

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL QOL SURVEY RESULTS:

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NOTES:

All entries are column % except where noted.

* $p < .05$ ** $p < .01$ for statistical tests of race differences

Geography:

Pittsburgh: Residents living within the city limits obtained via self-report and verified by geocoding

Sample sizes (unweighted)

Overall	n = 366
Non-African American	n = 163
African American	n = 203

All estimates are weighted to account for the sample design.
Statistical tests of significance incorporate the complex survey design.
(See Technical Survey Methods Document for Details.)

SECTION: OVERALL QOL

OVERALL1. How long have you lived at your current residence?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Less than one year	14.6	15.3	12.5
2. 1-3 years	19.1	18.5	21.3
3. 3-5 years	9.6	10.4	7.1
4. 5-10 years	16.7	20.0	6.0
5. 10-20 years	15.4	12.3	25.5
6. More than 20 years	24.5	23.6	27.6

OVERALL2. How many years have you lived in the [Southwestern Pennsylvania] region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Less than one year	2.0	2.5	0.1
2. 1-3 years	2.0	2.5	0.4
3. 3-5 years	2.7	3.4	0.2
4. 5-10 years	7.2	8.5	3.0
5. 10-20 years	10.1	9.6	11.8
6. More than 20 years	76.0	73.4	84.5

OVERALL3. Thinking about the overall quality of life in [Southwestern Pennsylvania /the region], how would you rate the region as a place to live? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	18.5	22.0	7.0
2. Very Good	36.8	39.9	26.9
3. Good	25.0	25.5	23.3
4. Fair	15.3	8.6	36.8
5. Poor	4.5	4.0	6.0

OVERALL4. Would you say that the overall quality of life in [Southwestern Pennsylvania/the region] has improved, declined, or stayed about the same during the past few years?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Improved	31.7	32.4	29.4
2. Declined	21.0	19.5	25.6
3. Stayed about the same	47.3	48.1	45.0

OVERALL6. How would you rate your neighborhood or local community as a place to live?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	21.7	24.6	12.3
2. Very Good	22.1	24.7	13.5
3. Good	30.1	29.8	31.0
4. Fair	21.8	17.0	37.4
5. Poor	4.3	3.9	5.7

SECTION: NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGH1. About how often do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Just about everyday	41.8	42.0	41.3
2. Several times a month	29.0	29.0	28.7
3. Once a month	9.2	11.2	3.0
4. Several times a year	10.9	10.0	13.5
5. Never	9.1	7.7	13.6

NEIGH2. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: “The people in my neighborhood are willing to help their neighbors.”

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Strongly agree	38.4	39.9	33.4
2. Somewhat agree	45.7	46.5	43.0
3. Somewhat disagree	11.8	10.6	15.7
4. Strongly disagree	4.1	3.0	7.9

NEIGH3. When thinking about the racial diversity in your own neighborhood or local community, would you say that it is...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very diverse	33.5	36.8	23.2
2. Somewhat diverse	50.9	49.2	56.1
3. Not at all diverse	15.6	14.0	20.7

NEIGH4. How much of a problem, if any, do you think race relations are in your own neighborhood or local community?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	6.9	5.4	11.6
2. Moderate problem	14.1	15.3	10.1
3. Minor problem	34.7	33.2	39.5
4. Not a problem at all	44.4	46.1	38.7

NEIGH5. How likely are you to move from your current residence within the next year? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very likely	20.1	20.0	20.5
2. Somewhat likely	18.5	13.6	34.7
3. Not at all likely	61.3	66.4	44.8

NEIGH6. Do you expect to be living in the [Southwestern Pennsylvania] region five years from now?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	81.9	82.5	80.1
2. No	18.1	17.5	19.9

SECTION: ENVIRONMENT

ENVIR1. Would you say that air quality in your community is a...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	3.3	3.7	1.8
2. Moderate problem	19.0	20.8	13.0
3. Minor problem	35.1	33.5	40.1
4. Not a problem at all	42.7	41.9	45.2

ENVIR2. How about the quality of your drinking water?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	4.9	4.5	6.3
2. Moderate problem	18.9	19.0	18.5
3. Minor problem	24.3	21.3	34.2
4. Not a problem at all	51.9	55.2	41.0

ENVIR3. How about pollution in streams and rivers?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Severe problem	17.2	19.0	11.7
2. Moderate problem	27.1	26.6	28.7
3. Minor problem	34.2	34.2	34.3
4. Not a problem at all	21.4	20.2	25.4

ENVIR4. First, how closely would you say you have been following the Marcellus Shale issue? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very closely	10.9	12.4	6.1
2. Somewhat closely	43.1	49.3	23.2
3. A little bit	26.0	24.0	32.2
4. Not at all	20.0	14.3	38.5

ENVIR5. Where do you currently get information about Marcellus Shale activity? (Check all that apply)

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Media such as newspaper, television, or radio **	95.6	94.6	99.8
02. The Internet	55.8	57.1	50.3
03. Neighbors, friends, or relatives	46.5	49.9	31.4
04. Natural gas industry representatives	12.9	13.7	9.2
05. Cooperative extension or other educators	17.7	19.0	11.9
06. Landowner groups **	13.4	16.0	1.3
07. Environmental regulatory agencies **	23.5	27.1	6.8
08. Center for Healthy Environments and Communities	14.0	13.2	17.4
09. FracTracker.org **	4.2	5.0	0.6
10. Other (Specify)	5.3	6.0	2.1

ENVIR6. To what extent do you think the Marcellus Shale represents an economic opportunity for this region? Do you think it represents...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A significant economic opportunity [for the region]	36.0	38.6	26.8
2. A moderate economic opportunity [for the region]	30.1	30.2	29.6
3. Only a slight economic opportunity [for the region]	20.6	18.9	26.8
4. Very little or no economic opportunity [for the region]	13.3	12.3	16.8

ENVIR7. To what extent do you think the Marcellus Shale represents a threat to the environment and public health of the region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A significant threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	34.6	35.8	30.7
2. A moderate threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	34.9	34.7	35.6
3. Only a slight threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	18.9	18.4	20.5
4. Very little or no threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	11.6	11.1	13.2

ENVIR8. Considering everything, how do you feel about natural gas extraction from the Marcellus Shale region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Strongly oppose	16.3	17.4	12.8
2. Somewhat oppose	12.4	12.5	12.0
3. Neither oppose nor support	27.6	25.1	35.8
4. Somewhat support	25.0	24.8	25.6
5. Strongly support	18.8	20.2	13.8

ENVIR9. Have you been affected personally from industry activities related to removing natural gas from the Marcellus Shale? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	9.5	11.9	1.7
2. No	90.5	88.1	98.3

ENVIR11. Have you or anyone in your family signed a lease with a natural gas company for rights to extract natural gas from land that you or someone in your family owns? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	4.8	6.1	0.4
2. No	95.2	93.9	99.6

ENVIR12. Do you feel that state government oversight of the environment should...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase significantly	33.0	33.9	29.9
2. Increase somewhat	37.8	39.3	32.5
3. Remain the same	12.1	10.0	19.5
4. Decrease somewhat	11.4	10.6	14.1
5. Decrease significantly	5.8	6.2	4.0

ENVIR13. Would you say that overall environmental quality in our region is...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Improving significantly	10.3	10.6	9.4
2. Improving somewhat	37.3	39.0	31.8
3. Remaining the same	28.5	27.8	30.8
4. Getting somewhat worse	16.3	15.6	18.6
5. Getting significantly worse	7.5	7.0	9.3

ENVIR14. Do you regularly recycle newspaper, glass, or plastic? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	84.0	90.0	64.6
2. No	16.0	10.0	35.4

ENVIR15. Do you have a fishing or hunting license?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	14.5	14.2	15.6
2. No	85.5	85.8	84.4

ENVIR16. How would you rate the overall quality of public recreational areas in the region, such as parks, trails and playgrounds?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	22.6	25.1	14.3
2. Very Good	32.3	32.1	33.2
3. Good	27.3	26.7	29.3
4. Fair	9.9	9.7	10.6
5. Poor	7.9	6.5	12.6

SECTION: GOVERNMENT

GOV1. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on public safety? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	42.1	39.3	50.8
2. Keep spending the same	52.3	59.3	30.3
3. Decrease spending	5.6	1.4	18.9

GOV2. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on roads and infrastructure? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	58.1	49.9	83.8
2. Keep spending the same	39.2	48.3	10.6
3. Decrease spending	2.7	1.8	5.6

GOV3. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on human services?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	46.0	41.6	59.5
2. Keep spending the same	44.5	46.8	37.3
3. Decrease spending	9.5	11.6	3.2

GOV4. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on parks and recreation? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	34.2	28.7	51.8
2. Keep spending the same	57.5	64.7	34.7
3. Decrease spending	8.3	6.7	13.5

GOV5. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on schools? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	67.2	60.2	89.3
2. Keep spending the same	22.0	26.1	9.3
3. Decrease spending	10.7	13.7	1.4

GOV6. Keeping limited resources in mind, should your local government increase spending, keep spending about the same amount, or decrease spending on economic development and job creation? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Increase spending	80.7	76.4	94.2
2. Keep spending the same	15.6	19.1	4.7
3. Decrease spending	3.7	4.5	1.1

GOV7. How strongly would you support or oppose the idea of merging your municipality with any neighboring municipality?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Strongly support	19.5	17.2	26.9
2. Moderately support	28.6	28.0	30.5
3. Neither support nor oppose	27.1	28.5	22.4
4. Moderately oppose	15.8	19.4	3.9
5. Strongly oppose	9.1	6.9	16.3

GOV8. How often do you vote? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. In every election	53.6	56.6	43.6
2. In every general election	14.5	16.3	8.4
3. In every Presidential election	17.1	11.7	34.7
4. Rarely	4.5	4.0	6.0
5. You don't vote	53.6	56.6	43.6

GOV9. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Democrat	60.6	52.7	87.1
2. Republican	13.3	17.1	0.7
3. Independent	19.7	22.6	9.9
4. Something else/Other (Specify)	6.4	7.6	2.3

GOV10. Generally speaking, would you consider yourself to be a liberal, a conservative, or a moderate?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Liberal	34.7	36.5	28.4
2. Conservative	24.7	24.6	25.2
3. Moderate	40.6	38.9	46.4

SECTION: ARTS

ARTS1. During the past year, about how many times have you visited a local museum or gallery or attended an art or cultural event, such as a play, concert, festival, reading or film? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. None	14.7	13.0	20.3
2. 1-2 times	14.9	10.7	28.4
3. 3-5 times	21.4	19.8	26.3
4. 6-10 times	21.2	24.7	10.1
5. 11-20 times	15.4	16.5	11.5
6. More than 20 times	12.5	15.3	3.3

ARTS2. Why haven't you visited or attended any of these? (Check all that apply)

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. You're not interested	24.9	28.0	18.6
2. It's too expensive	17.5	13.0	26.9
3. You don't have time	39.5	33.1	52.7
4. Lack of awareness	4.9	2.2	10.3
5. Lack of transportation *	4.9	2.0	10.7
6. Some other reason (Specify)	43.1	52.0	24.7

ARTS3. During the last 12 months, did you do any arts and crafts work, painting, drawing, sculpture, or printmaking activities?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	36.3	36.9	34.2
2. No	63.7	63.1	65.8

ARTS4. During the last 12 months, outside of work or school, did you do any creative writing such as stories, poems or plays?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	16.0	13.7	23.5
2. No	84.0	86.3	76.5

ARTS5. During the last 12 months, did you write, compose music or play a musical instrument?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	26.3	26.0	27.1
2. No	73.7	74.0	72.9

ARTS6. During the last 12 months, did you sing in a choir, band or other performance, or do any dancing such as ballet, modern, folk, or tap?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	24.0	24.0	23.8
2. No	76.0	76.0	76.2

ARTS7. During the past year, have you made any donations or have you volunteered your time to arts or cultural organizations?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	45.0	48.4	34.0
2. No	55.0	51.6	66.0

ARTS8. In your opinion, how important is arts education in schools?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Not important	2.9	3.5	0.8
2. Somewhat important	23.4	25.5	16.7
3. Very important	39.5	39.9	37.9
4. Extremely important	34.2	31.1	44.6

ARTS9. How would you rate the overall quality of the region's arts and cultural opportunities? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	22.2	26.2	8.9
2. Very Good	41.5	43.5	34.8
3. Good	24.0	24.3	22.9
4. Fair	9.2	6.0	19.8
5. Poor	3.2	0.0	13.5

SECTION: TRANSPORTATION

TRANS1. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with road and bridge quality in the region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	25.3	21.4	37.5
2. A moderate problem	53.7	56.1	46.0
3. A minor problem	15.5	15.6	15.1
4. Not a problem at all	5.5	6.8	1.4

TRANS2. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with traffic congestion in the region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	28.8	26.9	34.9
2. A moderate problem	50.2	52.4	43.4
3. A minor problem	17.5	16.7	20.0
4. Not a problem at all	3.4	4.0	1.7

TRANS3. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with the availability of public transit in the region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	32.7	28.9	44.5
2. A moderate problem	33.0	34.1	29.4
3. A minor problem	13.4	13.8	12.3
4. Not a problem at all	20.9	23.2	13.8

TRANS4. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with the availability of nonstop flight destinations at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	23.0	25.1	16.5
2. A moderate problem	23.1	21.1	29.4
3. A minor problem	22.1	20.8	26.1
4. Not a problem at all	31.8	33.0	28.0

TRANS5. How much of a problem, if any, do you think there is with the availability of safe and dedicated bicycling and pedestrian routes in the region?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	21.4	21.3	21.9
2. A moderate problem	23.2	22.4	25.4
3. A minor problem	26.1	23.7	33.7
4. Not a problem at all	29.3	32.6	19.0

TRANS6. How often do you use public transit?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 5 days a week or more	27.4	24.0	38.6
2. At least once a week	12.8	15.1	5.0
3. At least once a month	11.9	12.8	9.1
4. Less than once a month	19.9	20.2	18.9
5. Never	28.0	27.9	28.0
6. Public transit is not available	0.1	0.0	0.4

TRANS7. Are you satisfied with the public transit available to you?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	57.8	61.2	46.3
2. No	42.2	38.8	53.7

TRANS9. How often do you travel in and around the City of Pittsburgh?
[Not asked if person lives in Pittsburgh]

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 5 days a week or more	1.9	2.0	0.0
2. At least once a week	93.9	98.0	0.0
3. At least once a month	0.0	0.0	0.0
4. Less than once a month or never	4.2	0.0	100.0

SECTION: EDUCATION

EDUC1. In your view, how adequate or inadequate are the financial resources available for the public schools in your local community?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Completely adequate	9.5	12.2	0.5
2. Generally adequate	42.9	44.0	39.3
3. Generally inadequate	30.1	27.7	38.1
4. Completely inadequate	17.5	16.2	22.1

EDUC2. How would you rate the safety of the public schools in your local community?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very safe	14.2	16.0	9.1
2. Somewhat safe	45.3	43.3	51.2
3. Somewhat unsafe	33.3	32.4	36.0
4. Very unsafe	7.1	8.3	3.8

EDUC3. Do you have any children under the age of 18 who currently live in your household?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	20.4	17.7	29.1
2. No	79.6	82.3	70.9

EDUC4. Do you have any children attending a public school or a private school?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes, public school	37.2	29.9	51.5
2. Yes, private school	26.3	31.2	16.7
3. Yes, both types	0.6	0.4	0.9
4. No, no children attending either	27.3	27.7	26.4
5. Other (Specify)	8.6	10.8	4.4

EDUC5. How would you rate the overall quality of education that your children are receiving?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	18.0	21.5	12.0
2. Very Good	38.8	46.3	25.5
3. Good	14.9	1.7	38.1
4. Fair	14.4	10.8	20.7
5. Poor	13.9	19.7	3.8

EDUC6. In the past two years, have you visited your child's school for a parent conference or been a member of the PTA or similar parent organization?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	88.6	90.9	84.6
2. No	11.4	9.1	15.4

EDUC7. In the past two years, have you attended a school board meeting?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	15.5	11.8	27.1
2. No	84.5	88.2	72.9

EDUC8. Do you regularly use any form of day care for any of your children? This includes family members, friends, in-home care and professional child care facilities.

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	42.4	35.0	57.2
2. No	57.6	65.0	42.8

EDUC9. How much of a problem, if any, has it been for you to find quality day care that you can trust? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. A severe problem	17.5	30.8	1.5
2. A moderate problem	7.3	0.0	16.2
3. A minor problem	19.6	1.2	41.8
4. Not a problem at all	55.6	68.0	40.5

EDUC10. Do you feel that the emphasis placed on statewide test scores in public schools is...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very appropriate	23.6	26.0	15.5
2. Somewhat appropriate	42.0	36.1	61.4
3. Somewhat inappropriate	21.3	23.1	15.5
4. Very inappropriate	13.1	14.9	7.5

EDUC11. If education funding had to be reduced, which one of the following would you most favor reduced spending on?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Athletics /After school programs	21.0	23.3	13.4
2. Buildings and facilities	36.9	31.7	53.4
3. Transportation	24.1	25.8	18.8
4. School personnel, that is, teachers and administrators	18.0	19.1	14.4

EDUC12. Would you support merging your school district with any of its neighboring school districts?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	53.3	53.6	52.3
2. No	46.7	46.4	47.7

SECTION: PUBLIC SAFETY

SAFE1. In general, how do you think your neighborhood compares with other neighborhoods in the area with regard to the amount of crime? Do you think it has more crime than other neighborhoods, about the same amount of crime, or less crime?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. More crime	13.6	13.4	14.2
2. About the same	33.7	30.7	43.0
3. Less crime	52.8	55.9	42.8

SAFE2. Comparing safety in your neighborhood now with safety a year ago, is there now...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. More crime	15.4	12.7	24.0
2. About the same	63.2	64.6	58.8
3. Less crime	21.4	22.7	17.1

SAFE3. In terms of personal experience with crime, during the past year, have you been the victim of a property crime? That is, have you had money or property stolen, property vandalized, your home broken into, or a car stolen?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	21.0	23.8	11.9
2. No	79.0	76.2	88.1

SAFE4. How about violent crime? During the past year, have you been the victim of a personal assault, a robbery involving the use of force or a weapon, or some other type of attack?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	3.9	3.1	6.2
2. No	96.1	96.9	93.8

SAFE5. How would you rate the police in your community in terms of giving protection to people in your neighborhood? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent job	20.7	25.5	5.1
2. Very good job	24.0	24.1	23.7
3. Good job	21.7	20.8	24.5
4. Fair job	21.5	16.5	37.8
5. Poor job	12.1	13.1	8.8

SAFE6. Which of the following best describes the general approach you believe we ought to take with people convicted of crimes?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Emphasize rehabilitation to prepare them for reentry into society	38.8	36.0	48.2
2. Emphasize a mixture of rehabilitation and shorter prison terms	42.6	44.8	35.4
3. Emphasize longer prison terms	18.5	19.2	16.4

SAFE7. Do you support reduced incarceration of non-violent offenders in order to reduce costs?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	79.7	79.5	80.6
2. No	20.3	20.5	19.4

SECTION: HOUSING

HOUSE1. Do you or your family own the place where you currently live, do you rent, or other? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Own	59.1	65.6	36.6
2. Rent	40.9	34.4	63.3
3. Other (Specify)	0.0	0.0	0.1

HOUSE2. How would you rate the overall physical or structural condition of the house or apartment in which you live?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	24.5	26.7	17.2
2. Very Good	32.0	32.0	31.8
3. Good	23.7	22.3	28.3
4. Fair	19.4	18.8	21.5
5. Poor	0.4	0.1	1.2

HOUSE3. What about the condition of the other houses or buildings in your neighborhood?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	8.2	8.1	8.7
2. Very Good	36.3	36.5	35.9
3. Good	36.3	37.2	33.5
4. Fair	13.9	12.1	19.9
5. Poor	5.2	6.2	2.0

SECTION: ECONOMY

ECON1. How often does your household have difficulty paying for basic necessities like monthly rent or mortgage, food, and utilities? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Never	55.1	61.7	33.5
2. Rarely	20.6	18.9	26.2
3. Sometimes	16.3	17.4	12.8
4. Often	3.4	0.1	14.1
5. Always	4.6	1.9	13.4

ECON2. In the past 3 years, has your household's financial situation... *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Gotten significantly better	7.7	9.7	1.2
2. Gotten somewhat better	28.2	22.9	45.5
3. Stayed about the same	50.1	53.7	38.3
4. Gotten somewhat worse	11.5	10.9	13.5
5. Gotten significantly worse	2.5	2.8	1.4

ECON3. Thinking about the national economy, would you say that over the next year the nation's economy will...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Get much better	4.2	4.6	3.0
2. Get somewhat better	29.9	28.0	35.5
3. Stay about the same	29.6	25.9	40.9
4. Get somewhat worse	25.7	29.1	15.0
5. Get much worse	10.7	12.4	5.6

ECON4. Thinking about the local or regional economy, would you say that over the next year the region's economy will...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Get much better	8.5	9.1	6.6
2. Get somewhat better	36.5	36.0	38.0
3. Stay about the same	39.7	40.4	37.4
4. Get somewhat worse	8.3	7.1	12.0
5. Get much worse	7.0	7.3	6.0

ECON5. Thinking about your own economic situation, would you say that over the next year your economic situation will...

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Get much better	12.6	9.7	22.0
2. Get somewhat better	36.1	33.8	43.7
3. Stay about the same	44.7	49.4	29.3
4. Get somewhat worse	4.4	5.0	2.7
5. Get much worse	2.1	2.1	2.3

ECON6. Are you currently employed either full or part time?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	62.9	63.3	61.6
2. No	23.2	24.7	18.3
3. Retired	8.6	8.5	9.1
4. Disabled	5.1	3.5	10.5
5. Unable to work	0.1	0.0	0.4

ECON7. How many hours per week do you USUALLY work at your main job?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 35 hours or more per week	73.2	76.0	63.8
2. Less than 35 hours per week	26.8	24.0	36.2

ECON8. Do you currently want a full time job?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	25.0	19.7	49.5
2. No	75.0	80.3	50.5

ECON10. Are you looking for work at this time?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	80.9	75.1	90.8
2. No	19.1	24.9	9.2

ECON12. Are you employed in the private sector, the public sector, or a non-profit?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Private	44.9	47.4	36.4
2. Public	30.6	27.3	41.8
3. Non-profit	24.5	25.3	21.8

ECON13. Are you self-employed?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Self-Employed	24.0	22.7	29.2
2. Work for someone else	76.0	77.3	70.8

ECON14. Are you a member of a union?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	14.5	14.9	12.9
2. No	85.5	85.1	87.1

ECON16. How do you usually get to work?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Private car, truck, or van	55.2	55.8	53.2
2. Public transit	25.5	24.4	29.4
3. Motorcycle	0.0	0.0	0.0
4. Bicycle or walking	11.6	12.9	7.2
5. Work at home	5.0	3.7	9.5
6. Other (Specify)	2.7	3.3	0.7

ECON17. How easy would it be for you to find a job with another employer in the area that offers the same income and fringe benefits you have now? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very easy	7.2	9.2	0.6
2. Fairly easy	26.3	31.1	10.6
3. Not too easy	34.1	29.9	47.7
4. Not easy at all	32.4	29.8	41.1

ECON18. Are you currently a full- or part-time student at a community college, a 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade/professional school?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. No, not a student	85.7	86.4	83.2
2. Student at Community college	2.5	1.9	4.5
3. Student at a 4-year college/university	10.7	10.3	11.9
4. Student at a technical/trade/professional school	1.1	1.4	0.4

SECTION: HEALTH

HLTH1. Overall, how would you rate your health?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Excellent	20.6	19.9	22.8
2. Very Good	35.6	40.8	18.8
3. Good	21.5	19.1	29.3
4. Fair	18.4	15.8	26.9
5. Poor	3.9	4.4	2.2

HLTH2. During the past month, how would describe your stress level?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. No stress	6.8	5.6	10.9
2. Mild stress	45.7	45.3	46.9
3. Moderate stress	37.1	39.0	31.1
4. Severe stress	10.3	10.1	11.1

HLTH3. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	86.5	88.4	80.3
2. No	13.5	11.6	19.7

HLTH4. Was there a time during the last 12 months when you needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	12.6	12.5	12.9
2. No	87.4	87.5	87.1

HLTH7. Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Every day	13.8	14.3	12.2
2. Some days	12.2	11.0	15.9
3. Not at all	74.0	74.6	71.9

HLTH8. People may provide regular care or assistance to someone who has a long-term illness or disability. During the past month, did you provide any such care to a family member or friend? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	26.1	22.0	39.6
2. No	73.9	78.0	60.4

HLTH9. What is your relationship to the person you cared for?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Your mother or mother-in-law	34.4	28.4	45.1
02. Your father or father-in-law	3.8	5.2	1.2
03. Your wife	2.4	3.7	0.2
04. Your husband	2.3	2.9	1.3
05. Your daughter or daughter-in-law	5.0	6.9	1.4
06. Your son or son-in-law	12.9	9.4	19.2
07. Some other relative (Specify)	19.2	25.5	7.7
08. A non-relative (Specify)	20.1	18.0	23.9

HLTH10. What is the major or primary health problem of the person you cared for?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Heart disease	6.9	9.0	3.4
02. Cancer	11.0	16.5	1.5
03. Stroke	2.5	0.4	6.0
04. Diabetes	11.0	0.0	29.8
05. Dementia or Alzheimer's	5.3	3.6	8.2
06. Arthritis or rheumatism	7.8	0.3	20.9
07. Lung disease or emphysema	3.0	0.0	8.3
08. Cerebral palsy	0.0	0.0	0.0
09. Hypertension	0.0	0.0	0.0
10. Some other disease or condition (Specify)	52.5	70.3	21.9

HLTH11. About how many hours per week do you provide care?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 8 hours or less per week	41.1	46.3	32.3
2. 9 to 19 hours per week	7.0	4.1	11.9
3. 20 to 39 hours per week	7.2	8.1	5.5
4. 40 or more hours per week	44.7	41.4	50.3

HLTH12. How long have you been providing care? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 3 months or less	22.2	28.3	11.6
2. 4 to 12 months	13.1	0.2	35.7
3. 13 to 24 months	6.2	4.1	9.9
4. 25 months to 5 years	34.1	41.3	21.6
5. more than 5 years	24.4	26.2	21.3

SECTION: RELIGION

RELIG1. What is your current religious preference? **

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. None	25.6	31.2	6.7
2. Protestant	27.9	17.3	63.5
3. Catholic	27.1	34.5	2.5
4. Jewish	1.2	1.4	0.3
5. Muslim	5.3	5.3	5.1
6. Other (Specify)	12.9	10.2	21.9

RELIG2. How often do you usually attend religious services, meetings and/or activities? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Every day or nearly every day	1.0	0.6	2.1
2. At least once a week	29.5	30.0	28.1
3. At least once a month	7.8	7.8	8.0
4. A few times a year	25.8	19.8	44.7
5. Never	35.9	41.9	17.1

RELIG3. To what extent do you consider yourself a spiritual person?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Very spiritual	27.1	27.4	26.1
2. Moderately spiritual	40.2	39.0	44.1
3. Slightly spiritual	22.7	22.7	22.7
4. Not spiritual at all	10.0	10.9	7.1

SECTION: HAPPINESS

HAPPY1. All things considered, how satisfied would you say you are with life these days? Please tell me on a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 means “Very Dissatisfied,” and 10 means “Very satisfied.”

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
Mean rating	7.79	7.89	7.75

HAPPY2. Taking all things together on a scale of 1 to 10, how happy would you say you are? Here, one means “Very Unhappy” and 10 means “Very Happy.”

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
Mean rating	7.86	7.97	7.54

SECTION: INTERNET

NET1. Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	78.5	81.2	69.8
2. No	21.5	18.8	30.2

NET2. Do you ever use the internet to use a social networking site like MySpace, Facebook or LinkedIn.com?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	67.5	65.8	73.9
2. No	32.5	34.2	26.1

SECTION: DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE. What is your age now?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. 18-29	26.7	24.3	34.3
2. 30-44	23.1	24.3	19.1
3. 45-64	32.1	31.9	32.9
4. 65+	18.1	19.5	13.6

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	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Male	50.7	50.9	50.1
2. Female	49.3	49.1	49.9

MARSTAT. What is your current marital status? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Married/living as married	33.6	39.5	14.7
2. Divorced or separated	8.2	8.1	8.8
3. Widowed	11.2	10.5	13.2
4. Single/never married	47.0	41.9	63.3

HISP. Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	2.1	1.9	2.8
2. No	97.9	98.1	97.2

EDUC. What is the highest level of education you have completed? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
01. Eighth grade or less	0.1	0.1	0.3
02. Some high school	5.5	4.9	7.5
03. High school graduate or GED	22.0	17.0	38.2
04. Some college, no degree	12.2	11.5	14.5
05. Associate's degree, occupational	6.7	5.7	10.0
06. Associate's degree, academic	5.9	5.0	8.8
07. Bachelor's degree	33.6	38.5	17.5
08. Master's degree	7.0	8.4	2.8
09. Professional degree	1.5	1.9	0.1
10. Doctoral degree	5.4	7.0	0.3

INCOME. Which of the following best describes your household's total yearly income? *

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Under \$25,000	28.3	23.4	45.8
2. \$25,000 to just under \$50,000	29.6	28.4	33.7
3. \$50,000 to just under \$75,000	23.8	25.9	16.3
4. \$75,000 to just under \$100,000	7.8	9.3	2.2
5. \$100,000 to just under \$150,000	4.5	5.4	1.4
6. \$150,000 or More	6.0	7.5	0.6

VET. Are you a veteran?

	Overall	Non-African-American	African-American
1. Yes	9.7	10.1	8.7
2. No	90.3	89.9	91.3