

Psychological Sense of Community Scale

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Using this measure, first replace the letter “E” with the *Entity* and the letter “M” with the *Membership* that the sample will refer to. Respondents answer whether they Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Slightly Disagree, Slightly Agree, Agree, or Strongly Agree with the questions below.

- 1 I think this E was a good E
- 22 I did not leave this E because I wanted to
- 23 For me, this E was a good fit

- 10 M could depend on each other in this E
- 12 M could get help from other M if they needed it
- 13 M were secure in sharing opinions or asking for advice

- 18 This E was important to me
- 20 I made friends in this E
- 21 I felt good helping the E and the M

The questions above are in the past tense, so if an investigator decides to use this scale for a person’s current sense of community, we suggest using the slight variation of wording below that puts things in the present tense.

- 1 I think this E is a good E
- 22 I am not planning on leaving this E
- 23 For me, this E is a good fit

- 10 M can depend on each other in this E
- 12 M can get help from other M if they need it
- 13 M are secure in sharing opinions or asking for advice

- 18 This E is important to me
- 20 I have friends in this E
- 21 I feel good helping the E and the M