

# 2007 Annual Residents Survey

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## Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

You've been selected to participate in a survey on life in our region.  
Please provide your responses in this questionnaire booklet.  
Your responses will be used only for research.  
Thank you for participating.

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**Q1 How would you rate the Twin Cities as a place to live, compared to other metro areas? (check one)**

- A much better place in which to live       A slightly better place in which to live       A slightly worse place in which to live       A much worse place in which to live

**Q2 Over the past year, do you think the quality of life in the Twin Cities has gotten better, stayed the same, or gotten worse? (check one)**

- Gotten better       Stayed the same       Gotten worse

**Q3 What do you think is the single most attractive feature of the Twin Cities metro area today?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q4 What do you think is the single most important problem facing the Twin Cities metro area today?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q5 In your opinion, what is the best solution to this problem?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q6 What other important problems are facing the Twin Cities today?**

**Please list up to three additional problems, in order of importance:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q7 Have you heard of the Metropolitan Council?**

- Yes → Please go to Question 8
- No → Please skip to Question 9

**Q8 What is your impression of the Metropolitan Council’s performance addressing regional issues? (check one)**

- Very Poor
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- No opinion/Don't know

**Q9 The Metropolitan Council plans or manages a variety of regional programs. How important is each program to the quality of life in the region? (check one box on each line)**

| <u>Council programs</u>   | <u>Not at all important</u> | <u>Slightly important</u> | <u>Moderately important</u> | <u>Very important</u>    | <u>Don't know</u>        |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Metro Transit (bus system)                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Light Rail Transit  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Planning to accommodate a growing population                    | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Coordinating development across neighboring communities         | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wastewater treatment  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Regional parks and trails                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Natural resources and land conservancy                          | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Monitoring water supply and water quality                       | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grants for transportation projects                              | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grants for development that connects housing, jobs and services | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grants to develop and preserve housing                          | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grants to clean up and reuse polluted lands                     | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Q10 Do you work outside of your home?**

- Yes → Please go to Question 11
- No → Please skip to Question 13

**Q11 If you work outside of your home, how do you normally get to work?**

- Drive alone
- Drive/ride with others or car/van pool
- Take the bus
- Walk
- Bicycle
- Take Light Rail Transit
- Some other way

**Q12 If you work outside of your home, how likely are you to try the following commute solutions, to reduce your costs?**  
(check one box on each line)

| <u>Commuting solutions</u>             | <u>Not at all likely</u> | <u>Slightly likely</u>   | <u>Moderately likely</u> | <u>Very likely</u>       | <u>Don't know</u>        |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Work at home or telecommute            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Change jobs to be closer to home       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bicycle or walk to work                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drive in a more fuel-efficient vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drive/ride with others or car/van pool | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Take transit (buses or LRT)            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Q13 Have you moved or changed address in the past 5 years?**

- Yes
- No

**Q14 Do you own or rent your residence?**

- Own
- Rent

**Q15 Do you think the Twin Cities area as a whole is growing too fast, at the right pace, or too slow?**

**How about the city, suburb or town where you live?**

Growth in the Twin Cities area as a whole is...  Too slow  About right  Too fast

Growth in the city, suburb or town where you live is....  Too slow  About right  Too fast

**Q16 How would you describe the area where you now live? Please check the description that best describes your community or neighborhood. (check one)**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A rural setting      | <input type="checkbox"/> A growing suburb | <input type="checkbox"/> A central city neighborhood      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A small city or town | <input type="checkbox"/> An older suburb  | <input type="checkbox"/> A very urban or downtown setting |

**Q17 Would you prefer to live in a different kind of area?**

Yes → *If "yes" please answer questions A through C*

No – *Go to Question 18.*

**A: What type of area would you prefer to live in?**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A rural setting      | <input type="checkbox"/> A growing suburb | <input type="checkbox"/> A central city neighborhood      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A small city or town | <input type="checkbox"/> An older suburb  | <input type="checkbox"/> A very urban or downtown setting |

**B: What do you like least about the kind of area you now live in?**

**C: What most appeals to you about the area you would prefer?**

**Q18 Have you visited a regional park or trail in the last 12 months?**

Yes – Please complete Questions 19 and 20.  No – Skip to Question 21.  Don't know/unsure

**Q19 How many times did you visit a regional park or trail this past Summer (June–August)? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Q20 What regional parks or trails were most visited this past Summer (June–August)?**

| What regional park/trail was most visited? | # of visits to that park/trail | How many other people usually went with you?                             | How did you travel there most often?  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 1)   |                                | # Adults (18+) _____<br># Teens (13-17) _____<br># Children (0-12) _____ | Walk, run or bike <input type="checkbox"/><br>Drive own vehicle <input type="checkbox"/><br>Some other way <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2)   |                                | # Adults (18+) _____<br># Teens (13-17) _____<br># Children (0-12) _____ | Walk, run or bike <input type="checkbox"/><br>Drive own vehicle <input type="checkbox"/><br>Some other way <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3)   |                                | # Adults (18+) _____<br># Teens (13-17) _____<br># Children (0-12) _____ | Walk, run or bike <input type="checkbox"/><br>Drive own vehicle <input type="checkbox"/><br>Some other way <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4)   |                                | # Adults (18+) _____<br># Teens (13-17) _____<br># Children (0-12) _____ | Walk, run or bike <input type="checkbox"/><br>Drive own vehicle <input type="checkbox"/><br>Some other way <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Q21 Are you male or female?**  Male  Female

**Q22 In what year were you born?** \_\_\_\_\_ Year

**Q23 Including you, how many household members are in each of these age groups?**

\_\_\_ 0 to 17      \_\_\_ 18 to 39      \_\_\_ 40 to 64      \_\_\_ 65 and over

**Q24 How many vehicles does your household have available for personal travel ?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q25 How would you identify your race/ethnicity? (check all that apply)**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian        | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other           |

**Q26 What city, ZIP code, and county do you live in?**

City and ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your survey responses will be used only for research.  
Metropolitan Council will not share or release your personal information.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Usted ha sido seleccionado para participar en una encuesta sobre la vida en nuestra region. Si le gustaría una traducción al **Español**, favor de llamar al 1-800-439-3185 para hablar con un entrevistador. Sus respuestas serían completamente confidenciales. Gracias por participar.

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Waxa lagu doortey in aad ka qayb qaadatid tiro-koob ku saabsan nolosha oo lagu qabanayo gobolkan. Hadii aad rabtid in laguugu turjumo af **Soomli**, fadlan wac 1-800-439-3185 si aad ula hadashid qofka wareystaha. Xogwarankaagu waa sir aanay cid kale oganeyn.

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Please return the survey in the addressed and stamped return envelope. Our mailing address is:  
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