

## **Changes in Multicultural Attitudes among Chicago Collar County Residents, 1991-2004**

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Beginning in 1991, the C3 Survey asked a few questions to elicit suburbanites attitudes toward certain racial and ethnic groups. The 1999 survey contained a large bank of questions on multicultural attitudes, and the 2003 survey was devoted to the topic. Several questions were repeated on each of the surveys.

The tables in this report allow one to note the changes, or lack of changes in suburbanites multicultural attitudes. We know from census data that the percentage of non-European white ethnic groups was dramatically increasing during the decade of the 1990s. Thus, comparisons in these tables may reflect residents' attitudinal, and to a lesser extent behavioral, responses to these changes. And, of course, the 9/11/01 attacks on the U.S. have the potential to also change suburbanites thinking about how a diverse society such as the U.S., and increasingly the Collar Counties, can maintain its liberal democratic ideals.

Collar County staff are currently working on filling in this report with analytical discussions, so this site and report will be updated on a regular basis.

The report also reflects the contributions of N.I.U. students enrolled in the Survey Research Courses that helped to produce these results.

**Summary Comparative Tables, 1991-2004**

	<b>C3 91</b>	<b>C3 92</b>	<b>C3 99</b>	<b>C3 03</b>
Male	137 / 43.77%	216 / 39.63%	158 / 33.05%	109 / 32.54%
Female	176 / <b>56.23%</b>	329 / <b>60.37%</b>	320 / <b>66.95%</b>	226 / <b>67.46%</b>

<b>C303Q015 / C391Q109 / C392Q157: The next set of questions focus on community issues. What is the best thing about living in your community?</b>				
		Weighted % 91	Weighted % 92	Weighted % 03
1	Affordable, cheap, and inexpensive	2.27	2.12	1.30
2	Beauty	0.93	0.85	0.63
3	Location (closeness to Chicago) and size (small)	9.77	<b>17.62</b>	<b>17.81</b>
4	Convenience of the suburbs (activities, organizations, shops, etc.)	<b>12.67</b>	5.87	11.30
5	Diversity	0.95	0.36	1.87
6	Don't know	1.62	2.78	1.28
7	Quiet, peaceful, clean and nice community	<b>22.74</b>	<b>25.61</b>	<b>14.65</b>
8	Good schools	4.43	5.93	11.20
9	Good services (government, park district, etc.)	0.87	5.05	5.11
10	Safe community	<b>13.14</b>	8.67	6.08
11	Low crime	1.46	1.31	0.95
12	Good, friendly people (neighbors, community, etc.)	<b>22.73</b>	<b>17.48</b>	<b>15.11</b>
13	Good area for children	1.20	0.50	2.17
14	Near work or lots of job opportunities	3.18	2.30	1.84
15	Nothing	0.68	1.21	0.31
16	Church	0.00	0.45	0.64
17	Ethnic Enclaves	0.97	0.42	2.02
18	Other	0.39	1.45	4.75
		Missing = 0	Missing = 2	Missing = 3

<b>C303Q016 / C391Q015 / C392Q023: What do you think is the single most important problem or issue that detracts from the quality of life in your town?</b>				
		Weighted % 91	Weighted % 92	Weighted % 03
1	Crime	6.45	9.73	3.46
2	Drugs and alcohol	<b>10.46</b>	7.47	1.80
3	Gangs	1.30	6.77	3.72
4	Traffic and congestion	3.00	1.34	<b>10.35</b>
5	Nothing – Can't think of anything – Don't know	9.08	<b>10.91</b>	<b>19.96</b>
7	Blacks and or Hispanics nearby or moving in	0.39	0.56	2.01
8	Schools	6.94	6.47	2.20
9	Government, programs, lack of activities	4.62	2.67	1.53
10	Taxes – too high – rising	<b>10.48</b>	<b>17.04</b>	6.12
11	People (attitudes, beliefs, transients, teenagers, neighbors,	3.71	2.06	8.58
12	Police – not enough – too aggressive	1.40	0.00	4.12
13	Financial problems – High cost	5.76	5.17	5.14
14	Economy - unemployment	2.78	<b>14.70</b>	2.57
15	Too many people, growing too fast, overcrowding	<b>17.93</b>	6.07	4.14
16	Airport – airplane noise	0.00	0.43	0.94
17	Public transportation, housing, streets, water, construction, development, degradation	<b>11.95</b>	2.92	<b>14.45</b>
18	Other	3.76	5.69	8.91
		Missing = 1	Missing = 3	Missing = 5

<b>C303Q018 / C391Q016: Difficulty providing high quality education...</b>				
	Frequency 91	Frequency 03	Weighted % 91	Weighted % 03
No problem	151	194	<b>50.29</b>	<b>64.66</b>
Problem	111	83	36.67	22.00
Significant problem	44	52	12.05	13.34
	Missing = 7	Missing = 11		

<b>C303Q019 / C391Q017: Affordable housing for work force...</b>				
	Frequency 91	Frequency 03	Weighted % 91	Weighted % 03
No problem	107	121	36.61	35.35
Problem	131	143	<b>40.78</b>	<b>45.13</b>
Significant problem	69	66	22.61	19.51
	Missing = 6	Missing = 10		

<b>C303Q022 / C391Q021: Problem with crime...</b>				
	Frequency 91	Frequency 03	Weighted % 91	Weighted % 03
No problem	67	166	24.01	<b>53.19</b>
Problem	165	138	<b>51.24</b>	37.85
Significant problem	77	32	24.75	8.96
	Missing = 4	Missing = 4		

<b>C303Q106 / C391Q115: Do you think that the economic opportunities for Blacks in your community have improved in the last five years, remained about the same, or gotten worse?</b>				
	Frequency 91	Frequency 03	Weighted % 91	Weighted % 03
Improved	136	127	48.00	44.10
Same	132	147	<b>46.52</b>	<b>51.96</b>
Worse	18	8	5.48	8.94
	Missing = 27	Missing = 58		

<b>C303Q108 / C391Q120: How much discrimination is there in your local community that hurts the chances of Blacks to buy or rent housing where they want?</b>				
	Frequency 91	Frequency 03	Weighted % 91	Weighted % 03
None	40	153	14.10	<b>51.31</b>
Little	62	80	20.72	30.03
Some	67	37	30.65	13.35
A lot	118	14	<b>34.54</b>	5.31
	Missing = 26	Missing = 56		

<b>C303Q109-d / C391Q122-125: On the average, Blacks have worse jobs, income, and housing than white people. I'll read a list of reasons people have given for these differences and you tell me if think it is an important reason.</b>				
	Frequency 91	Frequency 03	Weighted % 91	Weighted % 03
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BLACKS	124	179	<b>45.49</b>	<b>57.59</b>
BLACKS HAVE LESS IN-BORN ABILITY TO LEARN	35	28	9.01	10.46
BLACKS DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GET A GOOD EDUCATION	178	92	<b>60.76</b>	29.30
BLACKS LACK THE MOTIVATION OR WILL-POWER TO GET AHEAD	128	77	39.80	26.88
	Missing = 26	Missing = 56		

<b>C303Q028 / C399Q404: What about a law to make English the official language?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Oppose	13	21	6.76	6.38
Oppose	26	52	12.31	17.57
Favor	100	86	<b>39.32</b>	<b>24.43</b>
Strongly Favor	93	165	<b>41.60</b>	<b>51.62</b>
	Missing = 246	Missing = 16		

<b>C303Q029 / C399Q405: What about polices giving business and industry special tax breaks for locating in largely black areas?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Oppose	20	45	9.31	18.81
Oppose	66	77	33.75	23.46
Favor	120	137	<b>50.22</b>	<b>45.47</b>
Strongly Favor	18	40	6.72	12.26
	Missing = 254	Missing = 41		

<b>C303Q030 / C399Q406: What about policies requiring schools to offer parallel classes for students not able to speak or read English?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Oppose	25	76	10.21	24.19
Oppose	57	60	21.04	19.64
Favor	111	103	<b>47.99</b>	<b>32.76</b>
Strongly Favor	38	86	20.76	23.41
	Missing = 247	Missing = 15		

<b>C303Q031 / C399Q407: What about spending more money on schools in black neighborhoods?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Oppose	10	38	4.53	12.56
Oppose	38	53	15.22	16.85
Favor	134	127	<b>56.84</b>	<b>38.57</b>
Strongly Favor	52	93	23.40	<b>32.03</b>
	Missing = 244	Missing = 29		

<b>C303Q032 / C399Q408: What about policies for college admission where minorities are given special consideration?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Oppose	39	99	17.58	<b>30.17</b>
Oppose	106	104	<b>43.57</b>	<b>35.64</b>
Favor	68	76	28.56	19.23
Strongly Favor	21	36	10.29	14.95
	Missing = 244	Missing = 25		

<b>C303Q033 / C399Q409: What about policies that take into account past discrimination and give minorities preferential advantage in hiring and promotions?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Oppose	50	117	22.71	<b>34.97</b>
Oppose	131	132	<b>53.69</b>	<b>42.04</b>
Favor	44	48	19.16	15.61
Strongly Favor	6	17	4.43	7.39
	Missing = 247	Missing = 26		

<b>C303Q034 / C399Q413: What about spending more money for schools in the poorer communities around the state?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Oppose	9	20	4.23	8.35
Oppose	26	24	11.32	7.20
Favor	149	134	<b>63.83</b>	<b>38.43</b>
Strongly Favor	51	140	20.62	<b>46.03</b>
	Missing = 243	Missing = 22		

<b>C303Q046 / C399Q418: Do you think the number of immigrants from foreign countries who are permitted to come to the United States should be increased, left the same, or decreased?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Increased a lot	3	14	1.93	6.20
Increased a little	27	15	12.68	5.14
Left the same	106	156	<b>47.30</b>	<b>52.33</b>
Decreased a little	53	47	21.54	13.16
Decreased a lot	34	83	16.54	23.17
	Missing = 255	Missing = 33		

<b>C303Q056 / C399Q440: Some people think that blacks have been discriminated against for so long that the government has a special obligation to help improve their living standards. Others believe that the government should not be giving special treatment to blacks. Do you think blacks are entitled to special treatment or not?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
No	181	245	<b>78.69</b>	<b>78.20</b>
Yes	43	61	21.31	21.80
	Missing = 254	Missing = 34		

<b>C303Q059 / C399Q442: It is easy to understand the anger of black people in America.</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Disagree	14	45	6.69	15.25
Disagree	74	91	31.77	26.44
Agree	130	126	<b>55.21</b>	<b>43.40</b>
Strongly Disagree	19	44	6.33	14.91
	Missing = 241	Missing = 34		

<b>C303Q060 / C399Q443: People living in the U.S. should have one culture regardless of their racial or ethnic heritage.</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Disagree	52	135	23.91	<b>40.71</b>
Disagree	126	113	<b>53.61</b>	37.40
Agree	45	40	18.36	16.53
Strongly Disagree	11	21	4.12	5.36
	Missing = 244	Missing = 30		

<b>C303Q061 / C399Q444: I prefer to work with people whose cultures are similar to my own.</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Disagree	33	100	12.54	36.52
Disagree	145	151	<b>60.80</b>	<b>45.48</b>
Agree	50	44	24.71	15.03
Strongly Disagree	4	12	1.95	2.97
	Missing = 246	Missing = 33		

<b>C303Q062 / C399Q445: Political organizations based on race or ethnicity promote separatism and make it hard for all of us to live together.</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Disagree	14	24	6.86	9.51
Disagree	59	95	26.65	26.48
Agree	128	116	<b>52.03</b>	<b>40.00</b>
Strongly Disagree	35	68	14.45	24.01
	Missing = 242	Missing = 37		

<b>C303Q063 / C399Q446: Blacks are getting too demanding in their push for equal rights.</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Disagree	26	59	9.74	18.07
Disagree	120	156	<b>54.59</b>	<b>49.65</b>
Agree	71	57	28.16	20.97
Strongly Disagree	16	29	7.51	11.31
	Missing = 245	Missing = 39		

<b>C303Q064 / C399Q447: More good jobs for blacks means fewer good jobs for members of other groups.</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Disagree	38	77	15.00	25.30
Disagree	143	165	<b>64.89</b>	<b>56.63</b>
Agree	41	41	16.48	13.05
Strongly Disagree	9	16	3.63	5.02
	Missing = 247	Missing = 41		

<b>C303Q065 / C399Q448: Many Blacks have been trying to get ahead economically at the expense of other groups.</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Strongly Disagree	23	69	10.16	19.93
Disagree	127	158	<b>57.73</b>	<b>52.56</b>
Agree	63	59	29.56	22.09
Strongly Disagree	8	17	2.55	5.42
	Missing = 257	Missing = 37		

<b>C303Q069 / C399Q455: Have you personally been discriminated against because of your ethnic or racial identity?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
No	187	211	<b>76.65</b>	<b>62.48</b>
Yes	51	105	23.35	37.52
	Missing = 240	Missing = 24		

<b>C303Q078 / C399Q453: In the past 6 months, have you had any unpleasant social interactions with someone from a different racial or ethnic group?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
No	211	258	<b>86.59</b>	<b>79.93</b>
Yes	26	58	13.41	20.07
	Missing = 241	Missing = 24		

<b>C303Q079 / C399Q481: Are Hispanics similar or different from you in the values they teach their children?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	73	96	27.21	31.70
Similar	95	133	<b>44.02</b>	<b>46.31</b>
Different	48	48	22.53	17.44
Very Different	15	16	6.24	4.54
	Missing = 247	Missing = 47		

<b>C303Q080 / C399Q482: Are Hispanics similar or different from you with respect to their work ethic?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	70	111	27.16	36.70
Similar	102	141	<b>47.59</b>	<b>46.67</b>
Different	41	35	17.71	12.46
Very Different	14	12	7.54	4.17
	Missing = 251	Missing = 41		

<b>C303Q081 / C399Q483: Are Hispanics similar or different from you with respect to their intelligence?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	97	152	<b>43.85</b>	<b>49.75</b>
Similar	75	114	28.62	37.96
Different	48	20	23.29	9.47
Very Different	7	11	4.24	2.82
	Missing = 251	Missing = 43		

<b>C303Q082 / C399Q484: Are Asians similar or different from you with respect to the values they teach their children?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	82	111	<b>35.80</b>	<b>36.58</b>
Similar	77	109	<b>34.85</b>	<b>40.29</b>
Different	42	35	20.07	11.97
Very Different	21	24	9.28	11.16
	Missing = 256	Missing = 61		

<b>C303Q083 / C399Q485: Are Asians similar or different from you with respect to their work ethic?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	103	123	<b>40.22</b>	<b>41.28</b>
Similar	67	115	<b>34.84</b>	<b>40.77</b>
Different	29	30	15.69	10.95
Very Different	23	18	9.24	7.00
	Missing = 256	Missing = 54		

<b>C303Q084 / C399Q486: Are Asians similar or different from you with respect to their intelligence?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	118	154	<b>51.98</b>	<b>53.28</b>
Similar	66	107	<b>28.70</b>	<b>35.16</b>
Different	24	20	12.04	7.42
Very Different	14	12	7.28	4.14
	Missing = 256	Missing = 47		

<b>C303Q085 / C399Q487: Are Blacks similar or different from you with respect to the values they teach their children?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	76	96	36.40	26.23
Similar	94	133	<b>38.42</b>	<b>44.03</b>
Different	37	40	14.82	17.58
Very Different	20	28	10.36	12.15
	Missing = 251	Missing = 43		

<b>C303Q086 / C399Q488: Are Blacks similar or different from you with respect to their work ethic?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	72	98	33.14	29.11
Similar	92	132	<b>39.86</b>	<b>40.13</b>
Different	40	49	16.72	20.60
Very Different	21	27	10.28	10.16
	Missing = 253	Missing = 34		

<b>C303Q087 / C399Q489: Are Blacks similar or different from you with respect to their intelligence?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
Very Similar	43.95	139	<b>44.18</b>	<b>45.83</b>
Similar	37.22	124	35.24	38.81
Different	14.80	29	14.50	12.34
Very Different	4.04	10	6.08	3.03
	Missing = 255	Missing = 38		

<b>C303Q117 / C399Q474: How serious a problem do you have when socially interacting with members of different ethnic or racial groups?</b>				
	Frequency 99	Frequency 03	Weighted % 99	Weighted % 03
No problem	204	259	<b>86.94</b>	<b>84.12</b>
A slight problem	30	38	13.06	14.18
A substantial problem	0	4	0.00	1.70
A very serious problem	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Missing = 255	Missing = 39		