How Safe Residents Feel in Cary

The respondents were asked how safe they feel in the Town of Cary. A 9-point scale that ranged from extremely unsafe (1) to extremely safe (9) was utilized. The results indicate the respondents perceived an exceptionally high degree of safety in the Town (Table 36). The mean was 8.29 with an impressive 98.7% responding on the "safe" side (above 5) of the scale including 46.6% who responded they felt extremely safe. Even more impressive was the fact there was 0.0% below 5 on the "unsafe" side. The mean has even improved from 2008 and this represents the highest mean for feeling safe overall in Cary to date.

The respondents were also asked how safe they feel in their home neighborhood (Table 37). The perception of safety was even higher in their neighborhoods with a mean of 8.41 and 98.3% responding on the "safe" side of the scale including 55.9% responding extremely safe. There was only 0.2% of the responses in the "unsafe" portion of the scale. The perception of safety in their home neighborhood has improved from 2008 when the mean was 8.29. This also represents the highest mean for this question to date.

Finally, the respondents were asked about how safe they feel in public places around Cary. This would include such activities as shopping, eating out, or going to the movies (Table 38). The mean was 8.18 with 97.3% responding on the "safe" side of the scale including 44.9% in the extremely safe category. There was only 0.2% in the "unsafe" range. This represents an improvement from 2008 when the mean was 8.04. The mean also represents the highest mean to date for safe in public places. Overall, the respondents perceived a high degree of safety in Cary, their neighborhood, and in public places.

Table 36. How Safe Do You Feel in Cary.

Year	Mean	Extremely Unsafe 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Extremely Safe 9	% Above 5
10	**8.29**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.2**	**0.7**	**12.0**	**39.4**	**46.6**	**98.7**
08	8.09	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.7	19.5	38.5	38.5	98.2
06	8.10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.0	2.2	17.3	38.6	39.4	97.5
04	8.23	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	2.0	2.2	12.2	34.0	49.1	97.5
02	7.99	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	4.7	2.7	17.0	37.3	37.8	94.8
00	7.93	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.0	4.0	22.5	39.0	32.0	97.5
98	7.55	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.8	2.5	8.8	30.7	37.5	18.6	95.6

Table 37. How Safe Do You Feel in Your Home Neighborhood.

Year	Mean	Extremely Unsafe	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Extremely Safe	% Above

Year	Mean	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5
10	8.41	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.5	1.0	7.2	34.2	55.9	98.3
08	8.29	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.7	11.1	37.3	48.1	99.2
06	8.22	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	13.2	33.1	49.3	97.1

Table 38. How Safe Do You Feel in Public Places Around Cary (Shopping, Out to Eat, Movies).

Year	Mean	Extremely Unsafe 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Extremely Safe 9	% Above 5
10	8.18	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.5	1.0	17.0	34.4	44.9	97.3
08	8.04	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.7	2.2	20.5	38.3	36.8	97.8
06	7.90	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	3.0	4.8	21.5	35.5	34.3	96.1

How Safe Residents Feel in Cary Crosstabulations

Crosstabulations for this set of questions were conducted for age, education, gender, housing type, income, race, and years in Cary. The breakdowns for how safe the respondents feel in Cary are shown in Tables B245-B251 in Appendix B. The means for the subgroups were generally high and consistent. Even the lowest perceptions of safety was relatively high for $20,001-$30,000 income level (8.17). The crosstabulations for how safe respondents feel in their home neighborhoods are shown in Tables B252-B258. The means were high and consistent with none of the means dropping below 8.30. Finally, the crosstabulations for how safe respondents feel in public places around Cary are shown in Tables B259-B265. The means were generally high for most of the breakdowns. The only subgroups indicating somewhat less safety in public places were the $20,001-$30,000 income level (8.09), $70,001-$100,000 income level (8.09), Asians (8.09), and over 10 year residents (8.10). Although these means are somewhat lower, they still represent high means for public area safety.