

HOME NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

The survey included four questions to examine home neighborhoods. The respondents were asked to rate their neighborhoods on four characteristics. These were desirability (attractive, want to live there), safety (feel safe, presence of safety programs), strength (adapt to change, visually interesting) and community connection (I know people, there is social interaction). The respondents were explained the definition of these concepts before answering the question. A 9-point grading scale from very poor (1) to excellent (9) was used to rate their neighborhoods. The respondents rated all the characteristics very positively with safety being the highest rated of the four (Table 66). The mean for safety was 8.21, which is equivalent to an impressive grade of A-. There were 96.8% responded above the midpoint of 5 while only 1.1% responded below 5. Desirability rated second earning a mean of 7.92 and a grade of B+ with 92.9% responding above the midpoint and only 1.5% below the midpoint. Strength rated third, earning a grade of B on a mean of 7.69 with 91.4% above 5 and only 2.4% below it. Finally, the lowest rating was for community connection. The mean was 7.22 which equates to a B- with 79.1% above the midpoint and 8.0% below it. Note that all the percentages below 5 were relatively low for all characteristics. See Appendix B for selected home neighborhood characteristics crosstabulations (B400-B427).

Table 66. Ratings of Home Neighborhood Characteristics (In Order of Ratings)

NEIGHBORHOOD ASPECTS	MEAN	GRADE
Safety	8.21	A-
Desirability	7.92	B+
Strength	7.69	B
Community Connection	7.22	B-

The respondents were asked how the Town is doing in providing housing choices that can accommodate a variety of lifestyles, households, ages, cultures and market preferences. The housing types examined were for seniors, multigenerational households, households with children, households without children, young professionals and members of the local workforce. The respondents indicated the Town was doing the most effective job with households with children (Table 67). The mean was 7.73, which translates to a grade of B. Households without children was rated second with a grade of B- on a mean of 7.42. The only other housing choice with a mean above 7.00 was for members of the local workforce at 7.05, which equates to a C+ grade. The other three housing choices were also rated with a C+ with slightly lower means including young professionals (6.97), seniors (6.93) and multigenerational households (6.91). See Appendix B for selected housing choices crosstabulations (B428-B436).

Table 67. Ratings of Available Housing Choices in Cary (In Order of Ratings)

NEIGHBORHOOD ASPECTS	MEAN	GRADE
Households with Children	7.73	B
Households without Children	7.42	B-
Members of Local Workforce	7.05	C+
Young Professionals	6.97	C+
Seniors	6.93	C+
Multigenerational Households	6.91	C+

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASPECTS	MEAN	VERY POOR 1	2	3	4	AVERAGE 5	6	7	8	EXCELLENT 9	GRADE
Safety	8.21	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.3	3.8	11.6	29.6	51.8	A-
Desirability	7.92	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	5.6	4.5	18.7	26.8	42.9	B+
Strength	7.69	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.0	6.3	8.9	21.3	23.5	37.7	B
Community Connection	7.22	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.5	12.8	9.6	15.1	19.1	35.3	B-

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Households with Children	7.73	0.8	0.3	1.6	1.1	10.0	4.0	12.1	28.2	42.0	B
Households Without Children	7.42	0.5	0.3	1.9	1.6	15.6	6.3	14.0	23.8	36.0	B-
Members of Local Workforce	7.05	1.1	0.8	2.9	2.7	15.8	9.6	18.4	21.1	27.5	C+
Young Professionals	6.97	1.3	1.3	4.2	2.7	17.2	7.4	15.6	22.0	28.1	C+
Seniors	6.93	1.1	0.8	6.1	3.4	18.4	5.9	14.5	18.7	31.0	C+
Multigenerational Households	6.91	1.1	0.5	3.0	1.4	24.3	8.7	15.0	18.0	27.9	C+