

Vibrant Communities Priority: Indicators

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1. Environmental and Health Index

This measure is under development in collaboration with Portland State University and the City of Portland. No data are currently available, but are expected by December 2005.

2. Citizen Perception of Personal Involvement in Neighborhoods

This chart shows data by area of the county taken from the Auditor's Office's annual Citizen Survey. It is an average of responses to these three questions:

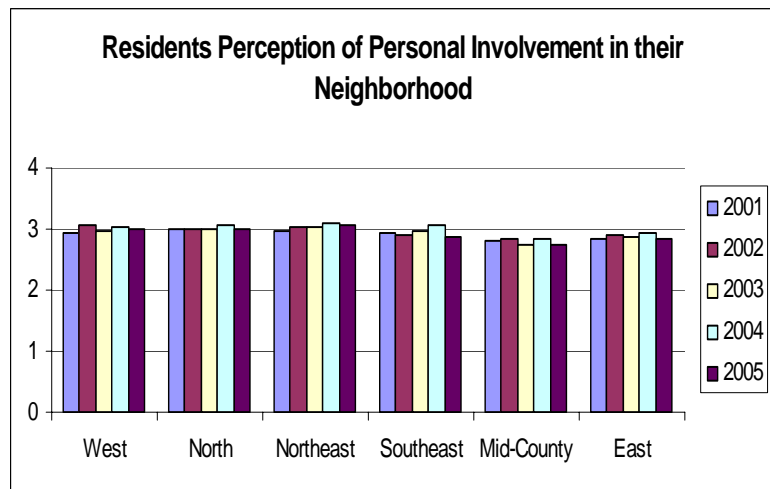
1. Very few of my neighbors know me.
2. I can recognize most of the people who live on my block.
3. I regularly stop and talk with the people in my neighborhood.

Responses are reported on a scale of 1-4, with 4 showing the strongest level of agreement with the statement.

Personal Involvement in Neighborhoods Index

There was generally little variation between areas of the county for this index.

Residents in Mid-county and East county identify as slightly less personally involved in their neighborhoods than other areas of the county. The score was down slightly in 2005 for each district.



Source: Multnomah County Auditor's Office Citizen Survey

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3. Citizen Perception of Adequacy of Cultural, Recreational, and Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Beginning in 2005, the annual Citizen Survey asked residents to rate their satisfaction with cultural, recreational, and lifelong learning opportunities in their communities.

Respondents were highly satisfied with these opportunities. Generally, residents in West, Northeast, and Southeast noted the highest level of satisfaction on all three questions, with East county noticeably higher on learning opportunities. Residents in North and Mid-County expressed slightly lower levels of satisfaction.

