

**The Council for Investment in the New American City
Metro Areas Survey**

Boston
Topline Report
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1. Looking back over the past five years, would you say that **TRAFFIC** in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

2% Better
66% Worse
25% Stayed the same
7% Don't know

2. Looking back over the past five years, would you say that **COMMUTING TIME TO WORK** in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

12% Better
36% Worse
35% Stayed the same
17% Don't know

3. Looking back over the past five years, would you say that **THE AMOUNT OF TIME WORKING PARENTS SPEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN** in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

8% Better
36% Worse
20% Stayed the same
36% Don't know

4. Looking back over the past five years, would you say that **ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

30% Better
5% Worse
52% Stayed the same

13% Don't know

5. Looking back over the past five years, would you say that **QUALITY OF SCHOOLS** in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

25% Better

15% Worse

25% Stayed the same

35% Don't know

6. Looking back over the past five years, would you say that **COST OF HOUSING** in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

6% Better

75% Worse

7% Stayed the same

11% Don't know

7. Looking back over the past five years, would you say that **AVAILABILITY OF JOBS** in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

69% Better

4% Worse

16% Stayed the same

11% Don't know

8. I support increasing public and private financial incentives to help families like mine afford to buy or rent in **INSERT CITY**. Do you strongly agree with this statement, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or do you strongly disagree with this statement?

74% Agree

20% Disagree

6% Don't know

9. I support encouraging people to live in **INSERT CITY** to discourage over-development of suburban areas. Do you strongly agree with this statement, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or do you strongly disagree with this statement?

49% Agree

42% Disagree

10% Don't know

10. Affordable housing should be made available to public servants, such as teachers, fire fighters and police officers, so they can live in the communities where they work. Do you strongly agree with this statement, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or do you strongly disagree with this statement?

72% Agree
22% Disagree
6% Don't know

11. I support the use of tax dollars to help improve the public transportation system in the area where I live. Do you strongly agree with this statement, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or do you strongly disagree with this statement?

83% Agree
13% Disagree
4% Don't know

12. Some people feel the best way to deal with traffic congestion is to build new roads, others feel the best way to deal with traffic congestion is to rely more on public transportation and to rebuild cities to lessen the impact of sprawl. Which is closer to your view?

18% Build new roads
75% More public transportation/rebuild cities to lessen sprawl
8% Don't know

13. Some people feel it's worth commuting a significantly longer distance to work to live in a larger home, others feel it's worth living in a smaller home if it means significantly reducing their commute to work. Which is closer to your view?

24% Longer commute, larger home
68% Smaller home, reduced commute
8% Don't know