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NEW JERSEY: QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX AT RECORD LOW

Residents still like their local communities, but state ratings tank

West Long Branch, NJ – New Jersey residents' views of the quality of life in their home state have tumbled to an all-time low. Currently, just half the public gives positive marks to the Garden State as a place to live. At the same time, the **Monmouth University Poll** also finds that residents' opinions of their own local communities remain positive and have not changed much at all over the past year.

Just half of New Jersey residents say the state is either an excellent (11%) or good (39%) place to call home, while 32% say it is only fair and 17% rate it as poor. The current positive rating of 50% has dropped from the 54% result in last year's Monmouth poll, marking an all-time low for this metric in New Jersey opinion polls going back to 1980. Over the past decade, this rating has generally been in the mid-60s. Prior to that, positive rating of the state was frequently in the 70s, even reaching as high as 84% in 1987.

"Yikes! The state rating has bounced around the last few years, but this latest result marks a precipitous drop from any prior reading. This is a huge warning sign for the state's political leadership. If New Jerseyans aren't confident that the situation will turn around, they will start voting with their feet," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Monmouth's exclusive Garden State Quality of Life Index score now stands at a record low of +13, which is down from +18 in April 2018 and +25 in July 2017. Over the past eight years, this index had ranged from +18 to a high of +31 (April 2012).

The quality of life index score took its biggest hit in the Philadelphia suburbs, dropping 17 points from a +14 score last year to –3 currently in the Delaware Valley (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester). A significant 9 point drop was also recorded in the state's Urban Core (Essex, Hudson) going from +8 last year to –1 in the current poll. While the affluent Central Hills area (Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset) retains the highest index score at +27, this is down 7 points from +34 last year. The Northern Shore (Monmouth,

Ocean) is the only region where the index score has ticked up over the past year, from +18 to +21. The Garden State Quality of Life Index has been more stable in the Northeast region (from +24 to +21), the Route 1 Corridor (from +18 to +16), and the less populated Garden Core counties (from +11 to +9).

The Garden State Quality of Life Index was created by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in 2010 to serve as a resident-based indicator of the quality of life offered by the state of New Jersey. The index is based on five separate poll questions: overall opinion of the state as a place to live – which contributes half the index score – and ratings of one's hometown, the performance of local schools, the quality of the local environment, and feelings of safety in one's own neighborhood. The index can potentially range from -100 to +100.

Two-in-three New Jerseyans rate their own town or city as an excellent (30%) or good (37%) place to live, with 21% saying it is only fair and 11% rating it as poor. The current 67% positive rating for local communities is down from 71% last year and is at the lower end of the range for this question since 2000.

The percentage of Garden State residents who currently say they feel very safe in their own neighborhoods at night (64%) is similar to last year's poll (65%). Another 29% say they feel somewhat safe and 7% do not feel safe at all. This result is within the range for this question over the past decade.

Ratings for the job local schools are doing stands at 59% positive – 19% excellent and 40% good – which is similar to the 60% result in 2018. Another 22% rate their schools as only fair and 10% say they are poor.

The current poll registers relatively high ratings for local environmental quality at 71% positive – 27% excellent and 44% good – which is just slightly off last year's mark of 73%. Another 21% rate the local environment as only fair and 8% say it is poor.

"New Jerseyans seem to separate their views of the state as a whole from how they feel about their own neighborhoods. The question is how much longer this can go on before statewide problems override the benefits of living in their local community," said Murray. Monmouth released a poll earlier this month where 45% of New Jerseyans named property taxes as the state's most pressing issue.

There have been a number of demographic shifts in the key state rating question since last year. Positive reviews of New Jersey as a place to live have held steady among men (47%) while they have dropped by 9 points among women (51%). By age, the state rating has dropped 11 points among those 18 to 34 years old (47%) and by 5 points among those 35 to 54 years old (47%) but has ticked up 2 points among those age 55 and older (54%). The state rating has dropped by 7 points among white non-Hispanic residents (49%) but is an insignificant one point higher among New Jerseyans of color (52%) compared to last year. The state rating is down by 12 points among those earning over $100,000 a year (49%), but it

	NJ TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			RACE		INCOME		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black/ Hispanic	<$50K	$50-100K	>$100K
GARDEN STATE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX											
February 2019	**+13**	+14	+12	+10	+11	+18	+17	+4	+2	+14	+20
April 2018	**+18**	+16	+20	+22	+14	+20	+22	+5	+8	+16	+27
July 2017	**+25**	+25	+24	+15	+26	+30	+32	+6	+8	+23	+41
July 2015	**+18**	+18	+18	+25	+11	+20	+24	+5	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 2015	**+23**	+21	+26	+26	+18	+28	+29	+10	+13	+30	+31
September 2014	**+18**	+19	+17	+12	+20	+20	+23	+5	+13	+15	+30
April 2014	**+25**	+24	+25	+31	+20	+25	+27	+16	+17	+24	+33
February 2014	**+23**	+28	+18	+23	+21	+26	+27	+11	+8	+23	+35
December 2013	**+24**	+25	+23	+24	+21	+27	+29	+10	+10	+24	+35
September 2013	**+26**	+26	+26	+27	+23	+30	+33	+10	+17	+25	+42
April 2013	**+21**	+19	+24	+19	+19	+27	+29	+3	+12	+19	+35
February 2013	**+29**	+28	+30	+30	+27	+31	+36	+12	+20	+30	+36
December 2012	**+30**	+31	+29	+30	+30	+30	+36	+14	+17	+33	+38
September 2012	**+24**	+28	+20	+16	+21	+32	+30	+5	+10	+23	+37
July 2012	**+27**	+26	+29	+21	+31	+30	+32	+16	+16	+31	+37
April 2012	**+31**	+33	+28	+25	+30	+37	+36	+19	+24	+28	+42
February 2012	**+25**	+20	+30	+25	+24	+26	+29	+13	+17	+23	+38
October 2011	**+24**	+24	+24	+23	+21	+29	+31	+7	+15	+25	+31
August 2011	**+22**	+25	+19	+27	+19	+21	+26	+9	+9	+22	+32
May 2011	**+23**	+24	+22	+23	+22	+23	+26	+14	+15	+22	+32
December 2010	**+21**	+20	+23	+23	+20	+23	+26	+13	+15	+21	+31

	REGION							COMMUNITY TYPE		
	North east	Urban Core	Route 1 Corridor	Central Hills	Northern Shore	Delaware Valley	Garden Core	Urban	Stable Town	Growing Suburb
GARDEN STATE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX										
February 2019	+21	-1	+16	+27	+21	-3	+9	-1	+15	+19
April 2018	+24	+8	+18	+34	+18	+14	+11	+2	+23	+24
July 2017	+25	+18	+34	+33	+35	+22	+13	+7	+31	+29
July 2015	+21	+4	+22	+35	+22	+17	+10	-2	+28	+23
February 2015	+31	+13	+24	+38	+31	+11	+19	+11	+30	+27
September 2014	+23	+8	+12	+42	+27	+18	+4	+10	+22	+19
April 2014	+24	+10	+22	+43	+29	+25	+23	+4	+26	+33
February 2014	+27	+16	+20	+37	+30	+14	+16	+6	+28	+28
December 2013	+31	+15	+26	+40	+25	+14	+17	+5	+29	+30
September 2013	+27	+8	+21	+52	+33	+27	+19	+1	+34	+32
April 2013	+31	+4	+19	+38	+22	+21	+21	-3	+30	+27
February 2013	+31	+17	+35	+37	+36	+25	+23	+11	+33	+36
December 2012	+36	+18	+26	+47	+40	+21	+31	+9	+37	+37
September 2012	+29	+14	+17	+45	+33	+26	+13	-1	+27	+31
July 2012	+37	+12	+30	+37	+34	+22	+18	+8	+34	+34
April 2012	+38	+26	+27	+44	+34	+22	+28	+20	+35	+36
February 2012	+33	+17	+27	+35	+29	+19	+22	+11	+31	+29
October 2011	+31	+6	+22	+45	+35	+18	+23	-1	+31	+34
August 2011	+24	+16	+21	+38	+27	+26	+6	+4	+29	+25
May 2011	+28	+17	+16	+41	+29	+22	+20	+6	+29	+28
December 2010	+26	+15	+22	+38	+23	+14	+17	+12	+23	+27

has actually increased by 10 points among those earning less than $50,000 (57%). The rating is down 3 points among those earning between $50,000 and $100,000 (48%).

"Older low-income residents seem to be okay with the direction New Jersey is going. It's the younger wealth generators who are increasingly unhappy with it. Policymakers have to ask themselves how the state will be able to serve the first group if the latter group flees the state," said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from February 8 to 10, 2019 with 604 New Jersey adults. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 4.0 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS
(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND:	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
February 2019	**50%**	**11%**	**39%**	**32%**	**17%**	**1%**	**(604)**
April 2018	54%	15%	39%	29%	17%	1%	(703)
July 2017	59%	15%	44%	28%	13%	0%	(800)
May 2016	62%	16%	46%	28%	10%	0%	(806)
July 2015	55%	12%	43%	30%	15%	0%	(503)
May 2015	63%	13%	50%	27%	10%	1%	(500)
February 2015	63%	15%	48%	25%	11%	1%	(805)
September 2014	61%	13%	48%	25%	13%	1%	(802)
June 2014	62%	15%	47%	26%	11%	0%	(800)
April 2014	64%	15%	49%	26%	10%	0%	(803)
February 2014	63%	15%	48%	26%	11%	0%	(803)
December 2013	65%	20%	45%	26%	9%	0%	(802)
September 2013	65%	19%	46%	25%	10%	1%	(783)
April 2013	61%	15%	46%	27%	11%	0%	(806)
February 2013	68%	18%	50%	24%	7%	1%	(803)
December 2012	72%	20%	52%	21%	5%	1%	(816)
September 2012	65%	15%	50%	23%	11%	0%	(805)
July 2012	69%	17%	52%	23%	8%	0%	(803)
April 2012	70%	20%	50%	23%	7%	0%	(804)
February 2012	62%	15%	47%	26%	11%	1%	(803)
October 2011	67%	15%	52%	24%	8%	0%	(817)
August 2011	57%	14%	43%	31%	11%	1%	(802)
May 2011	59%	14%	45%	29%	11%	0%	(807)
December 2010	63%	17%	46%	26%	10%	1%	(2864)
October 2007	63%	17%	46%	25%	12%	1%	(1001)
August 2004	68%	22%	46%	21%	10%	1%	(800)
May 2003	72%	20%	52%	23%	5%	0%	(1002)
April 2001	76%	23%	53%	19%	4%	1%	(802)
March 2000	76%	25%	51%	17%	6%	0%	(800)
May 1999	76%	22%	54%	19%	5%	0%	(800)
February 1994	71%	18%	53%	22%	7%	0%	(801)
March 1990	68%	21%	47%	25%	6%	1%	(800)
February 1988	78%	27%	51%	17%	4%	1%	(800)
February 1987	84%	31%	53%	11%	4%	0%	(800)
May 1985	81%	29%	52%	14%	3%	1%	(500)
October 1984	80%	29%	51%	15%	4%	1%	(1000)
January 1981	66%	16%	50%	26%	7%	1%	(1003)
July 1980	68%	18%	50%	23%	7%	2%	(1005)

[*Q2-24 previously released.*]

25.   How would you rate your town or city as a place to live – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND:	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
February 2019	**67%**	**30%**	**37%**	**21%**	**11%**	**0%**	**(604)**
April 2018	71%	30%	41%	20%	9%	0%	(703)
July 2017	77%	37%	40%	16%	7%	0%	(800)
July 2015	71%	29%	42%	19%	10%	0%	(503)
February 2015	72%	29%	43%	21%	7%	0%	(805)
September 2014	69%	24%	45%	22%	10%	0%	(802)
April 2014	71%	27%	44%	20%	9%	0%	(803)
February 2014	70%	31%	39%	23%	7%	0%	(803)
December 2013	70%	29%	41%	21%	8%	1%	(802)
September 2013	72%	32%	40%	18%	9%	1%	(783)
April 2013	67%	29%	38%	25%	8%	0%	(806)
February 2013	73%	30%	43%	20%	7%	0%	(803)
December 2012	74%	32%	42%	17%	9%	0%	(816)
September 2012	72%	33%	39%	19%	9%	0%	(805)
July 2012	74%	32%	42%	18%	7%	1%	(803)
April 2012	76%	34%	42%	17%	7%	0%	(804)
February 2012	74%	33%	41%	21%	5%	0%	(803)
October 2011	73%	26%	47%	20%	8%	0%	(817)
August 2011	76%	28%	48%	18%	6%	0%	(802)
May 2011	73%	33%	40%	20%	7%	0%	(807)
December 2010	73%	27%	46%	20%	8%	0%	(2864)
May 2003	74%	29%	45%	19%	7%	0%	(1002)
April 2001	73%	28%	45%	21%	6%	0%	(802)
May 1995	70%	30%	40%	21%	8%	0%	(802)
June 1994	72%	31%	41%	19%	9%	0%	(801)
September 1988	72%	26%	46%	18%	9%	1%	(500)
October 1984	71%	30%	41%	21%	7%	1%	(999)
June 1980	67%	23%	44%	24%	9%	0%	(1005)
May 1977	66%	25%	41%	24%	10%	0%	(1005)

[*QUESTIONS 26-28 WERE ROTATED*]

26.   How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND:	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
February 2019	**71%**	**27%**	**44%**	**21%**	**8%**	**0%**	**(604)**
April 2018	73%	29%	44%	20%	6%	1%	(703)
July 2017	76%	37%	39%	14%	8%	1%	(800)
July 2015	71%	27%	44%	20%	9%	0%	(503)
February 2015	72%	27%	45%	23%	4%	0%	(805)
September 2014	72%	24%	48%	21%	5%	1%	(802)
April 2014	76%	27%	49%	18%	6%	0%	(803)
February 2014	73%	29%	44%	21%	6%	0%	(803)
December 2013	69%	27%	42%	24%	7%	0%	(802)
September 2013	75%	30%	45%	18%	7%	1%	(783)
April 2013	70%	27%	43%	22%	7%	0%	(806)
February 2013	71%	26%	45%	24%	4%	2%	(803)
December 2012	73%	25%	48%	20%	7%	1%	(816)
September 2012	72%	30%	42%	20%	7%	0%	(805)
July 2012	74%	30%	44%	19%	7%	1%	(803)
April 2012	75%	30%	45%	18%	6%	1%	(804)
February 2012	77%	29%	48%	17%	5%	0%	(803)
October 2011	72%	25%	47%	19%	9%	0%	(817)
August 2011	79%	31%	48%	16%	5%	0%	(802)
May 2011	79%	33%	46%	15%	6%	0%	(807)
December 2010	66%	14%	52%	25%	9%	0%	(2864)
April 2001	70%	27%	43%	22%	7%	1%	(402)
September 1988	53%	10%	43%	31%	15%	1%	(500)

27.   How would you rate the job your local schools are doing – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND:	*Excellent/ Good*	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	*(n)*
February 2019	**59%**	**19%**	**40%**	**22%**	**10%**	**9%**	**(604)**
April 2018	*60%*	24%	36%	23%	10%	7%	*(703)*
July 2017	*65%*	26%	39%	20%	10%	6%	*(800)*
July 2015	*60%*	27%	33%	22%	9%	8%	*(503)*
February 2015	*61%*	21%	40%	24%	8%	7%	*(805)*
September 2014	*60%*	21%	39%	24%	9%	7%	*(802)*
April 2014	*63%*	24%	39%	22%	9%	6%	*(803)*
February 2014	*61%*	22%	39%	22%	10%	7%	*(803)*
December 2013	*60%*	20%	40%	23%	12%	5%	*(802)*
September 2013	*62%*	24%	38%	21%	7%	9%	*(783)*
April 2013	*59%*	21%	38%	27%	9%	5%	*(806)*
February 2013	*64%*	24%	40%	20%	7%	9%	*(803)*
December 2012	*61%*	21%	40%	23%	7%	9%	*(816)*
September 2012	*61%*	27%	34%	21%	10%	8%	*(805)*
July 2012	*61%*	22%	39%	20%	11%	8%	*(803)*
April 2012	*63%*	23%	40%	21%	7%	8%	*(804)*
February 2012	*68%*	26%	42%	16%	8%	8%	*(803)*
October 2011	*60%*	21%	39%	20%	13%	7%	*(817)*
August 2011	*63%*	19%	44%	26%	6%	5%	*(802)*
May 2011	*63%*	24%	39%	22%	10%	6%	*(807)*
December 2010	*64%*	24%	40%	23%	8%	5%	*(2864)*
August 2004	*61%*	24%	37%	17%	12%	9%	*(800)*
April 2001	*64%*	21%	43%	21%	6%	9%	*(802)*
September 1999	*62%*	18%	44%	21%	9%	8%	*(802)*
September 1998	*62%*	20%	42%	23%	9%	7%	*(804)*
February 1996	*60%*	20%	40%	20%	11%	9%	*(804)*
September 1993	*52%*	16%	36%	29%	14%	5%	*(801)*
January 1992	*53%*	15%	38%	26%	15%	5%	*(800)*
October 1987	*60%*	14%	46%	23%	6%	11%	*(500)*
October 1986	*55%*	15%	40%	26%	10%	9%	*(800)*
October 1983	*59%*	16%	43%	23%	10%	8%	*(802)*
May 1978	*52%*	12%	40%	25%	12%	11%	*(1003)*

28.   How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night – very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?

TREND:	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Not at all safe	(VOL) Don't know	*(n)*
February 2019	**64%**	**29%**	**7%**	**0%**	**(604)**
April 2018	65%	29%	5%	0%	*(703)*
July 2017	71%	22%	6%	0%	*(800)*
July 2015	67%	27%	6%	0%	*(503)*
February 2015	62%	33%	4%	0%	*(805)*
September 2014	58%	36%	6%	0%	*(802)*
April 2014	66%	30%	4%	1%	*(803)*
February 2014	67%	28%	6%	0%	*(803)*
December 2013	60%	33%	7%	0%	*(802)*
September 2013	65%	27%	7%	1%	*(783)*
April 2013	66%	28%	6%	0%	*(806)*
February 2013	63%	30%	6%	1%	*(803)*
December 2012	64%	29%	6%	1%	*(816)*
September 2012	65%	25%	6%	0%	*(805)*
July 2012	60%	32%	7%	1%	*(803)*
April 2012	64%	31%	5%	1%	*(804)*
February 2012	62%	32%	5%	0%	*(803)*
October 2011	62%	31%	7%	0%	*(817)*
August 2011	63%	31%	6%	0%	*(802)*
May 2011	68%	27%	5%	0%	*(807)*
December 2010	59%	35%	6%	0%	*(2864)*
February 1993	42%	44%	13%	0%	*(801)*
October 1987	51%	36%	11%	2%	*(499)*
October 1984	53%	36%	9%	2%	*(500)*
May 1981	43%	43%	13%	1%	*(497)*

[*Q29-37 held for future release.*]

Note: All trend results prior to 2005 come from Rutgers University's Eagleton Poll.

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from February 8 to 10, 2019 with a random sample of 604 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 301 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 303 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Troldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. Final sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and SSI (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 4.0 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Region in this report is defined by county boundaries: Northeast (Bergen, Passaic), Urban Core (Essex, Hudson), Route 1 Corridor (Mercer, Middlesex, Union), Central Hills (Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset), Northern Shore (Monmouth, Ocean), Delaware Valley (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester), and Garden Core (Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Sussex, Warren).

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DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)
   Self-Reported
   20% Republican
   45% Independent
   34% Democrat

   48% Male
   52% Female

   29% 18-34
   37% 35-54
   34% 55+

   58% White
   13% Black
   18% Hispanic
   10% Asian/Other

   64% No college degree
   36% College graduate
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MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		604	4.0%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	549	4.2%
	No	55	13.2%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	135	8.4%
PARTY ID	Independent	257	6.1%
	Democrat	196	7.0%
GENDER	Male	300	5.7%
	Female	304	5.6%
AGE	18-34	152	8.0%
	35-54	225	6.5%
	55+	226	6.5%
RACE	White non-Hispanic	386	5.0%
	Other	190	7.1%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	264	6.0%
	4 year degree	335	5.4%
INCOME	<$50K	110	9.4%
	$50 to <100K	194	7.0%
	$100K+	240	6.3%
REGION	North	270	6.0%
	Central	163	7.7%
	South	154	7.9%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	11%	10%	17%	11%	8%	12%	13%	9%	10%	10%
	Good	39%	38%	44%	34%	32%	52%	34%	42%	37%	37%
	Only Fair	32%	33%	22%	27%	37%	29%	32%	33%	39%	30%
	Poor	17%	17%	16%	26%	22%	6%	20%	15%	13%	20%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White	H-B-A-O	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
Q1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	13%	11%	11%	10%	14%	9%	9%	13%	10%
	Good	41%	38%	41%	37%	41%	48%	39%	36%	43%
	Only Fair	28%	31%	34%	30%	36%	24%	39%	29%	32%
	Poor	18%	19%	14%	22%	9%	18%	12%	21%	16%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
Q1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	14%	10%
	Good	41%	29%
	Only Fair	33%	34%
	Poor	10%	28%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	0%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q25/L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	30%	30%	29%	37%	27%	29%	31%	29%	31%	25%
	Good	37%	39%	21%	43%	35%	39%	39%	36%	29%	40%
	Only fair	21%	19%	39%	15%	24%	23%	20%	23%	24%	23%
	Poor	11%	11%	11%	6%	15%	9%	11%	11%	15%	11%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White	H-B-A-O	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
Q25/L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	34%	38%	19%	28%	33%	21%	29%	36%	30%
	Good	41%	43%	31%	34%	42%	32%	40%	39%	36%
	Only fair	17%	12%	33%	25%	16%	29%	22%	18%	23%
	Poor	8%	7%	17%	12%	9%	18%	8%	8%	11%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
Q25/L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	42%	20%
	Good	33%	37%
	Only fair	20%	22%
	Poor	3%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	0%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q26/L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	27%	28%	19%	33%	23%	26%	27%	26%	21%	28%
	Good	44%	46%	30%	49%	44%	44%	48%	40%	40%	41%
	Only fair	21%	19%	38%	12%	23%	23%	19%	23%	28%	22%
	Poor	8%	7%	14%	6%	10%	7%	6%	10%	11%	8%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White	H-B-A-O	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
Q26/L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	30%	33%	20%	23%	33%	16%	27%	35%	19%
	Good	50%	47%	39%	44%	45%	41%	47%	46%	45%
	Only fair	14%	15%	29%	23%	17%	27%	20%	15%	28%
	Poor	5%	5%	12%	9%	6%	15%	6%	4%	8%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
Q26/L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	41%	22%
	Good	44%	43%
	Only fair	13%	20%
	Poor	1%	15%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q27/L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	19%	21%	8%	22%	15%	23%	23%	16%	25%	20%
	Good	40%	40%	44%	36%	41%	42%	37%	44%	34%	38%
	Only fair	22%	23%	12%	21%	25%	20%	21%	23%	24%	23%
	Poor	10%	8%	19%	11%	13%	6%	11%	8%	11%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	8%	17%	11%	7%	9%	7%	10%	7%	5%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White	H-B-A-O	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
Q27/L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	14%	23%	15%	19%	20%	16%	17%	25%	15%
	Good	48%	41%	40%	38%	43%	35%	44%	44%	44%
	Only fair	19%	20%	26%	25%	18%	29%	24%	14%	18%
	Poor	5%	8%	11%	11%	8%	13%	9%	8%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	9%	8%	7%	11%	8%	7%	8%	11%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
Q27/L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	27%	20%
	Good	41%	36%
	Only fair	18%	30%
	Poor	7%	8%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	6%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q28/L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	64%	65%	55%	72%	60%	65%	70%	58%	59%	61%
	Somewhat safe	29%	28%	36%	23%	31%	28%	22%	35%	36%	29%
	Not at all safe	7%	7%	7%	3%	9%	7%	8%	6%	6%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White	H-B-A-O	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
Q28/L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	71%	74%	50%	60%	70%	37%	68%	80%	59%
	Somewhat safe	23%	22%	39%	30%	27%	49%	27%	17%	32%
	Not at all safe	5%	3%	12%	9%	3%	14%	5%	3%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
Q28/L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	75%	61%
	Somewhat safe	24%	29%
	Not at all safe	2%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%