

# Survey of Urban Habits

The Habitorium invites you to complete The Survey of Urban Habits, which aims to collect information about individual habits expressed in different urban environments. The Survey of Urban Habits was developed in collaboration with Blagovesta Momchedjikova and Jorge de La Barre, for a special issue of StreetNotes on the subject. A final report on the results of The Survey of Urban Habits will be included in the publication, an ethnographic journal at U.C. Davis.

**1. Urban Habit NAME:** Choose one of your Urban Habits and give it a specific name. For example...“Buying Food From a Street Vendor” vs. “Food Habit”

**2. Urban Habit CITY:** In which city did/do you practice this habit?

**3. Urban Habit DESCRIPTION:** Describe your urban habit with as much detail as possible. Your description might be a sequential list of actions, a series of drawings, a narrative paragraph, a poem, or a word cloud.

**4. What makes your habit URBAN?** How is your habit particular to the urban environment where it exists? Consider how your habit would change, if you expressed it in a rural, country, village, or town setting.

**5. Do you still practice this habit?** YES. NO

**6. How long have you practiced this particular Urban Habit?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ It's Brand New (less than 21 repetitions).
- \_\_\_\_\_ For a While (up to 6 months)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Long Enough (6-24 months)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Longer Than Not (2-6 years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Feels Like Forever (6-12 years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Forever (more than 12 years)

**7. Draw one detail of your habit in the left margin of this page.**

**8. How rigid is your Urban Habit?** Plot your commitment to strict adherence to your habit on the scale of 1 to 5 where 1 represents “every time I express my habit, it is different” and 5 represents “every single detail of my habit is the same every time I express it.” For example: if you stop at a deli for a beverage every week, do you order the same coffee, pay with cash, tip the same amount? A habit with fewer variations is a more rigid habit.

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**9. Would you consider your Urban Habit Public, Private or Both?**

**10. If you could change one aspect of your Urban Habit what would be different about it?**

**11. Do you ever stack this Urban Habit with other ones? What habits are adjacent to it?**

**12. What is one Urban Habit you would like to develop and why? Give it a name.**

**14. What is one Urban Habit you have observed? Give it a name and identify the city where it happens/ed.**

**15. Identify three other Urban Habits you might have examined for this survey. Give them names and indicate where the habits happen/ed.**

Thank you for contributing to The Habitorium's research.  
Send your completed survey via U.S. Postal Service to:

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