



**Survey of Adult Residents
City of Berkeley, CA
Hybrid Email-to-Web/Live Telephone Survey
Conducted September 20-28, 2021
Citywide n=550; Margin of Error \pm 4.2 percentage points
Targeted oversamples added among Latinx and Black residents
EMC Research #21-8226**

***All numbers in this document represent percentage (%) values, unless otherwise noted.
Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.***

GREETING: Hello, my name is _____, may I speak with **(NAME ON LIST)?**

INTERVIEWER: NOL ONLY

INTRO: Hello, my name is _____, and I'm conducting a survey for _____ to find out how people feel about issues in Berkeley. We are not trying to sell anything and are collecting this information on a scientific and completely confidential basis.

1.	Do you live in the City of Berkeley?	
	Yes	100
	No → TERMINATE	-
	(Don't know/Refused) → TERMINATE	-
2.	What is your zip code?	
	94618	0
	94702	18
	94703	16
	94704	17
	94705	13
	94706	1
	94707	10
	94708	8
	94709	10
	94710	7
	94720	1
	(Refused)	-
3.	What is your gender?	
	Male	48
	Female	50
	Non-binary	1
	Another gender identity (please specify)	0
	(Refused)	0

4.	What year were you born? (YEARS CODED INTO CATEGORIES)	
	18-29 (1992-2003)	32
	30-39 (1982-1991)	13
	40-49 (1972-1981)	14
	50-64 (1957-1971)	19
	65 or over (1956 or earlier)	22
	(Refused)	0
5A.	Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent?	
	Yes	13
	No	86
	(Refused)	1
5B.	Please select the race or ethnicity you consider yourself to be. You may select more than one if needed.	
	White	68
	Chinese	8
	Asian Indian	4
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1
	Another Asian ethnicity (Please specify: _____)	7
	Black or African American	9
	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
	Middle Eastern or Northern African	3
	Something else (Please specify: _____)	4
	(Refused)	5

6INT. Using the following scale, please rate each of the following.

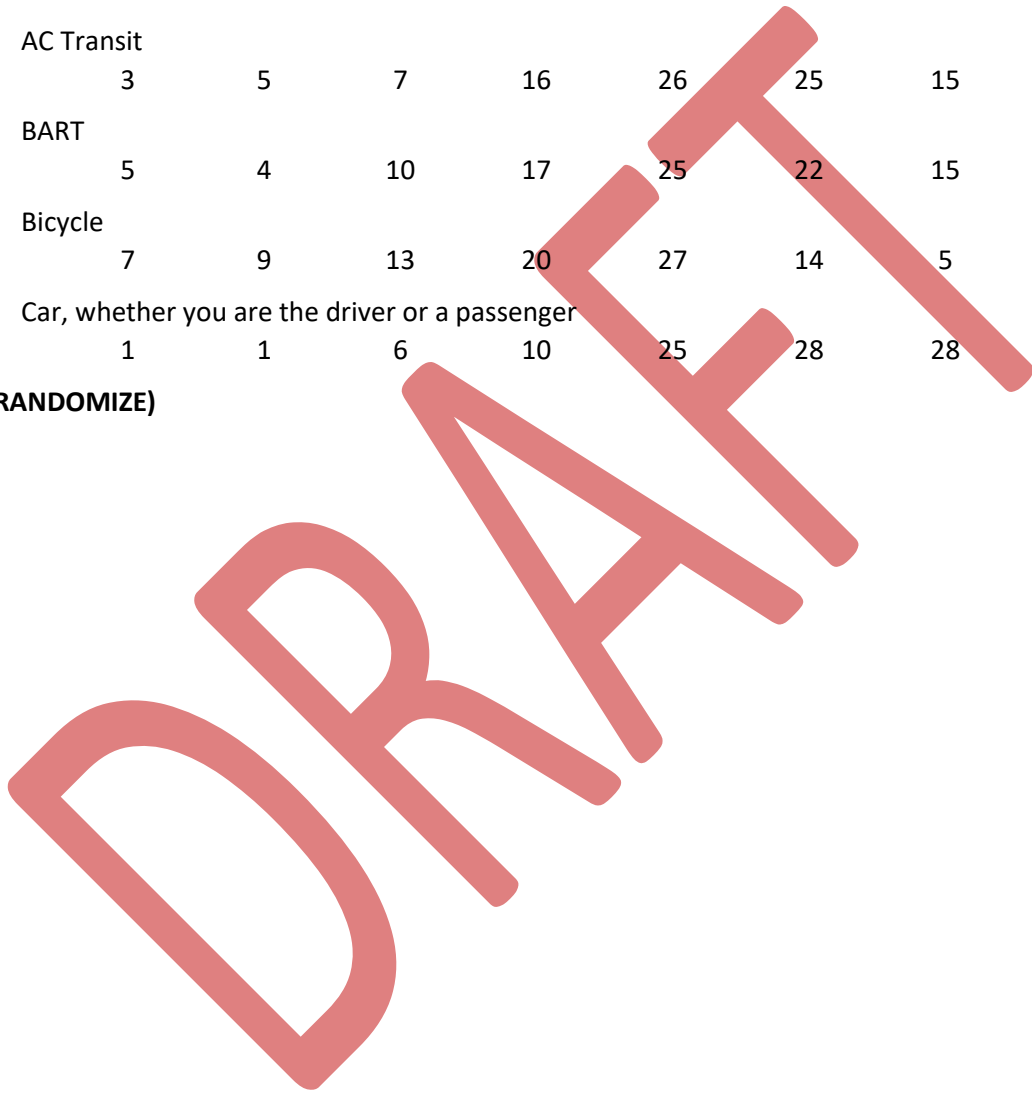
SCALE:	Poor	Only fair	Good	Excellent	(No response)
(RANDOMIZE)					
6.	The ease of getting around Berkeley				
	11	29	50	10	0
7.	The safety of getting around Berkeley				
	15	34	46	5	0
8.	The pedestrian infrastructure in Berkeley, such as sidewalks, crosswalks, and street lighting				
	13	31	47	9	0
9.	The streets and roads in Berkeley				
	29	40	28	3	0

SCALE:	Poor	Only fair	Good	Excellent	(No response)
10. The bicycle infrastructure in Berkeley, such as bike lanes and paths, bike parking, bike signals, and bicycle boulevards	12	29	43	13	4
11. The street traffic safety features in Berkeley, such as traffic signals, electronic speed signs, flashing pedestrian lights, and pedestrian signals	12	28	49	10	0
12. The Healthy Streets program, where some streets have been temporarily altered to encourage walking and biking over driving	13	26	39	15	6
(END RANDOMIZE)					
13. What are the biggest challenges you and/or your family face in getting around Berkeley? (OPEN ENDED, RESPONSES CODED INTO CATEGORIES)					
Traffic					13
Condition of roads/Potholes					9
Poor bus/BART transportation					8
Parking					8
Drivers/Pedestrians/Bikers don't follow laws/rules					8
Homeless/Drugs/Crime					7
Safety for Bikers/Pedestrians					7
Crosswalks/Intersections/Poor lighting and markings					7
Poor public transportation options					5
Construction/Blocked access					4
Poor infrastructure/Narrow roads/Dangerous left hand turns/More traffic lights					4
Poor bike lanes					4
Sidewalk condition					2
None/Nothing					7
Other					6
Not Sure/Don't Know/No Opinion					1
Refused/N/A					2

14INT. How safe do you feel traveling around Berkeley using each of the following? Please do your best to answer even if you personally don't get around that way.

	Very unsafe						Very safe	(Don't know/ Refused)	Mean
SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
(RANDOMIZE)									
14. On foot or using a mobility device such as a walker or wheelchair	6	7	13	16	22	20	10	4	4.49
15. AC Transit	3	5	7	16	26	25	15	5	5.01
16. BART	5	4	10	17	25	22	15	2	4.82
17. Bicycle	7	9	13	20	27	14	5	6	4.18
18. Car, whether you are the driver or a passenger	1	1	6	10	25	28	28	1	5.56

(END RANDOMIZE)



19. Thinking about places you visit or travel to in Berkeley, are there particular locations, areas, or neighborhoods that you feel unsafe in? **(OPEN ENDED, RESPONSES CODED INTO CATEGORIES)**

Downtown	18
West Berkeley	10
South Berkeley	9
Southside	8
Gilman	2
UC Berkeley	2
Berkeley Hills	1
Busy streets	5
Night time	3
More than one place	3
Homeless encampments	3
None	31
Other	7
Don't know	1
Refused	0

20INT. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statement.

	Strongly disagree							Strongly agree		(Don't know/Refused)	Mean
SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
(RANDOMIZE)											
20. I feel like I am welcomed by other members of the community when I am out and about in Berkeley.	4	3	7	20	24	25	16	0		4.98	
21. I worry about being harassed by other Berkeley community members when I'm out and about in Berkeley.	21	19	13	13	16	8	9	1		3.44	
22. I worry about being physically or verbally assaulted by other Berkeley community members when I'm out and about in Berkeley.	18	21	15	13	14	9	10	0		3.52	
23. People drive safely in my neighborhood.	13	11	16	16	19	14	9	1		3.99	
24. There are enough bus shelters, benches, and other safe places to rest or wait for the bus in my neighborhood.	14	9	15	21	18	13	8	3		3.88	

	Strongly disagree							Strongly agree	(Don't know/Refused)	Mean
SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
25. The City of Berkeley should allocate more money for transportation improvements to lower-income neighborhoods and communities of color that have historically been underfunded.	6	4	3	10	12	14	50	1		5.65

(END RANDOMIZE)

26. I'm now going to read you a statement about the Berkeley Police Department.

The Berkeley Police Department currently has a wide range of responsibilities, including enforcing traffic and parking laws, investigating traffic collisions, and handling property crimes. The City of Berkeley is considering moving **some** of those responsibilities to other City departments to be handled by unarmed public employees instead of police officers.

Do you support or oppose the idea of moving **some** police responsibilities to other City departments?

1 – Strongly oppose	9
2	3
3	4
4	7
5	10
6	15
7 – Strongly support	51
(Don't Know/Refused)	1
Mean	5.58

27INT. For each of the following activities, please indicate how important you feel it is that a police officer be responsible for handling it.

	Not important at all					Very important		(Don't know/Refused)	Mean
SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
(RANDOMIZE)									
27.	Enforcing parking regulations and issuing parking tickets								
	51	18	11	7	6	3	5	0	2.25
28.	Enforcing routine moving vehicle violations and issuing traffic tickets								
	24	12	15	13	14	10	12	0	3.61
29.	Responding to and investigating traffic collisions with pedestrians, bicyclists, or other drivers								
	12	7	10	8	17	18	28	0	4.78
30.	Enforcing bicycle and pedestrian regulations and issuing tickets								
	35	20	13	11	9	3	8	0	2.81
31.	Responding to and investigating property crimes, including car theft and vandalism								
	7	4	5	10	17	19	38	0	5.36

(END RANDOMIZE)

32. The City of Berkeley is considering moving traffic enforcement responsibilities away from police officers, instead assigning these responsibilities to a specialized set of city employees who would not carry weapons or have the power to detain or arrest people. These employees would be trained and uniformed, and would conduct activities like issuing parking tickets, investigating collisions, enforcing traffic regulations, and conducting routine traffic stops.

Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

1 – Very bad idea	7
2	5
3	5
4	8
5	13
6	17
7 – Very good idea	45
(Don't Know/Refused)	0
Mean	5.46

33.	Why do you say that? (OPEN ENDED, RESPONSES CODED INTO CATEGORIES)	
	Cops Not Needed/Don't Require Being Armed/Decreases Chances Of Escalation	37
	More Serious Crime/Police Needed Elsewhere/Priority	19
	Safety Concerns/Potential To Escalate/Inherent Risk/Dangerous	9
	Should Be Law Enforcement/Necessary Authority	9
	Alternative Solutions/Different Qualifications	8
	(Addresses Issues) Use Of Force /Abuse of Power/Mental Health	7
	Deescalates Tensions With Community/Address Racial Disparity In Law Enforcement	6
	Won't Be Armed/Ineffective/Taken Serious	5
	Agree With Some Of The Responsibilities Being Removed/Still Need Police Presence In some Cases	5
	It Would Work/I Agree With/Help Where Needed	4
	Feel Less Safe/Miss Potential Criminal Arrest	3
	Already Qualified/Trained/Experienced	2
	Eliminates Deterrents/Criminals Will Take Advantage	2
	Need More Info/Details/Don't Know How It Would Work	2
	More Bureaucracy/Don't Trust Government	1
	Waste of Money/Unnecessary/Cost	1
	Other	6
	Not Sure/Don't Know/No Opinion	2
	None/Nothing	0
	Refused/N/A	5

34INT. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly disagree							Strongly agree	(Don't know/ Refused)	Mean
SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
(RANDOMIZE)										
34.	Police enforcement of traffic laws makes me feel safer as I get around Berkeley.									
	17	15	11	18	16	9	14	1	3.85	
35.	Fear of being stopped by the police impacts how I get around Berkeley.									
	54	18	7	6	6	4	4	0	2.21	
36.	I am afraid I could be treated unfairly based on my race if I were stopped by a police officer in Berkeley.									
	48	14	9	8	8	4	9	1	2.59	
37.	I am afraid I could be physically harmed if I were stopped by a police officer in Berkeley.									
	43	19	11	8	8	6	5	0	2.58	
38.	Automated traffic enforcement technology like red light or speeding cameras are better and less biased than police officers making traffic stops.									
	10	3	5	14	18	16	31	2	5.05	
39.	Having police officers making traffic stops can lead to unsafe or violent encounters for people of color, particularly Black people.									
	8	5	5	11	17	14	39	2	5.25	
40.	People of color, particularly Black people, are more likely than others to be stopped by police at traffic stops in Berkeley.									
	6	3	6	11	17	17	37	4	5.36	

(END RANDOMIZE)

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only. Your answers will remain anonymous.

41INT. Have you, anyone in your family, or both you and a member of family ever...

SCALE:	Yes, myself	Yes, someone else in my family	Yes, both myself and someone else in my family	No	(Don't know/Refused)
41.	42	5	30	22	1
42.	42	4	27	26	0
43.	37	9	28	26	0
44.	23	9	9	58	1
45.	28	8	20	42	1
46.	21	10	8	61	0
47.	24	5	14	54	3
48.	6	4	1	88	1
49.	3	1	1	93	2

50INT. Please indicate how often you currently use each of the following ways to get around Berkeley. If you're not sure, please take your best guess.

SCALE:	6 or 7 days a week	4 or 5 days a week	1 to 3 days a week	At least once a month	At least once every six months	At least once a year	Less often or never	(Don't Know/Refused)
50. Walk	48	19	24	6	0	0	3	0
51. Use a mobility device such as a walker, wheelchair, or mobility scooter	3	1	1	1	0	1	91	1
52. Ride AC Transit	2	5	13	13	10	12	45	0
53. Ride BART	1	4	17	29	18	11	21	1
54. Ride a bicycle	9	9	14	10	5	4	49	0
55. Drive a vehicle	34	22	21	5	2	1	14	0
56. Ride in a vehicle driven by someone you know, like a friend or family member	8	7	37	22	7	3	16	0
57. Ride in a Lyft, Uber, or taxi	0	1	9	23	21	14	31	0
58. Use East Bay Paratransit or the City of Berkeley's Senior or Disabled Van Service	1	1	1	1	1	0	95	1

59.	Which of the following do you have or have access to? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)	
	A Clipper card	84
	A working vehicle	81
	A working bicycle	56
	A ride hail account, like Lyft or Uber	73
	A car share account, like Gig or ZipCar	16
	A bike share account, like BayWheels or GoBike	10
60.	Do you...	
	Own or are buying the home where you live	44
	Rent or lease	46
	Live with family	7
	Have another housing arrangement	1
	Do not have stable housing	0
	(Refused)	1
61.	Are there any individuals under the age of 18 living in your household?	
	Yes	25
	No	75
	(Refused)	1
62.	What is the last grade you completed in school?	
	Some grade school	1
	Some high school	2
	Graduated high school	6
	Technical or Vocational school	1
	Some college, including a 2-year degree or a certificate	19
	Graduated college or 4-year degree (BA, Bachelor)	34
	Graduate or Professional Degree (MA, Master's, PhD, MBA, Doctorate)	36
	(Don't Know/Refused)	1
63.	What is your sexual orientation?	
	Straight or Heterosexual	77
	Gay or lesbian	4
	Bisexual	5
	Queer	4
	Questioning or unsure	1
	Another orientation (please specify: ____)	1
	(Refused)	7

64.	Do you consider yourself to be transgender?	
	Yes	2
	No	94
	(Refused)	4
65.	What was your total household income in 2020?	
	Less than \$50,000	24
	\$50,000-84,999	19
	\$85,000-149,99	19
	\$150K+	30
	(Refused)	9

THANK YOU!

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