

Released:
Monday, July 31, 2017

Contact:
PATRICK MURRAY
732-979-6769 (cell); 732-263-5858 (office)
pdmurray@monmouth.edu
Follow on Twitter: @PollsterPatrick

NEW JERSEY: MIXED VIEWS ON QUALITY OF LIFE

High ratings for local communities counter weak view of state overall

West Long Branch, NJ – The New Jersey public’s view of their home state’s quality of life has increased compared to two years ago. However, this is due mainly to residents giving record high or near-record high ratings to their local communities. The *Monmouth University Poll* finds that opinion of the state as a whole, on the other hand, registers one of its lowest readings in 37 years.

Currently, nearly 6-in-10 New Jerseyans say the state is either an excellent (15%) or good (44%) place to call home, while 28% rate it as only fair and 13% as poor. This 59% positive rating is statistically similar to last year’s rating of 62%. However, it marks only the fourth time that this overall positive number has dipped below the 60% threshold in state opinion polls going back to 1980. The prior low was a 55% positive result just two years ago.

Monmouth’s exclusive Garden State Quality of Life Index score, on the other hand, now stands at +25, which is up from +18 in 2015. Over the past seven years, this index has ranged from a low of +18 (in 2014 and 2015) to a high of +30 (in 2012). Half of the index score comes from residents’ overall rating of the state as a place to live and the remaining half comes from four questions that ask residents to evaluate the quality of life in their local communities. This latter part of the formula is responsible for the boost in the total index score due to record or near-record ratings at the local level in the current poll.

More than 3-in-4 New Jerseyans rate their own town or city as excellent (37%) or good (40%) place to live. This overall 77% positive rating is a numerical high for this question going back to statewide polls dating from 1977. The prior high reading was 76% in both 2012 and 2011. The 37% number giving their town a top rating of “excellent” is also a high point for this metric, surpassing a 34% result from five years ago.

Another record high in the poll is the 71% of Garden State residents who say they feel very safe in their own neighborhoods at night. The prior high was 68% in 2011.

The current poll also registers a near-record high for ratings of local environmental quality at 76% positive – 37% excellent and 39% good. The record high point of 79% was reported in 2011, with other high readings being 77% in 2012 and 76% in 2014. However, the number who give environmental quality a top rating of “excellent” outpaces all prior polls since 1988, with the previous high being 33% in 2011.

Ratings for the job local schools are doing is also at a near record high of 65% positive – 26% excellent and 39% good. The only prior reading that was higher was 68% positive in 2012.

“New Jerseyans aren’t overly optimistic about the state as whole, so they seem to be turning to their local communities for reasons to value the Garden State as their home,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute. “Anchoring themselves to their neighborhoods may help stem the tide of folks currently leaving the state, but I’m not sure this is sustainable in the long term.”

The Garden State Quality of Life Index score increased over the past two years among both men (+25, up from +18) and women (+24, up from +18). While it has also gone up among state residents age 35 to 54 (+26, up from +11) and age 55 and older (+30, up from +20), the index has actually gone down among those age 18 to 34 (+15, down from +25). The index has increased slightly among white residents (+32, up from +24) but has remained stable among black and Hispanic residents (+6, compared to +5 in 2015).

“Older, wealthier residents seem to be more rooted and more satisfied with their life in New Jersey. There is a warning sign for state officials, though. While the index has increased for most groups over the past two years, it has actually gone down among younger, and more mobile, adults,” said Murray.

Regionally, the highest quality of life index readings come from the central part of the state, including the Northern Shore (+35, up from +22 in 2015), Route 1 Corridor (+34, up from +22), and Central Hills (+33, down from +35). The index is somewhat lower in the Northeast region (+25, up from +21) and Delaware Valley (+22, up from +17). The greatest jump in the index came in the Urban Core region (+18, up from +4 in 2015). The lowest index reading comes from the Garden Core counties (+13, compared to +10 in 2015).

GARDEN STATE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX											
	NJ TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			RACE		INCOME		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black/ Hispanic	<\$50K	\$50- 100K	>\$100K
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											
	North east	REGION						COMMUNITY TYPE			
		Urban Core	Route 1 Corridor	Central Hills	Northern Shore	Delaware Valley	Garden Core	Urban	Stable Town	Growing Suburb	
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 Garden State Quality of Life Index was created by the Monmouth University Polling Institute 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.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone with 800 New Jersey adults from July 6 to 9, 2017. The total sample has a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percent. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, N.J.

DATA TABLES

The questions referred to in this release are as follows:

(* Some rows 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)
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)

[Q2-21 previously released.]

22. 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)
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 23, 24 AND 25 WERE ROTATED]

23. 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)
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)

24. 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)
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)

25. 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)
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.]

[Q26-28 previously released.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from July 6 to 9, 2017 with a random sample of 800 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 493 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 307 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. 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 3.5 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 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).

The Monmouth University Polling Institute’s policy is to conduct surveys of all adult residents, including voters and non-voters, on issues that are of concern to the full public. Specific voter sample surveys are conducted when appropriate during election cycles.

<p><i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i></p> <p><i>Self-Reported</i></p> <p><i>20% Republican</i></p> <p><i>41% Independent</i></p> <p><i>39% Democrat</i></p> <p><i>48% Male</i></p> <p><i>52% Female</i></p> <p><i>27% 18-34</i></p> <p><i>36% 35-54</i></p> <p><i>37% 55+</i></p> <p><i>62% White</i></p> <p><i>13% Black</i></p> <p><i>17% Hispanic</i></p> <p><i>9% Asian/Other</i></p>
--

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
TOTAL		800	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	758	3.6
	No	42	15.1
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	181	7.3
PARTY ID	Independent	309	5.6
	Democrat	301	5.7
GENDER	Male	391	5.0
	Female	409	4.9
AGE	18-34	122	8.9
	35-54	248	6.2
	55+	430	4.7
RACE	White non-Hispanic	592	4.0
	Other	182	7.3
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	316	5.5
	4 year degree	477	4.5
INCOME	<\$50K	137	8.4
	\$50 to <100K	244	6.3
	\$100K+	354	5.2
REGION	North	361	5.2
	Central	210	6.8
	South	207	6.8

###

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 7/31/17

	TOTAL		REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
1/L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	15%	44%	16%	6%	15%	14%	16%	14%	16%	18%
Excellent			43%	51%	37%	41%	51%	41%	46%	37%
Good	28%	28%	28%	25%	32%	28%	24%	30%	25%	29%
Only Fair	13%	13%	13%	18%	15%	17%	8%	14%	13%	16%
Poor	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused										

	AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD			INCOME		
	35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
1/L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	12%	16%	15%	13%	15%	16%	17%	11%	18%	
Excellent			43%	44%	39%	53%	35%	46%	51%	
Good	50%	29%	28%	25%	30%	23%	29%	29%	23%	
Only Fair	25%	12%	11%	17%	17%	8%	20%	13%	7%	
Poor	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
(VOL) Dont know_Refused										

	REGION OF STATE		
	North	Central	South
1/L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	15%	17%	12%
Excellent			
Good	49%	44%	38%
Only Fair	24%	27%	34%
Poor	12%	12%	15%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused	0%	0%	0%

	TOTAL		REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
22/L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	37%	40%	39%	18%	48%	33%	36%	36%	38%	25%
Excellent			39%	56%	37%	40%	43%	42%	39%	47%
Good	16%	7%	16%	8%	8%	20%	15%	16%	16%	17%
Only Fair	7%	6%	6%	17%	7%	7%	6%	6%	8%	11%
Poor	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused										

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 7/31/17

	AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD			INCOME		
	35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
	22/L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	44%	39%	43%	27%	34%	42%	22%	37%	50%
Excellent	32%	43%	40%	42%	36%	47%	44%	39%	39%	
Good	18%	12%	15%	16%	20%	9%	20%	18%	8%	
Only Fair	6%	5%	2%	15%	10%	2%	14%	6%	2%	
Poor	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
(VOL) Dont know_Refused										

	REGION OF STATE		
	North	Central	South
	22/L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	34%	49%
Excellent	41%	40%	43%
Good	19%	7%	16%
Only Fair	5%	4%	9%
Poor	0%	0%	0%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused			

	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
	Yes	No	Rep	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	
	TOTAL	37%	38%	44%	40%	42%	33%	30%
23/L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	39%	39%	41%	36%	39%	40%	39%	
Excellent	14%	14%	6%	16%	12%	17%	16%	
Good	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%	9%	15%	
Only Fair	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Poor								
(VOL) Dont know_Refused								

	AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD			INCOME		
	35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
	23/L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	40%	40%	42%	28%	33%	44%	21%	37%	51%
Excellent	36%	43%	43%	35%	39%	40%	41%	39%	37%	
Good	17%	11%	13%	17%	17%	11%	20%	17%	9%	
Only Fair	6%	5%	2%	18%	11%	3%	16%	8%	2%	
Poor	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	
(VOL) Dont know_Refused										

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 7/31/17

	REGION OF STATE		
	North	Central	South
23/L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	35%	46%	36%
Excellent	40%	41%	39%
Good	15%	9%	16%
Only Fair	9%	2%	8%
Poor	1%	2%	0%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused			

	TOTAL	REG VOTER			PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
		Yes	No		Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	
24/L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	26%	27%	15%	32%	20%	29%	23%	28%	15%	
Excellent	39%	38%	48%	35%	42%	37%	43%	35%	35%	
Good	20%	20%	11%	17%	18%	23%	18%	21%	25%	
Only Fair	10%	9%	20%	6%	14%	7%	10%	9%	16%	
Poor	6%	6%	6%	10%	6%	4%	6%	7%	8%	
(VOL) Dont know_Refused										

	AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD			INCOME		
	35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
24/L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	28%	31%	29%	21%	24%	30%	15%	27%	32%	
Excellent	41%	39%	39%	40%	37%	41%	37%	39%	40%	
Good	16%	19%	18%	21%	21%	16%	27%	18%	16%	
Only Fair	10%	5%	7%	15%	11%	7%	14%	12%	6%	
Poor	4%	7%	8%	3%	6%	6%	7%	4%	7%	
(VOL) Dont know_Refused										

	REGION OF STATE		
	North	Central	South
24/L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	22%	32%	29%
Excellent	39%	38%	38%
Good	22%	18%	19%
Only Fair	12%	6%	9%
Poor	6%	6%	5%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused			

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY -- 7/31/17

	TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3 18-34
		Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	
25/L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	71%	72%	65%	79%	73%	66%	76%	67%	64%
Very safe	22%	22%	23%	16%	22%	25%	19%	24%	28%
Somewhat safe	6%	6%	12%	5%	4%	9%	4%	8%	8%
Not at all safe	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused									

	AGE 3		RACE 2			COLLEGE GRAD			INCOME		
	35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+		
25/L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	72%	77%	79%	58%	67%	79%	50%	73%	85%		
Very safe	21%	18%	18%	28%	24%	19%	35%	22%	13%		
Somewhat safe	8%	5%	2%	14%	9%	2%	14%	5%	2%		
Not at all safe	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%		
(VOL) Dont know_Refused											

	REGION OF STATE		
	North	Central	South
25/L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	68%	77%	75%
Very safe	23%	21%	20%
Somewhat safe	9%	2%	4%
Not at all safe	0%	0%	1%
(VOL) Dont know_Refused			