

CSA #23 – League City/Webster/Friendswood Executive Summary

Demographics:

The League City/Webster/Friendswood CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located southeast of downtown Houston. Anglos make up about 75% of the population, Hispanics make up 14%, and African-Americans and Asians make up roughly 5% each. Both the median household income and the median home value are higher than those in Greater Houston. The area is also better educated than Houston as a whole. Only about 10% of adults have not completed high school, and almost 35% of adults have a college degree. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 10% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

Satisfaction levels:

The residents of the League City/Webster/Friendswood area reported levels of satisfaction consistent with the rest of the city. 49% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 80% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 79% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 28% 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 League City/Webster/Friendswood area show levels of spiritual awareness slightly lower than the rest of the city. 28% of residents attend church weekly, while 13% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 38% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 30% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is more spiritually aware than these statistics might indicate. 86% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 73% of residents pray when they have problems, and 82% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the League City/Webster/Friendswood CSA:

According to key leaders, the League City/Webster/Friendswood area is a diverse, closely knit community with numerous natural amenities. Interviewees praised the area for its strong sense of community, educational system, and cooperative churches. However, many interviewees discussed issues associated with the breakdown of the family: parents are not involved with the lives of youth, many youth are involved with drug and alcohol abuse, and people are often too distracted to give back to the community. Interviewees praised congregations for participating across denominational lines, providing numerous programs for youth, and acting as a stabilizing force within the community. Leaders said very little that was critical of the Church, but rather encouraged congregations to continue to cooperate across denominational lines, and help address problems surrounding drug and alcohol abuse among teens.

