

## Not nuts for their neighborhoods: Survey finds Bx. least-satisfied boro

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Bronxites are giving [Bronx](#) cheers to their own neighborhoods, according to a new survey.

They're more unhappy with them than residents in all the other boroughs, the survey by the [Citizens Committee for New York City](#) found.

Of the 637 Bronx residents surveyed, only 24% reported being "very satisfied" with their neighborhoods, 51% were "somewhat satisfied" and 25% reported being "not at all satisfied," the highest percentage of any borough.

[Peter Kostmayer](#), president of the Citizens Committee, said the results are similar to those seen in past years in the Bronx, but he is happy to see that, despite current dissatisfaction, residents are hopeful for the future.

"You are going to find a higher level of dissatisfaction in communities that are lower-income, that have serious problems in terms of housing, services, access to shopping, crime, safety and cleanliness," Kostmayer said.

"But there is some good news here," he added. "The Bronx scored the highest when we asked people if they were 'very interested' in their neighborhood or community affairs."

About 58% of the respondents said they were "very interested" and another 35% said they were "somewhat interested" in what goes on in their community. More than half also said they had done something in the past year to improve the community and attended a resident-led event, like a block party or meeting.

The survey of 4,400 New Yorkers was taken in October 2008, as news of a financial crisis heightened but had not yet shown its breadth.

The survey also showed that more than 85% of New Yorkers, including Bronxites, said they expect their neighborhood will improve or stay the same over the next five years.

But 58% of Bronx residents - similar to numbers in [Brooklyn](#) and [Manhattan](#) - said they also felt their neighborhoods would be too expensive for them to live in within five years.

"It shows a tremendous optimism for the future and also some fear for the future," Kostmayer said. "2009 is going to be a tough year for [New York City](#)."

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