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NEW JERSEY: QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX DIPS IN URBAN AREAS

But remains stable in the suburbs

West Long Branch, NJ – More than 6 in 10 New Jerseyans continue to give positive ratings to their home state as a place to live. However, overall views of the state's quality of life have dropped significantly among urban residents while remaining stable among suburbanites, according to the **Monmouth ("Mon-muth") University Poll**.

Monmouth's exclusive Garden State Quality of Life Index score now stands at +24, which is slightly lower than last year's +27 rating. The index number had jumped to +37 at the beginning of the Covid pandemic in April 2020, but dropped back to +25 in 2021. In prior years, the index rating ranged between +18 and +31, with an outlying low point of +13 registered in February 2019. The current reading is near the midpoint of scores since Monmouth first started tracking the quality of life index in 2010.

Compared to a year ago, the index score for urban residents has dropped by 15 points (from +15 in April 2022 to 0 in January 2023), but has only declined by 2 points among those who live in stable growth towns (from +31 to +29) and has actually increased by 2 points among those in New Jersey's growing suburbs (from +31 to +33). While a disparity between these community types has been evident throughout the history of the Garden State Quality of Life Index, the gap in the current poll is among the largest seen since the first reading in 2010. Similar gaps between index scores for urban areas and other communities were found in 2011, 2013, and 2015.

Larger than average drops in Monmouth's index since last year have also occurred among New Jerseyans who make less than $50,000 a year (from +18 to +7), those age 55 and older (from +31 to +22), Black and Hispanic residents (from +23 to +15), and those who live in the Delaware Valley region (from +27 to +19).

"We always see some fluctuations in Monmouth's Garden State Quality of Life Index, but it's important for policymakers to take note when the views of different groups start to diverge this

noticeably. A sense of unrest can develop from the perception that others are doing better than you," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

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.

More than 6 in 10 New Jerseyans say the state is either an excellent (18%) or good (45%) place to live, while 25% say it is only fair and 12% rate the state as poor. The current positive rating of 63% is just below 64% in 2022 and above 59% in 2021. This number hit 68% in 2020, during the early days of the pandemic. The all-time high mark for the state as a place to live rating was 84% positive in February 1987. The record low was 50% in February 2019, but it improved to 61% by September of that year.

	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											
January 2023	**+24**	+21	+28	+29	+23	+22	+31	+15	+7	+27	+31
April 2022	**+27**	+24	+30	+24	+25	+31	+30	+23	+18	+24	+35
May 2021	**+25**	+20	+29	+24	+24	+27	+25	+20	+17	+25	+31
April 2020	**+37**	+34	+41	+34	+38	+40	+43	+26	+29	+37	+44
September 2019	**+24**	+21	+26	+21	+20	+32	+31	+13	+18	+20	+33
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

GARDEN STATE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX									
	REGION						COMMUNITY TYPE		
	North East	Urban Core	Route 1 Corridor	Central Hills	Northern Shore	Delaware Valley	Garden Core	Urban	Stable Town	Growing Suburb
January 2023	+25	+15	+24	+40	+35	+19	+14	0	+29	+33
April 2022	+28	+16	+28	+42	+34	+27	+19	+15	+31	+31
May 2021	+31	+23	+23	+33	+26	+20	+13	+20	+26	+26
April 2020	+41	+30	+40	+49	+46	+33	+21	+18	+41	+45
September 2019	+20	+10	+23	+42	+32	+26	+17	+6	+30	+30
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

Turning to other metrics that make up the Garden State Quality of Life Index, more than 3 in 4 New Jerseyans rate their own town or city as an excellent (34%) or good (43%) place to live. The 77% positive hometown rating is slightly higher than recent polls (73% in 2022 and 76% in 2021).

The current poll registers ratings for local environmental quality at 78% positive – 30% excellent and 48% good, which is a couple points higher recent results (76% in both 2022 and 2021). School ratings stand at 60% positive – 19% excellent and 41% good – which is slightly lower than 63% in 2022 and 64% in 2021. The percentage of Garden State residents who currently feel very safe in their own neighborhoods at night stands at 64%, which is just slightly lower than 65% in 2022 and 67% in 2021.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from January 5 to 9, 2023 with 809 New Jersey adults. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 4.7 percentage points for the full sample. 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)
January 2023	**63%**	**18%**	**45%**	**25%**	**12%**	**0%**	**(809)**
April 2022	64%	19%	45%	22%	13%	1%	(802)
May 2021	59%	16%	43%	27%	14%	0%	(706)
April 2020	68%	24%	44%	23%	7%	1%	(704)
September 2019	61%	15%	46%	26%	12%	1%	(713)
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)

[*Q2-33 previously released.*]

34. 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)
January 2023	**77%**	**34%**	**43%**	**18%**	**5%**	**0%**	**(809)**
April 2022	73%	32%	41%	20%	7%	0%	(802)
May 2021	76%	33%	43%	19%	5%	0%	(706)
April 2020	79%	39%	40%	16%	5%	0%	(704)
September 2019	72%	32%	40%	20%	7%	0%	(713)
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 35-37 WERE ROTATED*]

35. 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)
January 2023	**78%**	**30%**	**48%**	**17%**	**5%**	**1%**	**(809)**
April 2022	76%	31%	45%	17%	7%	0%	(802)
May 2021	76%	32%	44%	18%	6%	0%	(706)
April 2020	81%	36%	45%	15%	4%	0%	(704)
September 2019	72%	31%	41%	22%	6%	1%	(713)
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)

TREND*: (Q35 Continued)	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
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)

36. 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)
January 2023	**60%**	**19%**	**41%**	**22%**	**11%**	**6%**	**(809)**
April 2022	63%	24%	39%	16%	11%	10%	(802)
May 2021	64%	24%	40%	18%	8%	10%	(706)
April 2020	73%	33%	40%	16%	4%	7%	(704)
September 2019	60%	26%	34%	23%	9%	9%	(713)
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)

37. 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)
January 2023	**64%**	**32%**	**4%**	**1%**	**(809)**
April 2022	65%	29%	5%	0%	(802)
May 2021	67%	31%	2%	0%	(706)
April 2020	74%	22%	3%	1%	(704)
September 2019	68%	27%	5%	0%	(713)
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)

[*Q38-44 previously released.*]

* 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 January 5 to 9, 2023 with a probability-based random sample of 809 New Jersey adults age 18 and older. This includes 286 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 523 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. 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. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2021 one-year survey). Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata. 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 4.7 percentage points (adjusted for sample design effects). 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.

Standard Region (by county):
North – Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, Warren
Central – Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset
South – Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem

<u>Expanded Region (by county):</u> *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), *Garden Core* (Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Sussex, Warren).

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DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)
    Self-Reported
    23% Republican
    39% Independent
    38% Democrat

    49% Male
    51% Female

    27% 18-34
    34% 35-54
    39% 55+

    55% White
    13% Black
    20% Hispanic
    12% Asian/Other

    59% No degree
    41% 4 year degree
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MARGIN OF ERROR

		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		809	4.7%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	756	4.8%
	No	53	18.3%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	176	10.0%
	Independent	315	7.5%
	Democrat	294	7.8%
REGION	North	360	7.0%
	Central	248	8.5%
	South	186	9.8%
GENDER	Male	396	6.7%
	Female	413	6.6%
AGE	18-34	141	11.2%
	35-54	302	7.7%
	55+	350	7.1%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	515	5.9%
	Other	271	8.1%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	335	7.3%
	4 year degree	469	6.1%
INCOME	<$50K	118	12.2%
	$50 to <$100K	194	9.6%
	$100K+	427	6.4%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	239	8.6%
	No	566	5.6%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
1\L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	18%	17%	19%	9%	14%	26%	19%	19%	14%
	Good	45%	45%	45%	42%	41%	51%	41%	52%	43%
	Only Fair	25%	25%	27%	30%	31%	18%	27%	22%	27%
	Poor	12%	12%	9%	19%	14%	5%	13%	8%	15%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
1\L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	15%	20%	27%	14%	15%	18%	18%	15%	21%
	Good	42%	47%	41%	47%	45%	46%	44%	42%	49%
	Only Fair	29%	22%	24%	28%	24%	24%	27%	29%	21%
	Poor	13%	11%	9%	11%	16%	11%	11%	14%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Yes	No
1\L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	15%	15%	20%	16%	18%
	Good	38%	51%	46%	42%	46%
	Only Fair	30%	25%	24%	28%	25%
	Poor	16%	8%	10%	15%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
34\L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	34%	34%	34%	35%	31%	35%	31%	42%	28%
	Good	43%	43%	42%	44%	42%	43%	39%	44%	49%
	Only fair	18%	18%	16%	16%	18%	19%	24%	11%	16%
	Poor	5%	5%	6%	4%	8%	3%	5%	3%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
34\L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	32%	35%	31%	35%	34%	40%	27%	30%	40%
	Good	42%	44%	47%	41%	43%	46%	40%	41%	46%
	Only fair	21%	15%	18%	19%	17%	11%	26%	21%	13%
	Poor	4%	6%	5%	5%	5%	2%	7%	7%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Yes	No
34\L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	21%	31%	41%	38%	32%
	Good	38%	48%	42%	38%	45%
	Only fair	26%	19%	14%	17%	18%
	Poor	15%	3%	2%	8%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
35\L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	30%	30%	27%	35%	25%	31%	27%	34%	28%
	Good	48%	47%	49%	47%	49%	47%	45%	53%	48%
	Only fair	17%	17%	16%	14%	19%	18%	21%	12%	17%
	Poor	5%	5%	8%	3%	7%	4%	7%	1%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
35\L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	29%	31%	27%	33%	29%	34%	25%	25%	38%
	Good	48%	47%	51%	43%	49%	48%	47%	49%	46%
	Only fair	18%	16%	17%	20%	16%	14%	21%	19%	14%
	Poor	4%	5%	6%	4%	5%	3%	7%	7%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Yes	No
35\L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	22%	25%	36%	35%	28%
	Good	44%	50%	47%	39%	51%
	Only fair	18%	23%	14%	19%	16%
	Poor	15%	2%	2%	7%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
36\L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	19%	19%	15%	20%	14%	24%	17%	23%	17%
	Good	41%	42%	39%	38%	44%	41%	41%	48%	37%
	Only fair	22%	22%	29%	24%	21%	22%	24%	18%	24%
	Poor	11%	12%	4%	13%	14%	8%	12%	7%	14%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	6%	13%	5%	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
36\L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	19%	19%	14%	20%	22%	22%	14%	17%	22%
	Good	40%	43%	45%	39%	41%	47%	36%	40%	44%
	Only fair	21%	23%	24%	23%	21%	17%	29%	22%	22%
	Poor	13%	9%	12%	15%	7%	7%	15%	15%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	6%	5%	4%	9%	6%	6%	6%	6%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Yes	No
36\L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	13%	17%	22%	21%	18%
	Good	33%	46%	42%	38%	43%
	Only fair	27%	22%	22%	19%	24%
	Poor	15%	10%	11%	17%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	6%	3%	4%	7%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
37\L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	64%	63%	64%	58%	65%	66%	54%	74%	67%
	Somewhat safe	32%	32%	28%	38%	31%	29%	40%	23%	28%
	Not at all safe	4%	4%	7%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
37\L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	65%	62%	65%	63%	62%	70%	56%	57%	73%
	Somewhat safe	31%	33%	31%	33%	31%	27%	38%	36%	26%
	Not at all safe	3%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Yes	No
37\L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	46%	67%	68%	63%	64%
	Somewhat safe	42%	31%	30%	33%	31%
	Not at all safe	11%	2%	2%	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%