

# **NEIGHBORHOOD CHOICE AND RESIDENTIAL ATTITUDES AMONG LONG ISLAND BLACKS**

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## INTRODUCTION

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am calling from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. We are conducting a study regarding several quality of life issues here on Long Island with funding from the Ford Foundation. We are trying to reach specific households with our survey today, so I would first like to ask you a couple of questions.

### AFTER THE SELECTION OF THE ELIGIBLE RESPONDENT:

This survey only takes about 10 - 15 minutes to complete. We will skip over any questions you don't want to answer, and all answers will be kept confidential. You do not have to participate in this study if you do not want to. With your permission, let's begin.

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### QUESTIONS Q01-Q06 WERE RANDOMLY REORDERED FOR RESPONDENTS

When choosing a place or neighborhood in which to live, people differ in what they consider to be most important.

#### Q01

When you think about a place to live, how important is living in a neighborhood with high quality local public schools? Is it:

<b>RESPONDENTS</b>	<b>Total 305 %</b>	<b>Nassau 153 %</b>	<b>Suffolk 152 %</b>
One of the most important factors	80	80	80
Important but not one of the most important factors	17	17	16
Not a factor	3	3	4
Don't Know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

[Note: Due to rounding, the numbers may not add up to 100%]

[Questions with very small base sizes are not reported]

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#### Q02

When you think about a place to live, how important is living in a neighborhood where landlords and home owners take good care of their property? Is it:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
One of the most important factors	81	82	79
Important but not one of the most important factors	19	18	20
Not a factor	-	-	1
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q03**

When you think about a place to live, how important is living in a neighborhood with a low crime rate? Is it:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
One of the most important factors	89	89	88
Important but not one of the most important factors	11	11	10
Not a factor	1	1	1
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q04**

When you think about a place to live, how important is living close to friends and family members? Is it:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
One of the most important factors	28	22	35
Important but not one of the most important factors	55	59	50
Not a factor	17	18	15
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q05**

When you think about a place to live, how important is living in a neighborhood with good public parks, libraries, sanitation, police protection, and other government services? Is it:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
One of the most important factors	78	80	74
Important but not one of the most important factors	22	20	25
Not a factor	1	-	1
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q06**

When you think about a place to live, how important is living in a friendly neighborhood in which people know each other and get along well. Is it:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
One of the most important factors	48	51	43
Important but not one of the most important factors	46	46	47
Not a factor	6	3	10
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q07**

When you think about a place to live, what is MOST important to you?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
The characteristics of the house	24	27	20
The characteristics of the neighborhood	60	57	63
Both, can't choose	16	16	16
Neither	-	-	-
Don't Know	1	-	2
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q08**

How would you rate the quality of local public schools in your school district?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Excellent	15	11	19
Good	43	50	33
Fair	23	26	19
Poor	17	9	27
Don't Know	3	5	2
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q09**

How would you rate the quality of parks, libraries, police, and other government services in your area?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Excellent	16	15	19
Good	46	55	33
Fair	29	27	31
Poor	8	2	17
Don't Know	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q10**

How big a problem do you have in your neighborhood with people breaking into homes or trying to steal things from local residents? Is it a:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Major problem	14	12	18
Minor problem	50	53	46
Not a problem	31	32	30
Don't Know	5	4	6
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q11**

How big a problem do you have in your neighborhood with the sale and use of illegal drugs? Is it a:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Major problem	33	25	44
Minor problem	39	43	33
Not a problem	23	28	17
Don't Know	5	4	7
Refused	-	1	-

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**Q12**

How big a problem do you have in your neighborhood with local residents being robbed, beaten-up or mugged on the streets? Is it a:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Major problem	13	8	20
Minor problem	46	50	40
Not a problem	39	41	37
Don't Know	2	1	3
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q13**

Do landlords and residents in your neighborhood keep their property in:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Excellent condition	27	27	26
Good condition	50	53	46
Fair condition	19	17	21
Poor condition	4	2	5
Don't Know	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q14**

How would you rate the municipal services in your town, such as public parks, libraries, sanitation, police, and other government services? Is it:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Excellent	17	20	14
Good	57	65	46
Fair	23	16	34
Poor	2	-	5
Don't Know	1	-	1
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q15**

How much would you say people in your neighborhood rely on each other for things like finding out about jobs, babysitting, or carpooling?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
A great deal	6	5	7
Somewhat	22	22	22
A little	38	37	39
Not at all	26	27	25
Don't Know	8	10	6
Refused	-	-	1

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**Q16**

Overall, how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live? Would you rate it as:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Excellent	19	22	15
Good	46	53	36
Fair	30	23	39
Poor	6	2	10
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q17**

Overall, how would you rate the area represented by your zip code as a place to live? Would you rate it as:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Excellent	11	10	12
Good	48	55	39
Fair	35	32	39
Poor	5	2	9
Don't Know	1	-	1
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q18**

If you could find housing that you like and would want to live in, would you rather live in a neighborhood that is:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
All black	1	1	-
Mostly black	17	19	13
Half black/half white	60	57	64
Mostly white	5	6	3
Don't Know	14	12	16
Refused	2	1	2

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**Q19**

Please choose the percentage mix that best represents the kind of neighborhood in which you would MOST like to live:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
100% black	1	1	-
90% black and 10% white	8	9	7
75% black and 25% white	5	7	2
50% black and 50% white	69	71	68
25% black and 75% white	3	4	1
10% black and 90% white	-	-	-
100% white	-	-	1
Don't Know	12	7	17
Refused	2	-	4

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**Q20**

Of the following characteristics, which one would make you feel MOST comfortable living in a neighborhood that was mostly white?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
One or two black neighbors	3	4	2
Whites who were friendly to members of different ethnic and racial groups	27	24	31
A mix of black and white children in the local public schools	41	49	31
Local police who dealt effectively with racist behavior	4	5	2
Something else	4	3	5
Would never feel comfortable in a mostly white neighborhood	13	13	13
Don't know	7	2	14
Refused	1	1	2

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**Q21**

How likely is that you will MOVE AWAY from Long Island in the next 5 years?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Very likely	25	26	23
Somewhat likely	28	25	32
Not very likely	26	26	25
Not at all likely	21	22	20
Don't Know	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-

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Q22\_R asked only of respondents who answered 'very likely' or 'somewhat likely' (to move) to Q21

**Q22\_R**

Where would you most likely move to?

[Open-ended question with recoded responses]

	<b>Total %</b>
Alabama	3
Arizona	1
West Coast States	2
Delaware	-
Florida	13
Georgia	7
NYC	9
New Jersey	3
North Carolina	8
South Carolina	2
South, Southwest, Kentucky	12
Texas	2
Upstate	3
Washington DC, MD, VA Area	6
Out of state	4
Overseas	5
More diverse, urban area	2
Other	5
Don't Know	17
Refused	-

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**Q23**

How likely is it that you will move from your current residence to somewhere else ON LONG ISLAND in the next five years?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Very likely	19	20	18
Somewhat likely	18	14	25
Not very likely	26	29	22
Not at all likely	36	37	35
Don't Know	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-

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Q24\_R asked only of respondents who answered 'very likely' or 'somewhat likely' (to move) to Q23

**Q24\_R**

Where would you most likely move to?

[Open-ended question with recoded responses]

[Because of the small base, data is shown only by total respondents]

	<b>Total</b>
	<b>%</b>
Bay Shore	2
Baldwin / Baldwin Harbor	4
Central Islip	6
Freeport	5
Garden City	5
Huntington	7
Nassau County	15
NYC	6
Out East / Further East	2
South Shore	1
Suffolk County	12
Wheatley Heights	2
Within NY, off LI	1
Neighboring town / across town / same zip code	6
Better neighborhood / school district / quieter / less crime	4
Undecided	5
Other	4
Don't Know	16
Refused	-

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Q25R asked only of respondents who answered 'very likely' or 'somewhat likely' (to move) to Q23

**Q25\_R**

Why are you thinking of moving?

[Open-ended question with recoded responses]

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Nassau</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Negative perception of current neighborhood	40	42	39
Affordability / too expensive / taxes	9	3	15
Wants bigger home / upgrade / more space	9	-	19
Retiring / downsizing / house too big	1	1	-
Wants own place / living with family / renting	9	4	14
Family reasons	1	-	2
Wants new experience / time to go	6	9	2
Location	2	-	5
Undecided / not moving yet	7	13	-
Other	10	19	1
Don't Know	3	4	2
Refused	3	5	-

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**Q26**

How likely do you think it is that some African-Americans miss out on housing on Long Island because REAL ESTATE AGENTS will not show, sell, or rent them homes that they can afford in mostly WHITE areas?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Very likely	58	61	54
Somewhat likely	25	24	26
Somewhat unlikely	4	4	4
Very unlikely	6	4	9
Don't Know	7	7	7
Refused	-	-	1

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**Q27**

Have you or a member of your immediate family ever missed out on housing on Long Island because a REAL ESTATE AGENT would not show, sell, or rent you a home that you could afford in a mostly WHITE area?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	22	18	29
No	75	79	70
Don't Know	3	3	2
Refused	-	-	-

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*Q28\_R asked only of respondents who answered 'yes' to Q27*

**Q28\_R**

Can you tell me more about what happened?

*[Open-ended question with recoded responses*

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	<b>Total %</b>
Said housing available, but when saw person, said no longer available	4
Not shown white or mixed areas by RE agent; steered to all black areas	23
Encouraged to other areas b/c of race; told won't be comfortable in neighborhood	5
Not shown / wouldn't show / told of available housing	10
Only shown bad areas / housing	12
Told housing was sold / rented / not ready	5
Refused housing because of race	17
Real Estate Agents / owner used other discriminatory tactics to not sell/rent	16
Other	3
Don't Know	2
Refused	1

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**Q29**

How likely do you think it is that some African-Americans miss out on housing on Long Island because white HOMEOWNERS and LANDLORDS will not sell or rent them homes?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Very likely	44	45	42
Somewhat likely	37	37	38
Somewhat unlikely	7	7	7
Very unlikely	5	4	8
Don't Know	7	7	6
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q30**

Have you or a member of your immediate family ever missed out on housing on Long Island because a white home owner would not sell or rent you a home that you could afford?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	15	13	19
No	82	83	80
Don't Know	3	4	1
Refused	-	-	-

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*Q31\_R asked only of respondents who answered 'yes' to Q30*

**Q31\_R**

Can you tell me more about what happened?

*[Open-ended question with recoded responses]*

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	<b>Total %</b>
Told housing available, but when learned person was black said no longer available	9
Owner chose white person(s) over black person(s) when renting/selling	3
Refused to sell / rent / show housing b/c of race / steered into other neighborhoods	43
Owner used other discriminatory tactics to not sell/ rent to people	17
Segregation / not welcoming	2
Other	20
Don't Know	3
Refused	3

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**Q32**

Have you ever been verbally or physically harassed by a neighbor on Long Island because of your race or ethnic background?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	10	13	7
No	89	87	93
Don't Know	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q33**

How long have you lived on Long Island?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Under six months	-	-	-
Six months to a year	-	-	-
One year to two years	1	3	-
Between two and five years	2	2	1
Between five and ten years	7	9	5
Over 10 years	64	66	61
All my life	26	20	33
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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*Q34 asked only of respondents who answered 'Over 10 years' or 'All my life' to Q33*

**Q34**

Compared to ten years ago, has the percentage of African Americans in your neighborhood increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Increased	20	22	18
Decreased	45	51	38
Stayed the same	34	27	43
Don't Know	1	-	1
Refused	-	-	-

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Q35 asked only of respondents who answered 'increased' to Q34

**Q35**

[Compared to ten years ago,] Has the percentage of whites, Latinos, Asians, or some other group declined in your neighborhood?

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	<b>Total %</b>
Whites	63
Latinos	9
Asians	-
Whites and Latinos	2
Whites and Asians	1
Latinos and Asians	1
All three groups	12
Other	9
Don't Know	4
Refused	-

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Q36 asked only of respondents who answered 'decreased' to Q34

**Q36**

[Compared to ten years ago] Has the percentage of whites, Latinos, Asians, or some other group increased in your neighborhood?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Whites	-	-	-
Latinos	80	80	81
Asians	-	-	-
Whites and Latinos	2	1	4
Whites and Asians	-	-	-
Latinos and Asians	-	-	1
All three groups	16	17	14
Other	1	1	-
Don't Know	-	1	-
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q37**

Compared to ten years ago, has the quality of public schools in your school district increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Increased	29	30	27
Decreased	26	20	33
Stayed about the same	39	44	32
Don't Know	7	6	8
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q38**

Compared to ten years ago, has the quality of parks, libraries, police, and other government services in your neighborhood:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Increased	42	47	36
Decreased	11	6	18
Stayed about the same	44	45	42
Don't Know	3	2	3
Refused	1	-	1

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**Q39**

Do you own the home you are currently living in, are you renting, or do you have some other arrangement, such as living in a parent's home, a child's home, or somewhere else?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Own	55	58	51
Rent	21	15	30
Live with parents, in-laws, other relative	22	26	17
Other	2	1	2
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q40**

Do you currently live in a single family home, semi-detached home, condominium, apartment, townhouse, or co-op?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Single family home	89	89	90
Semi-detached house (e.g., duplex)	3	3	3
Condominium	-	-	-
Apartment	5	6	5
Townhouse	-	-	-
Co-op	-	-	-
Other	3	3	3
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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Q41\_R- Q43 asked only of respondents who answered 'rent' to Q39

**Q41\_R**

What is the main reason why you rent rather than own your own home?

*[Open-ended question with recoded responses]*

*[Because of the small base, data is shown only by total respondents]*

	<b>Total</b>
	%
Can't afford / finances	49
Major life change: divorce / unemployed / hard times	11
Just haven't looked	8
Taxes	5
Save for down payment	4
Too expensive upkeep of house / don't want responsibility	2
Owens elsewhere / leaving area	1
Thinking about / looking now	2
Other	3
Don't know	7
Refused	7

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**Q42**

Do you currently have a lease?

*[Because of the small base, data is shown only by total respondents]*

	<b>Total</b>
	%
Yes	76
No	21
Refused	3

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**Q43**

How important to you is owning your own home, now or in the future?

*[Because of the small base, data is shown only by total respondents]*

	<b>Total</b>
	%
Very important	84
Somewhat important	4
Not very important	7
Not at all important	4
Don't Know/Refused	-

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Q44-Q45 asked only of respondents who answered 'own' to Q39

**Q44**

Is this the first home that you have owned?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	68	69	66
No	32	31	34
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q45**

Do you or did you ever have a mortgage on your current home?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	96	97	95
No	4	3	5
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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Q46 asked only of respondents who answered 'Yes' to Q45

**Q46**

Are you satisfied with the type of mortgage that was offered to you, such as the interest rate, terms and payment schedule?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Very satisfied	52	57	44
Somewhat satisfied	31	27	38
Not very satisfied	11	11	10
Not satisfied at all	6	6	7
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	1

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**Q48**

How long have you lived at your current residence?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Less than one year	2	1	3
Between one and two years	6	6	5
Between two and five years	10	8	13
Between five years and ten years	22	20	24
Ten years or more	61	64	55
Don't Know/Refused	-	1	-

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Q49 asked only of respondents who answered 'less than ten years' to Q48

**Q49**

Please think back to the time when you moved to your current residence. Was the area in which you now live your first choice of a residential location, or not?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	35	35	36
No	62	64	61
Don't Know/Refused	2	2	3

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**District**

What is the name of your local school district?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Baldwin	3	6	-
Elmont	1	2	-
Freeport	5	8	-
Hempstead	6	10	-
Lawrence	1	2	-
Malverne	6	10	-
Rockville Centre	-	-	-
Roosevelt	14	25	-
Sewanhaka	1	2	-
Uniondale	12	21	-
West Hempstead	2	3	-
Westbury	1	2	-
Amityville	6	-	13
Babylon	-	-	1
Copiague	6	-	15
Deer Park	2	-	4
Fire Island	-	-	1
Half Hollow Hills	2	-	6
Hauppauge	-	-	-
Longwood	1	-	2
North Babylon	6	-	14
West Babylon	1	-	3
Wyandanch	15	-	35
Other	1	-	2
Don't Know	8	10	5
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q53**

Do you think that the quality of public schools in your school district is a good value compared to the taxes that you pay?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	37	38	36
No	55	57	53
Don't Know	8	5	11
Refused	-	-	1

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**Q54**

Do you think that the quality of government services in your area such as parks, libraries, sanitation, and police protection is good value compared to the taxes that you pay?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	57	61	52
No	36	34	40
Don't Know	7	6	8
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q55**

How many people 18 years and older, including yourself, are currently living in your household?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
One	17	13	23
Two	44	49	36
Three	18	21	15
Four or more	21	18	25
Don't Know	-	-	1
Refused	-	-	-

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**Q56**

In an average month, how difficult is it for you and your family living with you to pay the rent or mortgage? Would you say it is

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Very difficult	9	7	13
Somewhat difficult	28	25	33
Not very difficult	25	26	24
Not at all difficult	35	38	30
Don't Know	2	3	-
Refused	-	-	1

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**Q57**

Overall, how would you rate Long Island as a place to live?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Excellent	23	25	21
Good	48	45	52
Fair	27	29	23
Poor	2	1	4
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q58**

In what year were you born?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
18-34 years old	31	29	33
35-54 years old	43	43	43
55 and over	22	23	21
Refused	4	5	2

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**Q59**

Were you born in the United States?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	74	70	80
No	26	30	20
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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Q60 asked only of respondents who answered 'no' to Q59

**Q60**

In what country were you born?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Barbados	3	5	1
Caribbean	8	7	8
Central America	6	5	7
Dominica	2	2	-
Ghana	2	1	4
Guyana/South America	4	2	7
Haiti	12	9	16
Jamaica	37	34	43
Nigeria	2	3	2
Trinidad	8	8	7
West Indies	8	11	3
Other	1	1	2
Don't Know	-	-	-
Refused	9	13	2

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**Q61**

Were both of your parents born in the United States?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	62	57	69
No	38	43	31
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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Q62 asked only of respondents who answered 'no' to Q61

**Q62**

In which country or countries were they born?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Barbados	5	7	1
Caribbean	6	4	8
Central America	6	6	6
England	1	-	2
Ghana	1	1	3
South America	3	1	6
Haiti	17	13	26
Jamaica	31	33	28
Nigeria	3	3	3
Trinidad	11	15	4
West Indies	6	8	3
Two different countries	1	1	1
Other	4	1	10
Don't Know	-	-	-
Refused	6	9	1

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**Q63**

Is English your first language?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	95	96	94
No	5	4	6
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q64**

How many children under the age of 18 are currently living in your household?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
None	47	52	39
1 or more	53	48	61
Don't Know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	1

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Q65 asked only of respondents who answered '1 or more' to Q64

**Q65**

Do any of these children attend the local public schools?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Yes	70	72	68
No	30	28	31
Don't Know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	1

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**Q66**

When you were growing up, what percentage of the residents in your neighborhood were of the same race or ethnicity as you?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Between 90 and 100%	43	45	41
Between 75 and 90%	21	26	14
Between 50 and 75%	20	17	24
Between 25 and 50%	8	6	12
Or fewer than 25%	6	6	7
Don't Know	1	-	2
Refused	-	1	-

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**Q67**

What is the highest grade of school, year of college or highest degree that you have received?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> grade or less	-	-	-
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	3	3	4
12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	3	1	5
High school graduate	22	22	22
Some college, no degree	30	30	29
Associates degree (occupational/academic)	13	12	14
Bachelor's degree (BA, AB, BS)	18	19	15
Master's degree	9	10	8
Professional school degree (J.D., M.D.)	1	1	-
Doctorate (Ph.D, Ed.D., Sc.D)	2	1	2
Or something else	1	1	-
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	1

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**Q68**

Are you currently:

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Employed full time	60	63	56
Employed part time	8	7	10
Retired	10	11	10
Retired and working FT/PT	1	1	1
Not employed for pay	8	11	5
Disabled	7	3	12
Student	5	4	7
Other	-	1	-
Homemaker	1	1	1
Don't Know/Refused	-	-	-

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**Q69\_R**

What is/was your occupation?

*[Open-ended question with recoded responses]*

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Professional / manager / owner	34	37	31
Teachers / librarians / professors	6	6	7
Sales / clerical / service worker	31	37	24
Skilled laborer / tradesman	7	6	8
Semi- or unskilled labor	9	4	15
Gov't employee (non-specific)	3	1	5
Other	8	7	9
Don't Know/Refused	2	3	1

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**Q70**

Which of the following income categories best describes the total 2010 household income of all members of your family living there before taxes. Stop me when I reach your income group. Was it

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Less than \$20,000	9	7	11
\$20,000 to less than \$35,000	13	15	12
\$35,000 to less than \$60,000	14	11	19
\$60,000 to less than \$80,000	14	18	10
\$80,000 to less than \$100,000	8	9	7
\$100,000 to less than \$120,000	8	11	5
\$120,000 to less than \$150,000	9	13	5
\$150,000 or more	15	11	19
Refused	9	6	14

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**Q71**

Are you married, not married but living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Married	38	39	36
Not married, living with a partner	10	11	9
Separated	5	3	8
Divorced	9	9	9
Widowed	6	6	6
Never married	31	32	30
Refused	2	1	3

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**Gender**

	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Nassau %</b>	<b>Suffolk %</b>
Female	56	57	56
Male	44	43	44