

CSA #35 – Sugar Land/Stafford Executive Summary

Demographics:

The Sugar Land/Stafford CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located southwest of downtown Houston. Anglos make up about 53% of the population, Asians make up 20%, Hispanics make up 14%, and African-Americans make up 10%. The median household income and the median home value are considerably higher than those corresponding values in Greater Houston. The area is also much better educated than Houston as a whole. About 48% of adults have a college degree, while 9% 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:

The residents of the Sugar Land/Stafford area reported levels of satisfaction much higher than the rest of the city. 56% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 81% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 86% 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:

Residents of the Sugar Land/Stafford area show levels of spiritual awareness slightly lower than the rest of the city. 36% of residents attend church weekly, and 9% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 36% 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. 70% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 89% of residents pray when they have problems, and 70% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the Sugar Land/Stafford CSA:

According to leaders, the Sugar Land/Stafford CSA is a growing, community-oriented area with excellent schools. Interviewees praised the area for its dedicated volunteers, convenient location, and diverse population. However, the growth in the area has led to traffic problems and has strained family life at home. According to interviewees, parents do not spend enough time with their families. This has left youth at home alone, and led parents to deny that their home life is suffering. The Church is doing its part by contributing to the community atmosphere, promoting family values, and providing social services to the community. However, leaders overwhelmingly perceived that congregations seem unwilling to address and take the lead to solve real problems within the community. Interviewees suggested congregations begin to confront the issues facing families in the communities, and begin to implement programs that allow youth the opportunity to be mentored.

