

CSA #7 – Champions Area Executive Summary

Demographics:

The Champions area CSA is an ethnically diverse area located on Houston's north side. Nearly 50% of the population is Anglo; while Hispanics and African Americans both make up roughly 20% of the population each. The median household income and the median home value are considerably higher than that of the city as a whole. Residents of the Champions area are better educated than Greater Houston as a whole. Just under 15% of the adult population has no high school diploma (considerably lower than the 23% average for the city), and 35% of residents have a college degree. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, nearly 13% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

Satisfaction levels:

Compared to the rest of Houston, the residents of the Champions area reported levels of satisfaction consistent with the city as a whole. 45% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, roughly average among all CSAs. 76% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 75% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. Only 31% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families, and 49% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

Spiritual Condition:

Residents of Champions show levels of spiritual awareness much lower than the rest of the city. The area ranks near the bottom in nearly all spiritual categories. Only 28% of residents attend church weekly, and 16% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 40% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 29% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is much more spiritually aware than these statistics would indicate. Nearly 70% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 84% of residents are likely to pray when they have problems, and 65% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the Champions CSA:

Key leaders praised the area for its high level of church involvement, developing Hispanic population, and diverse population. The problems facing the area included high crime, rising poverty rates, and cyclical economic deterioration. Community leaders commented that the congregations are effective at providing programs for residents, praying for the community, and assisting the poor in the community. Interviewees encouraged the Church to continue to provide programs to those in need, especially to children in the area.

