

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL QOL SURVEY RESULTS:

RACE Differences - 7-COUNTY PITTSBURGH MSA Residents

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NOTES:

All entries are column % except where noted.

* p <.05 ** p<.01 for statistical tests of race differences

Geography:

7-County Pittsburgh MSA: The seven counties making up the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area – Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland

Sample sizes (unweighted)

Overall	n = 1,301
Non-African-American	n = 950
African-American	n = 351 (African-American defined as choosing “Black or African-American” in a check all that apply format; may have chosen additional race categories)

All estimates are weighted to account for the sample design.

Statistical tests of significance incorporate the complex survey design.

(See Technical Survey Methods document for details.)

SECTION: OVERALL QOL

OVERALL1. How long have you lived at your current residence? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Less than one year	7.2	7.2	7.6
2. 1-3 years	13.6	11.8	30.1
3. 3-5 years	7.4	7.1	10.1
4. 5-10 years	16.6	17.0	13.1
5. 10-20 years	20.1	20.0	20.5
6. More than 20 years	35.1	36.9	18.6

OVERALL2. How many years have you lived in the [Southwestern Pennsylvania] region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Less than one year	0.5	0.5	0.0
2. 1-3 years	1.7	1.6	3.4
3. 3-5 years	2.1	2.0	3.3
4. 5-10 years	5.0	4.9	6.0
5. 10-20 years	8.9	8.6	12.3
6. More than 20 years	81.8	82.5	75.0

OVERALL3. Thinking about the overall quality of life in [Southwestern Pennsylvania/the region], how would you rate the region as a place to live? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	16.0	17.3	4.0
2. Very Good	42.9	45.0	23.7
3. Good	26.0	26.0	25.9
4. Fair	11.7	8.7	39.0
5. Poor	3.4	3.0	7.4

OVERALL4. Would you say that the overall quality of life in [Southwestern Pennsylvania/the region] has improved, declined, or stayed about the same during the past few years?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Improved	22.8	22.5	24.8
2. Declined	30.6	30.1	35.3
3. Stayed about the same	46.6	47.3	39.8

OVERALL6. How would you rate your neighborhood or local community as a place to live? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	22.4	23.7	10.2
2. Very Good	36.6	39.0	14.3
3. Good	25.4	24.0	37.5
4. Fair	11.5	10.1	24.5
5. Poor	4.2	3.2	13.6

SECTION: NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGH1. About how often do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Just about everyday	39.4	39.6	37.7
2. Several times a month	35.8	36.4	30.5
3. Once a month	8.2	8.8	2.9
4. Several times a year	8.8	8.8	9.3
5. Never	7.7	6.4	19.5

NEIGH2. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: “The people in my neighborhood are willing to help their neighbors.” **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Strongly agree	53.3	54.8	37.7
2. Somewhat agree	36.7	36.2	41.0
3. Somewhat disagree	5.7	5.2	10.5
4. Strongly disagree	4.4	3.8	10.8

NEIGH3. When thinking about the racial diversity in your own neighborhood or local community, would you say that it is... **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very diverse	14.9	14.2	21.5
2. Somewhat diverse	50.1	49.0	60.1
3. Not at all diverse	35.0	36.8	18.4

NEIGH4. How much of a problem, if any, do you think race relations are in your own neighborhood or local community? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	3.7	3.2	8.3
2. Moderate problem	8.9	8.5	12.0
3. Minor problem	24.9	23.9	33.7
4. Not a problem at all	62.5	64.4	46.0

NEIGH5. How likely are you to move from your current residence within the next year? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very likely	12.4	11.5	20.0
2. Somewhat likely	14.2	12.7	28.5
3. Not at all likely	73.4	75.8	51.5

NEIGH6. Do you expect to be living in the [Southwestern Pennsylvania] region five years from now? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	85.2	86.2	75.3
2. No	14.8	13.8	24.7

SECTION: ENVIRONMENT

ENVIR1. Would you say that air quality in your community is a...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	3.6	3.3	6.9
2. Moderate problem	15.3	15.2	15.7
3. Minor problem	28.9	28.9	28.2
4. Not a problem at all	52.2	52.6	49.1

ENVIR2. How about the quality of your drinking water?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	6.3	5.9	10.8
2. Moderate problem	13.1	12.7	17.2
3. Minor problem	20.9	21.2	18.1
4. Not a problem at all	59.7	60.3	53.9

ENVIR3. How about pollution in streams and rivers?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	10.1	9.2	18.5
2. Moderate problem	24.5	24.9	20.7
3. Minor problem	31.9	32.5	25.8
4. Not a problem at all	33.6	33.4	35.0

ENVIR4. First, how closely would you say you have been following the Marcellus Shale issue? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very closely	19.9	21.6	4.9
2. Somewhat closely	34.6	36.0	21.8
3. A little bit	27.1	26.4	34.2
4. Not at all	18.4	16.1	39.1

ENVIR5. Where do you currently get information about Marcellus Shale activity? (Check all that apply)

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Media such as newspaper, television, or radio **	96.8	96.6	99.5
02. The Internet	51.9	51.4	58.5
03. Neighbors, friends, or relatives **	50.5	52.5	26.1
04. Natural gas industry representatives *	16.2	16.9	7.3
05. Cooperative extension or other educators	13.9	13.6	18.3
06. Landowner groups	14.0	14.7	5.8
07. Environmental regulatory agencies	17.9	18.2	14.0
08. Center for Healthy Environments and Communities	8.6	7.7	20.2
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09. FracTracker.org	4.5	4.5	4.5
10. Other (Specify) **	6.9	7.4	1.3

ENVIR6. To what extent do you think the Marcellus Shale represents an economic opportunity for this region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A significant economic opportunity [for the region]	34.2	35.4	21.8
2. A moderate economic opportunity [for the region]	34.7	34.1	40.0
3. Only a slight economic opportunity [for the region]	20.1	19.7	23.9
4. Very little or no economic opportunity [for the region]	11.1	10.8	14.3

ENVIR7. To what extent do you think the Marcellus Shale represents a threat to the environment and public health of the region? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A significant threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	24.8	25.6	18.0
2. A moderate threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	33.7	32.1	49.3
3. Only a slight threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	26.9	27.1	25.2
4. Very little or no threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	14.5	15.3	7.5

ENVIR8. Considering everything, how do you feel about natural gas extraction from the Marcellus Shale region? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Strongly oppose	11.6	11.8	9.5
2. Somewhat oppose	18.1	18.5	14.1
3. Neither oppose nor support	29.6	28.2	43.1
4. Somewhat support	23.7	23.6	24.8
5. Strongly support	17.0	17.9	8.4

ENVIR9. Have you been affected personally from industry activities related to removing natural gas from the Marcellus Shale?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	11.1	11.9	3.8
2. No	88.9	88.1	96.2

ENVIR11. Have you or anyone in your family signed a lease with a natural gas company for rights to extract natural gas from land that you or someone in your family owns? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	12.1	13.4	0.2
2. No	87.9	86.6	99.8

ENVIR12. Do you feel that state government oversight of the environment should...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase significantly	29.1	29.3	27.1
2. Increase somewhat	33.2	32.7	39.1
3. Remain the same	21.6	22.0	17.7
4. Decrease somewhat	10.0	9.9	10.4
5. Decrease significantly	6.0	6.1	5.7

ENVIR13. Would you say that overall environmental quality in our region is...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Improving significantly	6.4	6.6	4.9
2. Improving somewhat	27.6	27.4	30.4
3. Remaining the same	43.3	43.9	37.2
4. Getting somewhat worse	18.3	18.4	17.9
5. Getting significantly worse	4.3	3.7	9.5

ENVIR14. Do you regularly recycle newspaper, glass, or plastic? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	80.9	82.9	63.1
2. No	19.1	17.1	36.9

ENVIR15. Do you have a fishing or hunting license? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	19.9	20.8	11.8
2. No	80.1	79.2	88.2

ENVIR16. How would you rate the overall quality of public recreational areas in the region, such as parks, trails and playgrounds? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	19.2	19.8	14.4
2. Very Good	37.1	38.0	28.6
3. Good	26.3	26.9	21.3
4. Fair	11.5	10.6	19.2
5. Poor	5.9	4.7	16.4

SECTION: GOVERNMENT

GOV1. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on public safety? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	33.2	30.0	62.0
2. Keep spending the same	59.8	63.3	28.3
3. Decrease spending	7.0	6.7	9.8

GOV2. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on roads and infrastructure? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	53.3	50.8	76.1
2. Keep spending the same	40.7	43.4	15.7
3. Decrease spending	6.0	5.7	8.2

GOV3. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on human services? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	37.2	34.0	65.4
2. Keep spending the same	49.8	52.1	29.2
3. Decrease spending	13.0	13.9	5.3

GOV4. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on parks and recreation? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	24.5	21.2	55.7
2. Keep spending the same	65.0	68.2	35.2
3. Decrease spending	10.5	10.7	9.1

GOV5. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on schools? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	54.4	50.6	89.0
2. Keep spending the same	32.7	35.5	7.4
3. Decrease spending	12.9	13.9	3.6

GOV6. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on economic development and job creation? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	68.8	66.0	94.4
2. Keep spending the same	22.0	24.0	4.9
3. Decrease spending	9.1	10.1	0.7

GOV7. How strongly would you support or oppose the idea of merging your municipality with any neighboring municipality? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Strongly support	14.4	13.2	25.1
2. Moderately support	23.2	21.8	36.2
3. Neither support nor oppose	26.4	27.3	18.6
4. Moderately oppose	17.3	18.5	5.4
5. Strongly oppose	18.7	19.2	14.6

GOV8. How often do you vote? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. In every election	55.9	57.7	39.4
2. In every general election	11.6	11.4	13.3
3. In every Presidential election	14.7	13.1	29.2
4. Rarely	6.2	5.8	10.1
5. You don't vote	11.6	12.0	7.9

GOV9. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Democrat	43.6	39.8	78.4
2. Republican	25.3	27.6	4.0
3. Independent	22.1	23.7	7.6
4. Something else/Other (Specify)	9.0	8.9	10.0

GOV10. Generally speaking, would you consider yourself to be a liberal, a conservative, or a moderate?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Liberal	21.3	20.5	29.8
2. Conservative	36.9	37.8	27.8
3. Moderate	41.8	41.7	42.4

SECTION: ARTS

ARTS1. During the past year, about how many times have you visited a local museum or gallery or attended an art or cultural event, such as a play, concert, festival, reading or film?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. None	18.9	18.8	19.9
2. 1-2 times	23.7	23.8	22.9
3. 3-5 times	27.7	27.0	33.9
4. 6-10 times	15.4	15.8	11.5
5. 11-20 times	8.1	8.2	7.6
6. More than 20 times	6.2	6.4	4.2

ARTS2. Why haven't you visited or attended any of these? (Check all that apply)

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. You're not interested	34.3	35.0	28.5
2. It's too expensive	25.9	26.1	23.9
3. You don't have time	32.5	32.6	31.7
4. Lack of awareness	8.4	7.4	17.6
5. Lack of transportation	11.7	11.6	13.2
6. Some other reason (Specify)	32.8	32.9	31.6

ARTS3. During the last 12 months, did you do any arts and crafts work, painting, drawing, sculpture, or printmaking activities?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	36.1	36.1	36.1
2. No	63.9	63.9	63.9

ARTS4. During the last 12 months, outside of work or school, did you do any creative writing such as stories, poems or plays? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	16.9	15.9	25.3
2. No	83.1	84.1	74.7

ARTS5. During the last 12 months, did you write, compose music or play a musical instrument?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	20.3	19.7	25.8
2. No	79.7	80.3	74.2

ARTS6. During the last 12 months, did you sing in a choir, band or other performance, or do any dancing such as ballet, modern, folk, or tap?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	17.5	17.0	21.8
2. No	82.5	83.0	78.2

ARTS7. During the past year, have you made any donations or have you volunteered your time to arts or cultural organizations?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	39.9	40.0	38.8
2. No	60.1	60.0	61.2

ARTS8. In your opinion, how important is arts education in schools? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Not important	3.7	4.1	0.4
2. Somewhat important	28.7	29.9	18.2
3. Very important	44.3	44.8	39.4
4. Extremely important	23.2	21.2	42.0

ARTS9. How would you rate the overall quality of the region's arts and cultural opportunities? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	15.1	16.1	6.4
2. Very Good	35.8	36.6	28.2
3. Good	29.3	29.3	29.8
4. Fair	14.7	14.2	19.8
5. Poor	5.0	3.9	15.8

SECTION: TRANSPORTATION

TRANS1. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with road and bridge quality in the region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	29.6	29.3	32.0
2. A moderate problem	42.3	41.7	48.0
3. A minor problem	20.7	21.0	17.7
4. Not a problem at all	7.4	8.0	2.3

TRANS2. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with traffic congestion in the region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	26.5	25.4	36.9
2. A moderate problem	41.8	42.2	38.2
3. A minor problem	19.4	19.7	16.6
4. Not a problem at all	12.3	12.8	8.3

TRANS3. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with the availability of public transit in the region? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	29.7	26.9	54.4
2. A moderate problem	30.3	30.9	24.2
3. A minor problem	14.2	14.5	12.3
4. Not a problem at all	25.8	27.7	9.1

TRANS4. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with the availability of nonstop flight destinations at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	20.5	20.5	20.7
2. A moderate problem	27.6	27.9	24.3
3. A minor problem	19.8	18.8	30.4
4. Not a problem at all	32.1	32.8	24.6

TRANS5. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with the availability of safe and dedicated bicycling and pedestrian routes in the region? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	15.4	14.6	22.9
2. A moderate problem	26.5	27.3	17.9
3. A minor problem	22.6	21.3	36.1
4. Not a problem at all	35.6	36.8	23.1

TRANS6. How often do you use public transit? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 5 days a week or more	8.8	6.1	33.9
2. At least once a week	6.1	5.7	9.2
3. At least once a month	6.3	6.3	6.2
4. Less than once a month	15.4	15.1	18.4
5. Never	51.9	54.3	30.2
6. Public transit is not available	11.6	12.6	2.1

TRANS7. Are you satisfied with the public transit available to you? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	59.3	61.2	43.6
2. No	40.7	38.8	56.4

TRANS9. How often do you travel in and around the City of Pittsburgh? **
 [Not asked if person lives in Pittsburgh]

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 5 days a week or more	19.7	18.3	45.5
2. At least once a week	14.4	14.3	15.0
3. At least once a month	29.1	29.8	16.8
4. Less than once a month or never	36.8	37.6	22.7

TRANS10. Why do you usually travel to the City of Pittsburgh? (Check all that apply)
 [Only asked of non-Pittsburgh residents who travel to Pittsburgh at least once a month]

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Work or business	43.7	42.2	63.9
2. Arts and culture	58.6	58.7	56.9
3. Entertainment, events and sports *	75.5	74.4	91.7
4. Shopping *	37.8	36.2	59.9
5. Education or medical services	54.0	52.6	73.8
6. Other (Specify)	25.8	25.5	30.5

SECTION: EDUCATION

EDUC1. In your view, how adequate or inadequate are the financial resources available for the public schools in your local community? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Completely adequate	17.9	19.5	2.6
2. Generally adequate	49.7	51.5	32.1
3. Generally inadequate	23.6	21.5	43.0
4. Completely inadequate	8.9	7.5	22.2

EDUC2. How would you rate the safety of the public schools in your local community? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very safe	46.1	50.0	10.1
2. Somewhat safe	39.8	38.0	56.4
3. Somewhat unsafe	11.0	9.0	29.5
4. Very unsafe	3.1	3.0	4.1

EDUC3. Do you have any children under the age of 18 who currently live in your household? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	31.0	29.8	42.1
2. No	69.0	70.2	57.9

EDUC4. Do you have any children attending a public school or a private school?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes, public school	61.9	62.4	58.4
2. Yes, private school	11.9	11.6	13.5
3. Yes, both types	0.8	0.9	0.7
4. No, no children attending either	23.4	23.1	25.1
5. Other (Specify)	2.0	2.0	2.3

EDUC5. How would you rate the overall quality of education that your children are receiving?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	30.7	30.2	34.1
2. Very Good	35.0	36.2	26.7
3. Good	23.9	24.5	20.3
4. Fair	7.8	6.6	16.3
5. Poor	2.5	2.5	2.6

EDUC6. In the past two years, have you visited your child's school for a parent conference or been a member of the PTA or similar parent organization?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	85.6	86.3	81.0
2. No	14.4	13.7	19.0

EDUC7. In the past two years, have you attended a school board meeting?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	16.2	15.3	24.0
2. No	83.8	84.7	76.0

EDUC8. Do you regularly use any form of day care for any of your children? This includes family members, friends, in-home care and professional child care facilities. *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	35.3	32.7	52.7
2. No	64.7	67.3	47.3

EDUC9. How much of a problem, if any, has it been for you to find quality day care that you can trust?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	9.1	7.7	14.9
2. A moderate problem	18.9	19.5	16.7
3. A minor problem	22.8	19.8	34.7
4. Not a problem at all	49.2	53.0	33.8

EDUC10. Do you feel that the emphasis placed on statewide test scores in public schools is...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very appropriate	20.3	20.3	19.8
2. Somewhat appropriate	46.2	46.0	48.1
3. Somewhat inappropriate	21.1	20.4	27.9
4. Very inappropriate	12.4	13.2	4.1

EDUC11. If education funding had to be reduced, which one of the following would you most favor reduced spending on? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Athletics /After school programs	36.6	37.1	31.0
2. Buildings and facilities	28.4	26.6	47.6
3. Transportation	15.8	16.1	11.8
4. School personnel, that is, teachers and administrators	19.2	20.2	9.7

EDUC12. Would you support merging your school district with any of its neighboring school districts?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	47.2	46.9	51.0
2. No	52.8	53.1	49.0

SECTION: PUBLIC SAFETY

SAFE1. In general, how do you think your neighborhood compares with other neighborhoods in the area with regard to the amount of crime? Do you think it has more crime than other neighborhoods, about the same amount of crime, or less crime? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. More crime	7.6	6.8	14.6
2. About the same	25.4	24.3	35.6
3. Less crime	67.0	68.9	49.8

SAFE2. Comparing safety in your neighborhood now with safety a year ago, is there now... **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. More crime	14.6	13.6	23.7
2. About the same	71.0	72.9	53.5
3. Less crime	14.4	13.5	22.8

SAFE3. In terms of personal experience with crime, during the past year, have you been the victim of a property crime? That is, have you had money or property stolen, property vandalized, your home broken into, or a car stolen?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	13.7	13.4	16.7
2. No	86.3	86.6	83.3

SAFE4. How about violent crime? During the past year, have you been the victim of a personal assault, a robbery involving the use of force or a weapon, or some other type of attack? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	1.9	1.5	6.1
2. No	98.1	98.5	93.9

SAFE5. How would you rate the police in your community in terms of giving protection to people in your neighborhood? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent job	26.0	27.6	10.7
2. Very good job	28.0	29.2	16.6
3. Good job	25.5	25.0	30.8
4. Fair job	13.8	12.4	27.1
5. Poor job	6.6	5.7	14.8

SAFE6. Which of the following best describes the general approach you believe we ought to take with people convicted of crimes?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Emphasize rehabilitation to prepare them for reentry into society	32.1	31.1	41.8
2. Emphasize a mixture of rehabilitation and shorter prison terms	38.0	38.2	35.6
3. Emphasize longer prison terms	29.9	30.7	22.6

SAFE7. Do you support reduced incarceration of non-violent offenders in order to reduce costs?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	72.5	71.7	80.3
2. No	27.5	28.3	19.7

SECTION: HOUSING

HOUSE1. Do you or your family own the place where you currently live, do you rent, or other? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Own	77.7	81.8	39.0
2. Rent	21.1	16.9	60.9
3. Other (Specify)	1.2	1.3	0.0

HOUSE2. How would you rate the overall physical or structural condition of the house or apartment in which you live? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	30.1	31.9	13.9
2. Very Good	37.4	38.2	30.0
3. Good	21.6	20.2	34.6
4. Fair	8.9	7.8	19.1
5. Poor	2.0	1.9	2.4

HOUSE3. What about the condition of the other houses or buildings in your neighborhood? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	19.1	20.4	6.9
2. Very Good	40.8	42.1	29.0
3. Good	28.1	27.0	38.0
4. Fair	9.2	7.6	23.8
5. Poor	2.8	2.9	2.2

SECTION: ECONOMY

ECON1. How often does your household have difficulty paying for basic necessities like monthly rent or mortgage, food, and utilities? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Never	55.1	57.4	34.0
2. Rarely	21.3	20.5	29.1
3. Sometimes	15.2	14.6	20.4
4. Often	4.6	4.4	6.2
5. Always	3.8	3.1	10.3

ECON2. In the past 3 years, has your household's financial situation... **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Gotten significantly better	5.1	5.2	3.7
2. Gotten somewhat better	21.0	18.6	42.6
3. Stayed about the same	49.6	51.6	32.0
4. Gotten somewhat worse	19.6	19.9	17.1
5. Gotten significantly worse	4.7	4.7	4.6

ECON3. Thinking about the national economy, would you say that over the next year the nation's economy will... *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Get much better	2.3	1.8	7.3
2. Get somewhat better	23.5	22.9	28.9
3. Stay about the same	28.7	28.4	31.5
4. Get somewhat worse	29.4	30.3	20.9
5. Get much worse	16.1	16.6	11.4

ECON4. Thinking about the local or regional economy, would you say that over the next year the region's economy will... *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Get much better	3.2	2.6	8.7
2. Get somewhat better	22.8	22.3	27.4
3. Stay about the same	47.3	48.1	39.9
4. Get somewhat worse	19.7	19.8	18.6
5. Get much worse	7.0	7.1	5.4

ECON5. Thinking about your own economic situation, would you say that over the next year your economic situation will... **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Get much better	6.3	4.4	23.8
2. Get somewhat better	26.8	24.9	45.2
3. Stay about the same	54.0	56.9	27.6
4. Get somewhat worse	10.1	10.9	2.5
5. Get much worse	2.7	2.9	1.0

ECON6. Are you currently employed either full or part time? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	60.7	60.3	64.8
2. No	23.9	24.3	19.8
3. Retired	12.4	13.1	5.5
4. Disabled	2.6	2.0	7.8
5. Unable to work	0.4	0.3	2.2

ECON7. How many hours per week do you USUALLY work at your main job?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 35 hours or more per week	80.1	79.9	81.2
2. Less than 35 hours per week	19.9	20.1	18.8

ECON8. Do you currently want a full time job? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	23.5	20.8	53.9
2. No	76.5	79.2	46.1

ECON10. Are you looking for work at this time? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	83.1	80.5	95.1
2. No	16.9	19.5	4.9

ECON12. Are you employed in the private sector, the public sector, or a non-profit?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Private	45.8	47.0	35.9
2. Public	38.4	37.8	43.0
3. Non-profit	15.9	15.2	21.1

ECON13. Are you self-employed?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Self-Employed	21.0	20.4	27.5
2. Work for someone else	79.0	79.6	72.5

ECON14. Are you a member of a union?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	15.1	15.1	14.7
2. No	84.9	84.9	85.3

ECON16. How do you usually get to work? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Private car, truck, or van	79.0	81.9	55.1
2. Public transit	9.5	6.6	34.3
3. Motorcycle	0.6	0.7	0.0
4. Bicycle or walking	4.1	4.3	2.7
5. Work at home	4.3	4.1	6.0
6. Other (Specify)	2.4	2.5	1.8

ECON17. How easy would it be for you to find a job with another employer in the area that offers the same income and fringe benefits you have now? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very easy	6.7	6.3	10.3
2. Fairly easy	22.3	24.0	8.2
3. Not too easy	30.1	28.5	44.2
4. Not easy at all	40.9	41.3	37.3

ECON18. Are you currently a full- or part-time student at a community college, a 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade/professional school? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. No, not a student	88.9	90.2	77.6
2. Student at Community college	2.6	1.7	11.2
3. Student at a 4-year college/university	7.6	7.4	9.5
4. Student at a technical/trade/professional school	0.8	0.7	1.7

SECTION: HEALTH

HLTH1. Overall, how would you rate your health?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	17.8	17.8	17.8
2. Very Good	35.6	36.4	29.0
3. Good	28.3	27.9	32.0
4. Fair	14.3	13.8	19.1
5. Poor	4.0	4.2	2.1

HLTH2. During the past month, how would describe your stress level?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. No stress	9.6	9.7	8.8
2. Mild stress	40.9	40.1	48.9
3. Moderate stress	36.6	37.1	31.7
4. Severe stress	12.9	13.1	10.6

HLTH3. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	91.8	92.5	85.0
2. No	8.2	7.5	15.0

HLTH4. Was there a time during the last 12 months when you needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	11.7	10.9	18.7
2. No	88.3	89.1	81.3

HLTH7. Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Every day	15.2	15.0	17.7
2. Some days	6.5	6.0	11.0
3. Not at all	78.2	79.0	71.3

HLTH8. People may provide regular care or assistance to someone who has a long-term illness or disability. During the past month, did you provide any such care to a family member or friend?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	22.2	21.6	27.4
2. No	77.8	78.4	72.6

HLTH9. What is your relationship to the person you cared for?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Your mother or mother-in-law	24.6	23.3	34.1
02. Your father or father-in-law	10.6	11.3	6.2
03. Your wife	4.2	4.2	4.1
04. Your husband	5.4	6.0	1.1
05. Your daughter or daughter-in-law	5.3	6.0	0.9
06. Your son or son-in-law	6.0	5.3	11.0
07. Some other relative (Specify)	27.2	28.2	20.1
08. A non-relative (Specify)	16.5	15.7	22.3

HLTH10. What is the major or primary health problem of the person you cared for? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Heart disease	11.1	11.8	5.6
02. Cancer	11.1	11.1	11.0
03. Stroke	4.9	4.6	7.1
04. Diabetes	5.1	3.5	17.2
05. Dementia or Alzheimer's	11.6	11.5	12.9
06. Arthritis or rheumatism	3.8	2.7	11.9
07. Lung disease or emphysema	1.5	0.9	5.6
08. Cerebral palsy	0.6	0.7	0.0
09. Hypertension	0.8	0.8	0.3
10. Some other disease or condition (Specify)	49.5	52.4	28.6

HLTH11. About how many hours per week do you provide care?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 8 hours or less per week	48.9	49.5	44.7
2. 9 to 19 hours per week	18.5	19.2	13.9
3. 20 to 39 hours per week	11.0	12.0	4.2
4. 40 or more hours per week	21.5	19.4	37.2

HLTH12. How long have you been providing care?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 3 months or less	17.8	17.7	18.6
2. 4 to 12 months	19.2	18.2	26.6
3. 13 to 24 months	13.8	13.9	12.8
4. 25 months to 5 years	26.7	27.3	22.2
5. more than 5 years	22.5	22.8	19.9

SECTION: RELIGION

RELIG1. What is your current religious preference? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. None	18.9	18.9	18.4
2. Protestant	34.0	32.2	51.1
3. Catholic	32.9	35.7	6.7
4. Jewish	0.5	0.5	0.1
5. Muslim	1.0	0.9	2.2
6. Other (Specify)	12.6	11.7	21.5

RELIG2. How often do you usually attend religious services, meetings and/or activities? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Every day or nearly every day	3.7	3.9	2.3
2. At least once a week	35.9	36.5	30.7
3. At least once a month	13.5	13.3	15.1
4. A few times a year	23.5	22.0	37.1
5. Never	23.4	24.3	14.8

RELIG3. To what extent do you consider yourself a spiritual person?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very spiritual	30.2	30.3	29.0
2. Moderately spiritual	43.8	43.4	48.1
3. Slightly spiritual	18.0	17.9	19.2
4. Not spiritual at all	7.9	8.4	3.7

SECTION: HAPPINESS

HAPPY1. All things considered, how satisfied would you say you are with life these days? Please tell me on a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 means “Very Dissatisfied,” and 10 means “Very satisfied.”

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
Mean rating	7.70	7.72	7.53

HAPPY2. Taking all things together on a scale of 1 to 10, how happy would you say you are? Here, one means “Very Unhappy” and 10 means “Very Happy.”

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
Mean rating	7.84	7.85	7.69

SECTION: INTERNET

NET1. Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	81.1	81.0	81.9
2. No	18.9	19.0	18.1

NET2. Do you ever use the internet to use a social networking site like MySpace, Facebook or LinkedIn.com?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	61.1	60.3	68.0
2. No	38.9	39.7	32.0

SECTION: DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE. What is your age now? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 18-29	19.1	17.7	32.6
2. 30-44	22.2	21.7	27.4
3. 45-64	36.8	37.3	31.3
4. 65+	21.9	23.3	8.7

SEX. INTERVIEWER: RECORD PERSON'S SEX

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Male	42.4	43.1	35.6
2. Female	57.6	56.9	64.4

MARSTAT. What is your current marital status? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Married/living as married	56.6	60.6	19.8
2. Divorced or separated	8.7	8.1	14.5
3. Widowed	7.9	8.0	6.5
4. Single/never married	26.8	23.3	59.2

HISP. Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	2.0	2.0	2.4
2. No	98.0	98.0	97.6

EDUC. What is the highest level of education you have completed? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Eighth grade or less	0.4	0.4	0.2
02. Some high school	3.0	2.9	4.4
03. High school graduate or GED	28.4	28.1	31.0
04. Some college, no degree	18.5	17.2	29.7
05. Associate's degree, occupational	6.5	6.2	8.4
06. Associate's degree, academic	4.5	4.1	8.7
07. Bachelor's degree	23.4	24.4	14.0
08. Master's degree	11.6	12.5	3.4
09. Professional degree	0.8	0.9	0.1
10. Doctoral degree	2.9	3.2	0.2

INCOME. Which of the following best describes your household's total yearly income? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Under \$25,000	17.3	15.2	36.7
2. \$25,000 to just under \$50,000	29.0	28.1	37.7
3. \$50,000 to just under \$75,000	21.5	22.1	16.4
4. \$75,000 to just under \$100,000	16.0	17.2	5.2
5. \$100,000 to just under \$150,000	10.1	10.8	3.6
6. \$150,000 or More	6.0	6.6	0.4

VET. Are you a veteran?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	10.4	10.7	8.2
2. No	89.6	89.3	91.8