

CSA #21 – Kingwood/Atascocita/Humble Executive Summary

Demographics:

The Kingwood/Atascocita/Humble CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located northeast of downtown Houston. Anglos make up about 70% of the population, Hispanics make up 15%, and African-Americans make up 12%. The median household income and the median home value are slightly higher than those corresponding values in Greater Houston. The area also is slightly better educated than Houston as a whole. About a third of adults have a college degree, and 12% of the adult population has not completed high school. Most households consist of married couples with children. About 10% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

Satisfaction levels:

The residents of the Kingwood/Atascocita/Humble area reported levels of satisfaction slightly higher than the rest of the city. 51% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 83% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 76% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 30% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families, and 50% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

Spiritual Condition:

Residents of the Kingwood/Atascocita/Humble area show levels of spiritual awareness roughly consistent with the rest of the city. 33% of residents attend church weekly, and 10% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 41% 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, 87% of residents pray when they have problems, and 76% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the Kingwood/Atascocita/Humble CSA:

According to leaders, the Kingwood/Atascocita/Humble area is a thriving, self contained, family oriented community. Interviewees praised the area for its small town feel, natural beauty, and its strong school system. However, the lack of planned development has created traffic problems and has prevented further expansion. The Church is doing its part by contributing to the community atmosphere, and effectively reaching members of the community. However, leaders overwhelmingly perceived that churches seem unwilling to partner with congregations of different denominations. Because churches can be so inwardly focused, rather than focused on the community, there is a perception that churches are competing with one another for members. One leader suggested congregations launch a coordinated service effort or food pantry to reach out to those in need.

