

# TOWN of CARY

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### How Safe Residents Feel in Cary

The respondents were asked how safe they feel in the Town of Cary. A nine-point scale that ranged from "extremely unsafe" to extremely safe" was utilized. The results indicate most respondents perceived an exceptionally high degree of safety in the Town (Table 44). The mean was 8.10 with an impressive 97.5% responding above 5 including 39.4% who answered they felt "extremely safe." Overall, this represents a slight decrease in the mean from 2004 from 8.23 to 8.10. However, the percentage of respondents who answered above the midpoint of 5 remained the same at 97.5%.

The respondents were also asked how safe they feel in their home neighborhood (Table 45). The perception of safety was even higher in their neighborhoods. Note the mean was 8.22 with 97.1% answering above the midpoint of 5. Even more impressive was the 49.3% who responded with "extremely safe" to this question.

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 46). The mean this time was 7.90 with 96.1% responding above 5 including 34.3% indicating "extremely safe." Although this mean was slightly lower than the means for safe in Cary or safe in home neighborhood, the overall perception of safety was extremely high.

Table 44. 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
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 45. How Safe Do You Feel in Your Home Neighborhood.

Year	Mean	Extremely Unsafe 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Extremely Safe 9	% Above 5
06	8.22	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	13.2	33.1	49.3	97.1

Table 46. How Safe Do You Feel in Public Places Around Cary (Shopping, Out to Eat, Movies).

		<b>Extremely Unsafe</b>				<i>Average</i>				<b>Extremely Safe</b>	<b>% Above 5</b>
Year	Mean	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
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 were conducted for age, children in household under 18, gender, housing type, income, internet access, race, years in Cary, and zip code. The breakdowns for how safe they feel in Cary (Tables B274-B282), how safe they feel in their home neighborhoods (B283-B291), and how safe they felt in public place around Cary (Tables B292-B300) were generally consistent and very high. The only group with slightly lower perceptions of safety for all of these questions was the \$20,001-\$30,000 income level. Their means for this group were 7.70 for safe in Cary, 7.70 for safe in their neighborhood, and 7.45 for safe in public places around Cary.



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