Wave 6 Survey Toplines

Fall 2019 -- Detroit Neighborhoods

N=1,855

The Detroit Metro Area Communities Study (DMACS) is a panel survey of Detroit residents launched in 2016. The original panel of respondents was drawn from an address-based probability sample of all occupied Detroit households. In subsequent years, the panel has been refreshed through additional address-based sampling.

In this mixed-mode study, interviews were self-administered online, and interviewer-administered in person and on the telephone between August 2, 2019 and December 17, 2019. We invited 1,178 existing DMACS panelists who had already responded to at least one prior survey to complete the Wave 6 survey.[1] We also invited 6,071 people from a randomly-selected address-based refreshment sample of Detroit households, including an oversample of households in Detroit's Strategic Neighborhood Fund neighborhoods. We invited a total of 7,249 people to complete this survey and obtained a response rate of 27.5% (using AAPOR Response Rate 1). The 1,855 Detroit residents who responded to the survey are comprised of the following:

- 283 people who were initially recruited for DMACS Wave 1 in 2016
- 64 people who were initially recruited for a DMACS survey of residents in the MorningSide neighborhood (Census Tract 5019) in 2017
- 387 people who were initially recruited for DMACS Wave 3 in 2018
- 1,121 from the refreshment sample of Detroit households

We report results for these 1,855 Detroit residents.

The below results reflect weighted responses. Survey weights were constructed using the following process. First, base weights were constructed for each Wave 6 respondent to compensate for the differential probability of selection in oversampled communities. For existing panelists, the base weights reflect the calibrated weights they were given in their recently completed DMACS survey. Second, we adjusted for non-response. Finally, we calibrated the weights to ensure that the resulting weighted data are representative of the population of the City of Detroit based on auxiliary data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey (ACS). We used a raking estimator to calibrate the weights so that they would match the ACS totals on gender, age, race, education and income. The margin of sampling error for a random sample survey of this size would be +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level; the actual margin of sampling error varies by statistic due in part to the complex sample design.

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[1] The only exception is that we did not invite people who responded to the DMACS Wave 1 survey but not respond to the Wave 3, Wave 4, or Wave 5 surveys.

Sample Demographics

The below demographics summarize select characteristics of the weighted survey sample.

Gender	Male	46%
	Female	54%

Age	<35	33%
	35-54	32%
	55-64	17%
	65+	18%

Race/Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic White Alone	11%
	Non-Hispanic Black Alone	79%
	Non-Hispanic Other (including multirace)	4%
	Hispanic	7%

Highest level of school completed	High school or less	50%
	Some college/ Associates degree	33%
	College +	15%
	Skipped/Missing	2%

Household income	<$10,000	17%
	$10,000-$29,999	23%
	$30,000-$49,999	19%
	$50,000-$99,999	19%
	$100,000+	5%
	SKIPPED/MISSING	16%

Survey Results

SURVEY INTRODUCTION: Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may skip any question that you do not wish to answer. However, your participation is important because it helps researchers understand how people perceive changes in the Detroit area, and this information can be used to inform policy decisions affecting the area. When filling out this questionnaire, please remember there are no right or wrong answers, we are just interested in what you think. We take our promise of confidentiality very seriously. All of your answers will be kept strictly confidential. No personally identifying information will ever appear in any study report. If you find that you are disturbed by the content of any of the questions or if you have any questions about the study, please contact us at 734-764-4145. If you do not wish to complete this survey or any future Detroit Metro Area Communities Study surveys, please let us know by calling 734-647-1775 or sending an email to DMACS-info@umich.edu with "opt out of surveys" in the subject line. Please provide your name and address in the email or voicemail and we will not contact you about DMACS surveys in the future.

1. How long have you lived in the City of Detroit? [DetroitResLen_D6]

Less than 1 year	3%
1 to 5 years	8%
6 to 10 years	6%
11 to 20 years	10%
More than 20 years	72%
SKIPPED/MISSING	0%

2. About how long have you lived at your current address? [CurrentResLen_D6]

Less than six months	6%
Six months to 1 year	10%
1 to 5 years	32%
6 to 10 years	20%
11 to 20 years	13%
More than 20 years	18%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

Block 2: Perceptions of neighborhood

Now we have some questions about your neighborhood.

3. According to the Detroit Department of Neighborhoods, your address falls within the neighborhood of _____. How strongly do you identify with this name for your neighborhood? [NB_Identity_D6]

N = 1,811

Strongly	51%
Moderately	20%
Weakly	8%
I am not familiar with this name or I identify with a different name	20%
SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

4. Another name that is used to represent your geographic area in Detroit is (fill in SNF name). How strongly do you identify with this name for your area? [SNF_Identity_D6]

N=762

Strongly	46%
Moderately	27%
Weakly	16%
I am not familiar with this name or I identify with a different name	11%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means very bad and 5 means very good, how do you assess the reputation of your neighborhood? [NB_Reputation_D6]

Very Bad	4%
Bad	10%
Neutral	36%
Good	31%
Very Good	19%
SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

6. On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means very dissatisfied and 7 means very satisfied, how satisfied overall are you with your neighborhood as a place to live? [NB_Satis_D6]

Very Dissatisfied	5%
Mostly Dissatisfied	6%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	11%
Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	9%
Somewhat Satisfied	25%

Mostly Satisfied	25%
Very Satisfied	20%
SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

7. Thinking about the quality of life in your neighborhood, do you feel it is improving, declining, or staying the same? [NB_QoL_D6]

Improving	40%
Declining	17%
Staying the same	37%
Don't know	6%
SKIPPED/MISSING	0%

8. Do you own your home, rent it, or have some other arrangement? [Own_D6]

Own	41%
Rent	47%
Have a land contract (aka rent-to-own, lease to purchase, contract for deed)	2%
Some other arrangement	9%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

The next questions ask about neighborhood changes in the last five years.

9. In the last five years I have noticed... [NBChanges_Population_D6]

More people moving into my neighborhood	46%
More people moving out of my neighborhood	19%
No change in people moving in or out of my neighborhood	24%
Don't know	11%
SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

10. In the last five years I have noticed…
[NBChanges_Business_D6]

More businesses opening in my neighborhood	39%
More businesses closing in my neighborhood	15%
No change in businesses opening or closing in my neighborhood	33%
Don't know	12%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

11. In the last five years I have noticed…
[NBChanges_PropertyValue_D6]
N=895

My property's value (if home owner) has risen	39%
My property's value has gone down	21%
My property's value hasn't changed	17%
Don't know	22%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

12. In the last five years I have noticed…
[NBChanges_RentCost_D6]
N=730

My rent cost (if renter)] has risen	40%
My rent cost has gone down	4%
My rent cost hasn't changed	41%
Don't know	16%
SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

13. In the last five years I have noticed…
[NBChanges_Safety_D6]

My neighborhood is safer	30%
My neighborhood is less safe	16%
Safety in my neighborhood hasn't changed	41%
Don't know	12%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

14. In the last five years I have noticed…
[NBChanges_Attractiveness_D6]

My neighborhood is more attractive	39%
My neighborhood is less attractive	20%
My neighborhood's attractiveness hasn't changed	31%
Don't know	10%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

15. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your neighborhood

(RANDOMIZE ORDER)	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	SKIPPED/ MISSING
a. If my neighborhood had a problem, such as safety, street repairs, or abandoned buildings, I would know whom to contact to get the problem solved. [NB_CityContact_D6]	22%	13%	10%	19%	28%	7%	1%
b. People like me have a say in changes that affect my neighborhood [NB_Voice_D6]	19%	12%	15%	25%	20%	7%	2%
c. The City government is working to improve conditions in my neighborhood [NB_CityInvolvement_D6]	17%	11%	13%	30%	20%	7%	2%
d. I feel informed about what is happening in my neighborhood [NB_Awareness_D6]	18%	13%	13%	27%	22%	4%	2%
e. I am worried that it is becoming too expensive for me to live in my neighborhood [NB_PriceConcern_D6]	25%	20%	20%	15%	14%	5%	1%

16. As far as you know, has there been any sort of get-together for your neighborhood during the past year such as a festival, celebration, block party, or picnic?
[NB_Party_D6]

Yes	41%
No	42%
Don't know	14%
SKIPPED/Missing	4%

17. Where do you go for information about things that are going on in your neighborhood? Select all that apply.

Family and neighbors [NB_Info_Neighbors_D6]	46%
Social media or email groups [NB_Info_SocialMedia_D6]	34%
Newspapers (including online newspapers) [NB_Info_Newspapers_D6]	19%
Other websites [NB_Info_OtherWebsites_D6]	14%
Radio or television news [NB_Info_RadioTV_D6]	29%
I do not receive information about my neighborhood [NB_Info_None_D6]	2%
Other (explain) [NB_Info_Other_D6]	15%
SKIPPED/MISSING	20%

Block 3: Assessment of Services and Priorities for Change

18. Please indicate how satisfied you are with each of the following aspects of life in your neighborhood

(RANDOMIZE ORDER?)	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very Satisfied	Don't know	SKIPPED /MISSING
a. The availability of affordable housing [NBSatis_House_Price_D6]	19%	14%	18%	23%	12%	12%	2%

b. The availability of public transportation [NBSatis_Transit_D6]	9%	9%	15%	31%	26%	10%	1%
c. Places to buy healthy food [NBSatis_Food_D6]	26%	14%	10%	25%	19%	2%	2%
d. The condition of streets, sidewalks, and lighting [NBSatis_Infrastructure_D6]	22%	18%	10%	30%	16%	2%	1%
e. The amount of crime [NBSatis_Crime_D6]	30%	21%	14%	17%	10%	6%	2%
f. The way vacant lots are used and maintained [NBSatis_Lots_D6]	26%	18%	14%	23%	12%	6%	2%
g. The quality of public schools [NBSatis_Schools_D6]	24%	14%	14%	20%	11%	16%	2%
h. The condition of most houses [NBSatis_House_Qual_D6]	19%	19%	13%	30%	14%	3%	2%
i. Availability of parks and playgrounds [NBSatis_Parks_D6]	16%	13%	11%	29%	27%	3%	2%
j. Public facilities such as libraries, recreation and community centers [NBSatis_Facility_D6]	20%	13%	13%	29%	18%	6%	1%
k. The availability of stores nearby where I can shop regularly [NBSatis_Stores_D6]	17%	14%	10%	26%	31%	1%	2%

19. Please select your top three priorities for changes you would like to see happen to your neighborhood from the following options (select three from the following list)

Creating more affordable housing [Priority_House_Price_D6]	37%
Improving public transportation [Priority_Transit_D6]	15%
Making it easier to buy healthy food [Priority_Food_D6]	23%
Improving the condition of streets, sidewalks, and lighting [Priority_Infrastructure_D6]	35%
Reducing crime [Priority_Crime_D6]	48%
Making better use of vacant lots [Priority_Lots_D6]	14%
Improving public schools [Priority_Schools_D6]	30%
Fixing up or tearing down houses that are in poor condition [Priority_House_Qual_D6]	42%
Improving parks and playgrounds [Priority_Parks_D6]	13%
Investing in public facilities such as libraries, recreation and community centers [Priority_Facilities_D6]	19%
Attracting more stores to the neighborhood [Priority_Stores_D6]	18%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

Block 4: Parks, Walking, and Safety

20. During the last year, how often have you visited any parks or playgrounds in and around your neighborhood? [Parks_Freq_D6]

Daily or almost daily	8%
1-3 times a week	20%
1-3 times a month	22%
Less than once a month	17%
Never or almost never	32%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

21. Overall, how would you rate the safety of those parks or playgrounds? [Parks_Safety_D6]

Not safe	13%
Somewhat safe	43%
Very safe	24%
Don't know	21%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

22. When weather permits, how often do you usually walk in your neighborhood, either to go somewhere or for exercise or relaxation? [Walk_Freq_D6]

Daily or almost daily	24%
1-3 times a week	26%
1-3 times a month	15%
Less than once a month	12%
Never or almost never	22%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

23. When you do walk in your neighborhood, how safe do you feel? [Walk_Safety_D6]

Not safe	14%
Somewhat safe	50%
Very safe	29%
Don't know	6%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

24. How safe do you feel at home at night? [NB_Safety_D6]

Not safe	7%
Somewhat safe	42%
Very safe	49%
Don't know	1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

25. Now we have some questions about crimes you may have experienced in or around your neighborhood during the last 12 months.

	Yes	No	Don't Know	SKIPPED/ MISSING
a. In the past 12 months, have you or a member of your household had a motor vehicle (like a car, van, truck, motorcycle, or motor scooter) stolen? [Crime_AutoTheft_D6]	11%	84%	4%	1%
b. In the past 12 months, have any of the motor vehicles belonging to your household been deliberately damaged or broken into (in your neighborhood)? [Crime_AutoBreakIn_D6]	19%	76%	5%	1%
c. In the past 12 months, did anyone get into your house/apartment without permission and steal or try to steal something? [Crime_HouseBreakIn_D6]	8%	87%	4%	1%
d. In the past 12 months, did anyone vandalize or intentionally damage your home or a structure on your property? [Crime_HouseVandalism_D6]	10%	86%	4%	1%
e. In the past 12 months, has anyone taken something that was kept outside your home or happened to be left out, such as a bicycle, clothing, tools, or toys? [Crime_Theft_D6]	22%	73%	5%	1%
f. In the past 12 months, have you been personally attacked or threatened by someone in a way that really frightened you? [Crime_Attack_D6]	8%	89%	3%	1%
g. In the past 12 months, have you heard gunshots in your neighborhood? [Crime_Gunshots_D6]	69%	26%	4%	1%
h. In the past 12 months, have you seen drug dealing in your neighborhood?[Crime_Drugs_D6]	36%	56%	8%	1%

Block 5: Residential Mobility

Now we have some questions about where you expect to be living in the future.

26. How likely are you to remain in the City of Detroit for the next five years? [DetroitAttachment_D6]

Very unlikely	14%
Somewhat unlikely	10%
Neutral	13%
Somewhat likely	14%
Very likely	43%
Don't know	6%
SKIPPED/MISSING	0%

27. If you were to move from the place where you live now, where would you be most likely to move? [Relocation_D6]

Another location within the City of Detroit	27%
Another place in the Metro Detroit area (outside of the City of Detroit)	21%
Outside of the Metro Detroit area	30%
Don't know	22%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

28. Consider the following list of reasons that people often consider moving. Which of these are reasons that you would consider moving from where you live now? (Please select all that apply) (RANDOMIZE)

Job or business opportunities [ReasonsToMove_Jobs_D6]	41%
Cost of living [ReasonsToMove_Cost_D6]	42%
Family ties [ReasonsToMove_Family_D6]	28%
Schools or educational opportunities [ReasonsToMove_Edu_D6]	30%
Climate [ReasonsToMove_Climate_D6]	21%
Crime/safety [ReasonsToMove_Safety_D6]	57%
Recreational and outdoor activities [ReasonsToMove_Recreation_D6]	25%

Cultural activities [ReasonsToMove_Cultural_D6]	14%	
Medical or health reasons [ReasonsToMove_Health_D6]	21%	
Retirement [ReasonsToMove_Retirement_D6]	19%	
Transportation issues [ReasonsToMove_Transit_D6]	14%	
Other_____ [ReasonsToMove_Other_D6]	10%	
None of these reasons	2%	
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%	

29. In the past 12 months have you done any of the following? Please select "Yes" or "No" for each item

	Yes	No	SKIPPED/ MISSING
a. Contacted a government official to express your opinion on a political issue [Activism_GovtContact_D6]	15%	60%	26%
b. Taken part in a protest, march, or demonstration about a social or political issue [Activism_Protest_D6]	10%	65%	26%
c. Talked with others in your community or neighborhood about dealing with a community issue or problem [Activism_IssueConvo_D6]	43%	32%	26%
d. Talked with others in your community or neighborhood about a political issue or candidate [Activism_PoliticConvo_D6]	35%	39%	26%
e. Shared information about a political issue or candidate via social media [Activism_SocialMedia_D6]	23%	51%	26%
f. Worked on a community project [Activism_CommProject_D6]	24%	50%	26%
g. Volunteered for a community organization, church, or school [Activism_ServiceVolunt_D6]	40%	35%	26%
h. Contributed money to a charitable organization or cause [Activism_ServiceDonate_D6]	45%	30%	26%
i. Volunteered for or contributed money to a political campaign [Activism_PoliticsVolunt_D6]	9%	65%	26%
j. Contributed money to a political campaign or candidate [Activism_PoliticsDonate_D6]	15%	60%	26%

Block 7: Demographics

Finally, we have some questions about you and your background.

30. Please enter the month/year of your birth: OPEN ENDED

		0	1	2	3	4+	Skipped
31. Including yourself, how many adults in each category live in your household?	18 to 64 years old [HHCAT_18to64_D6]	14%	33%	28%	14%	6%	4%
	65 years or older [HHCAT_65plus_D6]	69%	20%	6%	<1%	<1%	4%

		0	1	2	3	4+	Skipped
32. How many children in each age group live in your household?	Infants under 1 year old [HHCAT_0to1_D6]	89%	6%	1%	<1%	<1%	4%
	Age 1 to 8 years old [HHCAT_1to8_D6]	73%	13%	8%	1%	1%	4%
	Age 9 to 17 years old [HHCAT_9to17_D6]	71%	14%	6%	4%	1%	4%

33. What best describes your current gender identity? [Gender_D6]

Male	45%
Female	53%
Gender non-conforming/ non-binary	<1%
Other [Text]	<1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	<1%

34. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married, or living with a partner? Select one, please. [marit_D6]

Married	21%
Widowed	7%
Divorced	12%
Separated	4%
Never Married	42%
Living with Partner	12%
SKIPPED/MISSING	3%

35. Were you born in the United States (or a U.S. territory)? [US_born_D6]

Yes	92%
No	7%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

36. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban? [Hisp_D6]

Yes	7%
No	91%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

37. Are you of Arab, Persian, or Middle Eastern descent? [MEastern_D6]

Yes	3%
No	93%
SKIPPED/MISSING	4%

38. Which of the following best describes your race? (Select all that apply)

White [Race_White_D6]	13%
Black or African-American [Race_Black_D6]	77%
Asian or Asian-American [Race_Asian_D6]	4%

American Indian or Alaska Native [Race_NativeA_D6]	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander [Race_PacIsl_D6]	<1%
Other (SPECIFY_____) [Race_Other_D6]	5%
SKIPPED/MISSING	4%

39. What is the highest level of school you have completed? Select one, please. [educ_D6]

No formal education	3%
Some education but did not graduate from high school or receive a GED	16%
High school diploma or GED	32%
Some college, no degree	25%
Associate's degree	8%
Bachelor's degree	9%
Master's degree	5%
Professional or doctorate degree	2%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

40. If you were to sell your house today, how much do you think it would it be worth? [Home_Value_D6]
    N=895

$0	<1
$1 - $9,999	4%
$10,000 - $19,999	5%
$20,000 - $29,999	9%
$30,000 - $39,999	9%
$40,000 - $49,999	9%
$50,000 - $59,999	7%
$60,000 - $74,999	7%
$75,000 - $99,999	6%

$100,000 - $124,999	6%
$125,000 - $149,999	4%
$150,000 - $199,999	5%
$200,000 - $249,000	2%
$250,000 - $499,999	4%
$500,000 or more	1%
Don't know	19%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

41. Which statement best describes your current employment status? Select all that apply, please

Employed full-time [employ_FullTime_D6]	37%
Employed part-time [employ_PartTime_D6]	14%
Retired [employ_Retired_D6]	19%
Not employed for pay [employ_Unemployed_D6]	6%
Disabled (unable to work) [employ_Disabled_D6]	15%
Student [employ_Student_D6]	6%
Other [employ_Other_D6]	7%
SKIPPED/MISSING	2%

[IF EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, PART-TIME OR OTHER]]

42. Do you consider yourself to be self-employed? [SelfEmploy_D6]
    N=1,006

Yes	22%
No	75%
Don't Know	3%
SKIPPED/MISSING	0%

43. Do you have access to a computer at home? [Home_Computer_D6]

Yes	65%
No	33%
Don't Know	1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

44. Do you have consistent access to the internet at home? [Home_Internet_D6]

Yes	80%
No	18%
Don't Know	1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	1%

[IF NO COMPUTER OR INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME]

45. Can you access a computer and the internet within a 5 minute walk of your house? [Nearby_Computer_D6]
N=290

Yes	26%
No	60%
Don't Know	10%
SKIPPED/MISSING	4%

The next question is about the total income of your household for the past 12 months. Please include your income plus the income of all members living in your household (including cohabitating partners and armed forces members living at home). Please count income before taxes and from all sources (such as wages, salaries, tips, net income from a business, interest, dividends, child support, alimony, and social security, public assistance, pensions, or retirement benefits).

46. We would like to get a better estimate of your total HOUSEHOLD income in the past 12 months before taxes. Was it... [INC_D6]

Less than $5,000	10%
$5,001 to $7,499	4%
$7,500 to $9,999	4%
$10,000 to $12,499	6%
$12,500 to $14,999	4%

$15,000 to $19,999	5%
$20,000 to $24,999	6%
$25,000 to $29,999	4%
$30,000 to $34,999	7%
$35,000 to $39,999	7%
$40,000 to $49,999	6%
$50,000 to $59,999	8%
$60,000 to $74,999	6%
$75,000 to $84,999	2%
$85,000 to $94,999	1%
$95,000 to $99,999	2%
$100,000 to $124,999	2%
$125,000 to $149,999	2%
$150,000 to $174,999	1%
SKIPPED/MISSING	16%