

THE QUALITY OF LIFE POLL: WHAT IT SAYS, WHAT IT MEANS

“Quality of Life” is an oft-used term to describe the issues that now concern residents of the region. It has also become a critical factor in economic competitiveness, as regions compete in an increasingly global economy for maintaining and attracting a talented workforce in emerging industries. But what does “Quality of Life” *really* mean? Regional Plan Association, in conjunction with Quinnipiac College Polling Institute, has surveyed the residents of our region and four other metropolitan regions in the United States to obtain a clearer picture of this abstract term for the first time. The polls found significant similarities and differences between the tri-state region and other metropolitan areas that suggest policies that will lead our region into the next century.

In the emerging global economy, regions are becoming understood as unified areas that succeed or fail collectively. The recent economic recession demonstrated the way regional fortunes are tied together. The regions that were surveyed by Quinnipiac College Polling Institute were those four major metropolitan regions outside the northeast that experienced the highest rates of growth during the 1980s—Atlanta, Dallas/Fort Worth, Los Angeles and Seattle. These four areas are the ones that the tri-state region is competing with, and more and more quality of life is the benchmark that is being used in that competition.

The Objectives of the Poll

The Quality of Life poll was conducted to fulfill many objectives related to the writing and research of Regional Plan Association’s Third Regional Plan. 1,500 people were polled in the 31-county tri-state region, providing a sampling error of 2.5 percent for responses from the entire region. Quinnipiac then polled 400 people from each of the other four metropolitan regions. The poll’s objectives were:

- to find out if people are satisfied with their quality of life and if they are optimistic about their future;
- to discover what issues are most important to people when they think about their quality of life;
- to identify the likes and dislikes people have about their own communities;
- to identify which issues, out of a given range of regional topics, are of greatest concern to the general public; and
- to identify roughly those quality of life improvements that people are willing to pay for.

The poll of the tri-state region was also conducted so that its results could be broken down to identify respondents from urban, suburban or rural parts of the region, as well as those from New York City, Long Island, Connecticut, the Hudson Valley or New Jersey. Considering the

responses along these geographic lines illuminated both differences—suburban and rural residents are troubled by taxes, but urban residents are most concerned about crime—as well as similarities. Most striking is that a majority of residents of the region were found willing to personally spend more money on quality of life improvements. Over half of the respondents said they would spend money to preserve open space and manage parks, and two-thirds would spend money to ensure clean air and water. Moreover, these results did not change across the region, but were constant for urban, suburban and rural residents from all the sub-regions. Respondents did not want to pay higher income or property taxes, but were willing to see dedicated taxes or user fees attached to services to improve air, water and open space protection.

Satisfaction with Quality of Life

The polls found that people in this region are less satisfied with their quality of life than people in the other metropolitan regions. Only 35% of the people in this region are very satisfied with their quality of life, and 17% are somewhat or very dissatisfied. This compares to 49% of Atlanta residents who are satisfied with their quality of life, 52% in Seattle, 47% in Dallas, and 43% in Los Angeles. There are also significant differences among different income and age groups on this issue. Only 28% of those people from the tri-state area who earn less than \$25,000 a year are very satisfied, and only 26% of those earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 are very satisfied, while 55% of those earning over \$100,000 are very satisfied. Furthermore, only 27% of people in this region between the ages of 18 and 29 are very satisfied.

In general, we can see that people in this region are less satisfied with their quality of life than people in the four other regions, and the middle class and younger people are the least satisfied groups here. Furthermore, only 19% of our residents think that things are getting better—compared to 27%, 21%, 31% and 22% for the other regions—and 42% of the residents of this region say they would move out of their local communities if they could—compared to 35%, 31%, 36% and 41% for the other regions.

A Definition of Quality of Life

The second major finding of this poll is that, for the first time, it defines what people are talking about when they say “Quality of Life.”

When people are asked to say what types of things they consider important to a good quality of life, crime and safe streets is the most frequent answer, with between 23% and 27% of the residents of every region polled listing it as one of the two most important factors. The next most important issues are a strong community or neighborhood, good public schools and a good financial situation.

But when people are asked what they like most about their local communities, the responses are somewhat different from the quality of life list. People are most likely to respond that they like the convenience of where they live, and the people and community around them. Being close to work, entertainment and schools, or being part of a neighborhood or community, is very important.

What the Polls Say

In determining why residents of this region are less satisfied than those of other regions, one thing stands out: high taxes are among the one or two things 11% of people in our region dislike most about their local communities, compared to only 1% to 4% for the other regions. People in the tri-state area are more concerned with higher taxes than people in the other regions, and this region's suburban and rural residents—and Long Island residents in particular—are more likely to say that taxes are one of the things they dislike most about their local communities. Even though taxes were hardly mentioned when people were asked what one or two issues they considered most important to a high quality of life, high taxes were at the top when people were asked what they considered big problems from a given list.

But people have other concerns that are more important than low taxes, both in this region and the others. Two-thirds of the tri-state region's residents said they would be willing to personally spend more money to substantially improve their access to open space and parks or preserve clean air and water, and one quarter would be willing to pay to eliminate traffic congestion. Although high taxes are a problem, and people don't want to pay for quality of life improvements out of higher property or income taxes, the concept of paying user fees or dedicated specialty taxes is one that many people seem receptive to, if they are closely tied to service improvements.

For urban residents, more important problems than taxes emerged, including crime, noise, dirty streets, drugs, traffic congestion, or an unfriendly neighborhood or community. And when all residents in this region are asked how important certain specific issues are to their quality of life, more residents consider safe streets (93%), clean air and water (89%), quality public schools (84%), race relations (81%), employment opportunities (76%) and affordable housing (68%) important than having low state and local taxes (64%). In fact, low taxes are statistically tied with a sense of community (63%), being very important to only 64% of the region's residents.

These other issues that are important to residents of the region require some public investment to improve, as RPA's research has consistently shown. What this poll also demonstrates is that people are willing to pay more money for some basic improvements in their other quality of life, such as clean air and water. People don't like paying taxes, but they are willing to if they can see how the money translates into better services.

Another reason some people are more dissatisfied than others can be explained by the impact that certain issues have on people's general outlook. The issues that appear to have the greatest impact on people's overall satisfaction are greenery and open space, a sense of community, and crime. For example, 43% of those people who consider lack of greenery and open space a big problem in their local community are also dissatisfied with their quality of life, while only 8% of people who do not consider it a problem are dissatisfied. Similarly, while 41% of those who say that the lack of a sense of community is a big problem are dissatisfied, only 8% who say it is not a problem are dissatisfied. Finally, while 34% of those who say crime is a big problem are dissatisfied, only 5% of those who say it is not a problem are dissatisfied. These three issues appear to have a high correlation on resident's feelings about quality of life. If they are

considered big problems, then a person is more likely to feel dissatisfied with his quality of life. These correlations are not as clear for other issues.

Traffic congestion, lack of good public transportation and the difficulty of getting places without using your car are all issues that residents of this region also consider less of a problem than residents of any of the other regions. And residents of this region are somewhere in the middle of the pack in terms of regarding issues such as air and water pollution, public schools, racial tensions and crime to be big problems in their local communities.

Three Most Important Quality of Life Factors

Specifically, people consider safe streets, a healthy environment and access to open spaces, and strong communities very important to their quality of life. These are all issues that RPA will address in the Third Regional Plan.

Safety and Public Spaces

The poll showed that safety in public spaces is a significant consideration in this region, with 27% of the respondents citing safe streets among the most important factors for a good quality of life. Low crime is particularly important to urban residents in this region, and one-third of New York City residents consider it one of the two most important issues in determining quality of life, while 10% of urban residents consider dirty streets one of the worst things in their local community.

In the third regional plan, RPA will propose initiatives that would improve the appearance, use and safety of our public spaces. Despite private developments with closed streets, the proliferation of enclosed malls for shopping and increased use of automobiles, attractive, safe and convenient streets are still important factors for determining quality of life. RPA's third plan will also include strategies for focusing future development in urban and town centers, in an attempt to reinvest in these areas rather than abandon them.

Environment

Open space and a clean environment are also a priority for the region and our quality of life. The poll shows that environmental issues are some of the most important concerns that people have, as 14% of the region's residents consider recreational opportunities, proximity to beaches or open spaces, or clean air and water one of the things they liked most about their communities. Having clean air and water is of primary importance to virtually all residents of the tri-state region, ranking only behind safe streets in the list of issues polled, and 75% of the residents consider air and water pollution to be a problem in their local community.

Perhaps most significantly in this age of budget cutting and mistrust of government, 56% of the region's residents said they would personally spend more money to preserve open space and parks and 66% would spend more money to ensure clean air and water, with many respondents willing to spend between \$100 and \$200 a year.

Communities and Access

The quality of life poll demonstrates that a sense of community and the convenience of urban centers are important to people's quality of life. 30% of New York residents consider proximity to the city or convenient access to be one of the two things they like most about their community. And one-fifth of rural residents consider the absence of a sense of community, unfriendly neighbors or poor access to work, shopping or public transportation to be one of the worst things about their own communities, while only 7% of urban residents cite these problems.

The poll also shows that the infrastructure system in the tri-state region is an enormous asset to our quality of life. While traffic congestion, inconvenient access, the inability to get places without using a car, poor public transportation or too much growth are cited by almost half the residents of other regions as among the things they dislike the most about their local communities, these concerns are much less significant for this region. When people were asked whether traffic congestion, poor public transportation or the difficulty of getting places without using a car were problems, fewer people in this region responded that these were big problems than residents of any of the other regions.

Conclusion

The quality of life poll conducted by Regional Plan Association and Quinnipiac College Polling Institute demonstrates that residents in this region have serious concerns about their quality of life. This is also underscored by the attitudes of residents of other metropolitan regions toward the tri-state region: only 1% to 2% would rate it as excellent, and less than 10% say they would move here. These responses put the region's economic future in jeopardy, as we compete with other regions to attract a talented workforce and rebuild our economic foundations.

The poll has illuminated key issues we need to address, and has provided us with insights about how people define quality of life. The Third Regional Plan will set forth specific initiatives to address these quality of life concerns and offer alternative policies and investments that meet the challenges in the new global economy.

REGIONAL *QUALITY OF LIFE* POLL

REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION AND QUINNIPIAC COLLEGE POLLING INSTITUTE

The regional sub-areas reported are defined as follows:

NYC = New York City

LI = Long Island

Hud = Hudson Valley

NJ = New Jersey

CT = Connecticut

URB = Urban Counties

SUB = Suburban Counties

RUR = Rural Counties

***NOTE on Question 2, 3 and 5:** Percentages may add up to more than 100% since respondents were permitted to give up to two answers. "Don't Know/No answer" and responses below 1% are excluded. Example of interpretation: When asked what one or two things they like most about their local community, four percent mentioned "quality schools."

1) How long have you been living in the community where you now live?

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Less than 1 year	8%	10%	4%	5%	9%	6%	11%	6%	7%
Between 1 and 5 yrs	24	29	19	19	22	21	29	21	20
Between 6 and 10	15	15	17	18	13	17	14	14	21
Between 11 and 20	19	17	23	19	20	20	17	20	20
Between 21 and 30	15	11	20	17	15	16	11	17	15
Over 30 yrs	20	18	17	22	21	20	18	21	18
DK/NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

2) What are the one or two things that you like most about your local community? Anything else?

	<u>*Tot</u>		<u>Tot</u>
Convenient/Close to work shopping, restaurants, schools	19%	Able to get places without using car	2%
Friendly people/neighborhood	17	Privacy	2
Tranquil/Quiet	15	Low taxes	1
Low crime	9	Employment opportunities	1
Quality public schools	9	Affordable housing	1
Small town	7	No traffic congestion	1
Close to NYC	6	Clean air and water	1
Recreational opportunities	5	Local government	1
Sense of community	5	Church/Faith	1
Close to beach	4		
Quality public transportation	4		
Greenery and open space	4		
Ethnic diversity	3		
Rural area	3		
Clean streets	2		
Cultural activities	2		
Strong families	2		

3) What are the one or two things that you dislike most about your local community? Anything else?

	<u>*Tot</u>		<u>Tot</u>
High crime	14%	Unemployment	1%
High taxes	11	Poor economy	1
Traffic congestion	8	Homeless	1
Unclean streets	5	Needing car to get around	1
Unfriendly people/ neighborhood	5	Air and water pollution	1
Drugs	4	Greenery and open space	1
Too much growth - shops, industry, population	4	Too isolated	1
Not quiet	4	Lack of cultural activities	1
Local government	3	No privacy	1
Inconvenient/Far from work, shopping, ect.	3	No ethnic diversity	1
Lack of quality schools	3	Racial tensions	1
Lack of recreational opportunities	3	Small town	1
High cost of housing	2	Not close to NYC	1
Lack quality public transportation	2	Poor financial situation	1
No sense of community	2		

4) In general, how satisfied are you with the quality of life in your local community today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

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Very satisfied	35%	25%	43%	40%	40%	43%	24%	40%	44%
Somewhat satisfied	48	51	42	47	46	46	51	47	42
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	15	11	11	10	7	15	9	12
Very dissatisfied	5	8	3	1	4	4	8	3	2
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	1	--

5) What one or two issues do you consider most important to a good quality of life? Anything else?

	<u>*Tot</u>		<u>Tot</u>
Low crime/Safe streets	27%	Tranquil/Quiet	3
Quality public schools	15	Clean streets	3
Good financial situation	11	Church/Faith	3
Friendly people neighborhood	10	Low taxes	2
Employment opportunities	9	Good economy	2
Strong family	9	Recreational opportunities	2
Health of individual	9	No Drugs	1
Clean air and water	6	No homeless	1
Sense of community	6	No traffic congestion	1
Humanity/Morality/Ethics	5	Convenient/Close to - work, shopping, rest	1
Affordable housing	3		

Most important issues, con't.

	<u>Tot</u>		<u>Tot</u>
Greenery and open space	1	Good race relations	1
Cultural activities	1	Local government	1
Good health care facilities	1		
Being able to get places without car	1		
Quality public transportation	1		

For each of the issues I read to you, would you please tell me if you consider it very important to your quality of life, somewhat important, or not important at all?

First.

Do you consider -- -- very important to your quality of life, somewhat important, or not important at all?

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6) <i>Clean air and water</i>									
Very important	89%	91%	86%	88%	88%	88%	91%	87%	87%
Somewhat important	11	8	14	12	11	12	8	12	12
Not important	1	1	1	--	1	--	1	1	1
DK/NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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<i>7) Safe streets</i>									
Very important	93%	97%	92%	91%	92%	89%	96%	92%	91%
Somewhat important	6	3	7	8	8	10	3	7	8
Not important	--	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
DK/NA	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1

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<i>8) Greenery and open space</i>									
Very important	61%	55%	58%	63%	66%	65%	54%	63%	68%
Somewhat important	36	39	39	36	32	33	39	35	29
Not important	3	6	4	1	2	2	6	2	2
DK/NA	--	1	--	1	--	--	1	--	--

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<i>9) Uncongested roads and highways</i>									
Very important	55%	50%	54%	50%	64%	52%	50%	57%	60%
Somewhat important	38	38	42	48	31	40	37	39	35
Not important	7	11	4	1	5	7	12	4	4
DK/NA	1	1	--	1	1	1	1	--	1

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10) <i>Race relations</i>									
Very important	81%	83%	78%	75%	83%	77%	83%	81%	77%
Somewhat important	16	13	19	21	15	21	13	17	19
Not important	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	2

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11) <i>And quality public transportation?</i>									
Very important	53%	77%	35%	34%	46%	30%	76%	41%	37%
Somewhat important	34	20	42	48	38	48	21	41	42
Not important	11	2	20	15	14	19	2	16	17
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	2	5

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12) <i>How about quality public schools</i>									
Very important	84%	82%	86%	85%	85%	89%	81%	86%	88%
Somewhat important	9	11	10	10	8	7	11	8	8
Not important	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	4	1
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	4

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13) <i>Low state and local taxes</i>									
Very important	64%	57%	70%	72%	69%	61%	58%	68%	69%
Somewhat important	31	37	26	25	27	33	37	29	26
Not important	3	4	3	2	2	4	4	2	4
DK/NA	1	1	--	--	2	3	1	1	2

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14) <i>A sense of community</i>									
Very important	63%	60%	58%	68%	67%	62%	60%	62%	72%
Somewhat important	32	36	38	29	25	34	35	33	22
Not important	4	3	3	3	7	3	3	4	5
DK/NA	1	2	1	--	1	1	2	1	1

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15) <i>Being able to get places without using your car?</i>									
Very important	42%	58%	30%	26%	38%	27%	59%	32%	34%
Somewhat important	38	30	43	45	43	42	31	42	44
Not important	18	10	25	26	19	29	9	25	20
DK/NA	1	1	2	3	--	2	1	2	2

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16) <i>Affordable housing</i>									
Very important	68%	76%	59%	67%	65%	57%	76%	62%	66%
Somewhat important	23	17	32	24	25	31	18	27	24
Not important	8	6	9	7	8	10	5	10	8
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	3

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17) <i>And employment opportunities?</i>									
Very important	76%	79%	71%	74%	74%	75%	79%	73%	75%
Somewhat important	16	13	20	18	15	18	14	16	18
Not important	7	6	8	7	9	7	6	10	5
DK/NA	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	3

18) What's your long range view for your local community - do you think that ten or fifteen years from now, your local community will be a better place to live than it is now, a worse place, or about the same?

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Better	19%	21%	14%	23%	19%	19%	22%	17%	22%
Worse	29	35	29	23	27	20	36	25	24
Same	47	39	54	51	49	58	37	54	49
DK/NA	5	5	4	3	5	3	5	4	5

19) If you could move out of your local community tomorrow, would you move out or would you continue to live in the same community?

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Move	42%	47%	42%	43%	39%	35%	47%	40%	39%
Stay	54	50	54	53	56	62	50	55	58
DK/NA	4	3	3	3	5	4	4	5	3

IF MOVE ABOVE

20) What type of community would you like to move to? An urban, suburban, or rural area?

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Urban	13%	18%	6%	13%	10%	11%	19%	9%	9%
Suburban	50	56	58	48	41	38	54	51	38
Rural	33	23	32	37	43	42	24	35	48
DK/NA	4	3	3	2	6	10	3	5	7

For each of the following issues, please tell me if it is a big problem in your local community, a small problem, or no problem at all?

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Do you think -- -- is a big problem, a small problem, or no problem at all in your local community?

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21) <i>..air and water pollution</i>									
Big problem	25%	33%	24%	15%	22%	16%	34%	22%	16%
Small problem	50	44	50	58	52	60	44	54	53
No problem	23	21	25	25	26	22	20	24	30
DK/NA	1	3	1	2	--	1	2	1	--
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22) ..crime

Big problem	33%	53%	20%	20%	22%	26%	54%	24%	17%
Small problem	52	39	61	60	59	57	39	58	63
No problem	13	6	18	20	17	17	6	17	20
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2	--	2	1	1

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23) How about lack of greenery and open space?

Big problem	17%	26%	11%	7%	14%	11%	27%	13%	8%
Small problem	37	42	35	24	38	34	43	37	26
No problem	45	31	54	68	47	54	29	49	66
DK/NA	1	2	--	1	1	1	1	1	--

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24) Traffic congestion?

Big problem	33%	36%	36%	14%	35%	23%	38%	32%	23%
Small problem	44	44	39	48	44	45	43	44	44
No problem	23	18	25	38	21	32	17	24	32
DK/NA	1	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	1

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<i>25) Racial tensions?</i>									
Big problem	16%	21%	9%	13%	14%	11%	22%	12%	11%
Small problem	39	44	37	35	37	38	44	39	32
No problem	42	32	53	50	46	49	30	47	56
DK/NA	3	3	1	2	3	2	4	2	2

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
<i>26) How about lack of good public transportation?</i>									
Big problem	18%	13%	17%	24%	23%	18%	12%	17%	33%
Small problem	35	31	34	38	36	40	30	39	33
No problem	43	55	43	32	35	37	57	39	26
DK/NA	4	1	6	6	6	6	1	5	8

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
<i>27) The quality of public schools?</i>									
Big problem	23%	35%	11%	18%	18%	17%	35%	16%	17%
Small problem	27	24	28	31	29	26	25	29	29
No problem	36	20	55	44	41	49	19	46	46
DK/NA	14	21	7	7	12	7	22	9	8

28) *High state and local taxes?*

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Big problem	55%	48%	73%	67%	51%	53%	48%	61%	52%
Small problem	32	35	20	25	35	32	36	28	35
No problem	9	11	5	7	9	12	11	8	11
DK/NA	4	5	2	1	5	3	6	3	2

29) *Lack of a sense of community?*

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Big problem	17%	22%	13%	13%	16%	13%	21%	16%	14
Small problem	40	43	36	41	36	42	43	40	32
No problem	40	32	48	44	45	43	33	41	53
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	1

30) *Difficulty getting places without using your car?*

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Big problem	28%	11%	33%	40%	39%	35%	11%	33%	50%
Small problem	31	33	30	31	29	32	32	32	26
No problem	39	54	33	26	31	31	56	33	20
DK/NA	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	2	4

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
31) <i>How about the high cost of housing?</i>									
Big problem	51%	53%	53%	48%	51%	45%	54%	53%	42%
Small problem	30	26	28	33	31	38	26	31	35
No problem	16	17	16	15	15	16	16	14	21
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	4	1	4	3	3

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
32) <i>And lack of good jobs?</i>									
Big problem	44%	47%	48%	53%	37%	41%	47%	41%	46%
Small problem	32	29	30	30	34	36	30	33	32
No problem	19	18	17	14	22	17	17	20	17
DK/NA	6	6	5	3	7	5	6	6	5

33) Would you be willing or unwilling to personally spend money to preserve open space and manage parks?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Willing	56%	60%	56%	53%	52%	59%	58%	54%	57%
Unwilling	38	34	39	42	41	36	36	39	38
DK/NA	6	5	5	6	7	5	5	7	5

IF WILLING IN Q33 ASK,

34) How much would you be willing to personally spend a year to preserve open space and manage parks -- \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Less than \$25 (VOL)	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%
\$25	31	32	29	26	33	28	32	29	33
\$50	17	16	16	18	16	26	13	20	17
\$100	23	22	23	23	23	23	25	21	22
\$200	10	8	7	15	10	10	8	9	14
Over \$200 (VOL)	2	3	4	1	1	1	3	2	1
DK/NA	14	14	20	13	14	8	15	16	11

IF WILLING IN Q33 ASK,

35) Which of the following do you think would be the best way to pay for preserving open space and managing parks?

First, higher property, income or sales taxes?

Second, new or increased user fees, such as tolls and service charges?

Third, new dedicated specialty taxes, such as a gas or energy tax?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Property, income, sales tax	12%	11%	12%	8%	16%	11%	12%	11%	14%
User fees	32	23	39	41	37	38	22	38	39
Specialty taxes	38	46	31	35	33	36	46	34	32
DK/NA	18	20	19	17	14	15	19	17	15

36) Would you be willing or unwilling to personally spend money to ensure clean air and water?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Willing	66%	68%	66%	66%	63%	67%	67%	66%	64%
Unwilling	29	27	30	30	31	29	28	30	29
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	7	3	5	4	7

IF WILLING IN Q36 ASK,

37) How much would you be willing to personally spend a year to ensure clean air and water -- \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Less than \$25 (VOL)	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%
\$25	30	32	30	25	30	25	32	28	31
\$50	20	19	20	20	19	23	18	22	15
\$100	20	21	17	18	22	18	23	19	20
\$200	10	8	10	16	10	15	8	10	15
Over \$200 (VOL)	2	3	4	2	1	1	3	2	1
DK/NA	15	13	19	16	15	14	13	16	16

IF WILLING IN Q36 ASK

38) Which of the following do you think would be the best way to pay for ensuring clean air and water?

First, higher property, income or sales taxes?

Second, new or increased user fees, such as tolls and service charges?

Third, new dedicated specialty taxes, such as a gas or energy tax?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Property, income, sales tax	15%	15%	20%	14%	14%	13%	16%	14%	17%

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
38) <i>cont'd</i>									
User fees	29	25	25	32	33	33	25	31	31
Specialty taxes	39	40	39	37	38	38	40	39	37
DK/NA	17	20	16	16	15	16	19	17	15

39) Would you be willing or unwilling to personally spend money to eliminate traffic congestion?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Willing	24%	24%	30%	20%	23%	23%	24%	25%	23
Unwilling	71	71	66	75	71	72	71	70	71
DK/NA	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	6

IF WILLING IN Q39 ASK

40) How much would you be willing to personally spend a year to eliminate traffic congestion -- \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Less than \$25 (VOL)	3%	1%	--%	3%	6%	7%	--%	5%	4%
\$25	34	40	29	25	33	31	41	27	39
\$50	20	23	16	20	14	32	22	21	14
\$100	18	10	26	30	21	10	11	23	14
\$200	9	8	11	8	10	9	7	11	8
Over \$200 (VOL)	2	3	2	2	--	--	3	1	1
DK/NA	15	15	16	12	16	10	16	12	20

IF WILLING IN Q39 ASK

41) Which of the following do you think would be the best way to pay for eliminating traffic congestion?

First, higher property, income or sales taxes?

Second, new or increased user fees, such as tolls and service charges?

Third, new dedicated specialty taxes, such as a gas or energy tax?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Property, income, sales tax	13%	14%	17%	15%	10%	10%	14%	12%	13%
User fees	35	33	37	40	39	22	34	35	36
Specialty taxes	37	41	36	32	30	47	39	40	23
DK/NA	16	12	10	13	21	21	13	13	28

42) New York City and the areas in CT, NJ, and NY which surround it are often referred to as the New York City Metropolitan area or the Tri-State region. How important is it to you personally, that you live within the Tri-State region? Would you say it is very important, somewhat important or not important at all?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Very important	35%	45%	34%	27%	30%	20%	44%	32%	23%
Somewhat important	31	33	32	30	30	28	32	31	31
Not important	33	22	33	42	39	50	23	37	45
DK/NA	1	--	1	1	1	1	--	--	2

43) Have you ever heard of the Regional Plan Association?

	<u>Tot</u>	<u>NYC</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Hud</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>URB</u>	<u>SUB</u>	<u>RUR</u>
Yes	8%	9%	9%	7%	6%	15	9%	8%	7%
No	91	91	89	93	94	83	91	91	93
DK/NA	1	--	2	--	--	2	--	1	--

COMPARATIVE *QUALITY OF LIFE* POLL

REGIONAL PLAN ASSOCIATION AND QUINNIPIAC COLLEGE POLLING INSTITUTE

The five metropolitan regions reported are defined as follows:

Tri-State = Consists of 31 counties in the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut

Atl = Atlanta

Sea = Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton

Dal = Dallas-Fort Worth

LA = Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County

***Note on Question 2,3, and 5:** Percentages may add up to more than 100% since respondents were permitted to give up to two answers. "Don't Know/No Answer" and responses below 1% are excluded.

1) How long have you been living in the community where you now live?

	<u>Metropolitan Region</u>				
	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Less than 1 year	8%	13%	9%	10%	9%
Between 1 and 5 yrs	24	27	27	28	25
Between 6 and 10	15	18	16	19	16
Between 11 and 20	19	19	21	21	20
Between 21 and 30	15	15	11	9	15
Over 30 yrs	20	9	16	14	15
DK/NA	--	--	--	--	--

2) What are the one or two things that you like most about your local community? Anything else?*

		<u>Metropolitan Region</u>				
		<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>L.A.</u>
Convenient/Close to work shopping, restaurants, schools		19%	24%	16%	28%	18%
Friendly people/ neighborhood		17	23	20	20	14
Tranquil/Quiet		15	19	14	15	19
Low crime		9	11	8	13	13
Quality public schools	9	6	7	8	4	
Small town		7	8	9	12	8
Close to major city		6	6	4	5	1
Recreational opportunities		5	5	4	3	2
Sense of community		5	3	1	2	3
Close to beach		4	2	3	2	7
Quality public transportation		4	1	--	--	1
Greenery and open space		4	1	7	2	5
Ethnic diversity		3	1	3	1	1
Rural area		3	4	7	3	4
Clean streets		2	3	1	3	3
Cultural activities		2	1	3	2	2
Like most, cont'd						

Metropolitan Region

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>L.A.</u>
Strong families	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%
Able to get places without using car	2	--	1	--	--
Privacy	2	3	3	--	1
Low taxes	1	1	--	--	--
Employment opportunities	1	1	1	2	1
Affordable housing	1	1	--	1	1
No traffic congestion	1	3	2	2	2
Clean air and water	1	--	4	--	2
Local government	1	1	1	--	--
Church/Faith	1	3	1	2	1
Climate	--	4	9	4	12
Growth	--	2	2	2	--
Not close to major city	--	1	1	1	--
Safe schools	--	1	--	--	--
Good economy	--	1	--	1	1
Good race relations	--	--	--	--	1
Humanity/Morality/Ethics	--	1	1	1	--
City	--	--	--	1	--

3) What are the one or two things that you dislike most about your local community? Anything else?*

Metropolitan Region

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>L.A.</u>
High crime	14%	7%	14%	20%	25%
High taxes	11	3	4	4	1
Traffic congestion	8	20	18	10	12
Unclean streets	5	1	1	3	3
Unfriendly people/ neighborhood	5	4	2	3	3
Drugs	4	1	2	1	3
Too much growth - shops industry, population	4	15	16	8	9
Not quiet	4	2	3	1	--
Local government	3	3	3	3	3
Inconvenient/Far from work, shopping, ect.	3	7	4	6	4
Lack of quality schools	3	2	2	3	1
Lack of recreational opportunities	3	2	1	1	2
High cost of housing	2	1	1	2	2
Lack quality public transportation	2	2	3	2	1
No sense of community	2	1	1	2	1

Dislike most, cont'd

Metropolitan Region

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>L.A.</u>
Unemployment	1%	1%	--%	--%	2%
Poor economy	1	--	1	1	2

Homeless	1	--	1	--	1
Needing car to get around	1	--	1	1	1
Air and water pollution	1	1	1	1	4
Lack of greenery and open space	1	--	1	1	1
Too isolated	1	1	2	1	--
Lack of cultural activities	1	--	--	1	1
No privacy	1	--	--	--	--
No ethnic diversity	1	--	1	--	1
Racial tensions	1	1	--	1	1
Small town	1	1	1	1	1
Not close to major city	1	2	1	1	1
Poor financial situation	1	--	--	1	1
Climate	--	1	5	2	3
City	--	--	1	1	1
Not close to beach	--	--	1	--	1
Too close to major city	--	--	--	1	1

4) In general, how satisfied are you with the quality of life in your local community today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

Metropolitan Region

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Very satisfied	35%	49%	52%	47%	43%

Somewhat satisfied	48	42	42	40	43
Somewhat dissat	12	7	5	10	10
Very dissatisfied	5	2	1	3	4
DK/NA	1	--	1	1	1

5) What one or two issues do you consider most important to a good quality of life? Anything else?*

Metropolitan Region

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>L.A.</u>
Low crime/Safe streets	27%	22%	23%	27%	25%
Quality public schools	15	16	12	14	14
Good financial situation	11	10	10	12	8
Employment opportunities	9	6	7	6	8
Strong family	9	17	14	14	13
Health of individual	9	8	10	7	12
Clean air and water	6	2	6	1	3
Sense of community	6	2	4	4	4

Quality of life, cont'd

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>L.A.</u>
Humanity/Morality/Ethics	5%	7%	4%	7%	5%
Affordable housing	3	1	2	2	1
Tranquil/Quiet	3	2	2	3	3
Clean streets	3	--	1	1	1

Church/Faith	3	11	7	15	6
Low taxes	2	--	1	2	--
Good economy	2	1	2	1	1
Recreational opportunities	2	3	3	2	2
No drugs	1	1	--	--	1
No homeless	1	--	--	--	--
No traffic congestion	1	1	1	--	--
Being able to get places without car	1	--	--	--	--
Quality public trans.	1	1	1	--	--
Convenient/Close to work, shopping, restaurants	1	3	3	2	2
Greenery and open space	1	1	2	1	1
Cultural activities	1	1	1	1	1
Good health care facilities	1	1	1	1	1
Good race relations	1	--	1	--	1
Local government	1	2	3	1	1

Quality of life, cont'd

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>L.A.</u>
Privacy	--%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Growth	--	1	1	1	1
Climate	--	1	1	1	2
Ethnic diversity	--	--	--	1	--

Rural area	--	1	1	--	--
Having enough time	--	1	--	--	1
Close to a major city	--	--	1	--	--

For each of the issues I read to you, would you please tell me if you consider it very important to your quality of life, somewhat important, or not important at all?

First.

Do you consider -- -- very important to your quality of life, somewhat important, or not important at all?

Metropolitan Region

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
6) <i>Clean air and water</i>					
Very important	89%	90%	87%	81%	87%
Somewhat important	11	10	13	18	11
Not important	1	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	--	--	--	--	--

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
7) <i>Safe streets</i>					
Very important	93%	92%	87%	90%	91%
Somewhat important	6	7	12	10	8
Not important	--	1	1	--	1
DK/NA	--	--	1	--	--

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
8) <i>Greenery and open space</i>					
Very important	61%	66%	69%	62%	62%
Somewhat important	36	33	29	35	35
Not important	3	2	2	3	2
DK/NA	--	--	--	1	1

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
9) <i>Uncongested roads and highways</i>					
Very important	55%	56%	52%	53%	58%
Somewhat important	38	37	43	43	37
Not important	7	6	4	4	5
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	1

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
10) <i>Race relations</i>					
Very important	81%	80%	79%	80%	81%
Somewhat important	16	16	18	18	17
Not important	2	4	3	2	2
DK/NA	1	1	1	--	1

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
11) <i>Quality public trans.</i>					
Very important	53%	38%	47%	34%	40%
Somewhat important	34	38	40	41	41
Not important	11	23	11	22	17
DK/NA	2	1	2	4	2

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
12) <i>Quality public schools</i>					
Very important	84%	87%	83%	89%	87%
Somewhat important	9	7	10	7	7
Not important	4	5	5	3	3
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	3

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
13) <i>Low state and local taxes</i>					
Very important	64%	53%	46%	56%	58%
Somewhat important	31	41	45	37	35
Not important	3	5	7	6	7
DK/NA	1	2	2	2	--

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
14) <i>A sense of community</i>					
Very important	63%	68%	64%	62%	64%
Somewhat important	32	30	32	36	32
Not important	4	2	3	2	4
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
15) <i>Being able to get places without using your car?</i>					
Very important	42%	32%	36%	29%	36%
Somewhat important	38	39	42	39	41
Not important	18	27	22	31	21
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	2

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
16) <i>Affordable housing</i>					
Very important	68%	68%	69%	65%	67%
Somewhat important	23	28	25	30	26
Not important	8	4	5	5	7
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	1

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
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17) *And employment opportunities?*

Very important	76%	74%	78%	79%	77%
Somewhat important	16	22	15	17	15
Not important	7	5	6	4	8
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	1

18) What's your long range view for your local community - do you think that ten or fifteen years from now, your local community will be a better place to live than it is now, a worse place, or about the same?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Better	19%	27%	21%	31%	22%
Worse	29	30	34	23	27
Same	47	42	43	44	48
DK/NA	5	2	3	1	3

19) If you could move out of your local community tomorrow, would you move out or would you continue to live in the same community?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Move	42%	35%	31%	36%	41%
Stay	54	62	67	61	57
DK/NA	4	4	3	3	2

IF MOVE ABOVE,

20) What type of community would you like to move to? An urban, suburban, or rural area?

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Urban	13%	14%	15%	21%	17%
Suburban	50	42	20	32	33
Rural	33	41	62	45	48
DK/NA	4	3	2	2	3

For each of the following issues, please tell me if it is a big problem in your local community, a small problem, or no problem at all?

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Do you think -- -- is a big problem, a small problem, or no problem at all in your local community?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
21) <i>..Air and water pollution</i>					
Big problem	25%	14%	14%	23%	30%
Small problem	50	54	57	50	49
No problem	23	30	28	26	21
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
22) <i>Crime</i>					
Big problem	33%	26%	31%	40%	42%
Small problem	52	60	57	49	49
No problem	13	15	12	10	10
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	--

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
23) <i>How about lack of greenery and</i>					

open space?

Big problem	17%	10%	6%	11%	14%
Small problem	37	27	31	42	39
No problem	45	63	62	47	47
DK/NA	1	--	1	1	1

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24) *Traffic congestion?*

Big problem	33%	39%	44%	36%	37%
Small problem	44	40	37	38	37
No problem	23	22	19	26	25
DK/NA	1	--	1	--	1

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25) *Racial tensions?*

Big problem	16%	11%	9%	18%	21%
Small problem	39	40	46	47	44
No problem	42	48	44	34	34
DK/NA	3	2	2	1	1

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26) *How about lack of good public transportation?*

Big problem	18%	23%	19%	26%	24%
Small problem	35	29	39	34	33
No problem	43	45	40	35	35
DK/NA	4	3	3	5	8

27) The quality of public schools?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Big problem	23%	16%	21%	23%	29%
Small problem	27	31	37	33	28
No problem	36	44	33	37	32
DK/NA	14	10	10	8	11

28) High state and local taxes?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Big problem	55%	25%	31%	25%	46%
Small problem	32	40	46	44	32
No problem	9	32	19	27	18
DK/NA	4	3	5	4	5

29) Lack of a sense of community?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
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Big problem	17%	11%	10%	13%	20%
Small problem	40	39	39	45	38
No problem	40	49	47	40	39
DK/NA	3	1	4	2	3

30) *Difficulty getting places without using your car?*

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Big problem	28%	36%	28%	41%	37%
Small problem	31	33	34	32	31
No problem	39	31	34	26	30
DK/NA	2	1	4	1	3

31) *How about the high cost of housing?*

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Big problem	51%	24%	44%	28%	53%
Small problem	30	40	36	40	26
No problem	16	33	19	28	19
DK/NA	4	3	2	4	2

32) *And lack of good jobs?*

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Big problem	44%	23%	32%	28%	45%

Small problem	32	38	41	41	35
No problem	19	36	23	27	15
DK/NA	6	3	5	5	6

33) Would you be willing or unwilling to personally spend money to preserve open space and manage parks?

	<u>TriState</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Willing	56%	61%	62%	58%	49%
Unwilling	38	35	35	39	45
DK/NA	6	4	3	3	6

IF WILLING IN Q33 ASK,

34) How much would you be willing to personally spend a year to preserve open space and manage parks -- \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Less than \$25 (VOL)	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%
\$25	31	31	23	36	28
\$50	17	20	16	19	16
\$100	23	20	27	17	25
\$200	10	10	17	12	16
Over \$200 (VOL)	2	2	1	2	2
DK/NA	14	12	14	12	12

IF WILLING IN Q33 ASK,

35) Which of the following do you think would be the best way to pay for preserving open space and managing parks?

First, higher property, income or sales taxes?

Second, new or increased user fees, such as tolls and service charges?

Third, new dedicated specialty taxes, such as a gas or energy tax?

	<u>NY</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Property, income, sales tax	12%	16%	20%	19%	16%
User fees	32	36	34	34	33
Specialty taxes	38	36	32	32	39
DK/NA	18	13	15	15	12

36) Would you be willing or unwilling to personally spend money to ensure clean air and water?

	<u>Tri State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Willing	66%	70%	66%	62%	58%
Unwilling	29	26	30	35	38
DK/NA	5	5	4	3	4

IF WILLING IN Q36 ASK,

37) How much would you be willing to personally spend a year to ensure clean air and water -- \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200?

	<u>Tri State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Less than \$25 (VOL)	3%	5%	1%	2%	1%

\$25	30	31	26	35	25
\$50	20	17	18	20	16
\$100	20	18	25	18	21
\$200	10	13	16	12	21
Over \$200 (VOL)	2	3	1	2	2
DK/NA	15	12	15	11	14

IF WILLING IN Q36 ASK,

38) Which of the following do you think would be the best way to pay for ensuring clean air and water?

First, higher property, income or sales taxes?

Second, new or increased user fees, such as tolls and service charges?

Third, new dedicated specialty taxes, such as a gas or energy tax?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Property, income, sales tax	15%	19%	16%	23%	19%
User fees	29	29	23	27	21
Specialty taxes	39	39	45	37	47
DK/NA	17	13	16	13	13

39) Would you be willing or unwilling to personally spend money to eliminate traffic congestion?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Willing	24%	35%	47%	30%	37%
Unwilling	71	61	49	67	58
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	5

IF WILLING IN Q39 ASK,

40) How much would you be willing to personally spend a year to eliminate traffic congestion -- \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Less than \$25 (VOL)	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%
\$25	34	36	24	45	28
\$50	20	23	20	13	16
\$100	18	12	25	16	22
\$200	9	13	13	13	20
Over \$200 (VOL)	2	2	4	3	1
DK/NA	15	9	14	9	10

IF WILLING IN Q39 ASK,

41) Which of the following do you think would be the best way to pay for eliminating traffic congestion?

First, higher property, income or sales taxes?

Second, new or increased user fees, such as tolls and service charges?

Third, new dedicated specialty taxes, such as a gas or energy tax?

	<u>Tri-State</u>	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Property, income, sales tax	13%	27%	19%	15%	19%
User fees	35	36	30	42	25
Specialty taxes	37	28	40	31	45
DK/NA	16	9	11	11	11

42) How would you rate the quality of life in your metropolitan region? Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?

	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Excellent	15%	21%	13%	7%
Good	48	53	48	33
Fair	28	21	32	36
Poor	8	4	7	19
DK/NA	1	2	1	5

43) And what is your impression of the quality of life in the New York City Metropolitan Region? Excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Excellent	1%	2%	1%	1%

Good	14	13	12	13
Fair	35	33	34	32
Poor	35	38	40	35
DK/NA	15	15	13	20

44) Have you ever lived in the New York City Metropolitan Region?

	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Yes	14%	13%	13%	14%
No	86	87	87	85
DK/NA	--	--	1	1

46) If you could move to the New York City Metropolitan Region tomorrow, would you move there or not?

	<u>Atl</u>	<u>Sea</u>	<u>Dal</u>	<u>LA</u>
Move	7%	6%	8%	10%
Stay	90	93	90	89
DK/NA	3	2	2	2