

JANUARY 2005 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY VOTER POLL

400 registered voters were interviewed by telephone in suburban Miami-Dade County January 17-20, 2005 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. The margin for error is plus or minus 5%.

QUESTION: On average, how much time each day do you drive in your car, commuting one-way to work?

<15 minutes	15%
15-29 minutes	17%
30-44 minutes	16%
45-59 minutes	10%
1 hour or more	17%
Don't commute/work	21%
Use mass transit	1%
Refused	3%

QUESTION: Are you spending more, about the same, or less time in traffic than you were a year ago?

More	55%
Same	31%
Less	11%
Not Sure	3%

QUESTION: Is traffic about the same, a little worse or a lot worse than when you first moved to the area?

Same	6%
Little Worse	15%
Lot Worse	77%
Not Sure	2%

QUESTION: Do you believe your elected officials are giving enough consideration to area traffic problems, or not?

Yes	25%
No	63%
Not Sure	12%

QUESTION: Do you believe that county government is protecting your quality of life, or not?

Yes	44%
No	42%
Not Sure	14%

QUESTION: Do you know what the Urban Development Boundary is?

Yes	40%
No	60%

QUESTION: Should the county commission vote to break the Urban Development Boundary or to "hold the line"?

Break	12%
Hold Line	50%
Undecided	38%

QUESTION: How important is protecting the Urban Development Boundary to you: very important, somewhat important, or not important?

Very Important	54%
Somewhat Important	16%
Not Important	4%
Not Sure	26%

QUESTION: If a county commissioner voted to break through the Urban Development Boundary, would that make you more likely to vote for them in the next election, less likely to vote for them, or would it have no real effect on your voting decision?

More Likely	15%
Less Likely	39%
No Effect	21%
Not Sure	25%

QUESTION: Are you aware that there are at least three plans to build major new developments to the west and to the south that could have a big impact on traffic in your neighborhood?

Yes	51%
No	49%

QUESTION: Do you believe that existing regulations are adequate to protect your quality of life and the environment, or not?

Yes	33%
No	56%
Not Sure	11%

QUESTION: Do you believe the state of Florida government should or should not over-rule local county government and do more to manage growth and protect communities from development decisions that increase traffic?

Should	57%
Should Not	27%
Not Sure	16%

QUESTION: How much of a factor is traffic in the choices you make each day on how you spend your time: a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor?

Major	63%
Minor	16%
No Factor	19%
Not Sure	2%

QUESTION: Do you believe that the increasing daily time spent in traffic is harmful to family life, or not?

Yes	76%
No	18%
Not Sure	6%

QUESTION: Do you believe that the amount of traffic in Miami-Dade County is harmful to efforts to attract new jobs and businesses to the area, or not?

Yes	63%
No	26%
Not Sure	11%

DEMOGRAPHICS :

PARTY:	Democrat	160 (40%)
	Republican	193 (48%)
	Independent/Other	47 (12%)

AGE:	18-34	56 (14%)
	35-49	117 (29%)
	50-64	129 (32%)
	65+	88 (22%)
	Refused	10 (3%)

RACE/ETHNICITY:	White/Caucasian	138 (35%)
	Black/African American	39 (10%)
	Hispanic or Cuban	213 (53%)
	Other/Refused	10 (3%)

SEX:	Male	194 (49%)
	Female	206 (51%)