

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY REGIONAL PROJECT VERSION

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870 telephone interviews of residents of the central New Jersey region
(Mercer County and adjacent parts of Somerset and Middlesex Counties)

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Weighted to Age and Sex (weighted N=870)

Fielded May 1 through June 8, 2007

We'd like to know how important various things are to your sense of who you are.

5A1. When you think about yourself, how important is your **occupation** to your sense of who you are?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important	487	57.6%
2 Moderately important	212	25.1%
3 Slightly important	59	6.9%
4 Not at all important	87	10.3%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	22	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

5A2. When you think about yourself, how important is your **place of residence** to your sense of who you are?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important	424	49.1%
2 Moderately important	282	32.7%
3 Slightly important	94	10.8%
4 Not at all important	64	7.4%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	4	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

5A3. When you think about yourself, how important is your **ethnic or racial background** to your sense of who you are?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important	318	37.2%
2 Moderately important	289	33.8%
3 Slightly important	123	14.4%
4 Not at all important	125	14.6%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	11	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

5A4. When you think about yourself, how important is your **religion** to your sense of who you are?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important	418	48.2%
2 Moderately important	184	21.2%
3 Slightly important	125	14.4%
4 Not at all important	121	14.0%
5 (VOL) Not relevant (not religious)	19	2.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	2	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

5A5. When you think about yourself, how important is your **being an American** to your sense of who you are?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important	588	70.4%
2 Moderately important	181	21.7%
3 Slightly important	38	4.6%
4 Not at all important	28	3.3%
5 (VOL) Not relevant (not American)	25	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	4	
9 (VOL) Refused	6	
Total	870	100.0%

6. I'd like to ask you some questions about how you view other people. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 People can be trusted	388	45.4%
2 (VOL) Depends	58	6.8%
3 You can't be too careful	409	47.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	13	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

7A. Next, we'd like to know how much you trust different groups of people. First, think about **people in your neighborhood**. Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

84.0% Net Trust
16.1% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	413	48.6%
2 Trust them some	301	35.4%
3 Trust them only a little	93	11.0%
4 Trust them not at all	43	5.1%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	10	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	11	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

7B. How about **people you work with**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

84.8% Net Trust
15.1% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	349	46.9%
2 Trust them some	282	37.9%
3 Trust them only a little	88	11.8%
4 Trust them not at all	24	3.3%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	124	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

7C. How about **people at your church or place of worship**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

91.0% Net Trust
9.1% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	406	57.9%
2 Trust them some	232	33.1%
3 Trust them only a little	51	7.3%
4 Trust them not at all	12	1.8%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	160	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	7	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

7D. How about **people who work in the stores where you shop**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

82.6% Net Trust
17.5% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	257	30.8%
2 Trust them some	433	51.8%
3 Trust them only a little	111	13.3%
4 Trust them not at all	35	4.2%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	21	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	13	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

7F. How about **the police in your local community**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

86.7% Net Trust
13.2% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	447	52.6%
2 Trust them some	290	34.1%
3 Trust them only a little	76	8.9%
4 Trust them not at all	37	4.3%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	7	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	12	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

7F1. How about **the people who hold office in your local government**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

57.7% Net Trust
42.3% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	82	9.9%
2 Trust them some	395	47.8%
3 Trust them only a little	205	24.8%
4 Trust them not at all	145	17.5%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	10	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	27	
9 (VOL) Refused	6	
Total	870	100.0%

7G. How about **white people**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

89.1% Net Trust
10.9% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	282	36.4%
2 Trust them some	408	52.7%
3 Trust them only a little	66	8.6%
4 Trust them not at all	18	2.3%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	46	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	16	
9 (VOL) Refused	33	
Total	870	100.0%

7H. How about **African Americans or blacks**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

86.5% Net Trust
13.6% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	272	35.4%
2 Trust them some	393	51.1%
3 Trust them only a little	77	10.0%
4 Trust them not at all	27	3.6%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	49	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	18	
9 (VOL) Refused	33	
Total	870	100.0%

7I. How about **Asian people**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

87.8% Net Trust
12.2% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	284	37.8%
2 Trust them some	376	50.0%
3 Trust them only a little	64	8.6%
4 Trust them not at all	27	3.6%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	57	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	25	
9 (VOL) Refused	38	
Total	870	100.0%

7J. How about **Hispanics or Latinos**, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

87.3% Net Trust
12.8% Net Don't Trust

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Trust them a lot	268	35.4%
2 Trust them some	392	51.9%
3 Trust them only a little	77	10.2%
4 Trust them not at all	19	2.6%
5 (VOL) Does not apply	56	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	25	
9 (VOL) Refused	33	
Total	870	100.0%

9. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Extremely dissatisfied	6	.7%
2	2	.3%
3	6	.7%
4	7	.9%
5	37	4.3%
6	41	4.7%
7	147	16.9%
8	270	31.2%
9	167	19.2%
10 Extremely satisfied	183	21.1%
88 Don't know	2	
99 Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

10. And how would you describe your overall state of health these days? Would you say it is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Excellent	244	28.0%
2 Very Good	333	38.3%
3 Good	204	23.5%
4 Fair	78	9.0%
5 Poor	10	1.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

15. How likely do you think it is that you will be the victim of a crime in the next 12 months?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very likely	29	3.4%
2 Somewhat likely	156	18.4%
3 (VOL) Neither/Depends	23	2.8%
4 Somewhat unlikely	302	35.7%
5 Very unlikely	337	39.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	22	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

12. Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the local community where you live. How many years have you lived in your community?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Less than one year	29	3.4%
2 One to five years	194	22.4%
3 Six to ten years	191	22.0%
4 Eleven to twenty years	166	19.1%
5 More than twenty years	209	24.0%
6 All my life	79	9.1%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

14. Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live — excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

85.2% Net Positive
14.7% Net Negative

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Excellent	386	44.3%
2 Good	356	40.9%
3 Only Fair	94	10.8%
4 Poor	34	3.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

15. Do you or your family own the place where you are living now, or do you rent?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Own	679	78.6%
2 Rent	185	21.4%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	5	
Total	870	100.0%

16. Overall, how much impact do you think PEOPLE LIKE YOU can have in making your community a better place to live — no impact at all, a small impact, a moderate impact, or a big impact?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 No impact at all	36	4.2%
2 A small impact	146	17.0%
3 A moderate impact	392	45.6%
4 A big impact	284	33.1%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	8	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

17. Next I'd like to ask you a few questions about television and newspapers. How many days in the past week did you read a daily newspaper?

	Count	Valid Percent
0	204	23.4%
1	78	9.0%
2	88	10.1%
3	57	6.5%
4	43	4.9%
5	35	4.0%
6	18	2.0%
7	347	40.0%
8 Don't know	1	
9 Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

~~18. How many hours per day do you spend watching TV (television) on an average weekday, that is Monday through Friday?~~

	Count	Valid Percent
1 None	24	2.7%
2 Less than 1 hour	20	2.3%
3 1 to 5 hours	247	28.5%
4 6 to 10 hours	228	26.2%
5 11 to 20 hours	207	23.9%
6 More than 20 hours	143	16.4%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	2	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

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19. How many hours do you spend using the Internet or email in a typical week, not counting the times you do so for work?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 None	189	21.9%
2 Less than 1 hour	42	4.9%
3 1 to 5 hours	265	30.5%
4 6 to 10 hours	194	22.5%
5 11 to 20 hours	100	11.5%
6 More than 20 hours	75	8.7%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	3	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

21. My next questions are about public affairs. How interested are you in politics and national affairs? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, only slightly interested, or not at all interested?

65.4% Net Interested
34.6% Net Not Interested

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very interested	284	32.7%
2 Somewhat interested	284	32.7%
3 Only slightly interested	178	20.5%
4 Not at all interested	122	14.1%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

27. Thinking POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY, how would you describe your own general outlook--as being very conservative, moderately conservative, middle-of-the-road, moderately liberal or very liberal?

33.3% Net Conservative
37.5% Net Liberal

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very conservative	80	9.6%
2 Moderately conservative	198	23.7%
3 Middle-of-the-road	243	29.1%
4 Moderately liberal	210	25.2%
5 Very Liberal	103	12.3%
6 (VOL) Something else	7	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	22	
9 (VOL) Refused	7	
Total	870	100.0%

27A. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Republican	153	20.8%
2 Independent	245	33.4%
3 Democrat	335	45.7%
4 Other	33	
5 (VOL) No Preference	76	
8 (VOL) Don't Know	13	
9 (VOL) Refused	16	
Total	870	100.0%

29. I want to change subjects now and ask about the groups and organizations you may be involved with. First, what is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, another type of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or no religion?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Protestant (Baptist, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist,	219	25.4%
2 Catholic	318	37.0%
3 Another type of Christian	68	7.9%
4 Jewish	53	6.2%
5 Muslim	17	2.0%
6 Hindu	27	3.1%
7 Buddhist	8	.9%
8 Some other religion	27	3.1%
9 No religion	123	14.3%
88 (VOL) Don't know	1	
99 (VOL) Refused	9	
Total	870	100.0%

30. Are you a MEMBER of a local church, synagogue, or other religious or spiritual community?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	481	65.3%
2 No	256	34.7%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	738	100.0%

31. Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Every week (or more often)	231	31.3%
2 Almost every week	78	10.6%
3 Once or twice a month	148	20.0%
4 A few times per year	152	20.6%
5 Less often than that	129	17.5%
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	738	100.0%

32. In the past 12 months, have you taken part in any sort of activity with people at your church or place of worship other than attending services? This might include teaching Sunday school, serving on a committee, attending choir rehearsal, retreat, or other things.

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	298	40.4%
2 No	439	59.6%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	738	100.0%

33A. Now I'd like to ask about other kinds of groups and organizations. I'm going to read a list; just answer YES if you have been involved in the past 12 months with this kind of group. **Besides your local place of worship, any organization affiliated with religion, such as the Knights of Columbus, B'nai B'rith, or a bible study group?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	132	15.2%
2 No	737	84.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33B. How about an **adult sports club or league, or an outdoor activity club?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	176	20.2%
2 No	694	79.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33C. How about a **youth organization like youth sports leagues, the scouts, 4-H clubs, and Boys & Girls Clubs?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	208	24.0%
2 No	662	76.0%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33D. How about a **parents' association, like the PTA or PTO, or other school support or service groups?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	229	26.4%
2 No	640	73.6%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33E. How about a **veteran's group?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	60	6.9%
2 No	809	93.1%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33F. How about **a neighborhood association, like a block association, a homeowner or tenant association, or a crime watch group?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	164	18.8%
2 No	706	81.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33G. How about **clubs or organizations for senior citizens or older people?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	102	11.8%
2 No	768	88.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33H. How about a **charity or social welfare organization that provides services in such fields as health or service to the needy?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	333	38.3%
2 No	536	61.7%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33I. How about a **labor union**?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	113	13.0%
2 No	756	87.0%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33J. How about a **professional, trade, farm, or business association**?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	278	31.9%
2 No	591	68.1%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33K. How about **service clubs or fraternal organizations**?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	106	12.2%
2 No	764	87.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33L. How about **ethnic, nationality, or civil rights organizations**?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	79	9.1%
2 No	785	90.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	6	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33M. How about **other public interest groups, political action groups, political clubs, or party committees?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	120	13.7%
2 No	750	86.3%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33N. How about a **literary, art, discussion or study group OR a musical, dancing, or singing group?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	201	23.1%
2 No	668	76.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33O. How about any **other hobby, investment, or garden clubs or societies?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	197	22.6%
2 No	673	77.4%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33P. How about a **support group or self-help program for people with specific illnesses, disabilities, problems, or addictions, or for their families?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	134	15.4%
2 No	736	84.6%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

33Q. Are you involved in any group that meets ONLY over the Internet?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	54	6.2%
2 No	816	93.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

35. In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any local club or organization?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	162	19.9%
2 No	649	80.1%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	810	100.0%

35A. In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or member on a local government board, commission, council, or committee?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	33	3.8%
2 No	837	96.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

35B. In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or member on a board or committee for a non-profit organization?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	126	14.5%
2 No	744	85.5%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

39. Many obstacles keep people from becoming as involved with their community as they would like. Thinking about your own life, are there any obstacles or barriers that make it difficult for you to be as involved with your community as you would like, or not?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	335	38.7%
2 No	532	61.3%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

39a1. I'd like you to tell me whether each of the following is a very important obstacle, somewhat important or not an obstacle at all: **an inflexible or demanding work schedule?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important obstacle	172	52.4%
2 Somewhat important obstacle, or	77	23.5%
3 Not at all important obstacle	79	24.1%
4 (VOL) Not applicable	8	
8 (VOL) Don't know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	337	100.0%

39a2. How about **family related commitments?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important obstacle	186	55.6%
2 Somewhat important obstacle, or	66	19.7%
3 Not at all important obstacle	82	24.6%
4 (VOL) Not applicable	3	
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	337	100.0%

39b. How about **inadequate transportation?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important obstacle	27	8.1%
2 Somewhat important obstacle, or	25	7.5%
3 Not at all important obstacle	281	84.4%
4 (VOL) Not applicable	3	
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	337	100.0%

39c. How about **feeling unwelcome?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important obstacle	27	8.2%
2 Somewhat important obstacle, or	55	16.6%
3 Not at all important obstacle	250	75.2%
4 (VOL) Not applicable	2	
8 (VOL) Don't know	3	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	337	100.0%

39d. How about **concerns for your safety?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important obstacle	40	11.8%
2 Somewhat important obstacle, or	37	11.1%
3 Not at all important obstacle	258	77.1%
4 (VOL) Not applicable	2	
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	337	100.0%

39e. How about **lack of information or not knowing how to begin?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important obstacle	54	16.2%
2 Somewhat important obstacle, or	89	26.6%
3 Not at all important obstacle	191	57.2%
4 (VOL) Not applicable	2	
8 (VOL) Don't know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	337	100.0%

39f. How about **feeling that you can't make a difference?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very important obstacle	27	8.1%
2 Somewhat important obstacle, or	75	22.4%
3 Not at all important obstacle	233	69.5%
4 (VOL) Not applicable	1	
8 (VOL) Don't know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	337	100.0%

40. Next, I would like to ask a few questions about work. We'd like to know if you are working now, temporarily laid off, or if you are unemployed, retired, permanently disabled, a homemaker, a student, or what?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Working	604	69.6%
2 Temporarily laid off	11	1.3%
3 Unemployed	30	3.5%
4 Retired	112	12.9%
5 Permanently Disabled	14	1.6%
6 Homemaker	57	6.6%
7 Student	38	4.4%
8 (VOL) Don't know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

40A. Are you doing any work for pay at the present time? [Asked only of “retired,” “homemaker” or “student” responses to Q40.]

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	32	15.3%
2 No	175	84.7%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	208	100.0%

41. About how many hours do you work in the average week? Count everything, including extra jobs or paid work you do at home? [Asked only of “working” responses to Q40.]

	Count	Valid Percent
0 0	5	.8%
1 1 thru 10	21	3.3%
2 11 thru 20	49	7.8%
3 21 thru 30	57	9.0%
4 31 thru 40	240	38.0%
5 41 thru 50	148	23.4%
6 51 thru 60	74	11.7%
7 61 and greater	38	6.0%
98 Don't Know	4	
Total	636	100.0%

44. On a typical day, about how long does it take you to get to work? [Asked only of “working” responses to Q40.]

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Up to 15 minutes	243	40.2%
2 15 to 30 minutes	6	.9%
3 30 to 45 minutes	101	16.7%
4 45 to 60 minutes	200	33.1%
5 1 to 1.5 hours	15	2.4%
6 1.5 to 2 hours	32	5.3%
7 Greater than 2 hours	8	1.3%
0 No commute	267	
Total	870	100.0%

45. We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied with your present financial situation?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Very satisfied	239	27.6%
2 Somewhat satisfied	507	58.6%
3 Not at all satisfied	119	13.7%
8 (VOL) Don't know	4	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

46. Now, I want to ask you some questions about family, friends, and neighbors. First, I'd like you to describe your household. Are you currently married, in a civil union, domestic partnership, or committed living relationship, or separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never married?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Currently married	501	58.2%
2 Civil union	2	.2%
3 Domestic partnership	13	1.5%
4 Committed living relationship	42	4.9%
5 Separated	15	1.8%
6 Divorced	57	6.6%
7 Widowed	46	5.3%
8 Never Married	184	21.4%
9 (VOL) Refused	9	
Total	870	100.0%

47. How many children, aged 17 or younger, live in your household?

	Count	Valid Percent
0	429	49.8%
1	185	21.5%
2	171	19.8%
3	57	6.6%
4	10	1.2%
5	7	.8%
6	3	.4%
98 Don't know	0	
99 Refused	8	
Total	870	100.0%

47A. And how many of these children are three years old or older?

	Count	Valid Percent
0	50	11.7%
1	181	42.0%
2	152	35.3%
3	38	8.9%
4	8	1.8%
5	1	.3%
98 Don't know	0	
99 Refused	11	
Total	441	100.0%

48. Including yourself, how many adults live in your household?

	Count	Valid Percent
1	149	17.2%
2	496	57.3%
3	131	15.2%
4	72	8.4%
5	10	1.1%
6	6	.7%
10 10 or greater	1	.1%
98 Don't know	0	
99 Refused	5	
Total	870	100.0%

51. Next I have a few questions about your IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS. These are the 10 or 20 households that live closest to you. About how often do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors — just about everyday, several times a week, several times a month, once a month, several times a year, once a year or less, or never?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Just about everyday	222	25.7%
2 Several times a week	261	30.2%
3 Several times a month	145	16.8%
4 Once a month	76	8.9%
5 Several times a year	41	4.7%
6 Once a year or less	36	4.2%
7 Never	81	9.4%
8 (VOL) Don't know	4	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

53. Now, how about friends? About how many CLOSE FRIENDS do you have these days? These are people you feel at ease with, can talk to about private matters, or call on for help. Would you say that you have no close friends, one or two, three to five, six to ten, or more than that?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 No close friends	36	4.2%
2 1-2 close friends	140	16.2%
3 3-5 close friends	354	41.0%
4 6-10 close friends	216	25.0%
5 More than 10 close friends	118	13.6%
8 (VOL) Don't know	4	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

55A. Thinking now about everyone that you would count as a PERSONAL FRIEND, not just your closest friends—do you have a personal friend who **owns their own business?**...

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	519	60.1%
2 No	344	39.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	3	
9 (VOL) Refused	4	
Total	870	100.0%

55B. Do you have a personal friend who **is a manual worker?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	410	47.6%
2 No	451	52.4%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	8	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

55C. Do you have a personal friend who **has been on welfare?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	189	22.2%
2 No	664	77.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	11	
9 (VOL) Refused	6	
Total	870	100.0%

55D. Do you have a personal friend who **owns a vacation home?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	454	52.8%
2 No	405	47.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	7	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

55E. Do you have any personal friends who **have a different religion than you?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	711	83.0%
2 No	146	17.0%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	10	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

55F. Do you have a personal friend who is white?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	783	90.2%
2 No	85	9.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

55G. Do you have a personal friend who is Latino or Hispanic?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	524	60.5%
2 No	342	39.5%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	4	
Total	870	100.0%

55H. Do you have a personal friend who is Asian?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	437	50.6%
2 No	427	49.4%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	3	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

55I. Do you have a personal friend who is Black or African American?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	608	70.3%
2 No	257	29.7%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

55J. Do you have a personal friend who is Gay or Lesbian?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	402	47.8%
2 No	440	52.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	24	
9 (VOL) Refused	4	
Total	870	100.0%

55K. Do you have a personal friend who you would describe as a community leader?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	402	46.5%
2 No	462	53.5%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	4	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	870	100.0%

56A. Now, I'm going to ask you how many times you may have done certain things in the past twelve months. For all of these, I want you just to give me your best guess, and don't worry that you might be off a little. About how many times in the past 12 months did you **attend a celebration, parade, or a local sports or art event in your community?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	233	27.0%
1 Once	86	9.9%
2 2 to 4 times	242	28.1%
3 5 to 9 times	115	13.3%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	93	10.8%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	48	5.6%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	22	2.6%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	23	2.7%
98 (VOL) Don't know	7	
99 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

56B. How many times in the past twelve months have you **taken part in artistic activities with others such as singing, dancing, or acting with a group?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	540	62.6%
1 Once	30	3.5%
2 2 to 4 times	100	11.6%
3 5 to 9 times	48	5.6%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	49	5.6%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	40	4.6%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	20	2.3%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	35	4.1%
98 (VOL) Don't know	4	
99 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

56C. How many times in the past twelve months have you **played cards or board games with others?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	293	34.2%
1 Once	34	4.0%
2 2 to 4 times	142	16.6%
3 5 to 9 times	111	13.0%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	103	12.1%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	82	9.5%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	28	3.2%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	63	7.4%
98 (VOL) Don't know	10	
99 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

56D. How many times in the past 12 months have you **visited relatives in person or had them visit you?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	53	6.2%
1 Once	19	2.2%
2 2 to 4 times	79	9.2%
3 5 to 9 times	107	12.5%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	159	18.6%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	191	22.4%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	91	10.6%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	156	18.3%
98 (VOL) Don't know	8	
99 (VOL) Refused	6	
Total	870	100.0%

56E. How many times in the past twelve months have you **attended a club meeting?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	499	58.2%
1 Once	32	3.7%
2 2 to 4 times	95	11.0%
3 5 to 9 times	69	8.1%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	92	10.7%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	42	4.9%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	15	1.7%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	14	1.7%
98 (VOL) Don't know	5	
99 (VOL) Refused	7	
Total	870	100.0%

56F. How many times in the past twelve months have you **had friends over to your home?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	74	8.6%
1 Once	11	1.3%
2 2 to 4 times	90	10.5%
3 5 to 9 times	133	15.6%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	174	20.5%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	178	20.8%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	64	7.5%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	130	15.2%
98 (VOL) Don't know	10	
99 (VOL) Refused	7	
Total	870	100.0%

56G. How many times in the past twelve months have you **been in the home of a friend of a different race or had them in your home?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	202	23.5%
1 Once	33	3.9%
2 2 to 4 times	182	21.3%
3 5 to 9 times	127	14.8%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	126	14.7%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	85	9.9%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	37	4.3%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	64	7.5%
98 (VOL) Don't know	7	
99 (VOL) Refused	6	
Total	870	100.0%

56H. How many times in the past twelve months have you **socialized with coworkers outside of work?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	139	22.0%
1 Once	20	3.2%
2 2 to 4 times	137	21.8%
3 5 to 9 times	114	18.1%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	115	18.2%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	56	8.9%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	17	2.7%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	32	5.1%
98 (VOL) Don't know	4	
99 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	636	100.0%

56I. How many times in the past twelve months have you **hung out with friends at a park, shopping mall, or other public place?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	167	19.4%
1 Once	13	1.5%
2 2 to 4 times	110	12.8%
3 5 to 9 times	99	11.5%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	150	17.5%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	154	17.9%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	62	7.2%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	106	12.4%
98 (VOL) Don't know	6	
99 (VOL) Refused	4	
Total	870	100.0%

56J. How many times in the past twelve months have you **played a team sport?**

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	610	70.7%
1 Once	25	2.9%
2 2 to 4 times	63	7.3%
3 5 to 9 times	35	4.0%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	35	4.1%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	48	5.5%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	14	1.6%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	34	3.9%
98 (VOL) Don't know	3	
99 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

56L. How many times in the past twelve months have you attended any public meeting in which there was discussion of town or school affairs?

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	441	51.0%
1 Once	89	10.3%
2 2 to 4 times	185	21.4%
3 5 to 9 times	71	8.2%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	50	5.8%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	16	1.9%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	5	.6%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	7	.8%
98 (VOL) Don't know	3	
99 (VOL) Refused	3	
Total	870	100.0%

56M. How many times in the past twelve months have you been in the home of a neighbor?

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	213	24.8%
1 Once	47	5.5%
2 2 to 4 times	147	17.2%
3 5 to 9 times	121	14.1%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	127	14.8%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	92	10.8%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	46	5.3%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	65	7.5%
98 (VOL) Don't know	10	
99 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	870	100.0%

58. How many times in the past twelve months have you **volunteered**?

	Count	Valid Percent
0 Never did this	342	39.7%
1 Once	40	4.6%
2 2 to 4 times	129	15.0%
3 5 to 9 times	96	11.1%
4 About once a month (10-18 times)	98	11.3%
5 Twice a month (19-36 times)	73	8.5%
6 About once a week on average (37-52 times)	41	4.7%
7 More than once a week (53+ times)	44	5.1%
98 (VOL) Don't know	2	
99 (VOL) Refused	6	
Total	870	100.0%

59A. I'm going to list some of the types of organizations where people do volunteer work. Just tell me whether you have done any volunteer work for each in the past twelve months. **For your place of worship?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	186	58.1%
2 No	134	41.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	1	
Total	321	100.0%

59B. In the past twelve months have you done any volunteer work **for health care of fighting particular diseases?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	214	41.2%
2 No	306	58.8%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	522	100.0%

59C. In the past twelve months have you done any volunteer work **for school or youth programs?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	297	57.1%
2 No	223	42.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	522	100.0%

59D. In the past twelve months have you done any volunteer work **for any organization to help the poor or elderly?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	261	50.3%
2 No	258	49.7%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	1	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	522	100.0%

59E. In the past twelve months have you done any volunteer work **for any arts or cultural organizations?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	124	23.8%
2 No	396	76.2%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	522	100.0%

59F. In the past twelve months have you done any volunteer work **for any neighborhood or civic group?**

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	131	25.1%
2 No	390	74.9%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	2	
Total	522	100.0%

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2B. Just to be certain we are calling in the right area, what county do you live in?

UNWEIGHTED	Count	Valid Percent
1 Mercer	707	81.3%
2 Somerset	48	5.5%
3 Middlesex	115	13.2%
5 Other (SPECIFY)	0	.0%
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	870	100.0%

2c1. Distribution of Municipalities within Mercer County.

UNWEIGHTED	Count	Valid Percent
1 East Windsor	50	7.1%
2 Ewing	45	6.4%
3 Hamilton	134	19.0%
4 Hightstown	19	2.7%
5 Hopewell Borough	11	1.6%
6 Hopewell Township	27	3.8%
7 Lawrence	67	9.5%
8 Pennington	33	4.7%
9 Princeton Borough	19	2.7%
10 Princeton Township	63	8.9%
11 Trenton	166	23.5%
12 Washington	23	3.3%
13 West Windsor	44	6.2%
14 Other	2	.3%
15 Don't Know	4	.6%
Total	707	100.0%

2c2. Distribution of Municipalities within Somerset County.

UNWEIGHTED	Count	Valid Percent
1 Montgomery Township (includes Belle Mead and Skillman)	34	70.8%
2 Rocky Hill Borough	4	8.3%
3 Kingston (part of Franklin Township)	10	20.8%
4 Other (SPECIFY)	0	.0%
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	48	100.0%

2c2. Distribution of Municipalities within Middlesex County.

UNWEIGHTED	Count	Valid Percent
1 Cranbury Township	8	7.0%
2 Plainsboro Township	43	37.4%
3 South Brunswick Township	64	55.7%
4 Other (SPECIFY)	0	.0%
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	0	
Total	115	100.0%

D-gender. *Interviewer records respondent's gender.*

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Male	417	48.0%
2 Female	453	52.0%
Total	870	100.0%

D-gender geographic distribution. *Gender by county.*

	Count	Valid Percent
1 MERCER MALE	324	37.2%
2 MERCER FEMALE	375	43.1%
3 SOMERSET MALE	26	3.0%
4 SOMERSET FEMALE	22	2.5%
5 MIDDLESEX MALE	67	7.7%
6 MIDDLESEX FEMALE	56	6.4%
Total	870	100.0%

60. Our last few questions are used to ensure that our sample for this survey accurately reflects the population as a whole. First, in what year were you born? (*recoded to age categories*).

	Count	Valid Percent
1 18 to 29	178	21.1%
2 30 to 49	373	44.3%
3 50 and older	292	34.6%
9999 (VOL) Refused	27	
Total	870	100.0%

D-Race-ethnicity combined.

62. Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

63. Do you consider yourself to be White, Black or African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, Native American, or some other race?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Non-Hispanic white	558	64.2%
2 Non-Hispanic black	132	15.1%
3 Hispanic	91	10.5%
4 Asian	66	7.6%
5 Other	22	2.5%
Total	870	100.0%

64a. Were you born in the United States?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Yes	686	79.6%
2 No	176	20.4%
8 (VOL) Don't Know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	8	
Total	870	100.0%

64b. How many years ago did you come to the United States? [Asked only of “no” responses to Q64a].

	Count	Valid Percent
1 1 thru 5	17	9.8%
2 6 thru 10	49	27.8%
3 11 thru 20	50	28.6%
4 21 thru 30	29	16.7%
5 31 thru 40	17	9.9%
6 Greater than 40	13	7.3%
Total	176	100.0%

D-language. *Interviewer records language of interview.*

	Count	Valid Percent
1 English	820	94.3%
2 Spanish	50	5.7%
Total	870	100.0%

D-Education combined.

61. What is the highest grade of school or year of college you have completed?
 61A. Do you have a GED or high school equivalency?

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Less than high school (Grade 11 or less)	36	4.2%
2 High school diploma (including GED)	144	16.7%
3 Some college	146	16.9%
4 Assoc. degree (2 year) or specialized technical training	96	11.1%
5 Bachelor's degree	167	19.4%
6 Some graduate training	33	3.8%
7 Graduate or professional degree	239	27.8%
8 (VOL) Don't know	0	
9 (VOL) Refused	10	
Total	870	100.0%

D-Income combined.

66A, 66B, & 66C. If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 2006, would the total be...

	Count	Valid Percent
1 Less than \$20,000	55	7.4%
2 Over \$20,000 but less than \$30,000	65	8.7%
3 Over \$30,000 but less than \$50,000	107	14.3%
4 Over \$50,000 but less than \$75,000	120	16.1%
5 Over \$75,000 but less than \$100,000	132	17.6%
6 Over \$100,000 but less than \$150,000	120	16.0%
7 \$150,000 or more	149	19.9%
8 (VOL) Don't know	7	
9 (VOL) Refused	41	
Total	796	100.0%