

Survey on the needs of Latinas in SLO County

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1. Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  Don't know

2. What would you consider your race/ethnicity to be?

Asian

Pacific Islander

Black

White

Hispanic

Other

Native American

Don't know

3. In which area of San Luis Obispo County do you reside?

North Coast (Los Osos and north)

South County (Avila, Pismo Beach, and south)

North County (Paso Robles, Atascadero, etc.)

Not a resident of SLO County

City of San Luis Obispo

Don't know

4. Please rank the top five issues, from the list below, that you believe need to be addressed in order to improve the lives of women and girls in San Luis Obispo County:

1. Affordable, Adequate  
Childcare

11. Lack of Role Models

2. Basic Needs (Food, Clothing,  
Housing, Employment)

12. Pay Inequality

3. Domestic Violence

13. Peer Pressure

4. Education

14. Poverty

5. Elderly needs

15. Resources

6. Financial Literacy

16. Self Esteem

7. Fragmentation of Services

17. Sexual Assault

8. Hopelessness

18. Substance abuse

9. Lack of Mentors

19. Teenage Pregnancy

10. Lack of Opportunities

20. Traditional Gender Roles

21. Transportation

22. Violence (in general)

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|-----------|
| First: #  |
| Second: # |
| Third: #  |
| Fourth: # |
| Fifth: #  |

Don't Know

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5. On a scale from 1-10 (1 being poor and 10 being excellent), how would you rate the overall quality of life here in San Luis Obispo County for you and your household? *Circle choice*

- 1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10
- Don't know

6. Do you feel you have reasonable access to any help you may need in the following areas: *Circle yes, no, or Don't know*

|    |                         |     |    |            |
|----|-------------------------|-----|----|------------|
| a) | Affordable housing?     | Yes | No | Don't know |
| b) | Childcare?              | Yes | No | Don't know |
| c) | Domestic Violence?      | Yes | No | Don't know |
| d) | Drug/Alcohol treatment? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| e) | Education?              | Yes | No | Don't know |
| f) | Financial management?   | Yes | No | Don't know |
| g) | Food/meals?             | Yes | No | Don't know |
| h) | Health care?            | Yes | No | Don't know |
| i) | Legal assistance?       | Yes | No | Don't know |
| j) | Mental health services? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| k) | Transportation?         | Yes | No | Don't know |

7. What are the barriers, if any, preventing you from getting the help you may need? *Check all that apply*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural        | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know how to access services           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finances        | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know what services are available      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education       | <input type="checkbox"/> Intimidated and/or hesitant to ask for help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family barriers |  |

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8. How secure do you feel in the following areas?

a) Physically (personal safety in your home, neighborhood, and community)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely secure | <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly secure   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very secure      | <input type="checkbox"/> Not secure at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure           | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know        |

b) Emotionally (sense of mental well being and connection to family, friends, and community)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely secure | <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly secure   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very secure      | <input type="checkbox"/> Not secure at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure           | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know        |

c) Financially (ability to pay for normal living expenses now and into the near future, and have control over your own finances)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely secure | <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly secure   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very secure      | <input type="checkbox"/> Not secure at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure           | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know        |

9. As a Latina, how often have you faced any type of discrimination in the past year?

- |                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very often   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Often        | <input type="checkbox"/> Never      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

10. *If you have faced discrimination in the past year*, to what degree has it negatively influenced your life?

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greatly  | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

11. For the most part, do you feel that you are accepted as a community member in San Luis Obispo County? In other words, do you feel that the greater community is accepting of you as a person?

- |                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No  |                                     |

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12. Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Don't know

13. Estimated total annual household income

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75,000-99,999    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10,000-14,999    | <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000-149,999  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15,000-24,999    | <input type="checkbox"/> 150,000-199,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25,000-34,999    | <input type="checkbox"/> 200,000 or above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35,000-49,999    | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50,000-74,999    |   |

14. How many adults (age 18+) are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_  Don't know

15. How many children (under age 18) are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_  Don't know

16. What is the highest level of education that you have attained?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school              | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school degree/GED             | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional degree (MD, JD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 year college degree (Associates) | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 year college degree (BA, BS)     |   |

***[The following question was included for a senior project. Results were not used in the report.]***

17. How would you classify your political beliefs?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Liberal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly Conservative  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly Liberal               | <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Conservative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate; "middle of the road" | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know             |