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## **I. Survey Methodology**

The Elon University Poll is conducted using a stratified random sample of households with telephones and wireless telephone numbers in the population of interest – in this case, citizens in Alamance County, North Carolina. The sample of telephone numbers for the survey is obtained from Survey Sampling International, LLC. Methodological information is also available at: <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/elonpoll/methodology.xhtml>.

### ***Selection of Households***

To equalize the probability of telephone selection, sample telephone numbers are systematically stratified according to subpopulation strata (e.g., a zip code), which yields a sample from telephone exchanges in proportion to each exchange's share of telephone households in the population of interest. Estimates of telephone households in the population of interest are generally obtained from several databases. Samples of household telephone numbers are distributed across all eligible blocks of numbers in proportion to the density of listed households assigned in the population of interest according to a specified subpopulation stratum. Upon determining the projected (or preferred) sample size, a sampling interval is calculated by summing the number of listed residential numbers in each eligible block within the population of interest and dividing that sum by the number of sampling points assigned to the population. From a random start between zero and the sampling interval, blocks are systematically selected in proportion to the density of listed household "working blocks." A *block* (also known as a *bank*) is a set of contiguous numbers identified by the first two digits of the last four digits of a telephone number. A working block contains three or more working telephone numbers. Exchanges are assigned to a population on the basis of all eligible blocks in proportion to the density of working telephone households. Once each population's proportion of telephone households is determined, then a sampling interval, based on that proportion, is calculated and specific exchanges and numbers are randomly selected. The methodology for the wireless component of this study starts with the determining which area code-exchange combinations in Alamance County are included in the wireless or shared Telcordia types. Similar to the process for selecting household telephone numbers, wireless numbers involve a multi-step process in which blocks of numbers are determined for each area code-exchange combination in the Telcordia types. From a random start within the first sampling interval, a systematic  $n$ th selection of each block of numbers is performed and a two-digit random number between 00 and 99 is appended to each selected  $n$ th block stem. The intent is to provide a stratification that will yield a sample that is

representative both geographically and by large and small carrier. From these, a random sample is generated. Because exchanges and numbers are randomly selected by the computer, unlisted as well as listed household telephone numbers are included in the sample. Thus, the sample of telephone numbers generated for the population of interest constitutes a random sample of telephone households and wireless numbers of the population.

### ***Procedures Used for Conducting the Poll***

The survey was conducted Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, of 2011. During this time calls were made from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, and from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. The Elon University Poll uses CATI system software (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) in the administration of surveys. For each working telephone number in the sample, several attempts were made to reach each number. Only individuals 18 years or older and residents of Alamance County were interviewed; those reached at business or work numbers were not interviewed. For each number reached, one adult is generally selected based on whether s/he is the oldest or youngest adult in the household. Interviews, which are conducted by live interviewers, are completed with adults from the target population as specified. Interviews for this survey were completed with 846 adults from Alamance County, North Carolina. For a sample size of 846, there is a 95 percent probability that our survey results are within plus or minus 3.4 percentage points (the margin of sampling error) of the actual population distribution for any given question. For sub-samples (a subgroup selected from the overall sample), the margin of error is higher depending on the size of the subsample. When we use a subsample, we identify these results as being from a subsample by providing the total number of respondents and margin of error for that subsample. In reporting our results, we note any use of a subsample by identifying the size of the subsample, which is noted based on it differing from the overall sample size (which here is 846). Because our surveys are based on probability sampling, there are a variety of factors that prevent these results from being perfect, complete depictions of the population; the foremost example is that of margin of sampling error (as noted above). With all probability samples, there are theoretical and practical difficulties estimating population characteristics (or parameters). Thus, while efforts are made to reduce or lessen such threats, sampling error as well as other sources of error – while not all inclusive, examples of other error effects are non-response rates, question order effects, question wording effects, etc. – are present in surveys derived from probability samples.

### ***Questions and Question Order***

The Elon University Poll provides the questions as worded and the order in which these questions are administered (to respondents). Question wording contained in brackets ( [ ] ) denotes randomly rotated response options as provided in the question; these words are randomly rotated throughout the survey to ensure that respondents do not receive a set order of response options (presented to them), which also maintains question construction integrity by avoiding respondent acquiescence based on question composition. Some questions used a probe maneuver to determine a respondent's intensity of perspective. Probe

techniques used in this questionnaire mainly consist of asking a respondent if her or his response is more intense than initially provided in the original dichotomized offering. For example, upon indicating whether s/he is satisfied or dissatisfied (the dichotomized offering), interviewers ask the respondent "would you say you are very 'satisfied'/'dissatisfied'". This technique is employed in some questions as opposed to specifying the full range of choices in the question. Though specifying the full range of options in questions is a commonly accepted practice in survey research, we sometimes prefer that, upon the initial choice, a respondent determine whether his or her perspective is stronger or more intense, for which the probe technique used. Another method for acquiring information from respondents is to ask an "open-ended" question. The open-ended question is a question for which no response options are provided, i.e., it is entirely up to the respondent to provide the response information.

### ***The Elon University Poll***

The Elon University Poll is conducted under the auspices of the Center for Public Opinion Polling (Hunter Bacot, Director & Mileah Kromer, Assistant Director). The Elon University administration, led by Dr. Leo Lambert, President of the university, fully support the Elon University Poll as part of its service commitment to local, state, regional, and national constituents. Dr. Hunter Bacot, a professor in the department of political science, directs the Elon University Poll. Elon University students administer the survey as part of the University's commitment to experiential learning where "students learn through doing."

## II. Survey Instrument and Percent Distributions by Question

Interviews were completed with 846 adults from households in the North Carolina. For a sample size of 846, there is a 95 percent probability that our survey results are within plus or minus 3.4 percentage points (the margin of sampling error) of the actual population distribution for any given question. The questions as presented are normally in the order in which these appear on the survey instrument. Due to rounding, column totals may not equal 100 percent as indicated. Data are weighted to reflect the adult population in terms of gender, age, and race.

<b>About the Codes appearing in Questions and Responses</b>	
<b>Response Options not offered</b>	Response options are <u>not</u> offered to the person taking the survey (respondent), but are included in the question as asked (and usually denoted by brackets, [ ]). Response options are generally offered only for demographic questions (background characteristic, e.g., age, education, income, etc.).
<b>v = volunteered response</b>	Respondents volunteer response option. As response options are <u>not</u> offered to those taking the survey, some respondents offer or volunteer response options. Though not all volunteered options can be anticipated, the more common options are noted.
<b>p = probed response</b>	Respondents self-place in this option or category. A probe maneuver is used in questions to allow the respondent to indicate whether her/his response is more intense than initially provided for in the choices appearing in the question. For example, on probe questions the interviewer, upon a respondent indicating that she/he is satisfied (or dissatisfied), is instructed to ask him/her "Would you say you are "very satisfied"?"

**To get started, I want to ask you about issues in Alamance County . . . what do you think is the most important issue facing Alamance County?**  
(open ended)

	Percent
ECONOMY (JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT, ETC)	37.7
PUBLIC SCHOOLS/ EDUCATION	17.6
CRIME & DRUGS	6.1
IMMIGRATION	5.6
GAS PRICES	4.8
TRANSPORTATION (PUBLIC, ROADS, ETC)	2.7
TAXES	2.1
HEALTH CARE	1.5
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	1.0
OTHER	9.7
DON'T KNOW (v)	11.1
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

*The next three 'issue questions' administered randomly during survey*

**I'd like to ask you about health issues in Alamance County . . . what do you think is the most important health issue in the county?** (open ended)

	Percent
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE	18.1
CANCER	7.7
OBESITY, BEING OVERWEIGHT	7.3
LACK OF HEALTH INSURANCE	7.2
HEALTH CARE COSTS	2.8
TEENAGE PREGNANCY	2.6
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	2.5
TOBACCO USE	2.2
MENTAL HEALTH	2.1
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	2.1
DIABETES	2.0
HEART DISEASE	2.0
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE	1.8
AGING (ARTHRITIS, HEARING LOSS, ETC)	1.6
HIV/AIDS	1.6
FLU	1.6
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE	1.1
OTHER	11.0
DON'T KNOW (v)	21.1

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%. Items may not total to 100%; issues

mentioned less than 1% are not listed.

**I'd like to ask you about social issues in Alamance County . . . just so we are talking about the same thing, when I say social issues, I mean any issue that relates to the problems or concerns of society as a whole. So, with that in mind, what do you think is the most important social issue in the county? (open ended)**

	Percent
IMMIGRATION ISSUES	6.2
EDUCATION (SCHOOLS, QUALITY OF EDUC/SCHOOLS)	5.4
GANGS	5.2
RACISM/ INTOLERANCE	5.1
POVERTY	3.5
HOMELESSNESS	2.8
ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	2.4
YOUTH VIOLENCE	1.8
TEENAGE PREGNANCY	1.7
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1.3
NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY BILLS	1.2
HUNGER	1.0
OTHER	28.7
DON'T KNOW (v)	28.3

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%. Items may not total to 100%; issues mentioned less than 1% are not listed.

**I'd like to ask you about risky behaviors in Alamance County . . by risky behavior, I simply mean any action or behavior that may cause harm to yourself, another individual, or society as a whole. So, with that in mind, what do you think is the most important risky behavior issue in the county? (open ended)**

	Percent
DRUG ABUSE	23.1
DRUNK DRIVING	12.7
VIOLENT BEHAVIOR	8.1
ALCOHOL ABUSE	5.9
RECKLESS DRIVING	3.3
GANGS	3.0
UNSAFE SEX	2.8
CELL PHONES (TALKING/TEXTING WHILE DRIVING)	2.6
GUNS	1.5
OTHER	16.5
DON'T KNOW (v)	16.7

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%. Items may not total to 100%; issues mentioned less than 1% are not listed.

**Now I'd like to ask you about some issues that affect your everyday lives. . . When you shop for groceries, what is your top priority - is it healthy foods, the price of food, what your family likes, or what is on sale that week?**

	Percent
HEALTHY FOODS	32.2
THE PRICE OF FOOD	26.1
WHAT YOUR FAMILY LIKES	17.2
WHAT IS ON SALE THAT WEEK	17.6
OTHER (v)	5.3
DON'T KNOW (v)	1.6
REFUSED (v)	0.0
Total (N=846, +/-3.4%)	100.0

**In the past year, have you had to cut back on the food you buy for your household?**

	Percent
NO	51.1
YES	47.4
DON'T KNOW (v)	1.5
REFUSED (v)	0.0
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**In a community disaster or emergency, how many days could you take care of yourself at home?**

	Percent
1 DAY	1.3
2 DAYS	3.6
3 DAYS	12.2
ONE WEEK	37.9
TWO WEEKS	16.9
MORE THAN TWO WEEKS	21.8
ZERO DAYS	1.1
DON T KNOW (v)	5.2
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**Are you currently in bed or in a chair for most or all of the day because of your health?**

	Percent
NO	90.9
YES	8.6
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.5
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

*If respondent answers 'yes', or 'don't know', s/he skips questions about exercise; respondents answering 'no' continue with following questions about exercise.*

**Now I'd like to ask you some questions about exercise and fitness . . .**

<b>QUESTION LABEL</b>	<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW (v)</b>
EXERCISE 1A N=769 +/-3.6%	Do you exercise at least two and a half hours (2.5) each week?  <i>If no, or don't know, go to next question (EXERCISE 1AA) If yes, skip to question EXERCISE 1</i>	32.9	66.6	0.5
	<b>EXERCISE 1AA</b> N=257 +/-6.2% Would having more time make you more likely to exercise?  <i>If yes, or don't know, go to next question (EXERCISE 1AAA) If no, skip to question EXERCISE 2B</i>	50.2	48.3	1.5
	<b>EXERCISE 1AAA</b> N=128 +/-8.8% Would having a place to exercise make you more likely to exercise at least 2.5 hours a week?  <i>skip to question EXERCISE 2B</i>	32.5	67.5	0.0
EXERCISE 1 N=512+/-4.4%	Do you walk at least two and a half hours (2.5) each week?	17.1	82.7	0.2
EXERCISE 2 N=512+/-4.4%	Would having sidewalks make you walk more each week?	46.2	51.7	2.2
EXERCISE 3 N=512+/-4.4%	Do you ride a bicycle at least two and a half hours (2.5) each week?	91.6	8.4	0.0
EXERCISE 4 N=512+/-4.4%	Would having bicycle lanes make you ride more each week?	67.1	31.8	1.1
EXERCISE 5 N=512+/-4.4%	Do you participate in a group exercise program for at least two and a half hours (2.5) each week?	80.7	19.3	0.0
EXERCISE 6 N=512+/-4.4%	Would a group exercise program make you exercise more each week?  <i>continue to next issue questions about health issues</i>	53.9	43.7	2.1
	<b>EXERCISE 2B</b> N=257 +/-6.2% Would having sidewalks make you walk more each week?	46.1	52.1	1.8
	<b>EXERCISE 3B</b> N=257 +/-6.2% Would having bicycle lanes make you ride more each week?	67.4	31.4	1.2
	<b>EXERCISE 4B</b> N=257 +/-6.2% Would a group exercise program make you exercise more each week?	52.3	45.1	2.6

Note: Specific question totals noted in table.

**Now I'm going to read you a list of health issues . . . for each one, please tell me if the issue is [not at all important, important, or very important] to the overall well-being of people in Alamance County.**

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW (v)
CANCER	1.5	26.4	71.5	0.6
FLU	9.5	51.6	37.7	1.2
HIV	9.8	36.7	49.3	4.2
HEART DISEASE	1.8	32.6	64.8	0.7
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE	3.4	42.8	53.5	0.4
MENTAL HEALTH	6.7	45.6	45.6	2.1
LUNG DISEASE	8.0	43.5	46.1	2.3
STROKE	4.6	42.6	51.2	1.6

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%

**Now changing topics to household activities. . . How do you dispose of your unused household chemicals? (open ended)**

	Percent
SINK	3.7
TOILET	2.6
LANDFILL	10.0
BACKYARD	1.9
DITCH	0.1
GARBAGE	25.3
COMMUNITY COLLECTION EVENT	18.3
DON'T HAVE ANY	27.4
OTHER (v)	5.2
DON'T KNOW (v)	5.5
Total (N=846, +/-3.4%)	100.0

**How do you dispose of unused medications?** (open ended)

	Percent
SINK	1.7
TOILET	23.5
LANDFILL	2.0
BACKYARD	0.2
DITCH	0.3
GARBAGE	30.7
COMMUNITY COLLECTION EVENT	4.3
DON'T HAVE ANY	27.9
OTHER (v)	5.5
DON'T KNOW (v)	3.9
Total (N=846, +/-3.4%)	100.0

**Now I'm going to read you a list of health issues . . . for each one, please tell me if the issue is [not at all important, important, or very important] to the overall well-being of people in Alamance County.**

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW (v)
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE	0.9	23.1	75.5	0.5
PRACTICING PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	4.8	39.1	55.1	1.0
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES	4.7	36.8	55.5	3.0
SEEING A DOCTOR REGULARLY	5.1	40.2	54.1	0.6
USING THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR REGULAR MEDICAL CARE	58.9	22.9	14.4	3.9
TEEN PREGNANCY	4.6	35.3	57.5	2.6

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%

**Now, changing topics, I'd like to ask you some questions about pet care in Alamance County. . . .**

QUESTION LABEL	QUESTION	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW
PETS 1 N=846 +/-3.4%	Do you have pets?  <i>If no, or don't know, go to next issue (and do not answer pet quesitons)</i> <i>If yes, skip to question PET 1A</i>	41.1	58.9	0.0
PET 1A N=499 +/-4.5%	Is your pet spayed or neutered?  <i>If no, go to next question (PET 1AA)</i> <i>If yes, or don't know skip to question PET 2</i>	22.3	76.8	0.9
PET 1AA N=111 +/-9.5%	Why is your pet NOT spayed or neutered? (open ended; select all that apply) <i>After answering question, respondent moves to next question (PET 2)</i>			
			Percent	
			Pest are not suitable for neutering	9.9
			Just don't want to do it	9.9
			Costs too much	9.9
			Transportation issues	0.0
			No veterinarian	0.0
			Don't want to subject pet to pain	4.5
			Simply don't want to do it	6.3
			Pet is too young for procedure	8.1
			Plan to breed my pet	24.3
			No options presented specific to situation	29.7
		NO	YES	OTHER
PET 2 N=499 +/-4.5%	Are your pet's rabies vaccinations (shots) up to date?  <i>If no, answer next question PET 2A</i> <i>If yes, go to next issue (and do not answer next question)</i>	4.4	92.3	3.3
PET 2A N=22	Why are these not up to date? (open ended; select all that apply)			
			Percent	
			Pest are not suitable for neutering	47.0
			Just don't want to do it	16.8
			Costs too much	5.3
			Transportation issues	1.2
			No veterinarian	0.0
			Don't want to subject pet to pain	0.0
			Simply don't want to do it	0.0
			Pet is too young for procedure	0.0
			Plan to breed my pet	0.0
			No options presented specific to situation	29.7

Note: Specific question totals noted in table

**Now, I'd like to read you a list of some social issues and I want you to tell me if the issue is [not at all important, important, or very important] to the overall well being for people across Alamance County.**

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW (v)
DEPORTATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS	14.3	34.7	47.2	3.7
INCREASING ELDERLY POPULATION	8.9	50.2	37.8	3.0
ACCESS TO FREE BUDGET AND CREDIT COUNSELING TO HELP GET OUT OF DEBT	14.4	47.0	36.3	2.3
ASSISTANCE SETTTLING DISAGREEMENTS WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS	33.5	49.7	14.3	2.6

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%

**Was there a time during the past 12 months when you or a family member needed to get dental care, but could not get it?**

	Percent
NO	81.7
YES	17.9
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.4
Total (N=846, +/-3.4%)	100.0

*If respondent answered no, don't know, or refused, s/he skipped next question*

*If respondent answered yes, s/he was asked next question*

**Why could you not get it?**

(as a percent of those unable to get dental care in past 12 months)

	Percent
DO NOT HAVE DENTAL INSURANCE	48.7
HAVE INSURANCE BUT IT WOULD NOT COVER ALL OF IT	12.5
HAVE INSURANCE BUT CAN'T AFFORD WHAT MY INSURANCE WOULD NOT COVER	6.6
DENTIST DOESN'T TAKE MY INSURANCE OR MEDICAID	3.9
MY DEDUCTIBLE OR CO-PAY WAS TOO HIGH	2.0
SIMPLY COULDN'T AFFORD TO GO AT THE TIME	25.7
COULDN'T GET AN APPOINTMENT	1.3
OTHER	9.2
DON'T KNOW/ NO ANSWER (v)	0.1

Note: N=152, +/-8.1%

**If a friend or family member needed counseling for a mental health problem, where would you recommend that they go for help?**

(open ended)

	Percent
NO FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER NEEDS COUNSELING	1.7
DOCTOR	26.7
SUPPORT GROUP	1.4
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM	38.2
MINISTER/RELIGIOUS OFFICIAL	5.6
PRIVATE COUNSELOR OR THERAPIST	13.6
SCHOOL COUNSELOR	1.6
DON'T KNOW (v)	21.4
REFUSED (v)	0.1
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**Do you know a family member or close friend that has split their pills to make their medication last longer?**

	Percent
NO	74.3
YES	25.1
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.6
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**Now I'd like to ask you about some different activities and I'd like for you to estimate, as best you can, how many hours a day you spend doing each of these. . .**

	HOURS PER DAY MEAN/MEDIAN	NOT APPLICABLE
TALKING ON YOUR CELL PHONE	1.28 / 1.0	24.1
TEXTING IN YOUR CELL PHONE	1.27 / 0.0	56.0
WATCHING TV	2.91 / 2.0	3.8
PLAYING VIDEO GAMES ON A TV	0.25 / 0.0	86.2
PLAYING VIDEO GAMES ON A HANDHELD DEVICE	0.10 / 0.0	93.2
PLAYING VIDEO GAMES ON A COMPUTER	0.28 / 0.0	84.2
USING THE INTERNET	2.12 / 1.0	24.0
USING THE COMPUTER FOR RECREATION	1.10 / 1.0	40.5

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%. Respondents were able to say they did not engage in, own, or have access to the activity; these cases are identified in the table as "not applicable."

**Finally, in a given week, how many meals -- breakfast, lunch and dinner -- do you eat out, including takeout?**

	Percent
NO MEALS	7.9
ONE MEAL	15.9
TWO MEALS	20.7
THREE OR FOUR MEALS	23.5
FIVE OR SIX MEALS	13.5
SEVEN OR MORE MEALS	18.5
Total (N=846, +/-3.4%)	100.0
MEAN MEALS PER WEEK=4.1	
MEDIAN MEALS PER WEEK=3.0	

**Changing topics again, I'd like to know if you have any responsibilities caring for others . . .**

**In this case, "caring" is defined as tending to another person to the extent that the responsibility affects your day-to-day affairs, or quality of life. . . so, with this in mind, I'm going to read you a list of people you may take care of and I want you to tell me if you are caring for someone like that . . . here's the list:**

- **a Grandchild**
  - **a Disabled Grandchild**
  - **a Disabled Child**
  - **a Disabled Spouse or Partner**
  - **an Elderly or Disabled Parent**
  - **another Elderly or Disabled Relative**
- or are you not currently caring for anyone.**

	Percent
A GRANDCHILD	5.1
A DISABLED GRANDCHILD	0.7
A DISABLED CHILD	3.7
A DISABLED SPOUSE OR PARTNER	3.6
AN ELDERLY OR DISABLED PARENT	9.5
ANOTHER ELDERLY OR DISABLED RELATIVE	7.3
NOT CURRENTLY CARING FOR ANYONE	71.1
DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED (v)	2.6

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%. Respondent could select all options that apply.

**Now, moving to another topic, I'm going to ask you about childcare, teens and their behaviors. Many of these questions are asking about your experience with your own children or grandchildren.**

**How many children or grandchildren under the age of 18 do you have living in your home?**

	Percent
ONE CHILD	18.6
TWO CHILDREN	15.8
THREE CHILDREN	6.0
FOUR CHILDREN	1.8
FIVE OR MORE CHILDREN	0.8
I DON'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN	56.9
Total (N=846, +/-3.4%)	100.0

*Respondents with no children skip to questions about experiences, while those with children answer the following two questions*

**Are these your children or your grandchildren?**

	Percent
MY CHILD/CHILDREN	84.3
MY GRANDCHILD/GRANDCHILDREN	5.0
BOTH	0.4
NEITHER	10.3
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.0
Total N=364, +/-5.2%	100.0

**How many of these children are in childcare or after-school care outside the home?**

	Percent
ONE CHILD	17.2
TWO CHILDREN	7.6
THREE CHILDREN	1.0
NO CHILDREN IN CHILDCARE OR AFTERSCHOOL CARE	74.2
Total N=364, +/-5.2%	100.0

*Respondents with children NOT in childcare or afterschool care, skip to questions about experiences, while those with children in childcare or afterschool care answer following two questions.*

**About how much money do you spend monthly on childcare or afterschool care?**

	Percent
\$0.00	7.9
\$1.00-\$299.00	18.8
\$300.00-\$499.00	27.0
\$500.00-\$699.00	27.0
\$700.00 OR MORE	14.4
NO ANSWER	4.9
Total N=94, +/-10.3%	100.0
MEAN AMOUNT = \$897.00	
MEDIAN AMOUNT =\$400.00	

**How much does this child care take out of your Monthly Paycheck . . . does it take:**

- less than half of your Monthly Paycheck,**
- about half of your Monthly Paycheck,**
- more than half your Monthly Paycheck,**

**or do you not have to pay for this childcare?**

	Percent
DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR CHILDCARE	10.4
LESS THAN HALF OF THEIR PAYCHECK	81.3
ABOUT HALF OF THEIR PAYCHECK	0.0
MORE THAN HALF OF THEIR PAYCHECK	5.7
I DON'T HAVE A MONTHLY PAYCHECK (HOMEMAKER, ETC.)	1.1
DON'T KNOW (v)	1.5
Total N=94, +/-10.3%	100.0

**Now I'd like to read you a list of things people may or may not experience in Alamance County, and I want you to tell me whether you know someone in your family or a close friend that has experienced it during the past year . . . . so, in the past year, is there someone who:**

	NO	YES	DON'T KNOW (v)
HAS DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL	81.2	17.8	0.9
HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	79.7	20.0	0.3
IS EXPERIENCING A LOT OF STRESS BECAUSE OF TAKING CARE OF A PARENT	64.1	35.5	0.4
DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY THEIR BILLS	34.6	64.2	1.1
WAS RAPED OR SEXUALLY ABUSED	89.2	10.5	0.3
IS EXPERIENCING A LOT OF STRESS FROM RAISING THEIR CHILD (OR CHILDREN)	53.6	45.6	0.8
IS SUFFERING FROM POVERTY	66.9	32.1	1.1
HAS NO HEALTH INSURANCE	42.0	56.7	1.4
IS HOMELESS OR ABOUT TO LOSE THEIR HOME	79.6	20.0	0.4
ABUSES ALCOHOL OR DRUGS	61.0	38.4	0.6

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%

**Now, I'd like to change topics and ask you about your neighborhood . . .  
Overall, how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to walk?  
Is it not at all good, good, or very good?**

	Percent
NOT GOOD AT ALL	13.1
GOOD	36.1
VERY GOOD	50.0
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.8
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**Thinking back over the past year, how often do you walk in your neighborhood, either to go somewhere or for exercise or relaxation--do you walk:**

- **never**
- **daily**
- **one to three times a week**
- **one to three times a month, or**
- **less than once a month?**

	Percent
NEVER	20.4
DAILY OR ALMOST DAILY	22.6
ONE TO THREE TIMES A WEEK	29.2
ONE TO THREE TIMES A MONTH	13.5
LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	13.8
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.5
REFUSED (v)	0.0
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**Now, I'm going to read a list of places that people sometimes walk to in their neighborhoods. For each one, please tell me whether you have walked there from your home in the past year.**

	Percent
TO A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER'S HOUSE	55.7
TO A GROCERY STORE	13.8
TO ANY OTHER STORES (OTHER THAN A GROCERY STORE)	22.2
TO A RESTAURANT, INCLUDING A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT	8.1
TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILDREN	4.3
TO A PARK, RECREATION CENTER, OR PLAYGROUND	25.0
TO A WALKING TRACK OR TRAIL	24.1
TO CHURCH	7.6
TO A BUS STOP	7.1
TO OTHER PLACES (NOT ASKED ABOUT)	11.4
DON'T KNOW (v)	6.2
REFUSED (v)	1.5

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%. Respondent could select all that apply.

**When you are walking, or out in your neighborhood, how safe do you feel?**

**Would you say you are [not at all safe, somewhat safe, or very safe]?**

	Percent
NOT SAFE AT ALL	4.5
SOMEWHAT SAFE	27.0
VERY SAFE	67.5
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.6
REFUSED (v)	0.5
Total (N=846, +/-3.4%)	100.0

Those respondents answering 'not safe at all' are asked the following question, while others skip to question about ability to depend on others

**Why do you feel "not at all safe" when you are walking, or out in your neighborhood? (open ended)**

	Percent
POOR LIGHTING	0.7
POOR CONDITION OF SIDEWALKS OR PATHS (E.G., SIDEWALKS IN DISREPAIR)	1.0
STRAY DOGS	0.4
FEAR OF OTHER PEOPLE, OR SCARED	1.7
TRAFFIC	1.4
IT IS JUST DANGEROUS	1.5
I WON'T GO OUT AFTER DARK	0.9
OTHER	0.6
REFUSE (v)	0.1
Total N=38, +/-16.2	

**Now I have some questions about relationships with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. For each one, please tell me how much—[never, sometimes, often, or always] that you feel like you could.**

	<b>NEVER</b>	<b>SOME-TIMES</b>	<b>OFTEN</b>	<b>ALWAYS</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW (v)</b>
If you needed help around the house, for example with cleaning or making small repairs, how often could you get somebody to help you without having to pay them?	11.3	16.1	24.6	45.9	2.1
If you were sick, how often would there be somebody who would help care for you?	4.8	11.0	21.6	61.3	1.2
If you were worried about an important personal matter, how often would there be somebody you could confide in?	3.9	11.9	18.6	64.9	0.9
If you couldn't use your car or your usual way of getting around for a week, how often could you find somebody who would take you where you needed to go?	3.4	17.4	25.0	52.9	1.3
If you needed to borrow a fairly large sum of money, how often would you have somebody you could borrow it from?	24.4	30.5	18.1	22.0	5.0
If you had problems, how often would there be somebody you could trust to help you solve them?	3.8	14.9	23.4	55.7	2.2

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%

**Next, I'm going to read you a list of transportation options in Alamance County. For each one, I'd like for you to tell me if you have used it during the past three months. . .**

	Percent
TAXI	2.6
ALAMANCE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (ACTA)	1.9
ELON BIO BUS	1.4
BICYCLE	12.1
WALK	56.4
FAMILY MEMBER	57.4
FRIEND	53.6
CO-WORKER	19.9
OTHER	5.6
NONE OF THESE	12.8
DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED (v)	0.2

Note: N=846, +/-3.4%. Respondent could select all options that apply.

**Do you own or lease a car that runs, that is, that you can depend upon to get you places you need to go?**

	Percent
NO	6.8
YES	93.1
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**Finally, I'm going to ask you a few questions about religion and spirituality.**

**Are you a member of, or do you regularly attend, a church or other place of worship?**

	Percent
NO	31.1
YES	68.4
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.1
REFUSED (v)	0.3
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0

**Some people turn to spiritual sources for support when they are facing challenges. Thinking about yourself, for each of the following statements, please tell me whether you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with each one.**

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	DON'T KNOW
My spiritual beliefs help me to get through hard times	3.0	3.9	34.4	58.0	0.7
My spiritual beliefs are a source of strength, support and guidance in times of crisis	3.0	4.6	32.6	59.2	0.6

Note: N=846,+/-3.4%

**Not counting a church or other place of worship, are you a member of any group or organization, such as a civic organization (like the Lions or the Optimists), a sorority or fraternity (like the Masons or the Eastern Star), a union, a professional organization, or a sports league (like bowling or softball)?**

	Percent
NO	65.6
YES	33.9
DON'T KNOW (v)	0.4
REFUSED (v)	0.1
Total (N=846,+/-3.4%)	100.0