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Selected Survey Results by Race

Introduction

This appendix provides the results of select survey responses by respondent race and by respondent ethnicity. Race and ethnicity were asked separately on the survey so that comparisons could be made the US Census. Below are the percent of respondents who reported each race and the percent who reported being Hispanic or Latino/Latina.

Which best describes your race? (Please check all that apply)	Percent of respondents
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	12%
Black or African American	23%
White	48%
Other	18%

Total may add to more than 100% as respondents could select more than one race.

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	Percent of respondents
Yes	23%
No	77%
Total	100%



Results by Respondent's Race

Table 1: Index Scores by Respondent's Race

		Responder	nt's Race	
	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other
Customer Service Index	89	89	90	87
Health Services Clients Index	83	82	86	81
Social Support Services Index	60	50	73	55
Human Services Clients Index	92	92	95	90
Public Education Index	77	70	86	72
Public School Users Index	89	83	90	82
Cleaning and Maintenance Index	86	80	86	78
Streets and Sidewalks Index	81	77	84	74
Community Amenities Index	89	81	85	79
Mass Transit Index	88	84	88	83
Citywide Public Safety Index	89	79	88	80
Neighborhood Public Safety Index	93	84	91	83

Average percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair" for each item in the index.

Table 2: Quality of Life by Respondent's Race

		Respondent's Race				
Quality of Life	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
How would you rate the quality of life in NYC overall?	93%	84%	93%	81%		
How would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live?	94%	84%	90%	80%		

Table 3: Perceptions of Safety by Respondent's Race

Please rate how safe you feel in each of	Respondent's Race					
the following locations or situations:	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
Feelings of safety walking alone on a street in your neighborhood at night	78%	62%	71%	58%		
Feelings of safety in a park or playground during the day	92%	81%	87%	80%		
Feelings of safety riding a subway during the day	88%	85%	91%	83%		
Feelings of safety riding a subway at night	50%	41%	48%	37%		

Percent of respondents reporting "very" or "somewhat" safe

Table 4: Ratings of Neighborhood Services by Respondent's Race

Please rate each of the following in	Respondent's Race					
your neighborhood.	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
Cleanliness of your neighborhood	85%	78%	83%	74%		
Control of street noise in your neighborhood	70%	66%	71%	59%		
Household garbage pick-up in your neighborhood	94%	91%	93%	88%		
Recycling services in your neighborhood	91%	88%	93%	85%		
Rat control in your neighborhood	82%	64%	78%	61%		
Graffiti control in your neighborhood	83%	79%	85%	74%		
Pedestrian safety (crossing intersections) in your neighborhood	86%	86%	90%	82%		
Maintenance of streets and roads in your neighborhood	77%	71%	83%	71%		
Maintenance of sidewalks in your neighborhood	82%	76%	86%	75%		
Removal of snow from city streets in your neighborhood	88%	77%	88%	77%		
Parking enforcement in your neighborhood	88%	85%	88%	82%		
Condition of street trees in your neighborhood	88%	84%	88%	84%		
Storm water drainage and sewer maintenance in your neighborhood	81%	76%	83%	76%		
Availability of health care services in your neighborhood	89%	85%	89%	81%		
Availability of cultural activities in your neighborhood	82%	67%	74%	64%		
Neighborhood parks	91%	86%	87%	82%		
Neighborhood playgrounds	91%	84%	86%	81%		



Table 5: Ratings of City Services in the Neighborhood by Respondent's Race

Please rate each of the following in	Respondent's Race					
your neighborhood	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
Fire protection services in your neighborhood	99%	97%	98%	96%		
Emergency medical services in your neighborhood	98%	95%	96%	93%		
Police-Community relations in your neighborhood	87%	72%	86%	71%		
Crime control in your neighborhood	90%	75%	87%	74%		
Bus services in your neighborhood	88%	84%	88%	83%		
Subway services in your neighborhood	86%	84%	88%	82%		
Public libraries in your neighborhood	93%	87%	92%	88%		

Table 6: Ratings of City Services in the City Overall by Respondent's Race

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Please rate each of the following in		nesponde	ill 5 nace		
the City overall	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other	
Fire protection services in the City overall	98%	95%	98%	96%	
Emergency medical services in the City overall	97%	93%	95%	92%	
Police-Community relations in the City overall	86%	67%	84%	72%	
Crime control in the City overall	89%	74%	85%	77%	
Bus services in the City overall	90%	85%	89%	83%	
Subway services in the City overall	88%	83%	87%	80%	
Public libraries in the City overall	97%	93%	96%	94%	

Table 7: Ratings of City Services by Respondent's Race

		Responder		
Please rate each of the following in New York City	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other
NYC.gov, the City website	97%	96%	96%	96%
3-1-1, New York City's information telephone number	93%	95%	94%	92%
Public education (kindergarten – 12th grade)	79%	75%	88%	75%
Public after-school programs	74%	63%	84%	69%
Air quality in the City overall	72%	63%	73%	60%
Restaurant cleanliness in the City overall	90%	81%	83%	79%
Overall ease of travel within the city	86%	85%	90%	83%
Public housing in the City overall	58%	51%	69%	53%
Public assistance (such as Medicaid, food stamps, etc.)	76%	65%	87%	69%
Services addressing homelessness	59%	41%	65%	49%
Availability of youth employment programs	60%	42%	74%	53%
Services protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect	56%	49%	78%	56%

Table 8: Public Trust by Respondent's Race

Please rate how well you think New York		Respondent's Race				
City government does the following:	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
Promotes the economic growth of New York City	87%	76%	85%	72%		
Prepares the city for an emergency	83%	75%	87%	72%		
Spends tax dollars wisely	66%	51%	66%	51%		

Percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair"

Table 9: Overall Quality of City Services by Respondent's Race

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		Responde	nt's Race			
Overall Quality of Services	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
Rate the overall quality of New York City government services	90%	81%	89%	79%		



Table 10: Frequency of Use of City Resources by Respondent's Race

In the last 12 months, about how many times,		Respondent's Race				
if ever, have you or any member of your household done any of the following?	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
Used the public libraries	69%	77%	77%	76%		
Visited a website called NYC.gov	64%	73%	69%	73%		
Used one of the City's public parks or recreation facilities	81%	76%	79%	84%		
Used City services for the mobility impaired	7%	11%	10%	13%		
Used a City child daycare program	3%	13%	6%	12%		
Used a City youth program	5%	19%	12%	17%		

Percent of respondents reporting they or a member of their household participated at least once in the last 12 months.

Table 11: Use of City Services by Respondent's Race

Done by you or any household	Respondent's Race			
member?	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other
Called 3-1-1	68%	73%	53%	73%
Called 9-1-1	28%	38%	24%	41%
Attended a New York City Public School (K - 12)	17%	41%	35%	43%
Attended a New York City Public School after-school program	7%	21%	14%	23%
Received consumer assistance	9%	15%	10%	13%
Visited a public community center	13%	27%	19%	24%
Participated in an employment training program	3%	14%	7%	12%
Used public hospital services	29%	54%	33%	55%
Used public health clinic services	13%	38%	24%	38%
Used public mental health services	4%	8%	4%	10%
Used public substance abuse services	1%	3%	1%	3%
Used a public senior center	7%	11%	10%	7%
Used other public senior services (e.g., respite care, transportation, etc.)	7%	11%	8%	9%
Received Medicaid	12%	31%	28%	36%
Paid a fine or ticket to the City	44%	48%	48%	48%
Contacted the City with a tax question	11%	20%	13%	18%

Note: Percent of respondents reporting they or a member of their household used a service at least once in the last 12 months.

Table 12: User Ratings of City Services by Respondent's Race

Table 12. Use	Respondent's Race				
Rate the services received	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other	
3-1-1 services	90%	94%	92%	90%	
9-1-1 services	89%	87%	90%	85%	
New York City Public Schools	91%	85%	93%	85%	
Student safety at public schools	87%	79%	89%	75%	
Public School after-school programs	90%	87%	89%	86%	
Consumer assistance	68%	78%	63%	66%	
Public community center	94%	92%	95%	90%	
Employment training program	80%	85%	86%	79%	
Public hospital services	81%	79%	85%	79%	
Public health clinic services	83%	84%	88%	85%	
Public mental health services	77%	83%	72%	80%	
Public substance abuse services	76%	84%	80%	73%	
Public senior center	95%	91%	91%	86%	
Other public senior services	91%	91%	87%	83%	
Medicaid services	89%	91%	95%	89%	
Paying a fine or ticket to the City	70%	71%	68%	67%	
Contacting the City with a tax question	72%	81%	73%	82%	

Percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair"

Note: Responses are only from those who reported they or a member of their household used this service at least once in the last 12 months.

Table 13: Contact with the City by Respondent's Race

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		nt's Race			
Contact with City Office or Agency	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other	
Phone or in-person contact w City office/agency last 12 mos?	36%	44%	31%	40%	

Percent of respondents who reported they had contacted a City office or agency in the last 12 months.



Table 14: Ratings of Customer Service by Respondent's Race

How would you rate the response of the	Respondent's Race				
office or agency with which you most recently had contact?	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other	
Timeliness of response	77%	76%	76%	72%	
Employee's courtesy	88%	85%	83%	81%	
Employee's willingness to help or understand	81%	79%	77%	77%	
Overall customer service	80%	83%	79%	77%	
Overall satisfaction with response	70%	73%	72%	67%	

Note: Responses are only from those who reported they or a member of their household had been in contact with a City office or agency in the last 12 months.

Table 15: Most Important Issues Facing the City by Respondent's Race

Most Important Issues Facing		Respondent's Race				
New York City	White	Black or African American	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other		
Housing Issues	25%	40%	19%	31%		
Cost of living	14%	16%	18%	17%		
Crime	19%	25%	17%	22%		
Education	22%	24%	18%	23%		
Mass Transit Issues	25%	16%	24%	20%		

Responses may total more than 100% as respondents could write in more than one issue.

Table 16: Emergency Preparedness by Respondent's Race

	Respondent's Race			
Emergency Preparedness	White Black or African Asian or Pacific Islander			
How prepared your household would be if there were an emergency?	63%	56%	50%	52%

Percent of respondents who reported "very" or "somewhat" prepared

Results by Respondent's Ethnicity

Table 17: Index Scores by Respondent's Ethnicity

	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?		
	Yes	No	
Customer Service Index	89	88	
Health Services Clients Index	84	82	
Social Support Services Index	59	58	
Human Services Clients Index	91	92	
Public Education Index	76	75	
Public School Users Index	84	86	
Cleaning and Maintenance Index	79	84	
Streets and Sidewalks Index	76	80	
Community Amenities Index	80	86	
Mass Transit Index	84	87	
Citywide Public Safety Index	83	86	
Neighborhood Public Safety Index	84	90	

Average percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair" for each item in the index.

Table 18: Quality of Life by Respondent's Ethnicity

Quality of Life	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?		
Quality of Life	Yes	No	
How would you rate the quality of life in NYC overall?	84%	90%	
How would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live?	80%	91%	

Percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair"

Table 19: Perceptions of Safety by Respondent's Ethnicity

Please rate how safe you feel in each of the following locations or situations:	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?		
of situations.	Yes	No	
Feelings of safety walking alone on a street in your neighborhood at night	57%	73%	
Feelings of safety in a park or playground during the day	81%	88%	
Feelings of safety riding a subway during the day	83%	88%	
Feelings of safety riding a subway at night	37%	48%	

Percent of respondents reporting "very" or "somewhat" safe



Table 20: Ratings of Neighborhood Services by Respondent's Ethnicity

Please rate each of the following in your neighborhood.	_	lispanic or Latina?
	Yes	No
Cleanliness of your neighborhood	75%	82%
Control of street noise in your neighborhood	60%	69%
Household garbage pick-up in your neighborhood	89%	93%
Recycling services in your neighborhood	86%	90%
Rat control in your neighborhood	62%	76%
Graffiti control in your neighborhood	73%	82%
Pedestrian safety (crossing intersections) in your neighborhood	83%	86%
Maintenance of streets and roads in your neighborhood	74%	75%
Maintenance of sidewalks in your neighborhood	77%	80%
Removal of snow from city streets in your neighborhood	78%	85%
Parking enforcement in your neighborhood	84%	86%
Condition of street trees in your neighborhood	86%	87%
Storm water drainage and sewer maintenance in your neighborhood	79%	79%
Availability of health care services in your neighborhood	84%	88%
Availability of cultural activities in your neighborhood	65%	77%
Neighborhood parks	84%	89%
Neighborhood playgrounds	82%	88%

Table 21: Ratings of City Services in the Neighborhood by Respondent's Ethnicity

Please rate each of the following in your neighborhood	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?		
riease rate each of the following in your neighborhood	Yes	No	
Fire protection services in your neighborhood	96%	98%	
Emergency medical services in your neighborhood	93%	96%	
Police-Community relations in your neighborhood	72%	82%	
Crime control in your neighborhood	75%	85%	
Bus services in your neighborhood	84%	86%	
Subway services in your neighborhood	83%	86%	
Public libraries in your neighborhood	89%	91%	

Table 22: Ratings of City Services in the City Overall by Respondent's Ethnicity

Please rate each of the following in the City overall	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?		
	Yes	No	
Fire protection services in the City overall	97%	97%	
Emergency medical services in the City overall	94%	95%	
Police-Community relations in the City overall	76%	79%	
Crime control in the City overall	79%	84%	
Bus services in the City overall	85%	88%	
Subway services in the City overall	82%	86%	
Public libraries in the City overall	95%	95%	

Table 23: Ratings of City Services by Respondent's Ethnicity

Please rate each of the following in New York City	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?		
riease rate each of the following in New York Oity	Yes	No	
NYC.gov, the City website	96%	97%	
3-1-1, New York City's information telephone number	94%	94%	
Public education (kindergarten – 12th grade)	79%	78%	
Public after-school programs	72%	71%	
Air quality in the City overall	65%	69%	
Restaurant cleanliness in the City overall	81%	86%	
Overall ease of travel within the city	85%	86%	
Public housing in the City overall	56%	56%	
Public assistance (such as Medicaid, food stamps, etc.)	72%	73%	
Services addressing homelessness	54%	52%	
Availability of youth employment programs	56%	54%	
Services protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect	59%	55%	

Percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair"

Table 24: Public Trust by Respondent's Ethnicity

Please rate how well you think New York City government does the following:	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
	Yes	No
Promotes the economic growth of New York City	76%	83%
Prepares the city for an emergency	75%	81%
Spends tax dollars wisely	55%	61%



Table 25: Overall Quality of City Services by Respondent's Ethnicity

Overall Quality of Services	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
Overall Quality of Services	Yes	No
Rate the overall quality of New York City government services	82%	87%

Table 26: Frequency of Use of City Resources by Respondent's Ethnicity

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or any member of your household done any of the following?	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
	Yes	No
Used the public libraries	73%	73%
Visited a website called NYC.gov	70%	68%
Used one of the City's public parks or recreation facilities	83%	80%
Used City services for the mobility impaired	13%	8%
Used a City child daycare program	13%	6%
Used a City youth program	17%	10%

Percent of respondents reporting they or a member of their household participated at least once in the last 12 months.

Table 27: Use of City Services by Respondent's Ethnicity

Done by you or any household member?	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
	Yes	No
Called 3-1-1	71%	68%
Called 9-1-1	41%	30%
Attended a New York City Public School (K - 12)	42%	27%
Attended a New York City Public School after-school program	21%	12%
Received consumer assistance	12%	11%
Visited a public community center	23%	18%
Participated in an employment training program	11%	7%
Used public hospital services	56%	36%
Used public health clinic services	40%	21%
Used public mental health services	10%	5%
Used public substance abuse services	3%	2%
Used a public senior center	9%	8%
Used other public senior services (e.g., respite care, transportation, etc.)	9%	8%
Received Medicaid	37%	19%
Paid a fine or ticket to the City	46%	46%
Contacted the City with a tax question	16%	14%

Note: Percent of respondents reporting they or a member of their household used a service at least once in the last 12 months.

Table 28: User Ratings of City Services by Respondent's Ethnicity

Rate the services received	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
nate the services received	Yes	No
3-1-1 services	91%	91%
9-1-1 services	87%	88%
New York City Public Schools	88%	88%
Student safety at public schools	78%	83%
Public School after-school programs	88%	88%
Consumer assistance	69%	70%
Public community center	91%	93%
Employment training program	79%	84%
Public hospital services	82%	80%
Public health clinic services	88%	83%
Public mental health services	84%	77%
Public substance abuse services	76%	80%
Public senior center	91%	92%
Other public senior services	88%	90%
Medicaid services	91%	91%
Paying a fine or ticket to the City	71%	69%
Contacting the City with a tax question	83%	76%

Percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair"

Note: Responses are only from those who reported they or a member of their household used this service at least once in the last 12 months.

Table 29: Contact with the City by Respondent's Ethnicity

Contact with City Office or Agency	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
Contact with only office of Agency	Yes	No
Phone or in-person contact w City office/agency last 12 mos?	37%	38%

Percent of respondents who reported they had contacted a City office or agency in the last 12 months.

Table 30: Ratings of Customer Service by Respondent's Ethnicity

How would you rate the response of the office or agency with which you most recently had contact?	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
	Yes	No
Timeliness of response	76%	76%
Employee's courtesy	83%	86%
Employee's willingness to help or understand	79%	79%
Overall customer service	80%	80%
Overall satisfaction with response	71%	70%

Percent of respondents reporting "excellent," "good" or "fair"

Note: Responses are only from those who reported they or a member of their household had been in contact with a City office or agency in the last 12 months.



Table 31: Most Important Issues Facing the City by Respondent's Ethnicity

Most Important Issues Facing New York City	Are you Hispanio	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?		
	Yes	No		
Housing Issues	31%	28%		
Cost of living	16%	15%		
Crime	24%	20%		
Education	23%	22%		
Mass Transit Issues	21%	22%		

Responses may total more than 100% as respondents could write in more than one issue.

Table 32: Emergency Preparedness by Respondent's Ethnicity

Emergency Preparedness	Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?	
	Yes	No
How prepared your household would be if there were an emergency?	52%	59%

Percent of respondents who reported "very" or "somewhat" prepared