

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL QOL SURVEY RESULTS:

SEX Differences - ALLEGHENY COUNTY Residents

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NOTES:

All entries are column % except where noted.

* p <.05 ** p<.01 for statistical tests of sex differences

Geography:

Allegheny County: All Allegheny County residents *including City of Pittsburgh residents*

Sample sizes (unweighted)

Overall	n = 799
Males	n = 291
Females	n = 508

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	Male	Female
1. Less than one year	9.0	6.4	11.2
2. 1-3 years	15.2	13.3	16.7
3. 3-5 years	6.7	7.6	6.1
4. 5-10 years	19.9	25.0	15.8
5. 10-20 years	18.7	18.6	18.8
6. More than 20 years	30.4	29.1	31.5

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Less than one year	0.6	1.4	0.0
2. 1-3 years	1.7	0.4	2.8
3. 3-5 years	1.8	0.8	2.6
4. 5-10 years	7.0	5.0	8.6
5. 10-20 years	11.2	14.5	8.6
6. More than 20 years	77.7	77.9	77.4

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	Male	Female
1. Excellent	16.7	20.8	13.4
2. Very Good	42.7	38.2	46.3
3. Good	24.9	25.4	24.5
4. Fair	12.0	13.5	10.8
5. Poor	3.6	2.1	4.9

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	Male	Female
1. Improved	27.1	29.1	25.5
2. Declined	25.6	22.7	27.9
3. Stayed about the same	47.3	48.2	46.6

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent	21.2	18.6	23.3
2. Very Good	33.5	31.0	35.6
3. Good	28.0	32.1	24.7
4. Fair	11.9	14.2	10.1
5. Poor	5.4	4.2	6.3

SECTION: NEIGHBORHOOD

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Just about everyday	40.9	40.1	41.6
2. Several times a month	34.4	35.7	33.4
3. Once a month	8.1	10.6	6.0
4. Several times a year	7.9	6.9	8.7
5. Never	8.6	6.6	10.3

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	Male	Female
1. Strongly agree	50.0	48.8	51.0
2. Somewhat agree	39.2	44.3	34.9
3. Somewhat disagree	6.9	3.3	9.9
4. Strongly disagree	3.9	3.6	4.2

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Very diverse	20.0	23.5	17.2
2. Somewhat diverse	56.3	54.2	58.0
3. Not at all diverse	23.7	22.4	24.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Severe problem	3.8	3.7	3.8
2. Moderate problem	10.3	9.2	11.2
3. Minor problem	27.8	25.4	29.8
4. Not a problem at all	58.1	61.8	55.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Very likely	13.0	15.2	11.2
2. Somewhat likely	16.5	17.5	15.7
3. Not at all likely	70.5	67.3	73.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	83.1	84.3	82.1
2. No	16.9	15.7	17.9

SECTION: ENVIRONMENT

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Severe problem	5.2	4.7	5.6
2. Moderate problem	17.8	18.9	17.0
3. Minor problem	30.2	29.4	30.8
4. Not a problem at all	46.8	47.1	46.6

ENVIR2. How about the quality of your drinking water?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Severe problem	4.4	3.1	5.5
2. Moderate problem	15.0	12.5	17.1
3. Minor problem	19.9	17.7	21.7
4. Not a problem at all	60.7	66.8	55.7

ENVIR3. How about pollution in streams and rivers?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Severe problem	10.0	6.6	12.9
2. Moderate problem	27.3	27.2	27.3
3. Minor problem	31.0	32.4	29.9
4. Not a problem at all	31.7	33.7	30.0

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Very closely	16.6	23.1	11.3
2. Somewhat closely	34.9	35.2	34.6
3. A little bit	28.6	23.3	33.0
4. Not at all	19.9	18.4	21.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
01. Media such as newspaper, television, or radio	97.2	97.5	97.0
02. The Internet **	55.1	64.6	47.2
03. Neighbors, friends, or relatives	45.9	46.3	45.6
04. Natural gas industry representatives **	12.4	18.3	7.4
05. Cooperative extension or other educators	12.9	13.1	12.7
06. Landowner groups	10.1	12.0	8.6
07. Environmental regulatory agencies	17.5	20.7	14.8
08. Center for Healthy Environments and Communities	8.7	12.1	5.9
09. FracTracker.org	3.1	1.1	4.8
10. Other (Specify)	4.5	5.3	3.9

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

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	Overall	Male	Female
1. A significant economic opportunity [for the region]	34.5	44.1	26.2
2. A moderate economic opportunity [for the region]	36.6	26.8	45.1
3. Only a slight economic opportunity [for the region]	18.4	17.3	19.3
4. Very little or no economic opportunity [for the region]	10.5	11.8	9.5

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. A significant threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	28.0	27.8	28.2
2. A moderate threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	32.4	29.1	35.2
3. Only a slight threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	26.2	25.7	26.5
4. Very little or no threat [to the environment and public health of the region]	13.4	17.4	10.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Strongly oppose	12.5	8.5	15.7
2. Somewhat oppose	16.6	16.3	16.9
3. Neither oppose nor support	30.1	20.4	38.0
4. Somewhat support	23.0	25.2	21.3
5. Strongly support	17.8	29.6	8.2

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	5.1	6.7	3.8
2. No	94.9	93.3	96.2

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	4.3	5.2	3.6
2. No	95.7	94.8	96.4

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Increase significantly	28.9	28.5	29.2
2. Increase somewhat	34.3	34.2	34.4
3. Remain the same	19.8	19.7	19.9
4. Decrease somewhat	10.3	9.9	10.6
5. Decrease significantly	6.7	7.8	5.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Improving significantly	8.9	13.1	5.5
2. Improving somewhat	29.8	31.9	28.0
3. Remaining the same	39.5	35.5	42.8
4. Getting somewhat worse	16.9	14.6	18.8
5. Getting significantly worse	4.9	4.9	4.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	84.1	84.4	83.9
2. No	15.9	15.6	16.1

ENVIR15. Do you have a fishing or hunting license? **

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	14.4	24.3	6.4
2. No	85.6	75.7	93.6

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent	21.6	21.1	22.0
2. Very Good	37.0	39.4	35.0
3. Good	25.0	24.4	25.6
4. Fair	11.4	11.0	11.7
5. Poor	5.1	4.2	5.8

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	Male	Female
1. Increase spending	37.1	31.5	41.6
2. Keep spending the same	56.6	57.7	55.8
3. Decrease spending	6.3	10.8	2.6

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	Male	Female
1. Increase spending	56.9	61.8	53.0
2. Keep spending the same	39.1	34.6	42.8
3. Decrease spending	4.0	3.6	4.2

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	Male	Female
1. Increase spending	38.1	31.3	43.8
2. Keep spending the same	50.5	52.2	49.1
3. Decrease spending	11.4	16.5	7.1

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	Male	Female
1. Increase spending	27.0	30.4	24.2
2. Keep spending the same	64.3	59.1	68.5
3. Decrease spending	8.8	10.5	7.3

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Increase spending	57.8	49.0	65.1
2. Keep spending the same	31.2	38.7	25.1
3. Decrease spending	10.9	12.3	9.8

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	Male	Female
1. Increase spending	73.4	73.6	73.2
2. Keep spending the same	19.2	17.0	21.0
3. Decrease spending	7.4	9.3	5.7

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Strongly support	15.9	16.8	15.2
2. Moderately support	22.6	26.5	19.4
3. Neither support nor oppose	26.5	19.6	32.0
4. Moderately oppose	17.3	19.3	15.7
5. Strongly oppose	17.7	17.8	17.6

GOV8. How often do you vote?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. In every election	56.4	55.1	57.4
2. In every general election	11.9	10.6	13.0
3. In every Presidential election	16.8	16.5	17.1
4. Rarely	6.5	5.0	7.7
5. You don't vote	8.4	12.8	4.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Democrat	49.6	42.9	55.0
2. Republican	20.3	24.5	16.9
3. Independent	21.2	20.2	22.1
4. Something else/Other SPECIFY	8.9	12.4	6.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Liberal	26.1	25.7	26.4
2. Conservative	32.7	35.6	30.4
3. Moderate	41.2	38.7	43.2

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	Male	Female
1. None	16.6	16.0	17.1
2. 1-2 times	19.8	17.8	21.4
3. 3-5 times	27.6	28.6	26.8
4. 6-10 times	17.7	15.4	19.6
5. 11-20 times	9.7	10.2	9.2
6. More than 20 times	8.6	12.0	5.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. You're not interested **	35.1	55.6	19.8
2. It's too expensive	27.9	36.1	21.7
3. You don't have time	36.6	47.6	28.5
4. Lack of awareness *	9.4	15.7	4.8
5. Lack of transportation	15.9	14.4	17.0
6. Some other reason (Specify)	34.1	20.5	44.3

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	33.7	28.8	37.6
2. No	66.3	71.2	62.4

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	19.2	21.3	17.5
2. No	80.8	78.7	82.5

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	22.7	29.2	17.6
2. No	77.3	70.8	82.4

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	18.7	18.4	18.9
2. No	81.3	81.6	81.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	42.0	43.4	40.9
2. No	58.0	56.6	59.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Not important	3.1	2.5	3.5
2. Somewhat important	29.4	35.1	24.8
3. Very important	41.7	41.0	42.3
4. Extremely important	25.8	21.4	29.4

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent	19.4	17.4	20.9
2. Very Good	40.2	38.9	41.3
3. Good	26.0	30.4	22.6
4. Fair	11.6	11.0	12.1
5. Poor	2.8	2.3	3.1

SECTION: TRANSPORTATION

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. A severe problem	32.3	34.6	30.5
2. A moderate problem	44.3	40.4	47.4
3. A minor problem	18.2	21.1	15.8
4. Not a problem at all	5.2	3.9	6.3

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. A severe problem	33.4	33.2	33.5
2. A moderate problem	47.0	46.9	47.1
3. A minor problem	14.4	12.9	15.6
4. Not a problem at all	5.2	7.1	3.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. A severe problem	35.5	31.8	38.5
2. A moderate problem	32.6	34.9	30.7
3. A minor problem	12.0	13.8	10.5
4. Not a problem at all	19.9	19.5	20.3

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	Male	Female
1. A severe problem	24.1	20.2	27.4
2. A moderate problem	26.2	27.1	25.5
3. A minor problem	19.5	21.7	17.8
4. Not a problem at all	30.1	31.1	29.3

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	Male	Female
1. A severe problem	15.6	19.4	12.4
2. A moderate problem	25.2	21.5	28.2
3. A minor problem	24.0	18.9	28.2
4. Not a problem at all	35.2	40.2	31.1

TRANS6. How often do you use public transit?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. 5 days a week or more	14.8	15.1	14.6
2. At least once a week	10.1	10.6	9.8
3. At least once a month	8.7	8.8	8.6
4. Less than once a month	16.6	17.2	16.1
5. Never	44.0	45.0	43.2
6. Public transit is not available	5.8	3.3	7.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	54.6	59.0	51.1
2. No	45.4	41.0	48.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. 5 days a week or more	37.0	42.2	33.6
2. At least once a week	18.4	16.4	19.7
3. At least once a month	23.3	28.3	20.1
4. Less than once a month or never	21.3	13.1	26.6

TRANS10. Why do you usually travel to the City of Pittsburgh? (Check all that apply)
[Only asked of non-Pittsburgh residents who travel to Pittsburgh at least once a month]

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Work or business	54.9	60.4	50.8
2. Arts and culture	60.1	56.5	62.8
3. Entertainment, events and sports	78.1	71.7	83.0
4. Shopping	34.4	33.5	35.1
5. Education or medical services	52.7	49.3	55.3
6. Other (Specify)	30.4	32.1	29.1

SECTION: EDUCATION

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Completely adequate	18.9	20.8	17.3
2. Generally adequate	47.0	45.8	48.0
3. Generally inadequate	23.5	24.7	22.5
4. Completely inadequate	10.6	8.7	12.2

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Very safe	40.9	41.6	40.4
2. Somewhat safe	39.0	39.8	38.2
3. Somewhat unsafe	16.1	15.7	16.5
4. Very unsafe	4.0	2.9	4.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	28.7	25.2	31.6
2. No	71.3	74.8	68.4

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes, public school	58.1	59.5	57.1
2. Yes, private school	17.0	16.8	17.1
3. Yes, both types	1.2	0.5	1.7
4. No, no children attending either	20.5	23.2	18.8
5. Other (Specify)	3.2	0.0	5.2

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent	35.9	37.4	34.9
2. Very Good	34.0	28.1	37.8
3. Good	19.7	28.1	14.3
4. Fair	6.5	3.6	8.3
5. Poor	3.9	2.8	4.7

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	88.3	78.2	94.9
2. No	11.7	21.8	5.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	17.5	15.3	19.2
2. No	82.5	84.7	80.8

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	40.8	46.5	37.1
2. No	59.2	53.5	62.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. A severe problem	9.2	0.0	16.3
2. A moderate problem	14.1	17.7	11.4
3. A minor problem	24.2	10.6	34.5
4. Not a problem at all	52.5	71.7	37.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Very appropriate	20.9	19.8	21.8
2. Somewhat appropriate	45.8	53.2	39.9
3. Somewhat inappropriate	22.2	16.1	27.1
4. Very inappropriate	11.1	11.0	11.2

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Athletics /After school programs	37.8	36.9	38.5
2. Buildings and facilities	28.6	22.0	34.0
3. Transportation	18.1	21.5	15.3
4. School personnel, that is, teachers and administrators	15.5	19.5	12.1

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	48.7	51.5	46.5
2. No	51.3	48.5	53.5

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	Male	Female
1. More crime	9.2	10.0	8.6
2. About the same	29.0	31.6	26.9
3. Less crime	61.8	58.4	64.5

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. More crime	13.7	13.8	13.6
2. About the same	69.7	66.9	71.9
3. Less crime	16.6	19.2	14.5

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	14.2	20.2	9.4
2. No	85.8	79.8	90.6

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	2.9	3.9	2.2
2. No	97.1	96.1	97.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent job	30.7	31.7	30.0
2. Very good job	28.0	26.6	29.2
3. Good job	22.9	22.5	23.2
4. Fair job	11.9	15.1	9.3
5. Poor job	6.4	4.1	8.3

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Emphasize rehabilitation to prepare them for reentry into society	34.8	33.6	35.9
2. Emphasize a mixture of rehabilitation and shorter prison terms	38.9	42.4	35.9
3. Emphasize longer prison terms	26.3	24.0	28.3

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	72.4	77.0	68.7
2. No	27.6	23.0	31.3

SECTION: HOUSING

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Own	72.6	75.1	70.6
2. Rent	26.5	24.0	28.5
3. Other (Specify)	0.9	0.9	0.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent	24.8	29.3	21.1
2. Very Good	38.0	33.6	41.6
3. Good	24.9	24.9	24.8
4. Fair	11.1	10.4	11.6
5. Poor	1.3	1.8	0.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent	16.4	18.0	15.1
2. Very Good	38.3	35.7	40.3
3. Good	31.0	35.1	27.6
4. Fair	11.1	9.5	12.4
5. Poor	3.3	1.7	4.6

SECTION: ECONOMY

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Never	58.8	65.1	53.6
2. Rarely	19.8	15.3	23.5
3. Sometimes	15.0	13.8	16.0
4. Often	3.2	3.0	3.4
5. Always	3.2	2.8	3.5

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Gotten significantly better	5.9	6.2	5.6
2. Gotten somewhat better	24.4	24.4	24.4
3. Stayed about the same	50.6	52.6	48.9
4. Gotten somewhat worse	16.8	15.0	18.2
5. Gotten significantly worse	2.4	1.7	2.9

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Get much better	2.9	2.7	3.0
2. Get somewhat better	28.2	31.5	25.4
3. Stay about the same	26.9	21.8	31.2
4. Get somewhat worse	28.5	29.3	27.7
5. Get much worse	13.6	14.7	12.6

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Get much better	4.4	6.5	2.7
2. Get somewhat better	28.1	27.7	28.4
3. Stay about the same	44.4	41.0	47.2
4. Get somewhat worse	17.8	20.4	15.8
5. Get much worse	5.3	4.4	6.0

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Get much better	8.4	13.5	4.4
2. Get somewhat better	30.7	31.1	30.5
3. Stay about the same	51.1	49.3	52.5
4. Get somewhat worse	8.2	5.4	10.4
5. Get much worse	1.6	0.7	2.3

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	63.5	68.0	59.9
2. No	22.8	20.0	25.1
3. Retired	10.7	8.7	12.4
4. Disabled	2.7	3.3	2.2
5. Unable to work	0.3	0.0	0.4

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. 35 hours or more per week	82.6	85.0	80.3
2. Less than 35 hours per week	17.4	15.0	19.7

ECON8. Do you currently want a full time job?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	25.0	36.8	17.7
2. No	75.0	63.2	82.3

ECON10. Are you looking for work at this time? *

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	87.4	80.7	96.0
2. No	12.6	19.3	4.0

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Private	49.7	62.7	37.6
2. Public	31.8	25.2	38.0
3. Non-profit	18.4	12.1	24.4

ECON13. Are you self-employed?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Self-Employed	21.5	23.9	17.7
2. Work for someone else	78.5	76.1	82.3

ECON14. Are you a member of a union?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	14.0	13.5	14.4
2. No	86.0	86.5	85.6

ECON16. How do you usually get to work?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Private car, truck, or van	71.7	75.9	67.9
2. Public transit	15.9	10.7	20.7
3. Motorcycle	1.1	0.5	1.7
4. Bicycle or walking	3.7	2.3	4.9
5. Work at home	5.0	8.0	2.3
6. Other (Specify)	2.5	2.5	2.5

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	Male	Female
1. Very easy	5.1	7.5	3.0
2. Fairly easy	24.1	31.0	18.0
3. Not too easy	32.2	26.6	37.2
4. Not easy at all	38.6	35.0	41.9

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	Male	Female
1. No, not a student	86.5	88.6	84.8
2. Student at Community college	3.8	3.9	3.6
3. Student at a 4-year college/university	8.7	6.8	10.3
4. Student at a technical/trade/professional school	1.0	0.8	1.2

SECTION: HEALTH

HLTH1. Overall, how would you rate your health?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Excellent	18.1	17.9	18.2
2. Very Good	38.0	37.3	38.6
3. Good	28.4	27.4	29.3
4. Fair	12.7	13.3	12.2
5. Poor	2.8	4.0	1.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. No stress	9.1	10.1	8.3
2. Mild stress	43.9	52.7	36.8
3. Moderate stress	35.4	27.8	41.6
4. Severe stress	11.5	9.4	13.3

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	90.8	87.4	93.6
2. No	9.2	12.6	6.4

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	10.8	9.0	12.2
2. No	89.2	91.0	87.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Every day	13.4	11.4	15.0
2. Some days	6.7	7.3	6.1
3. Not at all	80.0	81.3	78.9

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	Male	Female
1. Yes	20.3	19.1	21.3
2. No	79.7	80.9	78.7

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

	Overall	Male	Female
01. Your mother or mother-in-law	28.0	28.6	27.7
02. Your father or father-in-law	7.4	9.6	5.8
03. Your wife	2.5	5.9	0.1
04. Your husband	4.6	0.1	7.8
05. Your daughter or daughter-in-law	5.6	2.5	7.8
06. Your son or son-in-law	7.5	2.1	11.3
07. Some other relative (Specify)	26.6	23.5	28.8
08. A non-relative (Specify)	17.9	27.8	10.8

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

	Overall	Male	Female
01. Heart disease	12.5	13.9	11.6
02. Cancer	9.0	10.2	8.2
03. Stroke	2.5	0.9	3.6
04. Diabetes	6.2	6.0	6.4
05. Dementia or Alzheimer's	12.6	6.2	16.8
06. Arthritis or rheumatism	3.5	0.2	5.6
07. Lung disease or emphysema	1.4	0.2	2.1
08. Cerebral palsy	1.3	0.0	2.1
09. Hypertension	0.7	0.0	1.1
10. Some other disease or condition (Specify)	50.3	62.3	42.5

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. 8 hours or less per week	48.9	52.3	46.6
2. 9 to 19 hours per week	13.4	7.0	17.9
3. 20 to 39 hours per week	11.1	19.5	5.3
4. 40 or more hours per week	26.5	21.3	30.2

HLTH12. How long have you been providing care?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. 3 months or less	20.5	25.8	16.9
2. 4 to 12 months	19.1	21.0	17.8
3. 13 to 24 months	15.6	11.0	18.8
4. 25 months to 5 years	24.0	19.4	27.2
5. more than 5 years	20.8	22.8	19.4

SECTION: RELIGION

RELIG1. What is your current religious preference?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. None	22.2	23.1	21.4
2. Protestant	27.3	25.3	28.9
3. Catholic	35.4	34.1	36.5
4. Jewish	0.9	0.9	0.9
5. Muslim	1.7	2.2	1.3
6. Other (Specify)	12.5	14.4	11.0

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Every day or nearly every day	2.4	3.0	2.0
2. At least once a week	34.4	28.7	38.9
3. At least once a month	12.2	11.7	12.5
4. A few times a year	24.4	26.1	23.0
5. Never	26.7	30.5	23.7

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Very spiritual	28.5	27.4	29.4
2. Moderately spiritual	45.2	40.6	48.8
3. Slightly spiritual	18.7	23.2	15.1
4. Not spiritual at all	7.6	8.7	6.7

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	Male	Female
Mean rating	7.77	7.65	7.87

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	Male	Female
Mean rating	7.88	7.83	7.91

SECTION: INTERNET

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	82.6	84.0	81.4
2. No	17.4	16.0	18.6

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	60.9	58.7	62.8
2. No	39.1	41.3	37.2

SECTION: DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE. What is your age now?

	Overall	Male	Female
1. 18-29	21.4	22.6	20.3
2. 30-44	22.1	23.3	21.2
3. 45-64	35.5	36.2	35.0
4. 65+	21.0	17.9	23.5

MARSTAT. What is your current marital status? *

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Married/living as married	51.2	53.7	49.1
2. Divorced or separated	7.9	5.8	9.5
3. Widowed	7.8	3.7	11.2
4. Single/never married	33.1	36.8	30.2

HISP. Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent? **

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	2.5	4.8	0.7
2. No	97.5	95.2	99.3

RACE. What is your race? (Check all that apply)

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Caucasian/White	79.7	78.9	80.3
2. Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5	2.6	0.6
3. Native American**	0.8	0.2	1.4
4. Black or African-American	15.5	13.2	17.3
5. Other (Specify) *	4.9	8.3	2.2

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

	Overall	Male	Female
01. Eighth grade or less	0.4	0.9	0.0
02. Some high school	3.4	3.2	3.5
03. High school graduate or GED	26.2	24.3	27.7
04. Some college, no degree	16.4	15.9	16.7
05. Associate's degree, occupational	5.5	6.6	4.7
06. Associate's degree, academic	5.0	3.1	6.6
07. Bachelor's degree	26.5	30.1	23.6
08. Master's degree	11.4	10.0	12.6
09. Professional degree	1.1	1.8	0.5
10. Doctoral degree	4.1	4.2	4.0

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

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Under \$25,000	17.3	10.9	22.7
2. \$25,000 to just under \$50,000	28.5	25.1	31.4
3. \$50,000 to just under \$75,000	21.6	27.2	16.9
4. \$75,000 to just under \$100,000	13.7	17.4	10.6
5. \$100,000 to just under \$150,000	11.2	8.5	13.6
6. \$150,000 or More	7.6	10.9	4.7

VET. Are you a veteran? **

	Overall	Male	Female
1. Yes	9.2	19.0	1.4
2. No	90.8	81.0	98.6