

Appendices

Santa Cruz County Telephone Survey, 2002

1. Which of the following areas do you live closest to?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
City of Santa Cruz	220	32.2
City of Watsonville	149	21.7
San Lorenzo Valley	92	13.4
Aptos	59	8.6
Scotts Valley	44	6.4
Capitola	33	4.8
Live Oak	30	4.3
Freedom	21	3.0
Soquel	18	2.6
Pajaro	8	1.1
La Selva	5	0.7
Davenport / Bonny Doon	4	0.6
Corralitos	3	0.4
Total	684	100.0

2. Are you a parent of a child (or children) under the age of 14?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	200	29.2
No	484	70.8
Total	684	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	90	45.5
No	108	54.5
Total	199	100.0

3.1. If yes, how satisfied are you with this arrangement?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	56	63.9
Somewhat satisfied	29	32.3
Not at all satisfied	3	3.8
Total	88	100.0

4. Do you currently have any children in local schools?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	179	26.2
No	504	73.8
Total	683	100.0

5. If you have children currently in local schools, are they in:

<i>Elementary School</i>		
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	107	60.0
No	72	40.0
Total	179	100.0

<i>Middle School</i>		
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	52	28.9
No	127	71.1
Total	179	100.0

<i>High School</i>		
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	70	38.8
No	110	61.2
Total	179	100.0

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

<i>Elementary School</i>		
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Often	37	34.6
Sometimes	57	53.2
Never	13	12.2
Total	107	100.0

<i>Middle School</i>		
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Often	17	33.2
Sometimes	26	50.4
Never	9	16.4
Total	52	100.0

<i>High School</i>		
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Often	22	31.5
Sometimes	30	44.1
Never	17	24.4
Total	69	100.0

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

<i>Elementary School</i>		
RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	97	91.0
No	6	5.8
Don't know	3	3.1
Total	106	100.0

Middle School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	45	87.7
No	5	9.0
Don't know	2	3.2
Total	52	100.0

High School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	58	83.9
No	8	12.0
Don't know	3	4.1
Total	70	100.0

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

Elementary School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	55	51.5
Somewhat satisfied	29	27.2
Not at all satisfied	3	3.2
Don't know	19	18.1
Total	106	100.0

Middle School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	24	47.0
Somewhat satisfied	14	26.8
Not at all satisfied	7	13.8
Don't know	6	12.3
Total	51	100.0

High School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	25	37.2
Somewhat satisfied	24	34.9
Not at all satisfied	10	14.6
Don't know	9	13.3
Total	68	100.0

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

Elementary School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	73	67.6
Somewhat satisfied	30	28.1
Not at all satisfied	5	4.3
Total	107	100.0

Middle School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	21	40.0
Somewhat satisfied	20	38.8
Not at all satisfied	10	19.6
Don't know	1	1.6
Total	52	100.0

High School

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	35	50.5
Somewhat satisfied	25	36.0
Not at all satisfied	9	13.6
Total	70	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	126	71.5
No	50	28.5
Total	177	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	301	44.0
No	383	56.0
Total	684	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	539	78.9
No	144	21.1
Total	684	100.0

12.1. If yes, is the computer used at:

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Home	495	91.8
Work	295	54.7
School	162	30.0
Library	90	16.7
Relative's / friend's house	7	1.3
Other locations	7	1.2
Don't know	1	.2

Multiple response question with 539 respondents offering 1,057 responses.

12.2. If someone in your household is using computers, are they using the internet?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	479	88.9
No	56	10.5
Don't know	4	0.7
Total	539	100.0

13. How important do you think bilingual education is?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very important	359	52.9
Somewhat important	196	28.9
Not at all important	115	16.9
Don't know	9	1.3
Total	679	100.0

14. Why do you feel this way? (All respondents who answered question 13)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Everyone should speak English	149	22.1
Important to speak more than one language	111	16.5
Increases understanding / communication	108	16.1
Many Spanish-speaking people	72	10.7
Increases career opportunities	58	8.6
Diverse population	50	7.4
Equal opportunity to learn	48	7.1
Not effective / learning suffers for English speakers	25	3.7
Only for transitional purposes	11	1.6
Preserves other cultures and languages	9	1.3
Money shouldn't be spent on it / should not be taught	6	0.9
Other	8	1.3
Don't know	17	2.6
Total	675	100.0

14. Why do you feel this way? (Respondents who indicated that bilingual education was "Very Important")

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Important to speak more than one language	75	21.2
Increases understanding / communication	75	21.0
Many Spanish-speaking people	51	14.5
Increases career opportunities	51	14.3
Diverse population	36	10.2
Equal opportunity to learn	34	9.7
Everyone should speak English	19	5.4
Preserves other cultures and languages	7	1.9
Not effective / learning suffers for English speakers	1	0.3
Only for transitional purposes	1	0.3
Other	2	0.5
Don't know	3	0.7
Total	356	100.0

14. Why do you feel this way? (Respondents who indicated that bilingual education was "Somewhat Important")

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Everyone should speak English	41	21.3
Increases understanding / communication	34	17.6
Important to speak more than one language	32	16.8
Many Spanish-speaking people	21	10.7
Equal opportunity to learn	14	7.0
Diverse population	13	6.8
Not effective / learning suffers for English speakers	9	4.6
Only for transitional purposes	7	3.5
Increases career opportunities	6	3.3
Money shouldn't be spent on it / should not be taught	4	2.3
Preserves other cultures and languages	2	1.0
Other	3	1.4
Don't know	7	3.7
Total	193	100.0

14. Why do you feel this way? (Respondents who indicated that bilingual education was “Not at all Important”)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Everyone should speak English	85	74.5
Not effective / learning suffers for English speakers	13	11.4
Important to speak more than one language	3	2.8
Only for transitional purposes	3	2.6
Money shouldn't be spent on it / should not be taught	2	1.7
Diverse population	1	0.8
Other	4	3.6
Don't know	3	2.4
Total	115	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very satisfied	164	24.3
Somewhat satisfied	286	42.5
Not at all satisfied	95	14.1
Don't know	128	19.0
Total	673	100.0

16. What are the most serious problems facing the local schools today?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Funding	213	32.2
Overcrowding classes	76	11.5
Quality of teachers	60	9.1
Low teacher pay	50	7.6
Gangs	42	6.3
Drugs	36	5.4
Discipline	35	5.2
Poor quality education	34	5.2
Violence / crime	29	4.4
Administrative problems	26	3.9
Insufficient staff	23	3.4
Poor facilities	22	3.3
Lack of parental involvement	18	2.7
Not enough art / music education	18	2.7
Curriculum (subjects taught)	17	2.5
Bilingual education	14	2.1
Decline in enrollment	13	2.0
Lack of respect	10	1.5
Racial tension / racism	5	0.8
Community involvement	2	0.3
Other	48	7.2
Don't know	72	10.9

Multiple response question with 660 respondents offering 860 responses.

17. What are the best things happening in the local schools today?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Good teachers	95	14.8
More parent / community involvement	47	7.2
Better teaching methods	44	6.8
The students	15	2.4
Bilingual education	21	3.3
Curriculum	21	3.2
Improved education	43	6.7
Technology (computers)	24	3.8
Innovative programs	34	5.2
Extra curricular activities	54	8.4
Art / Music programs	39	6.0
Class size reduction	13	2.0
More general awareness / communication	12	1.9
Alternative school (private / charter / etc.)	8	1.2
Multicultural activities	20	3.1
Building new schools / improving facilities	9	1.4
Safer schools	8	1.2
Free education	5	0.7
Other	22	3.5
Don't know	217	33.7

Multiple response question with 643 respondents offering 748 responses.

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very safe	499	73.0
Somewhat safe	174	25.4
Not at all safe	11	1.6
Total	684	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	497	73.8
No	151	22.4
Don't know	25	3.7
Total	673	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very concerned	260	38.1
Somewhat concerned	332	48.6
Not at all concerned	87	12.7
Don't know	4	0.6
Total	683	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very effective	259	38.0
Somewhat effective	359	52.8
Not at all effective	29	4.3
Don't know	33	4.9
Total	681	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very concerned	372	54.8
Somewhat concerned	178	26.2
Not at all concerned	108	15.9
Don't know	21	3.1
Total	679	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	246	36.2
No	424	62.6
Don't know	8	1.2
Total	678	100.0

23.1. If no, why do you feel this way?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Cost of living increased	97	23.3
Less income	83	19.9
The same, doing OK	68	16.2
Unemployed	52	12.4
Overall economy has dropped / recession	49	11.7
On a fixed income (i.e., social security, welfare, student)	47	11.2
Stock market / investments	39	9.3
Additional expenses / debt	37	8.9
Wages stagnant	22	5.2
Utility costs / energy crisis	8	2.0
Businesses are closing / lay-offs	6	1.4
Gas prices	5	1.3
Government control / Republican control	4	1.0
Computer / high tech industry has dropped	4	0.9
Divorce / single parent	1	0.3
Other	14	3.3
Don't know	10	2.3

Multiple response question with 417 respondents offering 545 responses.

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	436	65.3
No	199	29.8
Don't know	32	4.8
Total	668	100.0

24.1. If no, why do you feel this way?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Not enough jobs	59	30.2
Low-paying jobs	41	20.8
No jobs in my position	39	19.7
Disabled / retired	25	12.8
Age	21	10.5
Cost of living increased	21	10.5
Need training / skills / education	7	3.7
Work over the hill	4	2.2
Other	4	2.2
Don't know	3	1.5

Multiple response question with 197 respondents offering 225 responses.

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	304	44.7
No	369	54.3
Don't know	7	1.1
Total	680	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	142	21.1
No	528	78.6
Don't know	2	0.3
Total	672	100.0

25.2. Has the cost of housing caused you to: (Asked of those who indicated that they spent 50% or more of their household take-home pay on rent/housing costs)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Share housing with other families	94	60.8
Live temporarily with other family / friends	75	48.2
Move when you didn't want to	57	37.1
Live in an overcrowded unit	42	27.4
Live in a housing unit without adequate plumbing, heat, or electricity	25	15.9
Other	1	0.6

Multiple response question with 155 respondents offering 294 responses.

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	107	15.6
No	577	84.4
Total	684	100.0

26.1. If yes, what do you go without?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Food / Limits food choices	42	40.8
Healthcare (including dental)	37	36.1
Clothing	33	32.3
Rent / housing	13	12.8
Entertainment	8	7.6
Child care	7	6.8
Heat	4	3.9
Other	3	2.9
Don't know	3	3.1

Multiple response question with 103 respondents offering 151 responses.

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	73	10.7
No	609	89.1
Don't know	1	0.2
Total	684	100.0

27.1. If yes, why couldn't you receive it?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Couldn't afford it	23	31.7
No insurance	22	30.8
Insurance wouldn't cover it	13	17.6
Medi-Cal (problems)	13	17.3
Other	1	1.4
Don't know	1	1.2
Total	73	100.0

28. Do you have health insurance?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	583	85.2
No	101	14.8
Total	684	100.0

29.1 If yes, does your health insurance cover:

Medical care (office visits)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	547	93.9
No	30	5.1
Don't know	6	1.0
Total	582	100.0

Prescriptions

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	495	84.9
No	86	14.7
Don't know	2	.4
Total	582	100.0

Substance abuse?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	195	33.6
No	124	21.2
Don't know	263	45.2
Total	582	100.0

Your dependents

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	330	60.0
No	191	34.6
Don't know	30	5.4
Total	550	100.0

30. Do you also have additional health insurance coverage for:

Long-term care

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	151	25.8
No	395	67.8
Don't know	37	6.3
Total	583	100.0

Dental care

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	391	67.0
No	191	32.8
Don't know	1	0.2
Total	583	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	573	83.8
No	107	15.6
Don't know	4	0.6
Total	684	100.0

31.1. If yes, where do you go?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Private doctor	295	52.8
Medical clinics (e.g., Santa Cruz Medical Clinic)	252	45.1
Urgent care clinics (Doctors on Duty, 24 hour urgent care)	82	14.6
Emergency room	61	10.9
HMO	58	10.4
Alternative	31	5.6
Community clinic (Salud Para La Gente, Planned Parenthood)	27	4.9
Out of County	4	0.7
Don't know	4	0.7

Multiple response question with 558 respondents offering 813 responses.

32. How long has it been since you last visited a dentist, hygienist or orthodontist?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Have never visited	19	2.8
1 to 6 months	424	62.1
7 to 12 months	77	11.3
More than one year, up to 2 years ago	73	10.7
More than 2 years, up to 5 years ago	43	6.4
More than 5 years ago	43	6.2
Don't know	4	0.6
Total	682	100.0

32.1 Did you go for a routine check-up or cleaning, or was it for a specific problem?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Routine check-up / cleaning	455	73.8
Had a dental problem	121	19.6
Both routine check-up or cleaning, and a problem	35	5.7
Other	3	0.4
Don't know	3	0.4
Total	617	100.0

33. Would you say that in general, your physical health (including physical illness and injury) is:

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Excellent	166	24.3
Very good	227	33.2
Good	170	24.9
Fair	92	13.5
Poor	28	4.0
Total	684	100.0

34. Would you say that in general, your mental health (which includes stress, depression and problems with emotions) is:

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Excellent	224	32.8
Very good	231	33.8
Good	160	23.5
Fair	52	7.7
Poor	15	2.3
Total	682	100.0

35. How many days per week do you engage in physical activity (such as brisk walking or gardening) for a combined total of 30 minutes or more?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
None	73	10.7
1 - 2 days	114	16.6
3 - 4 days	193	28.2
5 or more days	302	44.1
Don't know	2	0.3
Total	684	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Every day	133	19.5
Some days	47	6.9
Not at all	504	73.6
Total	684	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Never	386	56.7
1	119	17.5
2	66	9.7
3	29	4.3
4	11	1.6
5	20	3.0
6	5	0.8
7	39	5.7
Don't know	5	0.7
Total	681	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Acceptable	174	25.6
Somewhat acceptable	160	23.5
Not at all acceptable	322	47.3
Don't know	25	3.6
Total	681	100.0

39. How acceptable do you think our community finds the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medical use?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Acceptable	219	32.2
Somewhat acceptable	256	37.6
Not at all acceptable	153	22.4
Don't know	53	7.8
Total	681	100.0

40. Why do you think that our community feels this way? (All respondents who answered question 39)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Liberal / tolerant	185	27.6
Many people use it	80	12.0
Acceptable	62	9.3
Not acceptable	61	9.1
Illegal / bad for health	44	6.6
Hippies	41	6.1
Young people use it	40	6.0
OK for medical use	32	4.7
Harmless / similar to alcohol	29	4.4
College students / reputation of UCSC	22	3.4
People should have choice	16	2.4
Addicted to it	11	1.7
Leads to crime	10	1.6
Leads to other drugs	10	1.5
Should be legal	10	1.5
Should be legal	7	1.0
Availability	6	0.9
Other	28	4.1
Don't know	79	11.8

Multiple response question with 669 respondents offering 774 responses.

40. Why do you think that our community feels this way? (Respondents who indicated that they thought our community finds the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medical use to be "Acceptable")

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Liberal / tolerant	88	40.7
Many people use it	39	18.2
Acceptable	27	12.6
Hippies	22	10.3
Harmless / similar to alcohol	13	6.1
Young people use it	13	6.1
College students / reputation of UCSC	9	4.2
People should have choice	8	3.9
OK for medical use	5	2.3
Should be legal	5	2.2
Leads to other drugs	1	0.6
Addicted to it	1	0.4
Availability	1	0.4
Illegal / bad for health	1	0.4
Other	9	4.3
Don't know	10	4.7

Multiple response question with 216 respondents offering 253 responses.

40. Why do you think that our community feels this way? (Respondents who indicated that they thought our community finds the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use to be "Somewhat acceptable")

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Liberal / tolerant	93	37.2
Many people use it	40	15.9
Acceptable	31	12.2
OK for medical use	21	8.3
Young people use it	19	7.6
Harmless / similar to alcohol	16	6.6
Hippies	15	6.1
College students / reputation of UCSC	13	5.3
Illegal / bad for health	7	3.0
Not acceptable	7	2.7
People should have choice	5	2.1
Availability	4	1.8
Should be legal	4	1.6
Addicted to it	3	1.3
Leads to other drugs	1	0.5
Other	9	3.8
Don't know	15	5.9

Multiple response question with 250 respondents offering 306 responses.

40. Why do you think that our community feels this way? (Respondents who indicated that they thought our community finds the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use to be "Not at all acceptable")

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Not acceptable	51	33.9
Illegal / bad for health	33	21.8
Leads to crime	10	6.4
Leads to other drugs	8	5.2
Addicted to it	7	4.6
Should be legal	6	4.1
OK for medical use	6	3.9
Young people use it	5	3.4
Hippies	4	2.3
Acceptable	3	2.2
People should have choice	2	1.5
Liberal / tolerant	2	1.1
Should be legal	1	0.8
Many people use it	1	0.6
Other	8	5.0
Don't know	15	10.1

Multiple response question with 150 respondents offering 160 responses.

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Frequently	244	35.7
Sometimes	305	44.5
Never	133	19.5
Don't know	2	0.3
Total	684	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Getting better	123	18.1
Getting worse	77	11.3
Staying the same	362	53.0
Don't know	120	17.6
Total	682	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Getting better	192	28.2
Getting worse	141	20.7
Staying the same	289	42.5
Don't know	59	8.6
Total	680	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Frequently	121	17.7
Sometimes	160	23.4
Never	401	58.7
Don't know	2	0.2
Total	684	100.0

45. What would encourage you to use alternative forms of transportation?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Nothing / wouldn't use it / not now / have children	131	19.9
More frequent bus schedule / convenience	103	15.6
Already use it	72	10.8
If car broke down	64	9.7
Unable to drive / lost drivers' license	37	5.6
Easier access	33	5.0
Public transportation in certain areas	25	3.8
Light rail / train	21	3.1
More efficient / time conscience system / dependable	14	2.1
More / safer / better bike paths	13	2.0
Occasionally use it	13	2.0
Different work schedule / commuting over the hill	13	1.9
More bus stops	13	1.9
Expense of gasoline	10	1.5
Rapid transit	8	1.2
Free transit	6	0.9
Knowing it was good for the environment	5	0.7
Electric bike / car / hybrid car	4	0.6
Good urban transportation	3	0.4
Government incentives / tax credits	3	0.4
Other	31	4.6
Don't know	39	6.0
Total	661	100.0

46. What one thing concerns you the most about the natural environment?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Pollution	120	18.6
Air pollution (primary car emissions)	94	14.6
Water pollution (ocean / river / bay)	83	12.8
Development of open space / agricultural land	64	9.9
Overpopulation	60	9.3
Traffic / too many cars	59	9.1
No preservation of natural environment / wildlife	45	7.0
Water quality	28	4.3
Cutting down trees / commercial logging	24	3.7
Litter	23	3.5
Pesticides / herbicides	21	3.3
Water availability / Salt water intrusion	9	1.5
Global warning	9	1.4
Not enough recycling	9	1.4
Governmental control / Republicans	7	1.0
Noise pollution	5	0.7
Too many environmental groups / extremists	5	0.7
Greenbelt	2	0.3
Other	43	6.7
Don't know	65	10.1

Multiple response question with 646 respondents offering 775 responses.

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	226	33.1
No	454	66.3
Don't know	4	0.6
Total	684	100.0

47.1. If yes, where do you volunteer?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Church	61	27.3
School	43	19.4
Community Centers / Recreation centers / Sports	36	16.1
Senior organizations	27	12.1
Service organizations	24	10.9
Youth organizations	22	10.0
Environmental organization/ activities	21	9.3
Health organizations	20	8.9
Arts / Culture organizations	12	5.6
Poverty / homeless assistance	12	5.5
Alcohol / drug / counseling groups	7	3.1
Library	3	1.6
Political organizations	3	1.3
Other	14	6.5

Multiple response question with 223 respondents offering 308 responses.

48. Do you regularly contribute money to charitable organizations?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	500	73.4
No	181	26.6
Total	681	100.0

48.1. If yes, will you give:

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than last year	87	17.3
More than last year	89	17.7
About the same as last year	323	64.3
Don't know	4	0.7
Total	503	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	96	14.0
No	585	85.8
Don't know	1	0.2
Total	682	100.0

49.1. If yes, for what reason?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Ethnicity / race	32	35.0
Socioeconomic status	16	17.2
Gender	12	13.3
Age	11	11.8
Appearance	10	10.9
Language	9	9.5
White race / Non-Hispanic	8	8.8
Religion	4	4.1
Sexual preferences	4	4.1
Other	14	15.3
Don't know	2	1.8

Multiple response question with 92 respondents offering 121 responses.

50. Do you think racism is a problem locally?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	317	46.4
No	332	48.7
Don't know	33	4.9
Total	682	100.0

51. How prepared are you for a natural disaster?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very prepared	110	16.1
Somewhat prepared	392	57.4
Not at all prepared	175	25.7
Don't know	5	0.7
Total	682	100.0

52. How prepared are you for a personal emergency such as a medical emergency or a fire?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very prepared	190	27.8
Somewhat prepared	382	55.9
Not at all prepared	107	15.6
Don't know	4	0.7
Total	684	100.0

53. Do you vote in every election?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	466	68.1
No	218	31.9
Total	684	100.0

53.1. If you do not vote in every election, why don't you vote?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Not a citizen	96	45.2
Not registered / not registered locally	26	12.1
Not informed about issues	15	6.9
Apathy / lack of interest / laziness	14	6.4
No time	13	6.3
Vote major elections / important issues only	11	5.2
Voting has no effect	7	3.5
Don't want to vote	6	2.9
Poor quality of candidates / parties	6	2.9
Forget	4	1.9
Other	10	4.6
Don't know	4	2.0
Total	213	100.0

54. In your opinion, how important is voting?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Very important	583	85.3
Somewhat important	78	11.4
Not at all important	17	2.4
Don't know	6	0.8
Total	684	100.0

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)?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Yes	22	3.2
No	662	96.8
Total	684	100.0

55.1. If yes, why did you become homeless?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Evicted / lost home	8	43.2
Unemployed / lost job	6	28.1
Marriage or family crisis	5	25.7
No money	2	11.7
Arrested	1	7.1
Drug / alcohol problem	1	7.1
Health problems	1	7.1
Other	2	8.4
Don't know	2	12.4

Multiple response question with 20 respondents offering 30 responses.

55.2. If responding “Yes” to question 55, has the lack of housing caused you or your family to:

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Develop emotional / stress-related problems	12	79.9
Develop health problems	7	44.1
Lose a job	5	35.6
Miss school	2	15.5
Other	1	6.1

Multiple response question with 15 respondents offering 27 responses.

56. Generally speaking, what contributes most to your quality of life in Santa Cruz County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Scenery / geography / climate	401	59.3
Family / friends / friendly people	97	14.3
Community / low population / slow pace	59	8.7
Social climate	58	8.5
Outdoor recreation	52	7.6
Cultural activities / entertainment	36	5.3
Lived here all my life	36	5.3
Clean air	31	4.6
Close to everything	31	4.6
Diversity of people	31	4.6
Quiet / peaceful	21	3.1
Many different things	18	2.6
Church	15	2.2
Safe / low crime	13	1.9
Job / economic opportunity	12	1.8
Other	29	4.3
Don't know	8	1.2

Multiple response question with 676 respondents offering 945 responses.

57. What do you think takes away from your quality of life?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Traffic	194	30.7
Cost of living / housing	149	23.5
Overcrowding	97	15.3
Government (city/council)	35	5.5
Homeless	34	5.4
Low wage / poor economic opportunities	34	5.4
Gangs / crime	29	4.6
Nothing takes away from quality of life	19	3.0
Politics / too liberal	18	2.8
Unplanned growth	14	2.2
Road conditions	11	1.7
Development / environmental abuse	10	1.6
Tourists	10	1.6
Disregard of the natural	8	1.3
Overcast weather (fog/rain)	8	1.3
Racial / class segregation	8	1.3
Drug and alcohol use	7	1.1
Lack of safety / violence	6	0.9
Not enough shopping / too few services	5	0.7
Nothing for youth to do	4	0.6
Lack of diversity	3	0.4
Not enough personal time	2	0.3
Quality of educational system environment	2	0.2
Lack of culture	1	0.2
Other	37	5.8
Don't know	41	6.5

Multiple response question with 631 respondents offering 782 responses.

58. Now thinking about all the issues we have talked about, if you could make a major change locally, what would it be?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Affordable housing	148	22.7
Traffic	60	9.2
Improve schools	54	8.2
Improve local government / government officials	53	8.1
Improve Highways 1 & 17	51	7.9
Stop / slow growth	34	5.2
Any homeless issue	33	5.0
Alternative transportation	32	5.0
Better planned development	29	4.5
No violence / drugs / gangs	29	4.5
Clean up pollution, land and water	27	4.2
Higher wages / lower cost of living	26	4.0
Crime	25	3.8
Jobs / job training	19	2.9
Improve roads	10	1.6
Eliminate racism / discrimination	10	1.5
More recreational facilities	10	1.5
More bike / pedestrian friendly	7	1.0
Tolerance / equality	6	1.0
More activities for youth	4	0.6
Health care availability	3	0.5
Eliminate chain businesses / support small business	2	0.2
Other	73	11.2
Don't know	67	10.3

Multiple response question with 652 respondents offering 812 responses.

59. Which of the following age groups are you in?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
18 years old	3	0.4
19 to 24 years	52	7.5
25 to 34 years	110	16.2
35 to 44 years	143	20.9
45 to 54 years	146	21.3
55 to 64 years	109	16.0
65 to 74 years	52	7.6
75 to 84 years	51	7.4
85 years and over	17	2.5
Total	682	100.0

60. Which of the following best describes your ethnic group?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Caucasian	478	69.8
Latino	154	22.5
Native American	17	2.4
Asian	11	1.6
Filipino	4	0.5
Pacific Islander	4	0.5
African American	1	0.2
Bi-racial	17	2.4
Total	684	100.0

61. Which income range best describes your household income?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than \$14,999 per year	92	14.2
\$15,000 - \$24,999 per year	85	13.2
\$25,000 - \$34,999 per year	103	16.0
\$35,000 - \$49,999 per year	96	14.8
\$50,000 - \$65,499 per year	62	9.6
\$65,500 - \$99,999 per year	98	15.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999 per year	59	9.0
Over \$150,000	38	5.9
Don't know	14	2.1
Total	647	100.0

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

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Less than 9 th grade	53	7.8
9 th grade to 12 th grade (no diploma)	44	6.4
High school diploma	90	13.3
Some college, no degree	188	27.7
AA degree	48	7.0
BA / BS degree	136	20.1
Graduate or professional degree	121	17.8
Total	679	100.0

63. Do you own or rent your home?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Own	422	62.1
Rent	258	37.9
Total	680	100.0

64. How long have you lived in Santa Cruz County?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Under 1 year	7	1.0
1 - 2 years	60	8.9
3 - 5 years	74	10.9
6 - 10 years	79	11.6
11 - 15 years	72	10.6
16 - 20 years	81	11.9
Over 20 years	308	45.2
Total	681	100.0

65. What is your employment status?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Employed full-time	296	43.4
Employed part-time	83	12.2
Self-employed	49	7.2
Homemaker, parent or caregiver	24	3.5
Student	24	3.6
Retired	159	23.3
Unemployed	47	6.8
Total	681	100.0

66. Where do you work?

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Santa Cruz County	286	68.9
Monterey County	15	3.6
Santa Clara County	70	16.9
San Mateo County	5	1.2
San Benito County	4	0.9
Multiple counties	28	6.8
At home	32	7.6

Multiple response question with 415 respondents offering 440 responses.

67. Gender of respondent

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
Male	338	49.5
Female	346	50.5
Total	684	100.0

68. Language of survey

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
English	589	86.2
Spanish	95	13.8
Total	684	100.0

Respondents' place of residence (determined by census tract)

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
North County	338	49.4
South County	254	37.2
San Lorenzo Valley	92	13.4
Total	684	100.0

Appendix II Significance Testing

Economy

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

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Region: No significant differences.

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

Gender: No significant difference.

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

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

Gender: No significant difference.

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

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 North County were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the San Lorenzo Valley; residents of the South County were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were residents of the San Lorenzo Valley.

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

Gender: No significant difference.

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

Does three-fourths (75%) 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 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 were residents of either the North County or the San Lorenzo Valley.

Age: 18-24 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were 45-64 year olds or those 65 and older; 25-44 year olds were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were 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 were either those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 or \$65,500 or more; those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were those earning \$65,500 or more.

Education

How important do you think bilingual education is?

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

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, and were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Somewhat satisfied” rather than “Not at all satisfied”.

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

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

Group Comparisons: (High School)

Ethnicity: No significant differences.

Region: No significant differences.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

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

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, and were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very satisfied” rather than “Not at all satisfied”.

Group Comparisons

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

Region: No significant differences.

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

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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

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

Middle 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 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.

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

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

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

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

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 were residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley*.

Age: *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *25-44 year olds* or *45-64 year olds*.

Gender: No significant difference.

Health

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

Region: No significant differences.

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

Gender: 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*.

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

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.

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

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.

Do you have health insurance?

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

Group Comparisons:

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

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

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.

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.

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

Gender: 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*.

How long has it been since you last visited a dentist, hygienist, or orthodontist?

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:

Ethnicity: *Caucasians* were significantly more likely to respond that they had visited a dentist, hygienist, or orthodontist within the last 1 to 6 months than were *Latinos*.

Region: No significant differences.

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* or *25-44 year olds*; *45-64 year olds* 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* or *25-44 year olds*.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: Those earning *\$65,500 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 either those earning *\$34,999 or less* or *\$35,000 to \$65,499*; those earning *\$35,000 to \$65,499* 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*.

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

Overall, respondents were significantly more likely to respond that they “Never” drink more than two alcoholic drinks in one sitting.

How acceptable do you think our community finds the use of marijuana for recreational or non-medicinal use?

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

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”.

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”, and were significantly more likely to respond that they smoke “Every day” rather than “Some days”.

Natural Environment

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

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought that we as a County were “Staying the Same” in preserving open space, and were significantly more likely to respond that we were “Getting better” rather than “Getting worse”.

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.

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

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

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 were those *65 and older*; *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they “Frequently” used neighborhood parks than were those *65 and older*.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought that we as a County were “Staying the Same” in addressing water quality, and were significantly more likely to respond that we were “Getting better” rather than “Getting worse”.

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.

Public Safety

How concerned are you about crime in Santa Cruz County?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about crime in Santa Cruz County, and were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Somewhat concerned” 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 were residents of either the *San Lorenzo Valley* or the *North County*.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: *Females* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about crime in Santa Cruz than were *males*.

Income: Those earning \$34,999 or less were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very concerned” about crime than were either those earning \$35,000 to \$65,499 or \$65,500 or more.

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.

Group Comparisons:

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

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: Those *65 and older* were significantly more likely to respond that they felt “Very safe” in their neighborhood than were *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds*.

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.

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: No significant differences.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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

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”, and were significantly more likely to respond that they thought it was “Very effective” rather than “Not at all effective”.

Group Comparisons:

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Region: No significant differences.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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, and were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Somewhat concerned” rather than “Not at all concerned”.

Group Comparisons:

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Region: No significant differences.

Age: No significant differences.

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

Income: No significant differences.

Social Environment

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 were *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds*; *45-64 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *18-24 year olds* or *25-44 year olds*.

Gender: 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*.

In your opinion, how important is voting?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they thought that voting was “Very important”, and were significantly more likely to respond that they thought it was “Somewhat important” rather than “Not at all important”.

Group Comparisons:

Ethnicity: No significant difference.

Region: No significant differences.

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

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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: No significant differences.

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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: *18-24 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *25-44 year olds*, *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 were those earning *\$65,500 or more*.

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.

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: *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond “Yes” than were *45-64 year olds*.

Gender: No significant difference.

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

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

Gender: No significant difference.

Income: No significant differences.

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

Region: No significant differences.

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

Gender: No significant difference.

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

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

Age: No significant differences.

Gender: No significant difference.

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

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, and were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” rather than “Very prepared”.

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 were residents of the *San Lorenzo Valley*; residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than were 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 were those *65 and older*; *25-44 year olds* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than were *45-64 year olds* or those *65 and older*.

Gender: *Females* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than were *males*.

Income: No significant differences.

How prepared are you for a personal emergency such as a medical emergency or fire?

Overall, respondents were significantly most likely to respond that they were “Somewhat prepared” for a personal emergency, and were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Very prepared” rather than “Not at all prepared”.

Group Comparisons:

Ethnicity: *Latinos* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than were *Caucasians*.

Region: Residents of the *South County* were significantly more likely to respond that they were “Not at all prepared” than were 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 were *25-44 year olds, 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 were *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 “Not at all prepared” than were those earning *\$35,000 to \$65,499* or *\$65,500 or more*.

Appendix III Resources: Other Reports of Interest

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

Success By 6[©] Strategic Plan
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

Investing in Children and Families: What Works! Telling the Stories
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

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

Santa Cruz County Children's Report Card
First 5 Santa Cruz County
831-465-2217