# **Statewide Attitudes Research** August 2023

1,200 interviews

**MOE ±2.83** 



### Positives of Living in California (Open-End) EMC research

### What is the best thing about living in California?

### Natural Surroundings & Weather – 61%

"The weather and natural resources around it, the beach, mountains, camping locations, etc." "The fact that you can go to the ocean or mountains. California has the best of both worlds." "The weather and the beauty."

#### Sense of Community – 11%

"It's home and I can't imagine living anywhere else" "California is my home. We are 5th generation native Californians."

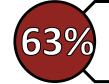
### Lifestyle – 8%

"The amenities: events, food, nature, public areas, cities" "Living with people of different cultures." **Politics and Progressive Values – 6%** 

"How much better the politics are here compared to the rest of the country."

Q5. Open-end: Respondents were allowed to volunteer any response, multiple responses accepted.





say California is pretty seriously off on the wrong track



rate the quality of life in California negatively



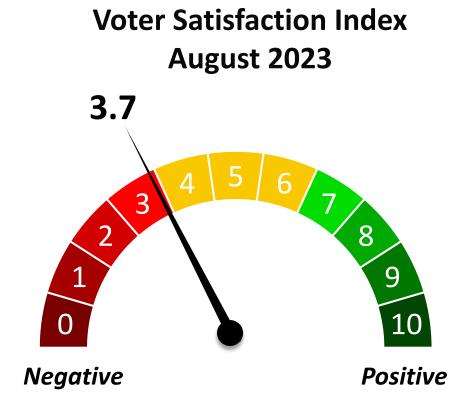
are unhappy or worried about changes in their community



think the next generation will be worse off than their parents



say they would leave California in the next 5 years if their personal/financial situation was not a factor



# **Voter Satisfaction Index by Party/Age**

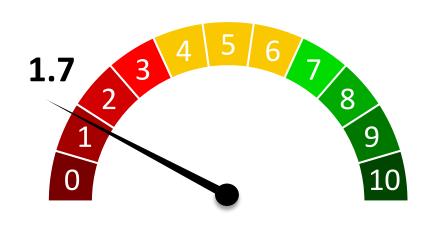
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Democrats and Democratic-Leaning NPPs Over 50 (32%)

5.4

Democrats and Democratic-Leaning NPPs Under 50 (29%) Republican and Republican Leaning NPPs Overall (39%)



Negative

Positive

10

8

9



### Frustrations with California (Open-End)



What are the issues facing California that you are most frustrated or concerned about?



48% mention cost of living, taxes, or the cost of housing



**28%** specifically mention homelessness



**20%** mention crime/lawlessness

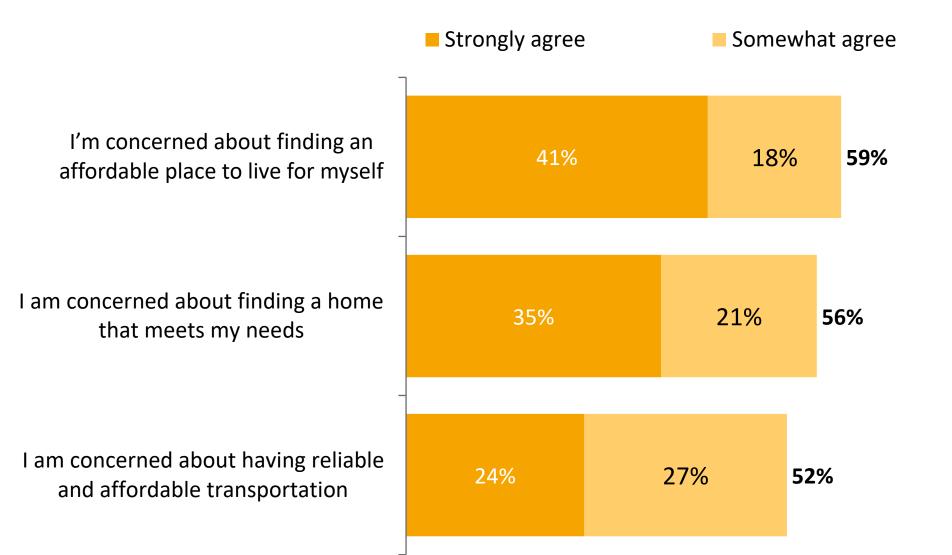


**13%** mention politicians

Q6. Open-end: Respondents were allowed to volunteer any response, multiple responses accepted.

# **Housing and Transportation**

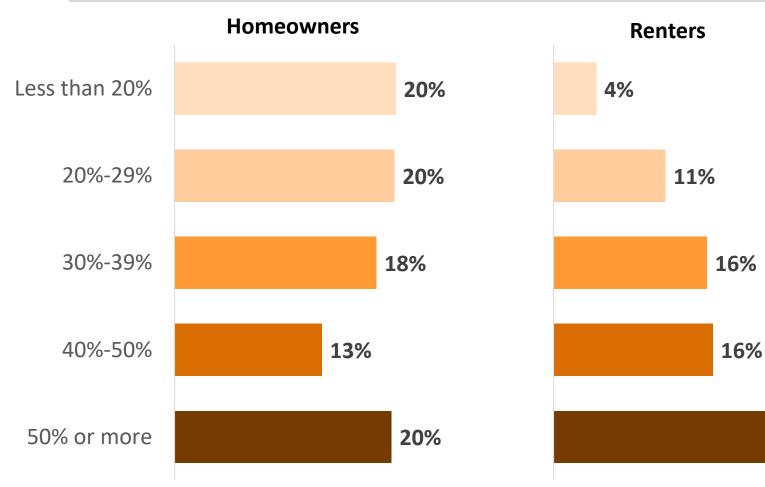




Q37/42/44. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

### **Income Spent on Housing**





91% of respondents say owning a home is important to them

34%

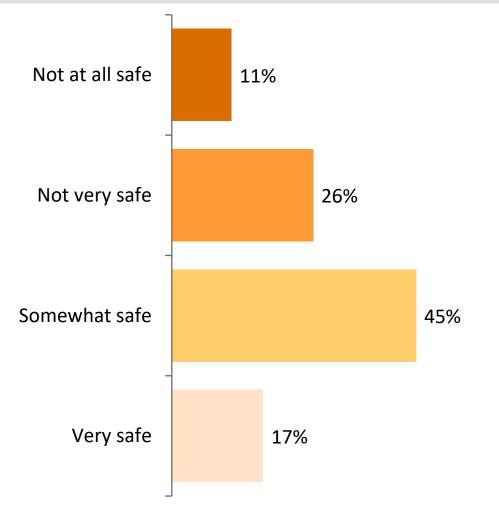
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# **Community Safety**



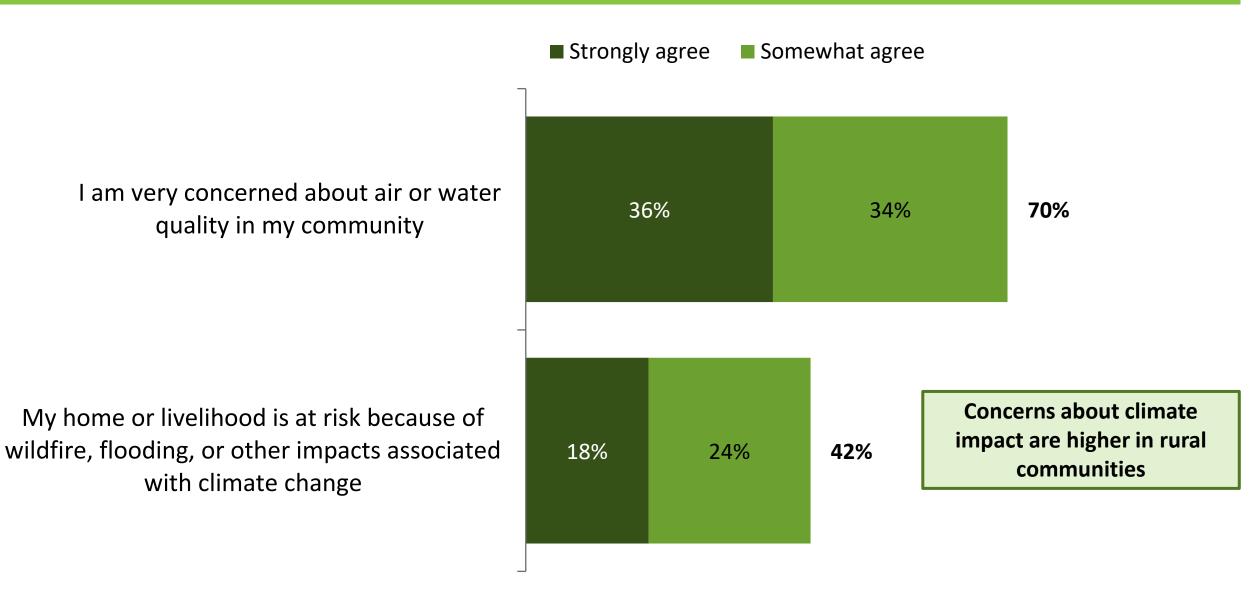
Thinking about safety in your community, would you say you feel...?



61% say they avoid going to places in their community because of crime

**38%** Report being the victim of theft or petty crime in the last year Climate





Q49/52. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.



# 71%

say they personally encounter people who are experiencing homelessness **DAILY**  "All throughout and around my neighborhood there are homeless people living on the streets. I know a lot of these people just need help getting off their feet, and it make me worried for my future."

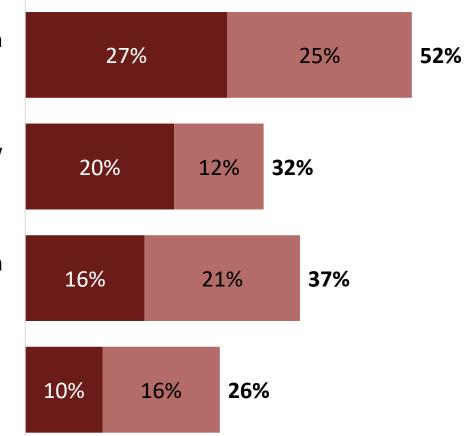
Democratic man, San Diego

# **Serious Challenges**



Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree

In the last year, I have worried about not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage Fentanyl has impacted my family or someone I know personally In the last year, I have worried about not having enough food to feed myself or my family I am concerned about being evicted or foreclosed on 10%





How do you think the California economy will be doing 6 months from now?

How would you say you and your household will be doing financially 6 months from now?

