

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

New Orleans

**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?

13% Better
54% Worse
29% Stayed the same
4% 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?

14% Better
19% Worse
52% Stayed the same
16% 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?

18% Better
40% Worse
26% Stayed the same
16% 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?

16% Better
20% Worse
42% Stayed the same

22% 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?

20% Better

36% Worse

26% Stayed the same

17% 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?

26% Better

50% Worse

17% Stayed the same

7% 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?

32% Better

19% Worse

35% Stayed the same

14% 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?

66% Agree

31% Disagree

3% 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?

56% Agree

40% Disagree

4% 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?

71% Agree
27% Disagree
2% 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?

72% Agree
25% Disagree
3% 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?

44% Build new roads
46% More public transportation/rebuild cities to lessen sprawl
10% 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?

43% Longer commute, larger home
46% Smaller home, reduced commute
10% Don't know