

CSA #43 – Dickinson/San Leon Executive Summary

Demographics:

The Dickinson/San Leon CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located south of downtown Houston. Anglos make up about 63% of the population, Hispanics make up 22%, and African-Americans make up 10%. Median household income and median home values are both substantially lower than those in Greater Houston. The area is less educated than Houston as a whole. About 19% of adults have a college degree, while 20% of the adult population has not completed high school. Most households consist of married couples with children. About 11% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

Satisfaction levels:

Compared to the rest of the Greater Houston area, the residents of the Dickinson/San Leon area reported levels of satisfaction slightly lower than Greater Houston as a whole. 41% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 74% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 56% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 27% 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 Dickinson/San Leon show levels of spiritual awareness slightly higher than the rest of the city. 29% of residents attend church weekly, and 16% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 34% 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. 76% 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 80% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the Dickinson/San Leon CSA:

According to leaders, the Dickinson/San Leon CSA is a small, safe, community-oriented area. Interviewees praised the area for its low crime and growth potential future. The community has struggled with a strained infrastructure and a high number of at-risk kids who suffer from a lack of positive role models. The Church is doing its part by contributing to the community atmosphere, providing numerous youth programs, and praying for the community. Interviewees commented that the Dickinson/San Leon area has a remarkably well-networked group of congregations already working together to solve problems in the community. Leaders also remarked that a community center would go a long way to unite the city.

