

San Luis Obispo County Commission on Status of Women
Women's Issues Survey 2014

A total of 170 surveys were submitted. 7 surveys were eliminated from the sample because the reverse side of the survey was left blank. 26 surveys were eliminated because the respondents did not live in SLO County. The total number of surveys in the sample is 138.

1. How do you rate the overall quality of life for you and your family here in San Luis Obispo County?

8 respondents did not answer this question.

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
1	3.1%	(4/130)
2	0.8%	(1/130)
3	3.1%	(4/130)
4	2.3%	(3/130)
5	6.2%	(8/130)
6	11.5%	(15/130)
7	7.7%	(10/130)
8	13.8%	(18/130)
9	14.6%	(19/130)
10	36.9%	(48/130)

2. How secure do you feel about your physical health?

6 respondents did not answer this question.

Slightly secure/not at all	22.7%	(30/132)
Secure	53.8%	(71/132)
Extremely/Very secure	23.5%	(31/132)

3. How secure do you feel about your emotionally security?

11 respondents did not answer this question

Slightly secure / not at all	19.7%	(25/127)
Secure	45.7%	(58/127)
Extremely/Very secure	34.6%	(44/127)

4. How secure do you feel about your financial security?

11 respondents did not answer this question.

Slightly secure / not at all	35.4%	(45/127)
Secure	42.6%	(54/127)
Extremely/Very secure	22.0%	(28/127)

5. Which of the following issues are you dealing with right now?

8 respondents did not answer this question. 31 respondents indicated that they were not dealing with any issues at the moment.

In order of frequency, the issues listed were as follows:

Affordable housing/lack of housing (41), Financial security (41), Health issues (35), Legal issues (34), Drug/Alcohol abuse (27), Lack of transportation (24), Unemployment (22), Mental health (18), Childcare/Children's issues (11), Senior issues (11), Hunger/Nutrition (8), Discrimination (5), and Violence/Domestic abuse (5).

Others issues mentioned by the respondents included: divorce, estate planning, new home, animal shelter, Dana Adobe, workers/services.

6. What type of programs and services would you like?

25 respondents did not answer this question.

In order of frequency, the barriers listed were as follows: Financial planning (39), Health issues (38), Education (36), Legal issues (31), Job searching (30), Technology (29), Senior issues (28), Small Business (27), Family relations (26), Vocational Education (23), Childcare (21), Mentor (20), Teen issues (19), Birth Control (9).

Suggestions for other programs: stereotype awareness, transportation, more resources for minorities, church, free/low cost help with divorce, encouraging women in public office, address climate change, help in getting housing close to schools.

7. What are the barriers, if any, preventing you from getting help you may need?

10 respondents did not answer this question. 42 respondents indicated that there were no barriers for them.

In order of frequency, the barriers listed were as follows: Don't Know What Services Are Available (43), Finances (27), Don't Know How to Access Services (25), Intimidated/Hesitant to Ask for Help (24), Transportation (19), Technology (15), Language (6).

Other barriers listed were jail; unavailability of doctors, time, no services available.

8. What is the best way for you to receive information about future programs and services?

6 respondents did not answer this question.

In order of frequency, the venues selected were as follows: Email (68); Website (55); Word of mouth (46); TV/radio (41); Newspaper (38); Newsletter (19), and Flyer (17).

Two respondents suggested US mail.

9. Which of the following describes your current employment status?

3 respondent did not answer this question.

Employed Full Time	22.2%	(30/135)
Employed Part-time	11.1%	(15/135)
Self-employed	8.1%	(11/135)
Unemployed	18.6%	(25/135)
Homemaker/Housewife	5.9%	(8/135)
Disabled	5.2%	(7/135)
Retired	28.9%	(39/135)
Military	0.0%	

10. What is your current occupation? Or, if retired, what was your occupation?

The occupations listed were as follows:

Student, artist, therapist, shop owner, CMT, dental hygienist, dental assistant, office manager, registered nurse, small business CEO, server, home health, cleaning business, security officer, dog kennel worker, inmate, planner, general manager, medical assistant, teacher, real estate broker, executive, non-profit manager, hairstylist, wallpaper hanger, clerk recorder, attorney, productive artist, public relations, graphic designer, handyman, psychotherapist, accountant, business owner, psysician, nursery worker, housekeeper, community health aide, laborer, clerk, agriculture worker, admit clerk, counselor/educator, graphic designer, accountant, office manager, winer server, truck driver, information manager, marketing and sales, waitress, art director, executive secretary, planning analyst, psychologist, interior designer, academic adviser, human resources, volunteer, banker, systems analyst, aerospace engineer, college administrator, social worker, food service worker.

11. What are your hobbies/interests?

4 respondents did not answer this question. The hobbies listed in order of frequency are as follows:

Cooking	74	Internet	42
Reading	73	Games and Cards	28
Music	61	Camping	27
Travel	58	Writing	26
Exercise	55	Sewing	23
Arts & crafts	51	Swimming	23
Volunteering	50	Golf	13
Hiking	42		

Other hobbies listed were meeting people, martial arts, theater, gardening, skiing, drugs, local meetings, committees, quilting, dog showing/training, skateboarding, Narcotics Anonymous, children, yoga, estate sales, genealogy, birdwatching, dancing, horseback riding, kayaking, housecleaning, helping in school.

12. How is your health care funded?

9 respondents did not answer this question.

Medicare	29.5%	(38/129)
Medi-Cal	26.4%	(34/129)
Medicare/Medi Cal*	2.3%	(3/129)
Self-funded	10.1%	(13/129)
Employer	9.3%	(12/129)
Military	0.8%	(1/129)
Spouse/Partner	7.8%	(10/129)
None	14.0%	(18/129)

*It is possible for certain respondents to receive both Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits.

Respondent listing Medicare and Employer or Medicare and Self-Funded were counted as Medicare.

13. How well do you think your District Supervisor represents you?

17 respondents did not answer this question.

92 respondents responded to this question without specifying a district:

Excellent/Very Good	10
Good	26
Poor/Extremely Poor	11
Don't know	45

The 29 respondents who specified a district responded as follows:

District 1:	Excellent (1); Good (1)
District 2:	Excellent (5); Good (6)
District 3:	Excellent (2); Good (3); Poor (1)
District 4:	Excellent (3); Good (2); Poor (1)
District 5:	Excellent (1); Good (2); Poor (1)

14. What is your age?

Two respondents did not answer this question.

Under 18	0.0%	
18-24	8.1%	(11/136)
25-34	17.6%	(24/136)
35-44	16.2%	(22/136)
45-54	10.3%	(14/136)
55-64	19.1%	(26/136)
65-74	16.9%	(23/136)
75 or over	11.8%	(16/136)

15. Where do you currently live?

6 respondents did not answer this question.

Own Home	52.3%	(69/132)
Rented House	12.9%	(17/132)
Apartment	15.9%	(21/132)
Shelter	1.5%	(2/132)
Homeless	9.8%	(13/132)
Parents	4.5%	(6/132)
Jail*	2.3%	(3/132)
Friends*	0.8%	(1/132)

*New category

What is your Zip Code?

44 respondents did not answer this question. It is possible that some out of county respondents were counted because they left this question blank.

93401	(12)
93402	(6)
93405	(10)
93406	(6)
93409	(1)
93420	(4)
93422	(5)
93424	(1)

93428	(12)
93432	(1)
93433	(5)
93442	(2)
93444	(11)
93445	(3)
93446	(12)
93449	(1)
93465	(2)

16. What is your Marital Status?

1 respondent left this question blank.

Single	26.3%	(36/137)
Married	44.5%	(61/137)
Divorced	15.3%	(21/137)
Widowed	5.8%	(8/137)
Living with Domestic Partner	5.1%	(7/137)
Separated	2.9%	(4/137)

17. What are the age range(s) of your children and how many in each age range(s)?

7 respondents did not answer this question. These sums may be underrepresented because although more respondents indicated the number of children in each category than last year, several respondents still just checked the box. Maybe you could try to leave a bigger space for each category.

None	35
Under 5	21
6-10	22
11-17	38
18 and over	120

18. What is your Race/Ethnicity?

1 respondent did not answer this question.

Hispanic/Latino	21.2%	(29/137)
Am Indian/ Alaskan Native	0.7%	(1/137)
Black or African Am	1.5%	(2/137)
Hawaiian/Pac Islander	0.0%	
Asian	1.5%	(2/137)
White	69.3%	(95/137)
Two or more races	5.8%	(8/137)

19. What is your highest level of education?

5 respondents did not answer this question.

Less than high school graduate	8.3%	(11/133)
High school graduate	15.8%	(21/133)
Vocational/Technical Certificate	3.8%	(5/133)
Some college or AA degree	27.1%	(36/133)
Bachelor's degree	17.3%	(23/133)
Postgraduate work/no degree	3.0%	(4/133)
Postgraduate degree	24.8%	(33/133)

20. What is your household annual income?

13 respondents did not answer this question.

Less than \$25,000	33.6%	(42/125)
\$25,000-\$49,999	19.2%	(24/125)
\$50,000-\$74,000	15.2%	(19/125)
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.0%	(15/125)
\$100,000 and over	20.0%	(25/125)