

Appendix II Significance Testing Results: Reported by QLI Area

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 rather than last year.

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Region: No significant differences.

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

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

25. *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

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Region: No significant differences.

Age: 18-24 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those 65 and older; 25-44 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those 65 and older; 45-64 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those 65 and older.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

26. *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 they did not pay one-half of their total household take-home pay to rent/housing costs.

Group Comparisons

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

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

Age: 18-24 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than 25-44 year olds, 45-64 year olds or those 65 and older; 25-44 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than 45-64 year olds or those 65 and older.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning \$34,999 or less were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 or those earning \$65,500 or more; those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning \$65,500 or more.

26.1. *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 they did not pay three-fourths of their total household take-home pay to rent/housing costs.

Group Comparisons

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

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

Age: 18-24 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than 45-64 year olds or those 65 and older; 25-44 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than 45-64 year olds or those 65 and older.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning \$34,999 or less were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 or those earning \$65,500 or more; those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning \$65,500 or more.

Education

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”.

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

Elementary School: Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Very satisfied” with their child (children)'s elementary school education.

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

High School: Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Somewhat satisfied” with their child (children)'s high school education.

Group Comparisons

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

Region: No significant differences.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond “Very satisfied” than those earning \$34,999 or less.

15. 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.

Group Comparisons

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

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

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Middle School: Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they “Often” participated in activities at their child (children)'s middle school(s).

High School: Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they “Sometimes” participated in activities at their child (children)'s high school(s).

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

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

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

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

3.1. If yes 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 most likely to respond that they were “Very satisfied” with their childcare arrangement.

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

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “No”, that they did not use the library on a regular basis.

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.

Health

32. *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

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Region: No significant differences.

Age: Those 65 and older were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than either 18-24 year olds or 25-44 year olds.

Gender: Females were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were males.

Income: Those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than those earning 34,999 or less; those earning \$65,500 or more were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than those earning \$34,999 or less.

28. *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.

29. *Do you have health insurance?*

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

12.1. *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.

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: Caucasians were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were Latinos.

Region: Residents of the San Lorenzo Valley were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than residents of the South County.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than those earning 34,999 or less; those earning \$65,500 or more were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than those earning \$34,999 or less.

33. *Do you have a regular source of dental care?*

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

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: Caucasians were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than were Latinos.

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

Age: Those 65 and older were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than 18-24 year olds; 45-64 year olds were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than either 18-24 year olds or 25-44 year olds; 25-44 year olds were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than 18-24 year olds.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than those earning 34,999 or less; those earning \$65,500 or more were significantly more likely to respond "Yes" than those earning \$34,999 or less.

38. *How many times per week do you drink more than 2 alcoholic drinks in one sitting?*

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they "Never" drink more than 2 alcoholic drinks in one sitting.

40. *How acceptable do you think our 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 found the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use to be "Somewhat acceptable".

39. *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-medical use to be "Not at all acceptable".

37. *How often do you use tobacco?*

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they "Never" use tobacco.

Public Safety

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

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

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about crime than were *Caucasians*.

Region: Residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond they were “Very concerned” about crime than residents of either the *San Lorenzo Valley* or the *North County*.

Age: Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about crime than either *25-44 year olds* or *45-64 year olds*.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning *\$34,999 or less* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about crime than those earning *\$65,500 or more*.

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

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

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” in their neighborhood than were *Latinos*.

Region: Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” in their neighborhood than were residents of the *South County*.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning *\$35,000 to \$65,499* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” in their neighborhood than were those earning either *\$34,999 or less*; those earning *\$65,500 or more* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” in their neighborhood than were those earning either *\$34,999 or less*.

19. 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

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

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

Age: *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those *65 and older*; *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those *65 and older*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those *65 and older*.

Gender: No significant difference.

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

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

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

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt law enforcement was “Very effective” than were *Latinos*.

Region: No significant differences.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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

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

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about family violence than were *Caucasians*.

Region: No significant differences.

Age: *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about family violence than *25-44 year olds*.

Gender: *Females* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about family violence than were *males*.

Income: Those earning *\$34,999 or less* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about family violence than those earning *\$65,500 or more*.

Social Environment

53. Do you vote in every election?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “Yes”, that they vote in every election.

Group Comparisons

- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.
- Region:** Residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the *South County*.
- Age:** Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds* or *45-64 year olds*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds*; *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds*.
- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Income:** Those earning *\$35,000 to \$65,499* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning *\$34,999 or less*; those earning *\$65,500 or more* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning *\$34,999 or less*.

54. In your opinion, how important is voting?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought that voting was “Very Important”.

Group Comparisons

- Ethnicity:** No significant difference.
- Region:** No significant differences.
- Age:** *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds*; those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds*.
- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Income:** No significant differences.

51. Do you think racism is a problem locally?

Overall, no significant finding for this question.

Group Comparisons

- Ethnicity:** *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Caucasians*.
- Region:** Residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley*.
- Age:** *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *25-44 year olds* or *45-64 year olds* or those *65 and older*.
- Gender:** *Females* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *males*.
- Income:** No significant differences.

50. Have you felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last three years?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond “No”, that they have not felt discriminated against in Santa Cruz County in the last three years.

Group Comparisons

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

27. 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.

55. 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

- Ethnicity:** No significant difference.
- Region:** No significant differences.
- Age:** *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *45-64 year olds* or those *65 and older*.
- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Income:** 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

- Ethnicity:** *Caucasians* were significant more likely to respond “Yes” than were *Latinos*.
- Region:** No significant differences.
- Age:** No significant differences.
- Gender:** No significant difference.
- Income:** 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

Ethnicity: No significant difference.
Region: No significant differences.
Age: Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds*.
Gender: *Females* were significant were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than *Males*.
Income: Those earning *\$65,500 or more* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning *\$34,999 or less* or those earning *\$35,000 to \$65,499*; those earning *\$35,000 to \$65,499* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than those earning *\$34,999 or less*.

Natural Environment

44. How are we doing as a County to preserve open space?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond they thought that we as a county were “Staying the Same” to preserve an open space.

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond “Getting better” than were *Caucasians*.
Region: No significant differences.
Age: No significant differences.
Gender: No significant difference.
Income: No significant differences.

42. How often do you or your family members use neighborhood parks?

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they or their family members used neighborhood parks either “Sometimes” or “Frequently” rather than “Never”.

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

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

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: No significant difference.
Region: No significant differences.
Age: *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they “Frequently” used neighborhood parks than those *65 and older*; *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they “Frequently” used neighborhood parks than either *45-64 year olds* or those *65 and older*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they “Frequently” used neighborhood parks than those *65 and older*.
Gender: No significant difference.
Income: Those earning *\$65,500 or more* were significantly more likely to respond that they “Frequently” used neighborhood parks than those earning *\$34,999 or less*.

43. How are we doing as a County to address drinking water quality?

52. How prepared are you for a natural disaster?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Somewhat prepared” for a natural disaster.

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than were *Caucasians*.
Region: Residents of the *North County* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley*.
Age: *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than *45-64 year olds* or those *65 and older*; *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than *45-64 year olds*.
Gender: No significant difference.
Income: No significant differences.

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought that we as a County were “Staying the Same” in addressing water quality.

Group Comparisons

Ethnicity: No significant difference.
Region: Residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond “Getting better” than residents of the *North County*; residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley* were significantly more likely to respond “Getting better” than residents of the *North County*.
Age: No significant differences.
Gender: No significant difference.
Income: No significant differences.

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 your own car (rideshare, bus, bicycle, etc.)?

Appendix III Resources: Other Reports of Interest

Update on the CalWorks Program
Human Resources Agency
831-454-4045

Juvenile Hall Needs Assessment
Santa Cruz County Probation Department
831-454-3833

Success By 6[©] Strategic Plan
The United Way of Santa Cruz County
831-479-5466

*Santa Cruz County Homeless 2000 Census and Needs Assessment,
Comprehensive Report*
The United Way of Santa Cruz County
831-479-5466

*Santa Cruz County Master Plan for Child Care and School Age
Recreation Programs*
County Office of Education
831-479-5320

Farmworker Housing and Health Assessment Study
Community Action Board
831-457-1741

Investing in Children and Families: What Works! Telling the Stories
The United Way of Santa Cruz County
831-479-5466