

Appendix II Significance Testing Results

Economy

23. Do you feel you are better off this year rather than last year? (economically)

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “No,” that they did not feel they were better off economically this year than last year.

Group Comparisons

- Gender:** No significant difference.
Ethnicity: No significant difference.
Age: No significant difference.
Income: Those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning \$34,999 or less; those earning \$65,500 or more were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning \$34,999 or less.
Region: Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *South County* or the *North County*.

24. Do you feel you have opportunities to work in this area?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “Yes,” that they did feel they had opportunities to work in this area.

Group Comparisons

- Gender:** No significant difference.
Ethnicity: No significant difference.
Age: No significant differences.
Income: No significant differences.
Region: No significant differences.

25. Does one-half (50%) of your total household take-home pay (income after taxes) go to rent / housing costs?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “No,” that one-half (50%) of their total household take-home pay (income after taxes) does not go to rent/housing costs.

Group Comparisons

- Gender:** No significant difference.
Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Caucasians*.
Age: *18-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those *45 and older*; *45-65 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those *65 and older*.
Income: Those earning \$34,999 or less were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning \$35,000 or more.
Region: Residents of the *North County* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *South County* or the *San Lorenzo Valley*.

25a. Does three-fourths (75%) of your total household take home pay (income after taxes) go to rent/housing cost?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “No,” that three-fourths (75%) of their total household take-home pay (income after taxes) does not go to rent/housing costs.

Group Comparisons

- Gender:** No significant difference.
Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Caucasians*.
Age: *18-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those *45 and older*.
Income: Those earning \$34,999 or less were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning \$35,000 or more.
Region: Residents of the *North County* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *South County* or the *San Lorenzo Valley*.

Education

3. Does someone care for your children in order for you to work, go to school or be in a training?

Overall, no significant finding for this question.

Group Comparisons:

Gender: No significant difference.

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Age: 18-44 year olds were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than those 45 and older.

Income: Those earning \$65,500 or more were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were those earning \$34,999 or less.

Region: No significant differences.

3a. If someone cares for your children in order for you to work, go to school or be in a training, how satisfied are you with this arrangement?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they were "Very satisfied" with their childcare arrangement rather than "Somewhat satisfied" or "Not at all satisfied."

6. How often do you participate in activities at your child (children)'s school(s)?

6a. Elementary School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they "Often" participated in activities at their child (children)'s elementary school(s) rather than "Sometimes" or "Never."

6b. Middle School: Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they "Sometimes" participated in activities at their child (children)'s middle school(s) rather than "Often" or "Never."

6c. High School: Overall, no significant finding for this question.

7. Do (Does) your child (children)'s school provide a safe environment for learning?

7a. Elementary School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" that their child (children)'s elementary school provided a safe environment for learning.

7b. Middle School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" that their child (children)'s middle school provided a safe environment for learning.

7c. High School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" that their child (children)'s high school provided a safe environment for learning.

8. How satisfied are you with the substance abuse prevention program at your child (children)'s school?

8a. Elementary School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they were "Very satisfied" with the substance abuse prevention program at their child (children)'s elementary school rather than "Somewhat satisfied" or "Not at all satisfied."

8b. Middle School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they were "Very satisfied" or "Somewhat satisfied" with the substance abuse prevention program at their child (children)'s middle school rather than "Not at all satisfied."

8c. High School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they were "Very satisfied" with the substance abuse prevention program at their child (children)'s high school rather than "Not at all satisfied."

9. How satisfied are you with your child (children)'s education?

9a. Elementary School: Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were "Very satisfied" or "Somewhat satisfied" with their child (children)'s elementary school education rather than "Not at all satisfied."

9b. Middle School: Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were "Very satisfied" with their child (children)'s middle school education, rather than "Somewhat satisfied" or "Not at all satisfied."

9c. High School: Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they were "Very satisfied" or "Somewhat satisfied" with their child (children)'s high school education rather than "Not at all satisfied."

11. Do you use the library on a regular basis? (asked of all respondents)

Overall, no significant finding for this question.

12. Does at least one person in your household use computers?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "Yes," that at least one person in their household used computers.

12b. If someone in your household is using computers, are you using the Internet?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "Yes," that they were using the Internet.

13. *How important do you think bilingual education is?*

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought bilingual education was “Very important” rather than “Somewhat important” or “Not at all important.”

14. *Overall, how satisfied are you with our local system of education?*

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Somewhat satisfied” with our local system of education, rather than “Very satisfied” or “Not at all satisfied.”

Group Comparisons

Gender: No significant difference.

Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were *Caucasians*.

Age: No significant differences.

Income: Those earning \$34,999 or less were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were those earning \$35,000 or more.

Region: Residents of the *North County* were significantly more likely to respond “Very Satisfied” than were residents of the *South County*.

Health

27. *Have you needed health care (including alternative health care) in the past year and been unable to receive it?*

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “No,” that they had not needed health care (including alternative health care) in the last year and been unable to receive it.

28. *Do you have health insurance?*

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “Yes,” that they did have health insurance.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Males*.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** Those *45 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-44 year olds*.
- Income:** Those earning *\$35,000 or more* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*.
- Region:** No significant differences.

31. *Do you have a regular source of health care?*

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “Yes,” that they did have a regular source of health care.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Males*.
- Ethnicity:** No significant difference.
- Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-64 year olds*; *25-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-24 year olds*.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** No significant differences.

32. *How long has it been since you last visited a dentist, hygienist, or orthodontist? (Those reporting having visited in the last 1 to 6 months.)*

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they had visited a dentist, hygienist, or orthodontist within the last 1 to 6 months.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond that they had visited a dentist, hygienist, or orthodontist within the last 1 to 6 months than were *Caucasians*.
- Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond that they had visited a dentist, hygienist, or orthodontist within the last 1 to 6 months than were *18-24 year olds*.
- Income:** Those earning *\$35,000 or more* were significantly more likely to respond that they had visited a dentist, hygienist, or orthodontist within the last 1 to 6 months than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*.
- Region:** No significant differences.

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

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they smoke “Not at all,” rather than they smoke “Every day” or “Some days.”

37. *Considering all types of alcoholic beverages, during the past 30 days about how many times did you have 5 or more drinks on an occasion? An occasion is considered about 2 hours.*

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they “did not” drink 5 or more drinks on an occasion during the past 30 days.

38. *How acceptable do YOU find the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medical use?*

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they found the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use to be “Not at all acceptable” rather than “Acceptable” or “Somewhat acceptable.”

39. *How acceptable do you think YOUR COMMUNITY finds the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use?*

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought that our community finds the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use to be “Acceptable” or “Somewhat acceptable,” rather than “Not at all acceptable.”

53. *How many people in your house have a disability, including you?*

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that “No one” in their house had a disability.

Public Safety

17. How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” in their neighborhood rather than “Somewhat safe” or “Not at all safe,” and were also significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Somewhat safe” rather than “Not at all safe.”

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” than were *18-24 year olds*.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” than were residents of the *South County* or the *North County*.

18. Do you feel children have a safe place to play in your neighborhood?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “Yes,” they felt that children had a safe place to play in their neighborhood.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** No significant differences.
- Income:** Those earning *\$65,500 or more* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*.
- Region:** No significant differences.

19. How concerned are you about crime in Santa Cruz County?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” or “Somewhat concerned” about crime in Santa Cruz County rather than “Not at all concerned.”

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” than were *Males*.
- Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” than were *Caucasians*.
- Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” than *18-64 year olds*; *25-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” than *18-24 year olds*.
- Income:** Those earning *\$34,999 or less* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” than were those earning *\$35,000 or more*.
- Region:** Residents of the *South County* and the *North County* were significantly more likely to respond they were “Very concerned” than were residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley*.

20. How effective do you think law enforcement is in our community?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought law enforcement in our community was “Somewhat effective” rather than “Very effective” or “Not at all effective,” and were significantly more likely to respond that they thought it was “Very effective” rather than “Not at all effective.”

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Very effective” than were *Caucasians*.
- Age:** No significant differences.
- Income:** Those earning *\$64,499 or less* were significantly more likely to respond “Very effective” than were those earning *\$65,500 or more*.
- Region:** Residents of the *North County* were significantly more likely to respond “Very effective” than were residents of the *South County* or the *San Lorenzo Valley*.

21. How concerned are you about family violence? (includes domestic violence, child abuse, and senior abuse)

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about family violence rather than “Somewhat concerned” or “Not at all concerned,” and were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Somewhat concerned” rather than “Not at all concerned” about family violence.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Very concerned” than were *Males*.
- Ethnicity:** No significant difference.
- Age:** Those *25 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Very concerned” than were those *18-24 years old*.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** No significant differences.

Social Environment

10. Do (Does) your child (children) have enough activities after school and on weekends?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "Yes," that their child (children) have enough activities after school and on weekends.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significant more likely to respond "Yes" than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** No significant differences.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than residents of the *North County*.

22. Do you or your family have a disaster preparedness plan or kit?

Overall, no significant finding for this question.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** Those *25 and older* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were *18-24 years old*.
- Income:** Those earning *\$35,500 or more* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*.
- Region:** Residents of the *South County* and the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were residents of the *North County*.

26. In any given month, do you find yourself having to go without basic needs such as childcare, healthcare, food or clothing?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "No," that in any given month, they had not found themselves having to go without basic needs such as childcare, healthcare, food or clothing.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were *Caucasians*.
- Age:** *18-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were those *65 and older*.
- Income:** Those earning *\$34,999 or less* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were those earning *\$35,000 or more*.
- Region:** No significant differences.

48. Do you regularly do volunteer work in the community?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "No," that they do not regularly do volunteer work in the community.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were *Males*.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significant more likely to respond "Yes" than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** Those *45 and older* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were *18-24 year olds*.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** No significant differences.

49. Do you regularly contribute money to charitable organizations?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "Yes," that they do regularly contribute money to charitable organizations.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were *Males*.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significant more likely to respond "Yes" than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** Those *45 and older* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were *18-24 year olds*.
- Income:** Those earning *\$35,000 or more* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were those earning *\$34,999 or less*.
- Region:** Residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were residents of the *North County*.

50. Have you felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last 12 months?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond "No," that they have not felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last 12 months.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Males* were significantly more likely to respond "No" than were *Females*.
- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond "No" than were *Latinos*.
- Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond "No" than were *18-64 year olds*.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** No significant differences.

51. *Do you think racism is a problem locally?*

Overall, no significant finding for this question.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Males*.
- Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Caucasians*.
- Age:** *25-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-24 year olds* or those *65 and older*.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** No significant differences.

52. *Have you been without a home in Santa Cruz County during the past year? (homeless, in a shelter, on the street, or living in your vehicle)?*

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “No,” that they had not gone without a home in Santa Cruz County during the past year.

Group Comparisons:

- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Ethnicity:** No significant differences.
- Age:** No significant differences.
- Income:** No significant differences.
- Region:** No significant differences.

Natural Environment

42. How satisfied are you with the parks in your neighborhood?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they are “Very satisfied” with the parks in their neighborhood rather than “Somewhat satisfied” or “Not at all satisfied,” and were also significantly more likely to respond that they are “Somewhat satisfied” with the parks in their neighborhood rather than “Not at all satisfied.”

Group Comparisons:

Gender: No significant difference.

Ethnicity: *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were *Latinos*.

Age: No significant differences.

Income: Those earning \$65,500 or more were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were those earning \$34,999 or less.

Region: Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were residents of the *South County*.

43. How satisfied are you with what the County is doing to preserve open space such as wildlife habitat and farmland?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Very satisfied” or “Somewhat satisfied” with what the County is doing in preserving open space such as wildlife habitat and farmland rather than “Not at all satisfied.”

Group Comparisons:

Gender: No significant difference.

Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were *Caucasians*.

Age: *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were those *65 and older*.

Income: Those earning \$35,000 to \$64,499 were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than were those earning \$34,999 or less.

Region: No significant differences.

44. Are you taking steps to reduce your household water consumption?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond “Yes,” that they are taking steps to reduce their household water consumption.

Group Comparisons:

Gender: *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Males*.

Ethnicity: *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.

Age: Those *25 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds*.

Income: No significant differences.

Region: Residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *North County* or the *San Lorenzo Valley*.

45. How often do you use transportation other than your own car (rideshare, bus, bicycle, etc.)?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they “Never” use transportation other than their own car (rideshare, bus, bicycle, etc.) rather than “Frequently” or “Sometimes.”