

**2010 New Haven Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey
Dwight-Edgewood-West River-Beaver Hills Community
May 2010**

2010 New Haven Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey & Workshops



**Dwight – Edgewood – West River - Beaver Hills
Preliminary Neighborhood Results**

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Data Partner and Supporter

DataHaven, a non-profit (501(c)3) organization, is providing the survey organizers with technical assistance and data access. DataHaven's mission is to improve the Greater New Haven region by compiling and sharing high quality public information for effective decision making. DataHaven is a formal partner of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP), a collaborative effort by the Urban Institute of Washington, DC, and local partners to further the development of neighborhood information systems in policymaking and community building.

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About the Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey & Workshops

- **Purpose**
 1. Identify internal resources and assets within neighborhoods (strengths, volunteers)
 2. Develop neighborhood “Action Plans” on concerns
 3. Meet new neighbors, build ability of neighborhood associations and CMTs to take future action
- **Design and Organization (September-December 2009)**
- **Data Collection (January-April 2010)**
- **Analysis, Workshops and Final Reports (May 2010-)**

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Summary: Survey Results Overall

- Over 1,200 responses from across City of New Haven
- Most responses came from 9 neighborhoods and CMTs where citizens actively promoted the survey collection
- Data will be published at <http://www.ctdatahaven.org/> once all neighborhood results are analyzed

About the Results

- Survey not randomized or designed to give a statistically representative population sample of a city or neighborhood
- Some results can be compared with randomized data collection completed by Yale CARE in Fall 2009 & other data
- Designed to provide qualitative data and mobilize action through discussion, workshops and citizen action

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Dwight – Edgewood – Beaver Hills Results

- 1. Demographics**
- 2. Social Capital**
- 3. Perceptions of Neighborhood**
- 4. Perceptions of Services**
- 5. New Establishments**

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Summary: Dwight-Edgewood Area

- 144 responses from Dwight, Edgewood, West River and BH (approximately 100 from Dwight-Edgewood-West River & 44 from Beaver Hills)

Demographics: Who Responded?

- 90% of respondents identified themselves as **residents** of the neighborhood
- 34% of respondents say they **work** within the neighborhood
- 13% identified themselves as **students** in the area

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Demographics (Continued)

How many years have you lived / worked in the neighborhood?

37%: 0-4 years

17%: 5-9 years

44%: 10 or more years

Family Structure

57% Female

30% Live alone, 40% live with 2 and 30% with 3 or more persons

About 50% have children

59% Homeowners

47% Identified "White/Caucasian" as race

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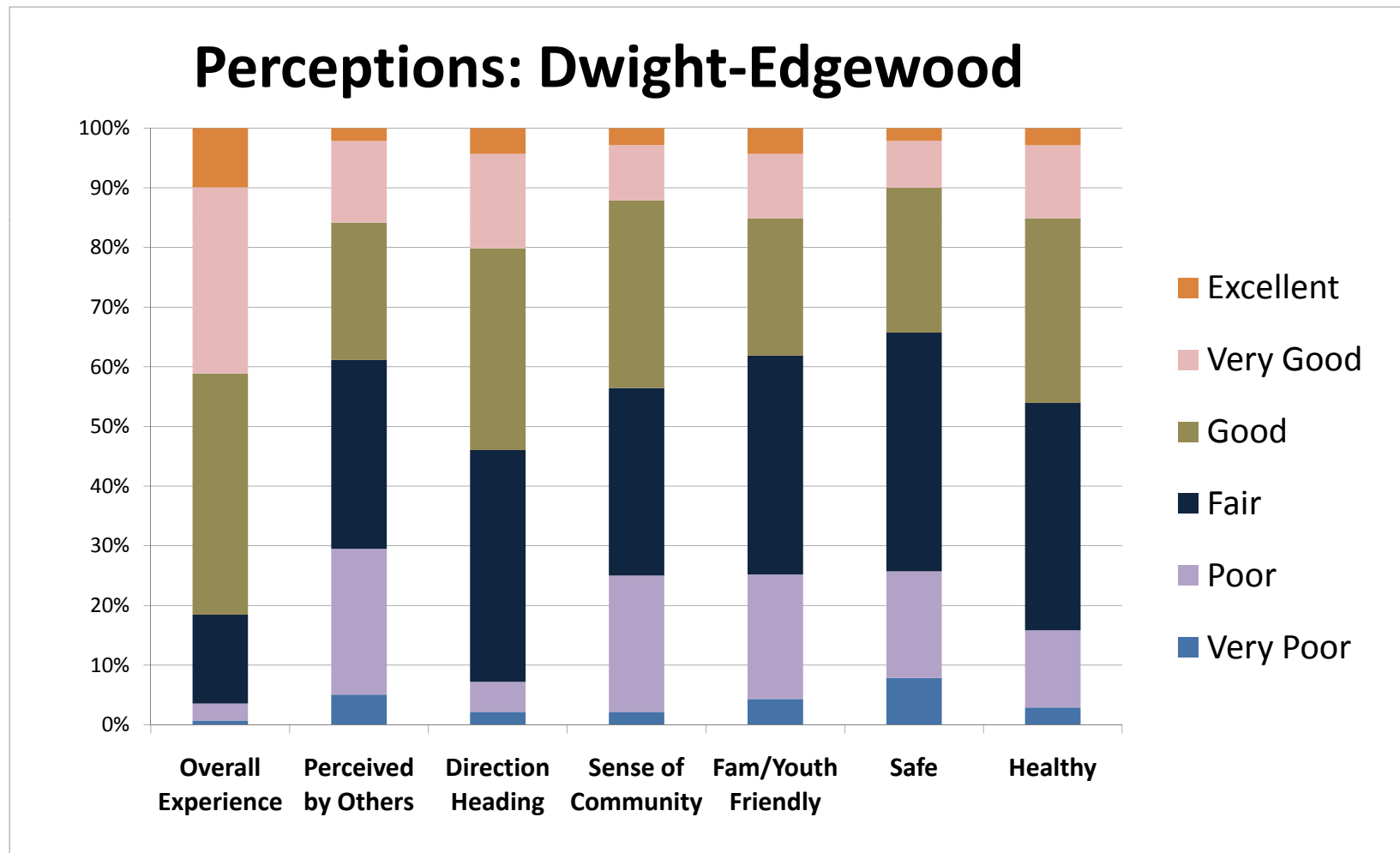
Summary: Social Capital Questions

1. Would you stop to help if asked for directions? **95% say yes**
2. If there was a fight in front of your house and someone was being beaten or threatened, how likely is it that your neighbors would break it up? **34% say likely or very likely, 43% unsure**
3. Would neighborhood residents organize to try to do something to keep a fire station open in the area if it was threatened by cuts? **62% say likely or very likely, 23% unsure**
4. How well do you know neighbors? **37% know them well and actively socialize, 57% just “say hi,” 6% do not know anyone on their street**

Similar results to Fall 2009 CARE survey results of 1200 individuals in 6 New Haven neighborhoods

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Summary: Perceptions of Neighborhood



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Summary: Perceptions (Continued)

Agree (Strongly Agree)

Many shops, stores, markets or places to go are within easy walking distance of my home.

71% (31%) Dwight-Edgewood

CARE*: 72% (48%)

*Yale CARE randomized sample of 6 lower-income areas, Fall 2009

There are safe sidewalks and crosswalks on most of the streets in my neighborhood.

77% (30%) Dwight-Edgewood

CARE: 71% (42%)

There are facilities to bicycle in or near my neighborhood that are safe from traffic, either on streets or special lanes/paths/trails.

42% (11%) Dwight-Edgewood

CARE: 46% (24%)

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Summary: Perceptions (Continued)

Agree (Strongly Agree)

My neighborhood has several free or low cost recreation facilities such as parks, playgrounds, public swimming pools, etc.

61% (19%) Dwight-Edgewood

CARE*: 51% (25%)

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I feel unsafe to go on walks in my neighborhood at night.

65% (26%) Dwight-Edgewood

CARE: 65% (48%)

I feel unsafe to go on walks in my neighborhood during the day.

14% (1%) Dwight-Edgewood

CARE: 31% (15%)

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Summary: Attractiveness of Streets and Intersections

59% said their street was more attractive/pleasant than other streets in New Haven as a whole

Most Attractive/Pleasant

1. Ellsworth, Colony, Bellevue
2. Edgewood Avenue
3. Dwight
4. Sections of Chapel Street

Least Attractive/Pleasant

1. Whalley Avenue
2. Norton, Goffe, Winthrop, Fitch
3. Kensington
4. George
5. Orchard

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Summary: Perceptions of Services (Continued)

Lowest relative scores (avg score 1-4, % satisfied/agree):

1. Adequate youth programs (2.1, 32%)
2. Well-maintained roads and crosswalks (2.2, 40%)
3. Neighborhood free of gangs, prostitution and drugs (2.2, 43%)
4. Traffic enforcement (2.3, 44%)
5. Likelihood of personally attending a CMT meeting (2.3, 44%)
6. Communication from City Hall (2.4, 49%)
7. Noise (2.5, 51%)

Higher scores: Comfort approaching police (88%), parking (75%), transit (71%), hoping to live here for next 3-5 years (79%), street lighting (72%), trash pickup (80%), park maintenance (66%), library access (74%)

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Summary: Neighborhood Establishments

Residents might use or believe the neighborhood needs more:

Arts / cultural establishment	77%
Sit-down, moderately-priced restaurant	77%
Recreational facility	75%
Farmers market	75%
Coffee shop or café	71%
Grocery store	60%
Clothing store	60%
Youth center	59%
Live music venue	55%
Health clinic	47%
Pharmacy	31%
Laundromat / dry cleaner	28%
Bank	28%
Pub / bar	26%
Dance club	20%
Fast food restaurant	11%

Other suggestions include: bookstore, bakery, job source facility, greengrocer, deli, liquor store, pool hall, community garden, and others