The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles has recently published the findings of a survey of housing conditions in selected areas of the City. The Authority's concern in sub-standard conditions necessarily limited the investigation to the older areas in Los Angeles, including those surrounding the downtown business district, the south side of Los Angeles, Venice, West Los Angeles, and the harbor district. The results obtained, therefore, are not intended to be representative of conditions in the entire metropolitan area. Illustrative of the character of the district surveyed, it is noted that approximately 23 per cent of the more than 250,000 dwelling units in the area were found to be "sub-standard" according to the definition of the term used by the Authority. It is also noted that 62 per cent of the units had a monthly rental value of less than $30, that nearly one-half of the owner-occupied structures were mortgaged, and that 69 per cent of the families in sub-standard units received an annual income of less than $1,200.

Detailed information is available by districts concerning the characteristics of the structures surveyed and their occupants. Data include the type, age, condition, value, etc., of the structures and the number, race, income, etc., of the occupants. Moreover, an analysis of conditions within each square block of the entire area is shown graphically on more than 50 maps. The complete report, which is in three volumes, may be purchased from the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles at a cost of $25. It is available for reference use at the Los Angeles Public Library.

Officials of the Housing Authority are currently discussing the possibility of extending the survey to include the entire incorporated area of Los Angeles.