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NEW JERSEY: PANDEMIC SPURS POSITIVE QUALITY OF LIFE VIEWS

Hometown, environment, schools, safety ratings all hit high marks

West Long Branch, NJ – New Jerseyans’ opinion of the quality of life in their home state stands at a record high just one year after hitting an all-time low. Currently, more than 2 in 3 give positive marks to the Garden State as a place to live. The *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll* finds increases in many aspects of local life, including record high ratings for hometowns, schools, safety, and environmental quality. This increase in positive sentiment has occurred in nearly all parts of New Jersey except for the most rural corners of the state.

Monmouth’s exclusive Garden State Quality of Life Index score now stands at +37, which is up significantly from +24 in September 2019. The prior high for this index was +31 in April 2012 and the prior low was +13 in February 2019.

“These positive results reflect a prevailing sense of goodwill as Garden State residents pull together in the current pandemic. Whether this can be maintained once the crisis is over is another question,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

The quality of life index score is at all-time or near all-time high levels in every region of the state except one. The highest scores come from the affluent Central Hills region (Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset) at +49; the Northern Shore (Monmouth, Ocean) at +46; the Northeast region (Bergen, Passaic) at +41; and the Route 1 Corridor (Mercer, Middlesex, Union) at +40. The Delaware Valley (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester) at +33 and the Urban Core (Essex, Hudson) at +30 are somewhat lower but still record high levels. On the other hand, the state’s Garden Core (comprised of counties in the northwestern and southernmost parts of the state) registers a +21 quality of life index score. This number is only a few points higher than it was in September (+17) and is lower than the prior high of +31 in December 2012.

“The most rural parts of New Jersey don’t seem to be experiencing the same sense of camaraderie as the rest of the state,” said Murray.

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.

Just over two-thirds of New Jersey residents say the state is either an excellent (24%) or good (44%) place to live, while 23% say it is only fair and 7% rate the state as poor. The current positive rating of 68% is the highest level recorded in more than seven years. Positive ratings stood at 72% in December 2012 and 68% in February 2013, in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. The all-time high mark for the state rating was 84% positive in February 1987. The record low was 50% recorded in February of last year, but it had improved to 61% in September. Over the past decade, the state rating has generally been in the low- to mid-60s.

GARDEN STATE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX											
	NJ TOTAL	<u>GENDER</u>		<u>AGE</u>			<u>RACE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black/ Hispanic	<\$50K	\$50- 100K	>\$100K
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	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
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
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

The shift in the state rating since last fall has been pretty much across the board demographically. Positive reviews of the Garden State as a place to live have increased among both men (64%, from 57% in September) and women (72%, from 66%). It has increased among white residents (72%, from 63%) more than among New Jerseyans of color (64%, from 62%). By age, the state rating has improved the most among those 35 to 54 years old (68%, from 56%) and less dramatically for those 18 to 34 years old (72%, from 67%) and 55 and older (66%, from 63%). The state rating has also improved among those earning over \$100,000 a year (74%, from 64%) and between \$50,000 and \$100,000 (66%, from 57%), but it has not really moved among those earning less than \$50,000 (65%, from 64%).

Among the local metrics that contribute to the index, the school rating has seen the biggest jump in positive opinion. Ratings for the job local schools are doing stand at 33% excellent, 40% good, 16% fair, and 4% poor. The combined 73% positive rating marks an all-time high for this question in New Jersey polling going back to 1978. The prior high was 68% in February 2012, although this rating generally hovered in the low 60s throughout the past decade.

“While the delivery of remote instruction may be uneven across districts, New Jersey schools are getting credit for doing the best they can under incredibly difficult circumstances,” said Murray.

Environmental ratings have also improved. The current poll registers ratings for local environmental quality at 81% positive – 36% excellent and 45% good. The prior high marks were 79% positive in polls from both May 2011 and August 2011. Another 15% in the current poll rate the local environment as only fair and 4% say it is poor.

Nearly 8 in 10 New Jerseyans rate their own town or city as an excellent (39%) or good (40%) place to live, with 16% saying it is only fair and 5% rating it as poor. The current 79% positive hometown rating surpasses the prior high of 76% recorded in both April 2012 and August 2011.

The percentage of Garden State residents who currently feel very safe in their own neighborhoods at night has ticked up to 74%. The prior high was 71% in July 2017. Another 22% say they feel somewhat safe and 3% do not feel safe at all in their neighborhoods at night.

“These local ratings have really driven Monmouth’s overall quality of life index into record territory. New Jerseyans are feeling very good about their neighbors right now,” said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from April 16 to 19, 2020 with 704 New Jersey adults. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.7 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)
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)

TREND*: (Q1 continued)	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
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)

[Q2-31 previously released.]

32. 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)
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 33-35 WERE ROTATED]

33. 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)
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)
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)

34. 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)
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)

TREND*: (Q34 continued)	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
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)

35. 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)
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)

* 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 April 16 to 19, 2020 with a random sample of 704 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 316 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 388 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 Troidahl-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 2018 one-year survey). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and Dynata (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 3.7 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).

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)	
Self-Reported	
25% Republican	
39% Independent	
36% Democrat	
48% Male	
52% Female	
28% 18-34	
34% 35-54	
37% 55+	
58% White	
13% Black	
18% Hispanic	
11% Asian/Other	
62% No degree	
38% 4 year degree	

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		704	3.7%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	635	3.9%
	No	69	11.8%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	169	7.5%
PARTY ID	Independent	271	6.0%
	Democrat	253	6.2%
REGION	North	346	5.3%
	Central	167	7.6%
	South	191	7.1%
GENDER	Male	351	5.2%
	Female	353	5.2%
AGE	18-34	156	7.9%
	35-54	280	5.9%
	55+	263	6.1%
RACE	White non-Hispanic	453	4.6%
	Other	229	6.5%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	291	5.8%
	4 year degree	413	4.8%
INCOME	<\$50K	110	9.4%
	\$50 to <\$100K	213	6.7%
	\$100K+	305	5.6%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	239	6.3%
	No	461	4.6%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
1\1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	24%	24%	28%	20%	22%	29%	25%	24%	22%
	Good	44%	46%	36%	41%	44%	48%	41%	53%	44%
	Only Fair	23%	23%	24%	31%	22%	21%	27%	18%	21%
	Poor	7%	7%	11%	7%	12%	3%	7%	3%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	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
1\1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	22%	26%	23%	22%	26%	25%	21%	22%	28%
	Good	42%	46%	49%	46%	40%	47%	43%	40%	51%
	Only Fair	24%	23%	21%	23%	26%	21%	28%	28%	16%
	Poor	10%	4%	5%	8%	7%	7%	7%	9%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
1\1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	28%	24%	22%	22%	24%
	Good	37%	42%	52%	48%	43%
	Only Fair	25%	25%	22%	21%	25%
	Poor	9%	8%	5%	8%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
32L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	39%	39%	35%	47%	35%	38%	41%	40%	33%
	Good	40%	41%	37%	41%	38%	41%	32%	46%	50%
	Only fair	16%	15%	25%	8%	22%	16%	20%	13%	13%
	Poor	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	7%	0%	4%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
32L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	39%	38%	37%	38%	40%	45%	30%	33%	47%
	Good	37%	43%	36%	42%	43%	42%	37%	42%	38%
	Only fair	18%	15%	20%	18%	12%	12%	23%	19%	12%
	Poor	5%	4%	7%	2%	5%	2%	9%	6%	2%

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		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
32L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	26%	36%	46%	42%	37%
	Good	36%	42%	43%	39%	41%
	Only fair	25%	18%	9%	15%	17%
	Poor	13%	3%	2%	4%	5%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
33L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	36%	36%	35%	41%	34%	33%	33%	42%	35%
	Good	45%	46%	42%	44%	45%	46%	43%	47%	48%
	Only fair	15%	14%	21%	12%	14%	18%	19%	10%	12%
	Poor	4%	4%	3%	2%	7%	3%	5%	1%	5%
	[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
33L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	35%	36%	29%	38%	38%	41%	28%	31%	42%
	Good	49%	42%	46%	44%	46%	43%	48%	46%	44%
	Only fair	12%	17%	16%	15%	14%	14%	16%	18%	11%
	Poor	3%	5%	9%	3%	2%	2%	8%	5%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
33L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	23%	36%	44%	41%	33%
	Good	42%	49%	44%	38%	49%
	Only fair	24%	13%	10%	17%	14%
	Poor	11%	3%	1%	5%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
34L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	33%	34%	24%	40%	30%	31%	32%	32%	35%
	Good	40%	41%	32%	35%	40%	42%	38%	46%	38%
	Only fair	16%	15%	24%	14%	19%	15%	16%	15%	18%
	Poor	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	4%	5%	3%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	6%	16%	8%	6%	7%	9%	5%	6%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
34L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	31%	35%	31%	36%	32%	34%	30%	30%	37%
	Good	40%	40%	36%	39%	45%	42%	37%	39%	40%
	Only fair	18%	15%	22%	12%	15%	12%	21%	20%	11%
	Poor	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	7%	9%	6%	8%	6%	7%	7%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
34L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	23%	30%	40%	41%	29%
	Good	36%	44%	37%	36%	42%
	Only fair	24%	15%	13%	14%	17%
	Poor	8%	4%	3%	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	6%	7%	5%	8%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
35L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	74%	75%	66%	76%	76%	72%	71%	80%	75%
	Somewhat safe	22%	21%	33%	22%	19%	25%	23%	19%	23%
	Not at all safe	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	4%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	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
35L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	78%	71%	64%	77%	79%	82%	64%	71%	79%
	Somewhat safe	18%	26%	31%	21%	17%	18%	29%	24%	20%
	Not at all safe	4%	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%	6%	4%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%

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		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
35L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	58%	76%	83%	76%	73%
	Somewhat safe	29%	22%	16%	22%	23%
	Not at all safe	10%	2%	1%	2%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%