

2008 Place Survey Results for Oxford City Relevant to Safer, Stronger and More Cohesive City

1. Introduction

The 2008 Place Survey provides information on people's perceptions of their local area and the local services they receive.

The survey results are published by the department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) and can be viewed by national, regional, county and district level on the CLG website at

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/placesurvey2008>

2. Results relevant to Safer Stronger and more Cohesive City

This section shows how Oxford City compares with national averages in results under key headings and national indicators considered to be the most relevant to the SCS flagship issue of Safer, Stronger and more Cohesive City.

However, it should be noted that research by Ipsos MORI¹ has identified **Oxford as having a combination of background characteristics that will make it hard to score highly on perception measures**. They have identified background characteristics which are consistently shown to be associated with making satisfaction hard to achieve and created an "Area Challenge Index". Issues very relevant to Oxford are included in the index, such as a high population of young people, high population churn and high number of households with over occupancy.

According to the "Area Challenge Index", Oxford is the most challenged District/Borough authority in the Country.

2.1 About your local area:

	Oxford	National average	How Oxford compares with the national average
satisfied with their local area as a place to live (NI 5)	83%	80%	3% higher than the national average
belong to their immediate neighbourhood (NI 2)	49%	59%	4% lower than the national average

¹ Ipsos MORI Social Research Institute "People, Perceptions and Place", Bobby Duffy and Debbie Lee Chan, June 2009

2.2 Respect and consideration

	Oxford	National average	How Oxford compares with the national average
% that felt there were problems with people in their local area not treating one another with respect and consideration (NI 23)	26%	31%	5% lower than the national average
% felt that they were treated with respect and consideration by local services	75%	72%	3% higher than the national average
people from different backgrounds got on well together in their local area (NI 1)	82%	76%	6% higher than the national average

2.3 Community safety: Anti-social behaviour issues perceived to be problems

	Oxford	National average	How Oxford compares with the national average
rubbish or litter lying around	41%	37%	4% higher than the national average
teenagers hanging around the streets	34%	43%	9% lower than the national average
drug use or drug dealing (NI 42)	33%	31%	2% higher than the national average
drunk or rowdy behaviour (NI 41)	32%	29%	3% higher than the national average
police and other local public services were successfully dealing with these problems (NI 21)	31%	26%	5% higher than the national average
vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	32%	33%	1% lower than the national average
police and other local public services sought local people's views on community safety issues (NI 27)	25%	25%	Same as the national average

2.4 Is anti-social behaviour a problem in Local Area?

	Oxford	National average	How Oxford compares with the national average
% who think that anti-social behaviour is a problem in their local area (NI 17)	20%	20%	Same as the national average

2.5 Local decision-making

	Oxford	National average	How Oxford compares with the national average
% who agree that they can influence decisions in their local area (NI 4)	29%	29%	Same as the national average

2.6 Getting involved

	Oxford	National average	How Oxford compares with the national average
% who have been involved in decisions that affect the local area in the past 12 months (NI 3)	14%	15%	1% lower than the national average

3. How Oxford compares with other Local Areas

3.1 Comparison with the Diamond Areas

The diamond areas are our most like for like authorities in the South East. They are 'sub regional functional areas' with the greatest potential for significant contributions to economic growth in the south east.

A table of the full results and comparisons with other "diamond" areas is attached as appendix one.

3.2 Comparison with District Councils in Oxfordshire

A table of the results for Oxford City and the other districts in Oxfordshire is attached as appendix two.