

Cary Overall as a Place to Live

The respondents were asked to rate Cary overall as a place to live using a 9-point scale from very undesirable (1) to very desirable (9). Table 34 indicates that Cary was perceived as a very good place to live. Although not in a traditional grading scale format, if converted to a grade it would remain an A- this year with the mean approximately the same as 2006 with a very slight increase from 8.09 to 8.10. There were 94.5% who responded on the “desirable” side of the scale (above the midpoint of 5) with 48.6% responding in the very desirable category. It was impressive that only 1.5% of the responses were in the “undesirable” side of the scale (below 5). To gather more insight into lower ratings, the respondents who answered with a rating below 5 were asked the reason for the low rating. The limited number of responses (7 comments) revealed no discernable pattern (Appendix F).

Table 34. Cary Overall as a Place to Live.

| Year | Mean | Very Undesirable 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Average 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Very Desirable 9 | Grade |
|------|------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-----|------|------|---------------------|-------|
| 08 | 8.10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 12.1 | 29.6 | 48.6 | A- |
| 06 | 8.09 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 12.7 | 37.1 | 43.3 | A- |
| 04 | 8.31 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 10.3 | 22.6 | 61.2 | A- |
| 02 | 7.79 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 22.1 | 27.8 | 37.8 | B+ |
| 00 | 7.63 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 9.0 | 20.1 | 27.6 | 34.9 | B |
| 98 | 7.61 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 30.6 | 30.3 | 26.1 | B |

Cary Overall as a Place to Live Crosstabulations

Crosstabulations for Cary as a place to live were conducted on age, education, gender, housing type, income, language, race, and years in Cary (Tables B241-B248). The grades were consistent and high across the subgroups.