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QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEW JERSEY

MOBILITY AND SOCIABILITY

While there is pessimism about the overall quality of life in New Jersey, most residents plan to stay in the state.

Overall, 7-in-10 residents feel there is increasing anger about the quality of life in New Jersey. However, half say New Jersey residents rate their quality of life the same as people in other states. In the past decade there has been a 12 percentage point decline in the percentage who say the state has become a better place to live.

Closer to home New Jerseyans are more optimistic. Seven-in-ten state residents give positive ratings to their own towns and neighborhoods. In addition, concern about neighborhood crime is at its lowest since 1977 when half of the state's residents reported it was a serious problem. Currently 4-in-10 feel crime is a serious problem in their neighborhood which is an 11 percentage point decline from 1994.

Even though overall feelings about life in the state are generally negative, 3-in-4 New Jerseyans plan to stay in the state compared to 1-in-4 who would leave.

Current New Jerseyans who have relocated didn't move far from home. While 8-in-10 New Jerseyans are new residents in their current communities, 7-in-10 of those who relocated

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came from somewhere else in New Jersey. Among those who have moved, 1-in-4 went from an urban area in New Jersey to a suburban location.

Socially, 4-in-10 say New Jerseyans are losing their ability to get along with each other, but half say this isn't any better or worse than what is happening in other states. When it comes to getting respect from others, New Jerseyans say they get the most respect from neighbors and colleagues at work, while they get the least respect from other drivers on the highway.

"While New Jerseyans are more than willing to be critical about the quality of life in their state, they are generally content with their own communities," commented Janice Ballou, Director of the Poll. "Given a choice, the majority of New Jerseyans pick their own neighborhoods as the place where they want to live."

The *Star-Ledger*/Eagleton Poll was conducted with 802 randomly selected New Jersey adults by telephone from May 25 to June 1, 1995.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey residents are growing increasingly angry about the quality of their lives and feel they have not seen an improvement in the state over the past few years. While one-quarter say New Jersey has become a better place to live in the past five or ten years (26%), over one-third feel that it has become worse (35%), another third feel that there hasn't been any change (35%), and 5 percent don't know. The percentage saying that New Jersey has improved as a place to live has declined by 12 percentage points over the past decade. In 1984, more state residents felt that New Jersey had become better (38%) than either said it had become worse (30%) or had stayed the same (25%) as a place to live.

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In addition, there is growing dissatisfaction among New Jersey residents with the quality of their lives. More than seven-in-ten people agree strongly (41%) or mildly (31%) that New Jerseyans are becoming increasingly angry about the quality of their lives. Less than 1-in-4 disagree either mildly (16%) or strongly (7%), and 5 percent don't know.

However, New Jerseyans do not think that the grass is greener in other states. While 1-in-5 say that state residents consider the quality of their lives as better than people in the rest of the country (19%) and 1-in-4 think that New Jerseyans have it worse (26%), almost half (48%) feel that New Jersey residents think the quality of their lives is the same as people in the rest of the country.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNS

New Jerseyans continue to give their own towns positive ratings. Seven-in-ten residents report that their hometown is an excellent (30%) or good place to live (40%), while three-in-ten rate their town as only fair (21%) or poor (9%). Similarly, seven-in-ten rate their neighborhood as an excellent (38%) or good (32%) place to live, while 22 percent say it is only fair and 7 percent rate it as poor.

Eight-in-ten suburban (81%) and rural (81%) residents give their town positive ratings compared to 55 percent of urban residents and 40 percent of those living in New Jersey's major cities who rate their towns positively.

In the past year there has been an 11 percentage point decline in the perceptions of the seriousness of crime in one's neighborhood. Currently, about four-in-ten New Jersey residents feel that crime is a very (8%) or somewhat (30%) serious problem in their neighborhood, while six-in-ten feel that it is not a serious problem (61%). In 1994, about half of the state's residents felt that

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crime in their neighborhood was a very (11%) or somewhat (38%) serious problem. The percentage of New Jerseyans who feel that crime in their neighborhood is serious (38%) is at its lowest since 1977 when Eagleton began asking about neighborhood crime.

Regionally, rural residents (85%) are most likely to say that crime is not at all serious where they live, followed by suburban residents (70%). Less than half of urban New Jersey residents (47%)

feel that crime is not at all serious in their neighborhood, and 18 percent of those living in New Jersey's major cities say the same.

Compared to past surveys, New Jerseyans are also less likely to feel that crime in their neighborhood has increased. Nineteen percent say crime has gone up in the past year, 7 percent say it has gone down, 67 percent say it has remained the same, and 6 percent don't know. This is a 6 percentage point decline from 1994, when 25 percent of the state felt that neighborhood crime had risen over the previous year, and a 9 percentage point drop from 28 percent in 1993. City residents (35%) and those who live in other urban areas (24%) are more likely than residents of suburban (17%) or rural areas (7%) to say that crime has gone up in their neighborhoods.

SOCIABILITY

New Jersey residents are divided on whether or not people are losing their ability to get along with each other. While 44 percent agree strongly (20%) or mildly (24%) that New Jersey residents are losing the ability to get along, 51 percent disagree strongly (25%) or mildly (26%), and 5 percent don't have an opinion. Men (52%) are more likely than women (37%) to agree that New Jerseyans are not able to get along. Also, residents of the major New Jersey cities are most likely to agree with this statement (63%) while state residents aged 65 or older are least likely to agree (23%).

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However, most New Jerseyans do not think that people elsewhere get along any better. Twelve percent think that New Jerseyans get along with each other better than other Americans do, and 26 percent say people in the rest of the country get along better. However, more than half (55%) say that other Americans get along with each other about the same as New Jerseyans do.

Overall, most New Jersey residents feel that they get at least some respect in their interaction with other people, but the degree of respect differs in each of five situations:

➤ **From Your Neighbors (91%)**

Nine-in-ten residents feel they get a great deal (59%) or some (32%) respect from their neighbors.

Only 7 percent say that they don't get much (5%) or no respect at all (2%). More suburban residents say they get a great deal of respect from their neighbors (66%) when compared to those who live in rural communities (55%), major cities (52%) or other urban areas (51%).

➤ **The People That You Work With (80%)**

Eight-in-ten say they get a great deal (50%) or some (30%) respect from co-workers, while only 3 percent get not much (2%) or none (1%). Sixteen percent have no opinion on this.

➤ **People Who Wait on You in Stores (84%)**

While more than eight-in-ten people say they get at least some respect from people who wait on them, 27 percent say they get a great deal of respect while 57 percent say they get some respect in this situation. Fifteen percent say they don't get much (11%) or any (4%) respect from store personnel.

➤ **From Other People When You're Standing in Line (77%)**

More than three-in-four people feel they get a great deal (20%) or some (57%) respect from others while waiting in line, compared to 1-in-5 people who say they get not much (15%) or no respect (7%).

➤ **Other Drivers on the Highways (48%)**

While almost half of New Jerseyans say that they get at least some respect from other drivers, only 5 percent feel it is a great deal of respect, while 43 percent say it is some respect. In comparison, 48 percent say they get not much (24%) or no respect (24%) from other drivers.

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IN-STATE MOBILITY

About 1-in-5 (19%) New Jerseyans have lived in the same town all their lives. Among those who have moved to where they live now, 70 percent last lived in another New Jersey town, while 10 percent moved from New York City, 7 percent from Philadelphia, 8 percent from elsewhere in the United States, and another 5 percent immigrated to New Jersey from another country.

Lifetime community residents tend to be represented more in New Jersey's major cities, with 31 percent of city dwellers saying they have lived there all their lives. By comparison, 19 percent of other urban residents say the same, along with 17 percent of suburbanites, and 18 percent of rural residents.

Although eight-in-ten New Jerseyans moved into their current towns, most have not come far. Two-in-five people moved from another town in the same New Jersey county and 19 percent from a bordering county. Another 11 percent came from elsewhere in New Jersey, and 9 percent moved from New York City or Philadelphia to a bordering New Jersey county. Another 21 percent moved to the state from more distant places outside of New Jersey. South Jerseyans are the most likely to stay locally--92 percent of those who last lived in a South Jersey town and moved within the state stayed in South Jersey. By comparison, 82 percent of North Jerseyans who relocated within the state remained in the same region, while 68 percent of the people who moved in-state to Central Jersey were from the same region.

Besides staying close to home geographically, those who relocated remain in the same type of community. Among those who last lived in one of New Jersey's six largest cities, 58 percent are still in an urban environment (15% major NJ city, and 43% other urban area). Seven-in-ten people who last resided in New Jersey suburbs continue to live in a suburban setting. Almost

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half of those who last lived in other New Jersey urban communities moved to a major New Jersey city (15%) or another urban location (32%), while half moved to either an older (23%) or newer (24%) suburb in the state, and five percent moved to a rural area.

When asked about the main reason why they moved to their present location,

economic and family issues topped the list. Among the economic reasons, 1-in-5 say that they moved because their job was relocated or they wanted to live closer to their job, another 16 percent say it was because they bought a home, and six percent say the move was made in order to decrease their cost of living or taxes they pay.

Reasons related to family include 14 percent who say they moved because their family status changed (either through marriage, divorce, widowhood, or moving out of their parents' home), while 13 percent said they moved with their family as a child or moved to be closer to their family and/or the place where they grew up. Other reasons for moving are: people didn't like where they lived or just wanted a change in location (17%), and quality of life factors such as crime, the environment and the educational system (9%).

However, people moved to and from various types of communities for different reasons. Over one-third of those who moved to an urban area from a non-urban area name job related reasons (36%), while one-quarter of those who moved from one urban community to another say they just wanted to change where they lived (26%). Prior urban residents who moved to a suburb or rural town in New Jersey are more likely than others to mention a need to change their locale (27%) and to improve their quality of life (15%) as reasons for their last move. Current suburban residents who moved from a suburban or rural area are more likely than others to say that purchasing a home was the reason for their move (24%), and those moving into rural areas from suburbs or other areas are more likely to mention either family reasons (18% change in family status; 14% to be near family) or to reduce their cost of living (16%).

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OUT-OF-STATE MOBILITY

About 3-in-4 New Jersey residents are content to remain in the state. If they were given the opportunity to move, more than half (56%) say that they would prefer to continue living in their same neighborhood and 7 percent said they'd like to move to another section of their town, while 13 percent said they'd like to move to another town in the state. However, about 1-in-4 (23%) said that given the opportunity they would like to move out of New Jersey altogether.

Those who prefer to move out of the state altogether are: younger residents 18 to 29 years old (33%), renters (30%), residents of New Jersey's major cities (37%), and those who feel New Jersey has become a worse place to live (37%).

When those who prefer to move to another town or state are asked about the type of area they would like to move to, a majority (52%) of those who might move prefer a suburban setting, 31 percent said they'd like to live in a rural community, 11 percent indicate an urban area, and 6 percent have no preference. A majority of current suburban (57%) and rural (51%) residents said they would like to live in a type of community similar to where they live now. However, there is a preference for moving to a suburban setting among residents of New Jersey's major cities (50%) and other urban areas (53%). In addition, four-in-ten rural residents would prefer a suburban environment (41%).

Although more than four-in-ten New Jerseyans would like to move to a new neighborhood or town, less than half of them believe it is a possibility in the coming year. While 19 percent of those who might move say they will definitely relocate in the next year and 23 percent say they will probably move, 26 percent say they probably will not move and 31 percent report that they definitely will not be moving.

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When people who may move are asked the reasons why they plan to relocate, 1-in-4 say that they don't like where they are now or just want a change (26%), while another 1-in-4 report that they want to move for quality of life issues such as safety, environment, transportation, and educational services (26%). Eighteen percent mention cost of living and taxes, 10 percent plan to buy a home, 8 percent say their move would be job related, and 6 percent say a change in family status would be the reason for their move.

Those who prefer to relocate to an urban area are more likely than others to say the reason is job related (21%). Also, those who want to move to either an urban or rural area are more likely than those who want to move to a suburban area to say that quality of life issues are the reason for their preferred move (37% urban; 32% rural; 24% suburban). For possible urban relocaters these quality of life issues include better transportation and proximity to more services, while people who might move to rural areas focus on safety and environmental concerns.

A comparison of those who would like to move within the state to those who want to move out of New Jersey altogether also produces a contrast. While only 12 percent of those who want to move within the state say that costs and taxes are the reason for their move, almost twice as many (23%) who prefer to move out of state give this as the reason for their possible relocation.

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The latest *Star-Ledger/Eagleton* Poll was conducted between May 25 and June 1, 1995, when a random sample of 802 New Jerseyans, 18 years and older, was interviewed by telephone. Figures based on this sample size are subject to a sampling error of about ± 3.5 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval. Sampling error is the probable difference in results between interviewing everyone in the population versus a scientific sample taken from that population. Sampling error does not take into account other possible sources of error inherent in any study of public opinion. The questions and figures referred to in this release are presented below. The location of each question on the actual questionnaire is in brackets.

"In what township or municipality do you live?*" [Q.8]

	<u>Major NJ City</u>	<u>Other Urban Area</u>	<u>Older Suburb</u>	<u>Newer Suburb</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	12%	22%	19%	33%	13%	99%	(802)
<u>Race</u>							
--White	5	17	22	40	16	100	(642)
--Non-white	37	38	10	11	4	100	(146)
<u>Total Annual Family Income</u>							
--\$30,000 or less	20	27	16	28	8	99	(171)
--\$30,001 - \$50,000	12	26	19	27	16	100	(203)
--\$50,001 - \$70,000	11	20	17	38	15	101	(134)
--Over \$70,000	5	15	20	43	17	100	(182)
<u>Prior Residence</u>							
--Same town	20	21	11	35	13	100	(134)
--Other NJ town	8	20	22	36	14	100	(467)
--North-east U.S.	12	32	13	28	15	100	(126)
--Other U.S.	22	6	25	35	13	101	(49)
--Other Country	30	32	25	2	10	99	(26)
<u>Type of Prior Residence</u>							
--Major U.S. city	12	27	20	28	13	100	(118)
--Major NJ city	15	43	19	20	3	100	(70)
--NJ-Other Urban	15	32	23	24	5	99	(108)
--NJ-Suburb	2	10	23	47	17	99	(254)
--NJ-Rural	8	4	21	30	37	100	(35)
--Unknown - not NJ	24	25	15	22	14	100	(83)

* See appendix for information on how the categories were determined.

"In what county is that?"* [Q.8]

	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Southern</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	49%	25%	26%	100%	(802)
<i>Prior Residence</i>					
--Same town	49	28	23	100	(134)
--Northern New Jersey	82	12	6	100	(247)
--Central New Jersey	19	68	13	100	(116)
--Southern New Jersey	2	6	92	100	(104)
--N.E. United States	53	22	25	100	(126)
--Other - United States	53	30	17	100	(49)
--Other Country	51	26	23	100	(26)

"How many years have you been living in this town or have you lived there all your life?" [Q.9]

	<u>0 - 9 Years</u>	<u>10 - 29 Years</u>	<u>30 Or More Years</u>	<u>Entire Life</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	30%	32%	19%	19%	100%	(802)
<i>Employment Status</i>						
--Employed	37	37	11	15	100	(532)
--Retired	10	28	43	19	100	(167)
--Not working	27	19	19	35	100	(102)
<i>Own/Rent Home</i>						
--Own	22	35	25	18	100	(562)
--Rent	48	26	8	18	100	(217)
<i>Marital Status</i>						
--Married	29	37	22	12	100	(458)
--Single	40	27	4	29	100	(168)
--Divorced/Separated	32	29	17	22	100	(95)
--Widowed	8	23	42	26	99	(77)
<i>Total Annual Family Income</i>						
--\$30,000 or less	28	31	19	22	100	(171)
--\$30,001 - \$50,000	37	26	17	20	100	(203)
--\$50,001 - \$70,000	23	42	19	16	100	(134)
--Over \$70,000	36	43	9	12	100	(182)
<i>Type of Town</i>						
--Major NJ City	30	29	11	31	101	(76)

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--Other Urban	36	25	20	19	100	(155)
--Suburb26	36	22	17		101 (456)	
--Rural	37	33	12	18	100	(115)

* See appendix for information on how these categories were determined.

"What is the last town you lived in?" [Q.10a]

	New Jersey <u>Town</u>	New York <u>City</u>	<u>Philadelphia</u>	Other <u>U.S.</u>	Other <u>Country</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	70%	10%	7%	8%	5%	100%	(668)

"What is the main reason why you moved to where you live now?" [Q.11]

	<u>Job Related</u>	To <u>Change Location</u>	Bought <u>A Home</u>	Family Status (Married, widowed, <u>divorced/adulthood</u>)	To Be Near <u>Family/Roots</u>	Quality <u>Of Life</u>	Costs/ <u>Taxes</u>	Other/ <u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	20%	17%	16%	14%	13%	9%	6%	5%	100%	(668)
<i>Gender</i>										
--Male	24	15	17	11	13	8	6	6	100	(338)
--Female	15	20	16	16	12	10	6	5	100	(330)
<i>Race</i>										
--White	19	16	17	15	12	8	7	6	100	(532)
--Non-white	22	21	14	9	15	11	3	4	99	(125)
<i>Employment Status</i>										
--Employed	22	16	17	10	13	10	5	5	98	(460)
--Retired	14	22	19	22	13	4	2	5	101	(133)
--Not working	14	19	9	18	8	9	16	6	99	(74)
<i>Type of Town</i>										
--Major NJ City	33	13	13	7	17	3	3	10	99	(51)
--Other Urban	17	25	11	12	15	10	3	8	101	(123)
--Suburb	19	17	21	14	10	9	6	3	99	(397)
--Rural	16	11	10	18	15	10	13	7	10	(97)
<i>Type of Prior Town</i>										
--Urban	16	26	15	9	15	11	3	3	98	(296)
--Suburb	15	12	23	19	7	7	11	6	100	(254)
--Rural	24	5	15	26	7	8	6	10	101	(35)
<i>Prior Residence</i>										
--NJ	14	17	21	15	10	9	8	5	99	(467)
--North-east U.S.	25	25	6	12	18	9	1	3	99	(126)
--Other U.S.	47	11	2	5	21	2	4	7	99	(49)
--Other Country	38	--	--	8	21	12	5	16	100	(26)
<i>Type of Move</i>										
--Urban to Urban	15	26	17	10	18	8	4	4	102	(116)
--Other to Urban	36	12	2	12	11	8	1	17	99	(58)
--Urban to Suburb/Rural	17	27	14	9	13	15	3	3	101	(180)
--Other to Suburb	20	10	24	18	9	7	8	3	99	(241)
--Other to Rural	17	8	12	18	14	4	16	10	99	(73)

"How would you rate your own town or city as a place to live -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?" [Q.12]
Only

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	30%	40%	21%	8%	99%	(802)
<u>Gender</u>						
--Male	28	39	23	10	100	(400)
--Female	32	42	19	7	100	(402)
<u>Race</u>						
--White	32	43	18	7	100	(642)
--Non-white	22	32	30	16	100	(146)
<u>Own/Rent Home</u>						
--Own	37	39	19	5	100	(562)
--Rent	17	43	24	16	100	(217)
<u>Lifetime Resident</u>						
--Yes	25	33	29	14	101	(134)
--No	31	42	19	7	99	(668)
<u>Region of State</u>						
--North	27	38	25	10	100	(383)
--Central	38	42	14	6	100	(212)
--South	29	44	19	8	100	(207)
<u>Municipal SES</u>						
--Poor	15	38	28	18	99	(201)
--Low-middle class	27	45	24	5	101	(167)
--Upper-middle class	33	41	19	6	99	(198)
--Wealthy	47	39	13	2	101	(236)
<u>Type of Town</u>						
--Major NJ City	13	27	33	28	101	(76)
--Other Urban	16	39	32	13	100	(155)
--Suburban	38	43	15	3	9	(456)
--Rural	37	44	15	4	100	(115)
<u>PAST SURVEYS</u>						
June, 1994	31	41	19	9	100	(801)
September, 1988	26	46	18	9	99	(500)
October, 1984	30	41	21	7	100	(999)
June, 1980	23	44	24	9	100	(1005)
May, 1977	25	41	24	10	100	(1005)

"And how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?" [Q.13]
Only

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	38%	32%	22%	7%	99%	(802)
<u>Town as Place to Live</u>						
--Excellent	85	11	3	1	100	(250)
--Good	28	62	10	--	100	(342)
--Only fair/Poor	9	37	40	14	100	(209)
<u>PAST SURVEYS</u>						
June, 1980	32	45	16	6	99	(1005)
May, 1977	31	44	18	7	100	(1005)

"If you had the opportunity, would you **like** to move out of your neighborhood or continue to live where you are now? (**IF "MOVE," ASK**, Would you like to move to another part of your town; would you prefer to move to another town in New Jersey or move to another state?" [Q.14a])

	<u>Continue In Neighborhood</u>	<u>Move In Same Town</u>	<u>Move In New Jersey</u>	<u>Move Out Of New Jersey</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	56%	7%	13%	23%	2%	101%	(802)
<i>Gender</i>							
--Male	51	7	13	27	2	100	(400)
--Female	60	6	13	19	2	100	(402)
<i>Age</i>							
--18 - 2941	11	13	33	2	100	(135)	
--30 - 4953	8	14	24	--	99	(331)	
--50 - 6453	3	15	26	2	99	(166)	
--65 or over	78	2	10	7	2	99	(155)
<i>Own/Rent Home</i>							
--Own	63	4	12	20	2	101	(562)
--Rent	41	12	16	30	2	101	(217)
<i>Region of State</i>							
--North	54	5	15	24	2	100	(383)
--Central	59	7	13	19	2	100	(212)
--South	56	9	9	26	--	100	(207)
<i>Municipal SES</i>							
--Poor	40	11	16	33	1	101	(201)
--Low-middle class	57	5	16	19	2	99	(167)
--Upper-middle class	58	6	9	25	2	100	(198)
--Wealthy	70	3	11	13	2	99	(236)
<i>Type of Town</i>							
--Major NJ City	34	8	21	37	1	101	(76)
--Other Urban	46	7	16	28	2	99	(155)
--Suburb63	7	11	16	2	99	(456)	
--Rural	59	3	8	29	2	101	(115)
<i>Lifetime Resident</i>							
--Yes	44	9	20	25	2	100	(134)
--No	58	6	11	23	2	100	(668)
<i>NJ Change as Place to Live</i>							
--Better	65	6	13	14	1	99	(190)
--Same	63	7	12	17	1	100	(278)
--Worse 41	6	14	37	2	100	(295)	

"Would you like to move to an urban, suburban, or rural area?" [Q.14e]

	Don't					
	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Suburb</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	11%	52%	31%	6%	100%	(288)
<u>Gender</u>						
--Male	8	48	37	6	99	(150)
--Female	15	59	22	4	100	(127)
<u>Race</u>						
--White	11	53	31	5	100	(214)
--Non-white	13	52	27	8	100	(58)
<u>Type of Town</u>						
--Major NJ City	23	50	22	5	100	(44)
--Other Urban	9	53	29	8	99	(68)
--Suburb9	57	29	5	100	(127)	
--Rural	5	41	51	4	101	(38)

"How likely is it that you will move in the next year? Do you think you definitely will move, probably will move, probably will not move or definitely will not move?" [Q.15]

	Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	Don't		
	<u>Will</u>	<u>Will</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	19%	23%	26%	31%	1%	100%	(328)
<u>Move to Where</u>							
--Within New Jersey	17	20	29	33	1	100	(155)
--Out of New Jersey	21	24	24	30	1	100	(173)
<u>Type of Town</u>							
--Major NJ City	29	29	28	14	--	100	(50)
--Other Urban	18	24	18	37	3	100	(81)
--Suburb15	22	28	34	1	100	(157)	
--Rural	21	13	32	35	--	101	(40)

"What is the main reason why you plan to move?" [Q.16]

	To Change	Quality	Costs-	Buying	Job	Family	Other/		
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Of Life</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>A Home</u>	<u>Related</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	26%	26%	18%	10%	8%	6%	7%	101%	(328)
<u>Move To Where</u>									
--Within New Jersey	26	25	12	18	7	6	8	102	(155)
--Out of New Jersey	26	26	23	3	9	6	6	99	(173)
<u>Region of State</u>									
--North	31	26	18	8	5	6	6	100	(166)
--Central	17	23	12	11	14	9	13	99	(79)
--South	23	26	22	12	8	4	5	100	(83)
<u>Type of Town</u>									
--Major NJ City	43	33	7	9	4	2	2	100	(50)
--Other Urban	32	26	18	5	4	6	9	100	(81)
--Suburb17	22	19	15	10	8	8	99	(157)	
--Rural	16	27	30	1	12	6	8	100	(40)
<u>Type of Place</u>									
<u>Would Like To Live</u>									
--Urban	29	37	2	2	21	4	5	100	(33)
--Suburb26	24	23	7	6	8	7	101	(142)	
--Rural	22	32	24	7	4	6	5	100	(88)

"And, how serious a problem is crime in your neighborhood -- very serious, somewhat serious, or not at all serious?" [Q.17]

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not At All</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	8%	30%	61%	1%	100%	(802)
<u>Race</u>						
--White	3	29	67	1	100	(642)
--Non-white	25	32	41	2	100	(146)
<u>Neighborhood Rating</u>						
--Excellent	--	17	82	--	99	(340)
--Good	5	34	59	3	101	(319)
--Only fair/poor	28	46	24	1	99	(143)
<u>Would Like to Move?</u>						
--Stay	3	23	73	1	100	(457)
--Move in New Jersey	12	38	47	3	100	(155)
--Move out of New Jersey	17	38	44	--	99	(173)
<u>Region of State</u>						
--North	10	35	54	1	100	(383)
--Central 2	25	71	2	100	(212)	
--South	10	24	65	2	101	(207)
<u>Type of Town</u>						
--Major NJ City	36	43	18	4	101	(76)
--Other Urban	10	41	47	2	100	(155)
--Suburb 3	26	70	1	100	(456)	
--Rural	1	14	85	1	101	(115)
<u>PAST SURVEYS</u>						
--June, 1994	11	38	49	2	100	(801)
--February, 1993	11	44	43	1	99	(801)
--February, 1987	12	38	50	--	100	(499)
--October, 1984	12	29	58	1	100	(999)
--May, 1977	18	30	51	1	100	(1005)

"In the past year, would you say that the amount of crime in your neighborhood has gone up, gone down, or remained the same?" [Q.18]

	<u>Gone Up</u>	<u>Gone Down</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	19%	7%	67%	6%	99%	(802)
<u>Would Like to Move?</u>						
--Stay	15	7	71	7	100	(457)
--Move within New Jersey	24	12	60	4	100	(155)
--Move out of New Jersey	26	3	65	6	100	(173)
<u>Type of Town</u>						
--Major NJ City	35	9	53	3	100	(76)
--Other Urban	24	8	58	10	100	(155)
--Suburb 17	7	69	7	100	(456)	
--Rural	7	3	88	3	101	(115)
<u>Crime in Neighborhood</u>						
--Serious 37	9	49	5	100	(280)	
--Not Serious	9	6	79	6	100	(513)
<u>PAST SURVEYS</u>						
June, 1994	25	8	64	3	100	(801)
February, 1993	28	6	62	4	100	(801)
February, 1987	23	8	66	3	100	(499)

"Thinking back over the last 5 or 10 years, would you say that New Jersey has become a better or worse place to live, or hasn't there been any change?" [Q.24]

	Better	Worse	Same	Know	Total	(n)
Total, May 1995	26%	35%	35%	5%	101%	(802)
<u>Own/Rent Home</u>						
--Own	27	38	33	3	101	(562)
--Rent	24	29	38	9	100	(217)
<u>Total Annual Family Income</u>						
--\$30,000 or less	21	40	37	3	101	(171)
--\$30,001 - \$50,000	29	33	33	5	100	(203)
--\$50,001 - \$70,000	23	36	38	2	99	(134)
--Over \$70,000	32	29	32	7	100	(182)
<u>Would Like to Move?</u>						
--Stay	30	26	39	5	100	(457)
--Move in New Jersey	26	35	34	5	100	(155)
--Move out of New Jersey	16	55	25	4	100	(173)
<u>Region of State</u>						
--North	25	35	35	5	100	(383)
--Central	27	32	37	5	101	(212)
--South	27	36	31	5	99	(207)
<u>Type of Town</u>						
--Major NJ City	27	32	39	2	100	(76)
--Other Urban	23	36	35	6	100	(155)
--Suburb	25	34	36	5	100	(456)
--Rural	32	40	24	5	101	(115)

PAST SURVEYS

October, 1984 38 30 25 7 100 (1005)

"Now I have some questions about how people in New Jersey get along with each other--that is how courteous and respectful they are in different types of situations. Do you personally feel that you get a great deal, some, not much or no respect at all from [READ ITEM]?" [Q.25a-e] Great

	Deal	Some	Much	At All	Know	Total	(n)
		Not	Not	Don't			
> From Your Neighbors	59%	32%	5%	2%	1%	99%	(802)
<u>Region of State</u>							
--North	59	30	8	3	1	101	(383)
--Central	60	34	3	2	1	100	(212)
--South	59	35	3	3	--	100	(207)
<u>Type of Town</u>							
--Major NJ City	52	32	8	5	3	101	(76)
--Other Urban	51	31	13	5	--	100	(155)
--Suburb	66	30	3	1	--	100	(456)
--Rural	55	42	1	1	--	99	(115)
> The People That You Work With	50%	30%	2%	1%	16%	99%	(802)
<u>Region of State</u>							
--North	48	33	2	1	16	100	(383)
--Central	56	26	2	3	12	99	(212)
--South	46	30	3	--	20	99	(207)
> People Who Wait On You In Stores	27%	57%	11%	4%	1%	100%	(802)
<u>Region of State</u>							
--North	26	55	12	6	1	100	(383)
--Central	22	65	11	1	1	100	(212)
--South	33	53	9	3	1	99	(207)
> From Other People When You're Standing In Line	20%	57%	15%	7%	2%	101%	(802)
<u>Region of State</u>							
--North	20	54	17	7	2	100	(383)

--Central	21	56	13	7	3	100	(212)
--South	18	61	13	8	--	100	(207)
➤Other Drivers On The Highways	5%	43%	24%	24%	4%	100%	(802)

Region of State

--North	5	39	25	26	5	100	(383)
--Central	4	46	24	22	4	100	(212)
--South	5	48	21	22	3	99	(207)

"And, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: New Jersey residents are losing their ability to get along with each other? Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly?" [Q.26]

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Mildly Agree</u>	<u>Mildly Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	20%	24%	26%	25%	5%	100%	(802)

Gender

--Male	25	27	22	23	3	100	(400)
--Female 15	22	31	27	6	101	(402)	

Race

--White	19	24	26	26	5	100	(642)
--Non-white	23	25	27	21	3	99	(146)

Age

--18 - 29 18	36	26	16	4	100	(135)	
--30 - 49 22	25	27	24	1	99	(331)	
--50 - 64 22	25	20	29	4	100	(166)	
--65 or over	15	8	32	35	11	101	(155)

Region of State

--North	18	29	25	23	5	100	(383)
--Central 20	22	26	29	3	100	(212)	
--South	24	18	29	24	5	100	(207)

Type of Town

--Major NJ City	30	33	18	18	--	99	(76)
--Other Urban	20	28	25	23	4	100	(155)
--Suburb 16	22	27	28	6	99	(456)	
--Rural	24	18	31	23	3	99	(115)

"Do you think New Jersey residents get along with each other better, worse, or about the same as people in the rest of the country?" [Q.27]

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Know</u>	<u>Don't Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	12%	26%	55%	7%	100%	(802)

Prior Residence

--Same town	7	26	63	5	101	(134)
--Other NJ town	12	29	53	7	101	(467)
--North-east U.S.	21	17	52	9	99	(126)
--Other U.S.	6	37	54	3	100	(49)
--Other Country	16	11	61	12	100	(26)

Region of State

--North	13	27	53	7	100	(383)
--Central 10	29	55	7	101	(212)	
--South	13	23	59	6	101	(207)

Type of Town

--Major NJ City	8	22	61	8	99	(76)
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--Other Urban	15	25	51	9	100	(155)
--Suburb 12	26	56	6	100	(456)	
--Rural	11	33	51	5	100	(115)

NJ Residents Losing Ability to Get Along

--Agree	7	44	44	5	100	(341)
--Disagree	17	13	65	6	101	(429)

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: New Jersey residents are becoming increasingly angry about the quality of their lives. Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly?" [Q.28]

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Mildly Agree</u>	<u>Mildly Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	41%	31%	16%	7%	5%	100%	(802)

Region of State

--North	41	33	16	6	5	101	(383)
--Central 39	28	17	11	6	101	(212)	
--South	42	28	17	6	7	100	(207)

Type of Town

--Major NJ City	50	23	17	8	2	100	(76)
--Other Urban	47	31	14	5	4	101	(155)
--Suburb 36	31	19	8	7	101	(456)	
--Rural	38	37	11	7	7	100	(115)

"Do you think New Jersey residents consider the quality of their lives as better, worse, or about the same as people in the rest of the country?" [Q.29]

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	19%	26%	48%	6%	99%	(802)

Age

--18 - 29 19	21	55	5	100	(135)	
--30 - 49 18	37	41	3	99	(331)	
--50 - 64 19	29	48	5	101	(166)	
--65 or over	24	7	55	13	99	(155)

Total Annual Family Income

--\$30,000 or less	19	20	54	7	100	(171)
--\$30,001 - \$50,000	19	33	43	5	100	(203)
--\$50,001 - \$70,000	24	23	52	1	100	(134)
--Over \$70,000	21	32	43	5	101	(182)

Prior Residence

--Same town	18	27	49	6	100	(134)
--Other NJ town	17	29	49	6	101	(467)
--North-east U.S.	29	14	51	6	100	(126)
--Other U.S.	14	45	30	10	99	(49)
--Other Country	32	12	51	4	99	(26)

Region of State

--North	20	27	46	6	99	(383)
--Central 22	30	44	5	101	(212)	
--South	15	23	55	7	100	(207)

Type of Town

--Major NJ City	10	36	44	10	100	(76)
--Other Urban	18	26	50	6	100	(155)
--Suburb 22	25	48	6	101	(456)	
--Rural	20	24	49	6	99	(115)

How New Jersey Gets Along vs. Other States

--Better	50	7	42	2	101	(95)
--Worse	13	51	31	5	100	(211)
--Same	16	20	59	5	100	(440)

DISTANCE OF LAST MOVE
AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED*

	<u>Within Same NJ County</u>	<u>To A NJ Border County</u>	<u>Other Move within NJ</u>	<u>From NYC/Philly To NJ Border County</u>	<u>Other From Outside NJ</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	40%	19%	11%	9%	21%	100%	(668)

Type of Town

--Major NJ City	28	8	15	10	37	98	(51)
--Other Urban	40	18	6	16	19	99	(123)
--Suburb44	21	11	7	17	100	(397)	
--Rural	31	22	17	2	28	100	(97)

Region of State

--North	39	20	8	12	20	99	(315)
--Central	36	22	11	5	26	100	(176)
--South	44	15	16	5	20	100	(177)

TYPE OF AREA "MOVED FROM -- MOVED TO"
AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED*

	<u>Urban To Urban</u>	<u>Other** To Urban</u>	<u>Urban To Suburb/Rural</u>	<u>Other** To Suburb</u>	<u>Other** To Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Total, May 1995	21%	11%	24%	34%	10%	100%	(668)

Race

--White	11	7	29	40	12	99	(532)
--Non-white	51	24	7	15	3	100	(125)

Age

--18 - 2919	24	14	32	11	100	(102)	
--30 - 4924	7	24	34	11	100	(279)	
--50 - 6421	11	21	39	8	100	(146)	
--65 or over	15	7	39	31	8	100	(128)

Total Annual Family Income

--\$30,000 or less	26	19	18	32	4	99	(132)
--\$30,001 - \$50,000	28	11	16	34	12	101	(166)
--\$50,001 - \$70,000	18	10	19	41	12	100	(115)
--Over \$70,000	14	4	32	37	12	99	(163)

* Created from Q.8 ("In what township or municipality do you live?") and Q.10a ("What is the last town you lived in?")

** "Other" includes known suburban and rural towns and other towns outside of New Jersey which are not major U.S. cities.

EAGLETON POLL REGIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Region of State: Region is classified according to county boundaries:

North -- Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren

Central -- Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset

South -- Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem

Type of Town/Community: All municipalities in the state have been classified into one of five groups or "types," based on location, settlement patterns, population density and growth.

Major NJ Cities -- New Jersey's largest cities: Newark, Jersey City, Paterson, Elizabeth, Trenton, and Camden.

Other Urban Centers & Surrounding Areas -- This category is generally based on the cities of the state over 25,000, but also includes densely populated suburbs of urban areas which also have similar socio-economic characteristics. For example, all of Hudson county (outside of Jersey City), and much of Union, eastern Essex and southern Bergen counties are included in this category.

Older Suburbs & Towns -- This category includes two types of municipalities: urban suburbs which are not as densely populated and/or have significantly higher socio-economic characteristics than the nearby urban center; and densely populated towns which are not near urban centers, and have not experienced major development in the past decade.

Newer Suburbs -- These are primarily suburban areas which are "outside central city" proportions of the Census Bureau's Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas and have continued to experience growth in the past 20 years. These municipalities are usually within a short distance of urban centers.

Rural -- This includes municipalities not in any of the categories above. These are small communities with scattered populations and somewhat denser small towns which are surrounded by rural areas.

Municipal SES: This typology is based upon the 10 District Factor Groups determined by the New Jersey Department of Education. This classification gives weight to each school district's per capita income, educational and occupational background of residents, poverty and unemployment levels, degree of urbanization, and population density and mobility. Each district was placed into one of ten categories of roughly equal size. Eagleton's typology applies these groupings to the relevant municipalities, and collapses the categories as follows:

Poor Towns -- Groups A and B

Lower-Middle Class Towns -- Groups C, D, and E

Upper-Middle Class Towns -- Groups F and G

Wealthy Towns -- Groups H, I, and J