

Community COMPASS Greater New Haven Region Community Leaders Survey Report Spring 2003







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OVERVIEW:

- A TOTAL OF **242 INTERVIEWS** WERE CONDUCTED OVER A TWO-MONTH PERIOD IN MARCH/APRIL OF 2003. (MARGIN OF ERROR AT 95% CONFIDENCE= + OR 6.3%).
- THE SURVEYS TOOK AN **AVERAGE OF ROUGHLY 15-20 MINUTES EACH TO COMPLETE**.
- THE **PRIMARY OBJECTIVES** WERE: 1) MEASURE LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE & SATISFACTION IN ISSUES/AREAS RELATING TO SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, HEALTH CONCERNS, 2) CONTRAST CURRENT SURVEY READINGS IN NEW HAVEN WITH NATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS, WHERE POSSIBLE, 3) ASCERTAIN WHERE SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE "MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE MARKETPLACE, AND WHERE THEY ARE NOT". 4) DEVELOP REGIONAL PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS.
- SURVEY RESULTS TO HELP NEW HAVEN AREA SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES DOCUMENT FUTURE IMPROVEMENT IN KEY SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HEALTH INDICATORS.

RESEARCH RESULTS

• KEY POINT: SURVEY RESULTS
CAN EASILY BE MISCONSTRUED
OR MISREPRESENTED WHEN
INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS ARE
LOOKED AT IN ISOLATION.
RESULTS MUST BE LOOKED AT IN
CONTEXT OF THE ENTIRE STUDY.

LIKERT MEAN SCORES

- BOTTOM LINE: MARKET RESEARCHERS UTILIZE LIKERT MEANS IN RELATION TO ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO DISCERN GREATER OR LESSER AREAS OF SATISFACTION OR IMPORTANCE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL ISSUES AT HAND.
- "LIKERT SCALES" WERE USED IN THIS STUDY TO DISCERN THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF SATISFACTION AND IMPORTANCE AND HELP QUANTIFY "AREAS OF GRAY" AND "PRIORITIZE THE ISSUES AND AREAS OF SATISFACTION". (FOR EXAMPLE, 1="HIGHLY DISSATISFIED", 2="SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED", 3="SOMEWHAT SATISFIED", AND 4="HIGHLY SATISFIED").
- AN AVERAGE OF ALL LIKERT SCORES FOR A GIVEN QUESTION CREATES A "LIKERT MEAN".
- USING A 1-4 LIKERT SCALE, A NEUTRAL READING IS 2.5.
- THEREFORE, LIKERT MEAN SCORES ABOVE 2.5 FOR SATISFACTION INDICATE POSITIVE LEVELS OF SATISFACTION, WHILE READINGS BELOW 2.5 INDICATE A LACK OF SATISFACTION.

LIKERT MEAN SCORES IN PRACTICE

- IN A TIGHT BUDGET ENVIRONMENT, LIKERT SCALING TECHNIQUES CAN HELP PRIORITIZE WHERE FUNDS/RESOURCES EVENTUALLY GET ALLOCATED.
- LIKERT MEANS ARE RELATIVE CONCEPTS AND SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF ALL QUESTIONS ASKED.
- EXAMPLE:
- IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE A: LIKERT MEAN=2.75
- IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE B: LIKERT MEAN= 2.90
- IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE C: LIKERT MEAN=3.10
- ALL THREE INDICATE GENERAL LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE, BUT GREATER IMPORTANCE IS FOUND WITH ISSUE C.

SATISFACTION SURPLUSES AND DEFICITS

- DIFFERENCING THE LIKERT MEAN RATINGS ON IMPORTANCE AND SATISFACTION FOR THE VARIOUS ISSUES CATEGORIES PROVIDES A BASIS FOR CALCULATING "SATISFACTION GAPS".
- A "SATISFACTION SURPLUS": SATISFACTION RATINGS EXCEED IMPORTANCE RATINGS. THIS MEANS THAT CURRENT INITIATIVES ARE MORE THAN MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS OF AREA LEADERS.
- A "SATISFACTION DEFICIT": IMPORTANCE RATINGS EXCEED THE SATISFACTION RATINGS. THIS MEANS THAT CURRENT INITIATIVES ARE NOT MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS OF AREA LEADERS.

LIKERT MEAN SCORES

- RANK ORDERING THE LIKERT MEANS ON THE 30 INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES CAN HELP PRIORITIZE FUTURE NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES BASED ON THEIR PERCEIVED LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.
- MONITORING THESE GAPS OVER TIME PROVIDES A BASIS FOR ASSESSING NOT ONLY HOW COMMUNITY PRIORITIES CHANGE OVER TIME, BUT HOW NEW INITIATIVES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARE PERCEIVED IN TERMS OF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

- APRIL 2003 SURVEY RESULTS SHOW THAT NEW HAVEN AREA LEADERS GENERALLY BELIEVE THAT THE NEW HAVEN REGION IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK. ROUGHLY 3 IN EVERY 4 RESPONDENTS PERCEIVED THE REGION AS A "GOOD" OR "EXCELLENT" PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK (72.7%).
- SPECIFICALLY, 60.6% OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THE REGION WAS A "GOOD" PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK, WHILE 12.1% STATED THAT IT WAS AN "EXCELLENT" PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK. ONLY 25.5% SAW THE REGION AS A "FAIR" PLACE TO LIVE.
- THIS CURRENT STUDY PROVIDES A "BASELINE MEASURE OF LIVABILITY" WITHIN THE NEW HAVEN AREA AS INDICATED BY OVERALL SATISFACTION. IMPROVEMENT CAN BE DOCUMENTED OVER TIME.

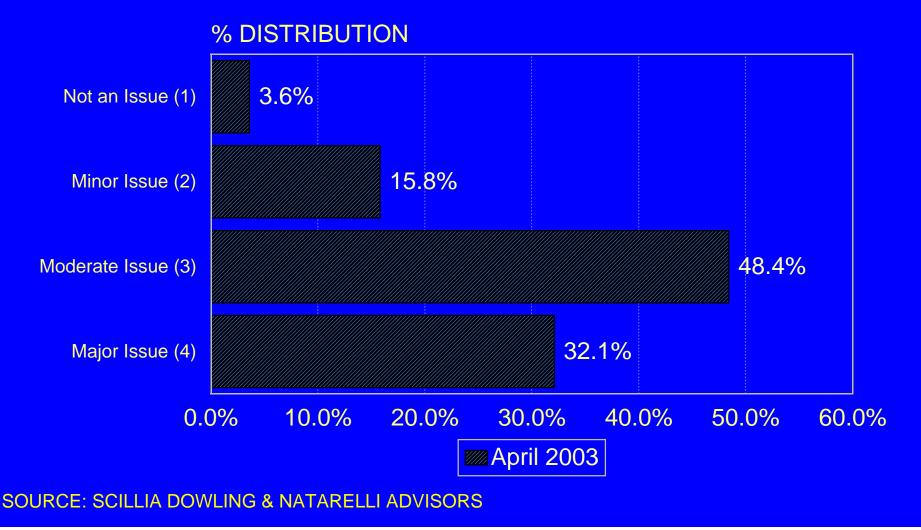
- APRIL 2003 SURVEY RESULTS SHOW THAT ECONOMIC, HEALTHCARE, AND TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO NEW HAVEN AREA LEADERS. OF THE SEVEN PRIMARY CATEGORY EVALUATED, ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE FOUND TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT (3.3) FOLLOWED BY HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ISSUES (3.16) AND TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES (3.14).
- OF THE 30 INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES EVALUATED, THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS OF CONCERN WERE, IN ORDER: LACK OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE (3.62), FOLLOWED BY POVERTY (3.49), ECONOMIC DISPARITIES AMONG TOWNS (3.46), LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING (3.37), ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE (3.34), AND LACK OF AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE (3.28).
- THESE REPRESENT AREAS WHERE REGIONAL LEADERS HAVE THE GREATEST CONCERNS AND REPRESENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.

- OF THE 30 INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES EVALUATED, THE LEAST IMPORTANT AREAS OF CONCERN WERE, IN ORDER: LACK OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (1.95), SHORTAGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (2.39), GANGS (2.59), DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, RELIGION OR ETHNICITY (2.62), AND TENSIONS BETWEEN RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS (2.65).
- LOOKING AT MEASUREMENTS OF SATISFACTION, THE ISSUE CATEGORIES TO GARNER THE HIGHEST RATINGS WERE, IN ORDER: SAFETY ISSUES (2.60), FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL ISSUES (2.25) AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUES (2.21).
- THE ISSUE CATEGORIES TO GARNER THE LOWEST SATISFACTION RATINGS WERE: ECONOMIC ISSUES (1.96), TRANSPORTATION ISSUES (1.99), AND HOUSING ISSUES (2.11). THESE REPRESENT AREAS WHERE REGIONAL LEADERS SEE MAJOR ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

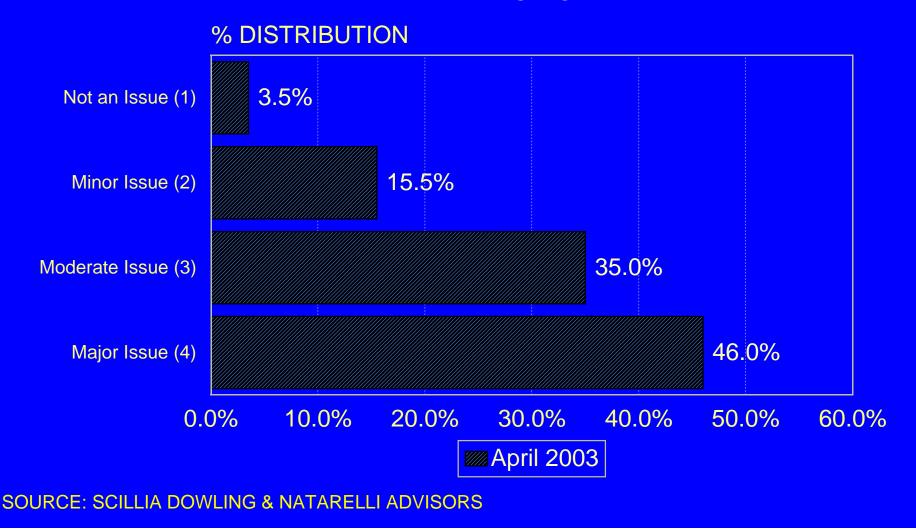
- "GAP ANALYSIS": OF THE SEVEN PRIMARY ISSUES CATEGORIES EVALUATED, ALL SEVEN RECORDED "SATISFACTION DEFICITS", MEANING THAT THE MEASURED LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE EXCEEDED THE LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH CURRENT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. THIS INDICATES THAT NEW HAVEN AREA COMMUNITY LEADERS SENSE THAT MUCH WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE ACROSS THE VARIOUS ISSUES GROUPINGS.
- THE GREATER THE SATISFACTION DEFICIT, THE GREATER THE NEED AS PERCEIVED BY AREA LEADERS. THE LARGEST DEFICITS WERE FOUND IN ECONOMIC ISSUES (-1.34), FOLLOWED BY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES (-1.15) AND HEALTH ENVIRONMENT ISSUES (-1.02).
- THE SMALLEST DEFICITS WERE FOUND WITH SAFETY ISSUES (-0.14), SOCIAL ISSUES (-0.66), AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUES (-0.78)

- BOTTOM LINE ASSESSMENT: THE COLLECTIVE DATA INDICATE THAT NEW HAVEN AREA LEADERS BELIEVE THAT MANY SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES ARE ALL WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. THIS IN UNDERSCORED BY THE FACT THAT "SATISFACTION DEFICITS" WERE RECORDED IN ALL 7 AREAS.
- HOWEVER, THE CURRENT ECONOMIC/FISCAL ENVIRONMENT PRECLUDES MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT WITH ALL ISSUES. THEREFORE, THE PRIORITIZATION OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY ISSUES, DECIDING WHAT MUST BE DONE, AND WHAT CAN BE LEFT TO A LATER DATE, IS THE LIKELY NEXT STEP.
- KEY QUESTION: WHAT ACTIONABLE PLANS AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES ARE WORTH CONSIDERING IN MATCHING NEW HAVEN AREA RESOURCES WITH THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM MOST?

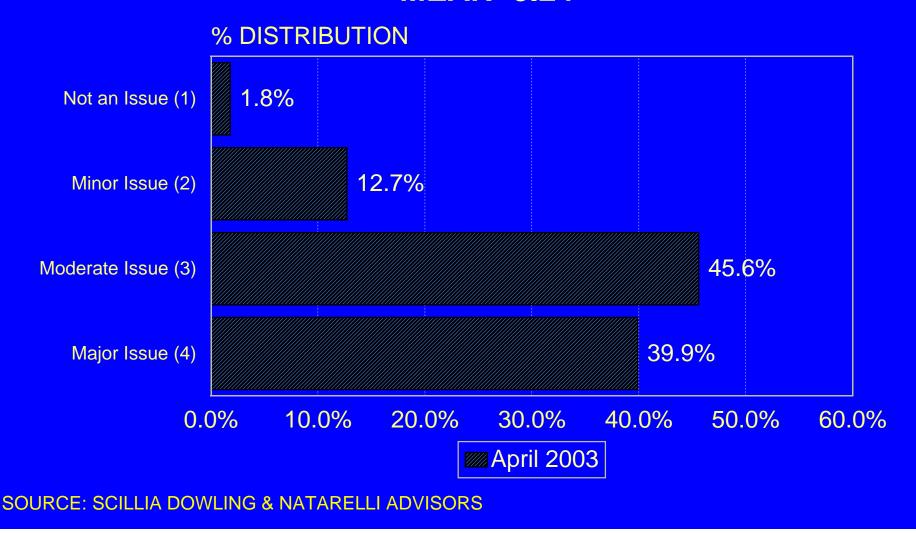
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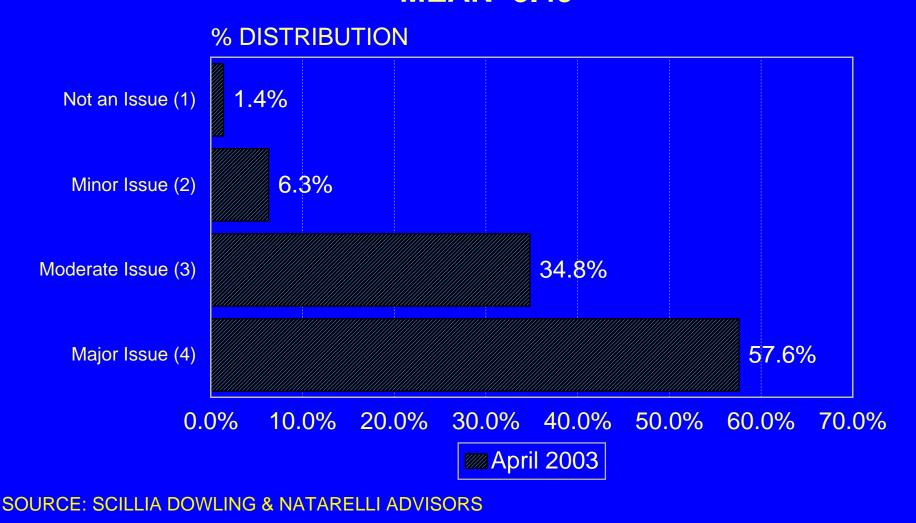
Q1B. ECONOMIC ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF QUALITY JOBS MEAN=3.23



1C. ECONOMIC ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? UNEMPLOYMENT MEAN=3.24



Q1D. ECONOMIC ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? POVERTY MEAN=3.49



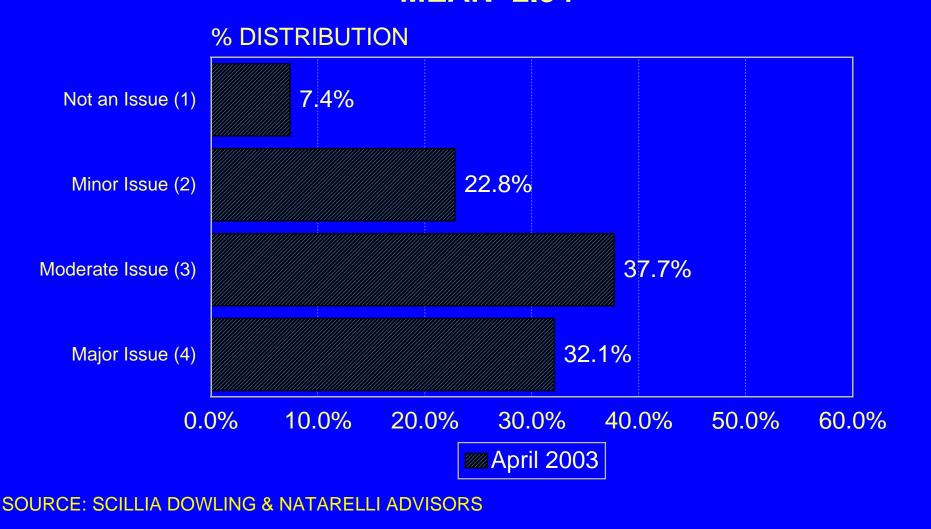
Q1E. ECONOMIC ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? ECONOMIC DISPARITIES AMONG TOWNS MEAN=3.46



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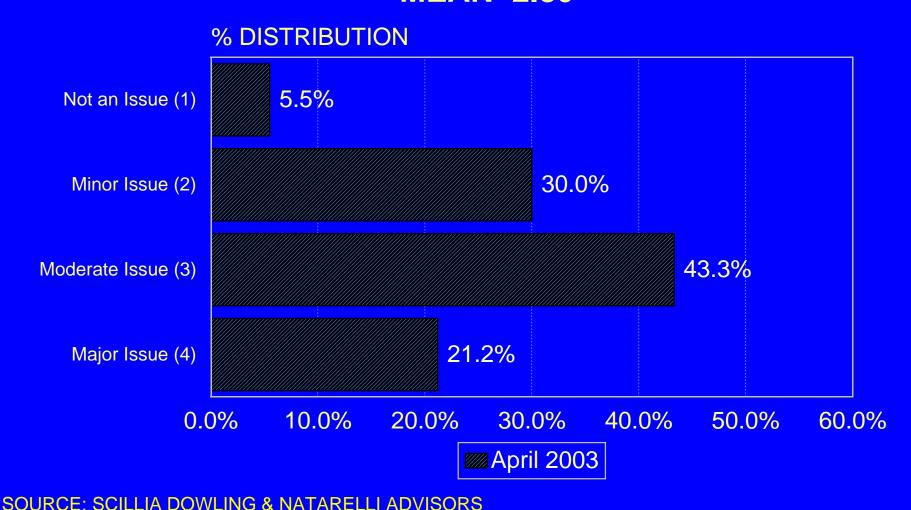
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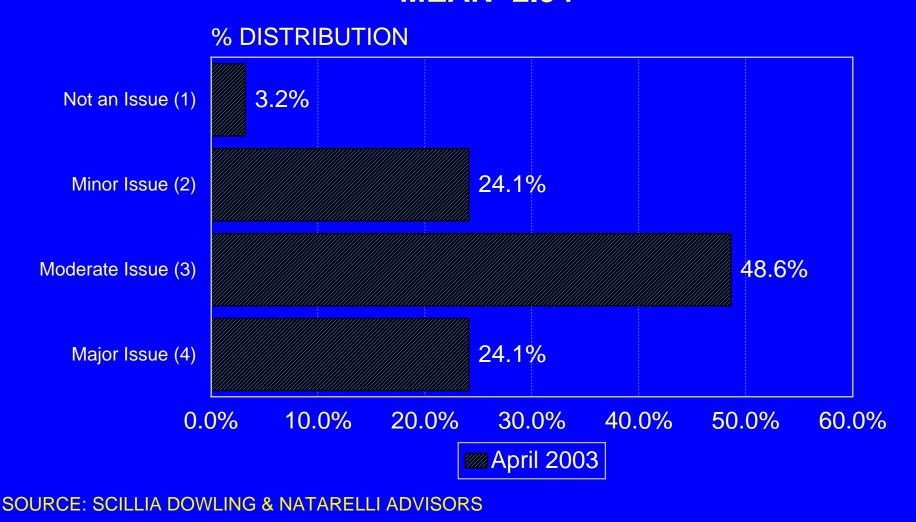
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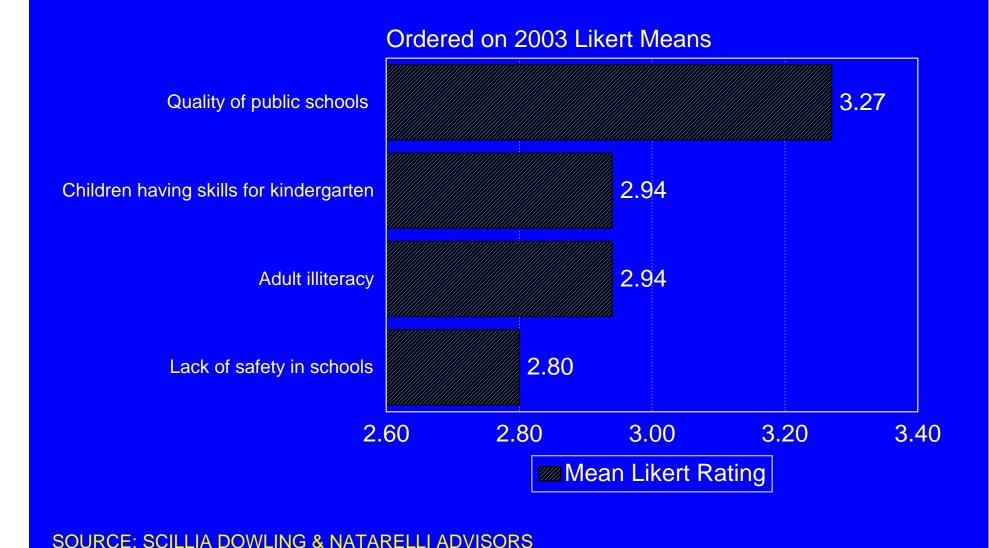
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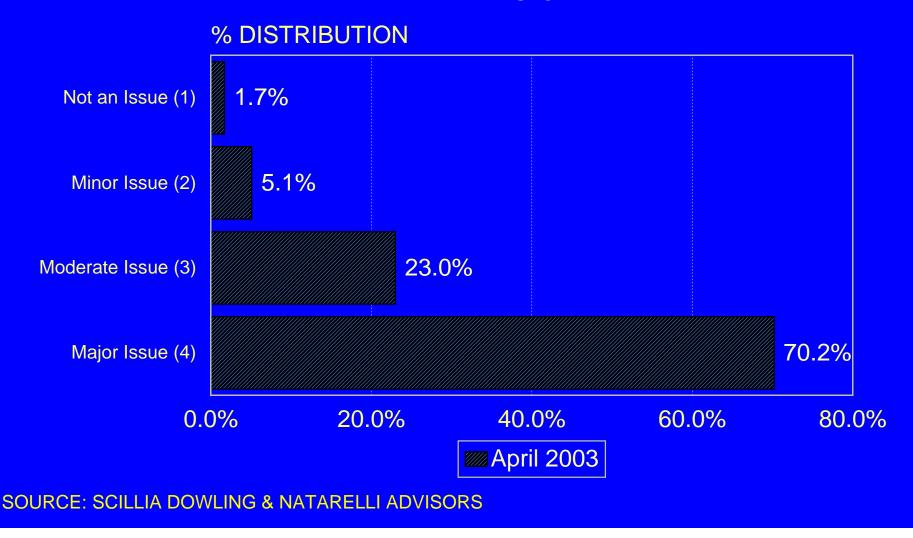
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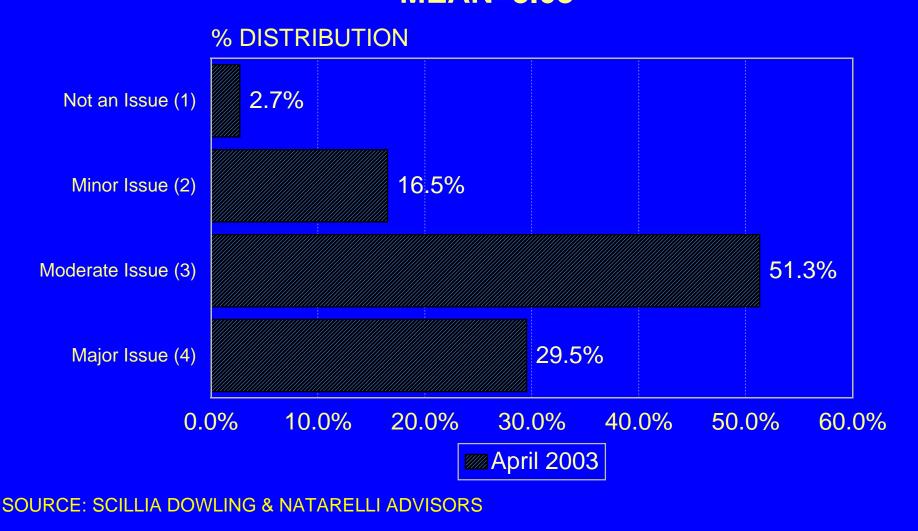
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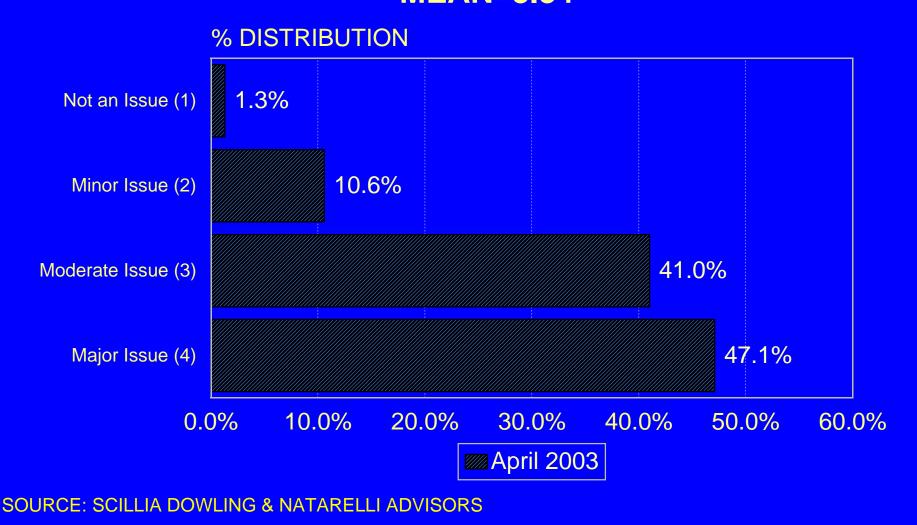
Q1J. HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE MEAN=3.62



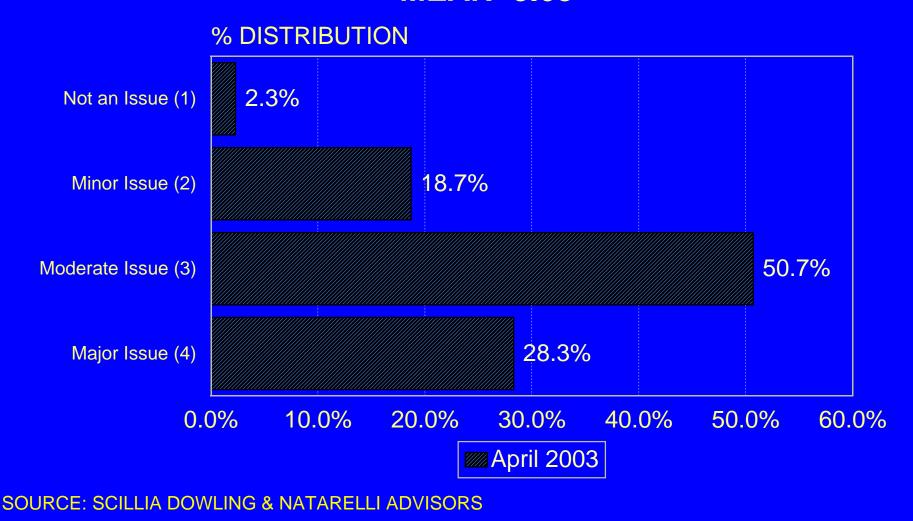
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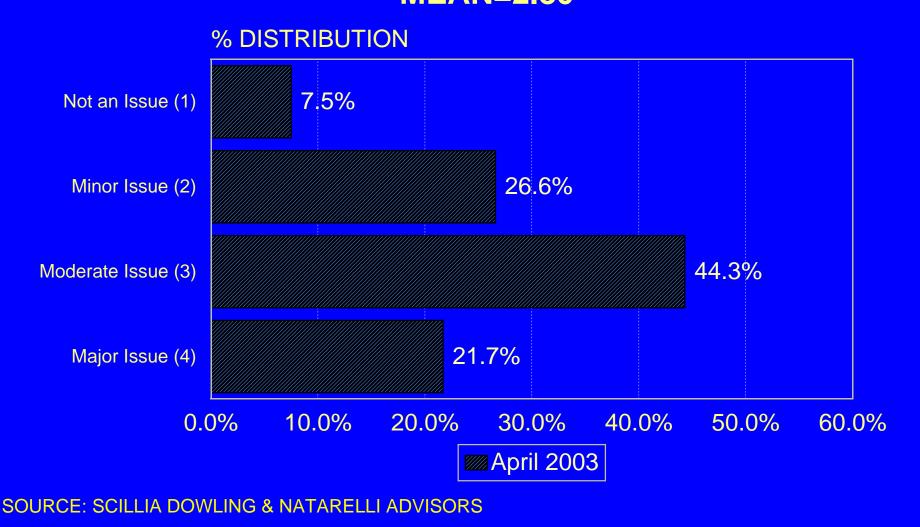
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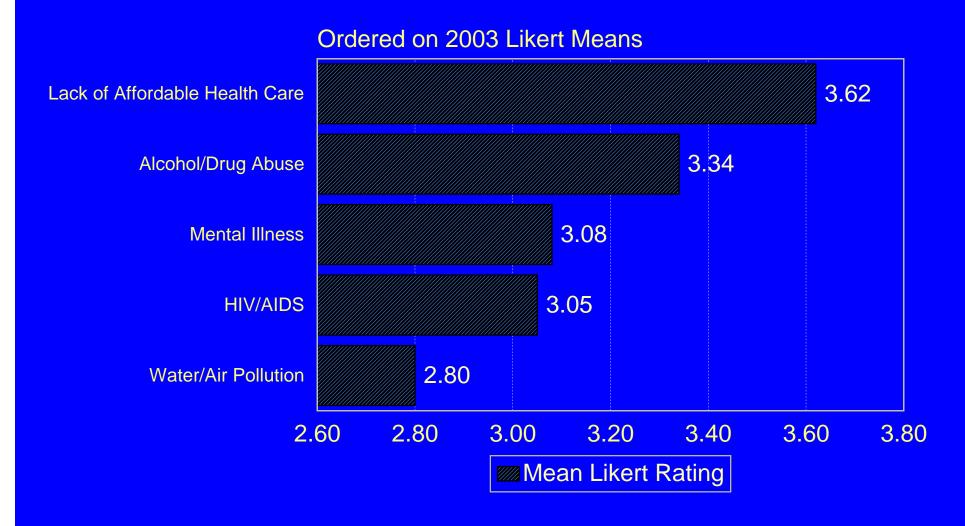
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Q1N. HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? WATER/AIR POLLUTION MEAN=2.80

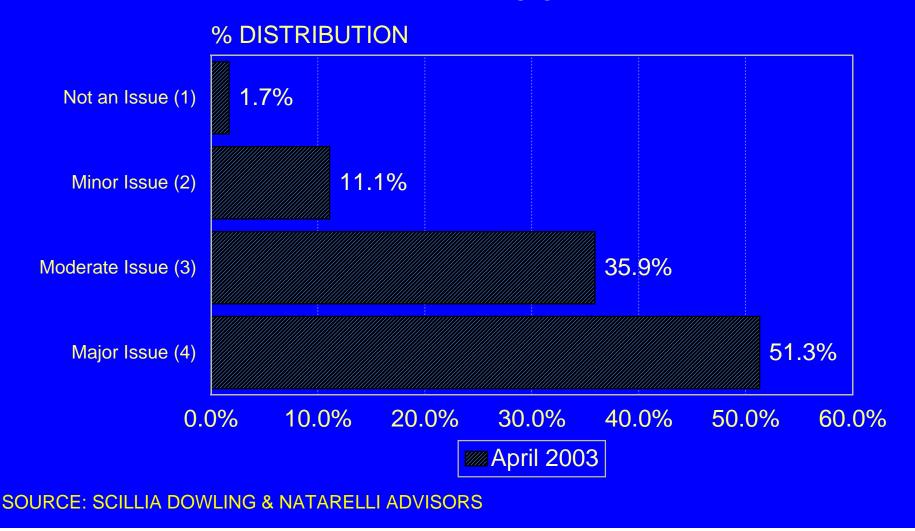


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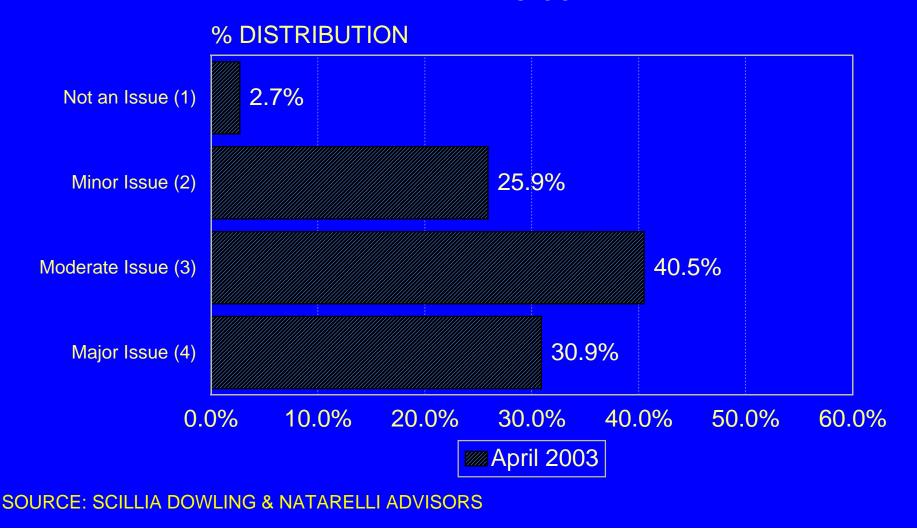


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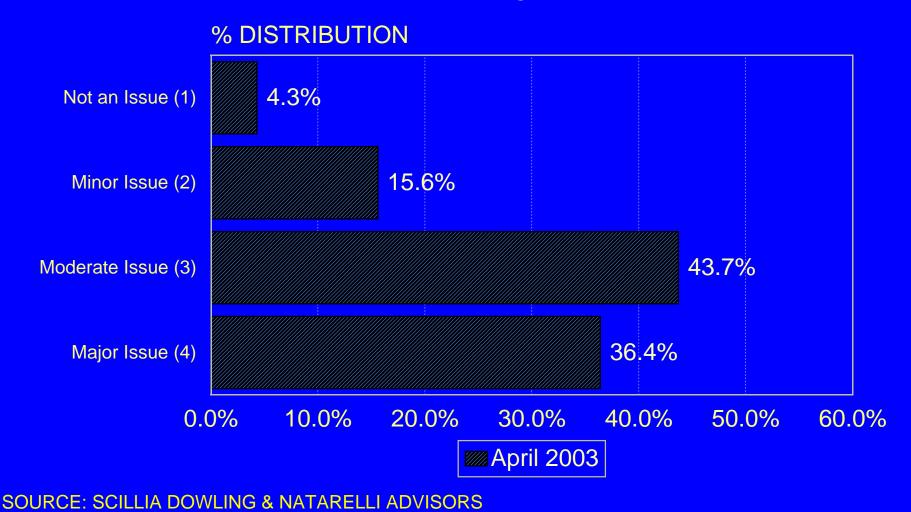
Q10. HOUSING ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEAN=3.37



Q1P. HOUSING ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF SPECIAL-NEEDS HOUSING MEAN=3.00



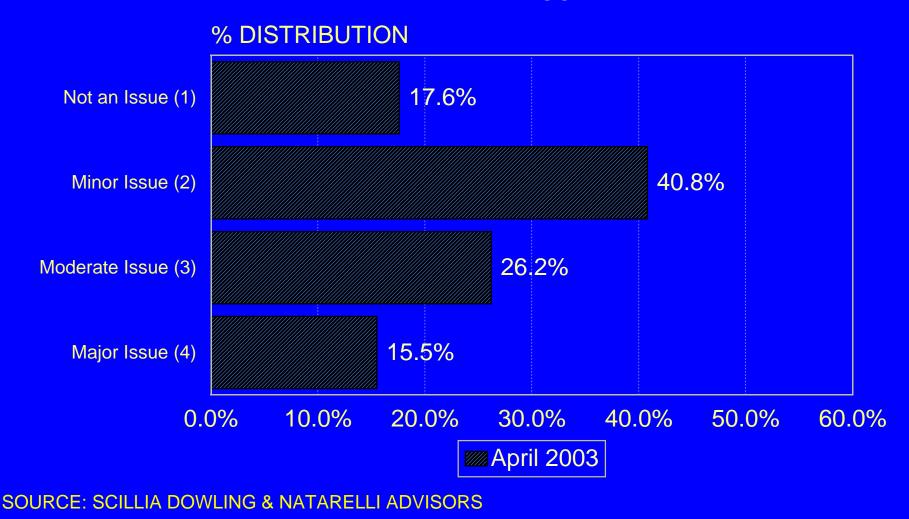
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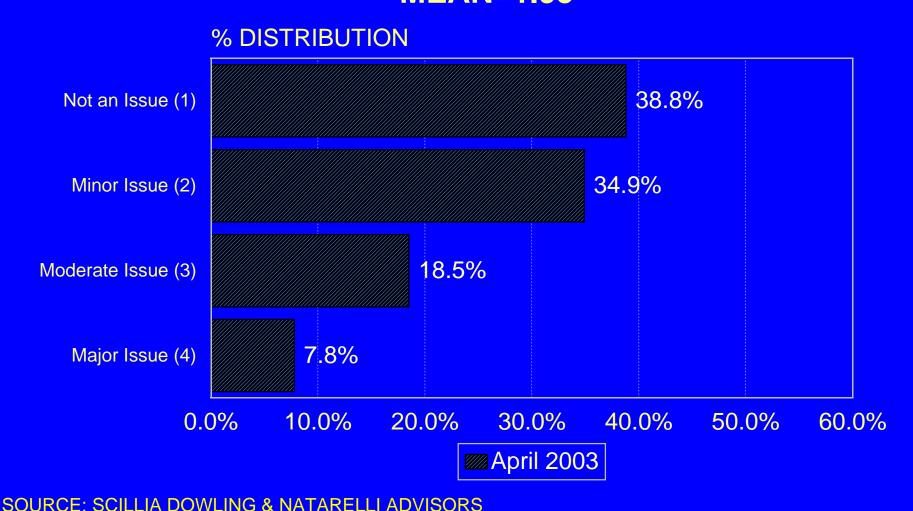
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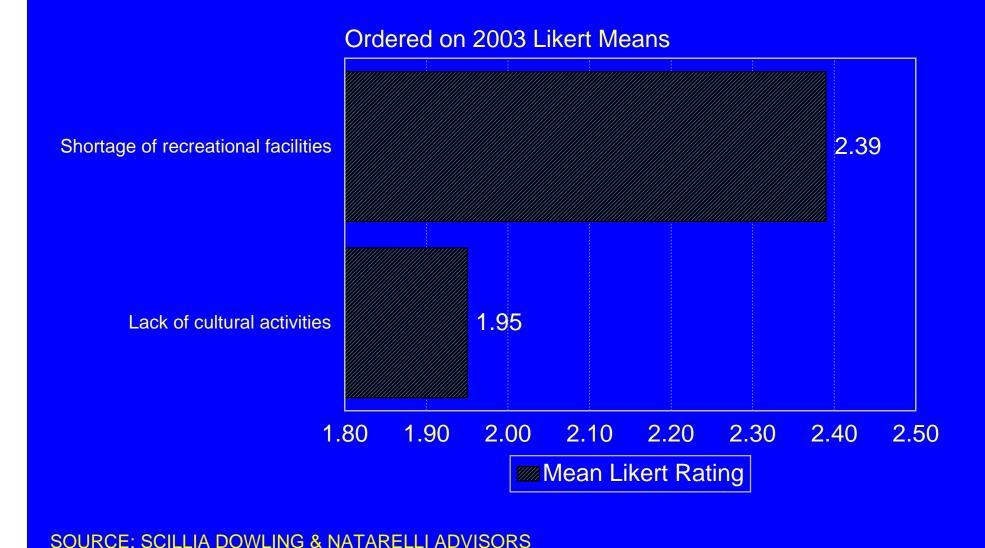
Q1R. LEISURE ACTIVITY ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? SHORTAGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MEAN=2.39



Q1S. LEISURE ACTIVITY ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES MEAN=1.95

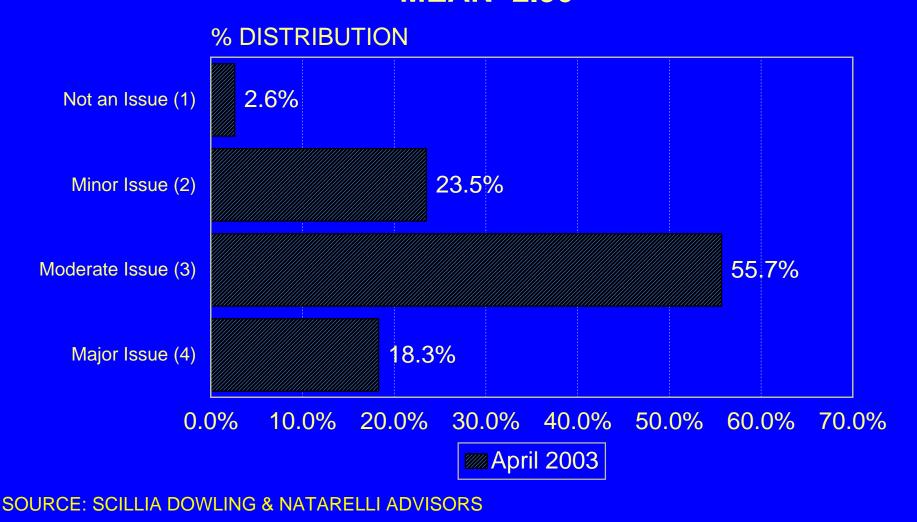


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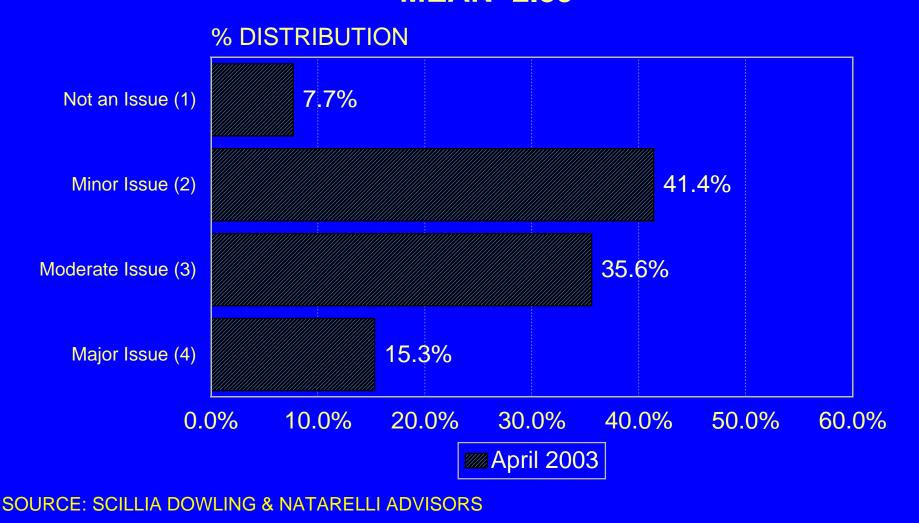


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Q1T. SAFETY ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? CRIME MEAN=2.90



QIU. SAFETY ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? GANGS MEAN=2.59

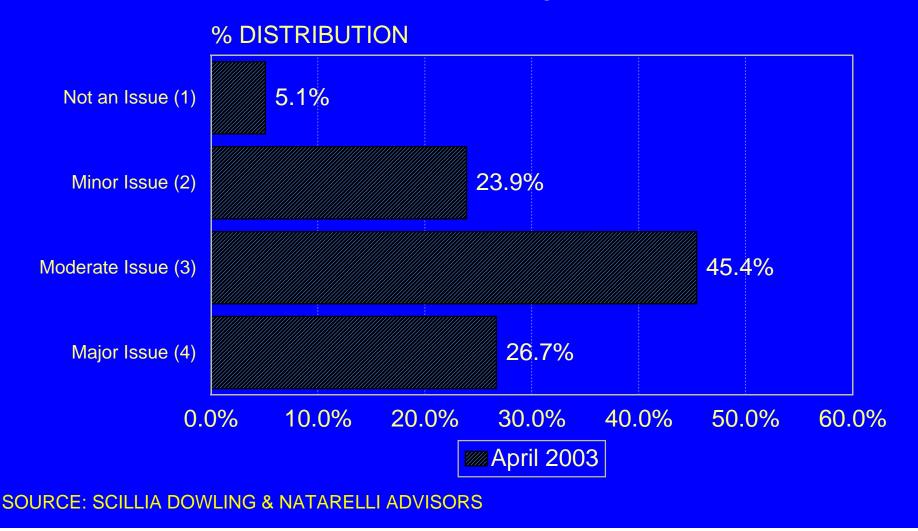


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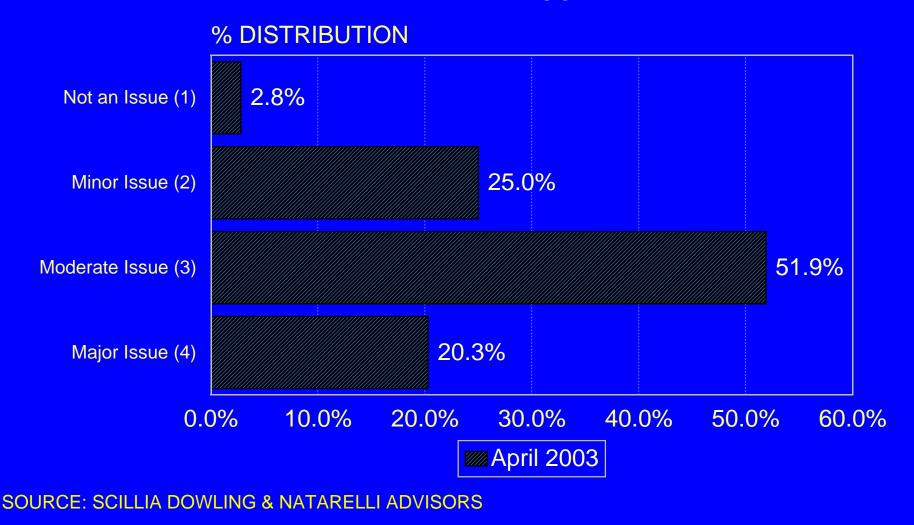




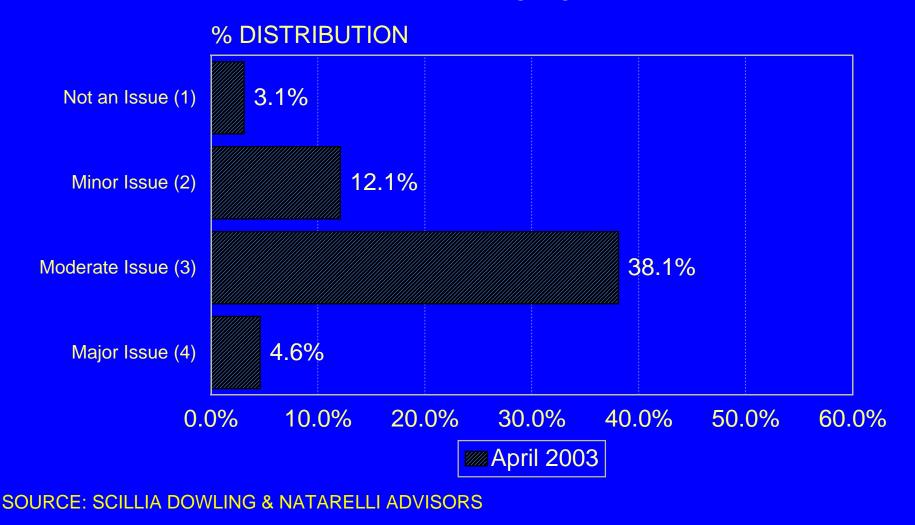
Q1V. SOCIAL ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS MEAN=2.92



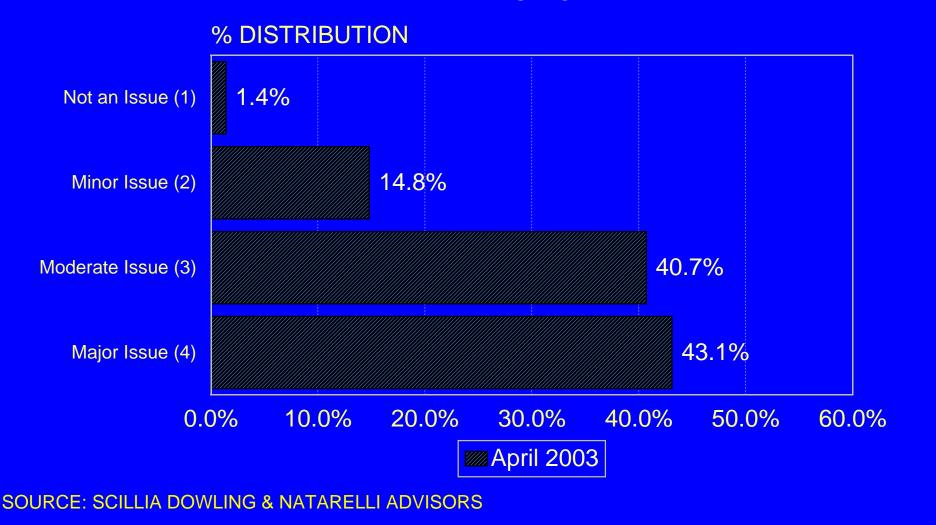
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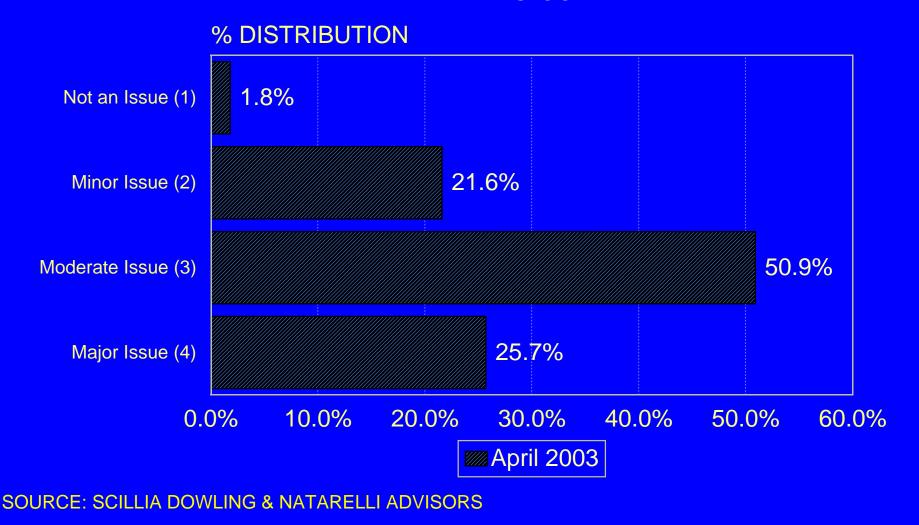
Q1X. SOCIAL ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE MEAN=3.28



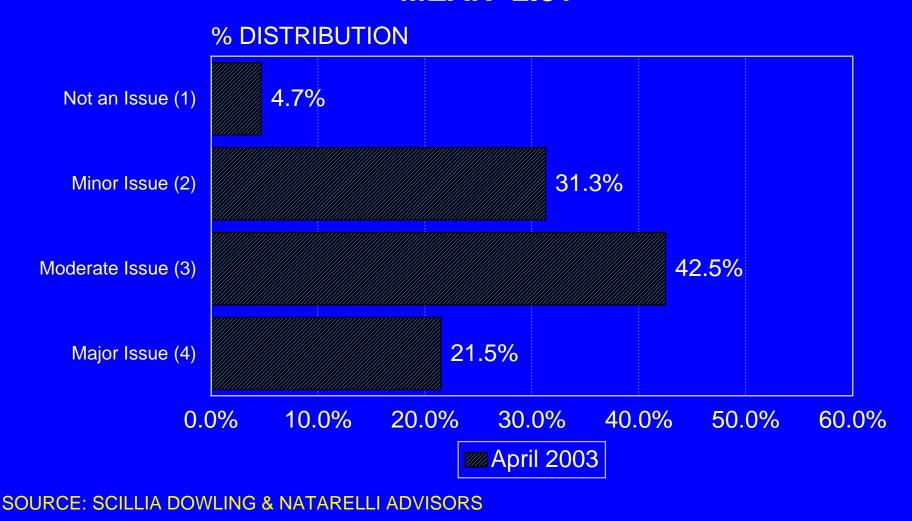
Q1Y. SOCIAL ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? LACK OF GUIDANCE/SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN/YOUTHS MEAN=3.25



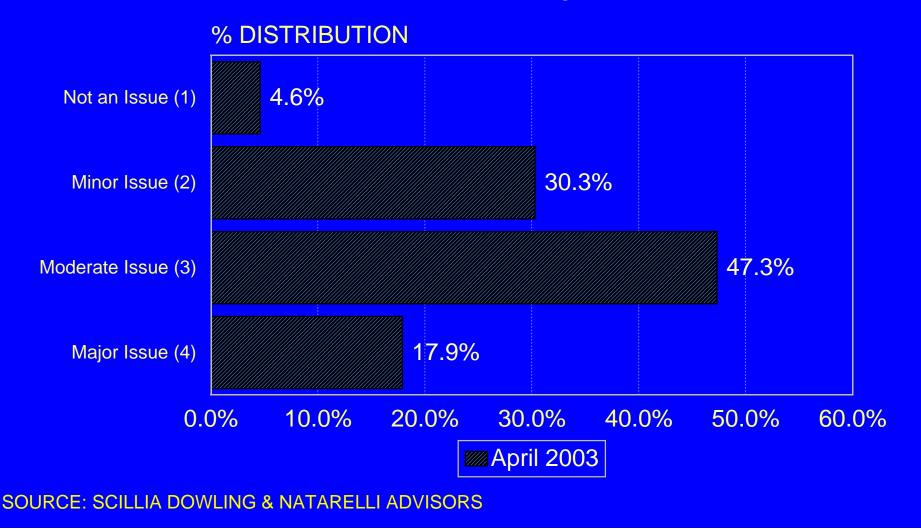
Q1Z. SOCIAL ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? FAMILY VIOLENCE MEAN=3.00



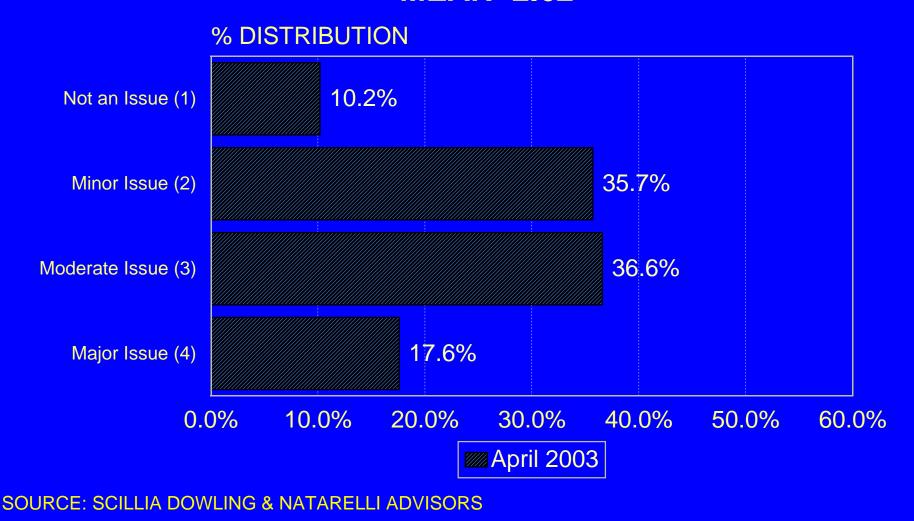
Q1AA. SOCIAL ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MEAN=2.81



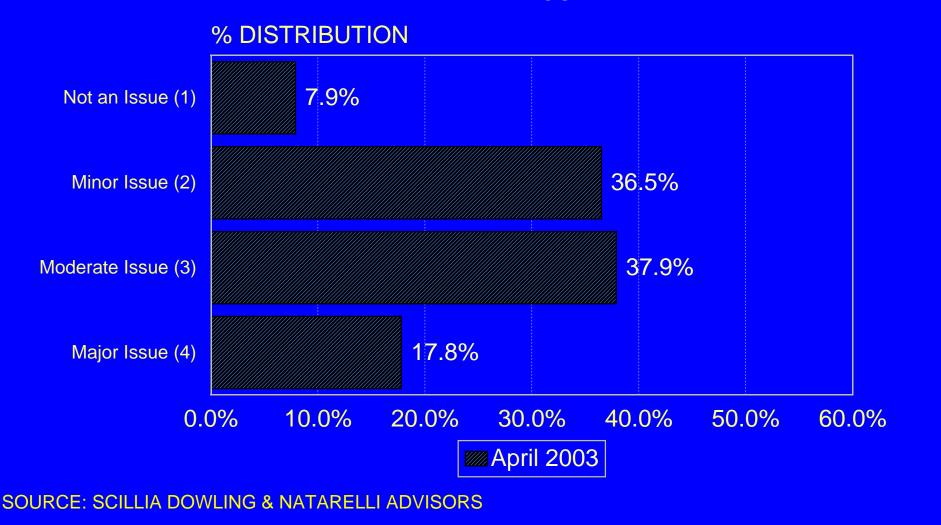
Q1AB. SOCIAL ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? SERVICES FOR ELDERS MEAN=2.78



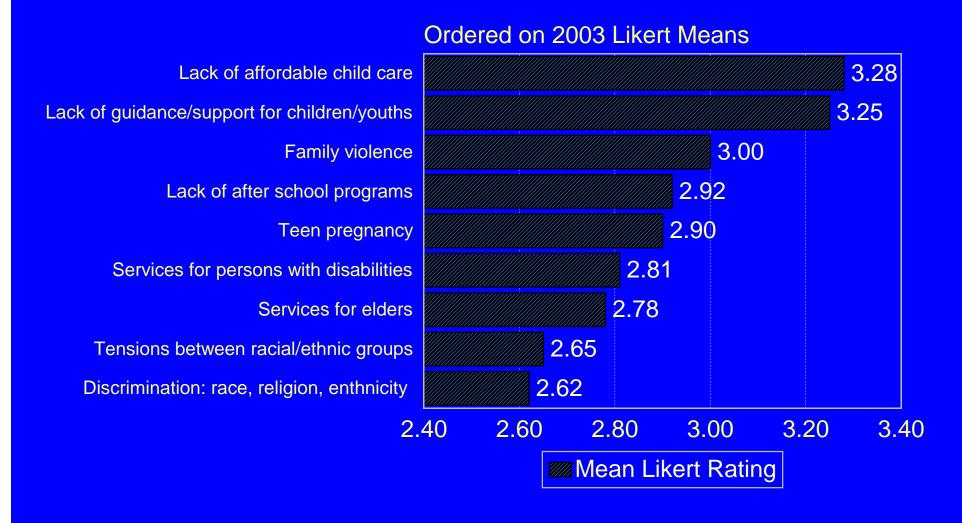
Q1AC. SOCIAL ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? RACIAL/ETHNIC/RELIGOUS DISCRIMINATION MEAN=2.62



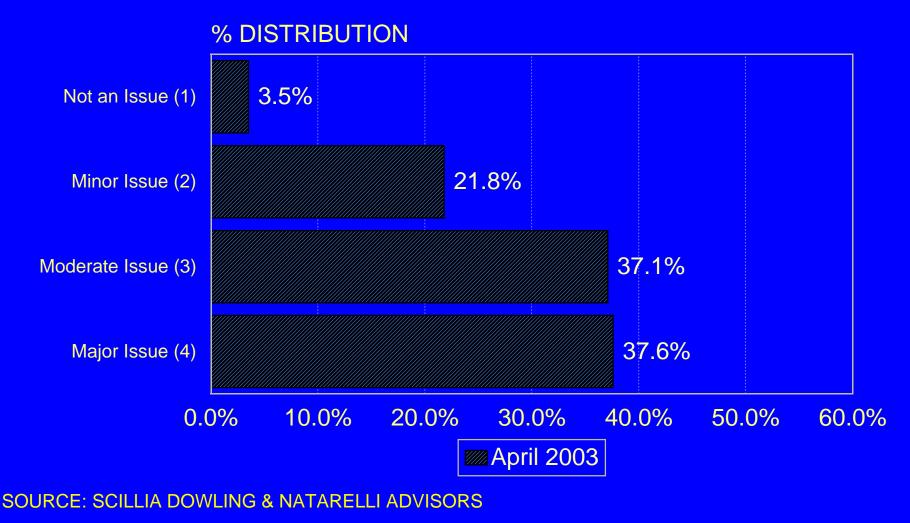
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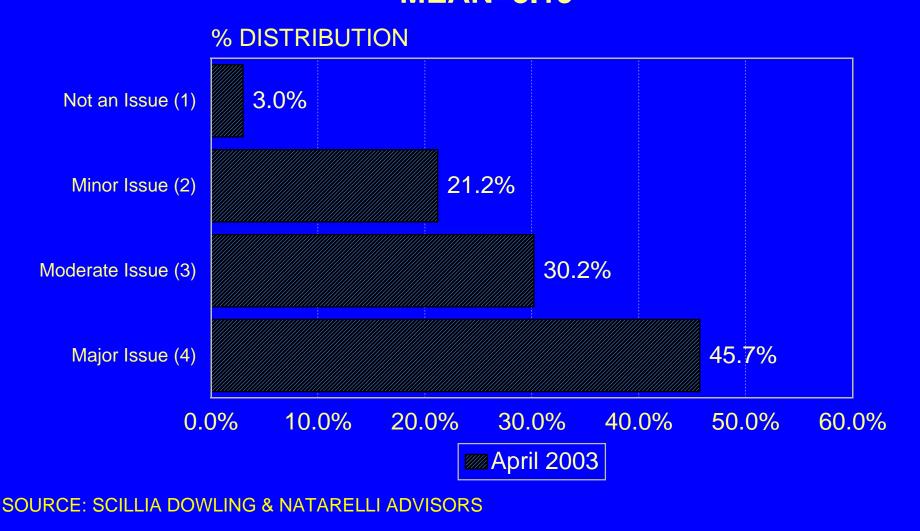
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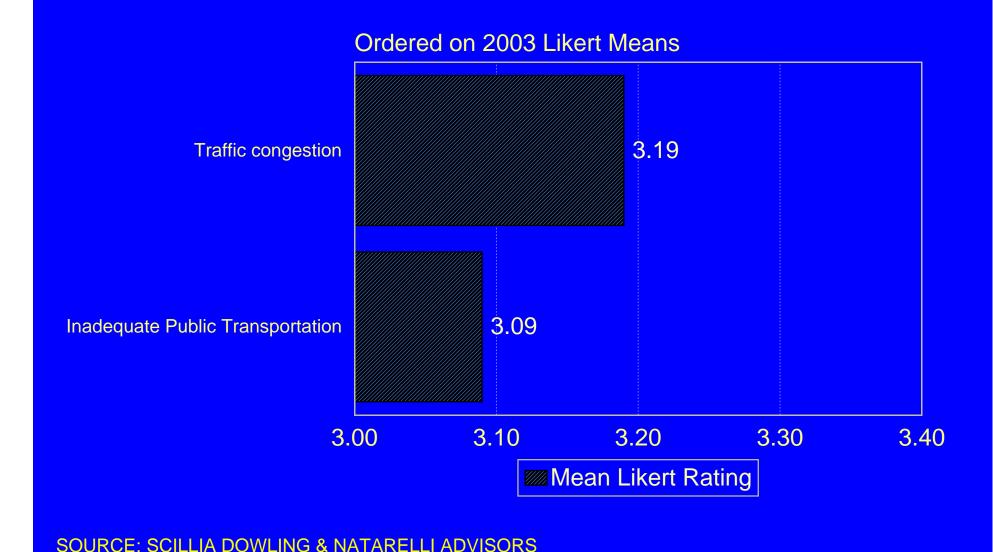
Q1AE. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? INADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MEAN=3.09



Q1AF. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:IMPORTANCE How important is the following issue within the New Haven region today? TRAFFIC CONGESTION MEAN=3.19



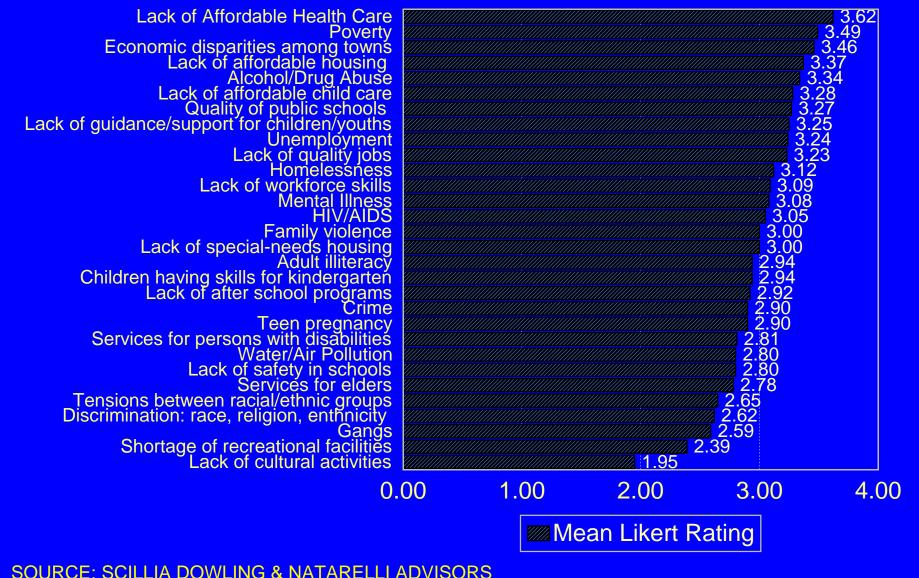
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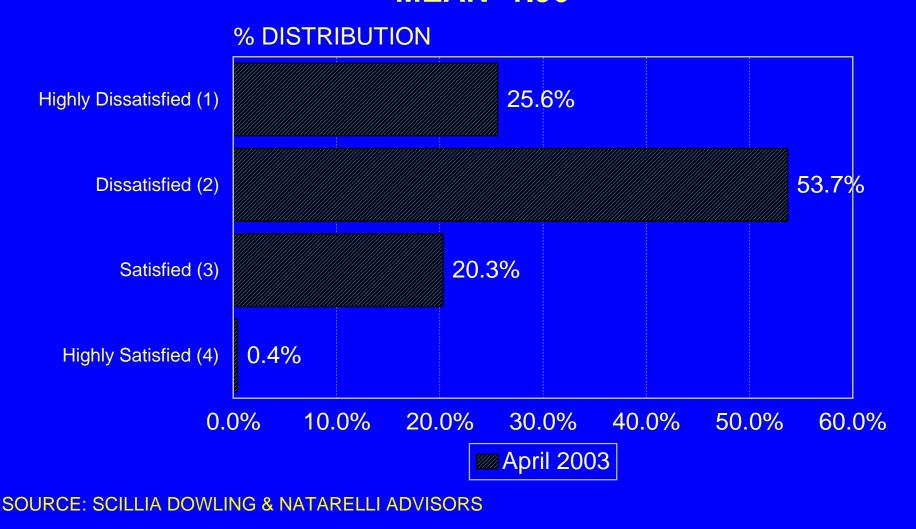
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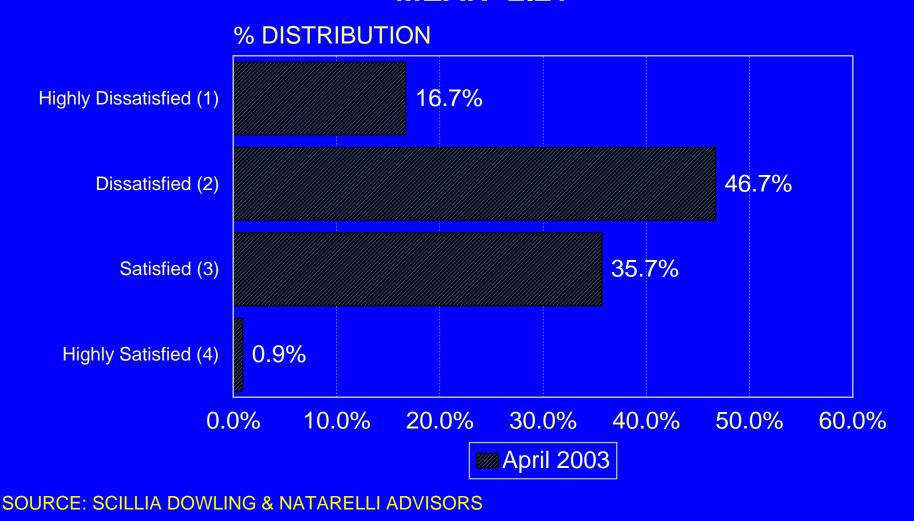




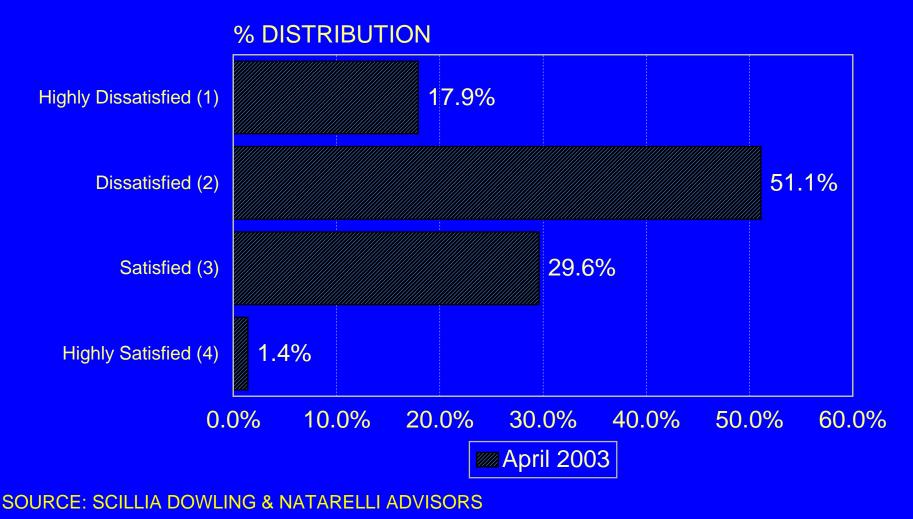
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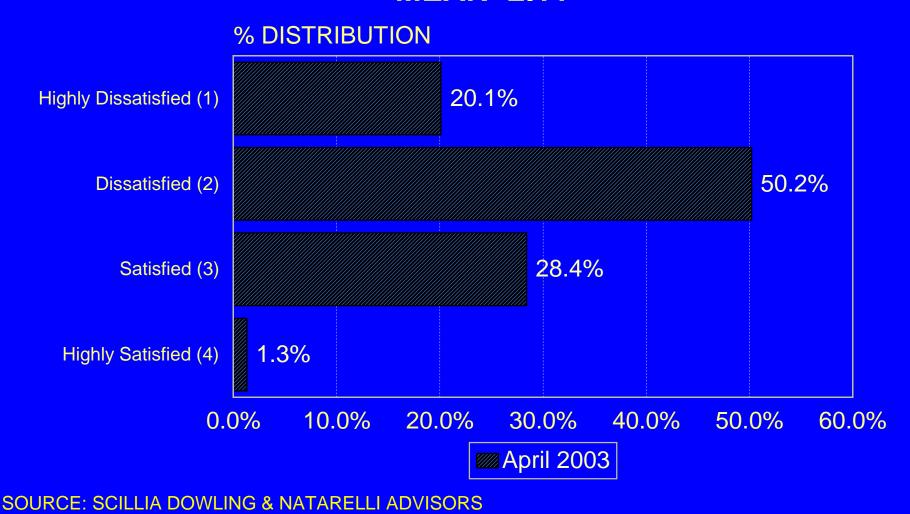
Q2B. SATISFACTION WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES: How SATISFIED are you with progress being made on the specific issues identified in Part 2? EDUCATIONAL ISSUES MEAN=2.21



Q2C. SATISFACTION WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES: How SATISFIED are you with progress being made on the specific issues identified in Part 2? HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ISSUES MEAN=2.14



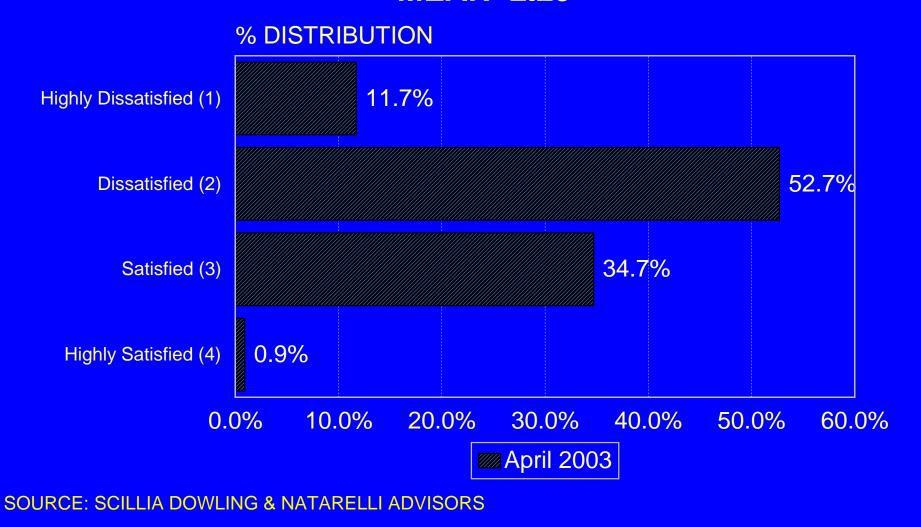
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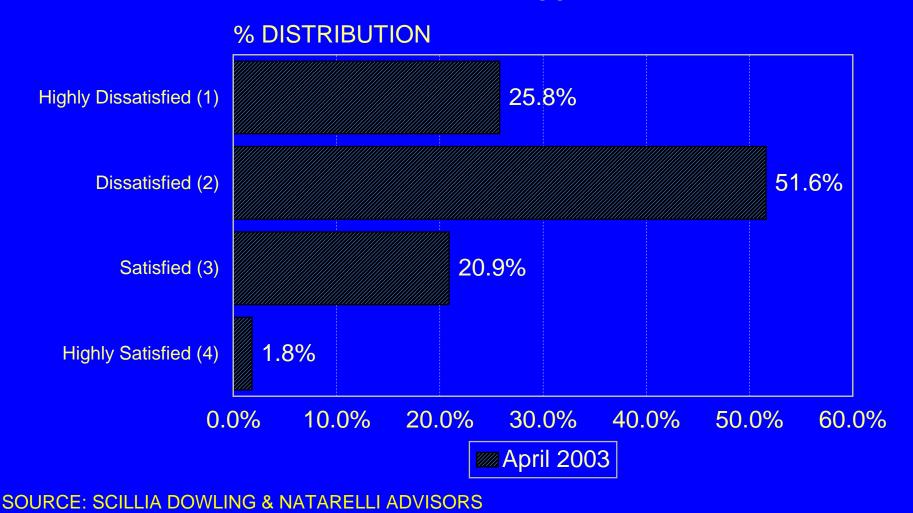
Q2E. SATISFACTION WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES: How SATISFIED are you with progress being made on the specific issues identified in Part 2? SAFETY ISSUES MEAN=2.60



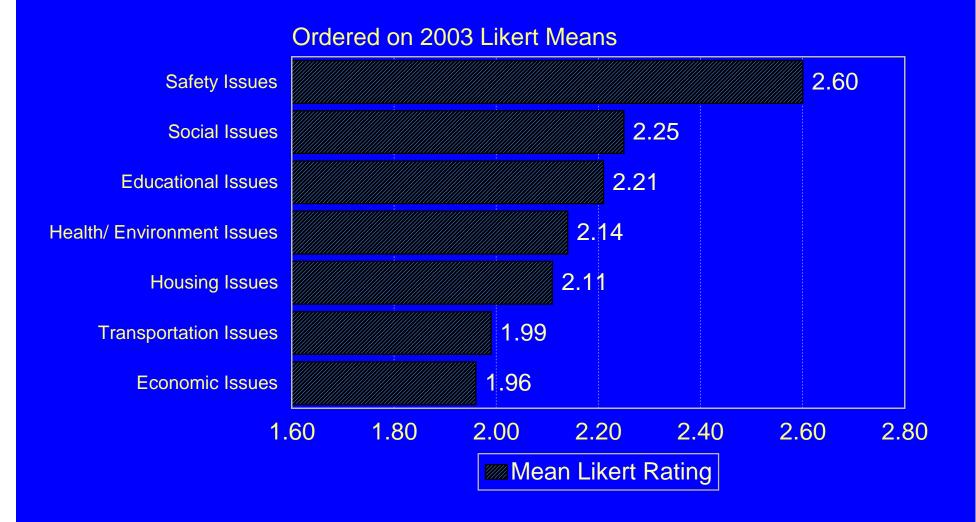
Q2F. SATISFACTION WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES: How SATISFIED are you with progress being made on the specific issues identified in Part 2? SOCIAL ISSUES MEAN=2.25



Q2G. SATISFACTION WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES: How SATISFIED are you with progress being made on the specific issues identified in Part 2? TRANSPORTATION ISSUES MEAN=1.99



Q. 2A-G: ALL ISSUE CATEGORIES RANKED ON SATISFACTION Mean Likert Ratings For Each Issue (1 to 4 Scale)

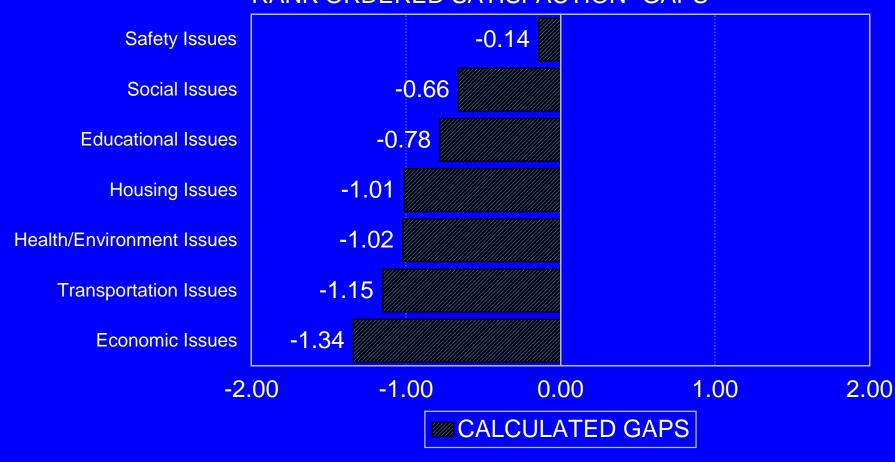


Q.1: ALL ISSUE CATEGORIES RANKED ON IMPORTANCE Mean Likert Ratings For Each Issue (1 to 4 Scale)



Q.1 & 2: CALCULATED SATISFACTION "GAPS" Mean Likert Ratings on Satisfaction Minus Mean Likert Ratings on Importance (HIGHER IS BETTER)

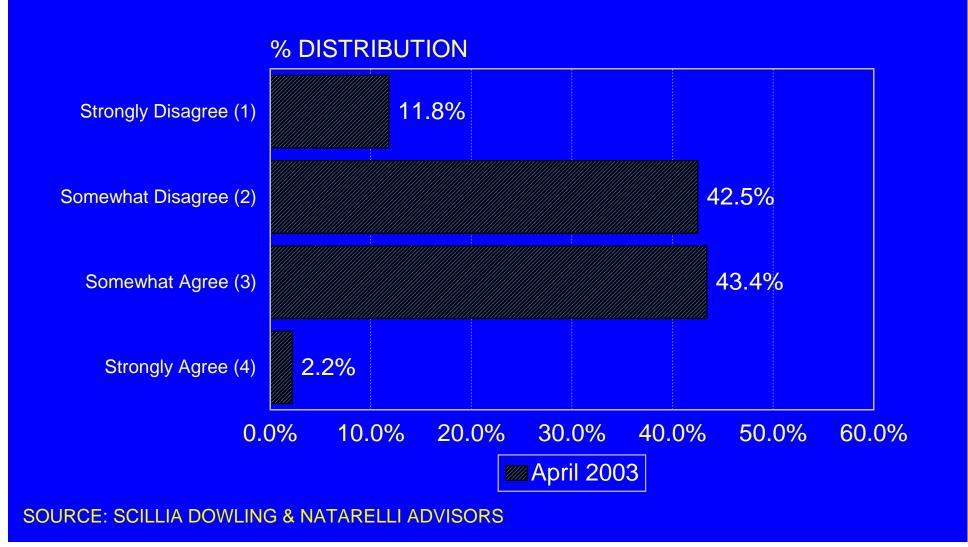
RANK ORDERED SATISFACTION "GAPS"



Q3A. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE

"The New Haven Region is a community where leaders from business, labor, education and all other sectors work productively to address community issues."

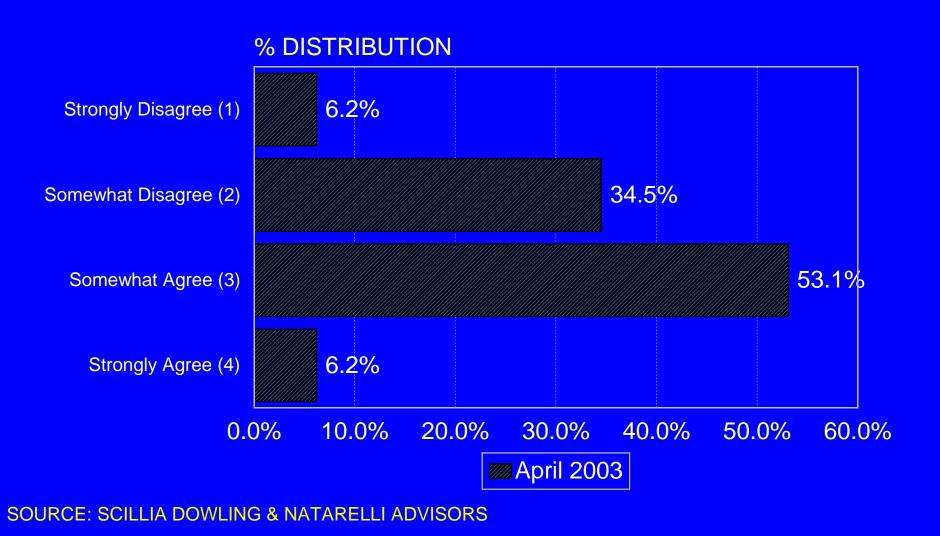
MEAN=2.36



Q3B. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE

"The New Haven Region is a community that promotes positive race relations and cultural interaction."

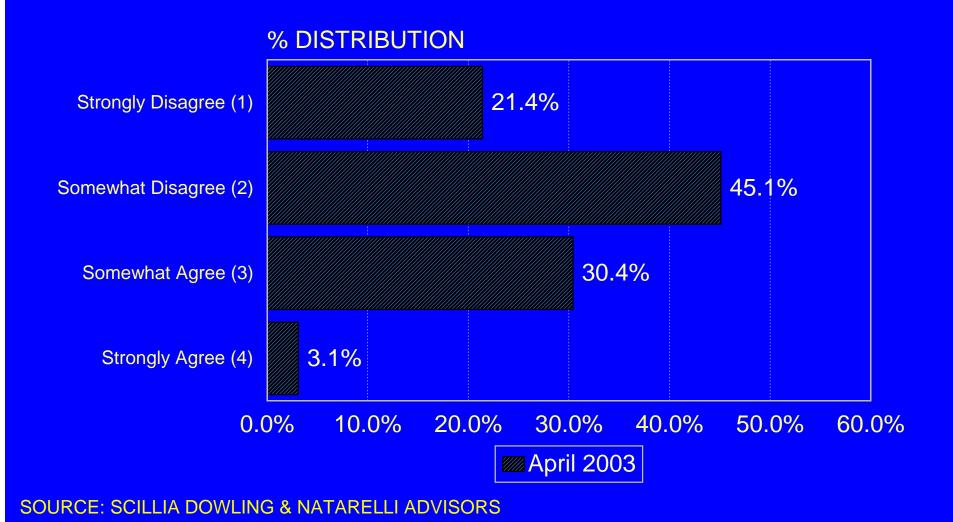
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Q3C. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE

"The New Haven Region is a community where members from area towns meet to address mutual concerns."

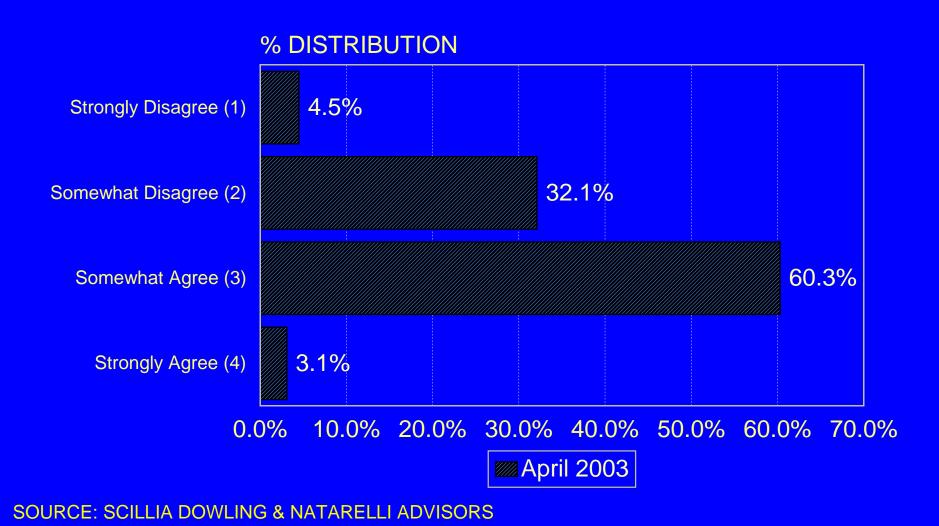
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Q3D. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE

"The New Haven Region is a community where social and religious organizations interact to address pressing social concerns."

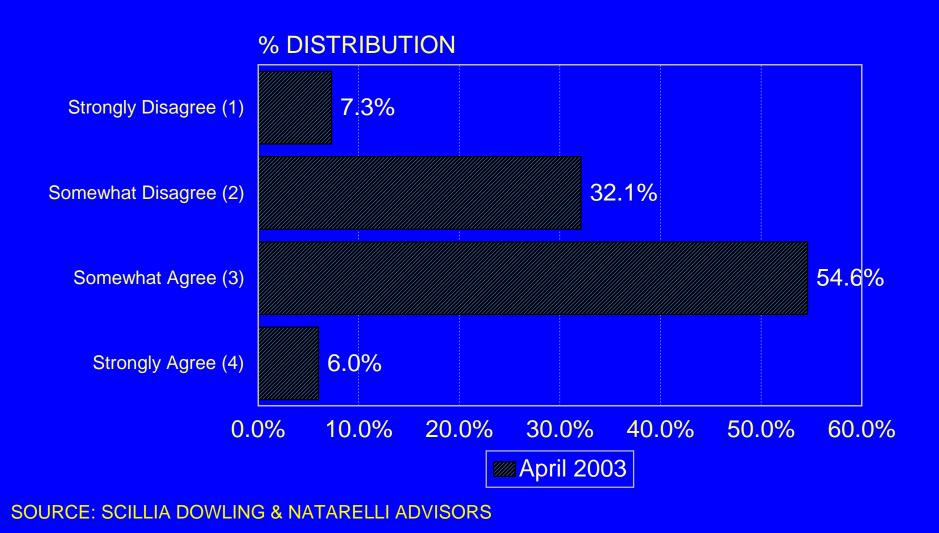
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Q3E. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE

"The New Haven Region is a community where neighborhoods and associations work together for common community goals."

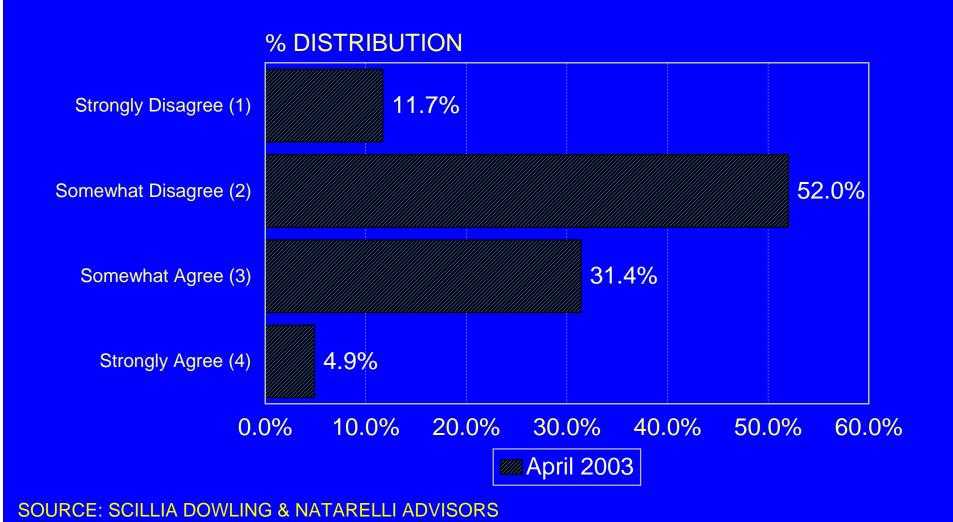
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Q3F. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE

"The New Haven Region is a community where social service agencies are meeting the needs of families, neighborhoods and communities."

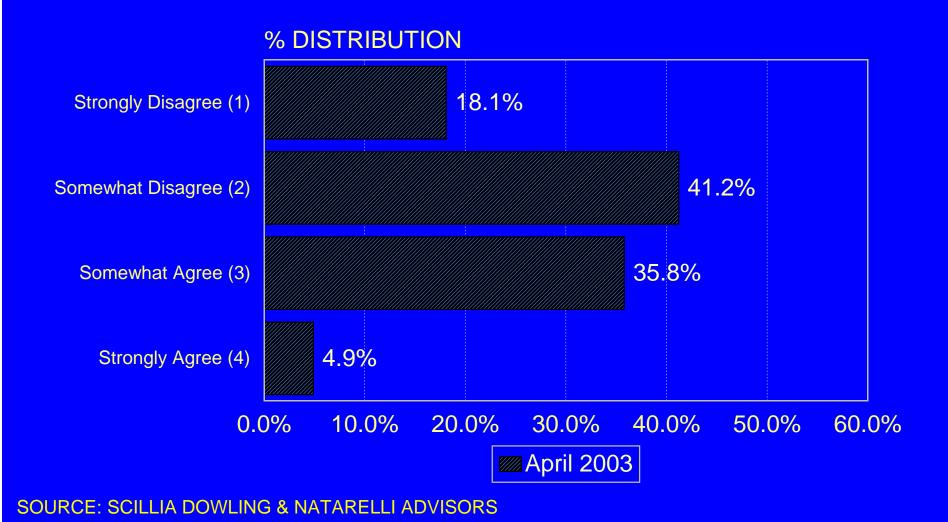
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Q3G. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE

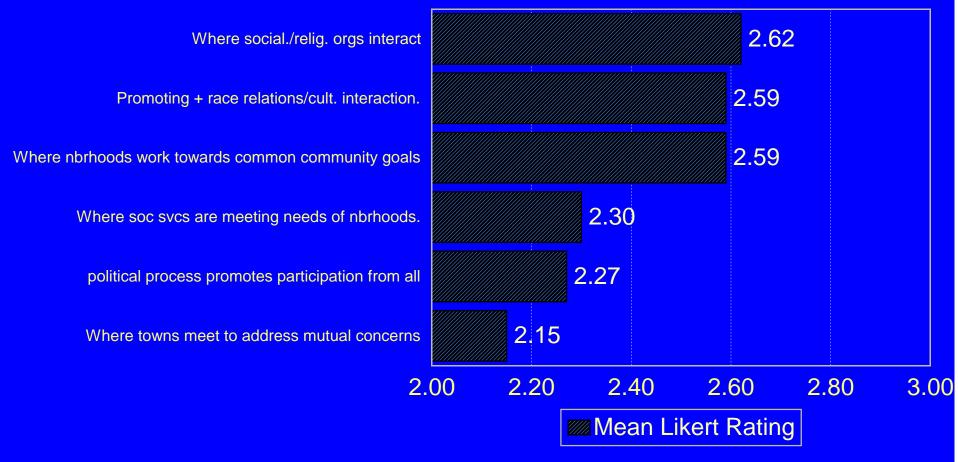
"The New Haven Region is a community where the political process promotes participation from community members."

MEAN=2.27



Q3A-G. COMMUNITY INTERACTION: AGREE/DISAGREE Mean Likert Ratings For Each Issue (1 to 4 Scale: Higher numbers denote higher agreement) "The New Haven Region is a community...

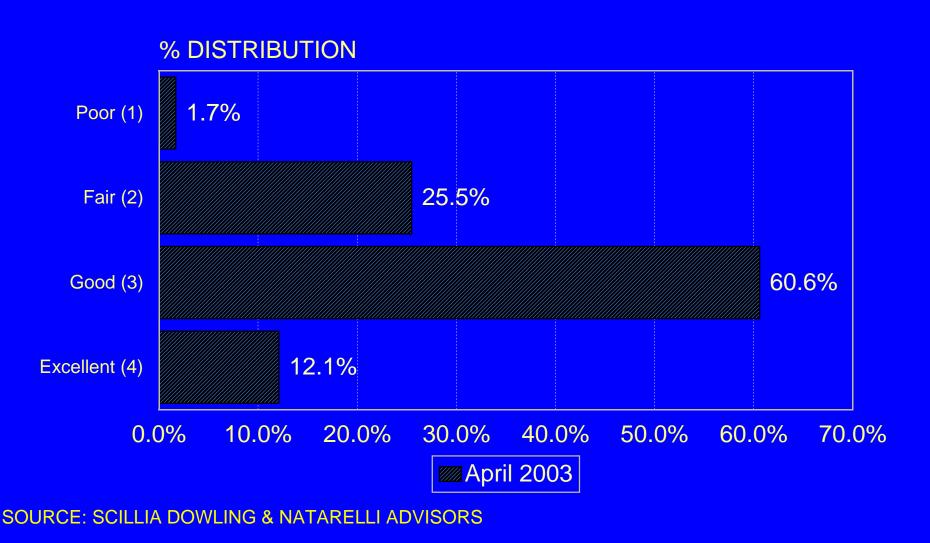
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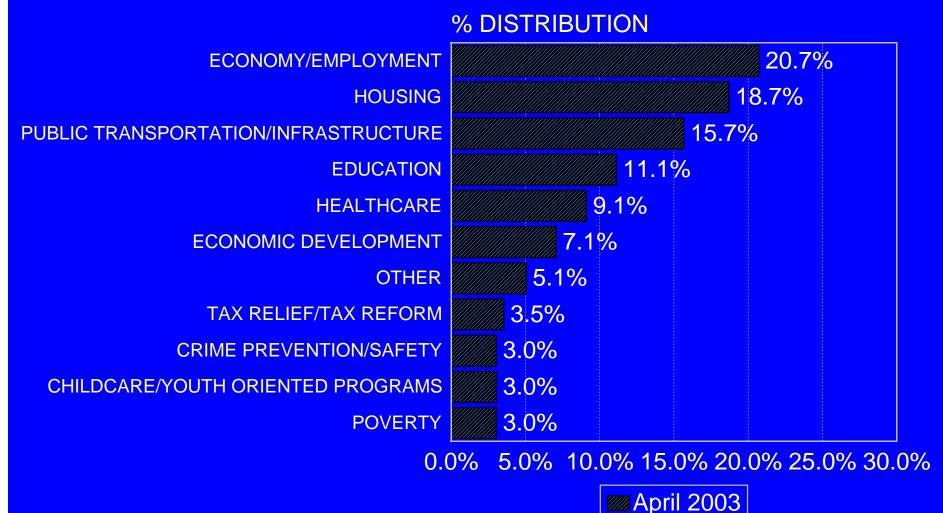
Q4A. GENERAL QUESTIONS:

"Using a scale of excellent, good, fair and poor, how would you rate the New Haven region as a place to live and work?"

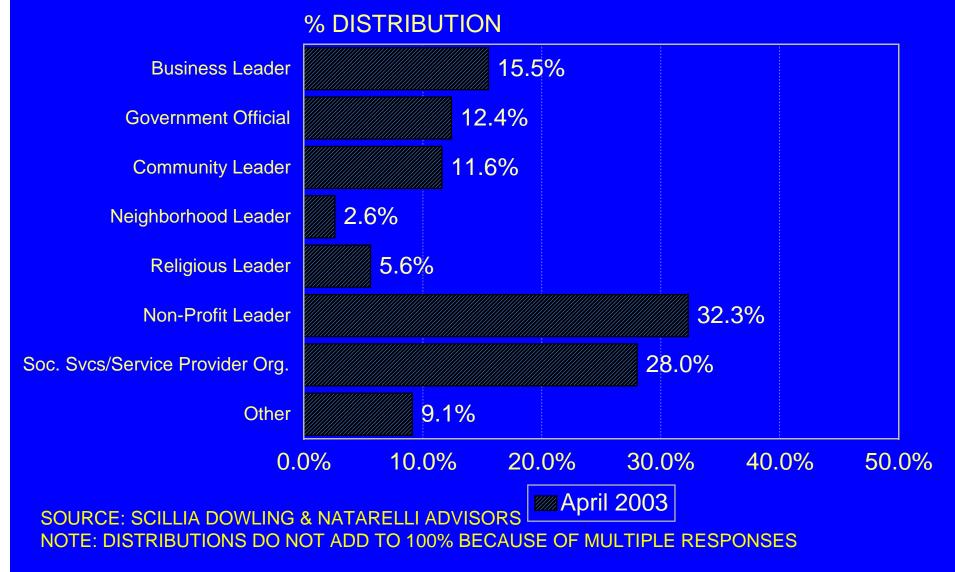
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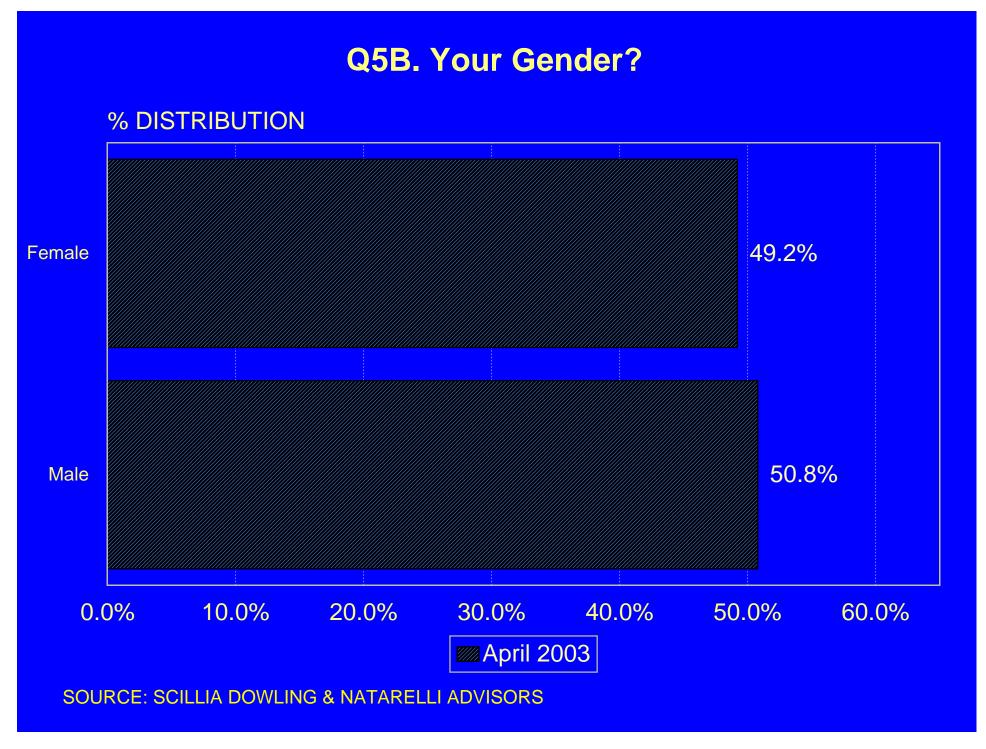


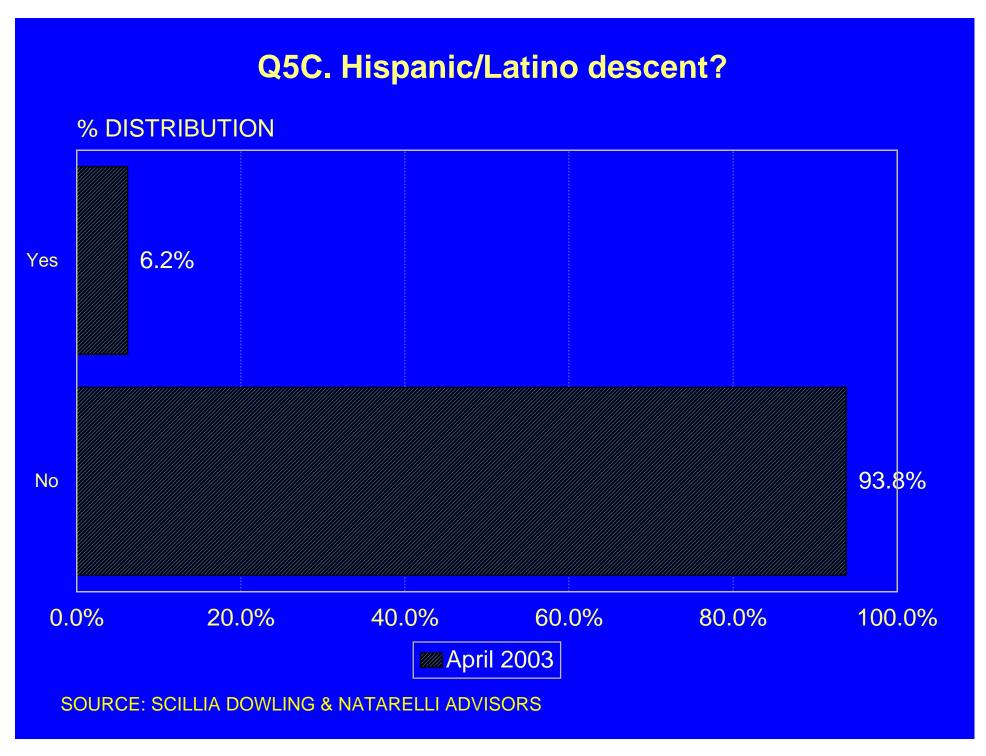
Q4C1. In your opinion, what are the THREE GREATEST NEEDS within the New Haven region at this time? Please list in order of importance. FIRST MOST IMPORTANT?



Q5A. As a "Community Leader", which of the following categories would best describe your involvement with the New Haven region?











RECOMMENDATIONS:

- DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR LEVERAGING AREA RESOURCES, CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT DEMAND IS VERY LIKEY TO EXCEED SUPPLY OVER THE NEAR-TERM. THE CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS AREA AGENCIES, CREATING MORE DEMAND AGAINST A BACKDROP OF LIMITED RESOURCES.
- FURTHER LONGITUDINAL ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING OF GAPS WILL ALLOW THE UNITED WAY TO DOCUMENT FUTURE SUCCESS OF NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, AND HELP TO MONITOR CHANGING PRIORITIES OF AREA LEADERS.
- THIS CURRENT STUDY PROVIDES A "BASELINE MEASURE OF LIVIABILITY" WITHIN THE NEW HAVEN AREA AS INDICATED BY OVERALL SATISFACTION. FUTURE STUDIES CAN DOCUMENT STATISTICAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE OVERALL SATISFACTION READINGS, AND OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THE NEW HAVEN REGION, REFLECTING WELL ON FUTURE UNITED WAY INITIATIVES.

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