

CSA #44 – Manvel/Arcola/Rosharon Executive Summary

Demographics:

The Manvel/Arcola/Rosharon CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located south of downtown Houston. Anglos make up about 52% of the population, Hispanics make up 25%, and African-Americans make up 19%. The median household income is slightly higher than that of Houston's; however, the median home value is significantly lower. The area is less educated than Houston as a whole. About 14% of adults have a college degree, while 25% of the adult population has not completed high school. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 9% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

Satisfaction levels:

The residents of the Manvel/Arcola/Rosharon CSA reported slightly lower satisfaction levels than Greater Houston as a whole. 51% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 75% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 41% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 28% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families, and 42% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

Spiritual Condition:

However, residents of the Manvel/Arcola/Rosharon CSA show levels of spiritual awareness significantly higher than the rest of the city. 37% of residents attend church weekly, and 13% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 29% 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. 82% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 92% of residents pray when they have problems, and 85% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

Interviews with Key Leaders in the Manvel/Arcola/Rosharon CSA:

According to leaders, the Manvel/Arcola/Rosharon CSA is a small, safe, community-oriented area. Interviewees praised the area for its low crime and growth potential in the future. The community has struggled with a strained infrastructure and lack of finances to support growth. The Church is doing its part by providing services to those in need, and churches seem to work reasonably well together already.

