

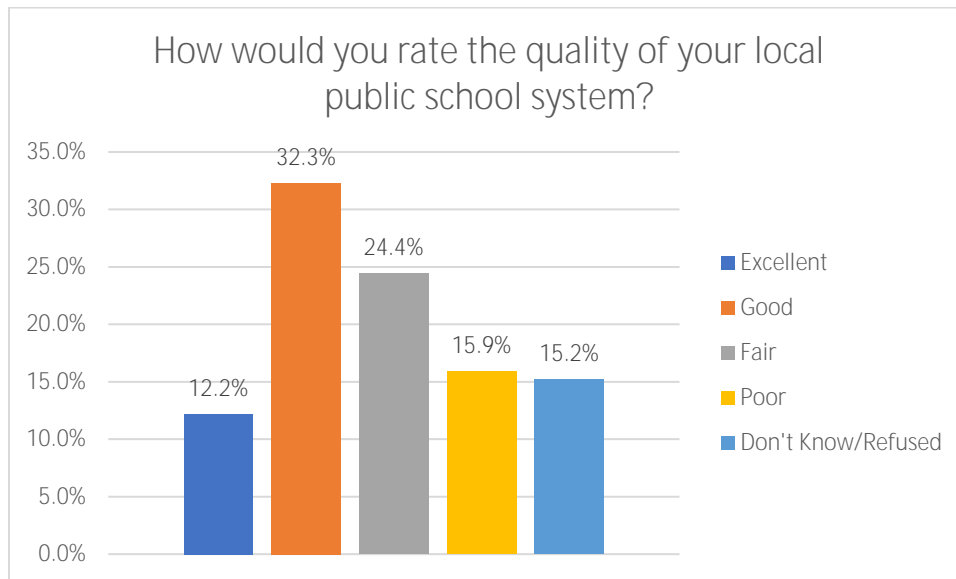
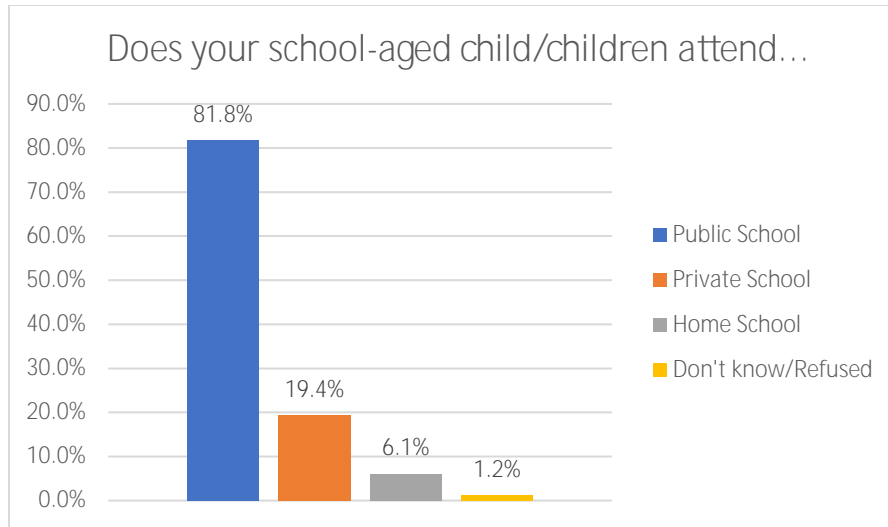
Life in Hampton Roads 2023 – Health, Climate & Education in
Hampton Roads

Ratings of one's personal health varied by city with 82.9% of respondents from Newport News rating their health as excellent or good followed by Virginia Beach (80.2%). Portsmouth (67.5%) and Suffolk (57.9%) had the lowest percentage of respondents rating their health as excellent or good.

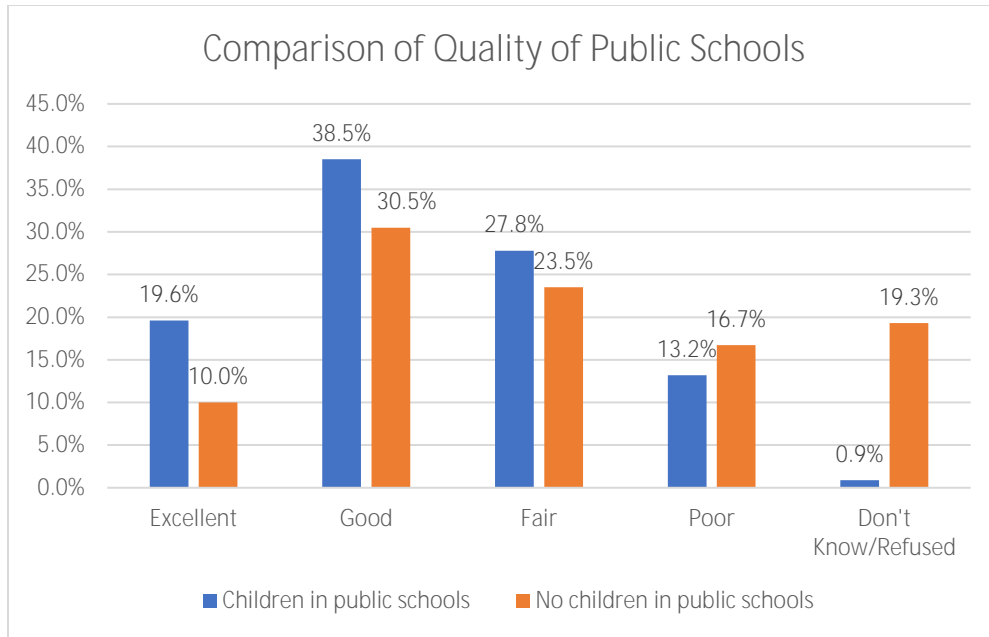


Respondents were also asked to rate the quality of medical and health care in Hampton Roads. Just under two-thirds (63.5%) rated the quality as excellent (21.4%) or good (42.1%). This is much lower than last year, when 73.6% of respondents rated the quality of care as excellent or good.

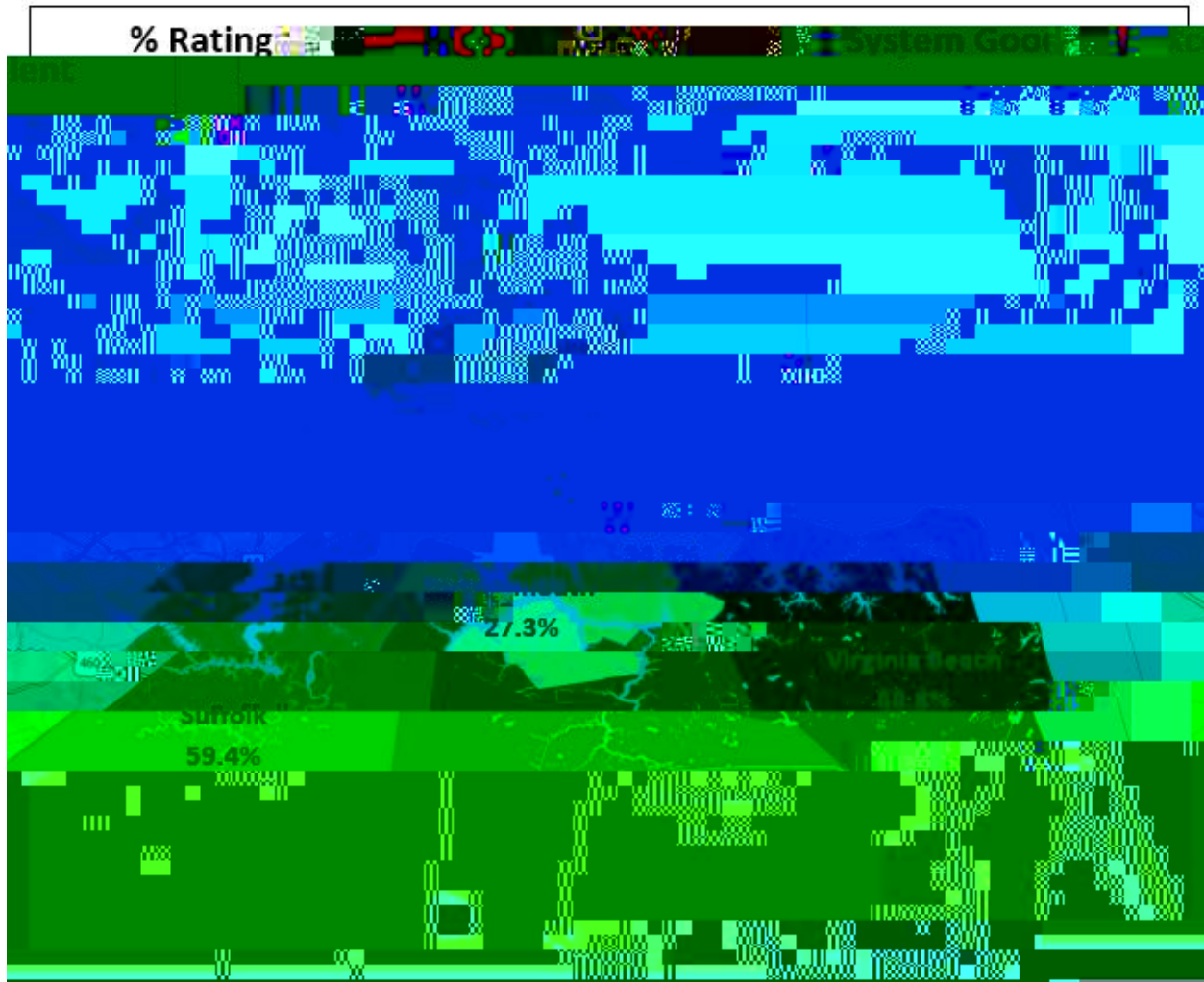
Education



Below, respondents with children in public schools (n=135) are compared with respondents without children in the local public schools. There are a couple of items of note. First, parents with children in public schools were less likely to report that they did not know about the quality of the public schools. Second, they tended to view them more favorably than those without children in the public schools. Parents with children in the public schools were more likely to describe them as excellent (19.6% compared to 10%) or to describe the schools as good (38.5% compared to 30.5%). Respondents without children in the local public schools were more likely to rate them as poor (16.7% compared to 13.2%).



The perceptions of school quality also varied by city with residents in Virginia Beach rating the school the highest (68.8% good or excellent), followed by Chesapeake and Suffolk (59.4% each good or excellent). Newport News (24.1%) and Portsmouth (27.3%) had the lowest percentage of residents rating the schools at good or excellent.



Respondents were asked if they strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements regarding the local schools:

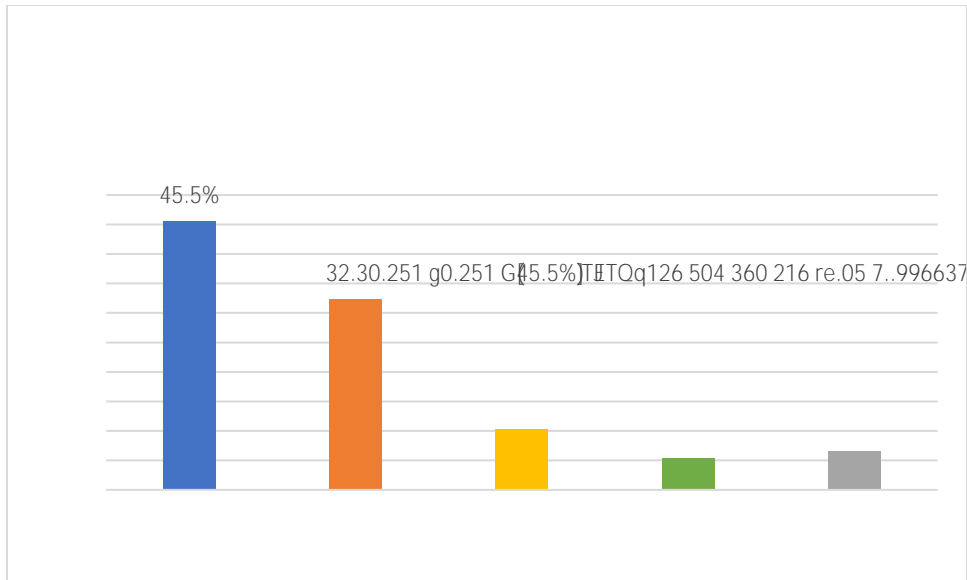
- High schools in Hampton Roads do a good job of preparing students to enter the workforce upon graduation
- High schools in Hampton Roads do a good job of preparing students for college upon graduation

Respondents were slightly more likely to agree or strongly agree that Hampton Roads' high schools do a good job of preparing students for college (54%) compared to preparing them to enter the workforce (46.9%). About 20% of respondents responded, "don't know" (18%) or "refused" (2%) to each item.

Finally, respondents were asked to what extent they agreed that certain topics should be taught in the public schools including:

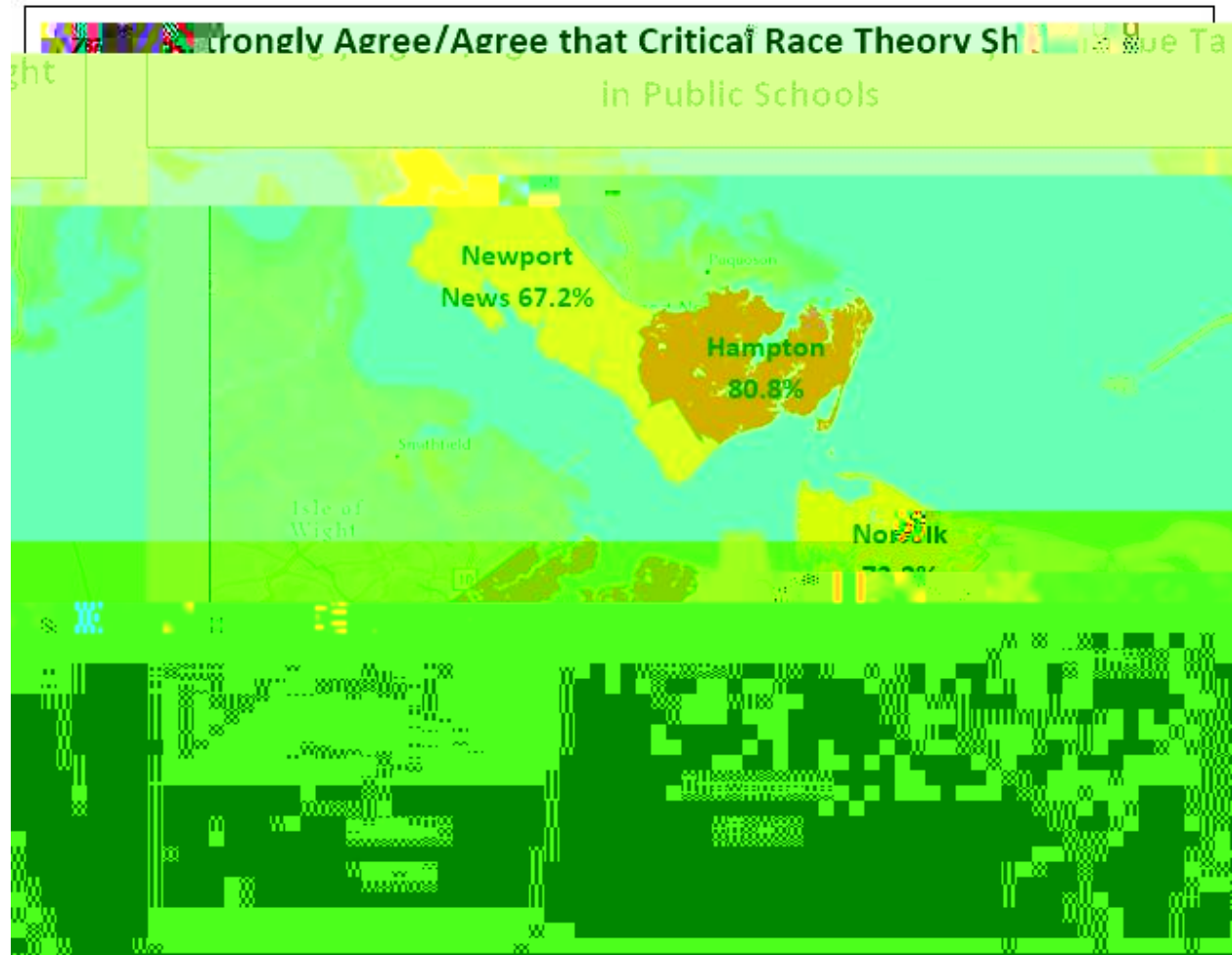
- The history and experiences of historically marginalized groups (for example, African Americans, Hispanics, women, LGBTQ and others) in the United States, and
- Critical Race Theory

More than three-quarters of respondents (77.8%) agreed or strongly agreed that the history of marginalized groups should be taught in public schools compared to 54.5% who agreed with teaching critical race theory. A definition of critical race theory was not provided thus leaving respondents to



Respondents across Hampton Roads varied in their support for Critical Race Theory (CRT) being taught





The Life in Hampton Roads Data report and press releases will be placed on the Social Science Research Center website as they are released (<http://www.odu.edu/al/centers/ssrc>). Follow-up questions about the 2023 Life in Hampton Roads survey should be addressed to:

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