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Appendix A: Complete Survey Responses

Responses excluding “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 1: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Corvallis:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Corvallis as a place to live	48%	N=147	47%	N=145	5%	N=16	0%	N=0	100%	N=308
Your neighborhood as a place to live	39%	N=121	42%	N=128	15%	N=47	3%	N=10	100%	N=306
Corvallis as a place to raise children	50%	N=117	36%	N=84	11%	N=27	3%	N=6	100%	N=234
Corvallis as a place to work	26%	N=71	40%	N=110	31%	N=85	3%	N=8	100%	N=274
Corvallis as a place to visit	21%	N=62	40%	N=118	35%	N=103	5%	N=14	100%	N=297
Corvallis as a place to retire	32%	N=70	45%	N=98	18%	N=39	4%	N=9	100%	N=216
The overall quality of life in Corvallis	38%	N=118	51%	N=158	10%	N=32	0%	N=1	100%	N=308

Table 2: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	42%	N=128	48%	N=147	9%	N=28	1%	N=2	100%	N=306
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	34%	N=104	45%	N=138	18%	N=54	3%	N=10	100%	N=306
Quality of overall natural environment in Corvallis	43%	N=128	53%	N=157	5%	N=14	0%	N=0	100%	N=298
Overall "built environment" of Corvallis (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	18%	N=55	53%	N=159	25%	N=74	4%	N=13	100%	N=302
Health and wellness opportunities in Corvallis	33%	N=96	57%	N=165	9%	N=27	1%	N=3	100%	N=291
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	48%	N=144	45%	N=137	7%	N=21	0%	N=0	100%	N=302
Overall economic health of Corvallis	12%	N=32	60%	N=157	24%	N=63	4%	N=11	100%	N=264
Sense of community	19%	N=56	50%	N=148	26%	N=78	5%	N=16	100%	N=298
Overall image or reputation of Corvallis	33%	N=97	51%	N=152	15%	N=44	2%	N=5	100%	N=298

Table 3: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recommend living in Corvallis to someone who asks	51%	N=152	34%	N=101	11%	N=32	4%	N=13	100%	N=299
Remain in Corvallis for the next five years	47%	N=138	27%	N=81	8%	N=25	17%	N=51	100%	N=295

Table 4: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	85%	N=260	12%	N=37	3%	N=9	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	100%	N=307
In Corvallis' downtown area during the day	74%	N=226	23%	N=70	1%	N=5	1%	N=3	1%	N=2	100%	N=306
In your neighborhood after dark	50%	N=150	37%	N=111	7%	N=23	5%	N=15	2%	N=5	100%	N=304
In Corvallis' downtown area after dark	27%	N=77	40%	N=116	17%	N=50	15%	N=42	1%	N=4	100%	N=289

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Table 5: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	12%	N=35	51%	N=154	26%	N=79	11%	N=34	100%	N=302
Ease of public parking	5%	N=15	28%	N=85	36%	N=109	30%	N=89	100%	N=298
Ease of travel by car in Corvallis	20%	N=60	45%	N=135	27%	N=80	8%	N=23	100%	N=298
Ease of travel by public transportation in Corvallis	16%	N=36	47%	N=104	25%	N=54	12%	N=26	100%	N=220
Ease of travel by bicycle in Corvallis	32%	N=81	52%	N=131	12%	N=32	4%	N=10	100%	N=255
Ease of walking in Corvallis	43%	N=127	48%	N=144	7%	N=22	1%	N=4	100%	N=296
Availability of paths and walking trails	43%	N=128	45%	N=133	11%	N=34	1%	N=3	100%	N=297
Air quality	39%	N=119	49%	N=149	10%	N=30	2%	N=6	100%	N=304
Cleanliness of Corvallis	30%	N=93	55%	N=168	13%	N=39	1%	N=5	100%	N=304
Overall appearance of Corvallis	28%	N=84	60%	N=182	11%	N=35	1%	N=4	100%	N=305
Public places where people want to spend time	20%	N=60	56%	N=166	23%	N=67	1%	N=2	100%	N=296
Variety of housing options	10%	N=29	32%	N=91	35%	N=99	22%	N=63	100%	N=282
Availability of affordable quality housing	3%	N=10	16%	N=46	42%	N=117	38%	N=108	100%	N=281
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	37%	N=111	50%	N=148	12%	N=36	1%	N=3	100%	N=298
Recreational opportunities	33%	N=98	50%	N=147	16%	N=46	1%	N=3	100%	N=294
Availability of affordable quality food	28%	N=85	45%	N=138	21%	N=64	6%	N=18	100%	N=305
Availability of affordable quality health care	23%	N=58	45%	N=113	26%	N=67	6%	N=14	100%	N=252
Availability of preventive health services	25%	N=63	45%	N=113	28%	N=71	2%	N=5	100%	N=252
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	16%	N=25	31%	N=48	36%	N=57	17%	N=26	100%	N=156

Table 6: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	9%	N=8	38%	N=33	38%	N=34	15%	N=13	100%	N=88
K-12 education	25%	N=34	57%	N=80	14%	N=20	4%	N=5	100%	N=140
Adult educational opportunities	35%	N=90	50%	N=127	12%	N=32	2%	N=6	100%	N=255
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	29%	N=82	44%	N=122	24%	N=67	3%	N=8	100%	N=278
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	40%	N=74	47%	N=87	8%	N=14	6%	N=11	100%	N=185
Employment opportunities	3%	N=7	26%	N=65	51%	N=126	20%	N=50	100%	N=248
Shopping opportunities	6%	N=17	31%	N=92	39%	N=115	25%	N=73	100%	N=297
Cost of living in Corvallis	3%	N=8	22%	N=66	46%	N=136	29%	N=86	100%	N=297
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Corvallis	13%	N=37	50%	N=149	33%	N=98	4%	N=13	100%	N=297
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	16%	N=46	46%	N=135	31%	N=91	8%	N=22	100%	N=294
Overall quality of new development in Corvallis	7%	N=17	38%	N=94	36%	N=90	19%	N=46	100%	N=247
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	18%	N=47	49%	N=130	30%	N=79	4%	N=11	100%	N=267
Opportunities to volunteer	30%	N=76	54%	N=136	14%	N=36	2%	N=6	100%	N=254
Opportunities to participate in community matters	21%	N=49	53%	N=125	24%	N=56	2%	N=6	100%	N=236
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	25%	N=67	43%	N=116	22%	N=60	10%	N=26	100%	N=269
Neighborliness of residents in Corvallis	21%	N=59	45%	N=125	30%	N=84	4%	N=12	100%	N=279

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Table 7: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	25%	N=77	75%	N=224	100%	N=301
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	32%	N=96	68%	N=203	100%	N=299
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Corvallis	59%	N=175	41%	N=123	100%	N=298
Household member was a victim of a crime in Corvallis	86%	N=258	14%	N=42	100%	N=301
Reported a crime to the police in Corvallis	83%	N=249	17%	N=51	100%	N=301
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	66%	N=198	34%	N=102	100%	N=300
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	79%	N=236	21%	N=63	100%	N=299
Contacted the City of Corvallis (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	70%	N=210	30%	N=88	100%	N=299
Contacted Corvallis elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	88%	N=262	12%	N=36	100%	N=299

Table 8: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Corvallis?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Corvallis recreation centers or their services	14%	N=41	14%	N=40	35%	N=104	37%	N=110	100%	N=295
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	27%	N=80	30%	N=90	37%	N=109	6%	N=18	100%	N=296
Used Corvallis public libraries or their services	12%	N=35	30%	N=90	31%	N=94	27%	N=80	100%	N=298
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Corvallis	9%	N=26	16%	N=48	12%	N=37	63%	N=186	100%	N=296
Attended a City-sponsored event	1%	N=3	6%	N=19	51%	N=151	42%	N=126	100%	N=298
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	15%	N=44	14%	N=42	21%	N=64	50%	N=151	100%	N=300
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	16%	N=47	20%	N=60	24%	N=71	40%	N=120	100%	N=298
Walked or biked instead of driving	45%	N=133	20%	N=61	15%	N=45	20%	N=59	100%	N=298
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Corvallis	11%	N=32	18%	N=54	22%	N=66	49%	N=145	100%	N=298
Participated in a club	6%	N=19	17%	N=50	14%	N=41	64%	N=190	100%	N=299
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	34%	N=103	29%	N=86	21%	N=63	16%	N=47	100%	N=299
Done a favor for a neighbor	10%	N=31	23%	N=70	39%	N=115	28%	N=83	100%	N=298

Table 9: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=2	1%	N=2	15%	N=44	84%	N=254	100%	N=302
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	0%	N=0	1%	N=3	10%	N=31	89%	N=267	100%	N=301

Table 10: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Corvallis:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police services	27%	N=63	54%	N=127	17%	N=41	3%	N=6	100%	N=238
Fire services	46%	N=93	47%	N=96	6%	N=12	1%	N=1	100%	N=202
Ambulance or emergency medical services	49%	N=94	47%	N=89	3%	N=7	1%	N=1	100%	N=191
Crime prevention	21%	N=44	58%	N=123	20%	N=43	1%	N=2	100%	N=212
Fire prevention and education	21%	N=38	61%	N=109	16%	N=28	2%	N=4	100%	N=179
Traffic enforcement	12%	N=31	44%	N=112	34%	N=86	9%	N=23	100%	N=252

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Corvallis:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Street repair	6%	N=16	31%	N=87	36%	N=100	27%	N=74	100%	N=277
Street cleaning	24%	N=70	49%	N=142	20%	N=59	7%	N=20	100%	N=291
Street lighting	10%	N=30	44%	N=129	33%	N=98	13%	N=39	100%	N=295
Snow removal	6%	N=13	22%	N=51	20%	N=48	52%	N=123	100%	N=235
Sidewalk maintenance	10%	N=26	39%	N=108	40%	N=110	12%	N=32	100%	N=276
Traffic signal timing	12%	N=35	44%	N=130	34%	N=101	10%	N=29	100%	N=294
Bus or transit services	23%	N=51	50%	N=114	22%	N=51	5%	N=11	100%	N=227
Garbage collection	45%	N=127	48%	N=134	7%	N=20	0%	N=0	100%	N=281
Recycling	50%	N=142	38%	N=107	10%	N=29	1%	N=4	100%	N=282
Yard waste pick-up	50%	N=122	40%	N=99	7%	N=18	2%	N=6	100%	N=244
Storm drainage	17%	N=42	53%	N=134	27%	N=67	4%	N=10	100%	N=252
Drinking water	39%	N=112	45%	N=129	13%	N=39	3%	N=9	100%	N=288
Sewer services	33%	N=81	54%	N=132	12%	N=29	0%	N=0	100%	N=243
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	31%	N=85	53%	N=145	13%	N=37	3%	N=10	100%	N=276
Utility billing	24%	N=68	51%	N=144	23%	N=64	2%	N=7	100%	N=282
City parks	41%	N=117	48%	N=136	10%	N=29	1%	N=3	100%	N=285
Recreation programs or classes	27%	N=50	56%	N=104	16%	N=30	0%	N=0	100%	N=184
Recreation centers or facilities	26%	N=48	59%	N=107	14%	N=26	0%	N=1	100%	N=180
Land use, planning and zoning	5%	N=10	37%	N=79	39%	N=84	19%	N=40	100%	N=214
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	7%	N=14	38%	N=70	40%	N=75	15%	N=28	100%	N=186
Animal control	21%	N=35	54%	N=89	19%	N=31	6%	N=9	100%	N=164
Economic development	4%	N=8	43%	N=88	33%	N=67	20%	N=40	100%	N=203
Health services	20%	N=52	54%	N=139	24%	N=61	3%	N=7	100%	N=259
Public library services	55%	N=140	37%	N=95	8%	N=20	0%	N=0	100%	N=256
Public information services	14%	N=27	60%	N=114	24%	N=46	2%	N=3	100%	N=191
Cable television	10%	N=19	30%	N=56	34%	N=64	26%	N=50	100%	N=189
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	7%	N=10	39%	N=56	40%	N=56	14%	N=19	100%	N=141
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	26%	N=69	51%	N=134	18%	N=48	4%	N=11	100%	N=262
Corvallis open space	24%	N=66	48%	N=132	25%	N=67	2%	N=7	100%	N=272
City-sponsored special events	11%	N=21	57%	N=109	31%	N=59	2%	N=3	100%	N=192
Overall customer service by Corvallis employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	19%	N=43	55%	N=123	23%	N=53	3%	N=6	100%	N=226
9-1-1 dispatch	47%	N=49	46%	N=48	6%	N=6	1%	N=1	100%	N=104
Municipal court	20%	N=18	56%	N=50	17%	N=15	7%	N=6	100%	N=88
Osborn Aquatic Center	45%	N=72	46%	N=73	8%	N=13	0%	N=1	100%	N=159
Chintimini Senior Center	37%	N=30	52%	N=43	10%	N=8	1%	N=1	100%	N=83
Majestic Theatre	32%	N=44	51%	N=70	16%	N=22	1%	N=1	100%	N=136

Table 11: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
The City of Corvallis	18%	N=51	62%	N=175	19%	N=54	1%	N=2	100%	N=282
The Federal Government	6%	N=16	40%	N=101	46%	N=117	7%	N=17	100%	N=251

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Table 12: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Corvallis government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Corvallis	11%	N=25	48%	N=111	32%	N=73	9%	N=21	100%	N=230
The overall direction that Corvallis is taking	9%	N=24	42%	N=111	38%	N=99	11%	N=29	100%	N=262
The job Corvallis government does at welcoming citizen involvement	11%	N=25	42%	N=91	33%	N=72	13%	N=29	100%	N=217
Overall confidence in Corvallis government	9%	N=22	49%	N=116	35%	N=83	8%	N=18	100%	N=239
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	11%	N=27	52%	N=132	28%	N=70	9%	N=23	100%	N=252
Being honest	14%	N=28	54%	N=111	27%	N=54	6%	N=12	100%	N=205
Treating all residents fairly	10%	N=21	50%	N=106	28%	N=60	12%	N=24	100%	N=212

Table 13: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Corvallis community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	43%	N=131	38%	N=116	17%	N=51	2%	N=5	100%	N=302
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	29%	N=85	44%	N=130	25%	N=75	2%	N=7	100%	N=297
Quality of overall natural environment in Corvallis	43%	N=128	37%	N=110	18%	N=53	2%	N=5	100%	N=295
Overall "built environment" of Corvallis (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	33%	N=99	46%	N=137	20%	N=59	1%	N=4	100%	N=300
Health and wellness opportunities in Corvallis	32%	N=96	43%	N=130	22%	N=65	3%	N=9	100%	N=300
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	35%	N=104	42%	N=125	21%	N=63	2%	N=6	100%	N=298
Overall economic health of Corvallis	45%	N=134	40%	N=119	14%	N=43	1%	N=2	100%	N=298
Sense of community	27%	N=82	37%	N=112	30%	N=89	6%	N=16	100%	N=298

Table 14: Question 14

Have you had any in-person or phone contact with a City of Corvallis Police Department employee within the last 12 months?	Percent	Number
No	68%	N=205
Yes	32%	N=97
Total	100%	N=302

Table 15: Question 15

Please rate the quality of each of the following during your most recent contact with the Corvallis Police Department:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall competence of Corvallis Police Department employees	44%	N=42	29%	N=28	17%	N=16	10%	N=10	100%	N=96
Overall attitude/behavior of Corvallis Police Department officers	45%	N=43	26%	N=25	17%	N=16	12%	N=12	100%	N=96

Table 16: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recycle at home	1%	N=4	1%	N=2	4%	N=10	17%	N=52	77%	N=228	100%	N=296
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Corvallis	0%	N=1	2%	N=6	14%	N=43	56%	N=165	28%	N=82	100%	N=297
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=5	13%	N=37	22%	N=66	42%	N=122	22%	N=64	100%	N=294
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	1%	N=4	8%	N=22	26%	N=77	39%	N=114	26%	N=76	100%	N=294
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	10%	N=30	16%	N=49	23%	N=67	21%	N=64	29%	N=87	100%	N=297

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How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	8%	N=25	3%	N=10	7%	N=21	19%	N=55	62%	N=185	100%	N=296
Vote in local elections												

Table 17: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	22%	N=64
Very good	46%	N=137
Good	27%	N=79
Fair	4%	N=11
Poor	2%	N=5
Total	100%	N=296

Table 18: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be	Percent	Number
Very positive	1%	N=4
Somewhat positive	26%	N=77
Neutral	63%	N=185
Somewhat negative	9%	N=26
Very negative	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=295

Table 19: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	45%	N=133
Working part time for pay	20%	N=60
Unemployed, looking for paid work	8%	N=23
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	6%	N=18
Fully retired	20%	N=59
Total	100%	N=293

Table 20: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Corvallis?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	53%	N=145
Yes, from home	5%	N=15
No	42%	N=114
Total	100%	N=273

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Table 21: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Corvallis?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	19%	N=55
2 to 5 years	24%	N=70
6 to 10 years	15%	N=43
11 to 20 years	18%	N=53
More than 20 years	26%	N=76
Total	100%	N=297

Table 22: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	53%	N=156
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	44%	N=129
Mobile home	2%	N=5
Other	2%	N=6
Total	100%	N=297

Table 23: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	56%	N=164
Owned	44%	N=130
Total	100%	N=294

Table 24: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	4%	N=12
\$300 to \$599 per month	20%	N=55
\$600 to \$999 per month	33%	N=92
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	28%	N=80
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	11%	N=30
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=13
Total	100%	N=283

Table 25: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	80%	N=235
Yes	20%	N=58
Total	100%	N=293

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Table 26: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	78%	N=229
Yes	22%	N=64
Total	100%	N=294

Table 27: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	33%	N=95
\$25,000 to \$49,999	22%	N=63
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27%	N=75
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10%	N=27
\$150,000 or more	8%	N=23
Total	100%	N=283

Table 28: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	96%	N=280
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	4%	N=11
Total	100%	N=291

Table 29: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	N=8
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	8%	N=22
Black or African American	2%	N=5
White	90%	N=258
Other	4%	N=12

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 30: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	19%	N=55
25 to 34 years	29%	N=85
35 to 44 years	13%	N=37
45 to 54 years	12%	N=35
55 to 64 years	8%	N=24
65 to 74 years	11%	N=32
75 years or older	9%	N=27
Total	100%	N=293

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Table 31: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	49%	N=141
Male	51%	N=149
Total	100%	N=290

Table 32: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	74%	N=218
Land line	15%	N=44
Both	11%	N=34
Total	100%	N=296

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Responses including “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 33: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Corvallis:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Corvallis as a place to live	48%	N=147	47%	N=145	5%	N=16	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	100%	N=308
Your neighborhood as a place to live	39%	N=121	42%	N=128	15%	N=47	3%	N=10	0%	N=2	100%	N=308
Corvallis as a place to raise children	39%	N=117	28%	N=84	9%	N=27	2%	N=6	23%	N=70	100%	N=304
Corvallis as a place to work	24%	N=71	36%	N=110	28%	N=85	3%	N=8	9%	N=26	100%	N=300
Corvallis as a place to visit	20%	N=62	39%	N=118	34%	N=103	4%	N=14	3%	N=9	100%	N=307
Corvallis as a place to retire	23%	N=70	32%	N=98	13%	N=39	3%	N=9	29%	N=88	100%	N=304
The overall quality of life in Corvallis	38%	N=118	51%	N=158	10%	N=32	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	100%	N=308

Table 34: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	42%	N=128	48%	N=147	9%	N=28	1%	N=2	0%	N=0	100%	N=306
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	34%	N=104	45%	N=138	18%	N=54	3%	N=10	0%	N=0	100%	N=306
Quality of overall natural environment in Corvallis	43%	N=128	52%	N=157	5%	N=14	0%	N=0	0%	N=1	100%	N=299
Overall "built environment" of Corvallis (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	18%	N=55	52%	N=159	24%	N=74	4%	N=13	1%	N=2	100%	N=304
Health and wellness opportunities in Corvallis	31%	N=96	54%	N=165	9%	N=27	1%	N=3	5%	N=16	100%	N=307
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	48%	N=144	45%	N=137	7%	N=21	0%	N=0	0%	N=1	100%	N=302
Overall economic health of Corvallis	11%	N=32	52%	N=157	21%	N=63	4%	N=11	13%	N=40	100%	N=303
Sense of community	18%	N=56	49%	N=148	26%	N=78	5%	N=16	2%	N=7	100%	N=304
Overall image or reputation of Corvallis	32%	N=97	50%	N=152	14%	N=44	2%	N=5	3%	N=8	100%	N=306

Table 35: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
Recommend living in Corvallis to someone who asks	50%	N=152	33%	N=101	11%	N=32	4%	N=13	3%	N=8	100%	N=307
Remain in Corvallis for the next five years	45%	N=138	26%	N=81	8%	N=25	17%	N=51	4%	N=12	100%	N=307

Table 36: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
In your neighborhood during the day	85%	N=260	12%	N=37	3%	N=9	0%	N=1	0%	N=0	0%	N=0	100%	N=307
In Corvallis' downtown area during the day	74%	N=226	23%	N=70	1%	N=5	1%	N=3	1%	N=2	0%	N=1	100%	N=306
In your neighborhood after dark	49%	N=150	36%	N=111	7%	N=23	5%	N=15	2%	N=5	1%	N=2	100%	N=306
In Corvallis' downtown area after dark	25%	N=77	38%	N=116	16%	N=50	14%	N=42	1%	N=4	5%	N=16	100%	N=305

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Table 37: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	11%	N=35	50%	N=154	26%	N=79	11%	N=34	1%	N=4	100%	N=306
Ease of public parking	5%	N=15	28%	N=85	35%	N=109	29%	N=89	3%	N=8	100%	N=306
Ease of travel by car in Corvallis	19%	N=60	44%	N=135	26%	N=80	8%	N=23	3%	N=8	100%	N=306
Ease of travel by public transportation in Corvallis	12%	N=36	35%	N=104	18%	N=54	9%	N=26	27%	N=81	100%	N=301
Ease of travel by bicycle in Corvallis	27%	N=81	43%	N=131	10%	N=32	3%	N=10	16%	N=50	100%	N=305
Ease of walking in Corvallis	42%	N=127	48%	N=144	7%	N=22	1%	N=4	2%	N=5	100%	N=302
Availability of paths and walking trails	42%	N=128	43%	N=133	11%	N=34	1%	N=3	3%	N=9	100%	N=307
Air quality	39%	N=119	49%	N=149	10%	N=30	2%	N=6	1%	N=3	100%	N=307
Cleanliness of Corvallis	30%	N=93	55%	N=168	13%	N=39	1%	N=5	0%	N=1	100%	N=305
Overall appearance of Corvallis	27%	N=84	59%	N=182	11%	N=35	1%	N=4	0%	N=1	100%	N=306
Public places where people want to spend time	20%	N=60	54%	N=166	22%	N=67	1%	N=2	3%	N=11	100%	N=306
Variety of housing options	9%	N=29	30%	N=91	33%	N=99	21%	N=63	7%	N=22	100%	N=304
Availability of affordable quality housing	3%	N=10	15%	N=46	38%	N=117	35%	N=108	8%	N=25	100%	N=306
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	36%	N=111	49%	N=148	12%	N=36	1%	N=3	2%	N=7	100%	N=305
Recreational opportunities	32%	N=98	48%	N=147	15%	N=46	1%	N=3	3%	N=10	100%	N=304
Availability of affordable quality food	28%	N=85	45%	N=138	21%	N=64	6%	N=18	0%	N=1	100%	N=306
Availability of affordable quality health care	19%	N=58	37%	N=113	22%	N=67	5%	N=14	18%	N=55	100%	N=307
Availability of preventive health services	21%	N=63	37%	N=113	23%	N=71	2%	N=5	17%	N=52	100%	N=304
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	8%	N=25	16%	N=48	19%	N=57	9%	N=26	49%	N=149	100%	N=305

Table 38: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	3%	N=8	11%	N=33	11%	N=34	4%	N=13	70%	N=211	100%	N=299
K-12 education	12%	N=34	27%	N=80	7%	N=20	2%	N=5	53%	N=158	100%	N=298
Adult educational opportunities	31%	N=90	43%	N=127	11%	N=32	2%	N=6	14%	N=40	100%	N=295
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	27%	N=82	40%	N=122	22%	N=67	3%	N=8	8%	N=24	100%	N=303
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	25%	N=74	29%	N=87	5%	N=14	3%	N=11	38%	N=115	100%	N=300
Employment opportunities	2%	N=7	22%	N=65	42%	N=126	17%	N=50	17%	N=51	100%	N=299
Shopping opportunities	6%	N=17	31%	N=92	38%	N=115	24%	N=73	1%	N=3	100%	N=300
Cost of living in Corvallis	3%	N=8	22%	N=66	46%	N=136	29%	N=86	1%	N=2	100%	N=299
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Corvallis	12%	N=37	50%	N=149	33%	N=98	4%	N=13	1%	N=3	100%	N=300
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	15%	N=46	45%	N=135	30%	N=91	7%	N=22	2%	N=5	100%	N=299
Overall quality of new development in Corvallis	6%	N=17	32%	N=94	30%	N=90	16%	N=46	16%	N=47	100%	N=294
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	16%	N=47	43%	N=130	26%	N=79	4%	N=11	11%	N=33	100%	N=301
Opportunities to volunteer	25%	N=76	45%	N=136	12%	N=36	2%	N=6	15%	N=46	100%	N=300
Opportunities to participate in community matters	16%	N=49	42%	N=125	19%	N=56	2%	N=6	22%	N=65	100%	N=301
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	23%	N=67	39%	N=116	20%	N=60	9%	N=26	9%	N=28	100%	N=297
Neighborliness of residents in Corvallis	19%	N=59	41%	N=125	28%	N=84	4%	N=12	7%	N=21	100%	N=300

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Table 39: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	25%	N=77	75%	N=224	100%	N=301
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	32%	N=96	68%	N=203	100%	N=299
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Corvallis	59%	N=175	41%	N=123	100%	N=298
Household member was a victim of a crime in Corvallis	86%	N=258	14%	N=42	100%	N=301
Reported a crime to the police in Corvallis	83%	N=249	17%	N=51	100%	N=301
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	66%	N=198	34%	N=102	100%	N=300
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	79%	N=236	21%	N=63	100%	N=299
Contacted the City of Corvallis (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	70%	N=210	30%	N=88	100%	N=299
Contacted Corvallis elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	88%	N=262	12%	N=36	100%	N=299

Table 40: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Corvallis?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Corvallis recreation centers or their services	14%	N=41	14%	N=40	35%	N=104	37%	N=110	100%	N=295
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	27%	N=80	30%	N=90	37%	N=109	6%	N=18	100%	N=296
Used Corvallis public libraries or their services	12%	N=35	30%	N=90	31%	N=94	27%	N=80	100%	N=298
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Corvallis	9%	N=26	16%	N=48	12%	N=37	63%	N=186	100%	N=296
Attended a City-sponsored event	1%	N=3	6%	N=19	51%	N=151	42%	N=126	100%	N=298
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	15%	N=44	14%	N=42	21%	N=64	50%	N=151	100%	N=300
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	16%	N=47	20%	N=60	24%	N=71	40%	N=120	100%	N=298
Walked or biked instead of driving	45%	N=133	20%	N=61	15%	N=45	20%	N=59	100%	N=298
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Corvallis	11%	N=32	18%	N=54	22%	N=66	49%	N=145	100%	N=298
Participated in a club	6%	N=19	17%	N=50	14%	N=41	64%	N=190	100%	N=299
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	34%	N=103	29%	N=86	21%	N=63	16%	N=47	100%	N=299
Done a favor for a neighbor	10%	N=31	23%	N=70	39%	N=115	28%	N=83	100%	N=298

Table 41: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=2	1%	N=2	15%	N=44	84%	N=254	100%	N=302
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	0%	N=0	1%	N=3	10%	N=31	89%	N=267	100%	N=301

Table 42: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Corvallis:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police services	21%	N=63	42%	N=127	14%	N=41	2%	N=6	21%	N=64	100%	N=301
Fire services	31%	N=93	32%	N=96	4%	N=12	0%	N=1	32%	N=96	100%	N=298
Ambulance or emergency medical services	31%	N=94	29%	N=89	2%	N=7	0%	N=1	37%	N=112	100%	N=303
Crime prevention	15%	N=44	41%	N=123	14%	N=43	1%	N=2	29%	N=86	100%	N=299
Fire prevention and education	13%	N=38	37%	N=109	10%	N=28	1%	N=4	39%	N=117	100%	N=295
Traffic enforcement	10%	N=31	37%	N=112	29%	N=86	8%	N=23	16%	N=49	100%	N=301

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Corvallis:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Street repair	5%	N=16	29%	N=87	33%	N=100	25%	N=74	8%	N=23	100%	N=300
Street cleaning	23%	N=70	47%	N=142	19%	N=59	7%	N=20	4%	N=11	100%	N=302
Street lighting	10%	N=30	43%	N=129	32%	N=98	13%	N=39	2%	N=6	100%	N=301
Snow removal	4%	N=13	17%	N=51	16%	N=48	41%	N=123	21%	N=64	100%	N=299
Sidewalk maintenance	9%	N=26	36%	N=108	37%	N=110	11%	N=32	7%	N=21	100%	N=297
Traffic signal timing	12%	N=35	43%	N=130	34%	N=101	10%	N=29	2%	N=5	100%	N=300
Bus or transit services	17%	N=51	38%	N=114	17%	N=51	4%	N=11	24%	N=72	100%	N=299
Garbage collection	42%	N=127	45%	N=134	7%	N=20	0%	N=0	6%	N=18	100%	N=299
Recycling	47%	N=142	36%	N=107	10%	N=29	1%	N=4	6%	N=18	100%	N=300
Yard waste pick-up	41%	N=122	33%	N=99	6%	N=18	2%	N=6	18%	N=55	100%	N=300
Storm drainage	14%	N=42	45%	N=134	22%	N=67	3%	N=10	16%	N=48	100%	N=300
Drinking water	37%	N=112	43%	N=129	13%	N=39	3%	N=9	4%	N=12	100%	N=300
Sewer services	27%	N=81	44%	N=132	10%	N=29	0%	N=0	19%	N=58	100%	N=300
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	28%	N=85	48%	N=145	12%	N=37	3%	N=10	8%	N=25	100%	N=300
Utility billing	23%	N=68	48%	N=144	21%	N=64	2%	N=7	6%	N=17	100%	N=299
City parks	39%	N=117	46%	N=136	10%	N=29	1%	N=3	4%	N=13	100%	N=298
Recreation programs or classes	17%	N=50	35%	N=104	10%	N=30	0%	N=0	38%	N=112	100%	N=296
Recreation centers or facilities	16%	N=48	36%	N=107	9%	N=26	0%	N=1	39%	N=115	100%	N=296
Land use, planning and zoning	3%	N=10	27%	N=79	28%	N=84	13%	N=40	28%	N=85	100%	N=298
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	5%	N=14	23%	N=70	25%	N=75	9%	N=28	38%	N=112	100%	N=299
Animal control	12%	N=35	30%	N=89	10%	N=31	3%	N=9	45%	N=133	100%	N=298
Economic development	3%	N=8	29%	N=88	22%	N=67	13%	N=40	32%	N=98	100%	N=300
Health services	17%	N=52	46%	N=139	20%	N=61	2%	N=7	14%	N=41	100%	N=300
Public library services	47%	N=140	32%	N=95	7%	N=20	0%	N=0	15%	N=44	100%	N=300
Public information services	9%	N=27	38%	N=114	16%	N=46	1%	N=3	36%	N=107	100%	N=298
Cable television	6%	N=19	19%	N=56	21%	N=64	17%	N=50	36%	N=108	100%	N=297
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	3%	N=10	19%	N=56	19%	N=56	6%	N=19	53%	N=157	100%	N=298
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	23%	N=69	45%	N=134	16%	N=48	4%	N=11	12%	N=36	100%	N=297
Corvallis open space	22%	N=66	44%	N=132	23%	N=67	2%	N=7	9%	N=27	100%	N=299
City-sponsored special events	7%	N=21	37%	N=109	20%	N=59	1%	N=3	35%	N=103	100%	N=295
Overall customer service by Corvallis employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	14%	N=43	41%	N=123	18%	N=53	2%	N=6	24%	N=73	100%	N=298
9-1-1 dispatch	16%	N=49	16%	N=48	2%	N=6	0%	N=1	65%	N=195	100%	N=298
Municipal court	6%	N=18	17%	N=50	5%	N=15	2%	N=6	70%	N=207	100%	N=295
Osborn Aquatic Center	24%	N=72	24%	N=73	4%	N=13	0%	N=1	47%	N=142	100%	N=300
Chintimini Senior Center	10%	N=30	14%	N=43	3%	N=8	0%	N=1	72%	N=217	100%	N=299
Majestic Theatre	15%	N=44	23%	N=70	7%	N=22	0%	N=1	54%	N=163	100%	N=299

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Table 43: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The City of Corvallis	17%	N=51	58%	N=175	18%	N=54	1%	N=2	6%	N=19	100%	N=301
The Federal Government	5%	N=16	34%	N=101	39%	N=117	6%	N=17	17%	N=50	100%	N=301

Table 44: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Corvallis government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Corvallis	8%	N=25	37%	N=111	24%	N=73	7%	N=21	24%	N=73	100%	N=303
The overall direction that Corvallis is taking	8%	N=24	37%	N=111	33%	N=99	10%	N=29	13%	N=39	100%	N=301
The job Corvallis government does at welcoming citizen involvement	8%	N=25	31%	N=91	24%	N=72	10%	N=29	26%	N=78	100%	N=295
Overall confidence in Corvallis government	7%	N=22	39%	N=116	28%	N=83	6%	N=18	21%	N=62	100%	N=301
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	9%	N=27	44%	N=132	23%	N=70	8%	N=23	16%	N=49	100%	N=301
Being honest	9%	N=28	37%	N=111	18%	N=54	4%	N=12	32%	N=97	100%	N=302
Treating all residents fairly	7%	N=21	35%	N=106	20%	N=60	8%	N=24	30%	N=89	100%	N=301

Table 45: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Corvallis community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	43%	N=131	38%	N=116	17%	N=51	2%	N=5	100%	N=302
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	29%	N=85	44%	N=130	25%	N=75	2%	N=7	100%	N=297
Quality of overall natural environment in Corvallis	43%	N=128	37%	N=110	18%	N=53	2%	N=5	100%	N=295
Overall "built environment" of Corvallis (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	33%	N=99	46%	N=137	20%	N=59	1%	N=4	100%	N=300
Health and wellness opportunities in Corvallis	32%	N=96	43%	N=130	22%	N=65	3%	N=9	100%	N=300
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	35%	N=104	42%	N=125	21%	N=63	2%	N=6	100%	N=298
Overall economic health of Corvallis	45%	N=134	40%	N=119	14%	N=43	1%	N=2	100%	N=298
Sense of community	27%	N=82	37%	N=112	30%	N=89	6%	N=16	100%	N=298

Table 46: Question 14

Have you had any in-person or phone contact with a City of Corvallis Police Department employee within the last 12 months?	Percent	Number
No	68%	N=205
Yes	32%	N=97
Total	100%	N=302

Table 47: Question 15

Please rate the quality of each of the following during your most recent contact with the Corvallis Police Department:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Overall competence of Corvallis Police Department employees	44%	N=42	29%	N=28	17%	N=16	10%	N=10	1%	N=1	100%	N=97
Overall attitude/behavior of Corvallis Police Department officers	45%	N=43	26%	N=25	17%	N=16	12%	N=12	1%	N=1	100%	N=96

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Table 48: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
Recycle at home	1%	N=4	1%	N=2	4%	N=10	17%	N=52	77%	N=228	100%	N=296
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Corvallis	0%	N=1	2%	N=6	14%	N=43	56%	N=165	28%	N=82	100%	N=297
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=5	13%	N=37	22%	N=66	42%	N=122	22%	N=64	100%	N=294
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	1%	N=4	8%	N=22	26%	N=77	39%	N=114	26%	N=76	100%	N=294
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	10%	N=30	16%	N=49	23%	N=67	21%	N=64	29%	N=87	100%	N=297
Vote in local elections	8%	N=25	3%	N=10	7%	N=21	19%	N=55	62%	N=185	100%	N=296

Table 49: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	22%	N=64
Very good	46%	N=137
Good	27%	N=79
Fair	4%	N=11
Poor	2%	N=5
Total	100%	N=296

Table 50: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be	Percent	Number
Very positive	1%	N=4
Somewhat positive	26%	N=77
Neutral	63%	N=185
Somewhat negative	9%	N=26
Very negative	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=295

Table 51: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	45%	N=133
Working part time for pay	20%	N=60
Unemployed, looking for paid work	8%	N=23
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	6%	N=18
Fully retired	20%	N=59
Total	100%	N=293

Table 52: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Corvallis?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	53%	N=145
Yes, from home	5%	N=15
No	42%	N=114
Total	100%	N=273

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Table 53: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Corvallis?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	19%	N=55
2 to 5 years	24%	N=70
6 to 10 years	15%	N=43
11 to 20 years	18%	N=53
More than 20 years	26%	N=76
Total	100%	N=297

Table 54: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	53%	N=156
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	44%	N=129
Mobile home	2%	N=5
Other	2%	N=6
Total	100%	N=297

Table 55: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	56%	N=164
Owned	44%	N=130
Total	100%	N=294

Table 56: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	4%	N=12
\$300 to \$599 per month	20%	N=55
\$600 to \$999 per month	33%	N=92
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	28%	N=80
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	11%	N=30
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=13
Total	100%	N=283

Table 57: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	80%	N=235
Yes	20%	N=58
Total	100%	N=293

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Table 58: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	78%	N=229
Yes	22%	N=64
Total	100%	N=294

Table 59: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	33%	N=95
\$25,000 to \$49,999	22%	N=63
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27%	N=75
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10%	N=27
\$150,000 or more	8%	N=23
Total	100%	N=283

Table 60: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	96%	N=280
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	4%	N=11
Total	100%	N=291

Table 61: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	N=8
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	8%	N=22
Black or African American	2%	N=5
White	90%	N=258
Other	4%	N=12

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 62: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	19%	N=55
25 to 34 years	29%	N=85
35 to 44 years	13%	N=37
45 to 54 years	12%	N=35
55 to 64 years	8%	N=24
65 to 74 years	11%	N=32
75 years or older	9%	N=27
Total	100%	N=293

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Table 63: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	49%	N=141
Male	51%	N=149
Total	100%	N=290

Table 64: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	74%	N=218
Land line	15%	N=44
Both	11%	N=34
Total	100%	N=296

Appendix B: Benchmark Comparisons

Comparison Data

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 500 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Citizen Survey™. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. The City of Corvallis chose to have comparisons made to the entire database and a subset of similar jurisdictions from the database (university communities with populations from 30,000 to 80,000).

Interpreting the Results

Ratings are compared when there are at least five communities in which a similar question was asked. Where comparisons are available, four columns are provided in the table. The first column is Corvallis' "percent positive." The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., "excellent" and "good," "very safe" and "somewhat safe," "essential" and "very important," etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating "yes" or participating in an activity at least once a month. The second column is the rank assigned to Corvallis' rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The third column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The final column shows the comparison of Corvallis' rating to the benchmark.

In that final column, Corvallis' results are noted as being "higher" than the benchmark, "lower" than the benchmark or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Corvallis residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. More extreme differences are noted as "much higher" or "much lower."

Benchmark Database Characteristics	
Region	Percent
New England	3%
Middle Atlantic	5%
East North Central	15%
West North Central	13%
South Atlantic	22%
East South Central	3%
West South Central	7%
Mountain	16%
Pacific	16%
Population	Percent
Less than 10,000	10%
10,000 to 24,999	22%
25,000 to 49,999	23%
50,000 to 99,999	22%
100,000 or more	23%

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Table 65: Community Characteristics General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
The overall quality of life in Corvallis	89%	138	574	Similar
Overall image or reputation of Corvallis	84%	91	383	Higher
Corvallis as a place to live	95%	114	526	Higher
Your neighborhood as a place to live	81%	143	380	Similar
Corvallis as a place to raise children	86%	123	472	Similar
Corvallis as a place to retire	78%	77	443	Higher
Overall appearance of Corvallis	87%	89	442	Higher

Table 66: Community Characteristics by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark	
Safety	Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	90%	73	229	Similar	
	In your neighborhood during the day	97%	29	423	Similar	
	In Corvallis' downtown area during the day	97%	72	358	Similar	
Mobility	Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	79%	37	100	Similar	
	Availability of paths and walking trails	88%	18	281	Higher	
	Ease of walking in Corvallis	91%	16	346	Much higher	
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Corvallis	84%	17	350	Much higher	
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Corvallis	64%	31	116	Higher	
	Ease of travel by car in Corvallis	65%	144	355	Similar	
	Ease of public parking	34%	70	78	Lower	
	Traffic flow on major streets	63%	97	348	Similar	
Natural Environment	Quality of overall natural environment in Corvallis	95%	27	259	Higher	
	Cleanliness of Corvallis	86%	74	254	Similar	
	Air quality	88%	40	277	Higher	
Built Environment	Overall "built environment" of Corvallis (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	71%	35	96	Similar	
	Overall quality of new development in Corvallis	45%	259	313	Similar	
	Availability of affordable quality housing	20%	327	377	Lower	
	Variety of housing options	42%	212	252	Lower	
	Public places where people want to spend time	76%	32	90	Similar	
	Overall economic health of Corvallis	72%	45	100	Similar	
	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	61%	28	87	Similar	
	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Corvallis	63%	118	246	Similar	
Economy	Cost of living in Corvallis	25%	83	94	Lower	
	Shopping opportunities	37%	282	362	Lower	
	Employment opportunities	29%	197	403	Similar	
	Corvallis as a place to visit	61%	63	109	Similar	
	Corvallis as a place to work	66%	121	397	Similar	
	Health and wellness opportunities in Corvallis	90%	17	96	Higher	
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	47%	37	82	Similar	
	Availability of preventive health services	70%	50	201	Similar	
Recreation and Wellness	Availability of affordable quality health care	68%	56	293	Higher	
	Availability of affordable quality food	73%	47	230	Similar	
	Recreational opportunities	83%	41	382	Higher	
	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	87%	14	94	Higher	
	Education and	Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	93%	8	95	Higher

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Enrichment	Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	87%	35	193	Similar
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	73%	52	370	Higher
	Adult educational opportunities	85%	5	86	Higher
	K-12 education	82%	115	348	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	47%	136	293	Similar
Community Engagement	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	66%	79	235	Similar
	Neighborliness of Corvallis	66%	27	90	Similar
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	68%	84	337	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	74%	44	248	Similar
	Opportunities to volunteer	83%	49	244	Similar

Table 67: Governance General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of Corvallis	80%	196	560	Similar
Overall customer service by Corvallis employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	74%	295	465	Similar
Value of services for the taxes paid to Corvallis	59%	169	496	Similar
Overall direction that Corvallis is taking	51%	217	391	Similar
Job Corvallis government does at welcoming citizen involvement	54%	153	390	Similar
Overall confidence in Corvallis government	58%	39	96	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	63%	38	95	Similar
Being honest	68%	28	93	Similar
Treating all residents fairly	60%	42	94	Similar
Services provided by the Federal Government	47%	12	309	Similar

Table 68: Governance by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Police services	80%	282	615	Similar
	Fire services	93%	167	504	Similar
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	96%	90	468	Similar
	Crime prevention	79%	118	432	Similar
	Fire prevention and education	82%	170	350	Similar
	Animal control	76%	64	424	Similar
	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	46%	231	271	Similar
Mobility	Traffic enforcement	57%	327	465	Similar
	Street repair	37%	421	587	Similar
	Street cleaning	73%	103	399	Similar
	Street lighting	54%	280	407	Similar
	Snow removal	27%	377	379	Much lower
	Sidewalk maintenance	49%	218	387	Similar
	Traffic signal timing	56%	75	295	Similar
Natural Environment	Bus or transit services	73%	31	269	Higher
	Garbage collection	93%	45	492	Similar
	Recycling	88%	30	441	Higher
	Yard waste pick-up	90%	11	318	Higher
	Drinking water	84%	46	414	Higher

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
	Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	77%	40	252	Higher
	Corvallis open space	73%	29	109	Similar
Built Environment	Storm drainage	70%	131	468	Similar
	Sewer services	88%	24	397	Higher
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	83%	33	148	Similar
	Utility billing	75%	28	98	Similar
	Land use, planning and zoning	42%	240	373	Similar
	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	45%	250	469	Similar
	Cable television	40%	218	245	Similar
	Economy	Economic development	47%	214	365
Recreation and Wellness	City parks	89%	86	415	Similar
	Recreation programs or classes	84%	100	439	Similar
	Recreation centers or facilities	85%	75	335	Similar
	Health services	74%	68	243	Similar
Education and Enrichment	City-sponsored special events	68%	58	102	Similar
	Public library services	92%	38	448	Higher
Community Engagement	Public information services	74%	128	361	Similar

Table 69: Participation General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	68%	139	382	Similar
Recommend living in Corvallis to someone who asks	85%	158	257	Similar
Remain in Corvallis for the next five years	74%	220	255	Similar
Contacted Corvallis (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	30%	362	370	Much lower

Table 70: Participation by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	34%	49	83	Similar
	Did NOT report a crime to the police	83%	32	93	Similar
	Household member was NOT a victim of a crime	86%	216	322	Similar
Mobility	Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	50%	12	75	Much higher
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	60%	5	89	Higher
	Walked or biked instead of driving	80%	10	92	Much higher
Natural Environment	Made efforts to conserve water	75%	77	86	Similar
	Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	68%	84	86	Similar
	Recycle at home	98%	8	296	Higher
Built Environment	Did NOT observe a code violation or other hazard in Corvallis	59%	38	86	Similar
	NOT experiencing housing costs stress	57%	195	234	Similar
Economy	Purchase goods or services from a business located in Corvallis	98%	34	89	Similar
	Economy will have positive impact on income	28%	83	303	Similar
	Work inside boundaries of Corvallis	58%	19	89	Higher

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Recreation and Wellness	Used Corvallis recreation centers or their services	63%	73	269	Similar
	Visited a neighborhood park or City park	94%	19	321	Higher
	Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	86%	35	86	Similar
	Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	91%	7	87	Similar
	In very good to excellent health	68%	36	88	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Used Corvallis public libraries or their services	73%	99	278	Similar
	Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Corvallis	37%	151	181	Lower
	Attended City-sponsored event	58%	26	90	Similar
Community Engagement	Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	21%	40	83	Similar
	Contacted Corvallis elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	12%	73	88	Similar
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Corvallis	51%	84	310	Similar
	Participated in a club	36%	48	206	Similar
	Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	84%	77	89	Similar
	Done a favor for a neighbor	72%	79	85	Similar
	Attended a local public meeting	16%	278	314	Similar
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	11%	240	243	Much lower
	Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	74%	86	88	Lower
	Vote in local elections	88%	22	313	Higher

Communities included in national comparisons

The communities included in Corvallis' comparisons are listed on the following pages along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

Abilene city, KS.....	6,844	Arcadia city, CA.....	56,364
Adams County, CO.....	441,603	Archuleta County, CO.....	12,084
Addison village, IL.....	36,942	Arkansas City city, AR.....	366
Agoura Hills city, CA.....	20,330	Arkansas City city, KS.....	12,415
Airway Heights city, WA.....	6,114	Arlington city, TX.....	365,438
Akron city, OH.....	199,110	Arlington County, VA.....	207,627
Alamogordo city, NM.....	30,403	Arvada city, CO.....	106,433
Albany city, GA.....	77,434	Asheville city, NC.....	83,393
Albany city, OR.....	50,158	Ashland city, KY.....	21,684
Albemarle County, VA.....	98,970	Ashland city, OR.....	20,078
Albert Lea city, MN.....	18,016	Ashland County, WI.....	16,157
Albuquerque city, NM.....	545,852	Ashland town, VA.....	7,225
Algonquin village, IL.....	30,046	Aspen city, CO.....	6,658
Aliso Viejo city, CA.....	47,823	Atlanta city, GA.....	420,003
Alpharetta city, GA.....	57,551	Auburn city, AL.....	53,380
Altamonte Springs city, FL.....	41,496	Auburn city, WA.....	70,180
Altoona city, IA.....	14,541	Aurora city, CO.....	325,078
Ames city, IA.....	58,965	Austin city, TX.....	790,390
Andover CDP, MA.....	8,762	Avondale city, AZ.....	76,238
Ankeny city, IA.....	45,582	Bainbridge Island city, WA.....	23,025
Ann Arbor city, MI.....	113,934	Ballwin city, MO.....	30,404
Annapolis city, MD.....	38,394	Baltimore city, MD.....	620,961
Antioch city, CA.....	102,372	Baltimore County, MD.....	805,029
Apple Valley town, CA.....	69,135	Barnstable Town city, MA.....	45,193
Appleton city, WI.....	72,623	Batavia city, IL.....	26,045
Arapahoe County, CO.....	572,003	Battle Creek city, MI.....	52,347

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Bay City city, MI.....	34,932	Cartersville city, GA.....	19,731
Baytown city, TX.....	71,802	Carver County, MN.....	91,042
Bedford city, TX.....	46,979	Cary town, NC.....	135,234
Bedford County, VA.....	68,676	Casa Grande city, AZ.....	48,571
Bedford town, MA.....	13,320	Casper city, WY.....	55,316
Beekman town, NY.....	14,621	Castine town, ME.....	1,366
Belleair Beach city, FL.....	1,560	Castle Pines North city, CO.....	10,360
Bellevue city, WA.....	122,363	Castle Rock town, CO.....	48,231
Bellflower city, CA.....	76,616	Cedar Creek village, NE.....	390
Bellingham city, WA.....	80,885	Cedar Falls city, IA.....	39,260
Beltrami County, MN.....	44,442	Cedar Rapids city, IA.....	126,326
Benbrook city, TX.....	21,234	Centennial city, CO.....	100,377
Bend city, OR.....	76,639	Centralia city, IL.....	13,032
Benicia city, CA.....	26,997	Cerritos city, CA.....	49,041
Bettendorf city, IA.....	33,217	Chambersburg borough, PA.....	20,268
Billings city, MT.....	104,170	Chandler city, AZ.....	236,123
Biloxi city, MS.....	44,054	Chanhasen city, MN.....	22,952
Blacksburg town, VA.....	42,620	Chanute city, KS.....	9,119
Blaine city, MN.....	57,186	Chapel Hill town, NC.....	57,233
Bloomfield city, NM.....	8,112	Charlotte city, NC.....	731,424
Bloomfield Hills city, MI.....	3,869	Charlotte County, FL.....	159,978
Bloomington city, IL.....	76,610	Charlottesville city, VA.....	43,475
Bloomington city, MN.....	82,893	Chesapeake city, VA.....	222,209
Blue Ash city, OH.....	12,114	Chesterfield County, VA.....	316,236
Blue Earth city, MN.....	3,353	Cheyenne city, WY.....	59,466
Blue Springs city, MO.....	52,575	Chippewa Falls city, WI.....	13,661
Boca Raton city, FL.....	84,392	Chittenden County, VT.....	156,545
Boise City city, ID.....	205,671	Chula Vista city, CA.....	243,916
Bonita Springs city, FL.....	43,914	Cincinnati city, OH.....	296,943
Boonville city, MO.....	8,319	Citrus Heights city, CA.....	83,301
Boston city, MA.....	617,594	Clackamas County, OR.....	375,992
Botetourt County, VA.....	33,148	Claremont city, CA.....	34,926
Bothell city, WA.....	33,505	Clarendon Hills village, IL.....	8,427
Boulder city, CO.....	97,385	Clark County, WA.....	425,363
Boulder County, CO.....	294,567	Clarke County, IA.....	9,286
Bowling Green city, KY.....	58,067	Clay County, MO.....	221,939
Bozeman city, MT.....	37,280	Clayton city, MO.....	15,939
Bradenton city, FL.....	49,546	Clearwater city, FL.....	107,685
Brea city, CA.....	39,282	Cleveland Heights city, OH.....	46,121
Breckenridge town, CO.....	4,540	Clive city, IA.....	15,447
Brentwood city, MO.....	8,055	Clovis city, CA.....	95,631
Brentwood city, TN.....	37,060	Coconino County, AZ.....	134,421
Brevard County, FL.....	543,376	College Park city, MD.....	30,413
Brighton city, CO.....	33,352	College Station city, TX.....	93,857
Brisbane city, CA.....	4,282	Colleyville city, TX.....	22,807
Bristol city, TN.....	26,702	Collier County, FL.....	321,520
Broken Arrow city, OK.....	98,850	Collinsville city, IL.....	25,579
Brookfield city, WI.....	37,920	Colorado Springs city, CO.....	416,427
Brookline CDP, MA.....	58,732	Columbia city, MO.....	108,500
Brookline town, NH.....	4,991	Columbia city, SC.....	129,272
Broomfield city, CO.....	55,889	Columbus city, GA.....	189,885
Broward County, FL.....	1,748,066	Columbus city, OH.....	787,033
Brown Deer village, WI.....	11,999	Columbus city, WI.....	4,991
Brownsburg town, IN.....	21,285	Commerce City city, CO.....	45,913
Bryan city, TX.....	76,201	Concord city, CA.....	122,067
Burien city, WA.....	33,313	Concord city, NC.....	79,066
Burleson city, TX.....	36,690	Concord town, MA.....	17,668
Burlingame city, CA.....	28,806	Conyers city, GA.....	15,195
Burlington CDP, MA.....	24,498	Cookeville city, TN.....	30,435
Cabarrus County, NC.....	178,011	Coon Rapids city, MN.....	61,476
Cambridge city, MA.....	105,162	Cooper City city, FL.....	28,547
Canandaigua city, NY.....	10,545	Coppell city, TX.....	38,659
Canton city, SD.....	3,057	Coral Springs city, FL.....	121,096
Cape Coral city, FL.....	154,305	Coronado city, CA.....	18,912
Cape Girardeau city, MO.....	37,941	Corpus Christi city, TX.....	305,215
Capitola city, CA.....	9,918	Corvallis city, OR.....	54,462
Carlisle borough, PA.....	18,682	Coventry Lake CDP, CT.....	2,990
Carlsbad city, CA.....	105,328	Craig city, CO.....	9,464
Carrollton city, TX.....	119,097	Cranberry township, PA.....	28,098
Carson City, NV.....	55,274	Crested Butte town, CO.....	1,487

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Creve Coeur city, MO	17,833	Elko New Market city, MN	4,110
Cross Roads town, TX	1,563	Ellisville city, MO	9,133
Crystal Lake city, IL	40,743	Elmhurst city, IL	44,121
Cumberland County, PA	235,406	Encinitas city, CA	59,518
Cupertino city, CA	58,302	Englewood city, CO	30,255
Cypress city, CA	47,802	Ephrata borough, PA	13,394
Dade City city, FL	6,437	Erie County, PA	280,566
Dakota County, MN	398,552	Erie town, CO	18,135
Dallas city, OR	14,583	Escambia County, FL	297,619
Dallas city, TX	1,197,816	Escanaba city, MI	12,616
Dania Beach city, FL	29,639	Escondido city, CA	143,911
Dardenne Prairie city, MO	11,494	Estes Park town, CO	5,858
Davenport city, IA	99,685	Eugene city, OR	156,185
Davidson town, NC	10,944	Eustis city, FL	18,558
Daviess County, KY	96,656	Evanston city, IL	74,486
Davis city, CA	65,622	Fairborn city, OH	32,352
Dayton city, OH	141,527	Fairview town, TX	7,248
Daytona Beach city, FL	61,005	Fairway city, KS	3,882
De Pere city, WI	23,800	Farmington city, NM	45,877
Decatur city, GA	19,335	Farmington city, UT	18,275
Decatur city, IL	76,122	Farmington Hills city, MI	79,740
Deerfield Beach city, FL	75,018	Fayetteville city, AR	73,580
DeKalb city, IL	43,862	Fayetteville city, NC	200,564
Del Mar city, CA	4,161	Federal Way city, WA	89,306
Delaware city, OH	34,753	Fishers town, IN	76,794
Delray Beach city, FL	60,522	Flagstaff city, AZ	65,870
Denison city, TX	22,682	Flower Mound town, TX	64,669
Denton city, TX	113,383	Flushing city, MI	8,389
Denver city, CO	600,158	Forest Grove city, OR	21,083
Derby city, KS	22,158	Fort Collins city, CO	143,986
Des Moines city, IA	203,433	Fort Dodge city, IA	25,206
Des Moines County, IA	40,325	Fort Lauderdale city, FL	165,521
Des Peres city, MO	8,373	Fort Madison city, IA	11,051
DeSoto city, TX	49,047	Fort Smith city, AR	86,209
Destin city, FL	12,305	Fort Wayne city, IN	253,691
Detroit city, MI	713,777	Fort Worth city, TX	741,206
Dewey-Humboldt town, AZ	3,894	Fountain Hills town, AZ	22,489
Dillon town, CO	904	Franklin city, TN	62,487
Dorchester County, MD	32,618	Fredericksburg city, VA	24,286
Dothan city, AL	65,496	Freeport CDP, ME	1,485
Douglas County, CO	285,465	Freeport city, IL	25,638
Douglas County, GA	132,403	Fremont city, CA	214,089
Dover city, DE	36,047	Fridley city, MN	27,208
Dover city, NH	29,987	Friendswood city, TX	35,805
Downers Grove village, IL	47,833	Frisco town, CO	2,683
Dublin city, CA	46,036	Fruita city, CO	12,646
Dublin city, OH	41,751	Gahanna city, OH	33,248
Duluth city, MN	86,265	Gainesville city, FL	124,354
Duncanville city, TX	38,524	Gaithersburg city, MD	59,933
Durango city, CO	16,887	Galt city, CA	23,647
Durham city, NC	228,330	Galveston city, TX	47,743
Duval County, FL	864,263	Garden City city, KS	26,658
Eagan city, MN	64,206	Garden Grove city, CA	170,883
East Baton Rouge Parish, LA	440,171	Gardner city, KS	19,123
East Grand Forks city, MN	8,601	Garland city, TX	226,876
East Lansing city, MI	48,579	Gary city, IN	80,294
East Merrimack CDP, NH	4,197	Genesee County, NY	60,079
East Providence city, RI	47,037	Geneva city, NY	13,261
Eau Claire city, WI	65,883	Georgetown city, TX	47,400
Ebensburg borough, PA	3,351	Georgetown town, CO	1,034
Eden Prairie city, MN	60,797	Gig Harbor city, WA	7,126
Edgerton city, KS	1,671	Gilbert town, AZ	208,453
Edina city, MN	47,941	Gillette city, WY	29,087
Edmond city, OK	81,405	Gilroy city, CA	48,821
Edmonds city, WA	39,709	Gladstone city, MI	4,973
El Cerrito city, CA	23,549	Globe city, AZ	7,532
El Dorado County, CA	181,058	Golden Valley city, MN	20,371
El Paso city, TX	649,121	Goodyear city, AZ	65,275
Elk Grove city, CA	153,015	Grafton village, WI	11,459
Elk River city, MN	22,974	Grand Blanc city, MI	8,276

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Grand County, CO	14,843	Iowa City city, IA	67,862
Grand Forks city, ND	52,838	Iowa County, IA	16,355
Grand Island city, NE	48,520	Irving city, TX	216,290
Grand Junction city, CO	58,566	Issaquah city, WA	30,434
Grand Prairie city, TX	175,396	Jackson County, MI	160,248
Grand Rapids city, MI	188,040	Jackson County, OR	203,206
Grandview city, MO	24,475	Jacksonville city, FL	821,784
Grass Valley city, CA	12,860	James City County, VA	67,009
Greeley city, CO	92,889	Janesville city, WI	63,575
Green Valley CDP, AZ	21,391	Jefferson City city, MO	43,079
Greenbelt city, MD	23,068	Jefferson County, CO	534,543
Greensboro city, NC	269,666	Jefferson County, NY	116,229
Greenville city, SC	58,409	Jefferson Parish, LA	432,552
Greenwood Village city, CO	13,925	Jerome city, ID	10,890
Greer city, SC	25,515	Johnson City city, TN	63,152
Gresham city, OR	105,594	Johnson County, KS	544,179
Guilford County, NC	488,406	Johnston city, IA	17,278
Gulf Shores city, AL	9,741	Joplin city, MO	50,150
Gunnison County, CO	15,324	Jupiter town, FL	55,156
Gurnee village, IL	31,295	Kalamazoo city, MI	74,262
Hackensack city, NJ	43,010	Kannapolis city, NC	42,625
Hailey city, ID	7,960	Kansas City city, KS	145,786
Haines Borough, AK	2,508	Kansas City city, MO	459,787
Hallandale Beach city, FL	37,113	Kearney city, NE	30,787
Hamilton city, OH	62,477	Keizer city, OR	36,478
Hampton city, VA	137,436	Kenmore city, WA	20,460
Hanover County, VA	99,863	Kennedale city, TX	6,763
Harrisonburg city, VA	48,914	Kennett Square borough, PA	6,072
Harrisonville city, MO	10,019	Kenosha city, WI	99,218
Hartford city, CT	124,775	Kent city, WA	92,411
Hayward city, CA	144,186	Kentwood city, MI	48,707
Henderson city, NV	257,729	Kettering city, OH	56,163
Hercules city, CA	24,060	Kirkland city, WA	48,787
Hermiston city, OR	16,745	Kirkwood city, MO	27,540
Herndon town, VA	23,292	Kissimmee city, FL	59,682
Hickory city, NC	40,010	Kitsap County, WA	251,133
High Point city, NC	104,371	Knightdale town, NC	11,401
Highland city, CA	53,104	Knoxville city, TN	178,874
Highland Park city, IL	29,763	Kutztown borough, PA	5,012
Highlands Ranch CDP, CO	96,713	La Mesa city, CA	57,065
Hillsborough County, FL	1,229,226	La Plata town, MD	8,753
Hillsborough town, NC	6,087	La Porte city, TX	33,800
Holden town, MA	17,346	La Vista city, NE	15,758
Holland city, MI	33,051	Lafayette city, CO	24,453
Homer city, AK	5,003	Laguna Beach city, CA	22,723
Homewood village, IL	19,323	Laguna Hills city, CA	30,344
Honolulu County, HI	953,207	Laguna Niguel city, CA	62,979
Hooksett town, NH	13,451	Lake Oswego city, OR	36,619
Hopewell city, VA	22,591	Lake Zurich village, IL	19,631
Hopkins city, MN	17,591	Lakeville city, MN	55,954
Hopkinton town, MA	14,925	Lakewood city, CA	80,048
Hoquiam city, WA	8,726	Lakewood city, CO	142,980
Hot Springs city, AR	35,193	Lane County, OR	351,715
Hot Sulphur Springs town, CO	663	Laramie city, WY	30,816
Houston city, TX	2,099,451	Larimer County, CO	299,630
Howard City village, MI	1,808	Las Cruces city, NM	97,618
Howell city, MI	9,489	Las Vegas city, NV	583,756
Huber Heights city, OH	38,101	Lawrence city, KS	87,643
Hudson city, OH	22,262	League City city, TX	83,560
Hudson town, CO	2,356	Lebanon city, NH	13,151
Hudson town, NC	3,776	Lebanon city, OH	20,033
Hudsonville city, MI	7,116	Lee County, FL	618,754
Huntersville town, NC	46,773	Lee's Summit city, MO	91,364
Hurst city, TX	37,337	Lehi city, UT	47,407
Hutchinson city, MN	14,178	Lenexa city, KS	48,190
Hutto city, TX	14,698	Lewis County, NY	27,087
Hyattsville city, MD	17,557	Lewiston city, ID	31,894
Independence city, MO	116,830	Lewiston city, ME	36,592
Indian Trail town, NC	33,518	Lewisville city, TX	95,290
Indianola city, IA	14,782	Lexington city, VA	7,042

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Lexington-Fayette urban county, KY.....	295,803	Miami-Dade County, FL.....	2,496,435
Liberty city, MO.....	29,149	Midland city, MI.....	41,863
Lincoln city, NE.....	258,379	Milford city, DE.....	9,559
Lincolnwood village, IL.....	12,590	Milledgeville city, GA.....	17,715
Lindsborg city, KS.....	3,458	Milton city, GA.....	32,661
Little Rock city, AR.....	193,524	Milton city, WI.....	5,546
Littleton city, CO.....	41,737	Minneapolis city, MN.....	382,578
Livermore city, CA.....	80,968	Minnetonka city, MN.....	49,734
Lodi city, CA.....	62,134	Mission city, KS.....	9,323
Lompoc city, CA.....	42,434	Mission Viejo city, CA.....	93,305
Lone Tree city, CO.....	10,218	Missoula city, MT.....	66,788
Long Beach city, CA.....	462,257	Missouri City city, TX.....	67,358
Longmont city, CO.....	86,270	Modesto city, CA.....	201,165
Longview city, TX.....	80,455	Monterey city, CA.....	27,810
Los Alamitos city, CA.....	11,449	Montgomery County, MD.....	971,777
Los Alamos County, NM.....	17,950	Montgomery County, VA.....	94,392
Los Angeles city, CA.....	3,792,621	Montpelier city, VT.....	7,855
Los Gatos town, CA.....	29,413	Montrose city, CO.....	19,132
Louisa County, IA.....	11,387	Monument town, CO.....	5,530
Louisville city, CO.....	18,376	Mooreville town, NC.....	32,711
Loveland city, CO.....	66,859	Morgan Hill city, CA.....	37,882
Lower Merion township, PA.....	57,825	Morgantown city, WV.....	29,660
Lower Providence township, PA.....	25,436	Morristown city, TN.....	29,137
Lubbock city, TX.....	229,573	Morrisville town, NC.....	18,576
Lufkin city, TX.....	35,067	Moscow city, ID.....	23,800
Lyme town, NH.....	1,716	Mount Pleasant city, TX.....	15,564
Lynchburg city, VA.....	75,568	Mountain View city, CA.....	74,066
Lynnwood city, WA.....	35,836	Mountain Village town, CO.....	1,320
Lynwood city, CA.....	69,772	Mountlake Terrace city, WA.....	19,909
Lyons village, IL.....	10,729	Multnomah County, OR.....	735,334
Macon city, GA.....	91,351	Munster town, IN.....	23,603
Madison city, WI.....	233,209	Muscataine city, IA.....	22,886
Manchester town, CT.....	58,241	Muskegon city, MI.....	38,401
Manheim borough, PA.....	4,858	Myrtle Beach city, SC.....	27,109
Mankato city, MN.....	39,309	Nacogdoches city, TX.....	32,996
Maple Grove city, MN.....	61,567	Naperville city, IL.....	141,853
Maple Valley city, WA.....	22,684	Needham CDP, MA.....	28,886
Maplewood city, MN.....	38,018	New Braunfels city, TX.....	57,740
Marana town, AZ.....	34,961	New Brighton city, MN.....	21,456
Maricopa County, AZ.....	3,817,117	New Hanover County, NC.....	202,667
Marin County, CA.....	252,409	New London city, CT.....	27,620
Marion County, IA.....	33,309	New Orleans city, LA.....	343,829
Marion County, IN.....	903,393	New Smyrna Beach city, FL.....	22,464
Marquette County, WI.....	15,404	New York city, NY.....	8,175,133
Maryland Heights city, MO.....	27,472	Newberg city, OR.....	22,068
Marysville city, WA.....	60,020	Newport Beach city, CA.....	85,186
Maryville city, MO.....	11,972	Newport city, RI.....	24,672
Mathews town, NC.....	27,198	Newport News city, VA.....	180,719
Maui County, HI.....	154,834	Newton city, IA.....	15,254
Mauldin city, SC.....	22,889	Noblesville city, IN.....	51,969
Mayer city, MN.....	1,749	Nogales city, AZ.....	20,837
McAllen city, TX.....	129,877	Norfolk city, VA.....	242,803
McDonough city, GA.....	22,084	Normal town, IL.....	52,497
McKinney city, TX.....	131,117	Norman city, OK.....	110,925
McMinnville city, OR.....	32,187	North Branch city, MN.....	10,125
Mecklenburg County, NC.....	919,628	North Las Vegas city, NV.....	216,961
Medford city, OR.....	74,907	North Palm Beach village, FL.....	12,015
Medford Lakes borough, NJ.....	4,146	North Port city, FL.....	57,357
Medina city, MN.....	4,892	Northampton County, VA.....	12,389
Melbourne city, FL.....	76,068	Northglenn city, CO.....	35,789
Menlo Park city, CA.....	32,026	Norton Shores city, MI.....	23,994
Mercer Island city, WA.....	22,699	Novato city, CA.....	51,904
Meridian charter township, MI.....	39,688	Novi city, MI.....	55,224
Meridian city, ID.....	75,092	O'Fallon city, IL.....	28,281
Merriam city, KS.....	11,003	O'Fallon city, MO.....	79,329
Merrill city, WI.....	9,661	Oak Park village, IL.....	51,878
Mesa city, AZ.....	439,041	Oak Ridge city, TN.....	29,330
Mesa County, CO.....	146,723	Oakland charter township, MI.....	16,779
Miami Beach city, FL.....	87,779	Oakland Park city, FL.....	41,363
Miami city, FL.....	399,457	Oakley city, CA.....	35,432

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Ocala city, FL.....	56,315	Polk County, IA.....	430,640
Ocean City town, MD.....	7,102	Polk County, MN.....	31,600
Ocean Shores city, WA.....	5,569	Pomona city, CA.....	149,058
Oceanside city, CA.....	167,086	Port Huron city, MI.....	30,184
Ocoee city, FL.....	35,579	Port Orange city, FL.....	56,048
Ogden city, UT.....	82,825	Port St. Lucie city, FL.....	164,603
Ogdensburg city, NY.....	11,128	Portland city, OR.....	583,776
Oklahoma City city, OK.....	579,999	Post Falls city, ID.....	27,574
Olathe city, KS.....	125,872	Poway city, CA.....	47,811
Old Town city, ME.....	7,840	Prescott Valley town, AZ.....	38,822
Oldsmar city, FL.....	13,591	Prince William County, VA.....	402,002
Olmsted County, MN.....	144,248	Prior Lake city, MN.....	22,796
Olympia city, WA.....	46,478	Provo city, UT.....	112,488
Orange County, FL.....	1,145,956	Pueblo city, CO.....	106,595
Orange village, OH.....	3,323	Purcellville town, VA.....	7,727
Orland Park village, IL.....	56,767	Queen Creek town, AZ.....	26,361
Orlando city, FL.....	238,300	Radford city, VA.....	16,408
Orleans Parish, LA.....	343,829	Radnor township, PA.....	31,531
Oshkosh city, WI.....	66,083	Ramsey city, MN.....	23,668
Otsego County, MI.....	24,164	Rancho Cordova city, CA.....	64,776
Ottawa County, MI.....	263,801	Rapid City city, SD.....	67,956
Overland Park city, KS.....	173,372	Raymore city, MO.....	19,206
Oviedo city, FL.....	33,342	Redding city, CA.....	89,861
Oxnard city, CA.....	197,899	Redmond city, WA.....	54,144
Ozaukee County, WI.....	86,395	Rehoboth Beach city, DE.....	1,327
Paducah city, KY.....	25,024	Reno city, NV.....	225,221
Palatine village, IL.....	68,557	Renton city, WA.....	90,927
Palm Bay city, FL.....	103,190	Reston CDP, VA.....	58,404
Palm Beach County, FL.....	1,320,134	Richfield city, MN.....	35,228
Palm Beach Gardens city, FL.....	48,452	Richland city, WA.....	48,058
Palm Beach town, FL.....	8,348	Richmond city, CA.....	103,701
Palm Coast city, FL.....	75,180	Richmond city, VA.....	204,214
Palm Springs city, CA.....	44,552	Richmond Heights city, MO.....	8,603
Palo Alto city, CA.....	64,403	Ridgecrest city, CA.....	27,616
Panama City city, FL.....	36,484	Rifle city, CO.....	9,172
Papillion city, NE.....	18,894	Rio Rancho city, NM.....	87,521
Park City city, UT.....	7,558	River Falls city, WI.....	15,000
Park Ridge city, IL.....	37,480	Riverdale city, UT.....	8,426
Parker town, CO.....	45,297	Riverside city, CA.....	303,871
Parkland city, FL.....	23,962	Riverside city, MO.....	2,937
Pasadena city, CA.....	137,122	Riverside village, IL.....	8,875
Pasadena city, TX.....	149,043	Roanoke city, VA.....	97,032
Pascagoula city, MS.....	22,392	Roanoke County, VA.....	92,376
Pasco city, WA.....	59,781	Rochester city, MI.....	12,711
Pasco County, FL.....	464,697	Rochester city, NY.....	210,565
Peachtree City city, GA.....	34,364	Rochester Hills city, MI.....	70,995
Pearland city, TX.....	91,252	Rock Hill city, SC.....	66,154
Peoria city, AZ.....	154,065	Rockford city, IL.....	152,871
Peoria city, IL.....	115,007	Rockville city, MD.....	61,209
Peoria County, IL.....	186,494	Rocky Mount city, NC.....	57,477
Peters township, PA.....	21,213	Roeland Park city, KS.....	6,731
Petoskey city, MI.....	5,670	Rogers city, MN.....	8,597
Pflugerville city, TX.....	46,936	Rolla city, MO.....	19,559
Phenix City city, AL.....	32,822	Roselle village, IL.....	22,763
Philadelphia city, PA.....	1,526,006	Roseville city, MN.....	33,660
Phoenix city, AZ.....	1,445,632	Roswell city, GA.....	88,346
Pickens County, SC.....	119,224	Round Rock city, TX.....	99,887
Pinal County, AZ.....	375,770	Rowlett city, TX.....	56,199
Pinehurst village, NC.....	13,124	Royal Oak city, MI.....	57,236
Pinellas County, FL.....	916,542	Rye city, NY.....	15,720
Pinellas Park city, FL.....	49,079	Saco city, ME.....	18,482
Piqua city, OH.....	20,522	Sacramento County, CA.....	1,418,788
Pitkin County, CO.....	17,148	Safford city, AZ.....	9,566
Plano city, TX.....	259,841	Sahuarita town, AZ.....	25,259
Platte City city, MO.....	4,691	Salem town, NH.....	28,776
Platte County, MO.....	89,322	Salida city, CO.....	5,236
Pleasanton city, CA.....	70,285	Salina city, KS.....	47,707
Plymouth city, MN.....	70,576	Salt Lake City city, UT.....	186,440
Pocatello city, ID.....	54,255	Sammamish city, WA.....	45,780
Polk County, FL.....	602,095	San Anselmo town, CA.....	12,336

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San Antonio city, TX.....	1,327,407	Spring Hill city, KS.....	5,437
San Bernardino County, CA.....	2,035,210	Springboro city, OH.....	17,409
San Carlos city, CA.....	28,406	Springfield city, MO.....	159,498
San Diego city, CA.....	1,307,402	Springfield city, OH.....	60,608
San Francisco city, CA.....	805,235	Springfield city, OR.....	59,403
San Jose city, CA.....	945,942	Springville city, UT.....	29,466
San Juan County, NM.....	130,044	St. Charles city, IL.....	32,974
San Luis Obispo County, CA.....	269,637	St. Clair Shores city, MI.....	59,715
San Marcos city, CA.....	83,781	St. Cloud city, FL.....	35,183
San Marcos city, TX.....	44,894	St. Cloud city, MN.....	65,842
San Mateo city, CA.....	97,207	St. Joseph city, MO.....	76,780
San Rafael city, CA.....	57,713	St. Louis County, MN.....	200,226
San Ramon city, CA.....	72,148	St. Louis Park city, MN.....	45,250
Sandusky city, OH.....	25,793	St. Paul city, MN.....	285,068
Sandy city, UT.....	87,461	St. Peters city, MO.....	52,575
Sandy Springs city, GA.....	93,853	St. Petersburg city, FL.....	244,769
Sanford city, FL.....	53,570	Stafford County, VA.....	128,961
Sangamon County, IL.....	197,465	Stallings town, NC.....	13,831
Santa Barbara County, CA.....	423,895	Starkville city, MS.....	23,888
Santa Clarita city, CA.....	176,320	State College borough, PA.....	42,034
Santa Fe County, NM.....	144,170	Staunton city, VA.....	23,746
Santa Monica city, CA.....	89,736	Steamboat Springs city, CO.....	12,088
Santa Rosa city, CA.....	167,815	Sterling city, CO.....	14,777
Sarasota city, FL.....	51,917	Sterling Heights city, MI.....	129,699
Sarasota County, FL.....	379,448	Stillwater city, OK.....	45,688
Sault Ste. Marie city, MI.....	14,144	Stockton city, CA.....	291,707
Savage city, MN.....	26,911	Streamwood village, IL.....	39,858
Savannah city, GA.....	136,286	Suamico village, WI.....	11,346
Scarborough CDP, ME.....	4,403	Sugar Grove village, IL.....	8,997
Schaumburg village, IL.....	74,227	Sugar Land city, TX.....	78,817
Scott County, MN.....	129,928	Summit city, NJ.....	21,457
Scottsdale city, AZ.....	217,385	Summit County, UT.....	36,324
Seaside city, CA.....	33,025	Sunnyvale city, CA.....	140,081
SeaTac city, WA.....	26,909	Superior city, WI.....	27,244
Seattle city, WA.....	608,660	Surprise city, AZ.....	117,517
Sedona city, AZ.....	10,031	Suwanee city, GA.....	15,355
Seminole city, FL.....	17,233	Tacoma city, WA.....	198,397
Sevierville city, TN.....	14,807	Takoma Park city, MD.....	16,715
Shaker Heights city, OH.....	28,448	Tallahassee city, FL.....	181,376
Sheboygan city, WI.....	49,288	Tamarac city, FL.....	60,427
Sheldahl city, IA.....	319	Taos town, NM.....	5,716
Shenandoah city, TX.....	2,134	Temecula city, CA.....	100,097
Sherman village, IL.....	4,148	Temple city, TX.....	66,102
Shoreview city, MN.....	25,043	Teton County, WY.....	21,294
Shorewood city, MN.....	7,307	The Colony city, TX.....	36,328
Shorewood village, IL.....	15,615	The Woodlands CDP, TX.....	93,847
Shorewood village, WI.....	13,162	Thornton city, CO.....	118,772
Shrewsbury town, MA.....	35,608	Thousand Oaks city, CA.....	126,683
Siloam Springs city, AR.....	15,039	Tillamook County, OR.....	25,250
Silverthorne town, CO.....	3,887	Titusville city, FL.....	43,761
Simi Valley city, CA.....	124,237	Tomball city, TX.....	10,753
Sioux Center city, IA.....	7,048	Torrance city, CA.....	145,438
Sioux Falls city, SD.....	153,888	Tracy city, CA.....	82,922
Skokie village, IL.....	64,784	Troy city, MI.....	80,980
Slater city, IA.....	1,489	Tualatin city, OR.....	26,054
Smyrna city, GA.....	51,271	Tucson city, AZ.....	520,116
Snellville city, GA.....	18,242	Tulsa city, OK.....	391,906
Snoqualmie city, WA.....	10,670	Tuskegee city, AL.....	9,865
Solana Beach city, CA.....	12,867	Twin Falls city, ID.....	44,125
South Daytona city, FL.....	12,252	Tyler city, TX.....	96,900
South Gate city, CA.....	94,396	Umatilla city, OR.....	6,906
South Haven city, MI.....	4,403	University Place city, WA.....	31,144
South Kingstown town, RI.....	30,639	Upper Arlington city, OH.....	33,771
South Lake Tahoe city, CA.....	21,403	Upper Merion township, PA.....	28,395
South Portland city, ME.....	25,002	Urbana city, IL.....	41,250
Southborough town, MA.....	9,767	Urbandale city, IA.....	39,463
Southlake city, TX.....	26,575	Vail town, CO.....	5,305
Sparks city, NV.....	90,264	Valdez city, AK.....	3,976
Spokane Valley city, WA.....	89,755	Vancouver city, WA.....	161,791
Spotsylvania County, VA.....	122,397	Ventura CCD, CA.....	111,889

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Vernon town, CT.....	29,179	Whitewater city, WI.....	14,390
Vestavia Hills city, AL.....	34,033	Whitewater township, MI.....	2,597
Victoria city, TX.....	62,592	Wichita city, KS.....	382,368
Virginia Beach city, VA.....	437,994	Williamsburg city, VA.....	14,068
Visalia city, CA.....	124,442	Willingboro township, NJ.....	31,629
Volusia County, FL.....	494,593	Wilmette village, IL.....	27,087
Wahpeton city, ND.....	7,766	Wilmington city, IL.....	5,724
Wake Forest town, NC.....	30,117	Wilmington city, NC.....	106,476
Walla Walla city, WA.....	31,731	Wilsonville city, OR.....	19,509
Walnut Creek city, CA.....	64,173	Winchester city, VA.....	26,203
Walton County, FL.....	55,043	Wind Point village, WI.....	1,723
Washington city, UT.....	18,761	Windsor town, CO.....	18,644
Washington County, MN.....	238,136	Windsor town, CT.....	29,044
Washoe County, NV.....	421,407	Winnebago County, WI.....	166,994
Watauga city, TX.....	23,497	Winnetka village, IL.....	12,187
Watertown city, NY.....	27,023	Winston-Salem city, NC.....	229,617
Waukee city, IA.....	13,790	Winter Garden city, FL.....	34,568
Wausau city, WI.....	39,106	Winter Park city, FL.....	27,852
Wauwatosa city, WI.....	46,396	Woodbury city, MN.....	61,961
Waverly city, IA.....	9,874	Woodinville city, WA.....	10,938
Weddington town, NC.....	9,459	Woodland city, CA.....	55,468
Wentzville city, MO.....	29,070	Woodland city, WA.....	5,509
West Carrollton city, OH.....	13,143	Woodridge village, IL.....	32,971
West Chester borough, PA.....	18,461	Worcester city, MA.....	181,045
West Des Moines city, IA.....	56,609	Wrentham town, MA.....	10,955
West Hartford CDP, CT.....	63,268	Wyandotte city, MI.....	25,883
West Richland city, WA.....	11,811	Yakima city, WA.....	91,067
West Valley City city, UT.....	129,480	Yellowstone County, MT.....	147,972
Westerville city, OH.....	36,120	York County, SC.....	226,073
Westlake town, TX.....	992	York County, VA.....	65,464
Westminster city, CO.....	106,114	Yorktown town, IN.....	9,405
Weston town, MA.....	11,261	Yuba City city, CA.....	64,925
Wethersfield CDP, CT.....	26,668	Yuma city, AZ.....	93,064
Wheat Ridge city, CO.....	30,166	Yuma County, AZ.....	195,751
White House city, TN.....	10,255		

University Communities with Populations 30,000 to 80,000 Benchmark Comparisons

Table 71: Community Characteristics General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
The overall quality of life in Corvallis	89%	11	41	Similar
Overall image or reputation of Corvallis	84%	8	31	Similar
Corvallis as a place to live	95%	6	32	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	81%	8	29	Similar
Corvallis as a place to raise children	86%	9	33	Similar
Corvallis as a place to retire	78%	7	31	Similar
Overall appearance of Corvallis	87%	8	31	Similar

Table 72: Community Characteristics by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	90%	9	23	Similar
	In your neighborhood during the day	97%	3	32	Similar
	In Corvallis' downtown area during the day	97%	4	27	Similar
Mobility	Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	79%	4	14	Similar
	Availability of paths and walking trails	88%	3	25	Much higher
	Ease of walking in Corvallis	91%	4	28	Higher
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Corvallis	84%	1	29	Much higher
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Corvallis	64%	7	16	Similar
	Ease of travel by car in Corvallis	65%	12	28	Similar
	Ease of public parking	34%	9	11	Similar
	Traffic flow on major streets	63%	4	29	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Natural Environment	Quality of overall natural environment in Corvallis	95%	2	26	Higher
	Cleanliness of Corvallis	86%	7	25	Higher
	Air quality	88%	3	24	Higher
Built Environment	Overall "built environment" of Corvallis (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	71%	3	14	Similar
	Overall quality of new development in Corvallis	45%	24	27	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality housing	20%	27	30	Lower
	Variety of housing options	42%	23	25	Similar
	Public places where people want to spend time	76%	3	13	Similar
	Overall economic health of Corvallis	72%	5	14	Similar
Economy	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	61%	5	13	Similar
	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Corvallis	63%	17	26	Similar
	Cost of living in Corvallis	25%	13	14	Lower
	Shopping opportunities	37%	25	26	Lower
	Employment opportunities	29%	21	27	Similar
	Corvallis as a place to visit	61%	10	14	Similar
	Corvallis as a place to work	66%	10	29	Similar
	Health and wellness opportunities in Corvallis	90%	3	15	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	47%	6	12	Similar
	Availability of preventive health services	70%	7	21	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality health care	68%	7	22	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Availability of affordable quality food	73%	5	19	Similar
	Recreational opportunities	83%	2	26	Higher
	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	87%	1	13	Higher
	Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	93%	3	14	Higher
	Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	87%	6	19	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	73%	10	28	Similar
	Adult educational opportunities	85%	2	13	Higher
	K-12 education	82%	10	26	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	47%	11	21	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	66%	11	26	Similar
Community Engagement	Neighborhoodliness of Corvallis	66%	2	13	Similar
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	68%	10	27	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	74%	6	26	Similar
	Opportunities to volunteer	83%	6	25	Similar

Table 73: Governance General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of Corvallis	80%	16	38	Similar
Overall customer service by Corvallis employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	74%	19	28	Similar
Value of services for the taxes paid to Corvallis	59%	15	33	Similar
Overall direction that Corvallis is taking	51%	18	28	Similar
Job Corvallis government does at welcoming citizen involvement	54%	13	28	Similar
Overall confidence in Corvallis government	58%	5	15	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	63%	4	14	Similar
Being honest	68%	4	14	Similar

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	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Treating all residents fairly	60%	4	14	Similar
Services provided by the Federal Government	47%	3	25	Similar

Table 74: Governance by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Police services	80%	13	37	Similar
	Fire services	93%	12	33	Similar
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	96%	7	30	Similar
	Crime prevention	79%	6	29	Similar
	Fire prevention and education	82%	14	27	Similar
	Animal control	76%	7	28	Similar
	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	46%	23	27	Similar
Mobility	Traffic enforcement	57%	23	34	Similar
	Street repair	37%	26	37	Similar
	Street cleaning	73%	8	31	Similar
	Street lighting	54%	21	31	Similar
	Snow removal	27%	29	29	Much lower
	Sidewalk maintenance	49%	19	32	Similar
	Traffic signal timing	56%	4	26	Similar
	Bus or transit services	73%	7	26	Similar
Natural Environment	Garbage collection	93%	6	37	Similar
	Recycling	88%	4	35	Higher
	Yard waste pick-up	90%	2	31	Higher
	Drinking water	84%	6	33	Higher
	Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	77%	3	24	Higher
Built Environment	Corvallis open space	73%	2	11	Higher
	Storm drainage	70%	9	28	Similar
Economy	Sewer services	88%	3	29	Similar
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	83%	5	20	Similar
	Utility billing	75%	3	15	Similar
	Land use, planning and zoning	42%	21	27	Similar
	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	45%	17	32	Similar
	Cable television	40%	17	21	Similar
	Economic development	47%	21	27	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	City parks	89%	8	29	Similar
	Recreation programs or classes	84%	8	28	Similar
	Recreation centers or facilities	85%	3	28	Similar
	Health services	74%	11	21	Similar
Education and Enrichment	City-sponsored special events	68%	9	16	Similar
	Public library services	92%	4	31	Similar
Community Engagement	Public information services	74%	12	25	Similar

Table 75: Participation General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	68%	11	29	Similar
Recommend living in Corvallis to someone who asks	85%	14	27	Similar
Remain in Corvallis for the next five years	74%	20	27	Similar

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	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Contacted Corvallis (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	30%	27	28	Lower

Table 76: Participation by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	34%	9	13	Similar
	Did NOT report a crime to the police	83%	5	13	Similar
	Household member was NOT a victim of a crime	86%	17	25	Similar
Mobility	Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	50%	4	12	Higher
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	60%	2	13	Higher
	Walked or biked instead of driving	80%	4	13	Much higher
Natural Environment	Made efforts to conserve water	75%	11	13	Similar
	Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	68%	12	13	Similar
	Recycle at home	98%	1	24	Higher
Built Environment	Did NOT observe a code violation or other hazard in Corvallis	59%	7	13	Similar
	NOT experiencing housing costs stress	57%	20	26	Similar
Economy	Purchase goods or services from a business located in Corvallis	98%	2	13	Similar
	Economy will have positive impact on income	28%	7	24	Similar
	Work inside boundaries of Corvallis	58%	7	13	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Used Corvallis recreation centers or their services	63%	4	23	Similar
	Visited a neighborhood park or City park	94%	1	24	Similar
	Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	86%	3	13	Similar
	Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	91%	1	13	Similar
	In very good to excellent health	68%	6	13	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Used Corvallis public libraries or their services	73%	8	22	Similar
	Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Corvallis	37%	19	21	Lower
	Attended City-sponsored event	58%	3	13	Similar
Community Engagement	Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	21%	4	12	Similar
	Contacted Corvallis elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	12%	11	13	Similar
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Corvallis	51%	10	24	Similar
	Participated in a club	36%	10	23	Similar
	Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	84%	11	13	Similar
	Done a favor for a neighbor	72%	12	13	Similar
	Attended a local public meeting	16%	18	24	Similar
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	11%	24	24	Much lower
	Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	74%	11	13	Similar
	Vote in local elections	88%	2	25	Higher

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Communities included in University Communities with Populations 30,000 to 80,000 comparisons
The communities included in Corvallis' university communities with populations from 30,000 to 80,000 comparisons are listed below along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

Albany city, GA	77,434	Harrisonburg city, VA	48,914
Ames city, IA	58,965	Iowa City city, IA	67,862
Annapolis city, MD	38,394	Johnson City city, TN.....	63,152
Auburn city, AL	53,380	Kalamazoo city, MI	74,262
Bedford city, TX	46,979	La Mesa city, CA	57,065
Bellingham city, WA	80,885	Lynchburg city, VA	75,568
Bloomington city, IL	76,610	Lynnwood city, WA	35,836
Bowling Green city, KY	58,067	Mankato city, MN	39,309
Brookline CDP, MA	58,732	Missoula city, MT	66,788
Bryan city, TX	76,201	Oak Park village, IL	51,878
Casper city, WY	55,316	Pocatello city, ID.....	54,255
Castle Rock town, CO	48,231	Rochester Hills city, MI	70,995
Cedar Falls city, IA	39,260	Rock Hill city, SC.....	66,154
Charlottesville city, VA.....	43,475	Rockville city, MD.....	61,209
College Park city, MD	30,413	Royal Oak city, MI	57,236
Corvallis city, OR.....	54,462	San Marcos city, TX.....	44,894
Dothan city, AL	65,496	San Rafael city, CA.....	57,713
Dover city, DE.....	36,047	Sarasota city, FL	51,917
East Lansing city, MI	48,579	Skokie village, IL.....	64,784
Eau Claire city, WI	65,883	State College borough, PA	42,034
Elmhurst city, IL.....	44,121	Temple city, TX.....	66,102
Farmington Hills city, MI.....	79,740	Twin Falls city, ID	44,125
Flagstaff city, AZ.....	65,870	Urbandale city, IA	39,463
Franklin city, TN.....	62,487	Wake Forest town, NC.....	30,117
Galveston city, TX	47,743	Walnut Creek city, CA.....	64,173
Greenville city, SC	58,409	Westerville city, OH.....	36,120

Appendix C: Detailed Survey Methods

The National Citizen Survey (The NCS™), conducted by National Research Center, Inc., was developed to provide communities an accurate, affordable and easy way to assess and interpret resident opinion about important local topics. Standardization of common questions and survey methods provide the rigor to assure valid results, and each community has enough flexibility to construct a customized version of The NCS.

Results offer insight into residents' perspectives about the community as a whole, including local amenities, services, public trust, resident participation and other aspects of the community in order to support budgeting, land use and strategic planning and communication with residents. Resident demographic characteristics permit comparison to the Census as well as comparison of results for different subgroups of residents. The City of Corvallis funded this research. Please contact Carla Holzworth of Corvallis at Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov if you have any questions about the survey.

Survey Validity

The question of survey validity has two parts: 1) how can a community be confident that the results from those who completed the questionnaire are representative of the results that would have been obtained had the survey been administered to the entire population? and 2) how closely do the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do?

To answer the first question, the best survey research practices were used for the resources spent to ensure that the results from the survey respondents reflect the opinions of residents in the entire community. These practices include:

- Using a mail-out/mail-back methodology, which typically gets a higher response rate than phone for the same dollars spent. A higher response rate lessens the worry that those who did not respond are different than those who did respond.
- Selecting households at random within the community to receive the survey to ensure that the households selected to receive the survey are representative of the larger community.
- Over-sampling multi-family housing units to improve response from hard-to-reach, lower income or younger apartment dwellers.
- Selecting the respondent within the household using an unbiased sampling procedure; in this case, the "birthday method." The cover letter included an instruction requesting that the respondent in the household be the adult (18 years old or older) who most recently had a birthday, irrespective of year of birth.
- Contacting potential respondents three times to encourage response from people who may have different opinions or habits than those who would respond with only a single prompt.
- Inviting response in a compelling manner (using appropriate letterhead/logos and a signature of a visible leader) to appeal to recipients' sense of civic responsibility.
- Providing a pre-addressed, postage-paid return envelope.
- Offering the survey in Spanish or other language when requested by a given community.
- Weighting the results to reflect the demographics of the population.

The answer to the second question about how closely the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do is more complex. Resident responses to surveys are influenced by a variety of factors. For questions about service quality, residents' expectations for service quality play a role as well as the "objective" quality of the service provided, the way the resident perceives the entire community (that is, the context in which the service is provided), the scale on which the resident is asked to record his or her opinion and, of course, the opinion, itself, that a resident holds about the service. Similarly a resident's report of certain behaviors is colored by what he or she believes is the socially desirable response (e.g., reporting tolerant behaviors toward "oppressed groups," likelihood of voting for a tax increase for services to poor people, use of alternative modes of travel to work besides the single occupancy vehicle), his or her memory of the actual behavior (if it is not a question speculating about future actions, like a vote), his or her confidence that he or she can be honest without suffering any negative consequences (thus the need for anonymity) as well as the actual behavior itself.

How closely survey results come to recording the way a person really feels or behaves often is measured by the coincidence of reported behavior with observed current behavior (e.g., driving habits), reported intentions to behave with observed future behavior (e.g., voting choices) or reported opinions about current community quality

with objective characteristics of the community (e.g., feelings of safety correlated with rates of crime). There is a body of scientific literature that has investigated the relationship between reported behaviors and actual behaviors. Well-conducted surveys, by and large, do capture true respondent behaviors or intentions to act with great accuracy. Predictions of voting outcomes tend to be quite accurate using survey research, as do reported behaviors that are not about highly sensitive issues (e.g., family abuse or other illegal or morally sanctioned activities). For self-reports about highly sensitive issues, statistical adjustments can be made to correct for the respondents' tendency to report what they think the "correct" response should be.

Research on the correlation of resident opinion about service quality and "objective" ratings of service quality vary, with some showing stronger relationships than others. NRC's own research has demonstrated that residents who report the lowest ratings of street repair live in communities with objectively worse street conditions than those who report high ratings of street repair (based on road quality, delay in street repair, number of road repair employees). Similarly, the lowest rated fire services appear to be "objectively" worse than the highest rated fire services (expenditures per capita, response time, "professional" status of firefighters, breadth of services and training provided). Resident opinion commonly reflects objective performance data but is an important measure on its own. NRC principals have written, "If you collect trash three times a day but residents think that your trash haul is lousy, you still have a problem."

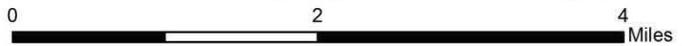
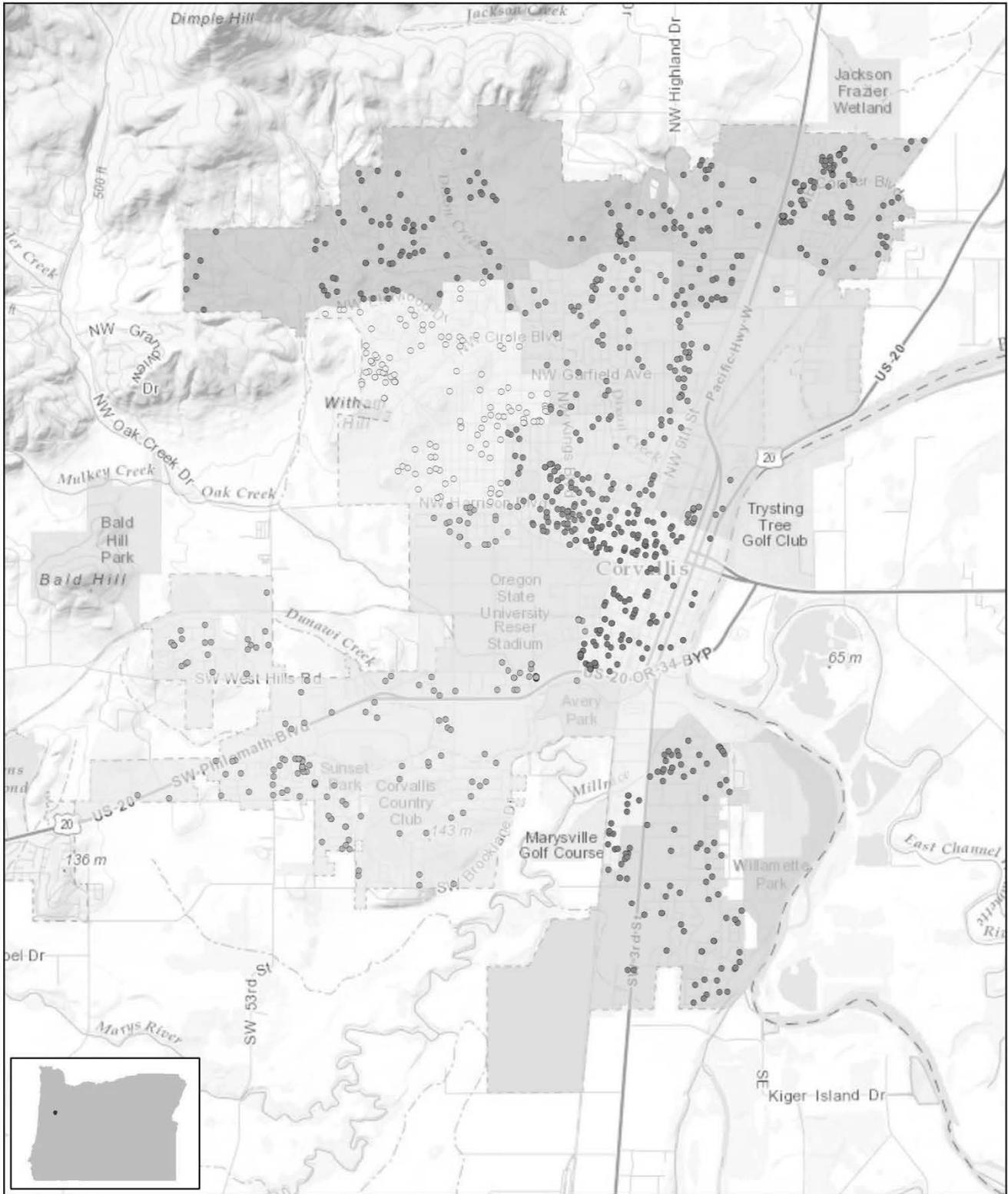
Survey Sampling

"Sampling" refers to the method by which households were chosen to receive the survey. All households within the City of Corvallis were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Corvallis was purchased based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Corvallis households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file (updated on a quarterly basis) and addresses located outside of the City of Corvallis boundaries were removed from consideration. Each address identified as being within City boundaries was further identified as being within one of the nine wards.

To choose the 1,200 survey recipients, a systematic sampling method was applied to the list of households previously screened for geographic location. Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible households is culled, selecting every *N*th one, giving each eligible household a known probability of selection, until the appropriate number of households is selected. Multi-family housing units were over sampled as residents of this type of housing typically respond at lower rates to surveys than do those in single-family housing units. Figure 1 displays a map of the households selected to receive the survey. In general, because of the random sampling techniques used, the displayed sampling density will closely mirror the overall housing unit density (which may be different from the population density). While the theory of probability assumes no bias in selection, there may be some minor variations in practice (meaning, an area with only 15% of the housing units might be sampled at an actual rate that is slightly above or below that).

An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person whose birthday has most recently passed" to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the cover letter accompanying the questionnaire.

Figure 1: Location of Survey Recipients



Survey Recipients in Corvallis, OR

- In Ward 1 ● In Ward 4 ○ In Ward 7 ■ Ward 1 ■ Ward 4 ■ Ward 7
- In Ward 2 ● In Ward 5 ○ In Ward 8 ■ Ward 2 ■ Ward 5 ■ Ward 8
- In Ward 3 ● In Ward 6 ○ In Ward 9 ■ Ward 3 ■ Ward 6 ■ Ward 9

Survey Administration and Response

Selected households received three mailings, one week apart, beginning on January 5, 2015. The first mailing was a prenotification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. The next mailing contained a letter from the Mayor inviting the household to participate, a questionnaire and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey and a postage-paid return envelope. The second cover letter asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from turning in another survey. Residents could opt to take the survey online as well in their language of preference. Completed surveys were collected over the following six weeks.

About 5% of the 1,200 surveys mailed were returned because the housing unit was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 1,138 households that received the survey, 310 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 27%; average response rates for a mailed resident survey range from 25% to 40%. Of the 310 completed surveys, 18 were completed online. Additionally, responses were tracked by area; response rates by ward ranged from 16% to 38%.

Table 77: Survey Response Rates by Ward

	Number mailed	Undeliverable	Eligible	Returned	Response rate
Ward 1	135	9	126	40	32%
Ward 2	191	13	178	34	19%
Ward 3	114	7	107	24	22%
Ward 4	74	2	72	19	26%
Ward 5	160	10	150	24	16%
Ward 6	117	6	111	39	35%
Ward 7	135	4	131	48	37%
Ward 8	104	3	101	38	38%
Ward 9	170	8	162	44	27%
Overall	1,200	62	1,138	310	27%

Confidence Intervals

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents’ opinions are relied on to estimate all residents’ opinions.¹

The margin of error for the City of Corvallis survey is no greater than plus or minus six percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample (310 completed surveys).

For subgroups of responses, the margin of error increases because the sample size for the subgroup is smaller. For subgroups of approximately 100 respondents, the margin of error is plus or minus 10 percentage points.

Survey Processing (Data Entry)

Upon receipt, completed surveys were assigned a unique identification number. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and “cleaned” as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick two items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked three; in this case, NRC would use protocols to randomly choose two of the three selected items for inclusion in the dataset.

All surveys then were entered twice into an electronic dataset; any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

¹ A 95% confidence interval indicates that for every 100 random samples of this many residents, 95 of the confidence intervals created will include the “true” population response. This theory is applied in practice to mean that the “true” perspective of the target population lies within the confidence interval created for a single survey. For example, if 75% of residents rate a service as “excellent” or “good,” then the 4% margin of error (for the 95% confidence interval) indicates that the range of likely responses for the entire community is between 71% and 79%. This source of uncertainty is called sampling error. In addition to sampling error, other sources of error may affect any survey, including the non-response of residents with opinions different from survey responders. Though standardized on The NCS, on other surveys, differences in question wording, order, translation and data entry, as examples, can lead to somewhat varying results.

Survey Data Weighting

The demographic characteristics of the survey sample were compared to those found in the 2010 Census and American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Corvallis. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were housing unit type, housing tenure, race and sex and age. The results of the weighting scheme are presented in the following table.

Table 78: Corvallis, OR 2015 Weighting Table

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Rent home	58%	36%	56%
Own home	42%	64%	44%
Detached unit	53%	70%	54%
Attached unit	47%	30%	46%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	85%	83%	85%
Not white	15%	17%	15%
Not Hispanic	94%	96%	96%
Hispanic	6%	4%	4%
Sex and Age			
Female	50%	58%	49%
Male	50%	42%	51%
18-34 years of age	50%	23%	48%
35-54 years of age	25%	25%	24%
55+ years of age	26%	53%	28%
Females 18-34	23%	14%	25%
Females 35-54	13%	13%	10%
Females 55+	14%	31%	13%
Males 18-34	27%	9%	23%
Males 35-54	12%	12%	14%
Males 55+	11%	21%	14%
Ward			
Ward 1	11%	15%	13%
Ward 2	14%	9%	11%
Ward 3	10%	8%	8%
Ward 4	6%	5%	6%
Ward 5	13%	6%	8%
Ward 6	11%	10%	12%
Ward 7	12%	17%	16%
Ward 8	10%	14%	12%
Ward 9	13%	16%	14%

Survey Data Analysis and Reporting

The survey dataset was analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). For the most part, the percentages presented in the reports represent the “percent positive.” The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., “excellent” and “good,” “very safe” and “somewhat safe,” “essential” and “very important,” etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating “yes” or participating in an activity at least once a month.

On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in Appendix A. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the reports. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Appendix D: Survey Materials

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January 2015

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A few things to remember:

- **Your responses are completely anonymous.**
- In order to hear from a diverse group of residents, the adult 18 years or older in your household who most recently had a birthday should complete this survey.
- **You may return the survey by mail in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, or you can complete the survey online at:**

www.n-r-c.com/survey/corvallis.htm

If you have any questions about the survey please call 541-766-6901.

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Please complete this questionnaire if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday. The adult's year of birth does not matter. Please select the response (by circling the number or checking the box) that most closely represents your opinion for each question. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Corvallis:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Corvallis as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live.....	1	2	3	4	5
Corvallis as a place to raise children	1	2	3	4	5
Corvallis as a place to work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Corvallis as a place to visit	1	2	3	4	5
Corvallis as a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of overall natural environment in Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
Overall "built environment" of Corvallis (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	1	2	3	4	5
Health and wellness opportunities in Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall economic health of Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:

	<i>Very likely</i>	<i>Somewhat likely</i>	<i>Somewhat unlikely</i>	<i>Very unlikely</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Recommend living in Corvallis to someone who asks	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Corvallis for the next five years	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<i>Very safe</i>	<i>Somewhat safe</i>	<i>Neither safe nor unsafe</i>	<i>Somewhat unsafe</i>	<i>Very unsafe</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Corvallis' downtown area during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
In your neighborhood after dark	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Corvallis' downtown area after dark	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Traffic flow on major streets	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Corvallis as a whole:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5

7. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Made efforts to conserve water	1	2
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	1	2
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Corvallis (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.).....	1	2
Household member was a victim of a crime in Corvallis.....	1	2
Reported a crime to the police in Corvallis	1	2
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	1	2
Contacted the City of Corvallis (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	1	2
Contacted Corvallis elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion.....	1	2

8. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Corvallis?

	<i>2 times a week or more</i>	<i>2-4 times a month</i>	<i>Once a month or less</i>	<i>Not at all</i>
Used Corvallis recreation centers or their services	1	2	3	4
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	1	2	3	4
Used Corvallis public libraries or their services	1	2	3	4
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Corvallis	1	2	3	4
Attended a City-sponsored event.....	1	2	3	4
Used bus or other public transportation instead of driving.....	1	2	3	4
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone.....	1	2	3	4
Walked or biked instead of driving	1	2	3	4
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Corvallis	1	2	3	4
Participated in a club	1	2	3	4
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	1	2	3	4
Done a favor for a neighbor.....	1	2	3	4

9. Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?

	<i>2 times a week or more</i>	<i>2-4 times a month</i>	<i>Once a month or less</i>	<i>Not at all</i>
<u>Attended</u> a local public meeting	1	2	3	4
<u>Watched</u> (online or on television) a local public meeting.....	1	2	3	4

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10. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Corvallis:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Police services	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up	1	2	3	4	5
Storm drainage	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services	1	2	3	4	5
Power (electric and/or gas) utility.....	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing.....	1	2	3	4	5
City parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development	1	2	3	4	5
Health services	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services	1	2	3	4	5
Public information services	1	2	3	4	5
Cable television.....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations).....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Corvallis open space	1	2	3	4	5
City-sponsored special events	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Corvallis employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
9-1-1 dispatch	1	2	3	4	5
Municipal court	1	2	3	4	5
Osborn Aquatic Center	1	2	3	4	5
Chintimini Senior Center	1	2	3	4	5
Majestic Theatre.....	1	2	3	4	5

11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
The City of Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please rate the following categories of Corvallis government performance:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Corvallis is taking.....	1	2	3	4	5
The job Corvallis government does at welcoming citizen involvement	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Corvallis government	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly	1	2	3	4	5

13. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Corvallis community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:

	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Somewhat important</i>	<i>Not at all important</i>
Overall feeling of safety in Corvallis	1	2	3	4
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit.....	1	2	3	4
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Overall economic health of Corvallis.....	1	2	3	4
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4

14. Have you had any in-person or phone contact with a City of Corvallis Police Department employee within the last 12 months?

No → Go to Question 16 Yes → Go to Question 15

15. Please rate the quality of each of the following during your most recent contact with the Corvallis Police Department:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Overall competence of Corvallis Police Department employees	1	2	3	4	5
Overall attitude/behavior of Corvallis Police Department officer.....	1	2	3	4	5

16. What do you think is the single most important thing the City of Corvallis could do to improve police services to its residents?

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Our last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

D1. How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Always</i>
Recycle at home	1	2	3	4	5
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Corvallis	1	2	3	4	5
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	1	2	3	4	5
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	1	2	3	4	5
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Vote in local elections.....	1	2	3	4	5

D2. Would you say that in general your health is:

- Excellent
 Very good
 Good
 Fair
 Poor

D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:

- Very positive
 Somewhat positive
 Neutral
 Somewhat negative
 Very negative

D4. What is your employment status?

- Working full time for pay
 Working part time for pay
 Unemployed, looking for paid work
 Unemployed, not looking for paid work
 Fully retired

D5. Do you work inside the boundaries of Corvallis?

- Yes, outside the home
 Yes, from home
 No

D6. How many years have you lived in Corvallis?

- Less than 2 years 11-20 years
 2-5 years More than 20 years
 6-10 years

D7. Which best describes the building you live in?

- One family house detached from any other houses
 Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)
 Mobile home
 Other

D8. Is this house, apartment or mobile home...

- Rented
 Owned

D9. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- Less than \$300 per month
 \$300 to \$599 per month
 \$600 to \$999 per month
 \$1,000 to \$1,499 per month
 \$1,500 to \$2,499 per month
 \$2,500 or more per month

D10. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- No Yes

D11. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- No Yes

D12. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- Less than \$25,000
 \$25,000 to \$49,999
 \$50,000 to \$99,999
 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$150,000 or more

Please respond to both questions D13 and D14:

D13. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino
 Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino

D14. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander
 Black or African American
 White
 Other

D15. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years 55-64 years
 25-34 years 65-74 years
 35-44 years 75 years or older
 45-54 years

D16. What is your sex?

- Female Male

D17. Do you consider a cell phone or land line your primary telephone number?

- Cell Land line Both

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to: National Research Center, Inc., PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502

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