

Sense of Community

Definition

The sense of community refers to a feeling that members have of belonging, a feeling that members matter to one another and to the group, and a feeling that members' needs can be met through a commitment to be together (McMillan & Chavis, 1986). McMillan and Chavis (1986) stated that a sense of community was a perception of membership, influence, meeting needs, and a shared emotional connection. Having a sense of community has been shown to be related to improved social interaction and connections. It has also been shown to create a sense of belonging which leads to positive outcomes. (McMillan & Chavis, 1986)

Special Note

This scale was created by authors of this handbook.

Related Indicators

- Family Connectedness
- School Membership

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Please read each statement carefully, and circle your answer based on how much you agree or disagree by using the following scale from:

1 = Strongly Disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Agree; 4 = Strongly Agree

1.	I enjoy living in my community.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
2.	Community members in my community support one another.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
3.	I am proud to be a part of my community.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
4.	I can trust others in my community.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
5.	I can depend on the members of my community for help.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
6.	Being a member of this community is a part of my identity.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
7.	It is important that I contribute to my community in some way.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
8.	I enjoy attending community events.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4
9.	I care about the future of my community.	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Agree 3	Strongly Agree 4