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***The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation
2011 Survey of DC Residents***

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Methodology

The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation Survey Project is a partnership and an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The 2011 Survey of DC Residents, the 22nd in this partnership series, was conducted by telephone from May 10 to May 31, 2011 among a representative random sample of 1,342 adults ages 18 and older living in the District of Columbia. The full sample includes additional interviews with randomly selected African Americans, for a total of 812 black respondents. The added interviews (commonly referred to as an “oversample”) were completed to ensure there were enough respondents for separate analysis. Results for all groups have been weighted to reflect their actual distribution in Washington, D.C. Telephone interviews conducted by landline and cell phone were carried out in English and Spanish by Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS).

The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. The error margin is 4 percentage points for the African-American sample and 6.5 points for the white sample. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Representatives of *The Washington Post* and the Kaiser Family Foundation worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. Each organization bears the sole responsibility for the work that appears under its name.

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Please note: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). (3) “vol.” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent and not an explicitly offered choice.

Trends in the document come from both random sample surveys conducted nationally and in the District of Columbia. Most surveys have at least 1,000 respondents and a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. “RV” indicates that a trend question is based on registered voters. Trend data from prior surveys refers to polls by *The Washington Post* or the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Full information about the survey and each trend question is available at www.washingtonpost.com/behindtheheadlines for Washington Post surveys and from the Roper Center for surveys from other organizations (<http://www.ropercenter.ucon.edu/>).

1. First, do you think things in the District of Columbia are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/31/11	46	36	11	7
8/26/10	56	29	9	6
1/28/10	52	29	11	8
1/8/08	56	31	8	5
7/18/06	42	46	7	5
5/19/02	54	33	8	5
2/7/00	69	22	6	3
8/27/98*	47	46	NA	7
5/18/98	31	58	4	6
5/4/97	20	71	6	2
5/19/96	14	78	NA	2
2/29/96	16	80	NA	4
3/02/95	15	80	NA	5
12/21/93	11	83	NA	6
7/86	42	47	NA	12

*Among Democratic likely voters only.

2. What is the biggest problem facing the District today, the one you want the mayor to work the hardest to solve?

	5/31/11	5/31/11	8/26/10	7/18/06	5/19/02	2/7/00
	----- Among RVs -----					
Education/improving schools	25	26	34	24	18	17
ECONOMY NET	22	23	26	5	14	12
Jobs/employment/opportunities	16	16	18	3	9	7
Economy/Econ development/ improving quality of life/ cost of living	5	6	8	2	3	4
Taxes	1	1	*	1	2	2
CITY GOVERNMENT NET	13	15	4	2	3	6
Improve city government/ increase efficiency/less corrupt	6	7	2	1	3	4
Balanced budget/improve finances	5	6	2	1	1	2
The Mayor/issues involving the Mayor	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
SERVICES NET	5	6	2	5	11	17
Improving city services	3	4	2	4	8	14
Improving soc. services/health care	2	2	NA	1	3	3
Crime/violence	12	10	13	38	22	21
Traffic/parking problems	5	3	2	1	1	3
Want DC to be self-governing/ representation in Congress/ Congressional oversight	5	4	1	1	3	3
Housing costs/ low income housing/ more affordable housing	4	4	4	16	15	2
Poverty/homelessness	2	2	2	2	2	3
Nothing	*	*	0	NA	*	5
Other	4	3	10	3	7	8
Don't know	4	4	3	3	4	3

3. How would you rate the quality of life in Washington? Compared to other cities, would you say Washington is one of the best cities in the nation, above average, below average, or far below average?

	--One of best/Above--			-----Below/Far below-----			No opinion	
	NET	One of best	Above aver.	Average (vol.)	NET	Below aver.	Far below aver.	
5/31/11	66	24	42	21	10	9	2	3
2/7/00	57	22	35	30	10	8	2	3
12/84	NA	30	32	27	NA	6	2	3

4. How interested are you in District government and city affairs: Very interested, fairly interested, not too interested or not interested at all?

	-----Interested-----			-----Not interested-----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/31/11	79	35	45	20	12	8	1
12/21/93	76	32	44	23	14	9	1
2/2/92	85	46	39	15	10	5	*

5. How often would you say you attend public or political meetings, hearings or speeches dealing with District government or city affairs: Would you say very often, somewhat often, hardly ever or never?

	----- Often -----			----- Not often -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Hardly ever	Never	
5/31/11	29	7	22	71	34	37	*

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Vincent Gray is handling his job as Mayor? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or just somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/31/11	41	10	31	40	26	14	20
5/31/11 RV	40	11	29	43	27	16	17

Compare to Adrian Fenty:

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/26/10 RV	47	15	32	46	19	27	8
1/28/10 RV	40	13	27	53	20	33	7
1/28/10	42	13	29	49	20	29	9
1/8/08 RV	72	31	41	22	11	11	6
1/8/08	72	32	40	21	11	10	7

Compare to Anthony Williams:

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/18/06 RV	54	20	34	40	16	24	6
5/19/02 RV	64	24	40	29	11	18	7
5/19/02	64	22	42	28	11	17	8
2/7/00	77	36	40	17	9	7	7

Compare to Marion Barry:

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/18/98	35	16	19	52	17	34	14
5/4/97	31	13	19	63	21	41	6
5/19/96	50	25	25	47	21	26	3
2/29/96	48	19	29	45	19	26	7
3/02/95	58	28	30	27	13	14	15
5/89	28	NA	NA	62	NA	NA	10
8/21/87	44	NA	NA	41	NA	NA	15
7/86	50	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	12

Compare to Sharon Pratt Kelly:

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/21/93	30	7	23	67	32	35	3
2/2/92	54	20	34	42	19	23	4

7. For each of the following people, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person, or perhaps you don't know enough to say. Is that strongly or somewhat favorable/unfavorable?

5/31/11 - Summary table

	Favorable			Unfavorable			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Vincent Gray	46	13	32	37	26	11	17
b. Adrian Fenty	54	24	31	35	14	22	10
c. Council Chairman Kwame Brown	30	9	22	36	19	17	33
d. Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson	34	10	24	12	8	4	54

Trend where available

a. Vincent Gray

	Favorable			Unfavorable			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/31/11	46	13	32	37	26	11	17
5/31/11 RV	47	13	33	40	27	13	14
8/26/10 RV	60	27	32	16	12	5	24
1/28/10* RV	48	17	31	13	8	4	36
1/28/10*	43	16	27	13	8	5	44
1/8/08 RV	43	NA	NA	11	NA	NA	46
1/8/08	39	NA	NA	9	NA	NA	52

*District Council Chairman Vincent Gray

b. Adrian Fenty

	Favorable			Unfavorable			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/31/11	54	24	31	35	14	22	10
5/31/11 RV	52	25	30	39	14	25	6
8/26/10 RV	51	17	34	42	17	24	7
7/18/06 RV	59	NA	NA	16	NA	NA	25

c-d no trend.

8. Please tell me whether the following statements apply to Mayor Gray, or not?

a. He understands the problems of people like you

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/31/11	52	36	12
5/31/11*	54	36	9

*Based on registered voters who separately self-identify as Democrats

Compare to:

8/26/10**	61	16	23
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**Based on registered Democrats

b. He is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/31/11	42	37	20
5/31/11*	45	38	16

*Based on registered voters who separately self-identify as Democrats

Compare to:

8/26/10**	61	13	26
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**Based on registered Democrats

9. Thinking back to when Adrian Fenty was in office, would you say you approve or disapprove of the way Fenty handled his job as mayor? Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/31/11	58	26	31	38	14	24	5
5/31/11 RV	56	26	30	42	14	27	2
8/26/10 RV*	47	15	32	46	19	27	8
1/28/10 RV	40	13	27	53	20	33	7
1/28/10	42	13	29	49	20	29	9
1/8/08 RV	72	31	41	22	11	11	6
1/8/08	72	32	40	21	11	10	7

*8/26/10 and previous: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Adrian Fenty is handling...

10. Generally speaking, how would you rate (INSERT)? Excellent, good, not so good or poor?

5/31/11 - Summary table

	- Excellent/Good -			-- Not Good/Poor --			No opin.
	NET	Excel.	Good	NET	Not Good	Poor	
a. The job that District Police are doing	76	15	61	21	16	5	3
b. The quality of District parks and recreation facilities	71	15	56	22	16	6	7
c. The job that District public schools are doing	32	4	28	60	38	22	8
d. The job that the District is doing to keep the streets in good repair	49	6	43	50	33	17	1

Trend:

a. The job that district police are doing

	--Excellent/Good--			---Not Good/Poor---			No opin.
	NET	Excel.	Good	NET	Not Good	Poor	
5/31/11	76	15	61	21	16	5	3
1/28/10	73	12	61	25	17	8	2
1/8/08	61	8	53	37	27	10	2
7/18/06 RV	53	6	47	43	30	13	4
5/19/02	65	8	57	31	21	10	4
2/7/00	63	9	54	33	23	10	4
5/18/98	49	7	42	45	29	16	5
5/4/97	68	15	53	30	21	9	2
5/21/90	65	13	52	26	20	6	9

b. The quality of District parks and recreation facilities

	--Excellent/Good--			---Not Good/Poor---			No opin.
	NET	Excel.	Good	NET	Not Good	Poor	
5/31/11	71	15	56	22	16	6	7
1/28/10	65	11	54	28	19	8	7
7/18/06 RV	54	8	47	34	21	13	11
5/19/02	52	7	45	35	24	12	12
2/7/00	56	7	49	33	22	11	11
5/18/98	47	6	41	39	22	17	14
5/4/97	52	7	45	38	24	14	9
2/29/96	45	4	41	41	24	17	14
2/95	38	3	35	42	28	14	20
5/21/90	58	10	48	16	12	5	25

c. The job that district public schools are doing

	--Excellent/Good--			---Not Good/Poor---			No opin.
	NET	Excel.	Good	NET	Not Good	Poor	
5/31/11	32	4	28	60	38	22	8
1/28/10	37	5	32	54	32	22	9
1/8/08	23	3	20	71	38	33	5
7/18/06 RV	15	1	14	78	35	43	7
5/19/02	26	3	24	59	35	23	15
2/7/00	32	3	28	56	33	23	12
5/18/98	18	3	16	70	30	39	12
5/4/97	18	2	16	74	35	39	8
5/21/90	38	7	31	36	23	13	26

d. The job that the district is doing to keep the streets in good repair

	--Excellent/Good--			--Not Good/Poor--			No opin.
	NET	Excel.	Good	NET	Not Good	Poor	
5/31/11	49	6	43	50	33	17	1
1/8/08	46	8	38	53	33	20	1
7/18/06 RV	46	5	41	53	32	21	2
5/19/02 RV	43	4	39	56	34	22	1
5/19/02	43	4	39	55	33	22	2
2/7/00	32	3	29	65	35	31	3
5/18/98	21	2	19	78	34	44	2
5/4/97	18	2	16	81	32	49	1
2/29/96	22	2	20	76	26	50	2
2/95	25	2	23	69	30	39	6

11. These days, how safe from crime do you feel in your neighborhood? Would you say you feel very safe from crime, somewhat safe, not too safe, or not safe at all?

	-----Safe-----			-----Not safe-----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/31/11	82	26	55	18	13	5	*
1/28/10	79	27	52	21	15	6	*
1/8/08	74	24	50	26	16	11	0
7/18/06 RV	72	15	57	28	19	8	1
5/19/02	74	27	47	25	16	9	*
2/7/00	80	24	56	20	15	5	1
5/18/98	67	15	52	32	20	12	*
12/93	57	11	47	43	23	20	0

12. Do you think the U.S. Congress has (too much), (too little) or about the right amount of control over District affairs these days?

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion
5/31/11	66	13	16	5

13. Do you believe that corruption is (a big problem) in the District government, (a small problem), or not a problem at all?

	Big problem	Small problem	Not a problem	No opinion
5/31/11	52	39	6	4
12/21/93	57	36	3	4
2/2/92	44	45	7	4
5/90	65	28	4	3
5/89	74	20	3	3
8/87	67	23	5	5

14. What do you think is the MOST urgent health problem facing the District of Columbia TODAY?

	5/31/11
Affordability of health care/health insurance	10
Not enough places to get care/not enough places that accept your coverage/ poor quality of available care/access to health care	7
The uninsured	5
Elderly/seniors' issues/Medicare/aging population issues	2
Drugs/drug addiction	3
Obesity, people being overweight/junk foods/lack of good nutrition	7
Heart disease/high blood pressure/hypertension	1
Cancer	1
Diabetes	2
HIV/AIDS	36
STD's	1
Global warming/environmental health issues (water, pollution)	1
Poverty	1
Other	11
Nothing	*
No opinion	13

On another topic...

15. Would you describe the state of the District's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/Poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
5/31/11	50	5	45	48	38	10	2

16. All in all, how financially secure do you feel? Very secure, somewhat secure, somewhat insecure, or very insecure?

	----- Secure -----			----- Insecure -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
5/31/11	70	22	48	30	19	11	*

National comparison:

All in all, how financially secure do you feel? Very secure, somewhat secure, somewhat insecure, or very insecure?

	----- Secure -----			----- Insecure -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
2/9/11	64	16	48	35	23	12	1
2/22/09	57	12	45	43	28	15	*
9/14/08	64	16	48	35	22	12	1
9/7/08 RV	65	20	44	34	24	11	1
7/13/08	63	21	42	36	21	15	1

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17. At any time within the last 12 months (INSERT), or not?

5/31/11 - Summary table

	Yes	No	No opinion	(vol.)
				Don't drive
a. Did you fall behind in paying your rent or mortgage	14	86	1	NA
b. Have you had problems with credit card debt or other personal debt	21	79	-	NA
c. Have you had problems paying for food	16	84	*	NA
d. Have you had any problems paying for gas	19	74	*	6

18. How would you rate the District in terms of the career opportunities available for the young people you know? Would you say it provides these young people with excellent, good, not so good or poor career opportunities?

	--- Excellent/Good ---		--- Not so good/Poor ---			No opinion	
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good		Poor
5/31/11	54	15	39	41	25	16	5

19. Overall, how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live: excellent, good, not-so-good, or poor?

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/Poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
5/31/11	87	40	47	13	9	4	-
White	97	63	35	3	3	*	-
Black	80	24	56	20	14	6	-
1/28/10	79	34	46	21	14	6	*
White	94	56	38	6	5	1	*
Black	71	21	51	28	19	9	*
2/29/96	78	23	55	21	13	8	1
12/21/93	72	21	51	27	20	7	1
2/88*	56	18	38	43	28	15	*

*"fair" instead of "not so good."

20. In recent years, has your neighborhood gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Gotten better	Gotten worse	Stayed about the same	No opin.
5/31/11	46	6	46	1
White	53	3	44	1
Black	43	9	46	2
1/28/10	42	9	46	3
White	46	6	44	4
Black	38	12	48	1
5/19/02	40	14	44	2
2/7/00	37	11	49	3
2/29/96	17	24	53	6
12/93	13	31	51	5
2/88	18	27	52	3

21. Are you currently renting the place where you now live, or do you own it?

	Renting	Own	Other/something else (vol.)	No opinion
5/31/11	49	47	4	-
White	40	57	3	-
Black	53	43	4	-
1/8/08	44	53	3	*
White	32	67	1	-
Black	51	45	3	*
1/8/08 RV	38	59	2	*
7/18/06 RV	43	55	2	*

22. If you had to move today, do you think you could (buy a home/ find a rental) in the District that you would like and could afford, or do you think you would have to move to the suburbs to find something you would like and could afford?

	Could find something in District	Would have to move to suburbs	No opinion
5/31/11	48	48	4
White	69	29	2
Black	35	60	5
1/8/08	47	49	4
White	69	29	3
Black	33	62	5
1/8/08 RV	47	49	4
7/18/06 RV	44	50	6

23. (IF RENTING) If you were looking to buy a home, do you think you could find something in the District that you would like and could afford, or do you think you would have to move to the suburbs to find that?

	Could find something in District	Would have to move to suburbs	No opinion
5/31/11	31	66	4
White	30	65	5
Black	33	63	4
1/8/08	25	71	4
White	25	68	7
Black	29	68	3
1/8/08 RV	29	67	4
7/18/06 RV	24	70	6

24. As you may know, 'gentrification' is the process in which developers or higher income families buy and fix up homes or apartment buildings in working class city neighborhoods. Some say (this type of redevelopment is good because it may draw new businesses to the area, increase home values and encourage higher income residents to move into the neighborhood). Others say (this type of redevelopment is bad because it may cause rents and property taxes to increase, and force lower income residents to move out of the neighborhood.) In general, would you say this kind of redevelopment is mainly a good thing or mainly a bad thing?

	Mainly Good	Mainly Bad	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	No opinion
5/31/11	54	33	4	5	4
White	79	9	3	4	5
Black	37	51	4	5	3
5/19/02	55	34	2	6	3
White	76	15	2	5	3
Black	45	44	2	6	3

25. Is this kind of redevelopment happening in your own neighborhood, or not?

	Yes	No	No opin.
5/31/11	56	43	1
White	49	50	1
Black	64	34	1
5/19/02	48	50	2
White	43	55	2
Black	49	49	2

26. (IF YES) Thinking about your own personal housing situation, is the redevelopment in your neighborhood mainly a good thing for you or mainly a bad thing for you?

	Mainly Good	Mainly Bad	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	No opinion
5/31/11	71	21	4	2	1
White	88	9	2	-	*
Black	64	26	5	2	2
5/19/02	65	25	5	4	1
White	76	18	4	1	-
Black	61	28	5	5	2

27. As you may know, recent Census numbers show the District is no longer a majority black city. Do you think this shift has changed the culture of the city, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/31/11	64	31	4
White	53	41	6
Black	73	24	3

27a. (IF YES) Is that a change for the better or a change for the worse?

	Better	Worse	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	No opinion
5/31/11	41	28	17	6	8
White	37	20	28	7	8
Black	44	33	10	6	8

27/27a NET

	-----Yes, has changed culture-----					No, not Changed	No opin.
	NET	Better	Worse	Both	Neither	No opin.	
5/31/11	64	26	18	4	11	6	31
White	53	19	10	4	15	6	41
Black	73	32	24	4	7	6	24

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about DC public schools...

28. How would you rate the job the DC public schools are doing in (INSERT): excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

5/31/11 - Summary table

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/Poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
a. Preparing students for college	27	5	22	62	40	22	11
b. Helping students get the skills they need to be competitive in the job market	28	5	24	62	40	22	10

29. From what you know or have heard, what is the reputation of the local public schools in your neighborhood: mostly good, mixed, or mostly bad?

	Mostly good	Mixed	Mostly bad	No opinion
5/31/11	32	37	26	5
5/31/11 RV	32	38	26	5
7/18/06 RV	32	38	25	4

30. Do you think DC's charter schools are generally (better) than the average public school, generally (worse) than the average public school, or are they about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
5/31/11	41	7	42	9
5/31/11 RV	40	8	43	9
7/18/06 RV	37	8	43	12

31. Do you favor or oppose using federal money in the form of vouchers to help send low-income students in the District to private or parochial school?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
5/31/11	64	31	5
Compare to: 8/27/98*	45	46	9

*Among Democratic likely voters only.

32. Thinking back to when Michelle Rhee served as Chancellor of the D.C. public schools, would you say you approve or disapprove of the way Rhee handled her job as school chancellor?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/31/11	55	29	26	35	13	22	10
8/26/10*	44	23	22	38	12	26	17
1/28/10	43	21	22	44	15	29	13
1/8/08	59	27	32	29	14	15	12

*8/26/10 and previous: Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Michelle Rhee is handling ...

33. Generally speaking, do you think race relations in the District are excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/Poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
5/31/11	54	4	50	44	33	11	3
White	60	4	56	38	32	6	2
Black	49	4	46	47	34	13	4

34. Looking back over the last 10 years, do you think the quality of life for people in (INSERT) Washington has gotten (better), gotten (worse), or stayed about the same?

a. Northwest

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opinion
5/31/11	55	5	32	7
White	61	1	35	3
Black	53	7	30	10

b. Southeast

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opinion
5/31/11	35	20	31	15
White	35	14	30	21
Black	37	22	30	11

c. Northeast

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opinion
5/31/11	44	10	33	13
White	53	7	22	18
Black	39	12	40	10

d. Southwest

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opinion
5/31/11	45	8	27	20
White	50	4	22	24
Black	43	11	30	17

35. How important do you think it is that DC have an African American mayor - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	--- Important ----			----- Not important -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/31/11	45	18	27	54	22	32	1
White	33	8	25	67	24	43	-
Black	54	26	28	45	19	25	1

Compare to:

8/27/98*	52	26	27	46	22	23	2
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*Among Democratic likely voters only.

36. How important do you think it is that a majority of the city council's members be African-American - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	--- Important ----			----- Not important -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/31/11	41	11	30	57	30	27	1
White	24	3	21	74	37	37	1
Black	57	19	38	43	23	20	1
5/19/02	67	32	35	32	18	14	1
White	55	16	39	44	25	19	2
Black	74	40	34	24	14	10	1

Compare to:

8/27/98*	57	20	37	41	25	16	2
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*Among Democratic likely voters only

37. Would you describe the people of the District as (mainly unified), or (mainly divided by things like race or income)?

	Mainly unified	Mainly divided by race or income	No opinion
5/31/11	19	76	5
White	15	80	5
Black	21	74	5

38. (IF DIVIDED BY RACE AND INCOME) Would you say the District is mainly divided (by race) or mainly divided (between rich and poor)?

	Race	Rich and poor	Both (vol.)	Other (vol.)	No opinion
5/31/11	15	74	10	*	1
White	12	79	8	-	1
Black	13	74	11	*	1

37/38 NET

	Mainly unified	NET	Race	Rich and poor	Both (vol)	Something else/No op.	No opinion
5/31/11	19	76	11	56	7	1	5
White	15	80	9	63	6	1	5
Black	21	74	10	55	8	1	5

39/40. Thinking about the past few years in D.C., have you personally felt discriminated against because of your race or not? (IF YES) Has that happened often, occasionally or rarely?

	NET	Often	Occas.	Rarely	No opinion
5/31/11	26	6	11	8	74
White	18	1	7	10	82
Black	29	9	14	6	70

Moving on to health care...

41. What is your main source of health insurance coverage today, if any?

	5/31/11
Private insurance through an employer or that you bought on your own	65
Medicare	12
Medicaid or DC Healthy Families	11
DC Alliance	2
The VA or other government program	3
Or none, you are uninsured	6
No opinion	1

42. Today, what kind of place, if any, do you usually go to when you are sick or when you need advice about your health? Is it...?

	5/31/11
A private doctor's office	65
A neighborhood clinic or health center or clinic at a hospital	22
A retail clinic at a place like CVS or Walgreens	1
A hospital emergency room	6
Or do you have no usual source of care	6
University/student health center (vol.)	*
No opinion	*

43. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

	---- Excellent/very good/good ----			--- Only fair/poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Very good	Good	NET	Only fair	Poor
5/31/11	87	31	28	27	13	10	3

44. At any time within the last 12 months (INSERT), or not?

5/31/11 - Summary table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Did you delay getting care, tests, or treatments that you or a health care provider believed necessary because you couldn't afford it	13	87	*
b. Did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills	12	88	*
KFF National comparison*: 3/13/11	23	77	*

*KFF national survey fielded March 8-13, 2011.

45. When was the last time you visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason, including visits to dental specialists or orthodontists - was that within the past year, between 1 and 2 years ago, from 2 to 5 years ago, or more than 5 years ago?

	Within the past year	Between 1 and 2 years ago	From 2 to 5 years ago	More than 5 years ago	No opinion
5/31/11	68	14	9	8	*

46. How serious a problem, if at all, is the issue of HIV-AIDS in your local community today: very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem at all?

	----- Problem -----			----- Not serious -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not a problem	
5/31/11	59	39	20	30	15	15	10

47. How often would you say the subject of HIV/AIDS comes up in discussions with your family and friends? Often, sometimes, rarely or never?

	--- Often/sometimes ---			--- Rarely/never ---			No opinion
	NET	Often	Sometimes	NET	Rarely	Never	
5/31/11	40	15	24	60	36	24	*

KFF National comparison:

5/1/11*	23	6	17	77	41	36	*
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*National comparison on this and following items to Kaiser Family Foundation survey conducted April 4 through May 1, 2011.

48. Bearing in mind the different ways people can be infected with HIV—how concerned are you PERSONALLY about becoming infected with HIV? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

	----- Concerned -----			----- Not concerned -----			Already have	No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	HIV (vol.)	opinion
5/31/11	29	17	12	70	22	49	*	*
KFF National comparison*								
5/1/11*	31	18	13	68	21	47	*	1

49. How concerned are you about an immediate family member becoming infected with HIV? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

	----- Concerned -----			----- Not concerned -----			Already have	No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	HIV (vol.)	opinion
5/31/11	40	26	14	59	22	37	*	*
KFF National comparison*								
5/1/11*	45	24	21	54	24	30	*	1

50. Please tell me whether you think each of the following statements about HIV and AIDS is true or false - OR if you don't know whether it's true or false.

	True	False	No opinion
a. A pregnant woman who has HIV can take certain drugs to reduce the risk of her baby being born infected	69	17	14
b. There is a vaccine available to prevent people from becoming infected with HIV	12	77	11
c. Magic Johnson has been cured of AIDS	12	76	12

KFF National comparison 5/1/11*

	True	False	No opinion
a. A pregnant woman who has HIV can take certain drugs to reduce the risk of her baby being born infected	53	26	21
b. There is a vaccine available to prevent people from becoming infected with HIV	11	76	13
c. Magic Johnson has been cured of AIDS	9	74	18

51. In general, how comfortable would you be, personally, working with someone who has HIV or AIDS?: Very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable, or very uncomfortable?

	---- Comfortable ----			--- Uncomfortable ---			Does not	No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	apply (vol.)	opinion
5/31/11	81	55	26	18	11	6	*	1
KFF National comparison*								
5/1/11*	78	49	29	18	11	7	NA	3

52. Do you personally know anyone who now has AIDS, has died from AIDS, or has tested positive for HIV?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/31/11	58	41	1

KFF National comparison*

5/1/11*	41	58	*
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Now, for classification purposes only...

D1. How many years have you lived in Washington, D.C., or have you lived here your whole life?

	<1 year	1-5 years	6-19 years	20-39 years	40+ years	97 years or more	Whole life	No opinion
5/31/11	1	18	25	16	11	*	29	-

D2. In which section of Washington, D.C. do you live: Northwest, Northeast, Southwest or Southeast?

	Northwest	Northeast	Southwest	Southeast	No opinion
5/31/11	57	20	4	18	*

D3. Washington is divided into eight wards for voting purposes: Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, and so on. Do you happen to know which ward you live in?

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8	No opinion
5/31/11	11	7	11	13	10	9	9	10	21

D3a. (IF NO OPINION ON WARD) Can you tell me which parking zone you live in?

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	No opinion
5/31/11	10	9	4	5	*	5	1	1	64

D3b. (IF NO OPINION ON PARKING ZONE) Do you live west or east of the Anacostia (anna-KAWS-tee-uh) River?

	West	East	No opinion
5/31/11	50	29	21

D4. (IF LIVE IN WARDS 1-6, ZONES 1-6, OR WEST OF THE ANACOSTIA RIVER) How often would you say you spend time in the part of the District east of the Anacostia (anna-KAWS-tee-uh) River, sometimes called Anacostia (anna-KAWS-tee-uh): very often, fairly often, hardly ever, or never? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

	NET	Often	Fairly	NET	Hardly ever	Never	No opinion
5/31/11	18	8	10	82	47	34	*

D3/D3a/D3b/D4. Combo Table

	5/31/11
Live in wards 1-6/zones 1-6/west of the Anacostia River	74
Very often spend time in the District east of the Anacostia River	6
Fairly often spend time in the District east of the Anacostia River	8
Hardly ever spend time in the District east of the Anacostia River	35
Never spend time in the District east of the Anacostia River	25
Do not live in wards 1-6/zones 1-6/west of the Anacostia River	26

D5. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...?

	A Democrat	A Republican	An Independent	Other	No opinion
5/31/11	68	7	23	1	2

D6. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	Yes, registered	No, not registered	No opinion
5/31/11	78	22	*

D7. What best describes your employment situation today?

	5/31/11
Employed (NET)	64
Employed full-time	53
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	8
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	14
On disability and can't work	4
A homemaker or stay at home parent	2
Other	1
No opinion	*

D8. What was the last grade of school you completed?/D8a. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

	5/31/11
8th grade or less	4
Some high school	9
Graduated high school	19
Some college	17
Graduated college	25
Post graduate	25
No opinion	-

D9. What is your age?/D9a. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of...?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	No opinion
5/31/11	23	33	30	13	-

D10. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often if ever do you attend religious services: at least once a week, almost every week, about once a month, less often than that, or never?

	At least once/week	Almost every week	About once a month	Less often than that	Never	No opinion
5/31/11	27	7	15	27	24	*

HH1. How many adults currently live in your household, INCLUDING YOURSELF?
(IF NECESSARY: That is, how many people age 18 and over, INCLUDING YOURSELF?)

	1	2	3	4	5	6+	No opinion
5/31/11	24	50	15	8	1	1	-

D11. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

IF D11 = 1, READ 1ST VERBIAGE IN PARENS

IF D11 = 2, D, OR R, READ 2ND VERBIAGE IN PARENS

(P.N. - FOR 1ST VERBIAGE DO NOT DISPLAY CODES 1 & 2; FOR 2ND VERBIAGE DO NOT DISPLAY CODES 3 & 4)

D11a. (Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic/Are you white, black, or some other race)?

	5/31/11
White (non-Hispanic)	38
Black (non-Hispanic)	48
Asian	1
Hispanic	8
White Hispanic	4
Black Hispanic	2
Hispanic unspecified	2
Other race	4
No opinion	*

D12. Are you currently...?

	Married	Living as married	Single, never married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	No opin
5/31/11	33	7	44	3	7	6	-

D13. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/31/11	24	76	-

D14. (IF HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 18 AT HOME) Do you happen to have any children in the D.C. public school system, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/31/11	43	57	-

D13/D14. Combo Table

	5/31/11
Have children under 18 living at home	24
Children in the D.C. public school system	11
No children in the D.C. public school system	14
Do not have children under 18 living at home	76

D15. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources? / D15a. Is that 100 to under 150 thousand, 150 to under 200 thousand or 200 thousand or more?

	5/31/11
Under 20 thousand dollars	16
20 to under 35 thousand	12
35 to under 50 thousand	11
50 to under 65 thousand	11
65 to under 100 thousand	16
100 thousand or more (NET)	34
100 to under 150 thousand	13
150 to under 200 thousand	7
200 thousand or more	12
No opinion	2

D20. Gender

	Male	Female
5/31/11	47	53

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