

2003 Outcomes and Community Impact Program



United Way of San Diego County

Satisfaction with Children's Education

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The 2003 Outcomes & Community Impact Program surveyed 3,662 randomly selected households from throughout San Diego County between October 24, 2003 and March 30, 2004. One segment of this survey was intended to determine the level of parental satisfaction with children's education among San Diego County residents with children in school. Questions in this section inquired of respondents with children in elementary school through high school the type of school attended. Additionally, respondents were asked to evaluate their satisfaction with their children's education.

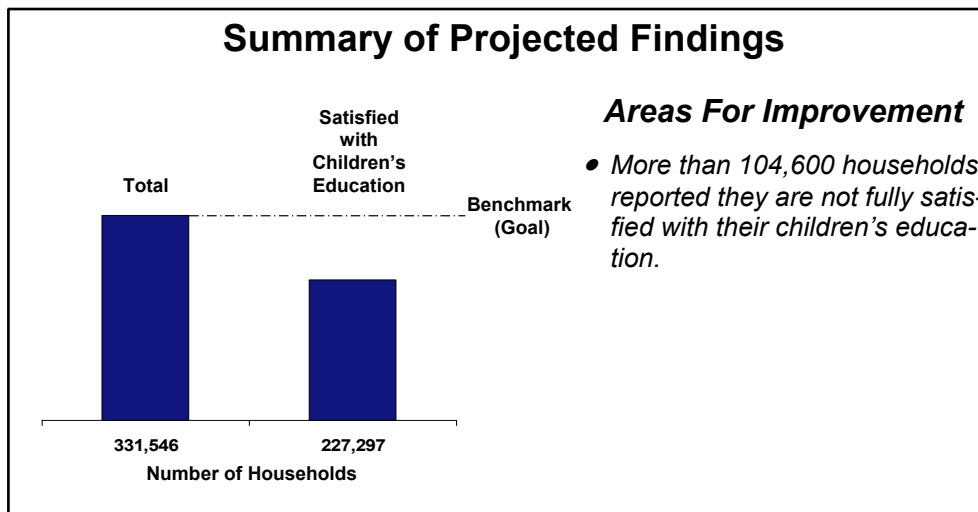
This chapter explores the findings related to the level of satisfaction with children's education among San Diego County residents. This includes examining the findings by demographic subgroups including geographic location, age, race/ethnicity, educational level, income and other variables as indicated.

In addition, findings are projected for the current number of occupied households in San Diego County.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Overall, 82.4 percent of respondents with children in elementary through high school reported their children attend public school.
- Overall, 68.5 percent of the respondents report they are satisfied or very satisfied with their children's education.



Type of School Attended

“What type of school does (do) your child(ren) attend?”

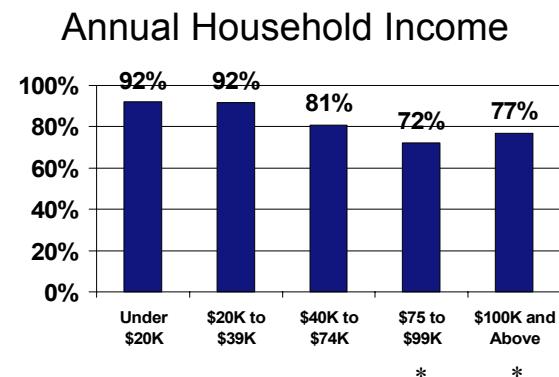
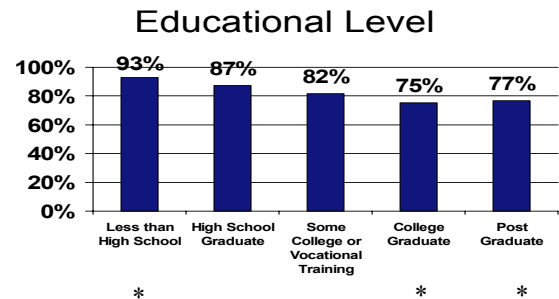
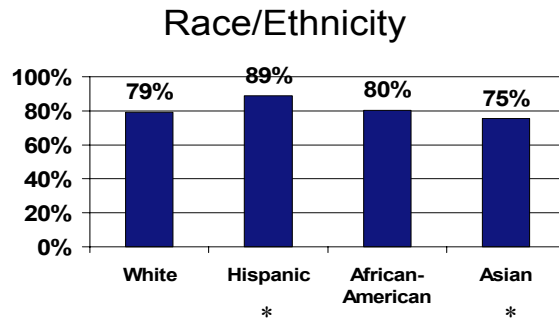
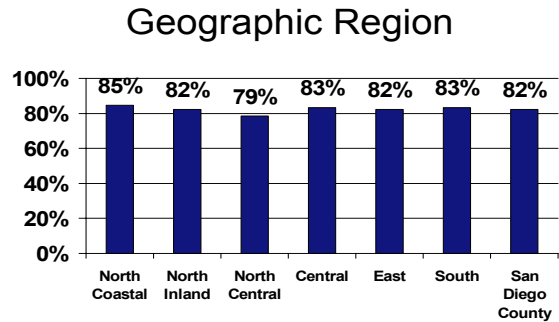
Overall, 82.4 percent of the respondents (n=970) with children in elementary school through high school reported their children attend public school. Use of private or religious schools was reported by 8.6 percent, while 5.9 percent reported their children attended a combination of both public and private schools. Home-schooling was reported by 2.1 percent of respondents.

Within each demographic subgroup, public school attendance ranged from 72.2 percent for children of respondents with annual household incomes between \$75,000 and \$99,999 to 92.9 percent for children of respondents with less than a high school education. Findings within these and other variables include:

- Geographically, public school attendance ranged from 78.5 percent in the North Central region to 84.6 percent in the North Coastal region. Private school attendance was highest in the Central region and lowest in the North Inland region, 10.4 percent and 7.0 percent, respectively. These differences are not statistically significant.
- In terms of race/ethnicity, public school attendance ranged from 75.4 percent among Asian respondents to 88.7 percent for Hispanic respondents. Private school attendance ranged from 5.2 percent for Hispanic respondents to 12.3 percent among Asian respondents. Hispanic respondents reported significantly higher use of public schools than Asian respondents.
- Respondents with less than a high school education reported significantly higher public school attendance for their children than those with a college education or more, 92.9 percent and 75.8 percent, respectively.
- Respondents with annual household incomes of \$75,000 or more are significantly less likely to send their children to public schools than those with lower annual household incomes. Private school attendance was highest for children of those with annual household incomes between \$75,000 and \$99,999, 16.0 percent.

Review of other demographic variables did not reveal any statistically significant differences.

Percent indicating public school



* Significant at p < .05

Satisfaction with Children's Education

"How satisfied are you with the education your children are getting?"

Respondents with children in elementary school through high school (n=1,177) were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the education their children are getting using a six-point scale with six being "very satisfied" and one being "very dissatisfied."

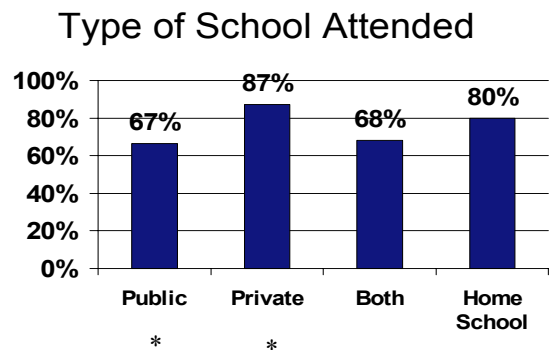
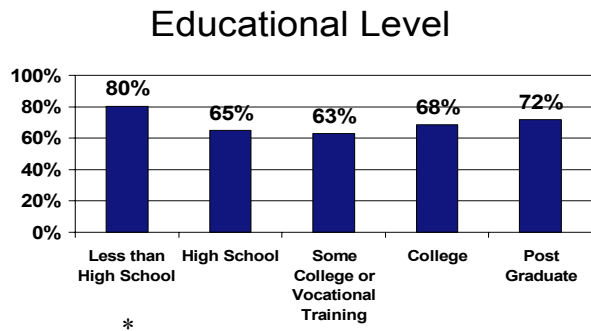
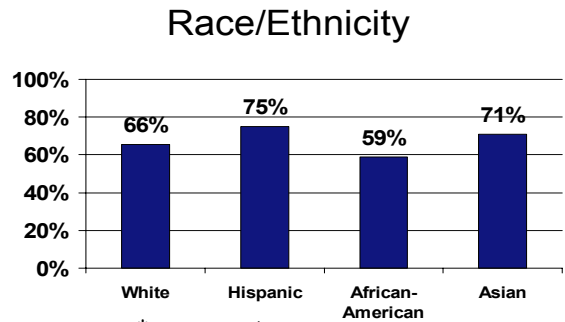
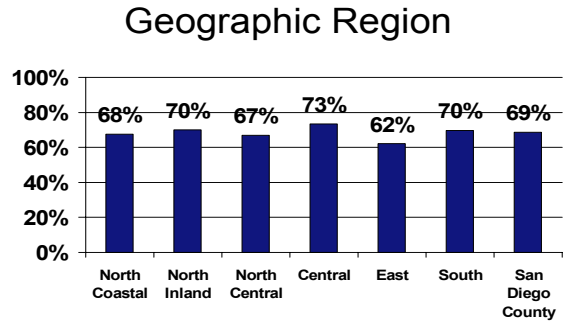
The overall mean level of satisfaction with their children's education was 4.86. In terms of proportion, those actually satisfied or very satisfied accounted for 68.5 percent. Those dissatisfied or very dissatisfied accounted for 6.1 percent.

Observed differences that are statistically significant have been indicated with an asterisk. Findings within the various demographic subgroups include:

- Geographically, satisfaction levels were similar, ranging from 62.0 percent in the East region to 73.3 percent in the Central region. These differences are not statistically significant.
- Satisfaction levels based on respondent race/ethnicity ranged from 58.9 percent among white respondents to 74.9 percent among Hispanic respondents. These differences in satisfaction between white and Hispanic respondents are statistically significant.
- In terms of respondent educational level, satisfaction ranged from 62.9 percent for respondents with some college education or vocational training to 80.3 percent for respondents with less than a high school education. Respondents who completed high school, some college or vocational training or college reported a significantly lower level of satisfaction than those with less than a high school education.
- A review of satisfaction levels by type of school attended found those with children in private schools were significantly more satisfied than those with children in public schools.

Review of other demographic variables did not find any other significant variation in the satisfaction levels with children's education.

Percent of persons satisfied or very satisfied with children's education



* Significant at p < .05

Satisfaction with Children’s Education Profile

Countywide, 81.8 percent of the households with children in kindergarten school through high school reported their children attend public school. This equates to an estimated 273,546 households in San Diego County with children currently attending public school. Overall, 68.5 percent of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with their children’s education. This equates to an estimated 227,297 households in San Diego County reporting they are satisfied or very satisfied with their children’s education.

Type of School Attended (n=1,177)

	(n)	(%)	(estimate)
Public	970	82.4	273,546
Private	101	8.0	28,483
Combination public/private	69	5.9	19,458
Home school	25	2.1	7,050
Don’t know/Refused	12	1.0	3,384

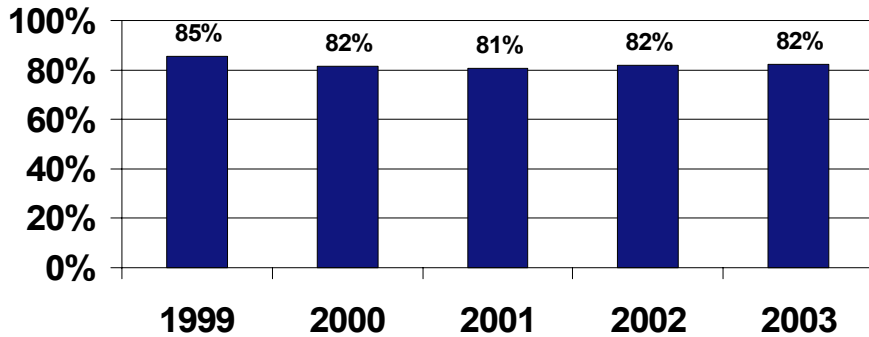
Satisfaction (n=1,177)

	(n)	(%)	(estimate)
Very satisfied or satisfied	806	68.5	227,297
Somewhat satisfied or dissatisfied	290	24.6	81,782
Very dissatisfied or dissatisfied	71	6.0	20,022
Don’t know/Refused	10	0.8	2,820

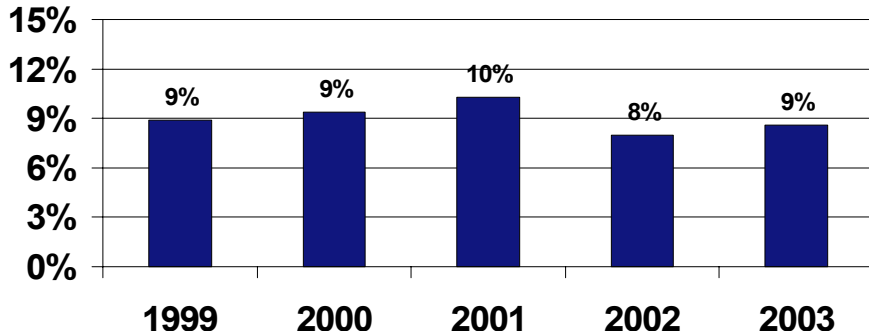
Five-Year Trend with Satisfaction in Children's Education Indicators

The following charts provide a comparison of type of school attended and satisfaction with education provided for the past five years.

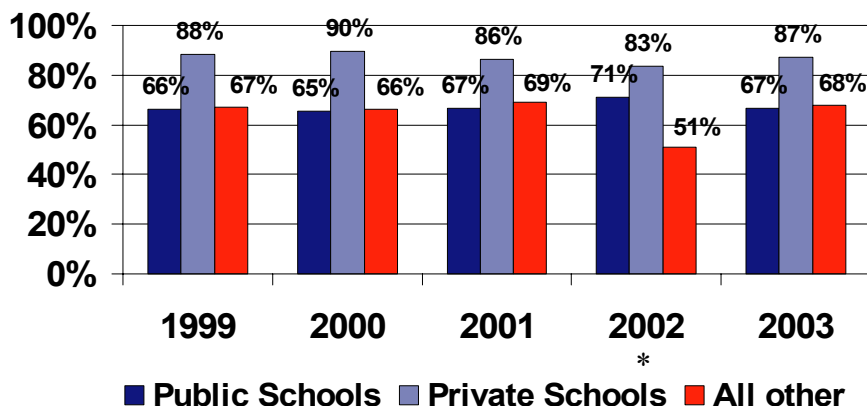
Percent reporting their children attended a public school during the past 12 months



Percent indicating their children attended a private school during past 12 months



Percent reporting they are very satisfied or satisfied with their children's education



* The difference in satisfaction between parents with children in private and public school is significant at $p < .05$ level.

Background

Each year billions of dollars are invested in San Diego County by federal, state, county, cities and charitable organizations to improve the health and well-being of the community and its residents. These funds are applied to a wide variety of health, social and community issues. All concerned have a growing interest in knowing whether this investment of community assets is making a difference. The Outcomes and Community Impact Measurement Program has been designed to be a comprehensive measurement and outcomes reporting system related to the health and well-being of San Diego County residents.

The Outcomes and Community Impact Measurement Program data reviewed in this document are for the 2003 data collection and reporting period.

Concept

Initial concepts behind this program began in 1995 when the United Way of San Diego County convened eight task forces representing San Diego County residents and community leaders who developed the following list of desired countywide outcomes:

- **Access** – People have access to a full range of effective community services.
- **Self-sufficiency** – People reach and maintain an optimal level of independence and health.
- **Civic Solutions** – People live in, participate in and are supported by diverse, economically sound communities.
- **Educational Success** – People have the necessary life-long educational support to reach their potential as productive and contributing community members.
- **Public Safety** – People feel safe from the threat of crime and violence in their homes, neighborhoods and communities.
- **Well-being** – People are emotionally self-sufficient and able to cope with the stressors in their lives.

Based on the desired outcomes developed by these task forces, a measurement platform was designed to measure the impact of community assets and services on addressing people's needs and visions.

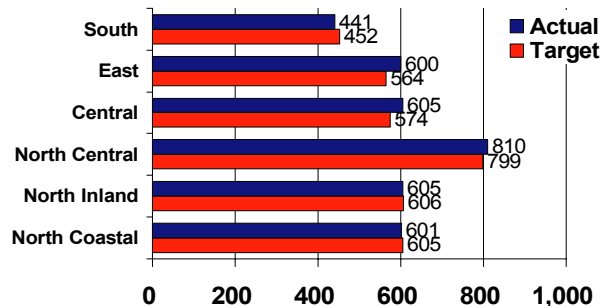
Methodology

Data was collected via telephone interviews with 3,662 randomly selected persons living throughout San Diego County. The interviews, lasting an average of 22.6 minutes, were conducted by trained interviewers from the Social and Behavioral Research Institute located at California State University San Marcos between October 24, 2003 and March 30, 2004.

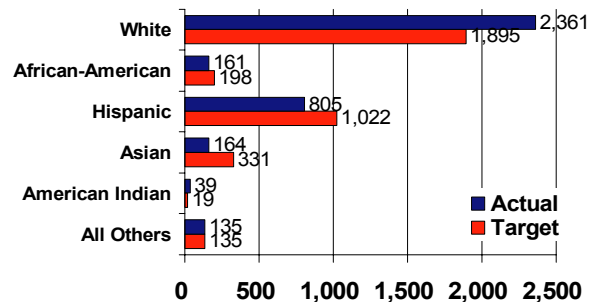
To enhance the quality of the data in terms of how well it represents the geographic and race/ethnic population of San Diego County, the county was divided into six geographic regions. These regions correspond with the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency regions. A targeted number of interviews for each race/ethnic category within each region was established to more accurately represent the actual population within the regions.

The following tables present the targeted and actual number of interviews completed.

Targeted Number of Interviews by Region



Targeted Number of Interviews by Race/Ethnicity



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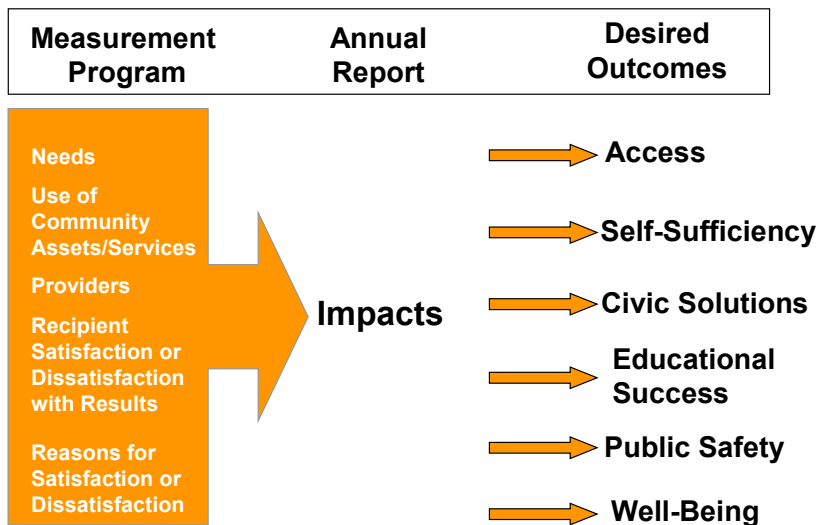
- Alliance Healthcare Foundation
- The California Endowment
- County of San Diego
- Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP)
- Kaiser Permanente
- McCarthy Family Foundation
- INFO LINE of San Diego County
- The San Diego Foundation
- United Way of San Diego County

Outcomes and Impact Program Overview

The information contained in this report presents the findings for one of the 24 areas explored in the 2003 Outcomes and Impact Study. Other areas range from advocacy services to youth development. Each of these areas is covered in an individual report which can be obtained from the United Way of San Diego County. In addition, there are appendices supporting each of these reports which provide very detailed data in the format of cross tabulations of questions for each area by many key variables.

To view the 2003 Outcomes and Community Impact Program reports or to order copies of the 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 reports on disk, visit the United Way's website at www.uwsd.org. On the homepage click on the Outcomes / Healthy Community Index icon.

Outcomes and Impact



More Information Available

The information provided in this report is one segment of the available outcome and impact program reporting. Additional information is available including:

- Five-year history of top-level findings
- Methodology and Technical Report
- Frequencies
- Cross tabulations
- Significance tests