

## Cary Overall as a Place to Live

The respondents were asked to rate Cary overall as a place to live using a 9-point scale from very undesirable (1) to very desirable (9). Table 31 indicates that Cary was perceived as a very good place to live. Although not in a traditional grading scale format, if converted to a grade it would remain an A- again this year. However, the mean has improved from 8.10 to 8.28. This year 96.5% were on the “desirable” side of the scale (above the midpoint of 5) compared to 94.5% in 2008. It was impressive that only 0.8% of the responses were in the “undesirable” side of the scale (below 5). The mean of 8.28 is the second highest mean earned by the Town. To gather more insight into lower ratings, the respondents who answered with a rating below 5 were asked the reason for the low rating. There were only two comments and they are shown in Appendix H.

**Table 31. Cary Overall as a Place to Live.**

Year	Mean	Very Undesirable 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Very Desirable 9	Grade
10	8.28	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	2.8	0.8	12.5	30.1	53.1	A-
08	8.10	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	4.0	4.2	12.1	29.6	48.6	A-
06	8.09	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.5	2.5	2.7	12.7	37.1	43.3	A-
04	8.31	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	2.2	2.2	10.3	22.6	61.2	A-
02	7.79	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.0	5.7	4.4	22.1	27.8	37.8	B+
00	7.63	1.3	0.3	0.5	2.5	3.8	9.0	20.1	27.6	34.9	B
98	7.61	0.0	0.3	0.8	1.0	3.0	8.0	30.6	30.3	26.1	B

### Cary Overall as a Place to Live Crosstabulations

Crosstabulations for Cary as a place to live were conducted on age, housing type, income, race, voter status, and years in Cary (Tables B218-B223) in Appendix B. The grades were consistent and high across all the subgroups with virtually all the grades in the A range.