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NEW JERSEY: QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX RALLIES

6-in-10 give thumbs up to living in the state

West Long Branch, NJ – New Jerseyans' opinion of the quality of life in their home state has rebounded from the all-time low recorded earlier this year. Currently, 6-in-10 give positive marks to the Garden State as a place to live. The **Monmouth University Poll** also finds that residents' views of their local communities remain positive and have not changed much over the past year.

Six-in-10 New Jersey residents say the state is either an excellent (15%) or good (46%) place to call home, while 26% say it is only fair and 12% rate the state as poor. The current positive rating of 61% is a marked improvement from the 50% record low recorded earlier this year as well as the 54% result in April 2018. The current findings are more in line with results from 2017 (59%) and 2016 (62%). Over the past decade, the state rating has generally been in the low- to mid-60s with a few exceptions. Prior to that, positive rating of the state was frequently in the 70s, even reaching as high as 84% in 1987.

"It wasn't looking good earlier this year as public sentiment about life in the Garden State hit a four-decade low. But those numbers have certainly bounced back, at least for now," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Monmouth's exclusive Garden State Quality of Life Index score now stands at +24, which is up from +13 in February. For six years prior to that, the index tended to seesaw between +18 and +26. The high mark for this index since Monmouth launched it nine years ago was +31 in April 2012.

The quality of life index score rebounded the most in the Delaware Valley (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester), rising by 29 points from a –3 score in February to a +26 score now. Most other regions of the state also saw increases, although not by as much. These include the affluent Central Hills (Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset) at +42 up from +27; the Northern Shore (Monmouth, Ocean) at +32 up from +21; the Route 1 Corridor (Mercer, Middlesex, Union) at +23 up from +16; the state's Garden Core counties (the northwestern and southernmost parts of the state) at +17 up from +9; and the Urban Core (Essex, Hudson)

at +10 up from –1. The Garden State Quality of Life Index continues to be the most stable in the Northeast region (Bergen, Passaic), now at +20 compared with +21 in February.

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 7-in-10 New Jerseyans rate their own town or city as an excellent (32%) or good (40%) place to live, with 20% saying it is only fair and 7% rating it as poor. The current 72% positive home town rating is up from 67% earlier this year and more in line with the 71% result in 2018.

The percentage of Garden State residents who currently feel very safe in their own neighborhoods at night (68%) is similar to polls from earlier this year (64%) and last year (65%). Another 27% say they feel somewhat safe and 5% do not feel safe at all.

Ratings for the job local schools are doing stands at 60% positive – 26% excellent and 34% good – which is similar to recent results (59% in February and 60% in 2018). Another 23% rate their schools as only fair and 9% say they are poor.

The current poll registers relatively high ratings for local environmental quality at 72% positive – 31% excellent and 41% good – which is similar to both February of this year (71%) and April 2018 (73%). Another 22% rate the local environment as only fair and 6% say it is poor.

"Ratings of local safety, schools, and the environment have remained relatively stable. The increase in the overall quality of life index has come mainly from a more positive outlook about New Jersey as a whole," said Murray.

There have been a number of demographic shifts in the key state rating question since earlier this year. Positive reviews of New Jersey as a place to live have increased among both men (57%, up from 47%) and women (66%, up from 51%). By age, the state rating has improved the most among those 18 to 34 years old (67%, up from 47%), while it has also ticked up among those 35 to 54 years old (56%, up from 47%) and those aged 55 and older (63%, up from 54%). The state rating has increased among both white residents (63%, up from 49%) and New Jerseyans of color (62%, up from 52%). The state rating has also improved among those earning over $100,000 a year (64%, up from 49%), as well as those earning between $50,000 and $100,000 (57%, up from 48%) and those earning less than $50,000 (64%, up from 57%).

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	NJ TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			RACE		INCOME		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black/ Hispanic	<$50K	$50-100K	>$100K
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

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	REGION							COMMUNITY TYPE		
	North east	Urban Core	Route 1 Corridor	Central Hills	Northern Shore	Delaware Valley	Garden Core	Urban	Stable Town	Growing Suburb
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 *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from September 12 to 16, 2019 with 713 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)
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)

[*Q2-21 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)*
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 23-25 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)*
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)

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)
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)

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)
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)

[*Q26-41 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 September 12 to 16, 2019 with a random sample of 713 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 359 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 354 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. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (CPS 2018 supplement). 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
20% Republican
45% Independent
35% Democrat

48% Male
52% Female

29% 18-34
36% 35-54
35% 55+

59% White
13% Black
17% Hispanic
11% Asian/Other

64% No degree
36% 4 year degree

MARGIN OF ERROR

		unweighted sample	*moe (+/-)*
TOTAL		*713*	*3.7%*
REGISTERED VOTER	*Yes*	*651*	*3.9%*
	No	*62*	*12.5%*
SELF-REPORTED	*Republican*	*142*	*8.2%*
PARTY ID	*Independent*	*293*	*5.7%*
	Democrat	*254*	*6.2%*
GENDER	*Male*	*344*	*5.3%*
	Female	*369*	*5.1%*
AGE	*18-34*	*148*	*8.1%*
	35-54	*271*	*6.0%*
	55+	*285*	*5.8%*
RACE	*White non-Hispanic*	*481*	*4.5%*
	Other	*207*	*6.8%*
COLLEGE GRADUATE	*No degree*	*324*	*5.5%*
	4 year degree	*387*	*5.0%*
INCOME	*<$50K*	*132*	*8.5%*
	$50 to <100K	*215*	*6.7%*
	$100K+	*315*	*5.5%*
REGION	*North*	*350*	*5.2%*
	Central	*168*	*7.6%*
	South	*181*	*7.3%*

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
1\L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	15%	15%	17%	13%	12%	22%	14%	17%	12%	16%
	Good	46%	45%	54%	34%	48%	49%	43%	49%	55%	40%
	Only Fair	26%	28%	10%	29%	27%	23%	27%	24%	23%	29%
	Poor	12%	11%	18%	21%	12%	6%	15%	9%	9%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
1\L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	18%	16%	16%	16%	14%	17%	15%	16%	16%
	Good	45%	47%	46%	43%	51%	47%	42%	48%	43%
	Only Fair	24%	23%	28%	25%	26%	28%	25%	24%	27%
	Poor	13%	13%	11%	14%	8%	7%	18%	10%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
1\L1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	15%	14%
	Good	54%	43%
	Only Fair	21%	27%
	Poor	9%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	2%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
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22\L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	32%	32%	32%	50%	24%	32%	34%	30%	21%	36%
	Good	40%	39%	47%	30%	40%	45%	35%	45%	40%	37%
	Only fair	20%	21%	17%	16%	24%	19%	24%	17%	28%	20%
	Poor	7%	8%	2%	5%	11%	4%	7%	7%	11%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
22\L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	36%	38%	23%	29%	37%	20%	31%	43%	28%
	Good	44%	40%	41%	38%	45%	42%	44%	37%	39%
	Only fair	14%	17%	24%	23%	15%	23%	19%	16%	22%
	Poor	5%	4%	12%	9%	3%	14%	6%	3%	11%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
22\L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	40%	32%
	Good	42%	41%
	Only fair	14%	23%
	Poor	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
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23\L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	31%	30%	35%	51%	26%	27%	32%	29%	21%	32%
	Good	41%	41%	44%	32%	44%	41%	39%	43%	42%	37%
	Only fair	22%	22%	18%	13%	21%	26%	22%	22%	27%	25%
	Poor	6%	7%	0%	2%	8%	5%	6%	5%	9%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
23\L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	38%	35%	25%	30%	32%	25%	29%	37%	24%
	Good	44%	46%	34%	39%	45%	39%	42%	42%	38%
	Only fair	14%	16%	31%	23%	20%	28%	23%	17%	28%
	Poor	3%	3%	10%	7%	3%	9%	6%	4%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

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23\L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	37%	38%
	Good	41%	45%
	Only fair	18%	15%
	Poor	3%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	0%

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24\L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	26%	25%	30%	28%	21%	30%	24%	27%	24%	28%
	Good	34%	36%	22%	38%	33%	36%	33%	35%	33%	32%
	Only fair	23%	23%	22%	17%	27%	18%	21%	24%	27%	23%
	Poor	9%	9%	5%	7%	11%	8%	10%	7%	8%	12%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	7%	20%	11%	9%	8%	11%	7%	8%	6%

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		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
24\L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	26%	29%	22%	25%	27%	27%	23%	30%	27%
	Good	37%	39%	27%	31%	39%	33%	38%	32%	28%
	Only fair	19%	15%	32%	24%	19%	25%	21%	22%	25%
	Poor	5%	7%	11%	10%	7%	7%	10%	8%	11%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	9%	8%	10%	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
24\L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	23%	23%
	Good	39%	44%
	Only fair	23%	17%
	Poor	5%	8%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	7%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
25\L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	68%	69%	60%	81%	63%	67%	70%	65%	65%	62%
	Somewhat safe	27%	27%	26%	16%	30%	28%	24%	29%	30%	29%
	Not at all safe	5%	4%	13%	4%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+	North
25\L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	76%	78%	53%	64%	75%	55%	69%	78%	60%
	Somewhat safe	22%	22%	35%	29%	23%	35%	24%	21%	32%
	Not at all safe	2%	1%	12%	7%	2%	10%	6%	2%	8%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
25\L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	76%	74%
	Somewhat safe	21%	23%
	Not at all safe	3%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	0%