

CSA #16 – Hobby/Sagemont Executive Summary

Demographics:

The Hobby/Sagemont CSA is an ethnically diverse area located southeast of downtown Houston. Hispanics make up about 43% of the population, Anglos make up about 31%, 16% are African-American, and Asians comprise the remaining 7%. Both the median household income and median home value are slightly less than that of Greater Houston. The area is less educated than Houston as a whole. About 27% of adults do not have a high school diploma, and only about 17% of adults have a college degree. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 13% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

Satisfaction levels:

The residents of the Hobby/Sagemont area reported levels of satisfaction consistent with the city as a whole. 39% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 74% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 54% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 33% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families, and 46% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

Spiritual Condition:

However, residents of the Hobby/Sagemont area are relatively less spiritually aware than other CSAs in the survey. 33% of residents attend church weekly, and 20% of residents never attend church (fourth most in city). When having problems, 41% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 31% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is more spiritually aware than these statistics might indicate. 73% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 86% of residents pray when they have problems, while 74% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the Hobby/Sagemont CSA:

Key leaders praised the area for its quiet and family oriented community. Most of the problems that interviewees spoke of were related to crime, drug use, and poverty within the area. Leaders lauded the Church for providing care to those in need, after school programs, and information relevant to citizens of the community. One interviewee commented that congregations already do a fair amount of collaboration on communications. Leaders suggested that congregations could continue help to solve problems by expanding and improving programs already in place.

