

Quality of Life Historical Data

NSA 141 Hampshire Hills

Quality of Life Index		2002	2004	2006	2008	Difference	2008 City-Wide
Rating		Stable	Transitioning	Transitioning	Transitioning	Between 2002-2008	
Profile Variables	Population	7,315	7,211	6,278	6,055	(1,260)	686,291
	Youth Population	1,988	1,971	1,587	1,490	(498)	174,650
	Number of Housing Units	2,564	2,569	2,513	2,504	(60)	295,624
	Area (Acres)	1,662	1,663	1,663	1,663	1	183,674
	Median Household Income	\$58,661	\$45,175	\$43,258	\$40,389	(\$18,272)	\$47,670
	Average House Value	\$89,636	\$92,454	\$91,997	\$85,318	(\$4,318)	\$207,627
Analysis Variables	Social Dimension						
	% of Persons over Age 64	7.6%	7.7%	8.9%	9.4%	1.7%	8.7%
	Average Kindergarten Score	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	(0.1)	2.8
	Dropout Rate	6.4%	5.8%	4.5%	5.6%	(0.8%)	5.1%
	% of Children Passing Competency Exams	80.5%	58.8%	69.0%	41.7%	(38.8%)	55.2%
	% of Births to Adolescents	16.3%	9.7%	12.2%	13.9%	(2.4%)	6.6%
	Crime Dimension						
	Violent Crime Rate	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.7	0.4	1.0
	Juvenile Crime Rate	0.6	1.0	2.1	1.5	0.9	1.0
	Property Crime Rate	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.7	0.5	1.0
	Physical Dimension						
	% Substandard Housing	0.0%	2.2%	0.5%	0.9%	0.9%	0.7%
	% Homeowners	57.7%	56.4%	57.0%	55.6%	(2.1%)	55.4%
	Projected Infrastructure Improvement Costs	\$1,928,481	\$2,000,000	\$2,798,663	\$3,920,000	\$1,991,519	
	% of Persons with Access to Public Transportation	74.7%	79.0%	76.4%	89.9%	15.2%	55.6%
	% Persons with Access to Basic Retail	25.0%	16.0%	16.2%	16.1%	(8.9%)	19.0%
	Pedestrian Friendliness Index	Low	Low	Low	Low	No Change	Low
	Economic Dimension						
	% of Persons Receiving Food Stamps	7.0%	11.9%	15.2%	18.8%	11.8%	8.9%
	% Change in Income	72.5%	3.0%	1.1%	(0.2%)	(72.7%)	1.2%
% Change in Housing Value		3.7%	2.5%	(2.0%)		4.7%	