

Parents Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in our research! We are interested in knowing about how you and your children use parks in Los Angeles. Our research hopes to help the city of Los Angeles improve its parks.

Please answer as many questions as you can.

Parks and Park Use

1. How far is the nearest park from where you live?
 - A. Less than 5 minutes _____
 - B. 5 – 10 minutes _____
 - C. More than 10 minutes _____
 - D. Don't know _____

2. How do you usually go to the park?
 - A. Walk _____
 - B. Take public transportation _____
 - C. Drive _____
 - D. Bike _____
 - E. Other _____

3. What park do you usually go to? _____

4. Why do you go to this park?
 - A. It is clean _____
 - B. It is close _____
 - C. It has nice things to do _____
 - D. The family likes it _____
 - E. Other (please explain) _____

5. How often do you go to the park?
 - A. Twice a week or more _____
 - B. Once a week _____
 - C. Less than once a week _____
 - D. Never _____

6. How long do you usually stay?
 - A. Less than one hour _____
 - B. More than one hour _____
 - C. Depends on the day of the week _____
 1. Longer on weekends _____
 2. Longer when there are organized sports for adults _____
 3. Longer when there are organized sports for children _____
 4. Other _____

7. What does your child spend most time on while at the park?
- A. Swings and play equipment _____
 - B. Playing fields _____
 - C. Grassy fields _____
 - D. Indoor gym _____
 - E. Little leagues
 - 1. Indoors _____
 - 2. Outdoors _____
 - F. Other (please explain) _____

8. Do you go to parks as a family?
- A. Regularly _____
 - B. For special occasions _____
 - C. Never _____

9. Do you allow your children to go to the park without an adult?
- A. Yes _____
 - B. No _____

Why? (Check all that apply)

- a. Neighborhood is safe _____
- b. Neighborhood is unsafe _____
- c. Park is close by _____
- d. Park is too far _____
- e. My child is a boy _____
- f. My child is a girl _____
- g. There are other adults at the park _____
- h. There are other children at the park _____
- i. The park is well lit _____
- j. There is park staff _____
- k. Other reason (please explain)

10. Do older children accompany younger ones?

- A. Yes _____
- B. No _____

11. If you have a boy, do you allow him to go to the park alone?

- A. Yes _____
- B. No _____
- C. How old is your boy _____
- D. I don't have a boy _____

12. If you have a girl, do you allow her to go to the park alone?

- A. Yes _____
- B. No _____
- C. How old is your girl _____

D. I don't have a girl _____

13. Do you consider the park safe?

A. Yes _____

B. No _____

14. Is there supervision at the park?

A. Yes _____

B. No _____

C. Sometimes _____

15. Are there organized activities at the park such as Little League or soccer?

A. Yes _____

B. No _____

a. If yes, which ones _____

C. Does your child participate in these organized activities?

a. Yes _____

i. Why?

1. They like the activity _____

2. All their friends do it _____

3. The family thinks its important _____

4. Other reason (please explain) _____

b. No _____

i. Why?

1. They don't like the activity _____

2. No one else does it _____

3. It is too hard _____

4. Other reason (please explain) _____

16. Is there a fee for the activity?

A. Yes _____

B. No _____

a. Do you think it is expensive?

i. Yes _____

ii. No _____

iii. Just about right _____

b. Are the activities year-round?

i. Yes _____

ii. No _____

17. Do you think it is important for parks to provide activities?

A. Yes _____

a. Why? _____

- B. No _____
 - a. Why? _____

18. What activities do you like to do at the park?

19. What activities does your child prefer to do at the park?

20. Is your child physically active at the park (sports, exercise, active play)

- A. Every day _____
- B. 4-5 times a week _____
- C. 2-3 times a week _____
- D. Once a week _____
- E. Less than once a week _____
- F. Never _____

21. Where does your child spend most time doing physical activity?

- A. School _____
- B. Parks _____
- C. Backyard _____
- D. Neighborhood street _____
- E. Other (Explain) _____

22. How do your children get to school?

- A. Walking _____
 - a. Alone? _____
 - b. With others? _____
- B. Public transportation?
 - a. Alone? _____
 - b. With others? _____
- C. Adults driving _____
- D. Biking _____
- E. Other _____

23. Do you have any regular outdoor activities that do not depend on going to a park?

- A. Yes _____
 - a. Please describe _____
- B. No _____

24. Do you consider your neighborhood safe?

- A. Yes _____
- B. No _____

Questions about your household

25. What is your income range?

- Less than \$10,000 _____
- \$10,000 - \$20,000 _____
- \$20,000 - \$30,000 _____
- \$30,000 - \$40,000 _____
- \$40,000 - \$50,000 _____
- \$50,000 and up _____

26. Do you live in an apartment or a house?

Apartment _____

House _____

27. Is there a place where children can play, like a yard?

A. Yes _____

B. No _____

28. What language do you speak at home _____

29. What is your race/ethnicity?

A. Latino _____

B. African American _____

C. Asian American _____

D. Native American (American Indian) _____

E. White _____

F. Other _____

30. How many people live in your household? _____

31. What are their ages? (Please indicate how many in each age range)

A. 0-1 _____

B. 1 - 3 _____

C. 3 - 5 _____

D. 5 - 8 _____

E. 8 - 12 _____

F. 12 - 15 _____

G. 15 - 18 _____

H. 18 - 25 _____

I. 25 - 35 _____

J. 35 - 45 _____

K. 45 and older _____