

Channeling a happy place? It's in Queens

Survey says it's the borough where residents feel most at home

It's official — residents of Queens are the happiest in the city.

That, at least, is what the Citizens Committee for New York City found by asking thousands of city residents about their neighborhoods. More than half the people in the borough say they are "very satisfied" with where they live.

It's relatively miserable on the other side of the Whitestone Bridge in the Bronx, where a full quarter of the people are "not at all satisfied" with the state of things in their neighborhood.

In keeping with their local pride, the happy people of Queens are neighborly. Nearly one-third say they look next door and see someone they call "friend." Staten Islanders turn out to be a curmudgeonly group — they're fairly satisfied with their neighborhoods but aren't too happy with the neighbors. Just 17 percent can find a friend next door.

It's the same in Manhattan — where few people know who lives next door — just 17 percent call their neighbor a friend.

The good news is that, across the board, New Yorkers say they are increasingly interested in improving their surroundings. Nearly three-quarters of New York wants to help out in their community, and a similar number want to know their neighbors better.

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Who's your neighbor?

28 percent of New Yorkers said "we greet each other in the hallways."

24 percent characterized their neighbors as "friends."

21 percent described their neighbors as "acquaintances."

74 percent said they'd like to get to know their neighbors better.

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