widowed   | 106                    | 16.6                 |

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

|             | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| None        | 382                    | 66.4                 |
| One or more | 131                    | 33.6                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles 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      | 187                    | 37.7                 |
| Moderate     | 141                    | 30.0                 |
| Conservative | 164                    | 32.2                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Are you a registered voter?

|                        | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Registered voter       | 418                    | 75.5                 |
| Not a registered voter | 95                     | 24.5                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

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

|                     | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| High school or less | 272                    | 57.0                 |
| College degree      | 161                    | 30.9                 |
| Graduate degree     | 80                     | 12.1                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Age categories

|                | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 18-29          | 61                     | 23.3                 |
| 30-44<br>45-64 | 94                     | 28.9                 |
| 45-64          | 152                    | 32.5                 |
| 65+            | 188                    | 15.2                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Total household income.

|                  | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Under \$40K      | 206                    | 45.0                 |
| \$40K to \$70K   | 85                     | 19.9                 |
| \$70K to \$100K  | 67                     | 15.2                 |
| \$100K to \$150K | 48                     | 10.2                 |
| \$150K+          | 51                     | 9.7                  |

If you were asked to use one of these five commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in:

|                    | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Upper class        | 17                     | 3.7                  |
| Upper-middle class | 67                     | 12.7                 |
| Middle class       | 227                    | 42.4                 |
| Lower-middle class | 119                    | 25.6                 |
| Lower class        | 71                     | 15.5                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

What is your gender?

|        | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|--------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Male   | 227                    | 45.7                 |
| Female | 287                    | 54.3                 |

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 425 adult respondents of the 2019 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Do you personally identify as a member of the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer) community?

|                            | Unweighted frequencies | Weighted percentages |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Identifies as LGBTQ        | 25                     | 6.3                  |
| Does not identify as LGBTQ | 480                    | 93.7                 |

## 2019 PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Note: the following report is based on partially collected data (516 phone and online respondents). The survey runs throughout the month of January 2019. These results reflect the opinions of the 516 residents who were surveyed during the LAUSD strike from Monday, January 14 through Sunday, January 20, 2019. The margin of error is ±4.31% for the 516 respondents.

As part of Forecast LA's unique approach to forecasting in the Los Angeles region, the Center for the Study of Los Angeles conducted an outlook survey. The Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey involved 20-minute telephone sessions and online surveys with more than 2,000 adults (phone and online) living in Los Angeles County. Survey respondents were asked about quality-of-life perceptions, personal economic wellbeing, economic concerns, overall life satisfaction, and various civic issues.

#### **SAMPLING**

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 included 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. Real-time sampling and survey publishing services were also used to target respondents outside of the initial reach. Finally, listed samples were used to fill gaps within racial/ethnic and geographic quotas. For all methods, adult respondents in LA County were targeted and then randomly selected within their group.

#### **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 live outside the city of LA. The first quota was a random digit dialing of approximately 475 residents (with 80% cell phone). The online survey ran concurrently with a target sample size of 800 respondents. The remaining racial/ethnic and geographic quotas were determined based on the fallout: 350 African American residents, 500 Asian residents, and 400 residents from the San Fernando Valley (only within the city of Los Angeles). Given the demographic proportion of Latino/a and white residents in the region, as expected, both groups naturally fell out from the initial wave of online and phone respondents.

#### **DATA COLLECTION**

Telephone surveys were conducted the first four full weeks in January 2019 and first two weeks in February between the hours of 4:30pm and 9pm during the week, 10am to 4pm on Saturday, and 10am to 5pm on Sunday. The survey was translated into Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean. Translators who spoke Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean were available to conduct interviews for residents who only spoke, or were more comfortable speaking any of those languages. The online survey ran concurrent with the phone survey and was available in both English and Spanish.

The margin of error is  $\pm 3.0\%$  for the entire sample of 2,000 residents, not adjusted for weighting or design effects. The 2,000 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.