



# Albemarle County, VA

Comparisons by Geographic Subgroups

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# Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report discusses differences in opinion of survey respondents by geographic area.

Responses in the following tables show only the proportion of respondents giving a certain answer; for example, the percent of respondents who rated the quality of life as “excellent” or “good,” or the percent of respondents who attended a public meeting more than once a month. ANOVA and chi-square tests of significance were applied to these comparisons of survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between area are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed are “real.” Where differences were statistically significant, they have been shaded grey.

The margin of error for this report is generally no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample (375 completed surveys). For each area (urban ring, other developed areas and rural areas), the margin of error rises to approximately plus or minus 10 percentage points since sample sizes were approximately 104 for urban ring, 146 for other developed areas and 125 for rural areas. Notable differences between areas included the following:

- Within Community Characteristics, residents in the urban ring were less likely to report an overall feeling of safety in Albemarle County and feeling safe in their neighborhood during the day than residents who lived in other areas. These residents were also more likely to rate opportunities to participate in social events and activities and neighborliness of residents in Albemarle County lower than residents in other developed areas and rural areas.
- Residents in rural areas tended to give lower ratings for general aspects of Governance such as the value of services for the taxes paid to Albemarle County, the overall direction that Albemarle County is taking and generally acting in the best interest of the community than residents in other developed areas and rural areas. Residents living in the urban ring were less likely to give positive ratings to aspects of Safety, including police, fire and ambulance/EMS services and crime prevention than their counterparts.
- Residents living in rural areas and other developed areas tended to have higher rates of participation than those living in the urban ring for certain aspects of Participation, including remaining in Albemarle County for the next five years, contacting Albemarle County, recycling at home, making efforts to make their homes more energy efficient and using Albemarle County libraries and their services. Residents living within the urban ring used public transportation more frequently and were less likely to have observed a code violation.
- Residents in the urban ring were more likely to rate bus service, bicycle paths and preschools as important services for the County to provide and were also more likely to support paying higher taxes for those services than residents in other developed areas and rural areas.

Table 1: Community Characteristics - General

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                  | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| The overall quality of life in Albemarle County  | 90%        | 95%                   | 97%         | 94%     |
| Overall image or reputation of Albemarle County  | 87%        | 91%                   | 91%         | 89%     |
| Albemarle County as a place to live              | 95%        | 92%                   | 99%         | 95%     |
| Your neighborhood as a place to live             | 74%        | 94%                   | 96%         | 87%     |
| Albemarle County as a place to raise children    | 93%        | 97%                   | 92%         | 94%     |
| Albemarle County as a place to retire            | 77%        | 83%                   | 83%         | 81%     |
| Overall appearance of Albemarle County           | 85%        | 88%                   | 89%         | 87%     |

Table 2: Community Characteristics - Safety

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                      | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Overall feeling of safety in Albemarle County                        | 82%        | 90%                   | 95%         | 89%     |
| In your neighborhood during the day                                  | 86%        | 95%                   | 94%         | 91%     |

Table 3: Community Characteristics - Mobility

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                      | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit      | 65%        | 65%                   | 52%         | 61%     |
| Traffic flow on major streets                                        | 32%        | 40%                   | 35%         | 36%     |
| Ease of public parking                                               | 42%        | 40%                   | 32%         | 38%     |
| Ease of travel by car in Albemarle County                            | 50%        | 57%                   | 57%         | 55%     |
| Ease of travel by public transportation in Albemarle County          | 33%        | 21%                   | 16%         | 25%     |
| Ease of travel by bicycle in Albemarle County                        | 36%        | 25%                   | 20%         | 27%     |
| Ease of walking in Albemarle County                                  | 50%        | 45%                   | 36%         | 45%     |
| Availability of paths and walking trails                             | 67%        | 60%                   | 52%         | 60%     |

Table 4: Community Characteristics - Natural Environment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                      | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Quality of overall natural environment in Albemarle County           | 87%        | 94%                   | 95%         | 92%     |
| Air quality                                                          | 76%        | 89%                   | 88%         | 84%     |
| Cleanliness of Albemarle County                                      | 79%        | 88%                   | 81%         | 83%     |

Table 5: Community Characteristics - Built Environment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)                                                    | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                         | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Overall "built environment" of Albemarle County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems) | 66%        | 56%                   | 60%         | 61%     |
| Public places where people want to spend time                                                                           | 69%        | 78%                   | 77%         | 74%     |
| Variety of housing options                                                                                              | 38%        | 62%                   | 48%         | 49%     |
| Availability of affordable quality housing                                                                              | 25%        | 32%                   | 25%         | 28%     |
| Overall quality of new development in Albemarle County                                                                  | 51%        | 60%                   | 54%         | 55%     |

Table 6: Community Characteristics - Economy

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| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)       | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                            | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Overall economic health of Albemarle County                                | 75%        | 81%                   | 79%         | 78%     |
| Albemarle County as a place to work                                        | 71%        | 71%                   | 78%         | 73%     |
| Albemarle County as a place to visit                                       | 78%        | 92%                   | 91%         | 87%     |
| Employment opportunities                                                   | 49%        | 48%                   | 41%         | 46%     |
| Shopping opportunities                                                     | 68%        | 62%                   | 75%         | 68%     |
| Cost of living in Albemarle County                                         | 30%        | 20%                   | 17%         | 23%     |
| Overall quality of business and service establishments in Albemarle County | 73%        | 73%                   | 76%         | 74%     |

Table 7: Community Characteristics - Recreation and Wellness

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)         | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                              | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Health and wellness opportunities in Albemarle County                        | 82%        | 91%                   | 95%         | 89%     |
| Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.) | 73%        | 82%                   | 65%         | 74%     |
| Recreational opportunities                                                   | 70%        | 79%                   | 66%         | 72%     |
| Availability of affordable quality food                                      | 69%        | 75%                   | 75%         | 73%     |
| Availability of affordable quality health care                               | 76%        | 82%                   | 73%         | 77%     |
| Availability of preventive health services                                   | 77%        | 85%                   | 81%         | 81%     |
| Availability of affordable quality mental health care                        | 56%        | 54%                   | 55%         | 55%     |

Table 8: Community Characteristics - Education and Enrichment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)         | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                              | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Overall opportunities for education and enrichment                           | 89%        | 93%                   | 90%         | 90%     |
| Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool                      | 41%        | 53%                   | 55%         | 49%     |
| K-12 public education                                                        | 84%        | 90%                   | 80%         | 85%     |
| Adult educational opportunities                                              | 75%        | 84%                   | 78%         | 79%     |
| Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities                       | 81%        | 86%                   | 78%         | 82%     |
| Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities | 81%        | 84%                   | 87%         | 84%     |

Table 9: Community Characteristics - Community Engagement

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)          | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                               | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Opportunities to participate in social events and activities                  | 65%        | 82%                   | 74%         | 73%     |
| Opportunities to volunteer                                                    | 81%        | 88%                   | 82%         | 84%     |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters                             | 73%        | 80%                   | 81%         | 78%     |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | 51%        | 66%                   | 59%         | 58%     |
| Neighborliness of residents in Albemarle County                               | 50%        | 71%                   | 63%         | 61%     |

Table 10: Governance - General

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)                                               | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Albemarle County                                                                               | 81%        | 79%                   | 82%         | 81%     |
| The value of services for the taxes paid to Albemarle County                                   | 46%        | 58%                   | 38%         | 48%     |
| The overall direction that Albemarle County is taking                                          | 60%        | 48%                   | 41%         | 50%     |
| The job Albemarle County government does at welcoming citizen involvement                      | 46%        | 55%                   | 47%         | 49%     |
| Overall confidence in Albemarle County government                                              | 47%        | 49%                   | 35%         | 44%     |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community                                         | 57%        | 50%                   | 40%         | 50%     |
| Being honest                                                                                   | 49%        | 50%                   | 43%         | 48%     |
| Treating all residents fairly                                                                  | 39%        | 59%                   | 40%         | 46%     |
| Overall customer service by Albemarle County employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.) | 64%        | 74%                   | 68%         | 69%     |
| Public schools                                                                                 | 82%        | 89%                   | 85%         | 85%     |
| The Federal Government                                                                         | 38%        | 43%                   | 47%         | 42%     |
| State of Virginia                                                                              | 56%        | 65%                   | 59%         | 60%     |

Table 11: Governance - Safety

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)                                                                 | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                  | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Police services                                                                                                  | 74%        | 87%                   | 85%         | 82%     |
| Fire services                                                                                                    | 85%        | 100%                  | 97%         | 94%     |
| Ambulance or emergency medical services                                                                          | 83%        | 96%                   | 91%         | 90%     |
| Crime prevention                                                                                                 | 62%        | 74%                   | 80%         | 72%     |
| Fire prevention and education                                                                                    | 71%        | 85%                   | 82%         | 80%     |
| Animal control                                                                                                   | 67%        | 61%                   | 68%         | 65%     |
| Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations) | 68%        | 65%                   | 57%         | 63%     |

Table 12: Governance - Mobility

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                  | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Traffic enforcement                              | 45%        | 70%                   | 71%         | 61%     |
| Street lighting                                  | 42%        | 52%                   | 58%         | 50%     |
| Bus or transit services                          | 47%        | 48%                   | 51%         | 48%     |

Table 13: Governance - Natural Environment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)                           | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                            | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Garbage collection                                                         | 70%        | 87%                   | 73%         | 77%     |
| Recycling                                                                  | 60%        | 79%                   | 67%         | 69%     |
| Drinking water                                                             | 71%        | 82%                   | 78%         | 77%     |
| Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts | 62%        | 74%                   | 73%         | 70%     |
| Albemarle County open space                                                | 65%        | 76%                   | 70%         | 70%     |

Table 14: Governance - Built Environment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)    | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                     | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Storm drainage                                      | 67%        | 69%                   | 56%         | 65%     |
| Sewer services                                      | 80%        | 89%                   | 78%         | 83%     |
| Utility billing                                     | 56%        | 71%                   | 52%         | 61%     |
| Land use, planning and zoning                       | 42%        | 48%                   | 48%         | 46%     |
| Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.) | 50%        | 44%                   | 49%         | 47%     |

Table 15: Governance - Economy

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                  | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Economic development                             | 56%        | 53%                   | 55%         | 55%     |

Table 16: Governance - Recreation and Wellness

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                  | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| County parks                                     | 78%        | 88%                   | 86%         | 84%     |
| Recreation programs or classes                   | 80%        | 85%                   | 81%         | 82%     |
| Recreation centers or facilities                 | 72%        | 84%                   | 80%         | 79%     |
| Health services                                  | 84%        | 86%                   | 84%         | 85%     |

Table 17: Governance - Education and Enrichment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                  | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Public library services                          | 86%        | 92%                   | 85%         | 88%     |
| County-sponsored special events                  | 55%        | 71%                   | 62%         | 62%     |

Table 18: Governance - Community Engagement

| Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                  | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Public information services                      | 60%        | 73%                   | 68%         | 67%     |

Table 19: Participation General

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)     | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                     | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Sense of community                                                                  | 57%        | 74%                   | 64%         | 65%     |
| Recommend living in Albemarle County to someone who asks                            | 91%        | 96%                   | 98%         | 95%     |
| Remain in Albemarle County for the next five years                                  | 76%        | 90%                   | 90%         | 85%     |
| Contacted Albemarle County (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information | 25%        | 49%                   | 39%         | 38%     |

Table 20: Participation - Safety

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                 | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Was NOT the victim of a crime                                                   | 90%        | 94%                   | 93%         | 92%     |
| Did NOT report a crime                                                          | 87%        | 80%                   | 87%         | 84%     |
| Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency                                | 22%        | 36%                   | 52%         | 35%     |

Table 21: Participation - Mobility

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                 | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Walked or biked instead of driving                                              | 44%        | 49%                   | 20%         | 39%     |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone                | 37%        | 50%                   | 44%         | 44%     |
| Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving        | 28%        | 11%                   | 5%          | 15%     |

Table 22: Participation - Natural Environment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                 | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Recycle at home                                                                 | 54%        | 80%                   | 85%         | 72%     |
| Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient                            | 60%        | 71%                   | 79%         | 69%     |
| Made efforts to conserve water                                                  | 79%        | 84%                   | 84%         | 82%     |

Table 23: Participation - Built Environment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                 | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| NOT under housing cost stress                                                   | 59%        | 76%                   | 78%         | 70%     |
| Did NOT observe a code violation                                                | 74%        | 59%                   | 61%         | 65%     |

Table 24: Participation - Economy

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                 | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Purchase goods or services from a business located in Albemarle County          | 95%        | 98%                   | 100%        | 97%     |
| Economy will have positive impact on income                                     | 24%        | 30%                   | 25%         | 27%     |
| Work in Albemarle County                                                        | 69%        | 62%                   | 61%         | 64%     |

Table 25: Participation - Recreation and Wellness

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                 | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Used Albemarle County recreation centers or their services                      | 51%        | 58%                   | 55%         | 55%     |
| Visited a neighborhood park or County park                                      | 80%        | 81%                   | 77%         | 80%     |
| Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day                          | 85%        | 91%                   | 94%         | 90%     |
| Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity                           | 79%        | 93%                   | 93%         | 88%     |
| Reported being in "very good" or "excellent" health                             | 63%        | 80%                   | 76%         | 73%     |

Table 26: Participation - Education and Enrichment

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes) | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                 | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Used Albemarle County public libraries or their services                        | 56%        | 78%                   | 67%         | 67%     |
| Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Albemarle County           | 57%        | 67%                   | 53%         | 59%     |
| Attended a County-sponsored event                                               | 44%        | 59%                   | 44%         | 49%     |
| Volunteered at a public school                                                  | 21%        | 33%                   | 15%         | 24%     |

Table 27: Participation - Community Engagement

| Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)                       | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                       | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate                                              | 22%        | 25%                   | 24%         | 24%     |
| Contacted Albemarle County elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion | 14%        | 21%                   | 20%         | 18%     |
| Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Albemarle County                                      | 52%        | 63%                   | 44%         | 54%     |
| Participated in a club                                                                                | 35%        | 47%                   | 32%         | 38%     |
| Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors                                                    | 86%        | 99%                   | 95%         | 93%     |
| Done a favor for a neighbor                                                                           | 78%        | 93%                   | 79%         | 84%     |
| Attended a local public meeting                                                                       | 18%        | 33%                   | 20%         | 24%     |
| Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)                                      | 78%        | 83%                   | 75%         | 79%     |
| Vote in local elections                                                                               | 71%        | 96%                   | 89%         | 85%     |

Table 28: Community Focus Areas

| Percent rating positively (e.g., essential/very important)                                                              | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                         | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Overall feeling of safety in Albemarle County                                                                           | 87%        | 92%                   | 89%         | 89%     |
| Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit                                                         | 86%        | 75%                   | 80%         | 81%     |
| Quality of overall natural environment in Albemarle County                                                              | 88%        | 77%                   | 80%         | 82%     |
| Overall "built environment" of Albemarle County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems) | 80%        | 68%                   | 79%         | 75%     |
| Health and wellness opportunities in Albemarle County                                                                   | 75%        | 76%                   | 76%         | 76%     |
| Overall opportunities for education and enrichment                                                                      | 85%        | 76%                   | 75%         | 79%     |
| Overall economic health of Albemarle County                                                                             | 90%        | 93%                   | 88%         | 91%     |
| Sense of community                                                                                                      | 77%        | 76%                   | 69%         | 74%     |

Table 29: Question 14

|                                                                            | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                            | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Do you consider recycling to be an important service for County residents? | 97%        | 98%                   | 96%         | 97%     |

Table 30: Question 15

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| The McIntire Recycling Center currently provides a "do it yourself" separation of recyclables by type (aluminum, cardboard, glass, etc.). If a "do it yourself" source separation recycling center was conveniently located, how likely would you be to bring your recyclables to the center? | 75%        | 68%                   | 68%         | 70%     |

Table 31: Question 17

| How important, if at all, are the following services for Albemarle County to provide? (Percent rating as "essential" or "very important"). | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                            | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Trails                                                                                                                                     | 66%        | 57%                   | 56%         | 60%     |
| Sidewalks                                                                                                                                  | 85%        | 75%                   | 76%         | 79%     |
| Bus service                                                                                                                                | 83%        | 58%                   | 65%         | 69%     |



| How important, if at all, are the following services for Albemarle County to provide? (Percent rating as "essential" or "very important"). | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                            | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Preservation of the rural areas                                                                                                            | 78%        | 76%                   | 76%         | 77%     |
| Bicycle paths                                                                                                                              | 71%        | 57%                   | 59%         | 63%     |
| Preschools                                                                                                                                 | 81%        | 68%                   | 69%         | 73%     |

Table 32: Question 18

| Please indicate to what extent you would support or oppose paying higher taxes for the following services: (Percent rating as "strongly support" or "somewhat support"). | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                                                          | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Trails                                                                                                                                                                   | 65%        | 57%                   | 62%         | 62%     |
| Sidewalks                                                                                                                                                                | 84%        | 66%                   | 67%         | 73%     |
| Bus service                                                                                                                                                              | 81%        | 58%                   | 62%         | 67%     |
| Preservation of the rural areas                                                                                                                                          | 78%        | 67%                   | 66%         | 71%     |
| Bicycle paths                                                                                                                                                            | 68%        | 56%                   | 58%         | 61%     |
| Preschools                                                                                                                                                               | 85%        | 65%                   | 67%         | 73%     |

Table 33: Question 19

| Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for Albemarle County Public Schools to focus on each of the following in the coming two years: (Percent rating as "essential" or "very important"). | Area       |                       |             | Overall |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Urban ring | Other developed areas | Rural areas |         |
| Student performance                                                                                                                                                                                       | 90%        | 92%                   | 84%         | 89%     |
| Student to teacher/educator ratio                                                                                                                                                                         | 91%        | 90%                   | 87%         | 89%     |
| Professional development for instructional staff                                                                                                                                                          | 84%        | 79%                   | 82%         | 82%     |
| Modern, efficient and well-maintained classrooms, schools and school grounds                                                                                                                              | 87%        | 86%                   | 77%         | 84%     |
| Enrichment opportunities like art, music, field trips and sports                                                                                                                                          | 81%        | 83%                   | 80%         | 82%     |
| Parent involvement                                                                                                                                                                                        | 84%        | 87%                   | 83%         | 85%     |
| Special education/needs class                                                                                                                                                                             | 82%        | 81%                   | 80%         | 81%     |