Survey Key

Can Policy Design Build Trust in Local Taxation? Experimental Evidence of Property Taxation in Mexican Municipalities

Q3. State of Residence

Q4. Municipality of Residence

Q5. Gender

1. Woman
2. Man

Q6. Age range

1. 18-24
2. 25-34
3. 35-44
4. 45-54
5. 55-64
6. More than 65

Q7. Are you head of household? (Filter)

1. I am the only head of household
2. I share the responsibility with someone else
3. I am not the head of household

Q8. How many individuals are part of your household?

Q9. Do you own the household in which you reside? (filter)

Q10. Do you own any additional residential properties? (filter)

Q11. How is this additional property used?

1. A friend or family member lives there.
2. I rent it out.
3. It is empty.

Q12. Where is this additional property located?

Q13. Does your residential property have a title deed or any document that officially recognizes your ownership rights from the government?

Q14. Is the title in your name?

Q15. What is the status of ownership?

1. I own it, but I am still paying it off.
2. I own it fully
3. It is in litigation

Q16. How would you describe the property?

1. Single family home- street facing
2. Single family home in gated community
3. Unit in apartment building- street facing
4. Unit in apartment building- gated community

Q17. How much do you think that your property is currently worth?

Q18. Choose the range that best represents the estimate property value?

Q19. When was your last property tax payment?

Q20. What was your reason for not paying property taxes?

1. Economic problems
2. I consider it unfair
3. My property tax calculation is incorrect

Q21. What was the amount of your last property tax payment? If you do not remember please estimate.

Q22. When was the last time that you received a property tax increase?

Q23. How significant do you consider was this property tax increase?

Q24. Please identify the range of your property tax increase.

Q25. How many years have you owned this property?

Q26. What is the estimated age of your property?

Q27. Which of the following services do you receive from the government?

1. Water
2. Trash collection
3. Maintenance of green areas and public spaces
4. Security
5. Street lighting

6. Drainage
7. None of the above

Q28. Which of the following services do you receive from a private entity?

1. Water
2. Trash collection
3. Maintenance of green areas and public spaces
4. Security
5. Street lighting
6. Drainage
7. None of the above

Q29. Do you own any additional property?

Q30. Have you received any discounts or subsidies for your property tax payment?

Q31. How do you pay your property taxes?

1. Municipal kiosk
2. Online
3. In a government building
4. In a convenience store
5. Bank

Q32. How do you think that your property tax payment compares to the tax payment of others with a similar property to yours?

1. Most people with similar properties pay a much higher amount than me
2. Most people with similar properties pay an amount that is a little higher than me
3. Most people with similar properties pay a similar amount to me
4. Most people with similar properties pay an amount that is little bit less than me
5. Most people with similar properties pay an amount much higher than me.

Q33. What do you think of property owner compliance?

1. Nobody pays their property tax.
2. Almost nobody pays their property tax.
3. Less than half of people pay their property tax
4. Over half of property owners pay their property tax.
5. Almost everyone pays their property tax.

Q34. Please rank the following statements in order of what most motivates you to pay your property tax to what least motivates you, where 1 is what motivates you the most.

1. Not having problems in the future if I want to inherit or sell my property.

2. Avoiding the risk that the municipality might seize my property or fine me.

3. Contributing to the costs of services and infrastructure in the municipality.

4. Establishing my property rights so that no one else can take or occupy it.

5. Increasing the value of my property through municipal investment.

6. Nothing motivates me to pay my property tax. (Place this option first if nothing motivates you to pay your property tax.)

Q35. Do you have any additional motivations for paying property taxes?

Q36. Do you agree/disagree with the following phrase: *I believe that the property tax that the government charges me is commensurate with the value of my property and the services I receive.*

1. I strongly disagree.
2. I partly disagree.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I partly agree.
5. I strongly agree.

Q37. Do you agree with the following statement: *An increase in property tax for everyone could improve conditions in my municipality.*

1. I strongly disagree.
2. I partly disagree.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I partly agree.
5. I strongly agree

Q38. Do you agree with the following statement: *I believe my property is mine, and it's not fair that I have to pay the government an annual tax in order to enjoy it*

1. I strongly disagree.
2. I partly disagree.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I partly agree.

5. I strongly agree

Q39. Do you agree with the following statement: *I believe I should be able to do what I want with my property without so many land use restrictions.*

1. I strongly disagree.
2. I partly disagree.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I partly agree.
5. I strongly agree

Q40. Do you agree with the following statement: *If my property taxes were to increase it would result in government actions that would increase my property values.*

1. I strongly disagree.
2. I partly disagree.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I partly agree.
5. I strongly agree

Q41. Do you believe that your municipality:

1. Is getting much worse
2. Is getting slightly worse
3. Is neither improving nor getting worse
4. Is getting slightly improving
5. Is significantly improving

Q42. Do you believe that the neighborhood :

6. Is getting much worse
7. Is getting slightly worse
8. Is neither improving nor getting worse
9. Is getting slightly improving
10. Is significantly improving

How satisfied or unsatisfied are you with the following public services?

Q43. Public roads

1. Very unsatisfied
2. Unsatisfied
3. Somewhat unsatisfied
4. Somewhat satisfied

5. Satisfied
6. Very satisfied

Q44. Parks and public spaces

1. Very unsatisfied
2. Unsatisfied
3. Somewhat unsatisfied
4. Somewhat satisfied
5. Satisfied
6. Very satisfied

Q45. Drainage system

1. Very unsatisfied
2. Unsatisfied
3. Somewhat unsatisfied
4. Somewhat satisfied
5. Satisfied
6. Very satisfied

Q46. Sidewalks and pedestrian infrastructure

1. Very unsatisfied
2. Unsatisfied
3. Somewhat unsatisfied
4. Somewhat satisfied
5. Satisfied
6. Very satisfied

Q47. Street lighting

1. Very unsatisfied
2. Unsatisfied
3. Somewhat unsatisfied
4. Somewhat satisfied
5. Satisfied
6. Very satisfied

Q48. Police

1. Very unsatisfied
2. Unsatisfied

3. Somewhat unsatisfied
4. Somewhat satisfied
5. Satisfied
6. Very satisfied

Municipal government

Q49. Which of the following political parties would you consider voting for?

Q50. Considering your local government, what share of politicians and government workers do you consider corrupt?

1. None or nearly none
2. Less than half
3. Half
4. More than half
5. Nearly All

Q51. Which of the following challenges do you consider are the three most significant issues in your municipality?

1. Poor governance
2. Poverty
3. Unemployment
4. Insecurity and crime
5. Poor application of the law
6. Natural disasters
7. Poor accounting and transparency mechanisms
8. Others

Q52. Do you agree/disagree with the following statement: *In general, I can trust my municipal government to do a good job and fulfill its duties.*

1. I strongly disagree.
2. I partly disagree.
3. I neither agree nor disagree.
4. I partly agree.
5. I strongly agree

Demographic questions

Q.53. What activities did you participate in last week?

1. I worked at least one hour

2. I had work, but did not work
3. I work in the care of the home
4. I looked for work
5. I am studied
6. I am retired
7. I do not work and have a disability.

Q54. What is your highest level of education?

1. Secondary school
2. High school
3. Undergraduate
4. Postgraduate

Q55. What is your best estimate of your household income? Consider the income of everyone in your household.

Q56.Do you have any additional comments?