

Martindale Brightwood Weed and Seed Survey Results

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Survey Implementation

This Martindale Brightwood Weed and Seed evaluation survey was administered to 103 adults during October, November, and December 2007. Respondents were solicited at two town hall meetings, two neighborhood meetings, and in one small neighborhood. It is unknown whether the surveys were self-administered or administered by an interviewer. According to Martin University, the survey administrator, all respondents lived in the Martindale Brightwood area.

Interviewers were provided a review of the MB Weed and Seed Program before soliciting respondents. Trainers reviewed the survey and answered interviewer questions prior to survey implementation.

Respondent Demographics

There were slightly more female respondents than male respondents, with females composing just over 57 percent (57.3) of the sample. More than one-third (35.9%) of respondents were 65 years of age or older and over 85 percent of respondents were at least 35 years old. The overwhelming majority (92.2%) were African American, less than 5 percent were Caucasian. Over one-third (35.9%) of respondents had at least some college education with over 82 percent (82.5%) having at least graduated from high school or obtained a GED.

Almost one-half (45.6%) of all respondents were retired, and roughly 42 percent (41.7%) were employed. Over 82 percent (82.5) of respondents owned their homes. Most respondents lived by themselves or with one other person (27.2% and 35.9% respectively). Almost three-quarters (72.8%) of respondents have lived in the community over 10 years with just less than 7 percent (6.8%) having lived in the community for less than one year.

Perceptions

Respondents were asked a series of perception questions about their neighborhood, property crime victimization, satisfaction with the police and awareness and satisfaction with the Weed and Seed program.

When asked to rate their neighborhood as 'Excellent, Good, Fair or Poor,' over 37 percent of respondents rated their neighborhood as 'Good' while over 46 percent rated their neighborhood as 'Fair'. A little over one-half (55.3%) of the respondents indicated that this rating was 'About the same' as one year ago while 22 percent indicated it was 'Better' than one year ago and 22 percent indicated it was 'Worse' than one year ago.

Just over 19 percent of respondents were property crime victims within the last year, almost 3 percent (3 respondents) did not respond to this question. Of the 20 respondents who indicated crime victimization¹ within the last year, 50 percent were 'Very Satisfied' or 'Satisfied' with "the way the problem was handled" by the police. Conversely, 50 percent were 'Somewhat Dissatisfied' or 'Dissatisfied' with "the way the problem was handled" by the police.

When asked to "rate the job that the police is [are] doing in terms of reducing crime and working with the community to solve other local problems," just fewer than five percent (4.9%) indicated

¹ The phrasing of this question indicated that the respondent also reported the incident to the police.

the police were doing an ‘Excellent’ job, 21 percent indicated the police were doing a ‘Good’ job, almost 45 percent (44.7%) indicated the police were doing a ‘Fair’ job, and just over 18 percent (18.5%) indicated the police were doing a ‘Poor’ job. Over 10 percent (10.7%) of respondents did not answer this question.

Almost 50 percent (46.6%) of respondents indicated that crime in their neighborhood has ‘Remained about the same’ compared to one year ago, roughly 20 percent (20.4%) indicated felt crime had ‘Decreased,’ and 25 percent indicated crime had ‘Increased’ compared to one year ago. Eight respondents (7.8%) did not answer this question.

Over one-half (55.3%) of respondents were “familiar with the Weed & Seed program.” Eight respondents (7.8%) did not answer this question. Of the 57 respondents who answered “Yes” to being familiar with the Weed and Seed program, over 78 percent were ‘Very Satisfied’ or ‘Satisfied’ with “the Weed & Seed Program’s efforts to improve” their neighborhood. The remaining 12 respondents (21%) were ‘Somewhat Dissatisfied’ or ‘Very Dissatisfied.’

Finally, respondents were asked to rank ten neighborhood problems, 1= the most serious problem and 10= the least serious problem. Overall, respondents ranked ‘Drug dealing’ as the most serious neighborhood problem followed by ‘Abandoned homes and vehicles’ and ‘Excess trash in the neighborhood’ (see Table 1).

Table 1: Neighborhood problem ranking

Neighborhood Problem	Count	Average	Overall rank
Abandoned homes and vehicles	88	4.45	2
Domestic violence	65	6.35	10
Drug dealing	88	3.38	1
Excess trash in the neighborhood	82	4.60	3
Gangs	67	5.49	7
Juvenile problems	70	5.47	6
Lack of law enforcement visibility	85	5.4	5
Loose animals	80	5.29	4
Traffic	74	5.74	8
Truancy	63	6.25	9

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Table 1: Gender

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	59	57.3
Male	39	37.9
Missing	4	4.9
Total*	103	100.1

* Total may not equal 100.0 due to rounding.

Table 2: Age

Age	Number	Percent
18-24	5	4.9
25-34	6	5.8
35-44	17	16.5
45-54	19	18.5
55-64	15	14.6
64 Plus	37	35.9
Missing	4	3.9
Total*	103	100.1

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Table 3: Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Black/African American	95	92.2
Hispanic	1	0.9
Native American	1	0.9
White	5	4.9
Missing	1	0.9
Total*	103	99.8

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Table 4: Education

Education	Number	Percent
Less than 12 years	14	13.6
High School Graduate or GED	29	28.2
Some College	37	35.9
Bachelor's Degree	13	12.6
Master Degree or Higher	6	5.8
Missing	4	3.9
Total	103	100.0

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Table 5: Current Work Status

Current Work Status	Number	Percent
Employed	43	41.7
Unemployed	4	3.9
Full-time Student	3	2.9
Disabled	3	2.9
Retired	47	45.6
Missing	3	2.9
Total*	103	99.9

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Table 6: Housing Status

Housing Status	Number	Percent
Own Home	85	82.5
Rent Home	15	14.6
Missing	3	2.9
Total	103	100.0

Table 7: Housing Type

Housing Type	Number	Percent
Apartment	4	3.9
Condo/Townhome	2	1.9
Duplex	5	4.9
Single	90	87.4
Missing	2	1.9
Total*	103	99.8

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Table 8: Number of persons in home

Number of persons in home	Number	Percent
One	28	27.2
Two	37	35.9
Three	13	12.6
Four	7	6.8
Five	9	8.7
Six	2	1.9
Seven	1	0.9
Eight	0	0.0
Nine	1	0.9
Missing	5	4.9
Total*	103	99.8

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Table 9: Time as a Community Member

Time as Community Member	Number	Percent
Less than one year	7	6.8
One to four years	8	7.8
Five to ten years	8	7.8
Over ten years	75	72.8
Missing	5	4.9
Total*	103	100.1

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Table 10: How do you rate your neighborhood as a place to live?

Neighborhood rating	Number	Percent
Excellent	5	4.9
Good	39	37.9
Fair	48	46.6
Poor	11	10.7
Missing	0	0.0
Total*	103	100.1

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Table 11: Compared to one year ago, would you way that your neighborhood is now:

Now compared to one year ago	Number	Percent
Better	23	22.3
About the Same	57	55.3
Worse	23	22.3
Missing	0	0.0
Total*	103	99.9

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Table 12: Were you a victim of a property crime in the past year?

Victim of properly crime	Number	Percent
No	80	77.7
Yes	20	19.4
Missing	3	2.9
Total	103	100.0

Table 13: If you answered year to number 3, and the incident was reported to the police, how satisfied were you with the way the problem was handled?

Now compared to one year ago	Number	Percent
Very Satisfied	3	2.9
Somewhat Satisfied	7	6.8
Somewhat Dissatisfied	5	4.9
Very Dissatisfied	5	4.9
Missing	83	80.6
Total*	103	100.1

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Table 14: How do you rate the job that the police us doing in terms of reducing crime and working with the community to solve other local problems?

Neighborhood rating	Number	Percent
Excellent	5	4.9
Good	22	21.4
Fair	46	44.7
Poor	19	18.2
Missing	11	10.7
Total*	103	99.9

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Table 15: Compared to one year ago, would you say that crime in your neighborhood has:

Crime compared to one year ago	Number	Percent
Decreased	21	20.4
Remained about the same	48	46.6
Increased	26	25.2
Missing	8	7.8
Total	103	100.0

Table 16: Please rank the following problems in your neighborhood. Number (1) as being the most serious problem and number (10) as being the lease serious problem

Neighborhood Problem	Count	Average	Overall rank
Abandoned homes and vehicles	88	4.45	2
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Table 17: Are you familiar with the Weed & Seed Program in Indianapolis?

Familiar with Weed and Seed	Number	Percent
38	36.9	77.7
Yes	57	55.3
Missing	8	7.8
Total*	103	99.8

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Table 18: If you answered year to number 8, how satisfied are you with the Weed & Seed Program's efforts to improve your neighborhood?

Satisfaction with Weed and Seed	Number	Percent
Very Satisfied	11	10.7
Somewhat Satisfied	34	33.0
Somewhat Dissatisfied	6	5.8
Very Dissatisfied	6	5.8
Missing	46	44.7
Total	103	100.0