

### How Safe Residents Feel in Cary

The respondents were asked how safe they feel in the Town of Cary. A 9-point scale that ranged from extremely unsafe (1) to extremely safe (9) was utilized. The results indicate the respondents perceived an exceptionally high degree of safety in the Town (Table 36). The mean was 8.09 with an impressive 98.2% responding on the “safe” side (above 5) of the scale including 38.5% who responded they felt extremely safe. There was only 0.4% below 5 on the “unsafe” side. Overall, the mean was virtually unchanged from 2006 when it was 8.10 with the percentage of respondents who answered on the “safe” side increasing from 97.5% to 98.2%.

The respondents were also asked how safe they feel in their home neighborhood (Table 37). The perception of safety was even higher in their neighborhoods. Note the mean was 8.29 with 99.2% answering on the “safe” side with 48.1% responding they felt extremely safe. It was even more impressive that there were no responses in the “unsafe” portion of the scale. The perception of safety in their home neighborhood has improved from 2006 when the mean was 8.22.

Finally, the respondents were asked about how safe they feel in public places around Cary. This would include such activities as shopping, eating out, or going to the movies (Table 38). The mean was 8.04 with 97.8% responding on the “safe” side of the scale including 36.8% in the extremely safe category. There was only 0.4% in the “unsafe” range. This represents an improvement from 2006 when the mean was 7.90. Overall, the respondents perceived a high degree of safety in Cary, their neighborhood, and in public places.

**Table 36. How Safe Do You Feel in Cary.**

Year	Mean	Extremely Unsafe 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Extremely Safe 9	% Above 5
08	8.09	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.7	19.5	38.5	38.5	98.2
06	8.10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.0	2.2	17.3	38.6	39.4	97.5
04	8.23	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	2.0	2.2	12.2	34.0	49.1	97.5
02	7.99	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	4.7	2.7	17.0	37.3	37.8	94.8
00	7.93	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.0	4.0	22.5	39.0	32.0	97.5
98	7.55	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.8	2.5	8.8	30.7	37.5	18.6	95.6

**Table 37. How Safe Do You Feel in Your Home Neighborhood.**

Year	Mean	Extremely Unsafe	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Extremely Safe	% Above
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		<b>1</b>								<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>99.2</b>
06	8.22	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	13.2	33.1	49.3	97.1

**Table 38. How Safe Do You Feel in Public Places Around Cary (Shopping, Out to Eat, Movies).**

Year	Mean	Extremely Unsafe 1	2	3	4	Average 5	6	7	8	Extremely Safe 9	% Above 5
<b>08</b>	<b>8.04</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>97.8</b>
06	7.90	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	3.0	4.8	21.5	35.5	34.3	96.1

How Safe Residents Feel in Cary Crosstabulations

Crosstabulations for this set of questions were conducted for age, children in household under 18, education, gender, housing type, income, language, race, and years in Cary. The breakdowns for how safe the respondents feel in Cary are shown in Tables B257-B265. The means for the subgroups were generally high and consistent. There were slightly lower perceptions of safety for \$20,001-\$30,000 income level (7.69) and the over 65 age group (7.83). The crosstabulations for how safe respondents feel in their home neighborhoods are shown in Tables B266-B274. The means were high and consistent with the only subgroups showing slightly lower means were 18-25 age group (8.04), \$30,001-\$50,000 income level (8.14), Asians (8.15), and apartment dwellers (8.16). Finally, the crosstabulations for how safe respondents feel in public places around Cary are shown in Tables B275-B283. The means were generally high for most of the breakdowns. The only subgroups indicating somewhat less safety in public places were the \$20,001-\$30,000 income level (7.62), over 65 age group (7.78), \$30,001-\$50,000 income level (7.86), and townhouse/condo dwellers (7.89).