

NOTABLE RESULTS: MIMACS - Flint Wave 3

January 15 - March 18, 2024

704 Respondents

Residency

- 70% of Flint adults have lived in Flint for more than 20 years [fl_res_len], though only 24% have been in the same residence for more than 20 years [fl_current_res_len_f3].
- 39% of Flint households rent their current residence [housing_f3].

Healthcare

- Most Flint residents are covered by insurance (92%) [insurance_type_f3] and have a place where they regularly go for medical care (82%) [med_care_place_f3]. However, sizable numbers say they have experienced problems getting an appointment soon enough (24%) [healthcare_prob_scheappt_f3], don't trust the healthcare system (24%) [healthcare_prob_trust_f3], and have concerns about their out-of-pocket costs (25%) [healthcare_prob_cost_f3]. And nearly a third (32%) say they had to wait to get medical care during the past 12 months because of the costs [med_care_delay_cost_f3].

COVID-19

- The majority (51%) of Flint residents report that they had COVID-19 at least once, with another 7% reporting they are not sure [c3_covid_had_f3].
- Of those that have had COVID at least once, 28% say they experienced COVID symptoms for longer than a month [c3_covlong_f3].
 - The most commonly reported long COVID symptoms are:
 - Tiredness or fatigue (79%) [c3_covlong_tired_f3]
 - Joint or muscle pain (60%) [c3_covlong_joint_f3]
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath (56%) [c3_covlong_breath_f3]
 - Difficulty concentrating, forgetfulness, or memory problems (53%) [c3_covlong_fog_f3]
 - Changes to taste/smell (53%) [c3_covlong_smell_f3]

Mental Health

- Large percentages of Flint residents report feeling nervous/anxious/on edge (52%) [mh_anxiety_f3], being unable to stop worrying (41%) [mh_worry_f3], or feeling depressed (42%) [mh_depress_f3] for at least one day in the past week.
- Many Flint residents also report lacking companionship (55%) [mh_companionship_f3], feeling left out (49%) [mh_leftout_f3], or feeling isolated from others (47%) [mh_isolated_f3] at least some of the time.

Neighborhood Satisfaction

- When asked about their satisfaction with various aspects of their neighborhoods, Flint residents are most satisfied with their access to public facilities (53%) [nb_satis_facilities_f3], public transit (52%) [nb_satis_transit_f3], and nearby stores (50%) [nb_satis_stores_f3]. They are least satisfied with the availability of affordable housing (17%) [nb_satis_houseprice_f3] and crime (19%) [nb_satis_crime_f3].
- Just over half (52%) report being at least somewhat satisfied overall with their neighborhood as a place to live [nb_satis_f3].

Transportation

- More than one third (37%) of Flint residents experience some level of transportation insecurity—a measure that captures if residents are unable to move from place to place in a safe or timely manner due to an absence of resources necessary for transportation.
 - 18% experience low transportation insecurity.
 - 19% report high transportation insecurity.
 - 63% of Flint residents are transportation secure.
- Flint residents are highly dependent on cars to get around. 72% drive their own personal vehicle at least a few times per week [transport_mode_owncar_f3]. Only 8% take the bus regularly [transport_mode_bus_f3] or use paratransit (3%) [transport_mode_para_f3] or a taxi service or rideshare (3%) [transport_mode_taxi_f3].
- 23% of adults in Flint don't have a valid driver's license [license_f3].
- 15% don't have insurance for the vehicle they use most of the time [vehicle_usual_insur_f3].

Financial Precarity

- 28% of Flint households report having unmanageable levels of debt [fin_debtexp_f3].
- 45% could not pay a \$400 emergency expense, while another 14% say they don't know if they could [expense_400_f3].
- Half had to cut the size of meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food [cut_meal_cost_f3].
- 27% made at least one late rent or mortgage payment in the last year [freq_late_housing_f3].

Immigration

- Roughly equal numbers of Flint residents think it should be easier (28%) or harder (30%) for foreigners to immigrate to the US. 22% are unsure. [immig_ease_f3]
- More Flint residents feel immigrants are more of a cost (30%) rather than a benefit (21%) to American society [immig_benefit_f3].

Trust in Government

- Flint residents remain distrustful of government. Substantial numbers never trust the federal (22%) [fedgov_decision_f3], local (24%) [localgov_decision_f3] or state (17%) [stategov_decision_f3] government to make decisions that are good for them.