Psychological Sense of Community Scale


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