

THE KINDER HOUSTON AREA SURVEY–2018

The interviews for the 37th annual Kinder Houston Area Survey, averaging more than 30 minutes apiece, were conducted between January 23 and March 1, 2018 by SSRS in Media PA. They reached (60 percent by landline, 40 percent by cell phone) a scientifically-selected representative sample of 807 residents from Harris County, along with an additional 350 from Fort Bend County and 350 from Montgomery County, for a total this year of 1,507 respondents. Listed below, organized by the central themes, are the questionnaire items that are included in the 2018 KHAS.

The responses from the 2018 survey have been weighted to correct for variations in the likelihood of selection and to align the sample more closely with known population characteristics. This helps to ensure that the estimates we report will reflect as accurately as possible the actual distributions in the county's population along such dimensions as race or ethnicity, age, gender, educational attainment, and homeownership. The numbers in parentheses next to each item indicate all the previous year(s) when that same question was asked.

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS.

BIGPROB2 First of all, what would you say is the biggest problem facing people in the Houston area today? Open-ended: Coded into eighteen categories. (03-17)

Harris County (N=807)	
Traffic	26%
Intergroup relations	4%
Economy	14%
Crime	15%
Public health	2%
Schools/children	2%
Social issues	2%
Taxes/Government/Pollution	5%
Flooding	13%
Other concerns	1%
Refusal/Don't know	15%

JOBOPPS How would you rate job opportunities, in terms of living in the Houston area? Would you say: excellent, good, fair, or poor? (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)	
Poor	7%
Fair	25%
Good	45%
Excellent	22%
Refusal/Don't know	2%

PAST3YRS During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, getting worse, or has it stayed about the same? (82-89, 91-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Getting worse	16%
About the same	49%
Getting better	35%

NEXT3YRS What about 3 or 4 years down the road? Do you think you'll be better off, worse off, or about the same as today? (82-89, 91-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Worse off	11%
About the same	31%
Better off	57%
Refusal/Don't know	1%

HOCHANGE If R has lived in the Houston area for three or more years (HOWLONG2): When thinking about the quality of living conditions in the Houston area over the past 3 or 4 years, do you think conditions have been getting better, getting worse, or have they stayed about the same? (83-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Getting worse	17%
About the same	43%
Getting better	40%
Refusal/Don't know	0%

HOUSTON How would you rate the Houston area in general as a place to live? Would you say: excellent, good, fair, or poor? (83, 86-89, 96, 01, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

Poor	3%
Fair	20%
Good	52%
Excellent	25%
Refusal/Don't know	0%

OUTLOOK When you look ahead to the next few years, do you tend to believe that the country is headed for better times or more difficult times? (88-17)

Harris County (N=807)

More difficult times	57%
Better times	41%
Refusal/Don't know	3%

INEQUALITY AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

UNFAIR4 [Strongly agree/slightly agree/slightly disagree/strongly disagree:] People who work hard and live by the rules are not getting a fair break these days. (82-89, 91, 92, 94, 96, 98, 00, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

Strongly disagree	16%
Slightly disagree	20%
Slightly agree	27%
Strongly agree	35%
Refusal/Don't know	3%

NEEDCOLL For a person to be successful in today's world, is it necessary to get an education beyond high school, or are there many ways to succeed with no more than a high school diploma? (13-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Education beyond HS is necessary	50%
Can succeed with no more than HS diploma	48%
Refusal/Don't know	3%

BEYONDHS In order to get a job that pays more than \$35,000 a year, you need to have at least one or two years of education beyond high school.

Harris County (N=807)

Strongly disagree	26%
Slightly disagree	19%
Slightly agree	18%
Strongly agree	36%
Refusal/Don't know	0%

PRESCHL4 [Strongly favor/slightly favor/slightly oppose/strongly oppose:] What about increasing local taxes in order to provide universal preschool education for all children in Houston?

Harris County (N=807)

Strongly oppose	17%
Slightly oppose	13%
Slightly favor	27%
Strongly favor	40%
Refusal/Don't know	3%

SCHLNEED Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion about the public schools in the general Houston area? [Rotate]: “The schools have enough money, if it were used wisely, to provide a quality education.” /or: “In order for the schools to provide a quality education, significantly more money will be needed.” (93, 95, 97, 99, 01, 03, 05, 07, 09)

Harris County (N=807)

Need more money	55%
Have enough money	40%
Refusal/Don't know	5%

GAPGROWS How serious a problem would it be for the country if the gap between rich and poor gets significantly bigger than it is today? Would you say: very serious, somewhat serious, or not much of a problem? (00, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

Not much of a problem	19%
Somewhat serious	27%
Very serious	53%
Refusal/Don't know	2%

LESSDIFF14 [Strongly agree/slightly agree/slightly disagree/strongly disagree:] The government should take action to reduce income differences between rich and poor in America. (82, 88, 90, 92, 96, 99, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

Strongly disagree	21%
Slightly disagree	12%
Slightly agree	23%
Strongly agree	42%
Refusal/Don't know	2%

GOVJOBS4 [Strongly agree/slightly agree/slightly disagree/strongly disagree:] The government should see to it that everyone who wants to work can find a job. (89, 95, 97, 01, 03, 09, 11, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

Strongly disagree	12%
Slightly disagree	12%
Slightly agree	19%
Strongly agree	56%
Refusal/Don't know	1%

WELFARE3 In your view, are most people who receive welfare payments really in need of help, or are they taking advantage of the system? (95, 98, 00, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

Really in need of help	47%
Taking advantage of the system	36%
Refusal/Don't know	16%

POVERTY As a national program, do you think we're now spending too little, too much, or about the right amount of money on improving the conditions of the poor? (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Too little	55%
About the right amount	29%
Too much	10%
Refusal/Don't know	7%

MEDINSUR4 [Strongly favor/slightly favor/slightly oppose/strongly oppose:] What about federal health insurance to cover the medical costs of all Americans? (95, 97, 01, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

Strongly oppose	16%
Slightly oppose	9%
Slightly favor	19%
Strongly favor	54%
Refusal/Don't know	3%

INTERETHNIC RELATIONS.

We'd like to get your feelings about different groups in the Houston area, by using a 10-point scale, with "10" being the most favorable feelings and "1" being least favorable.

[DO NOT SCRAMBLE:]

RATEGAYS Where on this 10-point scale would you put gays and lesbians? (08, 10, 12, 14, 16)
 RATEISLM What about Muslims or followers of Islam? (08, 10, 12, 14, 16)
 RATEIMMS What about undocumented immigrants? (08, 10, 14, 16)
 RATETRANS What about transgender people?

Harris County (N=807)

	RATEGAYS	RATEISLM	RATEIMMS	RATETRANS
RF/DK	6%	7%	3%	5%
1 (Most Unfavorable)	10%	7%	13%	15%
2	3%	4%	4%	6%
3	2%	4%	5%	6%
4	3%	3%	5%	5%
5	21%	21%	17%	20%
6	5%	6%	7%	4%
7	9%	9%	10%	6%
8	12%	10%	10%	10%
9	4%	5%	7%	3%
10 (Most Favorable)	25%	24%	20%	21%

ETHRELS How would you rate the relations among racial or ethnic groups in the Houston area? Would you say: excellent, good, fair, or poor? (92-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	3%
Poor	13%
Fair	35%
Good	41%
Excellent	9%

ETHDATE If R is Anglo, black, Hispanic, or Asian (ETHGROUP): Have you ever been in a romantic relationship with someone who was not [R's ethnicity]? (07, 11, 14, 16)

Harris

	County (N=769)	Anglos (N=308)	Blacks (N=200)	Hispanics (N=211)	Asians (N=50)
RF/DK	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%
No	53%	42%	53%	60%	71%
Yes	46%	56%	47%	39%	26%

EQUALITY4 [Strongly agree/slightly agree/slightly disagree/strongly disagree:] Blacks and other minorities have the same opportunities as whites in the U.S. today. (90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 00, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
Strongly disagree	24%
Slightly disagree	19%
Slightly agree	19%
Strongly agree	36%

MYETHDIS How often, in general, are [R's ethnicity] discriminated against in the Houston area? Would you say: very often, fairly often, rarely, or never? (97, 99-04, 07, 11, 14, 17)

Harris

	County (N=769)	Anglos (N=308)	Blacks (N=200)	Hispanics (N=211)	Asians (N=50)
RF/DK	4%	3%	9%	1%	5%
Never	9%	20%	1%	4%	3%
Rarely	24%	39%	6%	20%	21%
Sometimes	41%	33%	39%	45%	69%
Very often	23%	4%	46%	31%	3%

SELFDISC How often have you personally felt discriminated against in Houston because of your ethnicity? Would you say: very often, sometimes, rarely, or never? (93-97, 99, 01-04, 06, 07, 09, 11, 14-17)

Harris County	Anglos (N=308)	Blacks (N=200)	Hispanics (N=211)	Asians (N=50)
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(N=807)

RF/DK	1%	0%	4%	0%	
Never	31%	48%	20%	24%	18%
Rarely	30%	31%	18%	33%	37%
Sometimes	25%	17%	41%	22%	45%
Very often	13%	4%	17%	20%	1%

LEGALIZE4 [Strongly favor/slightly favor/slightly oppose/strongly oppose:] What about granting illegal immigrants in the U.S. a path to legal citizenship, if they speak English and have no criminal record? (07-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
Strongly oppose	10%
Slightly oppose	6%
Slightly favor	22%
Strongly favor	60%

ETHSOK Do you think that the increasing ethnic diversity in the Houston area will eventually become [ROTATE]: a source of great strength for the region / or: a growing problem for the region? (96, 98, 00, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	8%
A source of great strength	66%
A growing problem	26%

IMMIGBAD Do immigrants to the U.S. generally [ROTATE:] (do they) take more from the American economy than they contribute / or: (do they) contribute more than they take? (94, 96, 98, 00, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	11%
Take more	26%
Contribute more	63%

REFUGEES [Strongly agree/slightly agree/slightly disagree/strongly disagree:] Refugees who are in danger in their home countries because of their beliefs or their ethnicity should always be welcome in Houston. (16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
Strongly disagree	12%
Slightly disagree	11%
Slightly agree	30%
Strongly agree	45%

CRIME, HEALTH, SOCIAL CAPITAL.

CRIMFEAR How worried are you personally that you or a member of your family will become the victim of a crime? Would you say you are: very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried, or not worried at all? (95, 97, 99, 01, 03, 05-16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
Not worried at all	12%
Not very worried	23%
Somewhat worried	38%
Very worried	25%

GOODCOPS [Strongly agree/slightly agree/slightly disagree/strongly disagree:] If I needed assistance from the police, I would feel comfortable calling them for help. (17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
Strongly disagree	8%
Slightly disagree	3%
Slightly agree	23%
Strongly agree	66%

WHICHPEN In general, what do you think the penalty should be for persons convicted of first-degree murder: the death penalty, life imprisonment with no chance for parole, or life imprisonment with a chance for parole after 25 years? (00, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	7%
The death penalty	27%
Life w/o parole	38%
Life w/ parole after 25 years	29%

OWNSTATE In general, would you say that your overall state of health these days is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor? (01-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
Poor	5%
Fair	19%
Good	31%
Very good	30%
Excellent	15%

STRAYS Thinking about where you live, are stray dogs or cats a problem in your neighborhood?
Would you say that they're a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
Not a problem	38%
Not very serious	36%
Somewhat serious	17%
Very serious	8%

CHARITY3 During the past twelve months, did you personally contribute any of your time to a volunteer activity? (98-13, 15-17)

Harris County (N=807)

No	47%
Yes	53%

TRUSTGEN Generally speaking, would you say [ROTATE:] that most people can be trusted / or: that you can't be too careful in dealing with people? (14-16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	3%
Most people can be trusted	39%
Can't be too careful dealing with people	58%

URBAN VISIONS.

COUNTY First of all, what is the name of the county where you live? (12-17)

Harris County	807	54%
Fort Bend County	350	23%
Montgomery County	350	23%

ZIPCODE What is the ZIP code of your current residence? Open ended. (82-17)

[LIVEZIPS] Constructed variable, based on ZIPCODE, establishing that R lives in one of four locations: (1) inside Loop 610; (2) outside the Loop but within the Houston city limits; (3) in the suburbs of Harris County, beyond the city limits; and (4) in either Fort Bend or Montgomery counties. (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Inside Loop 610	14%
outside the Loop but within the Houston city limits	30%
in the suburbs of Harris County, beyond the city limits	56%

WHERELIV1 What kind of area do you live in? Would you say that you live primarily in an urban area or in a suburban or more rural area?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	5%
Urban	40%
Suburban or rural	55%

MOVESUBS1 If R lives in an urban area (WHERELIV1): How interested would you be in someday moving to a suburban or more rural area? Would you say: very interested, somewhat interested, or not interested?

Harris County (N=331)

RF/DK	1%
Not interested	51%
Somewhat	28%
Very interested	20%

MOVECITY1 If R lives in a suburban or rural area (WHERELIV1): How interested would you be in some-day moving to a more urban area? Would you say: very interested, somewhat interested, or not interested?

Harris County (N=442)

RF/DK	1%
Not interested	51%
Somewhat	27%
Very interested	21%

LANDUSE2 Which of these statements comes closer to your own view? — We need better land-use planning to guide development in the Houston area / or: People and businesses should be free to build wherever they want. (05, 07, 10, 12, 14, 17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	4%
Better land-use planning	70%
Free to build wherever	25%

LIVEPREF If you could choose where to live in the Houston area, which would you prefer – [ROTATE:] A single-family home with a big yard, where you would need to drive almost everywhere you want to go / or: A smaller home in a more urbanized area, within walking distance_of shops and workplaces? (08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	3%
Single family home	51%
Urbanized area	46%

MOBILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ATTITUDES.

MASSTRAN How important is the development of a much-improved mass transit system for the future success of the Houston area? Would you say it is: very important, somewhat important, or not important? (91, 93, 00, 02, 03, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
Not important	8%
Somewhat	32%
Very important	59%

RIDETRAN During the past year, how often, if at all, did you ride on Houston’s mass transit, such as bus or light rail? Would you say: at least once a week, once a month, less often than that, or not at all in the past year? (10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
Not at all	64%
Less often	15%
Once a month	11%
At least once a week	10%

STRATEG4 Which of these would be better for the Houston area? [ROTATE:] Spending more taxpayer money to improve rail and buses / or: Spending more taxpayer money to expand existing highways? (07, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	5%
Improve rail & buses	43%
Expand existing highways	52%

BADAIR How would you rate the control of air pollution, in terms of living in the Houston area? Would you say: excellent, good, fair, or poor? (02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
Poor	24%
Fair	37%
Good	31%
Excellent	7%

ENVMT As a national program, do you think we're now spending too little, too much, or about the right amount of money on improving and protecting the environment? (82-12, 15-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	5%
Too little	45%
About the right amount	43%
Too much	8%

WARMING How serious a problem would you say is the threat of climate change or global warming? Would you say: very serious, somewhat serious, or not very serious? (06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
Not very serious	22%
Somewhat	25%
Very serious	52%

WHYWARM What do you believe is the primary cause of climate change or global warming? Is it [RO-TATE:] mainly caused by human activities / or: mainly caused by normal climate cycles? (07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	9%
Human activities	64%
Normal climate cycles	27%

GENDER ROLES AND “FAMILY VALUES.”

ONDEMAND4 [Strongly agree/slightly agree/slightly disagree/strongly disagree:] It should be legal for a woman to obtain an abortion if she wants to have one for any reason. (88, 90, 93, 96, 98, 00, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	4%
Strongly disagree	25%
Slightly disagree	15%
Slightly agree	17%
Strongly agree	39%

GAYADOPT4 [Strongly favor/slightly favor/slightly oppose/strongly oppose:] What about homosexuals being legally permitted to adopt children? (91, 96, 98, 00, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 16)

	Harris County (N=807)
RF/DK	7%
Strongly disagree	27%
Slightly disagree	14%
Slightly agree	19%
Strongly agree	33%

THE HARVEY MODULE.

Personal impact scale: *The responses are unweighted.*

Here are some questions about Hurricane Harvey:

HOMEHURT1 Was your home, or the place where you were living, damaged at all as a result of the hurricane?

	Harris County (N=807)	Fort Bend County (N=350)	Montgomery County (N=350)
RF/DK	2	2	0
No	550	245	290
Yes	255	103	60

[IF "YES," ASK:]

HURTSIZE 1 Was that minor damage that could be repaired within a month, major damage requiring more than a month to repair, or was your home destroyed?

	Harris County (N=255)	Fort Bend County (N=103)	Montgomery County (N=60)
RF/DK	1	2	0
Minor damage	154	71	42
Major damage	87	31	14
Home destroyed	13	1	4

STILLAWAY Have you returned to the same home where you were living before the hurricane, or are you living somewhere different?

	Harris County (N=807)	Fort Bend County (N=350)	Montgomery County (N=350)
RF/DK	1	0	0
Returned home	217	90	53
Living somewhere different	37	13	7

HOMEHURT2 [ASK EVERYONE:]

Now, thinking about others you know well who are not in your household, such as family members, friends, or neighbors. Were any of their homes damaged at all by the hurricane?

	Harris County (N=807)	Fort Bend County (N=350)	Montgomery County (N=350)
RF/DK	10	1	0
No	204	76	96
Yes	593	273	254

[IF "YES," ASK:]

HURTSIZE2 Thinking about the worst case: Was that minor (damage that could be repaired within a month), major damage (requiring more than a month to repair), or was their home destroyed?

	Harris County (N=593)	Fort Bend County (N=273)	Montgomery County (N=254)
RF/DK	7	2	5
Minor damage	98	44	37
Major damage	333	173	141
Home destroyed	155	54	71

[ASK EVERYONE:]

CARHURT Did you or anyone you know well have a personal vehicle that was damaged?

	Harris County (N=807)	Fort Bend County (N=350)	Montgomery County (N=350)
RF/DK	7	1	4
No	305	150	171
Yes	495	199	175

CARHURT1 [IF YES:] Did that vehicle belong to you or someone in your household?

	Harris County (N=495)	Fort Bend County (N=199)	Montgomery County (N=175)
RF/DK	2	0	3
No	363	161	143
Yes	130	38	29

CARHURT2 Did that (also) happen to someone you know well but who is not in your household, such as a family member, friend or neighbor?

	Harris County (N=495)	Fort Bend County (N=199)	Montgomery County (N=175)
RF/DK	0	1	0
No	35	14	9
Yes	460	184	166

BODYHURT Did you or anyone you know well experience any health conditions that are new

or have gotten worse as a result of the hurricane?

	Harris County (N=807)	Fort Bend County (N=350)	Montgomery County (N=350)
RF/DK	13	1	6
No	640	294	283
Yes	154	55	61

BODYHURT1 [IF YES:] Did that happen to you or someone in your household?

	Harris County (N=154)	Fort Bend County (N=55)	Montgomery County (N=61)
No	85	37	39
Yes	69	18	22

BODYHURT2 Did that (also) happen to someone you know well but who is not in your household, such as a family member, friend or neighbor?

	Harris County (N=154)	Fort Bend County (N=55)	Montgomery County (N=61)
No	22	7	6
Yes	132	48	55

ECONHURT Did you or anyone you know well experience any loss of income as a result of the hurricane?

	Harris County (N=807)	Fort Bend County (N=350)	Montgomery County (N=350)
RF/DK	13	4	1
No	352	207	170
Yes	442	139	179

ECONHURT1 [IF YES:] Did that happen to you or someone in your household?

	Harris County (N=442)	Fort Bend County (N=139)	Montgomery County (N=179)
RF/DK	1	1	0
No	211	73	106
Yes	230	65	73

ECONHURT2 Did that (also) happen to someone you know well but who is not in your household, such as a family member, friend or neighbor?

	Harris County (N=442)	Fort Bend County (N=139)	Montgomery County (N=179)
RF/DK	2	0	0
No	31	12	11
Yes	409	127	168

[ASK EVERYONE:]

PASTFLOOD During the past five years before Hurricane Harvey had your home ever flooded?

	Harris County (N=807)	Fort Bend County (N=350)	Montgomery County (N=350)
RF/DK	1	2	3
No	738	335	333
Yes	68	13	14

REPEATFLD [IF YES:] How many times (was your home flooded during the five years before Hurricane Harvey?

	Harris County (N=68)	Fort Bend County (N=13)	Montgomery County (N=14)
Not at all in the past five years	5	0	3
Once only	41	10	10
Twice	17	1	1
Three or more times	5	2	0

(CALLAGAIN [IF HOMEHURT1 = 1, or HOMEHURT2 = 1, or CARHURT = 1, or BODYHURT = 1, or ECONHURT = 1, ASK:]

May we contact you in a few weeks to ask if you'd be interested in participating in a follow-up study? We will compensate you for your time.)

Support for more stringent public policies: *The responses are weighted for Harris County only.*

For each of the following public policies, please tell me if you would strongly favor, slightly favor, slightly oppose, or strongly oppose a policy of that sort:

HELPFIRMS What about using public money to protect the industries along the Houston Ship Channel from hurricane surge flooding?

	Harris County (N=807)
RF/DK	4%
Strongly oppose	11%
Slightly oppose	12%
Slightly favor	44%
Strongly favor	28%

BUYOUTS What about increasing local taxes to enable government agencies to buy out more of the homes that have repeatedly flooded?

	Harris County (N=807)
RF/DK	2%
Strongly oppose	22%
Slightly oppose	21%
Slightly favor	30%
Strongly favor	25%

GIVEINFO What about requiring all sellers of homes to notify potential buyers or renters if the property they are considering has flooded in recent years?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
Strongly oppose	4%
Slightly oppose	3%
Slightly favor	14%
Strongly favor	77%

NOBUILD What about prohibiting any additional construction in areas that have repeatedly flooded?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
Strongly oppose	11%
Slightly oppose	15%
Slightly favor	15%
Strongly favor	56%

Other relevant beliefs: *The responses are weighted for Harris County only.*

As I read each of these statements, please tell me whether you strongly agree, slightly agree, slightly disagree, or strongly disagree:

REGSGOOD If local government had imposed more stringent regulations on development, this would have significantly reduced the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
Strongly disagree	13%
Slightly disagree	19%
Slightly agree	26%
Strongly agree	41%

BADSTORMS It is almost certain that the Houston region will experience more severe storms during the next ten years compared to the past ten years.

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	7%
Strongly disagree	7%
Slightly disagree	11%
Slightly agree	33%
Strongly agree	43%

FLOODING How would you rate local government’s efforts to protect Houston homes from flooding?
Would you say: excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	3%
Poor	35%
Fair	37%
Good	19%
Excellent	6%

FLOODINSR Do you currently have any flood insurance?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
No	68%
Yes	30%

CO2STORMS Do you think climate change (or global warming) has been causing Houston storms to be more severe, less severe, or has it had no impact?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	6%
Less severe	7%
No impact	27%
More severe	61%

GOVREADY How confident are you that local government will take the necessary steps to be better prepared for natural disasters in the future? Would you say: very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
Not confident at all	15%
Not very confident	24%
Somewhat confident	41%
Very confident	20%

LEAKFEAR How concerned are you about environmental contaminants that may have washed into your neighborhood as a result of Hurricane Harvey? Would you say that you are: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

Harris County (N=807)	
RF/DK	1%
Not at all concerned	16%
Not very concerned	21%
Somewhat concerned	29%
Very concerned	34%

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

RELIG1 What is your religious preference, if any? (Is it Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?) Open-ended: six categories. (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)	
RF/DK	2%
Protestant	45%
Catholic	29%
Jewish	1%
Other	4%
No religion	19%

DENOM5 If "Protestant" (RELIG1): What specific denomination is that, if any? Open-ended: nine categories. (89-17)

Harris County (N=422)	
RF/DK	2%
Baptist	35%
Church of Christ	4%
Assembly of God	9%
Christian, non-denominational	19%
Lutheran	1%
Methodist	10%
Presbyterian, Episcopalian	5%
Other denomination	5%
None	9%

RELIMP How important would you say religion is in your life? Would you say: very important, somewhat important, or not very important? (83-17)

Harris County (N=807)	
RF/DK	0%
Not very important	15%
Somewhat important	24%
Very important	61%

BIBLE Which one of these three statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible? — The Bible is the actual word of God, and it should be taken literally, word for word; /

The Bible is the inspired word of God, but it was written by men and contains some human errors; / or: The Bible is an ancient book of history and legends; God had nothing to do with it. (83-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	6%
Actual word of God	38%
Inspired word of God	43%
Ancient book of history	13%

[NEWRELIG] Computed variable, combining BIBLE and RELIMP into three categories of religiosity: Fundamentalists, Religious Progressives, and Secularists. (83-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	11%
Fundamentalist	33%
Religion progressives	27%
Secularists	29%

CHURCH1 In the past thirty days, did you attend any religious services, other than a wedding or funeral? (82, 86, 90, 91, 96-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
No	48%
Yes	52%

PARTY Would you call yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	8%
Republican	22%
Independent	24%
Democrat	30%
Other	17%

LEANING If R does not name either major party (PARTY): Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party? (84-17)

Harris County (N=343)

RF/DK	14%
Neither	27%
Republican	25%
Both equally	3%
Democrat	31%

[TRUPARTY3] Computed variable, combining PARTY and LEANING into three categories: Declared or closer to the Republican Party, or to the Democratic Party, or to neither party. (84-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	7%
Republican	34%
Independent	15%
Democrat	45%

POLITIC7 Do you think of yourself as conservative, moderate, or liberal in your politics? [If “conservative” or “liberal”:] Do you consider yourself to be very (conservative/liberal) or only somewhat (conservative/liberal)? [If “moderate”:] Do you think of yourself as more like a conservative or more like a liberal? (01-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	10%
Very conservative	15%
Somewhat conservative	18%
More like a conservative	11%
Neither	11%
More like a liberal	11%
Somewhat liberal	17%
Very liberal	7%

CANVOTE If R is a U.S. citizen or born in the U.S.: Right now, are you registered so you can vote in national and local elections if you want to?

Harris County (N=737)

RF/DK	0%
No	10%
Yes	90%

WILLVOTE2 If R is registered to vote: How likely do you think it is that you will vote in the Congressional elections this November? Would you say that it’s virtually certain that you will vote in that election, very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely?

Harris County (N=675)

RF/DK	1%
Not very likely	6%
Somewhat likely	15%
Very likely	30%
Virtually certain	48%

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES.

AGE How old were you on your last birthday? (82-17)

AGE2 If R refused (AGE): Would you say you are: 18 to 29, 30 to 49, 50 to 64, or 65 or older? (14-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF	1%
18 to 29	24%
30 to 49	37%
50 to 64	24%
65+	15%

GENDER Gender of the respondent, recorded by the interviewer. (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Male	50%
Female	50%

ETHGROUP Are you Anglo, black, Hispanic, Asian, or of some other (specify) ethnic background? [IF R SAYS, "OTHER" OR "MORE THAN ONE," ASK: Which ethnic group do you generally identify with?] (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	3%
Anglo	34%
Black	19%
Hispanic	36%
Asian	7%
Other	1%
Mixed	0%

HOWLONG2 How many years have you lived in the Houston area? Open-ended. (87-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
0-10 years	15%
11-20 years	26%
21-30 years	20%
31-40 years	17%
41+ years	21%

SELFBORN Were you born in the United States? (94, 95, 97-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
No	30%
Yes	70%

YRSINUS If “no” (SELFBORN): How many years have you lived in the U.S.? Open-ended. (94, 95, 97-17)

Harris County (N=179)

RF/DK	0%
0-9 years	20%
10-19 years	27%
20+ years	53%

SELFHOME If “no” (SELFBORN): What is your country of origin? Open-ended. (02, 07, 09, 11, 14, 16)

Harris County (N=179)

RF/DK	3%
In the Houston area	0%
Elsewhere in Texas	0%
Elsewhere in the US or Canada	2%
Mexico	47%
Elsewhere in Central America	25%
South America	3%
Europe	3%
Asia, Middle East	14%
Africa	4%
Australia; Pacific Islands	0%

PARSBORN [Ask everyone:] Were both of your parents born in the United States? (94, 95, 97-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	3%
No, neither	39%
Only one	5%
Yes, both	52%

MOMSHOME If a parent was not born in the U.S. (PARSBORN): Where did your mother’s family come from? Open ended. [Coded for U.S. state, Mexican state, other countries.] (94, 95, 97-17)

Harris County (N=267)

RF/DK	4%
In the Houston area	1%
Elsewhere in Texas	4%
Elsewhere in the US or Canada	3%
Mexico	44%
Elsewhere in Central America	17%
South America	2%
Europe	10%
Asia, Middle East	11%

Africa	3%
Australia; Pacific Islands	1%

POPSHOME If a parent was not born in the U.S. (PARSBORN): Where did your father’s family come from? Open ended. [Coded for U.S. state, Mexican state, other countries.] (94, 95, 97-17)

Harris County (N=267)

RF/DK	7%
In the Houston area	2%
Elsewhere in Texas	1%
Elsewhere in the US or Canada	3%
Mexico	46%
Elsewhere in Central America	18%
South America	2%
Europe	8%
Asia, Middle East	11%
Africa	4%
Australia; Pacific Islands	0%

CITIZEN If “no” (SELFBORN): Are you an American citizen? (95, 97-17)

Harris County (N=179)

RF/DK	1%
No	52%
Yes	47%

FTRCITIZ If “no” (CITIZEN): Do you think you will become an American citizen sometime within the next ten years? Would you say: definitely yes, probably yes, probably not, or definitely not? (95, 97-17)

Harris County (N=69)

Definite not	1%
Probably not	7%
Probably yes	61%
Definitely yes	30%

SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS.

EDUC What is the highest grade of school or year of college that you’ve completed? Open-ended: Coded into nine categories. (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	2%
9 th grade or less	10%
10 th or 11 th grade	6%

12 th grade, high school diploma, GED	24%
1 year or less of college	9%
2 or 3 years of college, associate degree	20%
4 years of college, bachelor's degree	19%
Some post-graduate work	1%
Master's degree	6%
Professional degree	4%

WORKING Are you working full-time, part-time, going to school, managing the house, or something else? Coded into eight categories. (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	3%
Working full time	47%
Working part time	9%
Laid off, unemployed	1%
Managing the house (not working)	12%
In school and working	3%
In school full time	8%
In school part time	0%
Retired, disabled	16%

SELFINC8 If R is working full- or part-time (WORKING): Which of the following income categories includes the total salary that you personally earned from all jobs during 2017? Please stop me when I reach the correct category. (Coded into eight categories (from “less than \$12,500” to “more than \$100,000”). (03-17)

Harris County (N=404)

Don't know	1%
Refusal	4%
Less than \$12,500	7%
\$12,500 to \$25,000	18%
\$25,000 to \$37,500	11%
\$37,500 to \$50,000	13%
\$50,000 to \$62,500	10%
\$62,500 to \$75,000	8%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	13%
\$100,000 or more	16%

Harris County (N=369)
without DK/RF

Less than \$12,500	8%
\$12,500 to \$25,000	18%

\$25,000 to \$37,500	12%
\$37,500 to \$50,000	14%
\$50,000 to \$62,500	10%
\$62,500 to \$75,000	8%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	14%
\$100,000 or more	16%

WHERWORK3 If R is working full- or part-time (WORKING): Where in the Houston area is your workplace located? [PROBE FOR CLARITY – If working from home: Is that 3 days a week or more, or 2 days a week or less?] Open-ended: (coded into seven categories: at home, telecommuting; inside Loop 610; elsewhere in Harris County; in Fort Bend County; in Montgomery County; elsewhere in the greater Houston area; outside the greater Houston area). (15-17)

	Harris County (N=404)
RF/DK	7%
At home, telecommuting	6%
In the center city (inside Loop 610)	19%
Elsewhere in Harris County, outside Loop 610	45%
In Fort Bend County	2%
In Montgomery County	3%
Elsewhere in Houston area, not Harris County	4%
Outside the greater Houston metro area	14%

SPOUWORK If R is married or in a domestic partnership (MARRIAGE): Is your spouse (domestic partner) working full-time, part-time, going to school, managing the house, or something else? Coded into eight categories. (82-17)

	Harris County (N=411)
RF/DK	5%
Working full time	49%
Working part time	8%
Laid off, unemployed	1%
Managing the house (not working)	24%
In school and working	0%
In school full time	0%
In school part time	0%
Retired, disabled	12%

OWNRENT2 Do you own or rent the place where you live? Or are you living with someone and not paying rent?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
Own	59%
Rent	29%
Living with someone & not paying rent	11%

HOSTRAIN At any time in the past year, did you have a problem paying for housing? Has that been a very serious problem for you, somewhat serious, not much of a problem, or not a problem during the past year?

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
Not a problem	64%
Not much of a problem	20%
Somewhat serious	10%
Very serious	5%

INCOME9 Please stop me when I reach the category that includes your total household income in 2017; that is, the income for all members of the household during the past year. Coded into nine categories (from “less than \$12,500” to “more than \$150,000”). (08-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Don't know	2%
Refusal	6%
Less than \$12,500	6%
\$12,500 to \$25,000	13%
\$25,000 to \$37,500	10%
\$37,500 to \$50,000	10%
\$50,000 to \$62,500	7%
\$62,500 to \$75,000	8%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	15%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	9%
\$150,000 or more	13%

Harris County (N=700)
without DK/RF

Less than \$12,500	7%
\$12,500 to \$25,000	14%
\$25,000 to \$37,500	11%
\$37,500 to \$50,000	11%
\$50,000 to \$62,500	8%
\$62,500 to \$75,000	9%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	16%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	10%
\$150,000 or more	14%

HAVINSUR2 Do you currently have any health insurance? (13-17)

	Harris County (N=807)
DK/RF	0%
No	21%
Yes	79%

FAMILY STRUCTURES.

FAMSIZE Counting yourself, how many people in all live in your household? (88-17)

	Harris County (N=807)
Refusal	1%
1	11%
2	26%
3	19%
4	19%
5	13%
6	5%
7	4%
8 or more	2%

ADULTHOM And how many of those are adults aged 18 or older? (13-17)

	Harris County (N=659)
RF	0%
1	5%
2	52%
3	22%
4	12%
5	5%
6	3%
7	0%
8 or more	1%

MARRIAGE Are you married, in a domestic partnership, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married? (82-17)

	Harris County (N=807)
RF/DK	0%
Married	47%
Domestic partnership	2%
Separated	5%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	29%

[ANYCHILD] Do you have any children? (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	0%
No	33%
Yes	67%

NCHLDN If “yes” (ANYCHILD): How many children do you have? (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
No children	33%
1	13%
2	20%
3	16%
4	9%
5	4%
6	2%
7	0%
8 or more	1%

Harris County (N=594)

RF/DK	1%
1	20%
2	30%
3	25%
4	14%
5	6%
6	3%
7	0%
8 or more	2%

CHLDHOME If “one or more” (NCHLDN): How many of them are living at home? (82-17)

Harris County (N=807)

RF/DK	1%
No child at home	67%
1	14%
2	10%
3	5%
4	1%
5	1%
8 or more	0%

CHLDHOME if NCHLDN

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RF/DK	2%
No child at home	50%
1	21%
2	16%
3	8%
4	1%
5	2%
8 or more	0%

UNDER18 If 1-8 (CHLDHOME): How many of the children in your household are under the age of 18? (15-17)

Harris County (N=185)

RF/DK	1%
0	6%
1	42%
2	29%
3	16%
4	2%
5	4%
8 or more	0%

YNGCHLDN2 If 1-8 (CHLDHOME): And how many are under the age of six? (82-17)

Harris County (N=158)

RF/DK	3%
0	42%
1	40%
2	12%
3	3%
8 or more	0%

SURVEY CHARACTERISTICS. *The responses are unweighted.*

LINGO1 The language of the interview: English or Spanish. (87-17)

Harris County (N=807)

English	720 (89%)
Spanish	87 (11%)

INTGEN The gender of the interviewer. (03-17)

Harris County (N=807)

Male	338 (42%)
Female	469 (58%)

DATE The date of the interview. (03-17)

DURATION The length (in minutes) of the interview. (03-17)

YEAR The year when the survey was conducted.