

# CESR Data User news & updates

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## News from the Understanding Coronavirus in America Tracking Survey (UCA)

*In February, UCA changed to monthly, rather than bi-weekly, administration*  
Biweekly national data collection began April 1 2020 and encompassed waves 2-23. We moved to monthly participation in February 17 2021 (wave 24+), to allow data collection to continue through July.

Data, topline, questionnaires and more information available at [UCA's home](#) on the CESR website.  
UCA Tracking graphs [updated daily](#)

## USC Dornsife

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### UnderstandingAmericaStudy

Welcome to CESR's UAS data user newsletter, providing a quick update on UAS data news and happenings. Newsletters are archived at [UASdata.USC.edu](#)

## FEATURED UAS PROJECT

### LA BAROMETER



THE SURVEY	 <b>LABarometer</b> is a quarterly, internet-based survey of approximately 1,800 Los Angeles County residents designed and administered by the USC Dornsife Center for Economic and Social Research. The survey monitors conditions and attitudes in Los Angeles, with a focus on four key issues: livability, mobility, sustainability & affordability & prosperity. LABarometer asks residents about their lives, their plans and opportunities, and the challenges they encounter in their communities, filling data gaps on topics ranging from housing insecurity to climate resilience, to transit behavior and the economy. By following the same residents over time, LABarometer aims to capture trends and shifts in residents' circumstances, allowing decisionmakers in the public and private sectors to better understand the evolving landscape of Los Angeles.
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### UAS Data Usage Stats\*

\*Since UAS Redesign - July 2017

*A cumulative report of use of UAS data files available for download by registered users.*

*designed to monitor social conditions, with a focus on four key issues: Livability; Mobility; Sustainability & resilience; and Affordability & prosperity.*

The team recently released data and key findings from their **Affordability & Prosperity survey**, bringing Wave 1 of the 10-year survey effort to a close. All data reports, press releases, and datasets from Wave 1 are now available **online**. Wave 2 of the Livability Survey will be released in early April.

<b>Number of active data users</b>	1085
Survey data sets	5034
Non-response files	480
Timings data files	304
Platform data files	229
Survey codebook downloads	56947
<b>Zip files (HRS or Election data)</b>	968
<b>Question cart data sets</b>	48
Recruitment, behavior, attrition	69
<b>Newsletter</b>	3079
AAPOR recruitment rates files	6815
Covid-19 Longitudinal Data File	1204
Covid-19 Individual Data Sets	1851
Covid-19 Contextual Data Sets	245
User data sets (researcher produced)	167

**The UAS Comprehensive Data File** includes merged data from HRS questionnaires and UAS surveys. Harmonized, cleaned and available to link to other UAS data.

Data and documentation at:

**<https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/UAS+Comprehensive+Data+File>**

## Other CESR and UAS News

### **The UAS Panel is continuing to grow**

UAS now has more than 9000 active panel members, including representative sub-panels of more than 3200 Californians and includes more than 2000 residents of Los Angeles County.

### **If you missed our 2021 CIPHER conference, check out videos and slides online**

Our third Current Innovations in Probability-based Household Internet Panel Research (CIPHER) conference took place on Thursday, 4 March and Friday, 5 March 2021. **Visit the CIPHER site** for the list of presentations, along with slides and videos.

### **The Covid-19 Tracking Survey has completed 24 waves since March 10, 2020.**

An average of more than 6200 UAS members participate in each wave. We ask about 18 minutes of core questions, with additional one-time and repeated modules. More than 300 research teams are working with the tracking survey data, and we are aware of nearly 500 media, and trade journal publications, along with more than 50 journal articles. As the pandemic winds down, we will continue to track the impact on people's lives. Visit our tracking graphics at **Covid19Pulse.usc.edu**, where we have recently added graphs from our K-12 data collection, and vaccine uptake and hesitancy.

### **We continue to offer free data housing service to survey authors**

In support of open-science data transparency, and due to an increasing number of journals that require published manuscripts to make their data available for replication, we are offering a new free service to UAS survey authors. We will house your published analytic data files, or create fully de-identified files that you may house elsewhere.

**Please remember to acknowledge UAS as the source in all publications based on UAS Data,  
and send us your citations to add to our list!**

**General UAS data**

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**UAS Covid Data**

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