

CSA #20 – Katy Area Executive Summary

Demographics:

The Katy Area CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located west of downtown Houston. Anglos make up about 72% of the population, Hispanics make up 18%, and African-Americans and Asians both make up about 5% each. The median household income is slightly higher than Greater Houston; however, the median home value is slightly less. However, the area is much better educated than Houston as a whole. About 42% of adults have a college degree, and only 8% of the adult population has not completed high school. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 8% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

Satisfaction levels:

Compared to the rest of the Greater Houston area, the residents of the Katy area reported levels of satisfaction higher than the rest of the city. 54% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 87% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families (highest in the city), and 82% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 30% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families, and 51% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

Spiritual Condition:

However, residents of the Katy area show levels of spiritual awareness consistent with the rest of the city. 37% of residents attend church weekly, while 8% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 43% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 33% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is more spiritually aware than these statistics might indicate. 74% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 88% of residents pray when they have problems, and 73% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the Katy Area CSA:

According to leaders, the Katy area is a rapidly growing, family oriented community. Interviewees praised the area for its terrific sense of community, its strong educational system, and thriving business climate. Most of the problems that interviewees spoke of were related to this rapid growth: the growth has contributed to traffic problems, reduced the availability of low income housing, and has created tension as suburban Katy encroaches more and more on Old Katy. The Church is doing its part by contributing to the community atmosphere, praying for the community, and reaching the needy through Katy Christian Ministries. However, leaders overwhelmingly perceived that churches seem unwilling to partner with congregations of different denominations. Because congregations can be so inwardly focused, rather than focused on the community, many ministry opportunities are left undone. One leader suggested multi-church mission trips or worship services as a first step for congregations to begin working together.

