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CITYWIDE TRENDS

1 in 5
Santa Monica residents feel they can influence city decisions.
- down 9% from 2017 and 2015

19%
of Santa Monica residents worry about paying their credit card bills.

67%
of Santa Monica residents doubt that their kids will be able to afford to live in Santa Monica when they grow up.
- up 6% from 2017 and 15% from 2015

17%
of Santa Monica residents worry about losing their job.

28%
of Santa Monica residents worry about paying their rent or mortgage.
- up 3% from 2017 and 7.2% from 2015

NEW QUESTION
Have you or a close friend or family member considered moving from your neighborhood in the last few years because of rising housing costs?

NEW QUESTION
Imagine you had an unexpected expense. Which amount would be the largest unexpected expense you have funds to pay for?
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RESPONSES BY ZIP CODE

I agree / strongly agree that I can influence decisions affecting Santa Monica.

Santa Monica has offered me good opportunities to get ahead economically. I agree / strongly agree

I or a close friend or family member have often considered moving from my neighborhood in the last few years because of rising housing costs. I disagree / strongly disagree

I have had difficulty affording food for my household. a great deal some difficulty

I have had difficulty being able to address medical needs due to costs. a great deal some difficulty

I believe it is unlikely / very unlikely my children will be able to afford to live in Santa Monica as adults. I believe it is unlikely / very unlikely

I am very worried / moderately worried about not being able to pay for necessities. minimum payments on credit cards rent, mortgage, or household costs

I am very worried / moderately worried that I might lose my job in the next six months. I am very worried / moderately worried