

REPORT OF FINDINGS

Critical Metropolitan Issues Survey 2007

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Survey Research Lab Project Overview

Title:	Critical Metropolitan Issues Survey 2007
Time frame:	October 12, 2006 to November 2, 2006
Objectives:	The SRL contacted randomly selected households throughout the six-county metropolitan region (Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill, and Clark Co., Washington) and spoke with adults aged 18 years and up, to assess their opinions regarding critical issues facing the area.
Methods:	<p>ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. provided a list of telephone numbers, with 70% directory listed and 30% randomly generated to replicate the percentage of unlisted numbers that exist. Interviewers placed calls to the households, making a maximum of 10 attempts to complete a survey with a given household. Calls were made on afternoons, evenings, and weekends to achieve the highest response rate. Respondents first responded on a scale of <i>strongly disagree</i>, <i>disagree</i>, <i>agree</i>, and <i>strongly agree</i> to statements regarding economic and population growth conditions in the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan region. If they agreed with a previous statement regarding population growth, respondents were then asked to explain their response. Respondents next responded on a scale of <i>not important</i>, <i>moderately important</i>, <i>very important</i>, and <i>extremely important</i> to policy goal statements regarding jobs, wages, costs, education, and health care. Respondents then responded on a scale of <i>completely dissatisfied</i>, <i>somewhat dissatisfied</i>, <i>somewhat satisfied</i>, and <i>completely satisfied</i> to a list of public services. Respondents were also asked to: rate the quality of public education; identify the most important issue (economy, education, health care, population growth, public services, taxes); and respond to demographic items (length of time living in region, county of residence, whether R has a child in kindergarten through 12th grade public school in the region, age, gender, education, marital status, employment status, ethnicity/race, annual household income).</p> <p>Several quality control measures were employed in this study: (1) conducting specialized training of interviewers and coordinators on the survey instrument, (2) using VoxCo software, a Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system, (3) making all calls from a supervised, centralized interviewing facility, (4) monitoring selected calls made by each interviewer, (5) closely monitoring reports concerning interviewer performance, and (6) reviewing completes per county on a daily basis to insure that there was a sufficient distribution of at least 100 completes per county(s).</p>

Results: 833 respondents completed the survey. The remainder of the report provides a detailed summary of the results.

Appendices:

- A: Telephone Survey Instrument Script
- B: Additional Responses to Question 1D
- C: Additional Respondent Information
- D: Additional Interviewer Information
- E: Human Subjects Approval Memo

Description of the Sample

A final sample size of 833 was used for this report, which breaks down as follows:

Distribution by County*:

Clackamas	15.5% (<i>n</i> =129)
Clark	17.8% (<i>n</i> =148)
Columbia	16.3% (<i>n</i> =136)
Multnomah	19.4% (<i>n</i> =162)
Washington	16.4% (<i>n</i> =137)
Yamhill	14.0% (<i>n</i> =117)

*829 of the 833 respondents provided County information.

Respondent Gender:

Female	61.8% (<i>n</i> =515)
Male	38.2% (<i>n</i> =318)

Respondent Age: The overall average age was 54.32 years (SD = 16.06). Ages ranged from 18 to 106 years old.

Respondent Marital Status:

Table 1: Respondent Marital Status

	Single, Never Married		Married		Living with a Partner		Separated		Divorced		Widowed		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	9.8	82	64.2	535	4.7	39	1.2	10	9.6	80	10.1	84	.4	3
Clackamas County	9.3	12	69	89	3.9	5	.8	1	7.8	10	9.3	12	0	0
Clark County	9.5	14	66.9	99	2.7	4	.7	1	7.4	11	11.5	17	1.4	2
Columbia County	11	15	66.2	90	5.1	7	1.5	2	9.6	13	6.6	9	0	0
Multnomah County	15.4	25	56.2	91	8	13	1.9	3	9.9	16	8.6	14	0	0
Washington County	8.8	12	64.2	88	3.6	5	1.5	2	10.2	14	11.7	16	0	0
Yamhill County	3.4	4	65.8	77	4.3	5	.9	1	12	14	12.8	15	.9	1

Respondent Race/Ethnicity: The majority of the respondents (97.4%) did not consider themselves to be Hispanic. Table 2 represents the breakdown of groups with which the respondents identified. Nine respondents replied *Other*, and these included: Native of the Azore Islands; Cuban and Italian; Hispanic; Native of Indian Ocean; Mexican; Native American and White; and Persian.

Table 2: Respondent Racial Group

	White		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Asian or Pacific Islander		Black or African American		Multi-Racial		Other		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	90.2	751	1.4	12	1.2	10	1.0	8	2.6	22	1.1	9	.1	1	2.4	20
Clackamas County	92.2	119	2.3	3	.8	1	.8	1	3.1	4	.8	1	0	0	0	0
Clark County	88.5	131	3.4	5	.7	1	.7	1	2.7	4	0	0	0	0	4.1	6
Columbia County	92.6	126	1.5	2	.7	1	0	0	1.5	2	1.5	2	0	0	2.2	3
Multnomah County	85.8	139	1.2	2	1.2	2	3.7	6	3.1	5	1.2	2	.6	1	3.1	5
Washington County	89.8	123	0	0	3.6	5	0	0	2.9	4	2.2	3	0	0	1.5	2
Yamhill County	93.2	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.6	3	.9	1	0	0	3.4	4

Respondent Education Level:

Table 3: Respondent Highest Level of Education

	Less than 8 years		Some HS, without Diploma		HS Diploma or GED		Associate Degree		Some college, no Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Some graduate study		Graduate or Prof Degree		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	.5	4	3.5	29	17.9	149	10.1	84	25.1	209	22.1	184	3.1	26	17.3	144	.5	4
Clackamas County	0	0	2	1.6	15.5	20	14	18	23.2	30	24	31	2.3	3	18.6	24	.8	1
Clark County	.7	1	5.4	8	17.6	26	11.5	17	26.4	39	22.3	33	3.4	5	12.2	18	.7	1
Columbia County	.7	1	5.1	7	26.5	36	12.5	17	28.7	39	14.7	20	2.9	4	8.8	12	0	0
Multnomah County	0	0	2.5	4	14.2	23	6.8	11	24.7	40	25.3	41	2.5	4	24.1	39	0	0
Washington County	1.5	2	1.5	2	15.3	21	6.6	9	22.6	31	28.5	39	4.4	6	19.7	27	0	0
Yamhill County	0	0	4.3	5	18.8	22	10.3	12	24.8	29	17.1	20	3.4	4	19.7	23	1.7	2

Respondent Annual Household Income: As a cautionary note, it is important to present this data as “reported” annual household income due to the tendency of some respondents to misrepresent their response.

Table 4: Reported Annual Household Income

	Less than \$15,000		\$15,000 to less than \$25,000		\$25,000 to less than \$35,000		\$35,000 to less than \$50,000		\$50,000 to less than \$75,000		\$75,000 to less than \$100,000		\$100,000 or more		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	6.5	54	7.4	62	9.4	78	14.2	118	21.2	177	15.1	126	15.6	130	1.6	13	9.0	75
Clackamas County	6.2	8	6.2	8	10.1	13	7.8	10	20.9	27	18.6	24	17.1	22	1.6	2	11.6	15
Clark County	6.8	10	4.1	6	7.4	11	17.6	26	22.3	33	12.8	19	20.3	30	.7	1	8.1	12
Columbia County	9.6	13	5.1	7	11	15	18.4	25	24.3	33	15.4	21	5.9	8	2.2	3	8.1	11
Multnomah County	6.8	11	11.7	19	9.9	16	13	21	20.4	33	12.3	20	16	26	0	0	9.9	16
Washington County	2.9	4	7.3	10	5.8	8	10.2	14	20.4	28	16.8	23	24.1	33	3.6	5	8.8	12
Yamhill County	6	7	8.5	10	12.8	15	18.8	22	19.7	23	16.2	19	9.4	11	1.7	2	6.8	8

Respondent Employment Status:

Table 5: Respondent Employment Status

	Employed Full-Time		Employed Part-Time		Retired		Unemployed		Homemaker or stay-at-home Parent		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	41.9	349	13.6	113	30.6	255	4.4	37	8.6	72	.4	3	.5	4
Clackamas County	42.6	55	17.8	23	25.6	33	6.2	8	6.2	8	.8	1	.8	1
Clark County	41.2	61	10.1	15	29.7	44	3.4	5	13.5	20	.7	1	1.4	2
Columbia County	38.2	52	18.4	25	27.9	38	3.7	5	11.8	16	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	42.6	69	16	26	30.2	49	4.3	7	6.8	11	0	0	0	0
Washington County	43.1	59	11.7	16	32.1	44	4.4	6	8.8	12	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	44.4	52	6.8	8	37.6	44	5.1	6	4.3	5	.9	1	.9	1

Respondent Child in any Kindergarten through 12th grade public school:

Table 6: Respondent Child in Kindergarten Through 12th Grade Public School

	Yes		No		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	25.6	213	74.2	618	.1	1	.1	1
Clackamas County	28.7	37	71.3	92	0	0	0	0
Clark County	26.4	39	72.3	107	.7	1	.7	1
Columbia County	24.3	33	75.7	103	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	26.5	43	73.5	119	0	0	0	0
Washington County	26.3	36	73.7	101	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	21.4	25	78.6	92	0	0	0	0

Descriptive Statistics: It is important to note that the below descriptive statistics are based on participant responses not including No Opinion/Neither, Don't Know, and Refused to Answer.

Table 7: Descriptive Statistics Q1A-Q1D: First, I will read you a few statements about conditions in the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan region. Please indicate whether you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree.

	N	Mean	SD
Q1A The region's economy is doing well			
Total Sample	807	2.66	.60
Clackamas County	126	2.69	.56
Clark County	144	2.74	.60
Columbia County	127	2.57	.66
Multnomah County	158	2.65	.58
Washington County	135	2.61	.61
Yamhill County	113	2.69	.60
Q1B My family and I are financially better off now than we were two years ago			
Total Sample	803	2.62	.82
Clackamas County	126	2.60	.83
Clark County	144	2.84	.82
Columbia County	128	2.58	.85
Multnomah County	153	2.58	.77
Washington County	134	2.54	.85
Yamhill County	114	2.55	.80
Q1C The taxes I pay to the state, city, and county are reasonable considering the benefits I receive			
Total Sample	799	2.51	.79
Clackamas County	129	2.44	.81
Clark County	143	2.49	.76
Columbia County	125	2.45	.83
Multnomah County	157	2.50	.75
Washington County	129	2.57	.76
Yamhill County	113	2.65	.84
Q1D Population growth has become a serious issue in this region			
Total Sample	806	3.12	.75
Clackamas County	129	3.16	.70
Clark County	144	3.15	.74
Columbia County	127	3.08	.82
Multnomah County	158	3.09	.73
Washington County	133	3.10	.75
Yamhill County	111	3.19	.76

Table 8: Descriptive Statistics Q2A-Q2D: Next, I am going to list a few policy goals that some people believe are important for improving the economy. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving our economy on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

	N	Mean	SD
Q2A Creating new jobs			
Total Sample	827	3.00	.80
Clackamas County	128	2.90	.86
Clark County	147	3.06	.80
Columbia County	134	3.15	.73
Multnomah County	161	2.92	.77
Washington County	137	3.01	.84
Yamhill County	116	2.93	.78
Q2B Improving worker wages			
Total Sample	827	2.75	.86
Clackamas County	128	2.62	.89
Clark County	148	2.81	.93
Columbia County	133	2.92	.89
Multnomah County	161	2.78	.86
Washington County	137	2.58	.79
Yamhill County	116	2.77	.77
Q2C Reducing costs for businesses			
Total Sample	777	2.35	.89
Clackamas County	118	2.46	.93
Clark County	135	2.48	.85
Columbia County	126	2.37	.92
Multnomah County	154	2.21	.90
Washington County	131	2.24	.87
Yamhill County	110	2.32	.85
Q2D Reducing the cost of housing			
Total Sample	816	2.60	.91
Clackamas County	127	2.41	.93
Clark County	146	2.64	1.01
Columbia County	132	2.65	.88
Multnomah County	160	2.63	.84
Washington County	134	2.54	.90
Yamhill County	114	2.70	.87

Table 9: Descriptive Statistics Q3A-Q3F: Now I am going to list a few policy goals that some people believe are important for improving the quality of public kindergarten through 12th grade education. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving education on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

	N	Mean	SD
Q3A Improving teacher quality			
Total Sample	820	2.94	.85
Clackamas County	128	2.90	.88
Clark County	145	3.03	.82
Columbia County	135	2.96	.91
Multnomah County	161	2.79	.90
Washington County	135	2.99	.81
Yamhill County	112	3.01	.77
Q3B Raising student achievement in the lower grades			
Total Sample	818	2.83	.87
Clackamas County	125	2.83	.88
Clark County	147	2.91	.88
Columbia County	135	2.75	.84
Multnomah County	162	2.80	.96
Washington County	133	2.83	.87
Yamhill County	112	2.87	.75
Q3C Improving school financial accountability for public schools			
Total Sample	813	3.06	.93
Clackamas County	128	3.05	.95
Clark County	146	3.15	.92
Columbia County	132	3.14	.94
Multnomah County	155	2.95	.97
Washington County	135	3.04	.88
Yamhill County	113	3.03	.92
Q3D Stabilizing funding for public schools			
Total Sample	823	3.28	.81
Clackamas County	128	3.31	.80
Clark County	148	3.09	.94
Columbia County	132	3.34	.81
Multnomah County	161	3.43	.73
Washington County	136	3.28	.79
Yamhill County	114	3.20	.75
Q3E Improving the high school graduation rate			
Total Sample	823	3.21	.80
Clackamas County	129	3.09	.83
Clark County	147	3.14	.94
Columbia County	134	3.28	.75
Multnomah County	160	3.23	.76

Washington County	136	3.29	.73
Yamhill County	113	3.24	.74
Q3F Reducing the achievement gap between white and minority public school students			
Total Sample	802	2.91	.91
Clackamas County	126	2.75	.97
Clark County	143	2.91	1.00
Columbia County	127	2.92	.90
Multnomah County	158	3.10	.79
Washington County	132	2.89	.90
Yamhill County	113	2.84	.89

Table 10: Descriptive Statistics Q4A-Q4E: The following is a list of policy goals that some people believe are important for improving health care. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving health care on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

	N	Mean	SD
Q4A Controlling the cost of health care			
Total Sample	831	3.46	.71
Clackamas County	128	3.43	.74
Clark County	148	3.43	.77
Columbia County	136	3.52	.67
Multnomah County	161	3.53	.63
Washington County	137	3.39	.79
Yamhill County	117	3.47	.65
Q4B Improving health services and health education programs, such as vaccinations and prenatal care			
Total Sample	826	3.02	.84
Clackamas County	128	2.91	.86
Clark County	147	3.05	.89
Columbia County	136	3.07	.86
Multnomah County	160	3.12	.86
Washington County	136	2.94	.78
Yamhill County	115	2.97	.79
Q4C Providing health care coverage for everyone			
Total Sample	826	3.18	.95
Clackamas County	127	3.02	.97
Clark County	147	3.18	.96
Columbia County	135	3.17	1.00
Multnomah County	161	3.38	.81
Washington County	137	3.07	.98
Yamhill County	115	3.20	.94
Q4D Controlling the cost of prescription drugs			
Total Sample	832	3.38	.79
Clackamas County	129	3.38	.81
Clark County	148	3.34	.88
Columbia County	136	3.45	.74
Multnomah County	162	3.48	.69
Washington County	137	3.26	.86
Yamhill County	116	3.38	.77
Q4E Accelerating medical and health research			
Total Sample	829	2.85	.86
Clackamas County	127	2.83	.85
Clark County	147	2.94	.92
Columbia County	136	2.90	.83
Multnomah County	162	2.81	.89

Washington County	137	2.88	.80
Yamhill County	116	2.71	.88

Table 11: Descriptive Statistics Q5A-Q5F: The following is a list of public services provided in part by local government. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each service. Are you: Completely dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or completely satisfied with these services?

	N	Mean	SD
Q5A Police, fire, and other public safety services			
Total Sample	820	3.20	.75
Clackamas County	129	3.15	.75
Clark County	144	3.27	.77
Columbia County	136	3.10	.80
Multnomah County	157	3.06	.73
Washington County	135	3.33	.63
Yamhill County	115	3.34	.77
Q5B Parks and recreation			
Total Sample	810	3.26	.70
Clackamas County	127	3.29	.63
Clark County	145	3.26	.73
Columbia County	129	3.04	.77
Multnomah County	157	3.27	.67
Washington County	134	3.38	.67
Yamhill County	114	3.33	.69
Q5C Roads and traffic			
Total Sample	822	2.16	.87
Clackamas County	129	2.29	.84
Clark County	145	2.14	.91
Columbia County	134	2.21	.93
Multnomah County	158	2.25	.87
Washington County	137	2.13	.83
Yamhill County	115	1.89	.79
Q5D Public transportation			
Total Sample	732	2.91	.90
Clackamas County	115	3.03	.91
Clark County	133	2.63	.93
Columbia County	109	2.71	.95
Multnomah County	152	3.17	.72
Washington County	125	3.24	.74
Yamhill County	95	2.54	.94
Q5E Water and sewer service			
Total Sample	734	3.21	.81
Clackamas County	114	3.36	.77
Clark County	131	3.31	.76
Columbia County	105	3.14	.83
Multnomah County	158	2.96	.88
Washington County	124	3.37	.68

Yamhill County	98	3.17	.87
Q5F Services for people with mental illness			
Total Sample	673	2.01	.94
Clackamas County	102	2.06	.94
Clark County	120	2.13	1.05
Columbia County	108	1.92	.94
Multnomah County	138	1.80	.85
Washington County	107	2.10	.91
Yamhill County	94	2.07	.93

Table 12: Descriptive Statistics Q6-Q7

	N	Mean	SD
Q6 Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of public education students receive in kindergarten through 12 th grade in your community today? Would you say you are completely dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or completely satisfied?			
Total Sample	804	2.66	.80
Clackamas County	123	2.73	.92
Clark County	143	2.84	.79
Columbia County	132	2.48	.79
Multnomah County	155	2.63	.74
Washington County	132	2.73	.73
Yamhill County	115	2.56	.82
Q7 We've discussed a variety of issues. Which of these issues is most important to you? (Economy, Education, Health Care, Population Growth, Public Services, Taxes)			
Total Sample	823	2.83	1.34
Clackamas County	126	2.99	1.50
Clark County	147	2.76	1.32
Columbia County	134	2.81	1.31
Multnomah County	160	2.86	1.34
Washington County	137	2.69	1.21
Yamhill County	115	2.92	1.40

Table 13: Additional Demographics: It is important to note that the following descriptive statistics are given in years.

	N	Mean	SD
D1 How long have you lived in the metropolitan region?			
Total Sample	830	30.50	19.95
Clackamas County	128	32.81	19.97
Clark County	147	29.69	20.49
Columbia County	136	32.15	18.87
Multnomah County	161	30.76	20.10
Washington County	137	27.51	19.50
Yamhill County	117	30.28	20.45
Respondent Age			
Total Sample	820	54.32	16.06
Clackamas County	126	54.01	14.42
Clark County	145	53.29	16.74
Columbia County	134	51.99	16.45
Multnomah County	159	54.46	15.61
Washington County	136	53.30	16.18
Yamhill County	116	58.86	15.97

Table 14: Interview Characteristics

	N	Mean	SD
I1 Overall, how much difficulty did R have in understanding the questions?			
Total Sample	833	1.18	.44
Clackamas County	129	1.15	.38
Clark County	148	1.18	.48
Columbia County	136	1.13	.42
Multnomah County	162	1.25	.49
Washington County	137	1.15	.38
Yamhill County	117	1.17	.48
I2 How cooperative was R?			
Total Sample	833	3.89	.37
Clackamas County	129	3.91	.32
Clark County	148	3.93	.30
Columbia County	136	3.90	.39
Multnomah County	162	3.80	.47
Washington County	137	3.91	.32
Yamhill County	117	3.90	.38
I3 How distracted did R seem by other people or things (e.g. television) during the interview?			
Total Sample	833	1.17	.47
Clackamas County	129	1.15	.45
Clark County	148	1.20	.49
Columbia County	136	1.16	.46
Multnomah County	162	1.16	.50
Washington County	137	1.17	.46
Yamhill County	117	1.15	.43

Frequencies Q1A-Q1D: First, I will read you a few statements about conditions in the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan region. Please indicate whether you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree.

Table Q1A: The Region's Economy is Doing Well.

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		Neither Agree Nor Disagree		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	3.4	28	29.9	249	60.4	503	3.2	27	1.2	10	1.9	16	0	0
Clackamas County	2.3	3	27.9	36	65.1	84	2.3	3	.8	1	1.6	2	0	0
Clark County	2.7	4	25.7	38	63.5	94	5.4	8	1.4	2	1.4	2	0	0
Columbia County	6.6	9	29.4	40	55.1	75	2.2	3	1.5	2	5.1	7	0	0
Multnomah County	2.5	4	32.1	52	60.5	98	2.5	4	1.2	2	1.2	2	0	0
Washington County	3.6	5	34.3	47	57.7	79	2.9	4	1.5	2	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	2.6	3	29.1	34	60.7	71	4.3	5	.9	1	2.6	3	0	0

Table Q1B: My Family and I Are Financially Better Off Now Than We Were Two Years Ago.

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		Neither Agree Nor Disagree		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	9.7	81	28.9	241	46.3	386	11.4	95	3.0	25	.4	3	.2	2
Clackamas County	10.9	14	28.7	37	47.3	61	10.9	14	2.3	3	0	0	0	0
Clark County	6.8	10	21.6	32	49.3	73	19.6	29	1.4	2	.7	1	.7	1
Columbia County	8.8	12	35.3	48	36.8	50	13.2	18	5.1	7	.7	1	0	0
Multnomah County	8.6	14	30.2	49	48.1	78	7.4	12	4.3	7	.6	1	.6	1
Washington County	12.4	17	30.7	42	44.5	61	10.2	14	2.2	3	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	12.0	14	26.5	31	52.1	61	6.8	8	2.6	3	0	0	0	0

Table Q1C: The Taxes I Pay to the State, City, and County are Reasonable Considering the Benefits I Receive.

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		Neither Agree Nor Disagree		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	10.9	91	32.1	267	46.0	383	7.0	58	.7	6	2.2	18	1.2	10
Clackamas County	14.7	19	31.8	41	48.1	62	5.4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark County	10.1	15	34.5	51	46.6	69	5.4	8	0	0	2.7	4	.7	1
Columbia County	14.0	19	28.7	39	43.4	59	5.9	8	.7	1	4.4	6	2.9	4
Multnomah County	8.6	14	37.7	61	44.4	72	6.2	10	.6	1	.6	1	1.9	3
Washington County	8.0	11	32.1	44	46.7	64	7.3	10	1.5	2	3.6	5	.7	1
Yamhill County	10.3	12	25.6	30	47.9	56	12.8	15	1.7	2	.9	1	.9	1

Table Q1D: Population Growth has become a Serious Issue in this Region: Additionally, if respondents answered *Agree* or *Strongly Agree* to question 1d, they were asked, “Why do you agree that population growth has become a serious issue in this region?” Seventy-six percent of the respondents answered this question (n = 633; although 644 respondents answered Agree/Strongly Agree on Q1D, 6 responded don’t know and 5 refused to answer the additional question). A list of their comments is found in Appendix B of this report.

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		Neither Agree Nor Disagree		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	1.2	10	18.2	152	44.8	373	32.5	271	1.1	9	2.0	17	.1	1
Clackamas County	.8	1	15.5	20	50.4	65	33.3	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark County	.7	1	18.2	27	44.6	66	33.8	50	2.0	3	.7	1	0	0
Columbia County	2.9	4	19.1	26	39.0	53	32.4	44	1.5	2	4.4	6	.7	1
Multnomah County	0	0	21.6	35	45.1	73	30.9	50	1.2	2	1.2	2	0	0
Washington County	.7	1	20.4	28	44.5	61	31.4	43	.7	1	2.2	3	0	0
Yamhill County	2.6	3	12.0	14	45.3	53	35.0	41	.9	1	4.3	5	0	0

Frequencies Q2A-Q2D: Next, I am going to list a few policy goals that some people believe are important for improving the economy. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving our economy on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

Table Q2A: Creating New Jobs.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	2.5	21	24.2	202	43.6	363	28.9	241	.4	3	.1	1	.2	2
Clackamas County	4.7	6	27.9	36	39.5	51	27.1	35	0	0	.8	1	0	0
Clark County	2.0	3	22.3	33	42.6	63	32.4	48	.7	1	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	.7	1	17.6	24	46.3	63	33.8	46	1.5	2	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	2.5	4	26.5	43	46.9	76	23.5	38	0	0	0	0	.6	1
Washington County	4.4	6	21.2	29	43.1	59	31.4	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	.9	1	30.8	36	41.9	49	25.6	30	0	0	0	0	.9	1

Table Q2B: Improving Worker Wages.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	5.5	46	36.1	301	35.4	295	22.2	185	.5	4	0	0	.2	2
Clackamas County	7.8	10	41.9	54	30.2	39	19.4	25	.8	1	0	0	0	0
Clark County	6.8	10	33.8	50	31.1	46	28.4	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	5.1	7	27.2	37	35.3	48	30.1	41	1.5	2	0	0	.7	1
Multnomah County	5.6	9	32.7	53	38.9	63	22.2	36	.6	1	0	0	0	0
Washington County	5.8	8	43.8	60	37.2	51	13.1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	1.7	2	38.5	45	40.2	47	18.8	22	0	0	0	0	.9	1

Table Q2C: Reducing Costs for Businesses.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	14.4	120	44.2	368	22.7	189	12.0	100	1.9	16	4.0	33	.8	7
Clackamas County	14.0	18	35.7	46	27.9	36	14.0	18	3.1	4	4.7	6	.8	1
Clark County	6.8	10	48.0	71	22.3	33	14.2	21	2.0	3	5.4	8	1.4	2
Columbia County	15.4	21	39.7	54	25.0	34	12.5	17	2.9	4	2.9	4	1.5	2
Multnomah County	20.4	33	44.4	72	20.4	33	9.9	16	1.2	2	3.7	6	0	0
Washington County	17.5	24	47.4	65	21.2	29	9.5	13	.7	1	2.2	3	1.5	2
Yamhill County	12.0	14	51.3	60	19.7	23	11.1	13	.9	1	5.1	6	0	0

Table Q2D: Reducing the Cost of Housing.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	10.7	89	35.9	299	33.4	278	18.0	150	.7	6	1.0	8	.4	3
Clackamas County	17.1	22	37.2	48	31.0	40	13.2	17	.8	1	0	0	.8	1
Clark County	13.5	20	33.1	49	27.0	40	25.0	37	0	0	.7	1	.7	1
Columbia County	8.1	11	36.0	49	34.6	47	18.4	25	1.5	2	1.5	2	0	0
Multnomah County	7.4	12	37.7	61	37.7	61	16.0	26	1.2	2	0	0	0	0
Washington County	10.2	14	41.6	57	29.2	40	16.8	23	0	0	1.5	2	.7	1
Yamhill County	8.5	10	29.9	35	41.0	48	17.9	21	0	0	2.6	3	0	0

Frequencies Q3A-Q3F: Now I am going to list a few policy goals that some people believe are important for improving the quality of public kindergarten through 12th grade education. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving education on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

Table Q3A: Improving Teacher Quality.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	5.0	42	23.8	198	41.5	346	28.1	234	.7	6	.6	5	.2	2
Clackamas County	4.7	6	29.5	38	36.4	47	28.7	37	.8	1	0	0	0	0
Clark County	4.7	7	16.9	25	47.3	70	29.1	43	.7	1	1.4	2	0	0
Columbia County	8.1	11	19.1	26	41.2	56	30.9	42	.7	1	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	6.8	11	32.7	53	34.6	56	25.3	41	.6	1	0	0	0	0
Washington County	2.2	3	26.3	36	40.1	55	29.9	41	.7	1	0	0	.7	1
Yamhill County	3.4	4	17.1	20	50.4	59	24.8	29	.9	1	2.6	3	.9	1

Table Q3B: Raising Student Achievement in the Lower Grades.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	5.4	45	30.5	254	37.3	311	25.0	208	.6	5	.8	7	.4	3
Clackamas County	4.7	6	32.6	42	34.1	44	25.6	33	.8	1	1.6	2	.8	1
Clark County	4.7	7	29.1	43	35.8	53	29.7	44	.7	1	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	5.1	7	35.3	48	38.2	52	20.6	28	.7	1	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	8.6	14	31.5	51	30.9	50	29.0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington County	5.1	7	30.7	42	36.5	50	24.8	34	0	0	2.2	3	.7	1
Yamhill County	3.4	4	23.9	28	50.4	59	17.9	21	1.7	2	1.7	2	.9	1

Table Q3C: Improving School Financial Accountability for Public Schools.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	6.2	52	20.5	171	32.1	267	38.8	323	1.1	9	.8	7	.5	4
Clackamas County	7.0	9	20.9	27	31.8	41	39.5	51	0	0	0	0	.8	1
Clark County	5.4	8	18.9	28	29.7	44	44.6	66	.7	1	.7	1	0	0
Columbia County	6.6	9	16.9	23	30.1	41	43.4	59	2.2	3	.7	1	0	0
Multnomah County	6.8	11	26.5	43	26.5	43	35.8	58	2.5	4	1.2	2	.6	1
Washington County	4.4	6	22.6	31	36.5	50	35.0	48	0	0	.7	1	.7	1
Yamhill County	7.7	9	16.2	19	38.5	45	34.2	40	.9	1	1.7	2	.9	1

Table Q3D: Stabilizing Funding for Public Schools.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	2.9	24	13.8	115	34.9	291	47.2	393	.2	2	.7	6	.2	2
Clackamas County	3.1	4	11.6	15	35.7	46	48.8	63	0	0	.8	1	0	0
Clark County	5.4	8	23.0	34	28.4	42	43.2	64	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	2.2	3	14.0	19	29.4	40	51.1	70	0	0	2.2	3	.7	1
Multnomah County	2.5	4	6.8	11	35.8	58	54.3	88	.6	1	0	0	0	0
Washington County	2.9	4	11.7	16	39.4	54	45.3	62	0	0	.7	1	0	0
Yamhill County	.9	1	17.1	20	41.0	48	38.5	45	.9	1	.9	1	.9	1

Table Q3E: Improving the High School Graduation Rate.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	2.5	21	15.6	130	39.0	325	41.7	347	.7	6	.4	3	.1	1
Clackamas County	3.9	5	18.6	24	41.9	54	35.7	46	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark County	6.1	9	19.6	29	27.7	41	45.9	68	.7	1	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	2.2	3	11.0	15	42.6	58	42.6	58	.7	1	.7	1	0	0
Multnomah County	1.2	2	16.0	26	40.1	65	41.4	67	.6	1	.6	1	0	0
Washington County	.7	1	13.9	19	40.9	56	43.8	60	.7	1	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	.9	1	14.5	17	41.9	49	39.3	46	1.7	2	.9	1	.9	1

Table Q3F: Reducing the Achievement Gap Between White and Minority Public School Students.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	6.2	52	25.8	215	34.3	286	29.9	249	1.2	10	1.6	13	1.0	8
Clackamas County	10.9	14	28.7	37	32.6	42	25.6	33	1.6	2	.8	1	0	0
Clark County	9.5	14	24.3	36	28.4	42	34.5	51	1.4	2	.7	1	1.4	2
Columbia County	4.4	6	27.9	38	31.6	43	29.4	40	.7	1	4.4	6	1.5	2
Multnomah County	1.9	3	20.4	33	41.4	67	34.0	55	1.2	2	1.2	2	0	0
Washington County	5.1	7	29.2	40	33.6	46	28.5	39	1.5	2	1.5	2	.7	1
Yamhill County	6.8	8	26.5	31	38.5	45	24.8	29	.9	1	.9	1	1.7	2

Frequencies Q4A-Q4E: The following is a list of policy goals that some people believe are important for improving health care. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving health care on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

Table Q4A: Controlling the Cost of Health Care.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	1.7	14	7.7	64	33.1	276	57.3	477	0	0	0	0	.2	2
Clackamas County	.8	1	12.4	16	29.5	38	56.6	73	0	0	0	0	.8	1
Clark County	3.4	5	7.4	11	32.4	48	56.8	84	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	1.5	2	5.1	7	33.1	45	60.3	82	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	.6	1	5.6	9	33.3	54	59.9	97	0	0	0	0	.6	1
Washington County	2.2	3	12.4	17	29.9	41	55.5	76	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	1.7	2	3.4	4	41.0	48	53.8	63	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table Q4B: Improving Health Services and Health Education Programs, such as Vaccinations and Prenatal Care.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	3.4	28	24.1	201	38.9	324	32.8	273	.2	2	.4	3	.2	2
Clackamas County	3.9	5	29.5	38	37.2	48	28.7	37	0	0	0	0	.8	1
Clark County	4.1	6	24.3	36	33.1	49	37.8	56	0	0	.7	1	0	0
Columbia County	4.4	6	19.9	27	39.7	54	36.0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	3.7	6	19.8	32	36.4	59	38.9	63	.6	1	.6	1	0	0
Washington County	2.2	3	26.3	36	46.0	63	24.8	34	0	0	.7	1	0	0
Yamhill County	1.7	2	26.5	31	42.7	50	27.4	32	.9	1	0	0	.9	1

Table Q4C: Providing Health Care Coverage for Everyone.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	7.2	60	15.5	129	28.8	240	47.7	397	.2	2	.4	3	.2	2
Clackamas County	7.0	9	24.0	31	27.1	35	40.3	52	.8	1	.8	1	0	0
Clark County	6.8	10	18.2	27	25.0	37	49.3	73	0	0	0	0	.7	1
Columbia County	9.6	13	14.0	19	25.7	35	50.0	68	0	0	.7	1	0	0
Multnomah County	3.7	6	9.9	16	30.9	50	54.9	89	0	0	0	0	.6	1
Washington County	9.5	13	16.1	22	32.1	44	42.3	58	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	7.7	9	12.0	14	31.6	37	47.0	55	.9	1	.9	1	0	0

Table Q4D: Controlling the Cost of Prescription Drugs.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	2.6	22	11.6	97	30.3	252	55.3	461	0	0	.1	1	0	0
Clackamas County	3.1	4	11.6	15	29.5	38	55.8	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark County	4.7	7	13.5	20	25.0	37	56.8	84	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	1.5	2	10.3	14	30.1	41	58.1	79	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	.6	1	9.3	15	31.5	51	58.6	95	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington County	3.6	5	16.1	22	30.7	42	49.6	68	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	2.6	3	9.4	11	35.0	41	52.1	61	0	0	.9	1	0	0

Table Q4E: Accelerating Medical and Health Research.

	Not Important		Moderately Important		Very Important		Extremely Important		No Opinion		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	3.8	32	34.1	284	34.8	290	26.8	223	.2	2	.1	1	.1	1
Clackamas County	2.3	3	38.0	49	32.6	42	25.6	33	.8	1	0	0	.8	1
Clark County	4.7	7	30.4	45	30.4	45	33.8	50	.7	1	0	0	0	0
Columbia County	2.9	4	30.9	42	39.7	54	26.5	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	4.3	7	37.7	61	30.9	50	27.2	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington County	2.9	4	29.9	41	43.8	60	23.4	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	6.0	7	39.3	46	31.6	37	22.2	26	0	0	.9	1	0	0

Frequencies Q5A-Q5F: The following is a list of public services provided in part by local government. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each service. Are you: Completely dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or completely satisfied with these services?

Table Q5A: Police, Fire, and Other Public Safety Services.

	Completely Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	2.9	24	11.0	92	47.8	398	36.7	306	0	0	1.2	10	.4	3
Clackamas County	3.1	4	12.4	16	51.2	66	33.3	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark County	3.4	5	8.8	13	43.2	64	41.9	62	0	0	1.4	2	1.4	2
Columbia County	4.4	6	14.0	19	49.3	67	32.4	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	3.1	5	13.6	22	54.3	88	25.9	42	0	0	2.5	4	.6	1
Washington County	0	0	8.8	12	48.2	66	41.6	57	0	0	1.5	2	0	0
Yamhill County	3.4	4	7.7	9	39.3	46	47.9	56	0	0	1.7	2	0	0

Table Q5B: Parks and Recreation.

	Completely Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	2.0	17	8.5	71	48.9	407	37.8	315	.6	5	1.9	16	.2	2
Clackamas County	.8	1	7.0	9	53.5	69	37.2	48	0	0	1.6	2	0	0
Clark County	2.0	3	10.8	16	45.3	67	39.9	59	0	0	2.0	3	0	0
Columbia County	4.4	6	13.2	18	51.5	70	25.7	35	2.2	3	1.5	2	1.5	2
Multnomah County	2.5	4	4.9	8	53.7	87	35.8	58	1.2	2	1.9	3	0	0
Washington County	1.5	2	5.8	8	44.5	61	46.0	63	0	0	2.2	3	0	0
Yamhill County	.9	1	9.4	11	43.6	51	43.6	51	0	0	2.6	3	0	0

Table Q5C: Roads and Traffic.

	Completely Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	24.5	204	40.3	336	27.5	229	6.4	53	.8	7	.2	2	.2	2
Clackamas County	17.1	22	45.0	58	30.2	39	7.8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark County	27.0	40	36.5	54	27.7	41	6.8	10	1.4	2	.7	1	0	0
Columbia County	25.7	35	35.3	48	28.7	39	8.8	12	1.5	2	0	0	0	0
Multnomah County	21.0	34	38.3	62	31.5	51	6.8	11	1.9	3	.6	1	0	0
Washington County	23.4	32	45.3	62	26.3	36	5.1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	34.2	40	43.6	51	17.9	21	2.6	3	0	0	0	0	1.7	2

Table Q5D: Public Transportation.

	Completely Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	8.0	67	15.4	128	40.7	339	23.8	198	3.0	25	9.1	76	0	0
Clackamas County	6.2	8	16.3	21	34.9	45	31.8	41	4.7	6	6.2	8	0	0
Clark County	12.8	19	22.3	33	39.9	59	14.9	22	1.4	2	8.8	13	0	0
Columbia County	11.0	15	17.6	24	35.3	48	16.2	22	6.6	9	13.2	18	0	0
Multnomah County	1.9	3	11.7	19	48.8	79	31.5	51	1.2	2	4.9	8	0	0
Washington County	3.6	5	5.8	8	46.7	64	35.0	48	2.2	3	6.6	9	0	0
Yamhill County	14.5	17	19.7	23	35.9	42	11.1	13	1.7	2	17.1	20	0	0

Table Q5E: Water and Sewer Service.

	Completely Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	4.3	36	9.0	75	39.0	325	35.8	298	3.1	26	8.6	72	.1	1
Clackamas County	2.3	3	8.5	11	32.6	42	45.0	58	4.7	6	7.0	9	0	0
Clark County	3.4	5	6.1	9	39.2	58	39.9	59	4.1	6	6.8	10	.7	1
Columbia County	2.9	4	12.5	17	32.4	44	29.4	40	6.6	9	16.2	22	0	0
Multnomah County	8.6	14	14.2	23	47.5	77	27.2	44	0	0	2.5	4	0	0
Washington County	2.2	3	3.6	5	43.1	59	41.6	57	1.5	2	8.0	11	0	0
Yamhill County	6.0	7	7.7	9	35.9	42	34.2	40	2.6	3	13.7	16	0	0

Table Q5F: Services for People with Mental Illness.

	Completely Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	30.4	253	24.7	206	20.5	171	5.2	43	3.5	29	14.6	122	1.1	9
Clackamas County	26.4	34	27.9	36	18.6	24	6.2	8	5.4	7	14.7	19	.8	1
Clark County	31.8	47	15.5	23	25.7	38	8.1	12	3.4	5	14.2	21	1.4	2
Columbia County	33.8	46	22.8	31	18.4	25	4.4	6	5.1	7	14.0	19	1.5	2
Multnomah County	37.7	61	29.6	48	14.8	24	3.1	5	1.2	2	12.3	20	1.2	2
Washington County	24.1	33	26.3	36	23.4	32	4.4	6	2.2	3	19.0	26	.7	1
Yamhill County	26.5	31	26.5	31	22.2	26	5.1	6	4.3	5	14.5	17	.9	1

Frequencies Q6 & Q7:

Table Q6: Overall, How Satisfied are You With the Quality of Public Education Students Receive in Kindergarten Through 12th Grade in Your Community Today? Would you say you are completely dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or completely satisfied?

	Completely Dissatisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Completely Satisfied		Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	8.2	68	28.6	238	47.5	396	12.2	102	.2	2	3.2	27	0	0
Clackamas County	11.6	15	21.7	28	42.6	55	19.4	25	1.6	2	3.1	4	0	0
Clark County	4.7	7	25.0	37	48.0	71	18.9	28	0	0	3.4	5	0	0
Columbia County	10.3	14	36.8	50	42.6	58	7.4	10	0	0	2.9	4	0	0
Multnomah County	6.8	11	30.2	49	50.6	82	8.0	13	0	0	4.3	7	0	0
Washington County	5.1	7	27.0	37	53.3	73	10.9	15	0	0	3.6	5	0	0
Yamhill County	11.1	13	30.8	36	47.0	55	9.4	11	0	0	1.7	2	0	0

Table Q7: We've Discussed a Variety of Issues. Which of these Issues is Most Important to You? (Economy, Education, Health Care, Population Growth, Public Services, Taxes)

	Economy		Education		Health Care		Population Growth		Public Services		Taxes		Don't Know		Refused to Answer	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Total Sample	12.0	100	33.1	276	33.9	282	7.6	63	3.7	31	8.5	71	.6	5	.6	5
Clackamas County	11.6	15	32.6	42	28.7	37	7.0	9	5.4	7	12.4	16	.8	1	1.6	2
Clark County	14.9	22	28.4	42	40.5	60	4.7	7	2.7	4	8.1	12	0	0	.7	1
Columbia County	11.8	16	31.6	43	38.2	52	6.6	9	1.5	2	8.8	12	1.5	2	0	0
Multnomah County	9.9	16	38.3	62	27.8	45	9.3	15	6.2	10	7.4	12	.6	1	.6	1
Washington County	10.9	15	38.7	53	35.0	48	7.3	10	1.5	2	6.6	9	0	0	0	0
Yamhill County	13.7	16	27.4	32	32.5	38	11.1	13	5.1	6	8.5	10	.9	1	.9	1

Finally, respondents were asked if there was anything they would like to add in addition to the questions already discussed. Twenty-one percent of the respondents (n = 175) provided additional information. A list of their comments is found in Appendix C of this report. Also, 9.5% of the interviewers (n=79) provided additional information about the interview. A list of this information is found in Appendix D of this report.

APPENDIX A

Telephone Survey Instrument Script

Metropolitan Critical Issues Survey 2007

INTRO:

Phone number: \$N

Callback Note 1: <F6> Callback Note 2: <F7> Callback Note 3: <F8>

OK - Continue	00	D	
Answering machine	01		=> INT01
Busy	02		=> INT02
No answer	03		=> INT03
FAX machine	04		=> INT04
Number change - Operator intercept	05		=> /TEL01
Cell phone refusal	06		=> INT06
Non-working, disconnected number	07		=> INT07
Non-residential number	08		=> INT08
Language/Disability barrier	09		=> INT09
Pay phone	10		=> INT10
Group home	11		=> INT11
Not a resident of counties surveyed	12		=> INT12

NTRO1:

Hello, my name is \$I, and I'm calling from Portland State University with a quick survey of your opinions about some of the issues facing the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan region. I assure you we're not selling anything. This voluntary survey will take about 5 to 10 minutes. May I speak to someone who is 18 years of age or older?

IWR Note: The 6-county region that we are surveying includes Clark County in Washington, and Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Columbia County in Oregon.

No, that would be someone else, I'll get them	0		=> NTRO1
Yes, that would be me	1	D	
Not good time now - schedule CB w/specific time	2		=> INT50
Not interested/Not now - automatic CB in 3 days	3		=> INT55

Not a resident of counties surveyed	4		=> INT12
No one in hh 18 years or older	5		=> INT13
Language/Disability Barrier	6		=> INT09
Non-residential number, business	7		=> INT08
Hung up w/out saying anything - automatic CB in 5 days	8		=> INT95
Refused to start	9		=> INT91

NTRO2:

Your phone number was randomly selected by computer from all the telephone numbers in the six-county region, and I do not know your name. Your responses will be anonymous and will be used in combination with the answers from all the other people participating in this study. If there are questions that you would prefer not to answer, just say so, and we will skip to the next question. Okay?

If R is hesitant, remind that the information will be used by policymakers who make decisions that affect all of us in this region. IWR Note: The 6-county region that we are surveying includes Clark County in Washington, and Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Columbia County in Oregon.

No, not a good time now - schedule CB w/specific time	0		=> INT50
Yes, continue with survey	1	D	
Not interested/ Not now - automatic CB in 3 days	2		=> INT55

Hung up w/out saying anything - automatic CB in 5 days	8		=> INT95
Refused to continue w/survey	9		=> INT91

INT01:

Answering machine

01 D => /END

INT02:

Busy

02 D => /END

INT03:

No answer

03 D => /END

INT04:

FAX machine

04 D => /END

INT06:

I am sorry to have bothered you. Is there a better number I can reach you at or may we call you at off-peak hours?

Cell phone refusal - Should only be used if R refuses to complete the survey using the cell phone.

Cell phone refusal

06 D => /END

INT07:

Non-working, disconnected number

07 D => /END

INT08:

Sorry to have bothered you. We are surveying area households only. Thank you for your time today.

Should be used for business, non-residential facilities, and communal phones. Should NOT be used for nursing homes, where residents have their own individual/residential lines.

Non-residential number

08 D => /END

INT09:

Language Barrier: Sorry to have bothered you. We do not have anyone that speaks your language. Disability

Barrier: Sorry to have bothered you. Thank you for your time today. Hearing Problem: Sorry to have bothered you.

We are not able to complete this survey with a TTY system.

Should be used for R's who cannot complete the survey due to cognitive/mental/physical disability that prevents them from answering and/or understanding questions. If you deem a R to fit into one of these categories, the survey should NOT be conducted with that R.

Language/Disability barrier

09 D => /END

INT10:

Sorry to have bothered you we are surveying households only. Thank you for your time today.

Pay phone

10 D => /END

INT11:

Sorry to have bothered you we are surveying single family households only. Thank you for your time today.

Should be used for communal phones. Should NOT be used for nursing homes, where residents have their own individual/residential lines.

Group home, dormitory

11 D => /END

INT12:

I'm sorry to have bothered you. We are only surveying people who live in specific counties. Thank you for your time today.

Not resident of counties surveyed

12 D => /END

INT13:

I'm sorry to have bothered you. We are only surveying people who are 18 or older. Thank you for your time today.

No one in HH 18 years of age or older

13 D => /END

INT50:

When would be a better time for us to reach you?

English specific callback

50

D

=> /CB

INT55:

Not interested/Not now - automatic CB in 3 day

English generic callback

55

D

=> /END

INT91:

Hang up and code the refusal accordingly

General Refusal: The information gathered from this survey will be used by policymakers who make decisions that affect the people in this region. Therefore, your opinions are important for policy development. Could we possibly try to reach you again at a more convenient time? If R wants contact information they may call any of the following: If you have any questions about this research project, please contact Dr. Sheila Martin, Director and Associate Professor at the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University, at 503-725-5170 or visit the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies website at www.pdx.edu/ims/. If you have questions about the validity of the study or the Survey Research Lab you may call Dr. Debi Elliott, the Director of the Survey Research Laboratory at Portland State University, at 503-725-5198 or visit the Survey Research Lab website at www.srl.pdx.edu. If you have concerns or questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact the PSU Human Subjects Research Review Committee, at 503-725-4288.

Refusal [please specify]

91

O

=> /END

Never callback

92

=> /END

INT95:

Hung up without saying anything - automatic CB in 5 days

95

D

=> /END

Q1:

First, I will read you a few statements about conditions in the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan region. Please indicate whether you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Don't know	Refused
The region's economy is doing well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My family and I are financially better off now than we were two years ago	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The taxes I pay to the state, city, and county are reasonable considering the benefits I receive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Population growth has become a serious issue in this region	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q1D_A:

Why do you agree that population growth has become a serious issue in this region?

Click next after typing notes

1

DO

Don't know

8

Refused

9

Q2:

Next, I am going to list a few policy goals that some people believe are important for improving the economy. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving our economy on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

	Not important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	No opinion	Don't know	Refused
Creating new jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving worker wages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing costs for businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing the cost of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3:

Now I am going to list a few policy goals that some people believe are important for improving the quality of public kindergarten through 12th grade education. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving education on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

	Not important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	No opinion	Don't know	Refused
Improving teacher quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raising student achievement in the lower grades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving school financial accountability for public schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stabilizing funding for public schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving the high school graduation rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing the achievement gap between white and minority public school students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4:

The following is a list of policy goals that some people believe are important for improving health care. Please indicate how important you think each goal is for improving health care on a scale of not important, moderately important, very important, or extremely important.

	Not important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	No opinion	Don't know	Refused
Controlling the cost of health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving health services and health education programs, such as vaccinations and prenatal care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing health care coverage for everyone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Controlling the cost of prescription drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accelerating medical and health research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q5:

The following is a list of public services provided in part by local government. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each service. Are you: Completely dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or completely satisfied with these services?

	Completely dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Completely satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Don't know	Refused
Police, fire, and other public safety services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads and traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water and sewer service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services for people with mental illness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6:

Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of public education students receive in kindergarten through 12th grade in your community today? Would you say you are completely dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or completely satisfied?

Completely dissatisfied	1
Somewhat dissatisfied	2
Somewhat satisfied	3
Completely satisfied	4

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	7
Don't know	8
Refused	9

Q7:

Read options 1-6 in order presented

We've discussed a variety of issues. Which of these issues is most important to you?

rotation -> 6

Economy	1
Education	2
Health care	3
Population growth	4
Public services	5
Taxes	6

Don't know	8
Refused	9

DEMO:

We are almost finished. The next few questions are for statistical purposes only.

Press enter to continue 0 D

D1:

Enter 01-97 years

How long have you lived in the metropolitan region?

IWR Note: Round up if 6 months or more, and down if less than 6 months. If less than 1 year, mark as 00.

\$E 01 97

Less than 1 year	00

Don't know	98
Refused	99

D2:

Read options if necessary

In which county do you live?

IWR NOTE: If R uncertain which county they live, R should select county they vote in.

Clackamas	1
Clark	2
Columbia	3
Multnomah	4
Washington	5
Yamhill	6
Other	7 O

Don't know	8
Refused	9

D3:

Do you have a child in any kindergarten through 12th grade public school in this region?

No	0
Yes	1

Don't know	8
Refused	9

D4:

Enter four digit year

In what year were you born?

\$E 1900 1988

Born after today's date in 1988 - not 18 years of age 7777

Don't know 8888

Refused 9999

D5:

Record R'S gender, as observed. If you can't tell, ask:

"Because the quality of phone connections sometimes makes it difficult to tell, I have to ask you your gender. Are you male or female?"

Male 0

Female 1

Don't know 8

Refused 9

D6:

Read options if necessary

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than 8 years 01

Some high school (9-12 years), without a diploma 02

High school Diploma or GED 03

Associate Degree (for example: AA, AS) 04

Some college, but no degree 05

Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, AB, BS) 06

Some graduate study, but no degree 07

Graduate or professional degree

(Master's, professional, (e.g. law, medicine, doctorate) 08

Don't know 88

Refused 99

D7:

Read 1-6

How would you describe your current marital status? Are you...

Single, never married 1

Married 2

Living with a partner 3

Separated 4

Divorced 5

Widowed 6

Don't know 8

Refused 9

D8:

Read 1-5

What is your current employment status? Are you...

Employed full-time	1
Employed part-time	2
Retired	3
Unemployed	4
Homemaker or stay at home parent	5

Don't know	8
Refused	9

D9:

Would you describe yourself as any of the following: Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

No	0
Yes	1

Don't know	8
Refused	9

D10:

Read 1-6

Which of the following groups best identifies you?

White	1	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	
Asian or Pacific Islander	3	
Black or African-American	4	
Multi-Racial	5	
Other	6	O

Don't know	8	
Refused	9	

D11:

Read options until stopped

Please stop me when I reach the category that describes your estimated total annual household income.

IWR Note to R: Your best estimate is fine.

Less than \$15,000	1
\$15,000 to less than 25,000	2
\$25,000 to less than 35,000	3
\$35,000 to less than 50,000	4
\$50,000 to less than 75,000	5
\$75,000 to less than 100,000	6
\$100,000 or more	7

Don't know	8
Refused	9

THEND:

That completes the survey. I want to thank you again for taking the time to help us with this study. Is there anything that you would like to add in addition to the questions we have already discussed?

No	0	
Yes [type in comments]	1	O

INT99:

Thank you so much for your help with this study! The results from the survey will be used by policymakers who make decisions that affect all of us in this region. Do you have any questions about the study that I could answer? Your time for this survey was: \$T If R has questions about the study: please contact Dr. Sheila Martin, Director and Associate Professor at the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University, at 503-725-5170, or visit the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies website at www.pdx.edu/ims/; Dr. Debi Elliott, the Director of the Survey Research Laboratory at Portland State University, at 503-725-5198 or visit the website at www.srl.pdx.edu/; or the PSU Human Subjects Research Review Committee, 503-725-4288.

Complete

CO D

I0:

*****Hang up with Respondent, then continue with next four questions*****

Do you have any comments, for the CLIENT, about how the interview went?

No - good R and the survey went well

0

Yes - Please Specify

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I1:

Overall, how much difficulty did R have in understanding the questions?

No Difficulty

1

A Little Difficulty

2

Moderate Difficulty

3

A Great Deal of Difficulty

4

I2:

How cooperative was R?

Not at All

1

A Little

2

Moderately

3

Very

4

I3:

How distracted did R seem by other people or things (e.g. television) during the interview?

Not at All

1

=> /END

A Little

2

=> /END

Moderately

3

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Very

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APPENDIX B
Open-Ended Responses to Question 1D

Critical Metropolitan Issues Survey 2007
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Responses are included for only those respondents that directly answered question #1D.

QUEST	COUNTY	Q1D
3	Clackamas	Overcrowding in schools
102	Clackamas	Housing developments are taking over farming land, open areas, and crowding our schools.
118	Clackamas	It's bad for the environment
138	Clackamas	The city that I live in has tripled in size in the past 5 years. There are more houses than there are schools.
201	Clackamas	Increase in traffic, more competition for jobs, illegal immigrants are increasing
267	Clackamas	It is illegal aliens and the influx of out-of-state people.
306	Clackamas	Schools and growth are overpopulated.
445	Clackamas	We don't seem to have enough land to support the population; land has become very expensive.
460	Clackamas	The type of population we have is flooding the schools.
522	Clackamas	Excessive load on infrastructure, roads, schools, etc.
572	Clackamas	Illegal immigration
607	Clackamas	Infrastructure and schools aren't keeping up with growth. They aren't building schools and widening roads to keep up with it. There is no plan or money for new schools.
630	Clackamas	Oregon is such a desirable place to live.
696	Clackamas	There are too many people on the road.
766	Clackamas	I am opposed to population growth
781	Clackamas	Traffic congestion
798	Clackamas	Traffic and schools
898	Clackamas	Can't go anywhere private
950	Clackamas	It directly influences the economy.
1092	Clackamas	I live out in the Clackamas County area, and you can't get around in this area. The development hasn't caught up with the growth, and the schools are overcrowded.
1126	Clackamas	Transportation gridlock
1145	Clackamas	It feels like there are a lot more people moving into the area.
1146	Clackamas	We used to have farmland around us, but now there are only houses. What are we going to do when all the farmland is gone? We can't eat houses.
1250	Clackamas	There is an expansion of urban growth in our area. There need to be more highways and sewers.
1272	Clackamas	There is an increase in number of houses being built.
1322	Clackamas	There are too many people; Portland is too crowded.
1333	Clackamas	The economy here doesn't have the capacity for new people.
1439	Clackamas	I think that the population is growing fast; land use
1454	Clackamas	There is too much traffic and too many people coming in; developers and attorneys
1466	Clackamas	The rate of growth is astonishing; we're at the very high end of the fastest growing states. We're not keeping up; there is a lot of sprawl and the urban planning is not the best.
1473	Clackamas	They are building too many houses. There is too much urban growth.
1597	Clackamas	I just feel like the rural areas are pushing into the urban areas.
1599	Clackamas	The lack of roads and lack of proper funding in certain areas, the lack of road improvement and school improvements

1613	Clackamas	I'm seeing it right now, here in the Sunnyside, Clackamas area. They are building lots of new homes and the schools are overcrowded. I work in education, so I see it all the time. There is lots of traffic on I-205 and growing congestion. It's almost as bad as Seattle.
1731	Clackamas	Traffic
1773	Clackamas	The areas are not designed to accommodate the growth, especially the highways.
1945	Clackamas	There are just too many people and too little space.
1971	Clackamas	We seem to have so many people moving in from other areas and it has affected the market for homes, causing taxes to go up.
1986	Clackamas	I don't think we have the infrastructure set up to accommodate our growth.
2020	Clackamas	Our little town continuously has homes shoved into it. We don't have the infrastructure to support this growth so taxes are raised but they don't fix the problem.
2032	Clackamas	Public transportation does not meet the needs of the population.
2039	Clackamas	No one is paying attention to the population growth. We do not have the schools to accommodate growth.
2048	Clackamas	I think it is a good thing. The more people you have moving in, the more commerce takes place.
2121	Clackamas	Increase in housing and increase in traffic.
2230	Clackamas	I think that the road conditions are terrible. As far as housing is concerned, there doesn't seem to be room for growth in small communities, and the public schools are lacking.
2285	Clackamas	Traffic
2360	Clackamas	Farm land is being built on and forests are being cut down to make room for housing.
2366	Clackamas	Housing prices have increased.
2375	Clackamas	The cost of housing has become unaffordable and traffic is bad too. Some people are being forced out of their neighborhoods by gentrification.
2454	Clackamas	Farmlands are being taken over by row housing. There is inadequate police training for the influx of people.
2481	Clackamas	Illegal immigration
2503	Clackamas	The traffic and mass transit availability
2605	Clackamas	There are way too many people moving in and not enough schools to support them.
2744	Clackamas	The problem stems around transportation planning. I don't think that planners have done an adequate job of forecasting the population growth and how it will affect the transportation situation.
2751	Clackamas	Problems with transportation
2871	Clackamas	Overcrowding on highways and urban sprawl
2896	Clackamas	Traffic
2902	Clackamas	We need to watch the growth, and make sure to increase density and not just spread out. Infrastructure does not keep up with growth. We're backwards, with buildings and housing before infrastructure.
2990	Clackamas	The housing costs have risen so much that people can't afford to move into the expensive homes, and it holds back population growth.
3015	Clackamas	It's changing the nature of places where we live. My neighborhood is impacted substantially, and it's not something I like.
3052	Clackamas	Where I live there's a lot of new housing going up where there used to be farmland. Also, there are a lot of vehicles on the road now.
3077	Clackamas	In Clackamas County they can't build schools quickly enough for the growth that's happening here.
3176	Clackamas	The population is outgrowing the school systems. No new schools are being built to meet new population needs. Schools are already under-funded. Agricultural land is being used for housing developments.
3238	Clackamas	There is an increase in traffic and housing development in our area.

3251	Clackamas	You're letting too many people into the country and the state. The Mexican population should be citizens and they shouldn't get welfare and stuff when they're not.
3275	Clackamas	The Mexicans are taking over. I live near a country health clinic and they are everywhere. They are using up all the services. Elderly are scraping to get by with limited services while they receive many. People are having too many kids they can't afford, or kids that are taken out of drug homes.
3394	Clackamas	Traffic congestion
3403	Clackamas	Traffic congestion
3467	Clackamas	Traffic
3524	Clackamas	Where I live, there is nothing but houses and more houses being built, and the schools are becoming crowded and run down. Clackamas is having a growth spurt like you would not believe. Clackamas County doesn't make the builders contribute money for the local schools like they do in some counties and the builders' attitude toward overcrowding is despicable.
3722	Clackamas	Schools are not able to teach all of the different languages.
3818	Clackamas	Illegal immigration
3834	Clackamas	It's costing too much for schools and we're not planning ahead for it. They are misusing taxes.
4046	Clackamas	Our road system isn't keeping up with it.
4087	Clackamas	I think that population growth has become a serious issue because of the livability of the area. People love to come here. We need to have a handle on the growth issues so we're not like Seattle or Los Angeles.
4140	Clackamas	It seems there are more people that we are having to feed. The churches are even asking for help feeding the poor.
4160	Clackamas	Schooling
4177	Clackamas	I come from a family with six generations of Oregonians and now there are so many people and in such close range. It's changed the landscape of the region. It's not like it used to be.
4227	Clackamas	Must pay for more schooling and road up-keep. Everthing is costing more money with more population.
4268	Clackamas	They're taking over too much of the wetlands. There's no more open space left. All these houses are really skinny and 3 stories high, and I don't like that. I like to see yards.
4276	Clackamas	Traffic, infrastructure problems, availability of county services
4282	Clackamas	The roads are crowded.
4477	Clackamas	The schools are over crowded.
4606	Clackamas	There's hardly any land left for building and the roads are becoming tremendously overcrowded.
4654	Clackamas	Here in Clackamas, I see a lot of growth and building without sufficient infrastructure to support it. One example is roads; there is a lot of traffic congestion. There is poor planning and an increasing number of people. I also see it in the schools; they are overflowing, and even if it's indicated that they hire more teachers in a particular district, they can't afford to.
4707	Clackamas	They seem to be building a lot of new places for people to move into and people are moving into them.
4747	Clackamas	We work in construction, and there's a lot of construction going on now. It's turning into a real urban sprawl. There's subdivision after subdivision. These housing developments are being moved onto farmland where berry farms and other things used to be.
4776	Clackamas	Because our roads are so busy. We moved out here 15 years ago and there wasn't much traffic then. Now they are building twelve new houses right below us. There is lots of growth in our area and it's getting out of hand.
4790	Clackamas	There is a lot more traffic.
4792	Clackamas	Housing prices are starting to get out of control.
4806	Clackamas	Illegal immigration has become a concern.
4837	Clackamas	Traffic
4917	Clackamas	They're not improving the roads or anything else properly.
4963	Clackamas	Traffic and public infrastructure

5382	Clackamas	I worry about the schools, how we are getting people to and from, and the highway structure. Mainly, I worry about managing the housing, land usage and boundaries.
5409	Clackamas	All you have to do is go out and see. There are too many cars, buildings, and people.
5585	Clackamas	There is plowing under farmland, and its not allowing for water sources, sewer, and transportation.
5587	Clackamas	People are moving into Oregon from California and buying our homes. There is way to much building going on.
5636	Clackamas	It's a serious issue worldwide, so we just need proper planning. In the US, especially the coastal areas, all of those areas are growing so fast. We're losing our farms and everyone is migrating to the coast.
5815	Clackamas	There are a lot more cars on the road. The roads have not been widened and it is hard to go anywhere.
5945	Clackamas	I want to make sure we develop our urban growth correctly and don't turn into an urban sprawl.
6116	Clackamas	It takes me forever to get to work.
6231	Clackamas	Everyone is moving up here from California.
6320	Clackamas	If you look at Clackamas and Beaverton there's a lot of development, and there are a whole lot of people moving in here. The class sizes are big at my school. There's a big problem with a lot of older people moving here. Families with children can't afford to move to this area now.
6455	Clackamas	Traffic and schools
6542	Clackamas	There is a lot of over-development and schools have inadequate facilities.
39	Clark	Increase in traffic
69	Clark	There is an increase in traffic in some areas.
93	Clark	Because of transportation and commuting problems; the roads are jammed
133	Clark	Because of planning; there's a lack of good planning. There's not enough time to plan things like roads, and good decisions are not made.
252	Clark	Where I live there are no more cows or animals, they are all gone because of housing.
368	Clark	Too much density
373	Clark	They are taking out too much of the native vegetation to put up subdivisions.
394	Clark	The schools are filling up in our area.
487	Clark	There are nature areas that are being torn down, there are too many people, cars, and buildings and the city used to be much smaller than it is now.
550	Clark	I've been driving around the Salmon Creek area this afternoon and there are rows and rows of look-alike houses. There's too much uniformity, it's over-run by people; they can't keep their individuality.
568	Clark	I think that population growth has raised the price of everything. It has strained budgets and roads. We need more jobs to support this population growth.
583	Clark	Increase in population over the past 10 years
595	Clark	Immigrants and the baby boom. They should restrict who comes into the country, close the borders, and not allow more than two children without a permit.
606	Clark	From the number of people moving into the area.
628	Clark	The highways are too crowded, and they're not adequate to deal with the rise in traffic.
733	Clark	Farming areas have been taken over by housing and traffic has increased.
769	Clark	There are a lot more people surrounding me.
806	Clark	There aren't enough jobs for all the people moving in.
886	Clark	The schools are overcrowded.
1000	Clark	I drive a truck and there's not enough room for all the people on the road. The congestion is so bad, its not even funny.
1043	Clark	The housing market accelerated at a much higher percentage than it usually does in recent years because of it.
1044	Clark	There is not enough affordable housing to accommodate population growth.

1048	Clark	The infrastructure has not been developed to support the growth.
1069	Clark	The rate is very fast and houses can't be built fast enough.
1135	Clark	Traffic
1178	Clark	The impact it has on the environment and the quality of life
1180	Clark	Amount of housing in the amount of area
1218	Clark	Building all over
1223	Clark	Too many people
1243	Clark	I don't think it's necessarily serious; it's just something that is happening. There are some good aspects of the population growth as well as some bad aspects.
1246	Clark	It's overcrowded, there's lots of traffic, and there seems like more people.
1267	Clark	Traffic
1321	Clark	It's scary, there's too much traffic. There are car accidents, murders, and such.
1455	Clark	Because of the traffic and the benefits, particularly in schools
1517	Clark	In the area where I live, about 10 years ago it was farmland, and now we have schools. The traffic has picked up by about 200 percent.
1542	Clark	Housing and property values have become inflated. It's also crowded.
1569	Clark	It is gobbling up land at a great rate.
1618	Clark	I live in the Vancouver area and we are getting people from Oregon who are dissatisfied with Oregon issues including taxes, schools, and leadership.
1620	Clark	Unchecked growth in my county in terms of resources reported
1705	Clark	It seems like they're running out of room. Prices are going up and there's no work.
1753	Clark	New housing and buildings
1842	Clark	Statistics and traffic; traffic is the main issue.
1898	Clark	Traffic problems
1977	Clark	Not controlled, issue with illegal aliens
2004	Clark	Housing and construction is sometimes annoying; there is so much of it all the time.
2028	Clark	I live in eastern Clark County and it has put a tremendous strain on the school district. Schools are using portable facilities, its horrible, and it's a strain on county services.
2190	Clark	There are so many homeless people and people living in substandard conditions.
2191	Clark	I live in Camus, which used to be a very quiet country town and now it's grown immensely. The shops are no longer the same, now having more expensive products for Portlanders. The whole economy has changed due to growth.
2227	Clark	Just drive on the highway a bit or try to go to the store. There's more and more people every time. It's harder for an older person like me.
2277	Clark	The growth has outpaced the infrastructure. The roads and the sewers are not enough for all the people we have.
2342	Clark	Uncontrolled development, infrastructure such as schools
2391	Clark	They don't have the roads and the schools to accommodate everybody.
2423	Clark	The school system; there are too many kids in the school, and buildings taking up the land.
2445	Clark	There are too many people coming. The schools are crowded, its more than they can handle.
2471	Clark	I don't believe there is adequate infrastructure to support the growth.
2500	Clark	Overcrowding
2516	Clark	You can see by the traffic and new housing developments.
2538	Clark	Because of judgments made regarding property management; the property in this county is not managed well.
2561	Clark	It's getting crowded.
2580	Clark	More traffic congestion making commutes harder
2587	Clark	Poor planning, and long permitting processes, not much growth planning for traffic and population

2634	Clark	I live in Vancouver, and it's really grown tremendously. There is more crime.
2711	Clark	It is too dense.
2883	Clark	There are too many people and it's overcrowded.
2984	Clark	Transportation is a problem with inadequate housing. Bad decisions are being made.
3016	Clark	There are too many illegal immigrants.
3020	Clark	I live in Vancouver and I don't see any effort by local leaders to manage growth. They are destroying the living environment in the county.
3109	Clark	They are building too much and taking up the land.
3127	Clark	Urbanization and rapid growth do nothing more than propagate the idea that there is more land. We build out more than up and keep building new houses instead of occupying the old ones. Urban sprawl incorporates all of the farmland and rural areas, which transfers the problems from the city into smaller communities, affecting traffic, utilities, school, and everything else.
3128	Clark	Taking up land to build new homes for people
3198	Clark	Increasing taxes because of more students in schools
3248	Clark	Commuting times, traffic, infrastructure doesn't adequately support new people
3329	Clark	Houses are going up all over the place; there is not much empty space anymore.
3415	Clark	In Clark County, the population growth is astronomically high.
3438	Clark	There are too many people, lots of immigrants, especially from Mexico, taking jobs. We need more Californians.
3607	Clark	I agree because of the way that they cram people into housing areas and traffic is crowded on the road. I live north of Battleground and there's not enough water out there, but they keep putting housing out there. I don't know how that works, but I guess if you have enough money, you can do whatever you want.
3624	Clark	We come originally from Alaska and we've been here 10 years. Since I've been here, I've seen the population rise, especially with schools. It just seems like everything is busier.
3633	Clark	I see what has happened in my community with population growth and every time I go driving around anyplace in the metro region. I see more houses and strip malls. This is causing the traffic in the area to become terrible, especially on the two bridges to Washington.
3674	Clark	It seems like there's a lot more traffic. You don't want to get stuck downtown in all that traffic around closing time.
3687	Clark	Developments are springing up everywhere
3688	Clark	The schools and roads are overcrowded.
3693	Clark	We've been inundated with Californians who are idiots when it comes to money. They pay ridiculous prices for homes and then everyone else's assessed values go up and our taxes go up. Also, the first thing they do is cut down all the trees. I'm also very concerned about the illegal aliens.
3783	Clark	Housing costs are too high. Schools need to build more. New apartments have many new people from all over the country. The amount of business opening to meet needs of new population.
3809	Clark	Population growth is a serious issue because of the expansion of urban growth boundaries.
4090	Clark	There are so many people in this world now.
4096	Clark	Less green space
4132	Clark	I notice it in the streets every day. The traffic is getting worse every day.
4266	Clark	It directly affects my job.
4410	Clark	Traffic
4411	Clark	Education
4455	Clark	Illegal aliens

4674	Clark	We're cutting down too many fields and forests to make houses. Our current roads, schools, etc. are not up to par. About five years ago you could go to see arts and other cultural events, but it seems like all open spaces are being developed for housing. What I loved about this area was the feeling of community, but it's so overcrowded that people aren't as personable as they used to be.
4675	Clark	We are getting a lot more people that didn't used to live here. The growth of the population for the amount of jobs that are available is not sufficient.
4736	Clark	Overpopulation, roads, traffic, taking away our countryside, a water issue
4741	Clark	The government is not keeping up with roads and parks.
4839	Clark	There are too many people in this world; there's no proper birth control. Well, there is, but nobody's using it.
4858	Clark	Development is running rampant and unchecked and the infrastructure, like the schools and roads, is not being provided to counties to support the population.
4894	Clark	There is too much traffic on the road and crowding in the schools.
4929	Clark	There are not as many low paying jobs. They are outsourcing technology jobs and decent jobs you must have an education to get. People from all walks of life are packed into one area and tensions rise. Government should give tax breaks to people and people should have fewer kids.
4993	Clark	I would say it has to do with the price of housing, the fact that public transportation is not what it should be, and the roads are unduly crowded.
5079	Clark	There is traffic, crowded schools, and an increase in property taxes.
5285	Clark	They are using up all the farmland for houses. The schools in Oregon are poorly funded.
5384	Clark	There are all these houses going up, but the houses they want for them are too high. Where are the people going to go?
5440	Clark	There is an overflow of new people.
5558	Clark	There is an issue with the quality of life. Traffic is getting worse and there is a long commute from Vancouver to Portland. The housing is dense and there is overcrowding. Open space is becoming rare.
5652	Clark	I can see over 300 new houses around me.
5686	Clark	We do not have the infrastructure to handle it, like with our roads.
5706	Clark	There are traffic and water runoff issues.
6076	Clark	It's effect on infrastructure, traffic, and the school systems; there's always an impact with more people
6193	Clark	You can see all these people coming in from California and the building is never ending. The roads can't handle what we've got now.
6230	Clark	They keep coming in here. Everyone out of state wants to live here.
6354	Clark	Housing prices are going up and schools are overcrowded.
6444	Clark	I think population growth is a serious issue because I see the results every day. There is more traffic and construction, especially in the Clark county area.
6484	Clark	There are just too many people. There are too many people coming in from different states and it's hard to keep up with. All this housing that we need for these new people means taking down trees and wildlife.
96	Columbia	There are so many people coming out here, we are having a hard time accommodating all the kids at the schools.
110	Columbia	St. Helens has probably doubled in size in the past two years. I think Portlanders and Californians have moved there because it's too expensive in those areas.
135	Columbia	The schools are overcrowded and they aren't making allowances for new areas that are coming in. The kids don't have safe or educational schools anymore.
209	Columbia	The freeways are overcrowded.
241	Columbia	Because of the increased population there is more housing, which impacts natural resources and increases the need for public safety, which is limited already.

257	Columbia	There are too many people moving into a region that does not have the jobs and work to support them.
288	Columbia	There are too many illegals.
326	Columbia	The growth is not occurring in a planned way. That has consequences and ramifications for the future; for example, urban sprawl.
419	Columbia	There are so many people coming here getting out of California and Washington and there are more immigrants. There are more things that need to be taken care of and not enough money to take care of everything.
457	Columbia	There are more people than there are jobs.
471	Columbia	There is a need for more money for schools and jails.
473	Columbia	There are a lot of poor people.
479	Columbia	I think that a lot of Hispanics have moved into this region in the last few years which causes less work, and I think it costs more tax dollars going out to help them financially.
488	Columbia	All around me are new houses.
523	Columbia	The water and sewer where I live
625	Columbia	Our town is growing like crazy with all the Californians moving here.
659	Columbia	I live in a rural area and people are inundating us. Real estate is going haywire.
664	Columbia	Traffic; everywhere you go seems crowded
671	Columbia	Too much immigration into Portland, it will soon be packed like California.
778	Columbia	Illegal Immigration
820	Columbia	New houses, sewer system being taxed, water supply, traffic
904	Columbia	The population has tripled in the last five years, and traffic has become a huge issue.
976	Columbia	It's almost tripled here in Scappoose so it's almost like Beaverton and connected to Portland. Also, there is increased crime and drug use.
1121	Columbia	The schools, the police, and firemen are not able to keep up with the people that are moving into my area.
1165	Columbia	Not equipped to take care of what we already have here
1209	Columbia	There are more cars on the road.
1295	Columbia	It seems like there's been 400 new houses that have been built near us so it's getting too crowded. The schools and other public services are not equipped to handle the growth. Planning in this area isn't configured to handle the large growth we're expecting.
1301	Columbia	Mostly because of traffic problems and congestion
1418	Columbia	The schools are overcrowded.
1484	Columbia	It is not that serious, but is growing.
1520	Columbia	Urban growth boundaries
1588	Columbia	We would rather not see it happen.
1654	Columbia	Illegal aliens
1668	Columbia	Because it has been so rapid.
1783	Columbia	I commute into the metro region and the commute times are longer. There is more congestion.
1845	Columbia	Housing construction is obstructing views and encroaching on areas I like to visit.
1917	Columbia	Drug problems
1966	Columbia	They are letting in too many people from other countries and we can't take care of our own.
2023	Columbia	We live in St. Helens and are having issues with overcrowding in schools, and then they have to build new ones. Also, developers are building everywhere and are not contributing to the local economy.
2049	Columbia	I am familiar professionally with the population growth situation.
2130	Columbia	Well, there's more people and more traffic, especially around Portland. There are more people outside the area too. There are just more houses that are causing farmland to go away. It's the California invasion.

2159	Columbia	I think there are too many illegal immigrants here.
2303	Columbia	There is not enough housing. Public services such as water and sewage are increasing as a result.
2356	Columbia	What's happening is the same that is happening everywhere, the builders come in with a master plan and use up land that should just be left as countryside. I would like to see Oregon follow a different path than every other place in this country and control growth.
2435	Columbia	The growth is so fast that it is overcrowding the schools.
2452	Columbia	There are not enough services for the grown population.
2455	Columbia	There just seems to be people encroaching on other people and they're taking over the areas of wildlife.
2613	Columbia	Because of the influx of so many Mexican people in my area and other areas in Oregon
2903	Columbia	Urban growth boundaries are too rigid. Government has too much control over land use. The number of illegal aliens is overwhelming and they depend on public services.
2928	Columbia	Population growth is a problem because I live in an area where there is a lot of it.
2961	Columbia	We're not organized at all in doing it. It's hit and miss here and there.
3029	Columbia	There's a lot of housing that's being built that is not really suitable in price for all people because the price of housing has gone up so much. That leaves so many people out of the housing market. I've noticed there's a lot of foreclosures in the newspapers which means a lot of people want to live in houses but aren't able to. I notice in the areas I walk, a lot of houses go up for sale soon after they were purchased, especially with subdivisions. Also, the education for kids is not keeping up with the population.
3041	Columbia	There's too much gridlock and too many people wherever you go, it's just crowded. I don't think the cities are keeping up with the population growth, and I don't think they can because people are coming in faster than they can deal with it. I think we'll soon be running out of natural resources.
3070	Columbia	I don't think our highways can handle all the traffic. I live in Columbia County, and even in my neighborhood there is a lot of building going on, but our roads are being neglected and congested. I don't think the schools or the tax base can handle the growth either. There needs to be some kind of sales tax with a cap on property taxes to subsidize the cost of infrastructure that is needed to support the growing population.
3221	Columbia	Heavy traffic, lack of low-income housing, a lot of people can't afford decent housing
3631	Columbia	As president of the port of St. Helens, I know we have a lot more industry now.
3712	Columbia	People are looking for new opportunities and more people are moving into the area.
3761	Columbia	People immigrating to Oregon from the state of California
3885	Columbia	The population has grown and some of the services have dwindled. Many people do not want to pay increased taxes. There is less of an attitude of community needs versus what I want.
4047	Columbia	There's heavy traffic in places where there didn't used to be. You're talking to someone from Scappoose who's been here since 1941, and the population is just growing so much. I never would have imagined that I would have to wait twice to get through a traffic light.
4066	Columbia	Illegal immigration, tax money, and schools
4102	Columbia	They are building houses too close to each other with no room for lawns or yards. Families need yards.
4147	Columbia	Our public schools are not compensating for the growth.
4166	Columbia	There is a huge traffic issue and issues of poverty and homelessness. There are issues with social services and health care as well.
4255	Columbia	We came from a very small area and we are going to have to leave because of the growth.
4312	Columbia	The roads in the area are not able to hold the amount of people moving to the area. The schools are also overpopulated because of the population growth.
4484	Columbia	Our roads are not made to handle the population growth.
4490	Columbia	There are way too many people and all over they're still letting in immigrants, instead of going to their countries and showing them how to be self-sufficient.

4571	Columbia	Immigration
4611	Columbia	Our particular area has been building up and putting up housing developments where there once were none. It's hard for schools, civil services such as police, and fire services to keep up with the increasing need.
4643	Columbia	Around my house there's a whole bunch of houses going up. Since I've been here in the last thirty years there's been a lot of houses being built in what was once a rural area. It's kind of confining to me.
4715	Columbia	The schools are overloaded and we don't have enough money to accommodate all the increasing growth and pay for more teachers.
4851	Columbia	There is an effect on housing costs.
4877	Columbia	I've been out here for about fifty years and there's just getting to be too many people, mainly from California.
4999	Columbia	There is traffic congestion. An influx of people moved into the area and that has strained tax infrastructure and public services.
5324	Columbia	The wildlife needs to be protected. We are taking too much for ourselves.
5337	Columbia	The bureaucrats don't know how to manage their budget. I don't think they know how to handle all of this growth.
5520	Columbia	The infrastructure services are not keeping up with the growth.
5593	Columbia	Schools
5595	Columbia	I live out of Portland, and there is so much development out here, it needs to slow down or stop.
5624	Columbia	We live in a small town and there are houses and developments everywhere, which are destroying the farmland.
5634	Columbia	The building construction is ever-increasing and traffic is getting horrendous.
5646	Columbia	We are growing quite a bit.
5679	Columbia	I live in a small town and I am a minority who has lived here over 5 years.
5682	Columbia	There are too many people for resources available to take care of everybody.
5755	Columbia	It impacts me personally.
5782	Columbia	There is overcrowding in schools. Welfare for illegal immigrants should be kept for American citizens, including the schools and medical payments the state makes for uninsured people that are not citizens.
5881	Columbia	Crowding and traffic
5936	Columbia	It is growing too fast for the county and state to keep up with. Roads and services are strained.
5968	Columbia	There are lots of people and houses. There is too much development and building.
5984	Columbia	Traffic congestion is getting worse even in the outlying areas. Everybody wants everything to go to rapid transit despite the need we have for more lanes of traffic. When you go to campgrounds, there isn't enough space anymore.
6057	Columbia	We are getting more and more people, more and more traffic, so taxes are going to go up. There are a lot of illegal immigrants that we're paying for.
6067	Columbia	There are too many people coming into our country too fast that then causes a lot of unemployment.
6478	Columbia	The City of Portland keeps pushing out to Vancouver.
6530	Columbia	The Hispanics that are crossing the border
6590	Columbia	They're buying out all the single-family homes and putting up condos with crack addicts in it. My daughter bought one and the kids are horrible and there are break-ins in the area.
6674	Columbia	There are so many people out of work.
2316	Don't know	Traffic; roads are blocked
2	Multnomah	All the new houses that are being built indicate the large amount of growth.
36	Multnomah	Traffic, job competition, the availability of affordable housing, and the overall burden on the infrastructure
67	Multnomah	Things are more crowded, more traffic, urban sprawl

188	Multnomah	Illegal immigrants
352	Multnomah	The traffic; there is not enough people taking public transportation and there are more cars on the highway.
456	Multnomah	Increase in population
466	Multnomah	Traffic congestion
502	Multnomah	I just think our roads and other public places are not able to keep up with the population growth.
534	Multnomah	It is a combination of pressure on housing prices and surfaces and also pressure on land use.
551	Multnomah	The economy is faltering because of the oversupply of labor market job seekers.
584	Multnomah	All you do is sit in traffic; there's too many people here.
596	Multnomah	It causes too dense of an area so the liveability of a city goes down.
626	Multnomah	I live in an area where they have taken every spare lot and built something. They cut down trees and put up apartments and houses, and it's just not a happy place anymore.
648	Multnomah	Traffic, too many apartment buildings, not enough affordable housing
662	Multnomah	There's more crime and congestion in driving. I think the the housing restrictions and high density housing are issues. It changes the neighborhood, it's not the same as it was 10 years ago. I know that this is a desirable place to live so there's not much we can do about it, I think that the growth will only continue.
754	Multnomah	Because of the demands on the services, the schools, the resources, the teachers, teaching children to speak English
812	Multnomah	It is taking away natural habitat that was part of Portland. It is changing the neighborhoods by how they are configured with more multiplex housing and with no yards or space for people to enjoy nature.
917	Multnomah	That is what people are telling us and they are building on every available vacant lot in Portland.
971	Multnomah	The population is a lot bigger than it was two years ago. Things like property and groceries are more expensive.
1011	Multnomah	Compared to the rest of the state, it's obvious that this is where most of the jobs are; it's becoming overpopulated and traffic is getting worse.
1025	Multnomah	There are too many people moving into the area.
1068	Multnomah	They have been inflexible on the urban growth development; they are not controlling the density in urban zones and it is out of control.
1101	Multnomah	Population growth from immigration is too much.
1185	Multnomah	I think that population growth has become a serious issue because of traffic congestion.
1344	Multnomah	Portland is always ten years behind on any project that they are doing.
1413	Multnomah	The federal government is not giving the money back to the state that they used to. We are being fleeced to the bone by a corrupt government, so the state can't keep up with the demands and social needs of the growing population. The federal government here does nothing with people's taxes.
1446	Multnomah	Traffic congestion, schools are overcrowded, not enough money for education
1471	Multnomah	A lot of people are moving in and more infrastructures are needed to accommodate them. Public services are needed for these people but they do not seem available. I'm not sure where the money is being spent.
1492	Multnomah	Areas in the land swap deals, and with developers and the area around I-205, you see a lot of farmland getting chopped up. There needs to be protected areas and designated recreational areas. We need more parks continuing into the outlying areas.
1496	Multnomah	With all of the planning we do for high-density housing, it has brought a lot of other people who can now change the political process. What is valued in this region has been colored by other people moving here.
1512	Multnomah	We have a lot more people on welfare, and more homeless people.
1607	Multnomah	Traffic congestion and urban growth boundaries that are being expanded in the farming and wilderness areas
1635	Multnomah	Congestion and the lack of an infrastructure to handle it.

1656	Multnomah	Increase in traffic
1672	Multnomah	Bringing in a lot of second language, costing a lot for the schools, taxes on the economy, more school related
1775	Multnomah	The increase in traffic and housing
1799	Multnomah	It's a serious issue in every region; the whole world is overpopulated. There are not enough resources to go around. I live in Estacada and am concerned about population growth here. I don't want this area to go the same direction Sandy is going.
1843	Multnomah	I think that population growth is an issue because you can't find an empty lot anywhere. The area is overpopulated and that drains services. Every lot around me has a house or an apartment on it.
1885	Multnomah	It's an issue everywhere.
1911	Multnomah	It brings about serious issues with having enough housing, housing prices, and the environmental impact.
1962	Multnomah	I've noticed that we have a lot of homeless people downtown and we have a lot of people moving into Oregon and we don't have jobs for them. I think there are too many people in the Portland Metropolitan region.
2000	Multnomah	Services and QOL impacted
2118	Multnomah	The city and state are not ready to take care of the population growth.
2133	Multnomah	Increase in traffic and housing, zoning
2141	Multnomah	Traffic, education, and the growth may be exceeding the community to foster it
2317	Multnomah	Traffic problems
2336	Multnomah	There just seems to be a lot of crowding.
2442	Multnomah	The congestion that it is creating
2446	Multnomah	Our base has grown so much and we haven't kept up. We are going to have to limit the number of kids you can have pretty soon.
2563	Multnomah	Many of the areas that used to not be populated are now populated. There is no place for the animals to go. There is too much population.
2633	Multnomah	There's not much land left, especially in Multnomah County. They are tearing down older stuff to build high-rises. Forest Park land is being taken.
2643	Multnomah	I think it's a serious issue because of all of the traffic jams that are going on and all of the building that's going on.
2690	Multnomah	There is too much development.
2701	Multnomah	Mainly because of traffic and housing
2900	Multnomah	Illegal immigration
3100	Multnomah	It's a very popular place to live and people keep moving here.
3103	Multnomah	There are too many houses and people for the few roads and parking. Too many skinny row houses cramped onto smaller areas.
3125	Multnomah	People are moving faster to Oregon and the schools are unable to keep up. My son has 40 students in his 4th grade class and that is unreasonable.
3181	Multnomah	Illegal immigration is not properly monitored or addressed. There is also a problem with high-end condos for wealthy retirees but not for renters. The people who live here can't afford to live here; there's no appropriate housing for the local community.
3227	Multnomah	Portland was not built for the influx of people. There is an increase in traffic.
3439	Multnomah	It's driving up the cost and making greater disparity between the new people who just came into town and the people who have been here for a while. It's not moving up at an equal level.
3520	Multnomah	People coming from outside to live in Oregon are the problem.
3560	Multnomah	Traffic is pushing for light rail and light rail is not doing what it was expected to do. Priority for road improvements is too low.

3743	Multnomah	I don't think that everyone pays their taxes, and I think that some of us pay more taxes for people on welfare. I get something in the mail every month from the food bank because there isn't enough money to feed people. I don't know if it's because people don't earn a livable wage or what.
3764	Multnomah	I grew up here and it feels like everything is significantly more crowded, like roads.
3788	Multnomah	Because of all things that the swelling population affects. We need affordable housing and road maintenance. There are lots of issues that need to be dealt with.
3827	Multnomah	It is getting too overcrowded.
3856	Multnomah	They're building houses so close to each other that they're on top of each other. Any open lot is being used to build.
3907	Multnomah	Everyone that comes here has no money and needs to be feed.
3937	Multnomah	There's more people moving in and less jobs, which puts people more at risk and on welfare.
3993	Multnomah	Traffic congestion, environmental concerns, housing availability
4027	Multnomah	We're being harassed with all the traffic problems and new homes.
4043	Multnomah	Because of all the traffic and how behind they are on improvements. They are behind schedule on repairing roads and sewers; they don't or can't seem to plan ahead.
4094	Multnomah	It's abundantly clear the pdx metro area is a magnet for people across the country who see our quality of life, outdoor recreation, livable wages, and vibrant and diverse community as ideal. We're known for monetary, environmental, and cultural benefits.
4153	Multnomah	Traffic, the cost of housing has gone up, infrastructure, and public transportation
4183	Multnomah	There are more people here than there used to be.
4512	Multnomah	It seems we are growing faster than we can keep up with developing roads. We are losing the community we once had.
4527	Multnomah	Schools
4653	Multnomah	We are involved with our city council right now to try to stop a development above us. The schools in this area are becoming overcrowded, as well as the roads, which cannot handle the increased usage.
4702	Multnomah	We have overcrowded schools. We have a medical system that isn't covering half of the kids and people are driving without insurance. The city is starting to look like a dump. I'm a native and have lived here for 82 years and have never seen it look like this.
4936	Multnomah	It's harder to find a place to live; there are a lot of people.
5001	Multnomah	There is a lack of affordable housing.
5073	Multnomah	I think traffic is worse, the economy is not doing well, and too much land is being developed.
5077	Multnomah	I just think that there are so many people, and too much traffic.
5222	Multnomah	Traffic is horrible.
5249	Multnomah	Because urban planning has not kept up with the amount of growth as shown in traffic patterns.
5259	Multnomah	I think population growth has become a serious issue because of traffic. The articles now appearing are saying that we will soon become like Seattle in terms of traffic.
5293	Multnomah	Too many illegal immigrants are coming to the region.
5309	Multnomah	Because it took me an hour to get home, when it should take just 15 minutes. Traffic is the primary problem.
5452	Multnomah	It seems that there are more people coming in than we can keep up with or provide services to. I see the growth in our schools and neighborhoods becoming crowded.
5459	Multnomah	Traffic and housing expenses and loss of farm land
5519	Multnomah	Population growth places stress on the environment; more garbage, more water usage, more building, more traffic, and more pollution.
5532	Multnomah	The infrastructure is not set for all the growth.
5580	Multnomah	Traffic is horrible.
5591	Multnomah	There are so many more people coming to this area. The world is becoming overpopulated and there is not enough food.

5659	Multnomah	I feel that we don't have enough housing to accommodate, and the housing that they are building is in the wrong areas.
5704	Multnomah	Children's schools are becoming overcrowded too quickly.
5739	Multnomah	I think there are a lot of immigrants working here and they are taxing the economy. I don't blame them; I think it's an advantage to live here. I'm in assisted living and I know I'm really lucky to have what I have.
5775	Multnomah	Because the schools are overcrowded, they're building more houses, and we're getting more taxes.
5822	Multnomah	Because there are not as many jobs for the people who were here first; because of illegal immigrants.
5828	Multnomah	Housing and traffic
5890	Multnomah	There aren't enough jobs or housing. Our economy is not prepared to take us all.
5899	Multnomah	Our streets aren't ready for all the people that are on them. I feel like traffic patterns are mismanaged and they're out of date by the time they're done doing anything.
5901	Multnomah	Because a lot of people are moving in from out-of-state as well as other countries.
5951	Multnomah	Mainly because of the growth of the schools and services that need to be met; we are playing catch up.
5997	Multnomah	There have been a lot of people moving into my area the last 5 years; not necessarily neighbors I want to have.
6191	Multnomah	Transportation, crowded streets and freeways, the construction
6212	Multnomah	Because it is taxing the current infrastructure beyond its ability to handle all the growth.
6356	Multnomah	Because the projected percentage increase is almost double from what it was a few years ago. We have to plan for that.
6400	Multnomah	There is more traffic, congestion, people and sprawl.
6410	Multnomah	The traffic is a lot stronger, there's more stop signs, more pedestrians on the road, and another school. They squeezed a lot more buildings into smaller areas, making them smaller and skinnier.
6477	Multnomah	The region cannot support the traffic and job growth.
6581	Multnomah	A lot of people are moving in, which can be good if managed correctly.
6585	Multnomah	I just feel like it is. I feel like it has grown too much.
6621	Multnomah	The region has not planned well enough for the growth that is happening.
6625	Multnomah	All of the land is getting taken up by housing. There are no open spaces anymore.
6695	Multnomah	I think Oregon's liveability and outdoor access has diminished. Already we're seeing urban sprawl creep into the area and the I-5 corridor is crowded and along side it the land is filled with box businesses.
6730	Multnomah	Housing prices have gone up.
6892	Multnomah	Our facilities in Oregon, and the surrounding suburbs, are not geared to handle the amount of traffic that has come into Oregon the last two years. This county is a mess because of people coming in here.
7435	Multnomah	Continued expansion into more suburban areas
12	Washington	We've reached the point where we either have to spread into non-commercial and residential areas or increase density. Traffic is also a problem.
30	Washington	I personally believe that the schools cannot keep up with the growth, leading to larger class sizes and less individual attention for children. Also, There is a lot more roadwork being done. Really, it's the schools where we're not able to keep up with the population growth the most.
92	Washington	Because of the traffic and you can't get anywhere; services are poor and taking care of illegal immigrants
147	Washington	It has to do with immigration all over the country and I don't agree with how people are getting in.
150	Washington	I believe that there are more problems with traffic because of the increase in population.
153	Washington	The population has outgrown the infrastructure of the city.
216	Washington	Traffic and the schools; population growth is becoming a burden on general community needs.

218	Washington	Because it affects the roads and schools; traffic is the biggest one; housing outside the metropolitan area; jobs
224	Washington	They don't make enough roads to handle all of the traffic.
246	Washington	Creates problems for schools, land use, and government budgets
286	Washington	We see so much development and traffic that the quality of life is suffering.
454	Washington	Strong infill of urban boundary and not enough services to support it
476	Washington	Mainly the traffic is horrible and it's too congested.
499	Washington	Overpopulation in schools and traffic
605	Washington	Transportation, schools
623	Washington	There is crowding of the schools and the streets.
745	Washington	It's just too overcrowded.
751	Washington	In some regions, there are too many people.
779	Washington	Population is a problem everywhere. There are too many Californians here.
799	Washington	The structure is not able, such as traffic taking longer and infill that is destroying the neighborhoods, along with condos doing the same.
800	Washington	Too many houses, too much construction, not enough trees
874	Washington	The developing homes in the area
880	Washington	Uppgrowth with apartment complexes, increases in house construction
905	Washington	Lack of jobs
1032	Washington	Traffic
1050	Washington	Traffic
1113	Washington	Every inch of land is being turned into two and three story buildings. All the land is becoming occupied.
1115	Washington	We consistently see on our ballots for urban growth boundaries to increase, more so than our city would like.
1120	Washington	Fighting over expansion of urban growth boundary
1275	Washington	We're getting an urban sprawl. The land all around is being gobbled up for subdivisions.
1306	Washington	There are too many houses being built and too many people. This may be due to religious beliefs on birth control amongst Catholics and illegal immigration. There are too many politicians.
1382	Washington	An increase in human population, a standard issue
1402	Washington	Traffic, roads, and school overcrowding
1506	Washington	There are a lot more people in certain areas.
1578	Washington	I think it's primarily because of the impact of illegal immigration in this country. I see it firsthand on a day-to-day basis.
1648	Washington	There are too many apartments that are causing too much congestion and not enough roads to accommodate the congestion, especially in my area.
1712	Washington	Traffic issues, and urban growth boundary issues. Education, social services
1797	Washington	Various jurisdictions are not able to put together a plan for growth. Things are popping up all over without thought about sewage, roads, etc. in the area where population has tripled.
1808	Washington	I do not think the roads are being upgraded fast enough.
1832	Washington	Transportation
1969	Washington	Transportation and large class size
2010	Washington	We have problems with land use and traffic.
2018	Washington	There are a lot more Spanish speaking people, and I think that is putting pressure on schools and businesses.
2035	Washington	Traffic problems
2040	Washington	Sprawl is taking in way too much farmland and traffic solutions are ten years behind.
2044	Washington	We need more schools and roads.
2103	Washington	Housing prices are rising, transportation issues are a problem, and there is overcrowding in

		schools.
2189	Washington	I live in the suburbs and they have to expand the boundaries for development projects. They have laws in place about how far out they can go. I constantly hear those being challenged.
2247	Washington	I'm seeing all the green areas being built upon and the schools are overpopulated. There isn't much space left.
2341	Washington	There are not enough jobs and too many people looking for jobs.
2369	Washington	They're developing too much land with buildings that are too tall.
2629	Washington	There are a lot of illegal aliens.
2646	Washington	There is very bad traffic.
2794	Washington	Traffic and crowded schools
2822	Washington	Any place has growth challenges. There will always be normal growing pain problems, and they just have to be coped with.
2905	Washington	My business indicates that there are a lot of people coming into this area. My information from my business indicates that property values are increasing and so are taxes.
2911	Washington	The crowding and traffic, the crowded housing situation, crowded schools
2953	Washington	I think it's a problem mainly because of the rapid building of houses. There's almost no planning taking place to help with all these people who are coming in.
3045	Washington	Immigration has come around here.
3061	Washington	Traffic congestion has become worse and housing is scarcer.
3189	Washington	We have that urban growth boundary. We keep making one-lane roads into two-lane roads, such as Barnes.
3224	Washington	I don't think the infrastructure is in place, especially in the schools, to meet the demands of the population.
3312	Washington	I think that the schools and the other public amenities have yet to catch up with the population growth.
3342	Washington	It seems like the traffic is greater and it's harder to drive.
3392	Washington	There are too many people in too small of an area and the roads just can't handle it.
3468	Washington	I've seen the growth in Hillsboro taking up more land and causing traffic and congestion. School district boundaries are changing regularly. There is an increase in density.
3590	Washington	There are no manufacturing companies here, just housing.
3601	Washington	Population is a huge issue everywhere.
3630	Washington	Illegal immigrants are a drain on schools and jobs. Something should be done about it.
3767	Washington	Employment, too many people
3850	Washington	It's just too crowded; the roads are too crowded. I just don't know how else to explain it except everywhere you go there are just crowds.
3872	Washington	The beautiful land in this area is being taken up by construction.
4000	Washington	There are traffic and crowds everywhere you go.
4009	Washington	It is taxing the available infrastructure, education system, and resources. Current urban growth boundaries do not allow organized growth of the type we are seeing.
4108	Washington	The schools and roads are overburdened.
4156	Washington	It's just getting too crowded; there's a lot of road rage. There's only so much space for so many people. Its one of the reasons I'd like to move out of the area.
4271	Washington	The illegal aliens in the area are taking jobs from people and lowering the living wage.
4272	Washington	Illegal immigrants
4340	Washington	Traffic and illegal immigrants
4356	Washington	The number of jobs do not match the number of job seekers.
4368	Washington	It is just getting crowded.
4380	Washington	I have to deal with all the traffic. I see our land being eaten up by housing. We also have the issue of schools, parks, and roads being crowded. Also our utilities are going to be used up, and

		we will soon reach critical mass.
4417	Washington	It's eating up all of the farm country building out into the suburbs, which causes trouble in the inner city.
4432	Washington	I live in Tigard where they are populating schools so fast that we can't keep up. Traffic is becoming a nightmare and housing is too expensive.
4524	Washington	Too many illegal immigrants
4710	Washington	There are too many people here with the amount of land that we can expand on. This could increase the pollution from all the car exhaust.
4729	Washington	I see lots of housing developments being squeezed into land. It's encroaching on the farmland. When I see all this development, to me it's a sign that the population is growing.
4762	Washington	There is traffic congestion and a lack of 'buildable' land for housing.
5004	Washington	Traffic and housing prices
5099	Washington	It causes other problems like overcrowding in schools. There are apartments all over the place, some of them are full and some of them are not, but they are not in the right place. Traffic is a problem too. You can't get onto the highway. There are too many people for the area.
5130	Washington	From where I am, the class sizes have gotten out of control. There are too many kids in the classes, which means too many incoming families.
5132	Washington	A lot of people have moved into the area. There are fewer resources and clogged highways, and land prices have gone up. Population growth is not a positive thing, but not because of the people moving in.
5151	Washington	The area has not planned adequately to handle the increased transportation. The Department of Transportation should be coordinating with the builders and land developer to keep up on what areas are expanding. They need to manage traffic better. Better coordination is much needed. The growing population puts a strain on commuting.
5237	Washington	There is one single-family home across the street. Now they are going to tear down that home and build five homes on the same area. It seems to me that population growth is out of control.
5479	Washington	Traffic is terrible, the schools are crowded, and people who move here with large families should have to pay more taxes. The population growth is affecting the quality of life.
5759	Washington	The traffic is horrendous. The schools are at capacity. Students are in crowded classrooms and portables.
5804	Washington	It takes away from social services and has an impact on roads and traffic.
5826	Washington	There is too much traffic. The cost of housing is too high. The quality of life is going down.
5961	Washington	Due to the fact that a lot of immigrants that do not contribute to our economy tax-wise
6173	Washington	All of the trees are disappearing and houses are popping up everywhere.
6177	Washington	Services, space restraints
6337	Washington	We are depending on food from elsewhere because we are using more and more farmland for residential and industrial use.
6358	Washington	I think population growth has become a serious issue in this region because of development, pressure on services, schools, and raising taxes to build schools. Unfortunately, the people that are making the all of that profit in housing developments are not contributing financially for these schools to be built, just the taxpayers.
6919	Washington	I think that we are having more growth than the facilities can handle, like the roads.
46	Yamhill	The economy is not keeping up with population growth.
152	Yamhill	Taking over all the farmland
231	Yamhill	There is an overflow of the schools, and they're constantly putting in the trailer homes to take the load, and they can't keep up. I think we've been having those problems in this area for a few years.
268	Yamhill	There are so many people moving in and housing is getting more expensive.
417	Yamhill	I moved away from Portland where I spent 45 years of my life because of the overcrowding. If I wanted to live in L.A., I would.

610	Yamhill	Higher population results in less availability for housing and the expense of rent goes up.
655	Yamhill	Population growth has become a serious issue because of employment; there aren't enough jobs.
721	Yamhill	I am noticing it in my area and it is huge. I cannot get on Oregon Health Plan because there are too many people.
824	Yamhill	I think that it has to do with the schools. This area isn't really prepared for the growth in population. I live in Newberg and traffic is a nightmare and no one is doing anything about it. Also, the schools aren't growing to accommodate the growth in population.
969	Yamhill	Transportation issues, school issues, and land issues
1022	Yamhill	I'm hearing that people who are looking for places to live are having a hard time doing that.
1033	Yamhill	Largely due to congestion. The existing infrastructure was not built for the amount of people that are actually here. The way the corridors are built, the housing prices are increasing along those corridors. We don't have the ability to sustain housing for the population we have.
1034	Yamhill	More benefits from jobs
1058	Yamhill	Too many undocumented people
1128	Yamhill	In general, the population is growing too fast for itself.
1149	Yamhill	There's a huge increase in traffic. Not enough is done by public officials.
1278	Yamhill	The highways are packed and they are putting a toll road instead of a bypass; water and school issues
1305	Yamhill	Traffic is congested. Housing prices have skyrocketed.
1380	Yamhill	There are too many immigrants and Californians.
1609	Yamhill	Where we live, around Corvallis, there is a law that no one can build without the approval of the citizens. Also, no land can be annexed.
1667	Yamhill	Population growth is a problem because of urban sprawl, which is wiping out agricultural land and green areas. There is also an increasing amount of traffic.
1678	Yamhill	Traffic and land use
1739	Yamhill	More cars and more pollution
1743	Yamhill	For example, from where I live on 99th and 7th, getting to any major freeway is horrible.
1785	Yamhill	Growing quickly everywhere
1849	Yamhill	It seems like we have a lot of people on assistance and this tips us off in the wrong direction. There are a lot of migratory workers making it permanent.
1864	Yamhill	It's eating up the farmland and forest; it's sprawling. It seems to be ruining the atmosphere that Oregon has.
1954	Yamhill	Increase in housing and problems with illegal immigration in farm communities
1960	Yamhill	Urban construction is threatening my home.
1961	Yamhill	I live in Newburg, a small town, and developers are all over the place, yet my property taxes are not going down.
1974	Yamhill	We have a high influx of people moving from other states and other countries.
2114	Yamhill	Schools and traffic
2165	Yamhill	It's been a good thing because we have a lot of agriculture in this area and it has helped a lot with the growth of our town.
2196	Yamhill	Population growth has increased tremendously. Traffic; housing; health; living wage jobs have all suffered as a result.
2272	Yamhill	The trip from McMinnville to airport took 3.5 hours.
2309	Yamhill	They're turning every farm into a housing development and there is no place to put the children for schools.
2318	Yamhill	There are more people than we can handle.
2329	Yamhill	A lot of farmland has been taken over for housing developments.
2371	Yamhill	Cost of housing has increased
2415	Yamhill	The effort to control where the growth is

2533	Yamhill	Taxes have not been able to increase at a fast enough rate to support the infrastructure.
2590	Yamhill	I think that it's causing congestion and overloading our infrastructure.
2680	Yamhill	There are not enough police in here. There are log trucks that come through here and tear up the town making illegal noise. We complain to the city and they are not reinforcing the law here in Willamina, Oregon.
2718	Yamhill	Population growth has occurred throughout the world.
2729	Yamhill	I think because of urban sprawl and infrastructure issues; our infrastructure is not keeping up with population growth.
2741	Yamhill	Problems with traffic
2827	Yamhill	Traffic
2831	Yamhill	I don't think that overpopulation is good for any place. In an overpopulated area there has to be better government.
2991	Yamhill	Building is overcrowding everyone
3043	Yamhill	Schools, it has an impact on education and water
3091	Yamhill	Taking over more farmland with housing growth. I live in a rural area that has been heavily affected by population growth.
3152	Yamhill	The roads and schools are getting too crowded and there are not enough services to support the population.
3448	Yamhill	Traffic
3480	Yamhill	Housing is overcrowded in my neighborhood.
3518	Yamhill	They are creating subdivisions and bringing too many people in. I worry that in 5 to 6 years there will be an economic depression in the area and not enough jobs.
3525	Yamhill	It is overwhelming the infrastructure. Traffic is increasing and water is becoming polluted and scarce.
3750	Yamhill	I've lived here since 1960 and I've seen quite a bit of growth.
3766	Yamhill	I think it's primarily because of the heavy traffic and overcrowding in the schools and probably because of the high cost of homes and housing.
3826	Yamhill	Traffic
3883	Yamhill	My main concern is illegal immigration.
3910	Yamhill	It's taking all the farmland away.
3982	Yamhill	It seems like they are using farmland for subdivision housing developments
4015	Yamhill	Too many people and cars; overgrown
4020	Yamhill	The roads are congested and everywhere you go there are masses of people. I'm seeing the same thing happen here just like it did in California years back. I think it is getting too crowded.
4069	Yamhill	There is building everywhere and we need infrastructure and planning to support it.
4072	Yamhill	More property is being bought up and developed and there are a lot of homes being put onto small parcels of property which creates congestion.
4222	Yamhill	Everybody seems to be impersonal; it doesn't seem to be as friendly of a community as it used to be. The small cities haven't grown with the population growth. The roads and highways are crowded.
4226	Yamhill	It seems like there's a lot more people around.
4297	Yamhill	The traffic is growing, and the schools are crowded.
4461	Yamhill	I think population growth is an issue because there's too much traffic, and the pressure and stress on the roads. All the people moving to this area are driving up taxes and land prices.
4479	Yamhill	I don't think it's that serious.
4544	Yamhill	Our schools used to have lots of classrooms left open, and now we don't. The number of administrators in our district has gone down so there are less people taken care of. Water has to be rationed because of all the people now.
4644	Yamhill	There is too much traffic.
4649	Yamhill	We are having gridlock on some roadways.

4807	Yamhill	We have a lot of foreigners coming in, and a lot of them are the ones that cause the problems.
4816	Yamhill	The farmland is being turned into housing.
4835	Yamhill	The diminishment of strong land-use planning due to Measure 37 and water shortages are a problem.
4842	Yamhill	In general, there are too many people and not enough land. It's become a very difficult goal to provide things for people, so much so that they have to genetically engineer products. At this rate of growth, we're going to outgrow the Earth in not too many years.
4895	Yamhill	There is poor planning, urban sprawl, and a loss of farmland.
5148	Yamhill	I think it's primarily because of illegal immigration and general overpopulation across the country.
5213	Yamhill	We're growing at a huge rate and it's hard to keep up, especially as far as roads and budgets are concerned.
5505	Yamhill	I live near a town that has tripled in size within the last fifteen years.
5545	Yamhill	The farmland has disappeared for housing, traffic is a problem, and housing is a problem. There are too many people and not enough jobs. The food banks are completely overtaxed.
5695	Yamhill	All around us they're building new houses.
5767	Yamhill	There are too many people coming in.
5768	Yamhill	Traffic is too congested. Houses are being built everywhere; we are losing our rural areas.
5818	Yamhill	I think it is impacting traffic and the infrastructure is not keeping up with the growth.
6051	Yamhill	There is too much unplanned development. We have two of our three commissioners who give everything to the developers without checking to see if we can handle the growth and what the people want. We don't have infrastructure. They don't care about the people, the effects of this unplanned development, and the costs. It over-stresses what infrastructure we do have. Measure 37 allowed them to take farmland and turn it into housing. This was done incorrectly; the way it was worded. People didn't know what they were getting. We're losing the green and what is unique.
6142	Yamhill	More people, more problems
6147	Yamhill	There is only so much land and now they are taking most of the farmland and making subdivisions out of it. They should do condos that don't take as much land. In our area, they are eating up the farmland and green areas.
6538	Yamhill	Traffic and affordable housing for the lower income scale

APPENDIX C
Respondent Additional Information

Critical Metropolitan Issues Survey 2007 Respondent Additional Information

Responses are included for only those respondents that provided additional information.

QUEST	Respondent Additional Information
4	Taxes should be higher.
92	Make the questions more specific.
147	I hope our government gets wise to itself; mistakes have been made and it scares me. I'm hoping and praying for a better future.
153	I lived in Canada for a while and up there the government comes to you. The US government here comes AT YOU instead of to you. We can't afford them anymore. Our constitution was not designed for career politicians.
169	Education, the tax system, and their inter-relationship are important to the health of the community. We waste a lot of money in our education system in grades K-12, but we still need more stable funding for them. I would link the quality of our education throughout higher education as being critically linked to the health of our economy.
201	Mental health services have difficulty finding volunteers and good help. Mentally ill people have limited job and education opportunities.
218	I think it's good that they do these surveys but I also think a lot of people will have no idea about the wonderful services that are available within educational and social service settings because they don't have kids in schools or haven't used them. They don't know how hard it is for the staff and how dedicated they are. Also, I've lived in two other counties and so I've seen what other counties are doing as well. I would note that I'm a former teacher so I have more information than most on what's going on inside that area. Regarding mental health I think that good services are provided only up to about 18 years of age, after that we really fall down on providing care for people. Regarding business costs I think it's important to support and help small businesses. They pay a lot of taxes and large companies don't need or already get more than enough tax breaks and support.
241	Health care, public safety, then public education-in that order-are the most important issues.
246	I strongly support single payer universal health care.
286	The environment was not discussed too much, although we are very sensitive to it and concerned about it. There is too much growth and it's having an impact on the environment.
306	Implementing sales tax would solve issues. Illegal immigration needs to be stopped.
326	We need a stable tax in Oregon and we do not have that. I am in favor of seeing a sales tax. Look to Washington to see that a sales tax makes a difference and adds stability. Academic achievement in Washington far outshines Oregon.
419	The Portland police need additional training. It should start in the academy to avoid a lot of tragedies. Teachers have good jobs, but they need continued support. I think there is room for improvement in all fields; people need to keep learning so they don't become stagnant. All programs that provide continuing education to the community or continuing training in work places are important. I think the two issues that are most important are education and health care. Those two must be a priority. It's a shame how Oregon has fallen down in providing healthcare to all Oregonians. I think attention should be given to all races and minorities in educational settings so all children have an opportunity to grow and become self-sufficient. It's worth the investment. In terms of the government overall, on all levels, I am sad and disappointed. There is so much unhappiness and so many problems that people are dealing with all over the United States. People are speaking out but government isn't listening. The President and elected representatives need to keep going to school and learn how to listen and serve us. What are they doing for us? We don't want to hear the negative ads. Don't tell me about the other guy; just tell me about you. What are you going to do, what have you done, how will you improve things? Campaign finance reform is badly needed and also the format. Talk about the issues, not the competing political. Lastly I'd like to see this report when it's done. It should be published, or get it in the Oregonian. I bet Steve Dunn would cover it.
568	We need better politicians.
584	Improve the highway system. If they don't do something about I-5, the economy is going to come to a standstill.

607	I feel frustration over not being able to keep services up with growth - specifically State Highway 13 in Oregon City where it intersects 205. Traffic is very, very bad
626	I think in this survey, an easier way would be if there was a number scale instead of the current choices.
628	We have to do a better job in educating our kids. This country is falling behind in education.
649	The policy officials that are currently in office are a bunch of idiots.
655	I think that teachers should be more open-minded and less close-minded. They have a job and they should just do their job.
698	Public schools are too closely tied to property tax and the money is not going to education.
700	The economy goes with education; without a strong economy you cannot support education. There were no questions about higher education and I think that is something that our state is lacking. If the funding is not available for our colleges and students get left out, that affects our economy.
785	I hope that Portland continues to stay a beautiful city.
812	I'm concerned about us being sustainable in our economic, environmental, and community policies. I also have concerns for the health of the people of Portland; I want everyone to lead a healthy life.
824	I hear a lot of anger from people. The biggest thing people need to realize is why they want to pass more movements for more money for schools. It's to the point where I vote 'no' because I don't think that they are spending money wisely. Schools need to show that they are spending the money they now have wisely and show where it is going and they need to be held accountable because I think education is extremely important. Also, there's not the same quality of teachers that there used to be. Teachers today work just to be paid. I think that when we hire teachers we should hire them based on their personalities, not on what grades they got in college. There are teachers that can allow people to learn and there are ones that put people to sleep. I don't think that they intentionally mean to do it, but they will give students from lower income households less attention because they assume that they probably won't go to college. Teachers need to make sure that they focus on each student and not just push them through school. If they do that, then they should be fired.
888	The medical coverage for people like me, who are by themselves, over 18, and without small children is non-existent. I have medical issues; I am going blind, I'm 58 years old, and I can get no medical help through work or the state. I'm unsure about being accepted on the SSI rolls, which would cost the state a lot of money. I can't get the help I need. I also can't get help in housing. Where we used to be able to get help from the state, we no longer can. People my age who work are falling through the cracks. Highway 30 between Deer Island and the coast is a two lane highway. We were told it was going to expand to a four lane, but they stopped the project. The death rate from that highway is one of the highest in the state. I feel that I have been totally lied to by my government and don't believe anything they say anymore. Is anyone going to help us?
926	When I say completely satisfied I still think we can do better.
958	I think that the schools get way too much of our tax dollars for what they produce. I think that the public schools need help and I choose to send my children to private school. I also think that mental illness is a difficult issue and it needs to be better addressed. Mental illness affects many people and dealing with it is very important.
971	After healthcare, I think taxes are very important.
976	Health care is a big issue because my father has lung cancer and has worked all his life with no health care.
1007	I think that all of the issues discussed are important. We need good government, police, health care, public services, and an economy.
1011	Part of the problem is that there are many people who want services but are not willing to pay for them. Somehow we have to do a better job of educating the public about how good services cost good money. Our local governments have to do a better job of that education.
1033	The basic tax structure is reasonably sound right now, but some of the current proposals are rather regressive. The proposed Measure 48 is something I would flunk one of my students for. I used to be a professor in Colorado and I am no longer because of Colorado's equivalent of Measure 48.
1043	Population growth is evident in the extra students in classrooms.
1048	Oregon is not accommodating traffic from Clark county.
1092	The teachers can't teach their students if they don't come to school. Parents need to understand the importance of attendance. We can't raise test scores and achievement if that doesn't happen.

1120	I'm extremely partial to education - it's an investment, not an expense. I'll happily pay the taxes. There are six generations of teachers in my family.
1147	I also feel like healthcare is a top priority.
1165	I moved here from Wyoming and we have the lottery here, so the schools shouldn't be needing more money. They want to put it all on teachers, and it's not their fault.
1185	I think that the school problem is not necessarily because of the schools or the teachers; I think it is caused by parental neglect. I don't think parents care whether their kids go to school or what type of language they use. I used to volunteer at a school and I saw how parents would miss meetings and things. If the parents don't value school, neither will their children.
1223	Portland police need a lot of work; they need to be reconstructed.
1225	Many of the issues discussed in this survey are appropriate only to the private sector.
1272	The most important public policy issues are education and pro-choice.
1274	It's difficult to answer education questions when you don't have any children in school and don't have a good background to make the choice.
1337	I really think that education needs to concentrate on basics like reading, writing, and math. There need to be more options for people who are not college-goers that prepare them for the workforce.
1380	They need to let people know who these questions are talking about, and if they're American or not.
1382	The education methods should be rethought.
1402	I am very dissatisfied with the road system.
1413	I think the wording of the questions is unclear and skewed. I think the local area does an amazing job with limited resources but more should be coming from the federal government. The no child left behind program is a disaster; it focuses on quotas and not on truly teaching children. Wages shouldn't increase without including merit as a component. I have my own business and work hard. I don't think large corporations should be given breaks when cottage industries and small businesses are ignored or unsupported. The Bush administration has allowed industries to increase pollution. Lax environmental guidelines have caused damage, E. Coli, and other health problems. Healthcare is important but medical research should not be pushed or accelerated.
1492	Having lived in areas that don't offer public services, I am very proud of the fact that our train system is open to everyone, and everyone is encouraged to do it. Portland's communal aspects should be emphasized.
1496	The questions are too broad.
1517	I have traveled a lot and this region, in the Northwest, is the best place to live and raise your children in the world.
1542	I would like to say that one reason I'm not satisfied about the taxes is because I pay Oregon Income Tax but I live in Washington, so I don't get the benefits.
1569	There were no questions about cultural activities.
1578	My biggest concern is the influx of illegal immigrants, because I see it on a daily basis. I just see what it's doing to our social services and schools, and the burdens that it is putting on taxpayers. We're all having to pay for it, and at some point it's going to bankrupt us. There is also a mismanagement of funds in local government. Washington County has some problems I really worry about. I see a lot of wasted money in Portland, and I hope the problem doesn't spread to Washington County. I think the taxpayers deserve better things for their money. We have a large problem with not having enough jail space, as well as misappropriation of funds.
1586	Early intervention and early childhood special education are very important. There are no questions regarding special education. Our programs, like Head Start, are inadequately funded. If we could keep these programs we could get children off on the right foot. Our schools out here are really good, but I'm disappointed in the Portland area schools. They're too big and impersonal, and there are too many kids in the classroom. Portland needs smaller schools and smaller class sizes. I don't know if that's economically feasible, but I would love to see that happen. I'm a teacher, so I keep close track of these issues. We are such a small population out here. I've never been satisfied with police response time, but the fire department is great.
1599	The big businesses don't need the tax breaks that small businesses do. I'm self employed and I know how hard it is for us to get a foothold and survive and provide for our families. It's frustrating to read about some big electric companies or some large business getting funding or a tax break when I don't and I know I'm paying my taxes.

1618	A lot of changes need to be made in the Portland area, particularly education. The economy needs to support schools. A lot of waste can be reduced. This all effects me moving to the Vancouver area.
1667	I could only select one but I think universal health care is as equally important as social services. Regarding social services I'm mainly concerned about transportation. There should be no toll roads and a strong focus on expanding and developing public transportation resources, such as fast trains and more buses. For example, I leave near Salem and there's no public transportation for me to get to Portland easily.
1672	Education; they need to increase standards in math levels in schools. Our kids will have a rough time. The most important issue is education; if you don't have an education, you won't make it.
1678	The traffic is very bad in our area, around Newberg and Dundee. Also, I do not like the way our districts are set up for state senator and house representatives. The representatives should have more common area with their constituents. I'm close to Dundee, just a few miles, but their representative does not represent me.
1732	The question about city, county, and services should be separated into individual questions. PSU should be more attentive to kids with disabilities, especially learning disabilities.
1815	Environmental regulations questions should be on the survey.
1945	I think they need to improve the health care costs. There are people who can't eat because health insurance is so expensive. My husband takes seventeen prescriptions and sometimes we can't eat because it gets so expensive.
1961	Our educational system needs to be demolished and started over; taxes for seniors are too high, and prescription drugs are too expensive. I think most public officials are corrupt by the time they get there.
1980	The light rail system is ridiculous considering the amount of money that goes into it.
2040	I would like to see education take care of the children at the top of the scale as well as they do at the bottom; by focusing on children at the bottom level, it makes it harder for those at the top level to achieve.
2086	I don't like that children are tested in school - children are forced to take on the pressures that the administration have to achieve high scores. I don't think that schools have to bear the brunt of the kids' performance. Parents and students are responsible for what the kids get out of their education.
2103	Population growth is the greatest issue in healthcare and education problems.
2111	The only thing I can say is the frustration I have with the politicians. For instance, they are talking about putting a road right through my house - they have been talking about it for a long time, but they can't seem to make up their minds about what to do. I once heard a real estate man say that there has been a 126% increase in traffic in the past 30 years. I see stupidity in the way of the planners and politicians. They can't make up their mind and they are afraid that if they do make up their mind they will get slapped down. If they can't stand the heat of the job, then get out.
2118	Oregon should become more local business friendly. I am just disgusted with the way Oregon is going. Learn how to run a budget without raising taxes every time you turn around.
2133	There is a problem with illegal immigrants that are receiving benefits citizens don't receive.
2196	I am dissatisfied with the way politicians have used public resources and tax dollars. I'm satisfied with education in this state. The mental health services are horrible. I think we should vote democratic.
2331	Some of the issues in this survey are not issues that can be addressed by government, such as health care and employment.
2360	Wealthy citizens should be taxed more to help lower income citizens.
2366	Public services should not be provided to illegal immigrants.
2369	They must increase teacher salaries to increase quality in education.
2375	I think the most important things are that early childhood needs are being met because it's such a critical time, and that everybody can have health care. It really drags families down when they can't get or afford health care that is so important. In my job I see a lot of children who are abused or abandoned and I think the legislature has held back on funding child welfare. People don't want to hear about it and it's not getting funds required. A study just came out that verifies we only have about 50% to 60% of the staff we need to do the job. We need more staff and more funds to meet the needs of children.
2415	I believe there should have been a question regarding illegal immigrants.

2416	I have some major heartache over the way our government classes us by our ethnic and economic backgrounds. We are 'American' regardless of any of those things and if the government keeps forcing us to classify ourselves this way, we will never make progress with race issues.
2454	There should be more focus on autism and a public services plan focused on prevention and treatment.
2516	We are moving out of the area because of the lack of quality jobs.
2613	Education, highway, and street conditions are a problem. I know they all need financial help and I'm not sure where it's going to come from. I believe Social Security is a bad deal for the seniors and they're trying to take our money away from us.
2629	The most important issues are health and education.
2643	I think there's too much money being siphoned into irrelevant things, minor things. They need to keep it on the basics.
2690	It is difficult to find medical assistance if you do not have mental health disabilities. Insurance often does not cover medical conditions.
2827	I read an article that universities in Oregon are ranking very low. Taxes are being cut back too much at the expense of low-income individuals and it's wiping out the middle class.
2883	There are troubles everywhere.
2901	Teachers have an attitude these days that if you don't help yourself, it's not their problem.
2902	We cannot just keep increasing minimum wage. First-time employees do need the same as older adults. Nobody should try to live on minimum wage. Anyone over 18 should make over minimum wage.
2903	Education reform, bust teacher union
2961	I'm out here in this county, which is a little different than Multnomah. Fighting bureaucracy is very difficult. We need to get rid of half of our public employees and start over.
2991	We need to quit cutting out the necessary public services such as health care and education. Those in power must budget tax money better. Taxes are getting too high.
3029	An issue that is most important is health care, and there are so many people that fall through the cracks. I had a sister who passed away with cancer; she had no insurance for a number of years. That's a big issue. A lot of homeless people are mental health patients. We need to address those people with adequate health care. We personally have medical insurance but not all people are covered that way. Sometimes I think that some kind of socialized medicine would be good and that would cover everyone. I know there are pros and cons about that. I think we've come to a place when even the state tries to do a health plan, they only cover the children and pregnant mothers. The Oregon health plan is not helping others who need it. Also, the college students need more help with the rising cost of education. They seem to be going into debt more and more, which means that a lot of young people in debt will have difficulty getting started. We don't know if their income will be enough when they start and will pay their loans.
3052	Most of your questions don't deal with one certain thing. Taxes have to do with schools and a lot of other things. The reason I don't like the schools is because you can't punish the children anymore. In the 60's we didn't have gang problems and things. Businesses are a big part of the tax base, and we're being taxed to death.
3068	My employer is in Connecticut, and I'm a full-time colleague, so my job depends more on the Connecticut economy than the Portland economy, but my husband is still affected by the local economy.
3103	My dissatisfaction with the water and sewer service is because of the high rates; the cost. The actual service is good but it's too expensive. I don't think there are any mental health services available that I know of. When people call the police to deal with mentally ill people, they just shoot them. That really upsets and concerns me. They don't know how to deal with them and they don't have anywhere to take them that they can get help.
3128	College fees are too high.
3176	We need to get medicine socialized. People can't get proper health care to people who can't afford it. All health care should be included, including alternative. Stop pay raises for government officials.

3181	There are some major problems in the community. The increasing population around here is very important. It's growing way too fast and drawing only certain groups, like the poor immigrants on one end who work cheap and wealthy people from out-of-state who hire the cheap laborers. This disproportionately impacts the quality of life of the local community. There's nothing wrong with having a low population state. A lot is geared toward people who come from outside instead of the people who are from here and have different lifestyles. Mine is being eroded. A slow pace of growth would be better. Oregon doesn't have to be like every other state. Oregon should be Oregon, and retain its identity. The same goes for Portland. Also we should have a policy for adequate housing, it is not available here. People need a living wage to survive, not a minimum wage.
3227	Illegal immigrants are using public services that taxpayers don't even qualify for. There are not enough public services for those who need it because some people abuse system; not immigrants, but those who are not willing to work.
3272	Geographic location would strongly affect answers for this survey.
3275	I think that American citizens should be the ones who get the services and benefits before foreigners or immigrants. I've recently dealt with this in the healthcare and prescription area. My boyfriend's mother had been in the hospital for 30 days and they just took away her Medicare. They've called the family together to check her assets and want to put a lien on them to pay her medical bills. Fortunately she doesn't have a house or she'd lose it. She's been an American taxpayer for 80 years! Meanwhile, others can get those services and not contribute. I work with the sheriff's department so I've seen a lot of these things first hand. It's appalling that our government does this to its own people.
3342	I think that we should have health care for everyone and I think that we should have a plan like Canada. I think it's a good example. The government of this country thinks that this is the greatest country and I don't agree.
3438	Regarding the achievement gap between white and minority students, I don't know what it is, so I don't know how to rank it, but it should be equal. I think schools in my area are good but they should continue to improve.
3520	I wish the school system would go to twelve months a year. It would improve education.
3560	Taxes related to education are rising despite a lack of accountability. Private schools seem to handle money better.
3601	I'm most concerned about the lack of city planning. There should be far more taxes.
3630	I think population is the most important because it affects all the other areas/issues. I don't understand why so many government - state and federal - agencies are helping immigrants and illegals but not providing sufficient services to local residents and citizens.
3631	People should pass police and fire budgets.
3687	Some of the answers would be different if all the regions weren't lumped together in the survey. Education is more of a problem in Oregon than Washington.
3743	I think that the school problem is not necessarily because of the schools or the teachers; I think it is caused by parental neglect. I don't think parents care whether their kids go to school or what type of language they use. I used to volunteer at a school and I saw how parents would miss meetings and things. If the parents don't value school, neither will their children.
3766	I also think that healthcare is very important, right after education.
3783	We need an interconnection of the area to work together. Examples are different schools and police forces working together. There needs to be a focus.
3788	I think health care is our most serious issue that needs to be addressed, but right after that is education. I rated raising achievement in the low grades not important because of how they measure students currently. Measuring people with the standardized tests, doing no child left behind, and not giving the schools any money is a disaster. I'm very dissatisfied with the police. Their relationship with the minority communities and how they deal with mentally ill people is a problem. We need more citizen input into how they operate, and they need more non-whites on the force and sensitivity training.
3818	I want the government to stop providing services to illegal immigrants. I've gone to the emergency room and had to show I have paid for insurance, meanwhile others are getting it for free. Illegal immigrants are using up our resources in health care, schools and land and they are not immersed in our culture. I can't even order food in English. I think they are creating a second class of slavery. That's not right. It's not fair to either group.
3834	I think we should get Saxton in there.

3857	The Oregon Health Plan, because we pay taxes to it, should not support controversial things like abortion because I don't want my taxes going to it.
3873	There are many circumstances to some of the questions.
3885	As I said before, transportation, recreation/parks, and some services are not as good in my area. Also, we need a state sales tax dedicated to education and we really need to help the mentally ill who were formerly institutionalized. They are like lost little boats on the big sea and we really must help them. I'm also very concerned about seniors on fixed incomes and the rising health costs. I have a mother-in-law who breaks pills in half because they are so expensive. She shouldn't have to do that.
4002	In reference to the questions about education, you didn't mention anything about making the parents get involved with their children. We need to have individual responsibility in all of these issues, healthcare, and government policy.
4020	I think the educators are doing a good job with what they have. I think it's very important to have a good education system so we should maintain support.
4027	One of the real issues is trying to get the high school graduation rate up because it impacts so many things. There needs to be a strategy designed by the legislature and the government to accomplish this. The Chalkboard project needs to be adopted, for example.
4066	Tax credits to homeschoolers would be greatly appreciated.
4094	I think what's happening is nothing short of an incredible transformation to a community that has every possible opportunity to grow carefully in the 21st century. What distinguishes us is the facileness and excellent planning of our past. We're now seeing the good results that planning brought. I do want to see more attention given to the role that arts & culture; the creative economy, is playing in our community and it's future.
4102	I wish they would not have so many negative political advertisements on television.
4153	The second most important issue is healthcare.
4177	I think all of these issues are important but I think healthcare is the most important because it affects so many other areas. I don't know who exactly is going to use this information but they should really fix healthcare so that kids can see doctors before they have a crisis. I have grand children that don't have health coverage and that worries me. It's not because their parents aren't working, they just can't afford it. A lot of older people don't retire because they can't afford healthcare either, so it's happening on both ends.
4211	It seems like they build roads and infrastructures here to the minimum, and then when the crisis comes, it ends up having been underdeveloped. By the time they build something, it is what they needed five years ago. Go to Salt Lake City sometime; you will see some great examples of how these issues should be handled.
4282	Although I chose healthcare as the most important issue, I also think population growth is very important too. In many areas the two go hand-in-hand.
4380	I know these surveys are hard to write, but I'm concerned with how some of my answers will be perceived. It's hard to say which issues are most important. Education is a big issue, especially with the financial accountability problem. I don't think the government is being responsible by not looking into these problems. We keep spending more tax money on schools, but it seems like test scores are going down and no one is really looking into where this money is going. I also think there are road problems and I know that has to do with taxes. If I were given 90 days and unlimited resources, I wouldn't even know where to begin to start fixing all these problems.
4432	Healthcare should be available to every single person.
4544	I would never move into the closer metropolitan region because they are more interested in the management than the education the children are getting.
4551	Police and fire should not be grouped together, it biases me to give a higher rating. I am not impressed with some of the things I've seen police in the Portland metro area do, however I'm satisfied with the fire department. We are also lacking in education leadership.
4571	Things are not good, from the county up to the top dogs.
4644	I think the government can do better a better job on services. They spend too much money on unnecessary items and not enough on the necessary ones.

4653	My husband is a physician and I felt that the survey didn't do health care justice. It was difficult to answer the questions with the answers provided. The questions could have used an open-end area to elaborate why the answer was selected. I also think the current health care system as it is, will break eventually.
4681	I like the Spanish Immersion Program.
4715	I think the school systems need help. In our district we're overloaded with kids from broken homes, 'Meth' homes, some with fetal alcohol syndrome or who use drugs. They need help before they even get to school or can begin to learn. We need to put more money into early intervention.
4741	It is tough to combine Portland and Vancouver into one region because they are so different.
4747	In the school system in Clark County, there are not many ethnic people that go there. My son went to school there and he's multiracial. My son was pushed and kicked in the face by another student. When I went to the principle to talk about the situation, he said that we should move to Northeast Portland where he would feel more comfortable. These schools always talk about how they support diversity, but I'm not actually seeing that.
4789	We need a lot more cooperation between Portland and Clark county. We pay high taxes to Oregon but get no representation from Oregon.
4834	There were a lot of loaded questions in this survey. There were general questions for a lot of complicated issues.
4835	I am concerned about healthcare, growth, planning, traffic issues, infrastructure, water, and electricity. I would like to see more money put into natural resource management.
4837	I do think creating the jobs is important for improving the economy, but it matters who is creating the jobs. It should be individual businesses and not government organizations. Also, it wasn't mentioned in the survey, but I think that lowering taxes helps stimulate the economy. With healthcare, I don't think everyone needs coverage; some people make enough and can afford it. But it would be good if it could be provided for lower income people and families. I'm worried about health care because the cost of providing it to everyone could put our state and or our country in dire financial straits and I don't think we can ask the medical community to pick up or absorb all the costs cuts by just putting a glass ceiling on certain things. It has to come from other areas. Lastly, I think a huge problem in our government is overspending, that is a key issue. They need to stay within the budget in all areas. But overall, I'm satisfied with Oregon.
4842	Creating jobs is absolutely essential, but it is also essential that it is possible to be able to support a family on that wage. So many people work their fannies off, and don't have holidays off, etc. As a result, families are falling apart. They need to allow families time to spend together.
4895	Some of the questions are loaded, particularly questions related to education. The raising student achievement question and other questions can be misinterpreted.
4929	Teachers are severely undercredited considering the budget they have to work with. They are underpaid for people who take care of our kids. I disagree with the Republican plan to pay teachers depending on test scores. This is unacceptable.
4942	I think that water and sewer is fine, except for the high cost. I also think educational quality is good, but it's important that it be maintained and that there is always room for improvement. My main issue with education is the high administrative costs. High salaries should be dealt with in a slashing manner. I also think Metro is making a big mistake to not improve and expand roads with our growing population. They are changing some roads from two lanes for cars, to one lane for cars and adding a bike lane. I think we have a lot more cars than bikes, and we shouldn't be reducing the lanes for cars. Taxes are another area that is a huge problem. Even on this current ballot they are trying to increase my property taxes and they are already too expensive. We are overtaxed.
4973	Healthcare is the second most important issue, after taxes. I think the doctors and pharmacies overcharge us and bleed the insurance companies for as much as they can get. I have a problem with that.
4999	Some of the questions are vague. For example, education in the lower grades; what are lower grades?
5132	The middle class is gone, just upper class and lower classes are left. Social benefits and public schools for everyone are very important.
5237	Get rid of George Bush.
5293	Education of handicapped children is poor.

5309	I think taxes are too low and that's why many services are inadequate or poor. I think the state of mental health services is appalling and awful; I'm as negative as you can get on that. I said that I thought health care was most important, but when people get a better education it improves their life and we have fewer health problems. In Washington they have stable school funding and it shows. We need to have that here because it shows and I'm ashamed to live here. We're keeping poor people poor and it affects us all.
5324	I don't think it's the fault of the Parks & Recreation people that I'm not completely satisfied. They don't get enough money. It's the same with managing the traffic and roads. I don't understand why people want to cut out taxes and still get all the good services without paying for it. I think Oregon basically does a good job of managing taxes so I don't understand those people. It handicaps everyone and we can't keep up, take care of the schools and support students. People wind up dropping out and there are more problems. I'm very unhappy with services for the mentally ill.
5337	I think that these politicians are doing a lousy job.
5382	I'm completely satisfied with the school in my community but that is because my kids are in a particular school that's very good.
5532	These questions are ambiguous; the person's answers will distort the survey's goals.
5558	There should be a choice between "Moderately Important" and "Very Important".
5636	I am so frustrated with the school system and the way my grandchildren aren't getting a proper education. We are providing way too many services to people of too many different backgrounds on their level, when we should be asking them to be on our level. I don't expect people to cater to me in other countries, so it's frustrating when we do that here. There is also little or no accountability for teachers in our school system. The primary issue is healthcare for me, though. But there are a lot of games being played in the school system that shouldn't be.
5652	They should close the borders and throw out the illegal people.
5739	At 83, I know I'm lucky to have the health care I have, but my doctor and my son are making some decisions for me that I'm not satisfied with. I'd prefer to live alone and do more things for myself, but right now I'm in assisted care. More services and options for seniors would be good.
5775	In terms of my dissatisfaction with the schools, the main problem is they need to deal with the excessive overhead of administrative costs. They need to spend the money in the classrooms. I'm very informed about this because I know many people in the system and how they have spent funds on idiotic things. We need some major reform in this area.
5781	Some of the questions are ambiguous.
5869	The disparity between the highest paid people and the lowest paid people is a disgrace.
5890	I don't feel the healthcare systems or the schools are as good as they used to be. It seems like everyone is making a buck and not focusing on providing adequate care for people. The teachers seem to take too much time. The kids are wandering, doing drugs or trying to keep up with the 'Joneses'. They focus on things and consumerism. It used to be the streets were safer and kids were graduating and not having so many pregnancies. The economy sucks.
5968	I'm dissatisfied with my water and sewer service because they are raising our rates. I don't think enough services or treatments are provided for people with mental health issues. With the schools, I think there is always room for improvement but with a 97% rating you can't keep hounding people to improve. Our elementary schools are really good here; they just need to be maintained. The middle and high school students need more help; they need help to finish school or maybe have vocational options. Also with the parks, I just want a place to run my dogs and take them on walks; they are always putting up barricades or changing things.
6051	I think small businesses do need help, but the large corporations, they have already gotten a lot of tax breaks. In my area, Newberg, I think the teachers are very good. They just need to maintain.
6147	I think the quality of the teachers is already good so they don't need focus on that area of education. I do think more should be done for mental illness. From the news I see there are many incidents where police or other agencies handle mentally ill people poorly.
6356	I'm definitely not satisfied with the police killing people who are unarmed or who haven't really done anything. That really alienates the public. Along with that is the poor mental health services. I also think we need to repeal Measure 37, where private property can be taken away for businesses. We need to have a better group mentality for the area or we're going to end up with bad sprawl.

6444	There should be more funds available for school choice. All the rich people go to private schools, and the lower income people go to public schools. People should have the ability to have more of a choice when it comes to schools. I also think that we should eliminate income tax and have a sales tax instead. That would broaden the tax base because not everyone is employed, but everyone shops. One of the reasons I moved to Clark County is because there's a better infrastructure because of the broader tax base.
6581	The government needs to get control of their finances and land use issues.
6695	Whoever said the biggest bang for the buck is gained by investing in preschool and early education was right. We should spend more money on our kids and their education. But I think the quality of education is important, but no child left behind doesn't improve quality. Affordable housing wouldn't be such a problem if we had fewer people. I want to see stem cell research and health care for everyone. As for reduced costs for businesses, that should only be for small or independent businesses. Currently we have one of the best mass transit systems but we need to do more. I'd like to see buses only downtown. We must do more to protect Bull Run for our water quality and safety.
7315	I am a former teacher and I think that funding of public education should not be optional. We will pay for that down the road in this competitive society. Coming from the Midwest, I am surprised at the power of groups to constantly suggest amendments to the Constitution and to levy taxes. They are taking too much power from the Legislature. Taxes are necessary and needed, something a society must provide. If you ask people, they will always say "no" to taxes. The police department needs improvement. There are too many incidents of people being shot or killed. The police need more training.

APPENDIX D
Interviewer Additional Information

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Responses are included for only those interviewers that provided additional information.

QUEST	Interviewer Additional Information
133	R's answers were stated most emphatically when it came to health care. She seemed very concerned with this issue.
169	R was very engaged and very vocal when the subject came to education. R was very interested in the outcome of the study and wishes to see the results.
326	R was a school board member, and had strong feelings about use of taxes and education.
479	R seemed very concerned about 'Hispanics'. He also made the comment 'I don't really think minorities should be allowed in school.'
523	R was particularly concerned with health care.
595	R was particularly concerned with immigration and felt very strongly that all immigration should be stopped. R also wanted a limit on the amount of children people can have.
630	R wanted to discuss environmental issues instead of the issues covered in the survey.
812	R had problems with the question about public safety services. She said that by answering the question it could be taken out of context, and she refused to answer. She had overall problems with the survey, saying that it was very leading and biased.
824	R was very interested in the issues concerning the region. Although she grew up here, she moved away for twenty years and was surprised by the differences when she returned seven years ago.
888	R was extremely talkative and had a lot of things to say about her struggles with health care, aging, housing, etc. She also repeatedly expressed her complete discontent with the Bush administration. R also wanted me to say that she is a voter, that she doesn't just sit in the dark and take it, she goes out and tries to change things for the better.
971	R is from Iran and had a few problems understanding some of the questions, so I had to reread them several times.
1033	R is a professor of economics and that seemed to be one of his main concerns along with education.
1068	R was particularly concerned with the financial accountability of school districts as opposed to individual schools.
1136	R seemed very interested in who was conducting the survey and how many people were being surveyed.
1178	R thought that the survey would receive more accurate answers if it was on paper. She had trouble coming up with answers off the top of her head.
1185	R had a lot to say about many of the policies, specifically where taxes should go and bureaucratic structure. R was given contact information for the survey and sounded genuinely interested in following up. R paused frequently and was very thoughtful in his responses to questions. R also felt that some of the questions were poorly worded, specifically the one concerning health care goals.
1373	R seemed uncomfortable with the demographic questions, refusing to answer age and income questions.
1413	R had a great deal to say and she responded with comments and opinions to just about all of the questions. She was very educated and involved in the community and aware of policy effects on federal, state and local levels. She also took issue with the design of the survey and if it really got to the heart of the discussed issues, and the limitations of the wording and available responses.
1800	R lived in the country and therefore had no experience with some of the public services.
1803	On the question about stabilizing funding for public education, R said she did not believe it would ever happen so she refused to pick an answer.
1832	R said she only lives at this address part-time so she feels she may not be able to answer the questions satisfactorily.
1986	R stated that there is a serious issue with mental health in this state as well as substance abuse.

2075	R seemed slightly confused and had to ask another person about her county. R was unable to grasp that all the questions had the same answer choices.
2103	R was very distracted at the beginning, someone nearby was playing a woodwind instrument loudly.
2196	R was very concerned with what organization was requesting this survey. R did not want to participate in a survey that was funded by a political party.
2309	R wanted improvements to the school system, especially with the budget.
2356	R felt that the survey was hard to answer at times because there were not enough choices.
2371	R was on worker's comp and had difficulty choosing employment status.
2445	The elderly R was unable to understand a few of the questions. Specifically on the section about education policy goals, for example on teacher quality, R said "I think they're doing a fine job" or on improving graduation rates, R said, "I think they should do whatever they need to do to help the kids, and I think they're doing a great job with them". After rereading and rephrasing the question I was still unable to clarify for her that I was looking for her opinion about the importance of those items. Also, on a few items she said she didn't know or didn't have an opinion since she didn't get out a lot. She did say she was very happy to live in this area and that overall she was satisfied with most services. At the end she said that she thought health care for seniors was the most important issue.
2500	Regarding the section of Q3 which asks R to rate the importance of improving teacher quality: R responded with not important, but wished to clarify that he is satisfied with the current quality of teachers, thus believes improving the quality is not important. R stated he is more interested in maintaining the quality.
2557	R had issues with the wait time for healthcare services.
2680	R answered with "Azonoren" for Q D10. I probed to get her to choose an option but she insisted that I mark that. R spelled the race for me twice.
2711	R seemed to have a little difficulty concentrating on the questions.
2911	R wanted to distinguish between the quality of elementary schools and the quality of middle and high schools. She is satisfied with the quality of elementary schools but not middle and high schools.
3044	R wanted to note that the rural areas have no public transportation and that after 5th grade, students are not taught English. She also pointed out that there were no services for the mentally ill in her area.
3181	On a few questions the R declined to answer because he either didn't have enough information or knowledge on the issue, or he felt the statement was unclear and he didn't know how it was intended.
3221	R asked for the website address and phone number of Dr. Martin.
3275	R gave no opinion on a few items because she had no children on which to base her answer or she didn't use the service.
3392	R became somewhat hostile during the demographic portion of the survey and refused to answer some questions.
3524	R took great care in her answers and really thought each one through; she made very informed comments.
3788	FR asked for the website address to check for information on the survey.
3885	R took the website address to look up information about the study.
4020	R asked for the website address.
4043	At the end the survey when asked for any additional comments the R said he knew we were doing this for political purposes. I interrupted him to clarify that we were not, which surprised him. I then gave him the background info on the Institute, the purpose and that there was additional information on the website and a contact number. He didn't want the web address or phone number and had no additional comments once he understood this wasn't a political poll.
4094	MR took the website address and also offered to give his name and number if we wanted to contact him. He said he's very active in the community and glad to participate. He's also a graduate of PSU.
4166	FR pointed out that she thought managed care was ruining health care and that roads and traffic were abysmal.
4177	R hesitated on completing survey at the beginning.
4211	R expressed very vehement dissatisfaction with roads and traffic, and later commented that he is concerned with property tax issues and how they are assessed.

4432	R felt very strongly about controlling the cost of health care.
4477	R is a nurse. R said that prescription drug prices change on a daily basis because of market price flux. R also said that education was lacking compared to other industrialized countries.
4644	R asked for the website address to look up details on the Metro study.
4659	R said she was disabled and has been having problems with the healthcare system.
4702	Early into the survey the R asked me if I had any info the new tax increase in her area. I stopped to clarify with her who I was with, the information on the survey, and that I couldn't answer any questions.
4715	R asked for the website address.
4837	R was interested in seeing how the survey turns out. She took the website information and the name of project head so that she can check in and see when information is posted. She also stated she would be interested in getting a copy.
4851	R did not feel there was a gap between white and minority students in public schools. R said it was a 'non-issue.'
4903	R was hard-of-hearing and needed several questions repeated.
4973	R chose not to answer several items because she did not use the service or did not have an opinion. For the questions regarding if the R is employed or retired etc., R said she was a stay at home person. I probed to clarify and she said she was both a widowed parent, who stays at home and is retired and a stay at home person.
5001	R had a child in private school so it was difficult to answer if she had a child in public school.
5076	R wouldn't answer the demographic questions because of privacy issues.
5132	R said she felt questions were loaded but interesting. R was a teacher.
5151	R wanted the website information so she could see the results of the survey.
5222	For Q7, R said the options were all intertwined to make a healthy community and so she didn't want to pick just one.
5285	R stated that she was a native to Oregon.
5309	FR was very passionate about how Portland and Oregon are not addressing funding issues for public schools as well as the quality of education.
5532	R refused Q7 because she thought all were equally important for a community.
5587	R is on disability and was classified as unemployed.
5739	On the last education questions, FR said she was very happy with her education and didn't grasp that we were asking about the current state of educational services. She was interested in getting information about the survey results but doesn't have access to a computer.
5822	FR was 18, TV was playing loudly and male was in the room. Several times the male chimed in, in the background, with his comments about some of the questions. Specifically when she was responding to population growth and mentioned immigrants, he said illegal immigrants and she repeated that as well.
5890	Initially R thought she had already talked to us, but it was some political group.
5961	R gave me a time limit of five minutes so we rushed through the survey.
5997	R was very talkative with many added comments and some questions were very difficult for her to give a single answer on.
6051	R was a long time resident of Yamhill and interested in getting information on the results of the survey.
6191	FR asked for the website address to follow what information there would be about the study. She asked if the results would be posted. I referred her to the website and gave her Dr. Martin's name so she could email questions.
6279	R chose not to answer at least one question because she thought I would judge her and think she was a racist.
6356	MR took the website address to look up information on the study. He was very thoughtful in his answers and interested in who would receive the information.
6477	R was in a hurry and asked me to rush through the survey.
6695	MR took the website address. He had a lot of qualifying comments regarding his answers.

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On Q2D, lower housing costs, MR said it's not going to happen so he couldn't answer that, but he said it would be great if they were lower. For Q4B, about improving health care programs, he said that some people don't need that, just the poorer people, and he couldn't answer that.

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APPENDIX E

Human Subjects Approval Memo

To be Added