

Vital Communities' 2005 Quality-of-Life Survey													
Q. #36: How would you rate the overall quality of life in this region?													
	North		South		East		West		Central		Total		
Excellent	55	50%	24	34%	57	69%	57	57%	395	70%	588	63%	
Satisfactory	45	41%	30	43%	20	24%	34	34%	143	25%	272	29%	
Needs improvement	11	10%	16	23%	6	7%	9	9%	30	5%	72	8%	
Total:	111		70		83		100		568		932		
Q. #37: Overall, how much impact do you think you can have in making your community a better place to live?													
	North		South		East		West		Central		Total		
A big impact	22	20%	9	14%	17	21%	21	21%	118	21%	187	20%	
A moderate impact	48	43%	31	44%	45	54%	48	48%	261	46%	433	46%	
A small impact	38	34%	22	31%	21	25%	30	30%	174	31%	285	31%	
No impact at all	3	3%	8	11%	-	0%	1	1%	15	3%	27	3%	
Total:	111		70		83		100		568		932		
Q. #38: Is the population level:													
	North		South		East		West		Central		Total		
Too high	11	10%	2	3%	12	14%	15	15%	68	12%	108	12%	
Too low	3	3%	7	10%	5	6%	6	6%	37	7%	58	6%	
About right	97	87%	61	87%	66	80%	79	79%	463	82%	766	82%	
Total:	111		70		83		100		568		932		
Q. #39: Which one of the following strategies is the best way to handle growth?													
	North		South		East		West		Central		Total		
Permit slow but steady growth	46	41%	23	33%	37	45%	32	32%	214	38%	352	38%	
Stop growth now	6	5%	-	0%	3	4%	5	5%	20	4%	34	4%	
Actively encourage growth	8	7%	10	14%	3	4%	1	1%	25	4%	47	5%	
Allow growth only if it won't hurt quality of life	51	46%	37	53%	40	48%	62	62%	309	54%	499	54%	
Total:	111		70		83		100		568		932		

Q. #40: Which of the following would you say best describes the funding level at your town's public schools?													
	North		South		East		West		Central		Total		
They get more than enough money to provide a good education	25	23%	14	20%	5	6%	16	16%	127	22%	187	20%	
They get adequate funding to provide a good education	42	38%	21	30%	38	46%	47	47%	273	48%	421	45%	
They don't get enough money to do a good job	29	26%	17	24%	27	33%	17	17%	76	13%	166	18%	
They are grossly underfunded	10	9%	13	19%	4	5%	7	7%	13	2%	47	5%	
Don't know/No opinion	5	5%	5	7%	9	11%	13	13%	79	14%	111	12%	
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Q. #41: Do our cultural, entertainment and recreation facilities meet the needs of people at all income and age levels?													
	North		South		East		West		Central		Total		
Yes	41	37%	19	27%	34	41%	36	36%	241	42%	371	40%	
No; amenities area far too oriented toward people with lots of leisure time & money	19	17%	11	16%	19	23%	31	31%	138	24%	218	23%	
No; too many activities are designed to serve adults rather than children/youth	2	2%	3	4%	2	2%	3	3%	15	3%	25	3%	
No; too many amenities favor the young and active, and don't adequately serve older people	5	5%	5	7%	2	2%	3	3%	18	3%	33	4%	
No; there are not enough facilities	34	31%	26	37%	20	24%	14	14%	79	14%	173	19%	
Don't know/No opinion	10	9%	6	9%	6	7%	13	13%	77	14%	112	12%	
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Q. #42: How confident are you in town governments' ability to protect quality of life AND meet the needs of growth?													
	North		South		East		West		Central		Total		
Very confident	12	11%	7	10%	16	19%	8	8%	50	9%	93	10%	
Somewhat confident	50	45%	33	47%	38	46%	59	59%	328	58%	508	55%	
Not at all confident	45	41%	26	37%	25	30%	31	31%	156	27%	283	30%	
Don't know/No opinion	4	4%	4	6%	4	5%	2	2%	34	6%	48	5%	
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