

## 2003 ACTION Telephone Questionnaire

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### Introduction

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am calling on behalf of San Luis Obispo County, the United Way, the YMCA and several other local organizations. We are conducting a survey of the quality of life in San Luis Obispo County. Your opinions are crucial to help develop plans for our community during the next five years. You will not be asked to buy anything or make a donation of any kind. May I please ask the first question?

(If they ask for names of other sponsoring organizations, say: San Luis Obispo Community Health Foundation, and Economic Opportunity Commission.)

1.(Do not ask) Respondent is:

Male

Female

2. What city or town do you live in or live closest to?

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
|                        | (17) Los Osos        |
| (02) Arroyo Grande     | (18) Morro Bay       |
| (03) Atascadero        | (19) Nipomo          |
| (04) Avila Beach       | (20) Oceano          |
| (05) Baywood           | (21) Paso Robles     |
| (06) California Valley | (22) Pismo Beach     |
| (07) Cambria           | (23) Pozo            |
| (08) Camp Roberts      | (24) San Luis Obispo |
| (09) Cayucos           | (25) San Miguel      |
| (10) Cholame           | (26) Santa Margarita |
| (11) Creston           | (27) San Simeon      |
| (13) Grover Beach      | (28) Shandon         |
| (14) Halcyon           | (29) Shell Beach     |
| (15) Harmony           | (30) Templeton       |

[If response is 02, 03, 13, 18, 21, 22, 24 or 29, ask Q3 and Skip Q5

If response is 04, 07, 09, 17, 19, 20, 26, or 30 skip to 4

If response is 05, 06, 08, 10, 11, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 28, skip to 5]

3. Do you live within the city limits of \_\_\_\_\_(insert previous answer)?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

4 Do you live within the service district boundary of . . . (insert previous answer)?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

5. How concerned are you about the following issues in your community? For each one, please answer "Very Concerned," "Somewhat Concerned" or "Not at All" concerned. **[Rotate order]**

Traffic congestion	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Family violence	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Child abuse	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Senior abuse	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Racism	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Crime	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Homelessness	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Employment opportunities	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Gangs or teen violence	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Housing costs	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Building in open space	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Loss of wildlife habitat	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Water quality	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Air pollution	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Local public schools	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Access to cultural opportunities	Very	Somewhat	Not at all

6. How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?

Very safe

Somewhat safe

Not at all safe

Refused **(Don't Prompt)**

Don't Know **(Don't Prompt)**

7a. Have you felt discriminated against in San Luis Obispo County in the last twelve months?

Yes        **[If YES, Ask question 7b]**

No         **[If NO, Skip to question 8]**

7b. For what reason? (Do not read list. Enter up to two responses)

Ethnicity / race

Gender

Age

Language

Sexual orientation

Income

Disability

Other (**please specify**) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

# people \_\_\_\_\_

IF ONE, SKIP TO Q23

IF TWO OR MORE, ASK:

10. How many of these people are **not** related to you? (related includes blood relatives and relatives by marriage)

# not related \_\_\_\_\_

11a. Do you have children living with you under the age of 18?

Yes

No **[If NO, Skip to Q23]**

11b. What are the ages of your children living at home? **(enter all that apply)**

Under 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 and over

12. Is this a single parent household?

Yes

No

**(If youngest child is age 5 or under, Skip to question 13; if youngest child is ages 6-14, skip to question 15; if youngest child is 15 or older, skip to question 17)**

13. In the past year, have you taken part in any parent or family education programs or classes?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

14. In a typical week, how many times do you or other adults in your household read to your child or children? **(Read categories)**

None

1-2

3-5

6-10

More than 10

Refused

Don't Know

15. Now, thinking about your childcare needs, is there a kind of childcare you need for your children but cannot get? **(read list and check all that apply)**

Yes **[If Yes, Prompt with list below]**

No **[if No, Skip to question 17]**

Refused

Don't Know

0 –2 years    3 – 5 years    6-14 years

Part time ( 0-6hrs/day)    Part time ( 0-6hrs/day)    Part time ( 0-6hrs/day)

Full time (6-8hrs/day)    Full time (6-8hrs/day)    Full time (6-8hrs/day)

Non traditional hours (weekends, holidays, evenings)

Non traditional hours (weekends, holidays, evenings)

Non traditional hours (weekends, holidays, evenings)

Child care for a child who is sick

Child care for a child who is sick

Child care for a child who is sick

16. Where is childcare needed? **(check all that apply)**

Near home

At or near school

Near work

17. Do you have children in local schools?

Yes **[If yes, Continue with Q18]**

No **[If no, Skip to Q23]**

18. Are they in: **(Check all that apply)**

Elementary School

Middle School / Junior High

High School

19. How often do you participate in activities in your **(enter previous response(s))** child's educational and extra curricular activities?

Elementary (K-5)

Junior High/Middle School(6-8)

High School(9-12)

Often

Often

Often

Sometimes

Sometimes

Sometimes

Never

Never

Never

20. How serious would you say the alcohol and drug abuse problem is at your **(enter previous response(s))** child's school?

<u>Elementary(K-5)</u>	<u>Junior High/Middle School (6-8)</u>	<u>High School(9-12)</u>
Very serious	Very serious	Very serious
Somewhat serious	Somewhat serious	Somewhat serious
Not at all serious	Not at all serious	Not at all serious
Don't know	Don't know	Don't know

21. Does your child or children have enough activities after school and on weekends, including recreational and cultural activities?

<u>Elementary(K-5)</u>	<u>Junior High/Middle School(6-8)</u>	<u>High School (9-12)</u>
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	No
Don't know	Don't know	Don't know

22. Does the fact that your child's school has visual or performing or literary arts programs make your child more interested in school?

- Yes
- No
- School not have such programs

23. Do you, or does anyone in your household, have a permanent physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, such as bathing, dressing, stair climbing, shopping, or managing one's money?

- Yes
- No [Skip to Q25a]
- Refused
- Don't Know

IF YES, ASK:

24. Who helps that person perform these activities? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- Relative/family member
- Neighbor/friend/church member
- Someone from a government agency
- Someone from a private or non-profit organization
- Other (write in) \_\_\_\_\_

25a. Are you, or is anyone else in your household, the care giver to a disabled child, disabled adult or older person?

Yes **[If YES, ask Q25a]**

No

Refused

Don't Know

25b. Would that include a... **(Read list and enter all that apply)**

Disabled child

Disabled adult

Older person

26. Do you feel you are better off this year than last year economically?

Yes

No

About the same

27a. Is one third or more of your income used to pay for housing, including utilities, such as gas and electricity?

Yes **[If Yes, Ask Q27b]**

No **[If No, Skip to Q28]**

Refused

Don't Know

27b. Is half or more of your income used to pay for housing, including utilities, such as gas and electricity?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

28. In any given month, do you have to go without basic needs such as food, clothing, childcare, housing or health care?

Yes **If Yes, Continue with Q29**

No **[If No, skip to Q31 ?]**

29 If yes, what do you go without? **(check all that apply)**

Food \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare \_\_\_\_\_

Health Care \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

Housing \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

FOR EACH ONE GO WITHOUT (Q29), ASK:

30. Why do you go without . . . (INSERT ITEM WENT WITHOUT)? (Accept multiple answers.

Code answers into list or write in)

No money to pay for it

No know where to get it

No transportation available to get to it/no way to get there

Unable to travel to get it/home bound

Usual source/place I get it not available

Other (write in) \_\_\_\_\_

31. Have you or a member of your household needed health care in the past year and been unable to receive it because you could not afford it?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

32. Have you ever felt the need to talk to a mental health professional but have not had the money or insurance to do so?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

33a. Do you have health insurance?

Yes **[Skip to Q34 ]**

No **[ASK Q33b THEN SKIP TO Q36]**



[IF NO, ASK:]

33b. Why not? (Accept multiple answers. Code answers into list or write in)

- Too expensive/can't afford it
- Employer does not offer health insurance
- Covered by MediCal/Medicare/VA
- Other (write in) \_\_\_\_\_

34. Does that include insurance through: **(Read list, and enter all that apply)**

- Your employer or spouse's employer
- State or Federal program (such as MediCal or Medicare)
- Private insurance you purchased on your own
- (DNR) Refused
- (DNR) Don't Know

35 Does it cover: **(Read each one and enter all that apply)**

Outpatient surgery	Yes	No	Don't know
Dental care	Yes	No	Don't know
Mental health benefits	Yes	No	Don't know
Regular physical exams	Yes	No	Don't know
Substance abuse treatment	Yes	No	Don't know
Prescriptions	Yes	No	Don't know
Hospitalization	Yes	No	Don't know
Dependent spouse/children	Yes	No	Don't know

36. Do you have a regular source of primary health care?

- Yes
- No
- Refused
- Don't Know

37. How satisfied are you with your medical care? **(Read list)**

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

38. How long has it been since you last visited a doctor for a routine check up? **(read list)**

Within the past year

1-2 years

3-5 years

More than 5 years ago

Never

[If youngest child is age 14 or younger, ask Q39 and Q40; otherwise, skip to Q41]

39. How long has it been since any of your children visited a doctor for a routine check up?  
**(read list)**

Within past 6 months (since October 2002)

From 6 months to 1 year ago

More than 1 year ago

40. Have you ever heard of the Healthy Families Program? (If asked, say "The Healthy Families Program provides low-cost health insurance for children who do not already have insurance, and whose parents have limited income.")

Yes

No

Don't Know

41. Do you have a regular source of dental care?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

42. How long has it been since you last visited a dentist for a routine check up? **(read list)**

Within the past year

1-2 years

3-5 years

More than 5 years ago

Never

Don't Know

[If youngest child is age 14 or younger, ask Q43-44; otherwise, skip to Q45]

43. How long has it been since any of your children visited a dentist for a routine check up?

**(read list)**

Within the past year

1-2 years

3-5 years

More than 5 years ago

Never

Don't Know

44. (Has your child / Have any of your children) ever had their teeth sealed by a dentist?

**(If necessary, say: "That is when a dentist applies sealant material to permanent teeth of children between the ages of 7 and 12 to help protect against cavities")**

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

45. In the past year, have you received any information, education, or training on how to take care of your child(ren)'s teeth and gums, from a dentist, health class, or school?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

46. How many days a week do you spend 30 minutes or more doing some kind of physical activity such as brisk walking, going to the gym, cleaning house or gardening?

None

1-2 days

3-4 days

5 or more days

47. Do you smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?

Everyday

Some days

Not at all **[if Not at all, Skip to 49]**

Refused **[if Refused, Skip to 49]**

48. In the past 12 months, have you:

- a. Quit smoking for 1 day or longer?      Yes    No    Refused
- b. Attended any class or participated in any program to help you stop smoking?  
Yes      No    Refused

49. In the past 30 days has anyone, including yourself, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?

- Yes
- No **[if No, Skip to 51]**
- Refused **[if Refused, Skip to 51]**
- Don't Know **[if Don't Know, Skip to 51]**

50. Have there been any non-smokers present in your home while someone was smoking?

- Yes
- No
- Refused
- Don't Know

51. Do you currently use any smokeless tobacco products, such as chewing tobacco or snuff?

- Yes
- No
- Refused
- Don't Know

52. Do you currently smoke cigars or a pipe?

- Yes
- No
- Refused
- Don't Know

53. How many servings of alcohol do you generally drink in a week?

- None
- 1-2
- 3-5
- 6 or more

54. In general, would you say your physical health is . . . (REAL LIST):

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

55. Would you say, in general, your mental health, which includes stress, depression and problems with emotions, is . . . (READ LIST):

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

56. In the past year, has anyone you feel very close to either been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, or died?

- Yes
- No [Skip to Q58]

IF YES, ASK:

57. Was that person diagnosed with a life-threatening illness or did he or she die?

- Died
- Diagnosed
- Both

58. Are you aware of any organization or program in SLO County that provides support for the terminally ill, or for the caregivers and loved ones of the terminally ill?

- Yes
- No

59. Have you, yourself, completed an Advance Directive, which might be called a Living Will, a Health Care Proxy, or a Durable Power of Attorney?

- Yes
- No

{next 4 questions may be reworded to match Independent Sector questions}

60. Have you or any member of your household donated money to any charity, religious, or non-profit organization in the past year?

Yes

No [Skip to Q62]

IF YES, ASK:

61. How much money did you and other household members donate to such organizations in past year?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

62. Do you do any regular, formal volunteering for a charity, religious or non-profit organization?

Yes

No [Skip to Q64]

IF YES, ASK:

63. In a typical month, how many hours do you spend doing volunteer work for this or these organizations?

# hours \_\_\_\_\_

64. Do you regularly donate blood?

Yes

No

Refused

Don't Know

65. In planning for a disaster, has your household . . . (READ STATEMENTS)?

Stored three-days worth of emergency supplies?

Yes      No

Talked about where you meet and how you would communicate with each other?

Yes      No

66. These next questions are about safety and firearms. All of your answers will be kept confidential. Do you have any firearms kept in or around your home? Include those kept in a garage, outdoor storage area, car, truck, or other motor vehicles.

Yes

No [if No, Skip to question 69]

Refused [if Refused, Skip to question 69]

Don't Know [if Don't Know, Skip to question 69]

67. Are any of the firearms in or around your home handguns, such as pistols or revolvers?

Yes

No [if No, Skip to question 69]

Refused [if Refused, Skip to question 69]

Don't Know [if Don't Know, Skip to question 69]

68. How many of the firearms are currently stored under lock and key? **(Read List)**

All of them

Some of them

None of them

69. How many times have you visited any public library in the past three months? **(Read list)**

None

1-2

3-5

6-10

11-25

26-50

50 or more

70. Do you go to local performing, visual, or literary art events or shows?

Yes => SKIP TO Q72

No

IF NO, ASK:

71. Why not? (CODE ANSWERS IN FOLLOWING LIST, OR WRITE IN)

No way to get to them

Not offered when I can go/at wrong times

Too far away/too far to travel

Don't hear/know about them

Don't know how to get tickets/make reservations

Too expensive/prices too high

Too busy/no time available

No interest/don't like what available

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

72. Do you donate your time or money to local performing, visual or literary arts organizations or events?

Yes [ SKIP TO Q74]

No

IF NO, ASK:

73. Why not? (CODE ANSWERS IN FOLLOWING LIST, OR WRITE IN)

No way to get to them

Don't hear about them/don't know who they are

Too far away/too far to travel

They never asked

No money available to donate

Too busy/no time available

No interest/don't like organizations

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

74. In the past three months, how many times have you visited any outdoor recreation facility in SLO County such as a park, trail, or beach? (**Read list**)

None

1-2

3-5

6-10

11-25

26-50

more than 50

75. How would you rate SLO county in the following areas:

Excellent    Very Good    Good    Fair    Poor    DK

Parks & recreation opportunities

Public transportation services

Library services

County government, including major units such as the sheriff, social services, County planning & building, Elections office, health department, assessor, tax collector, roads, and the County Board of Supervisors



76. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

“The county should spend more money to: ...”

Strongly					Strongly	
Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Disagree	DK	

Buy and preserve open spaces

Construct public recreation facilities

Expand library services, including extending the hours they are open

77. Did you vote in the November 2002 election? ]

Yes

No

78. In general, where do you get most of your information about **local** community issues and news? (CODE ANSWERS IN FOLLOWING LIST, OR WRITE IN. ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

TV/cable news programs/KSBY/Charter

Newspapers/Tribune

Family/friends/talking to other people

Internet/e-mail

Meetings

Newsletters

Radio

Magazines

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Demographics

79. Finally, we have a few questions just for confidential classification purposes. How long have you lived in San Luis Obispo County? (**Read choices and select one**)

less than 1 year

1 to 4 years

5 to 10 years

11 to 20 years

21 years or more

60 to 64 years

65 to 69 years

Don't Know

80. Which of the following age groups are you in? **(Read list and check one response)**

- 18 to 24 years
- 25 to 34 years
- 35 to 44 years
- 45 to 54 years
- 55 to 59 years
- 60 to 64 years
- 65 to 69 years
- 70 to 79 years
- 80 years and over
- Refused

**[IF 55 or older, ASK]**

81. Please tell me if each of the following items is a "Major Problem," a "Minor Problem," or "Not a Problem" for you personally:

- |                                    |       |       |               |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Housing                            | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| Transportation                     | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| Loneliness                         | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| Not Having Enough Money            | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| Taking Care of Yourself Physically | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| Getting Prescription Drugs         | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| Dental Care                        | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| Eating Nutritious Food             | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |
| In-home Care                       | Major | Minor | Not a Problem |

82. Which of the following best describes your ethnic group?

- Caucasian
- Latino
- Native American
- African American
- Asian
- Multi-racial
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Refused

83. How many wage earners, age 18 and over, live in your household?

- one
- two
- three
- four
- five
- over 5
- Refused

84. Which income range best describes your household income? **(Read list )**

- Less than \$15,000 per year
- \$15,000 - \$25,000 per year
- \$25,000 - \$35,000 per year
- \$35,000 - \$45,000 per year
- \$45,000 - \$65,000 per year
- \$65,000 - \$80,000 per year
- \$80,000 - \$100,00 per year
- \$100,00- \$125,000 per year
- \$125,000- \$150,000 per year
- Over \$150,000 per year
- Refused

85a. Excluding Social Security retirement checks, are you, or is anyone in your household, now receiving regular payments or benefits from any government program? This would include programs such as Medicare, food stamps, and rent subsidies as well as others.

- Yes **[If Yes, Continue with Q85b]**
- No [Skip to Q86]
- Refused
- Don't Know

85b. What program or programs would that be? **(Select all that apply)**

- Medicare
- Medical
- CalWORKS, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food stamps
- Social Security retirement payments
- Social Security survivors payments (payments to family members when a worker dies)
- Social Security disability payments (for adult or child with a disability)
- General Assistance
- Section 8 Housing, rent assistance
- Women Infants and Children (WIC)
- Other (write in) \_\_\_\_\_

86. What is your highest level of education? **(Read list and check one response)**

No formal education

Elementary School

Junior High School

High School

Vocational/Trade School

Community College / Junior College

Four-year College

Graduate School

87. Do you own or rent your primary residence?

Own

Rent

88. What is your employment status? **(Read list and check up to two responses)**

Employed full-time

Employed part-time

Unemployed

Self-employed

Retired

Student

Homemaker

Disabled

89. What is the zip code where you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Closing script: Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today.

90. Interview conducted in:

English

Spanish

## APPENDIX 4

### ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF DATA FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

This appendix briefly describes major sources of data about San Luis Obispo County.

**California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)** is a comprehensive self-reported youth survey of students in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 in the public and private schools in California. The first survey was available in 1998, and was sponsored by the California Department of Education. The CHKS is an important component of California's school accountability system, and is an important tool in developing the district LEAP (Local Education Agency Plan). CHKS is widely regarded as the best available source of data on health-related risk behaviors and asset-based resilience of California youth. CHKS asks questions concerning:

- exposure to prevention and intervention activities
- resilience strengths and protective factors
- use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
- violence, school safety, gang involvement, and delinquency
- nutrition and physical activity

Supplementary modules can be administered at the discretion of the school district and provide more detailed information regarding the subjects listed above.

School districts are required to administer the CHKS every other year to meet the program requirements of the SDFSCA (Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act), as specified in No Child Left Behind and the state

TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program). The County Office of Education coordinates the CHKS for school districts in San Luis Obispo County. Countywide data from the 1999 and 2001 surveys has been published, and the third administration of the survey is scheduled for October 2003. The CHKS website (<http://www.wested.org/hks>) provides statewide data. Data for an individual school or district can be obtained by calling the school district's Title IV/TUPE coordinator. Countywide data for SLO County can be obtained by contacting:

Christine Enyart  
805-782-7284      [cenyart@slocoe.org](mailto:cenyart@slocoe.org)

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Main Administration Bldg  
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San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

The **California Health Interview Survey** (CHIS) is a statewide telephone survey about public health topics and access to health care that is conducted every two years. CHIS provides information on where and how people get health care as well as the number of adults and children without health insurance. CHIS also collects information on important health conditions such as cancer, diabetes, and asthma. CHIS is the largest state health survey, and is considered the best source of health related data for the state and its counties.

Statewide, the 2001 inaugural survey included interviews with over 55,000 adults, 5,000 teenagers, and 12,000 parents of children under age 12. The 2001 survey included interviews with 800 adults in San Luis Obispo County. CHIS provides county level results, but no data for any subgroups within the county. County results can be accessed at: <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/main/default.asp>. The results of the 2003 survey are expected to be released some time in 2004.

The ACTION for Healthy Communities 2003 Comprehensive Report includes selected results from the 2001 CHIS survey. In addition, ACTION is changing some of its questions to match those used in CHIS so that future data will be comparable, and available for subgroups within the county.

The **San Luis Obispo County Latino Needs Survey 2002** reports on the health, education, social service, housing, childcare, and transportation needs of monolingual Latinos in San Luis Obispo County. The data were collected from approximately 164 Latinos who participated in platicas, or community meetings, held in early 2002. The six platicas were held in Paso Robles, Shandon, Cambria, Estero Bay, San Luis Obispo, and Grover Beach. Participants came to the platicas as a result of public invitations distributed in schools and through community organizations. Although the survey results may not perfectly represent the opinions of all monolingual Latinos in the County, they are still useful for policy makers.

The platicas were sponsored by the HOTLINE of San Luis Obispo County and the Economic Opportunity Commission. Results may be obtained from:

Linda Villanueva  
805-544-6016  
[hotline@slonet.org](mailto:hotline@slonet.org)  
HOTLINE of San Luis Obispo County  
PO Box 5456  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

The HOTLINE and EOC are conducting additional platicas in early 2003. Many of the questions asked of 2003 participants are identical to those asked in the ACTION for Healthy Communities surveys. This will provide comparability of results, and an additional way to gauge the needs of the monolingual Latino population in San Luis Obispo County.

The **San Luis Obispo County Economic Outlook** is an annual publication of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project. The publication is sponsored primarily by local businesses, and is guided by a San Luis Obispo County Board of Directors. The publication includes historic data and forecasts for: total economic activity, employment, population, and community data, with special emphasis on important local industries such as real estate, tourism, retail and agriculture. The Economic Outlook is the definitive chronicle of economic activity in the County. The Economic Forecast Project also provides reports and presentations to cities that desire more local information.

Under contract to ACTION for Healthy Communities, the Economic Forecast Project conducted the 2003 countywide telephone survey and prepared this Comprehensive Report and the companion Indicator Report.

The Economic Outlook publication may be purchased online ([http://www.ucsb-efp.com/pubs\\_detail.htm#outlook](http://www.ucsb-efp.com/pubs_detail.htm#outlook)) or by contacting:

(805)893-2739      info@ucsb-efp.com  
UCSB Economic Forecast Project  
Mail Code 3195  
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The **Senior Substance Abuse Program**. In September 2003, the Central Coast Commission for Seniors/Area Agency on Aging released its Elder Substance Abuse (ESA) Report for San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. This study describes the problems associated with the use of alcohol and the use/misuse of prescription drugs by the elderly and presents strategies to develop appropriate elder-specific services to both prevent and treat substance abuse.

The ESA Report may be obtained from:

Project Manager, ESA Project  
(805) 925-9552  
seniors@slonet.org  
Area Agency on Aging  
528 South Broadway  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

The **Community Health Status Report for San Luis Obispo County** provides an overview of some of the key community health trends in the county. It is published irregularly, with the latest edition produced in January 2003. The primary sections of the report are (I) community overview, (II) maternal, child and adolescent health, (III) communicable and infectious disease, and (IV) leading causes of illnesses, injury or death. As much as possible, the county's local health status is compared with that of the State, and when available, to the national Healthy People 2010 objectives. In addition to health or medically related indicators, some socioeconomic factors that may influence the health status of populations have been included.

The report is available from:

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2191 Johnson Avenue

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The **2000 Census of Population and Housing** provides detailed data about the residents of San Luis Obispo County, reported at various geographic levels, in some cases down to the Census Block, which often corresponds to a single city block. The Census includes a wealth of data on demographic, socio-economic, and educational characteristics, as well as housing, transportation, languages spoken, migration, and other topics.

The most comprehensive Bureau of the Census website is: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov). On that page is a particularly useful link to a search engine called the American Fact Finder: <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>. This site allows the user to select either categories of data by geography, or to go directly into one of the 4 Summary Files the Census Bureau uses to organize data. Another Bureau of the Census site that is easier to navigate, but limited to countywide data, is: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>. Several commercial websites provide Census-based data in easier to use formats but with fees.



Locally, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments is the designated Census Data Affiliate for the County. SLOCOG's website - [www.slocog.org](http://www.slocog.org) - has a link to Census data: <http://www.slocog.org/maps/census.html> - and shows basic 2000 Census data for the County, for each incorporated city, and for nine unincorporated communities in the County. These data include: total population, age, sex, race, type of household, and housing tenure. SLOCOG may be able to provide additional Census data for organizations that have specific data needs. SLOCOG's Census expert is::

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The **Annual Resource Summary Report**, by the County Department of Planning and Building, documents the relationship between supply and demand for several resources, including water, sewage treatment capacity, capacity of county-maintained roads, public schools and air quality. The report identifies areas where demand appears to be approaching or exceeding supply and areas where resources are available to accommodate additional population growth. It may be purchased from:

Chris Macek  
805-781-5718  
[cmacek@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:cmacek@co.slo.ca.us)  
SLO County Department of Planning and Building  
County Government Center, Room 310  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

The San Luis Obispo County **Department of Agriculture's Annual Reports** include information about the value of various crops, livestock and marine catches, as well as the amounts of, and acreage devoted to, most crops. The 2002 Annual Report may be downloaded (PDF format) from – [http://www.sloag.org/Agriculture%20Resources/2002CropReport/SLO\\_Co.\\_Ag\\_Report\\_2002\\_View.pdf](http://www.sloag.org/Agriculture%20Resources/2002CropReport/SLO_Co._Ag_Report_2002_View.pdf) - or may be obtained in hardcopy from:

805-781-5910  
SLO County Department of Agriculture  
2156 Sierra Way, Suite A  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

The **Children's Services Network's Summary Report** provides detailed information from public sources about the health and welfare of San Luis Obispo County children, youth and families in the goal areas of Safe, Healthy, At Home, In School and Out of Trouble. Although some of the same types of data are shown in ACTION's Comprehensive Report, the CSN report often includes more detailed breakdowns. The CSN report may be obtained from:

Carol Wagner 805-781-1847  
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Children's Services Network  
P.O. Box 8119  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

Additional information about the CSN and the SAFE system of care can be found on the website at [www.co.slo.ca.us/csn](http://www.co.slo.ca.us/csn)

The San Luis Obispo County Administrator's office produced its first **San Luis Obispo County Communitywide Results Report** in 2001. It includes 27 statistical indicators of whether the County is "safe, healthy, livable, prosperous, and well governed." Some of the indicator data came from earlier ACTION for Healthy Communities surveys. This document may be viewed online at - [http://www.co.slo.ca.us/SLOCo\\_InterPortal.nsf/CRR\\_CRR1.htm?OpenPage&charset=windows-1252](http://www.co.slo.ca.us/SLOCo_InterPortal.nsf/CRR_CRR1.htm?OpenPage&charset=windows-1252) - or obtained from:

County Administrative Office  
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San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

The **San Luis Obispo County Hunger Study, 2003** reports the results of a survey of food providers (food pantries, shelters, and kitchens) and a survey of their clients. The latter focused on various aspects of food insecurity, including: frequency of need, accessibility of services, utilization of different types of providers, impact of food insecurity on other basic needs, housing, health care, and utilization of the food stamp program. The study was conducted collaboratively by the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation, Cal Poly State University Political Science Dept, and Food Bank Coalition of SLO County. A copy of the results may be obtained from:

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