



**Delaware County Poverty Survey
Conducted Thursday , December 15th, 2005**

Quick Facts

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Date of Survey = 12/15/2005

Executive Summary

One of the guiding components in random survey methodology is the doctrine of "Saliience." This means people are inclined to participate in surveys that they have a personal interest in. Men are more inclined to do sports surveys and women are more inclined to participate in surveys concerning tobacco issues. This axiom goes a long way in explaining the extremely high level of participation among minorities in this sample, as they account for over one half, at 54%, of the respondents. It also explains why 77% of the female respondents listed "Divorce or single parent families" as the leading reason for people being in poverty.

The educational level among the respondents mirrors the statewide statistics for Indiana. Only 11% of the respondents feel \$20,000 constitutes a "Livable wage" which is the poverty line for a family of four by federal guidelines. Virtually half of the female respondents, 51%, feel one half of the people in Delaware County are above that federal standard.

Men and women differ considerably on the "Best way out of poverty." Among women, 39% felt increased local service organizations participation is the best way out compared to 17% of the male respondents. Increased governmental programs gets support with 35% of the women as opposed to 20% of the men. Men feel that increased activity in the private sector is the best way out at 36% compared to 20% of women who agree with that approach.

This survey represents the first look at how a random cross section of Delaware County residents feels about the state and level of poverty locally. Future surveys on this subject will reflect how the various community resources address these expressed opinions.

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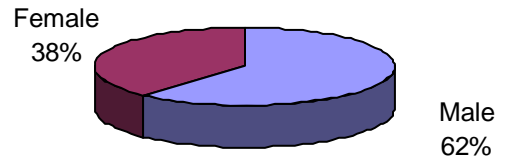
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1. Gender Demographic

Male= 62%

Female = 38%



Gender Analysis: *This survey sample skews heavily toward men at 62% to 38%. Obviously men have a very high level of interest in the subject of the survey.*

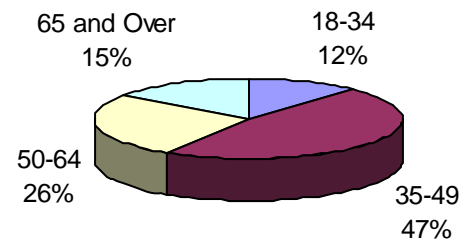
2. Age Demographic

18 to 34 = 12%

35 to 49. = 47%

50 to 64 = 26%

65 or over = 15%



Age Analysis: *That almost half (47%) of the survey respondents are in the 35 to 49 age range represents people in prime parenting years.*

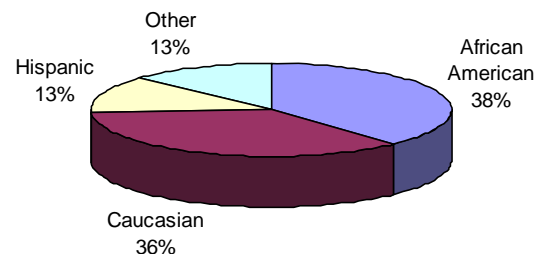
3. Ethnicity Demographic

African-American = 38%

Caucasian = 36%

Hispanic = 13%

Other = 13%



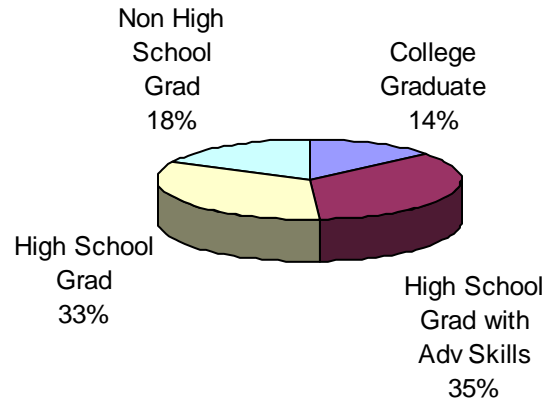
Ethnicity Analysis: *This survey sample is the most ethnically diverse TeleResearch has experienced. Over half of the respondents were not Caucasians.*

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4. Education Demographic

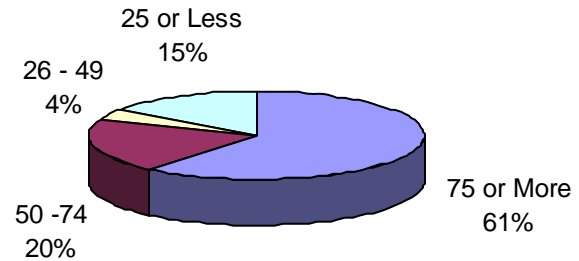
- College Graduate = 14%*
- High School Graduate +Adv Skills 35%*
- High School Graduate = 33%*
- Non High School Graduate = 17%*



Education Analysis: *This is a very representative cross section of Indiana's educational profile. Official numbers put Indiana's college graduates at 17%.*

5. Out of a hundred people living in poverty, how many of that one-hundred would want to be out of poverty?

- 75 or More = 61%*
- Between 50 and 74 = 20%*
- Between 26 and 49 = 4%*
- 25 or Less = 15%*



Desire To Be Out Of Poverty Analysis: *The overwhelming perception among the respondents believes that people currently living in poverty would like to be out of it.*

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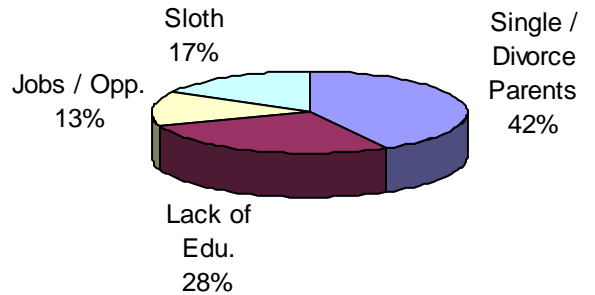
6. Main Cause of Poverty

Divorce or single parent homes = 42%

Lack of education = 28%

Inadequate Jobs / Opp. = 13%

Do Not Want to Work = 17%



Poverty Cause Analysis: *The clear leader is "Divorce or single parent homes" at 42%, which indicates when the "breadwinner" leaves, poverty becomes inevitable. "Lack of education" registers a significant response at 28%.*

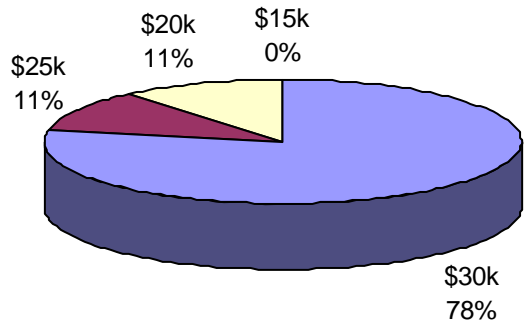
7. Livable Level of Income

\$30,000 Per Year = 78%

\$25,000 Per Year = 11%

\$20,000 Per Year = 11%

\$15,000 Per Year = 0%



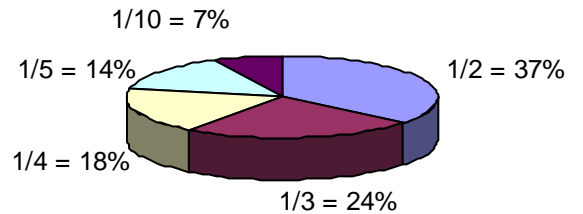
Level of income analysis: *Only 11% answered \$20,000, which is the federal standard for poverty for a family of four*

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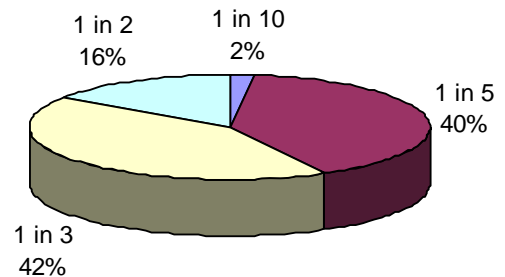
8. Perception of Percentage of Delaware County Residents Living in Poverty; According To Federal Poverty Standard

- 1/2 = 37%
- 1/3 = 31%
- 1/4 = 8%
- 1/5 = 20%
- 1/10 = 10%



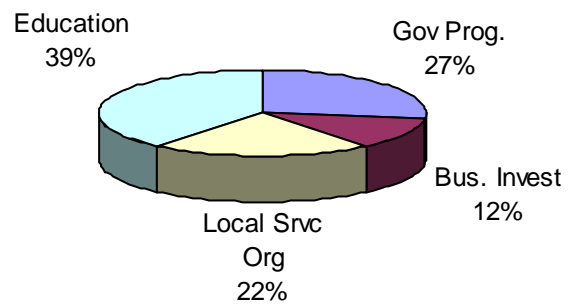
9. Perception of Percentage of Delaware County Residents Living Without Health Insurance

- 1 in 10 = 2%
- 1 in 5 = 41%
- 1 in 3 = 43%
- 1 in 2 = 16%



10. Best Way Out of Poverty

- Government Programs = 27%
- Private Business Investment = 12%
- Local Service Org. Involvement = 22%
- Increased Education on Causes = 39%



Analysis: "Increased Education" was the primary means to a way out of poverty at 39%.

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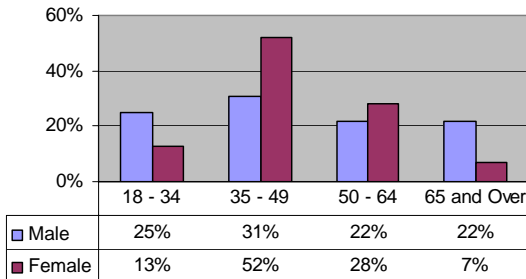
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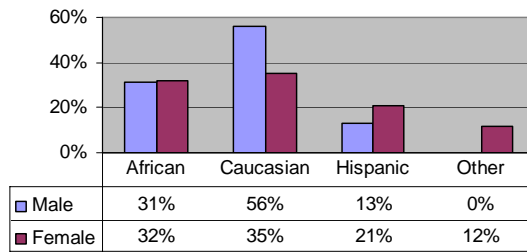
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Cross Tab Results - Gender

Age Demographic: Gender Crosstabs

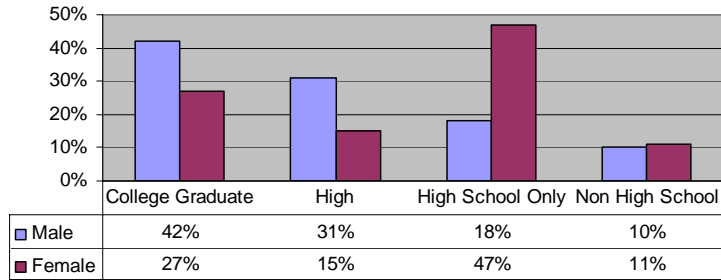


Ethnicity Demographic: Gender Crosstabs

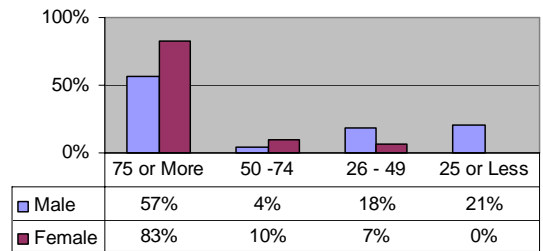


Gender Age Demo Cross Tab Analysis: *With 80% of women respondents in the 35 to 49 and 50 to 64 combined, the clear presumption is they are mothers.*

Education Demographic: Gender Crosstabs



How Many Out of 100 Want Out of Poverty: Gender Crosstabs



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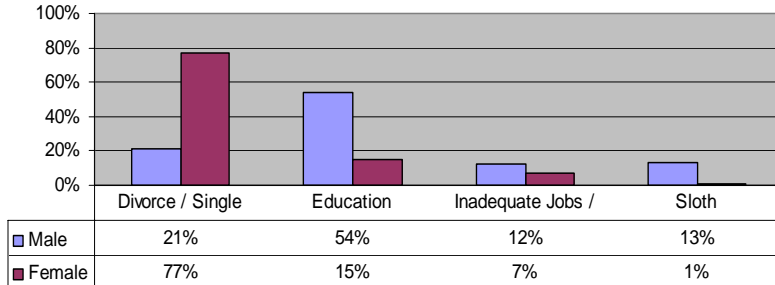
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Cross Tab Results – Gender (cont.)

Causes of Poverty: Gender Crosstabs



Causes Of Poverty: Gender Crosstab Analysis: *That 77%, or three out of four, of the females answer "Divorce or single parent households" is staggering.*

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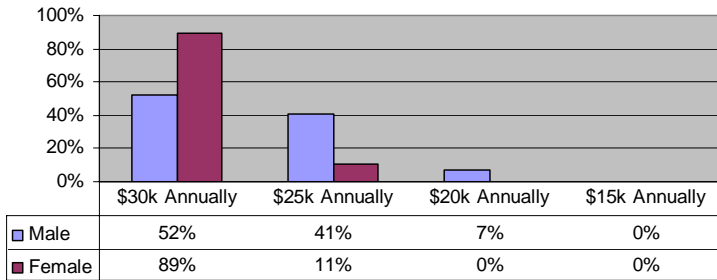
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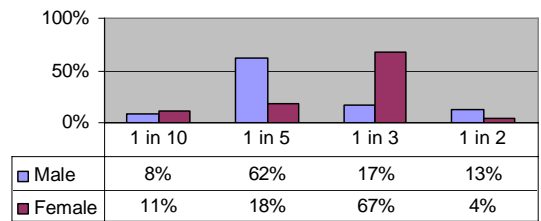
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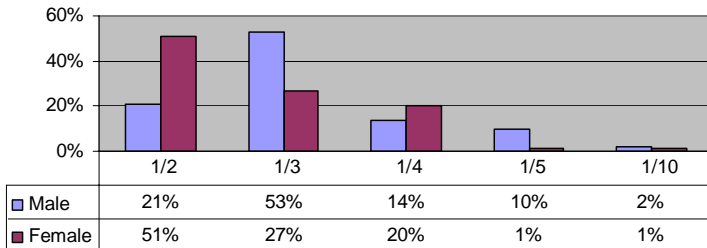
Livable Income: Gender Crosstabs



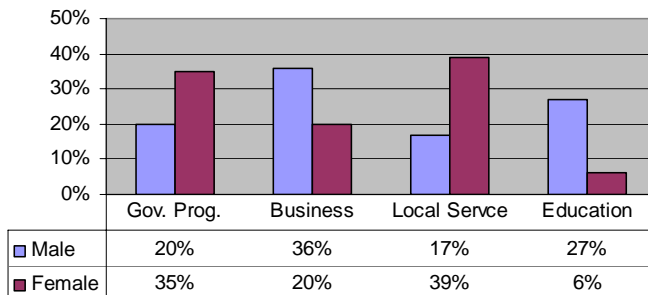
Estimation of Delaware County Resident's With No Health Insurance: Gender Crosstabs



Delaware County Resident's at Federal Poverty Level: Gender Crosstabs



Best Way Out of Poverty: Gender Crosstabs

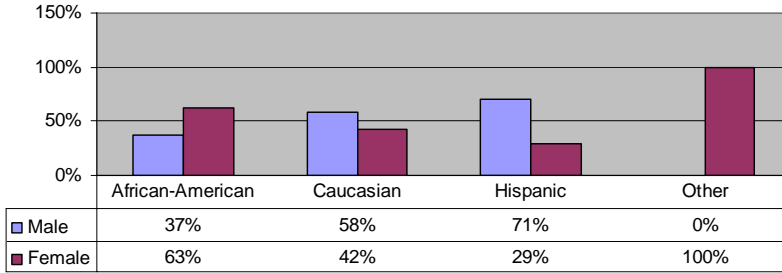


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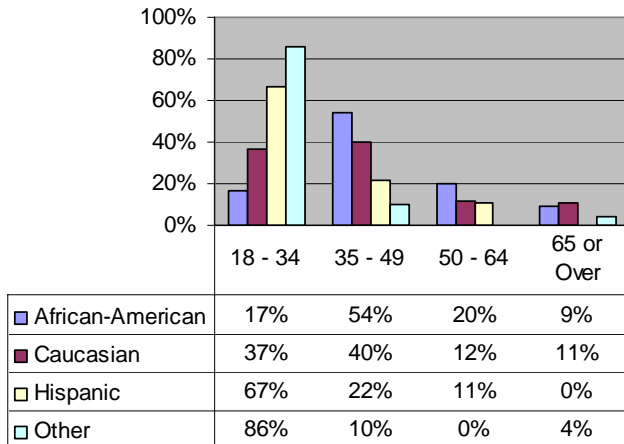
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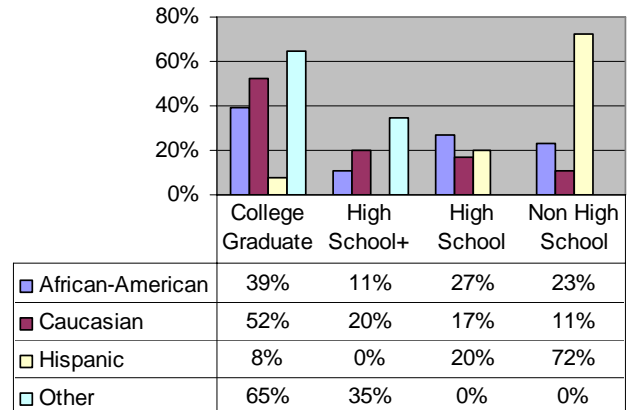
Gender: Ethnicity Crosstabs



Age Demographic: Ethnicity Crosstabs



Educational Demographic: Ethnicity Crosstabs



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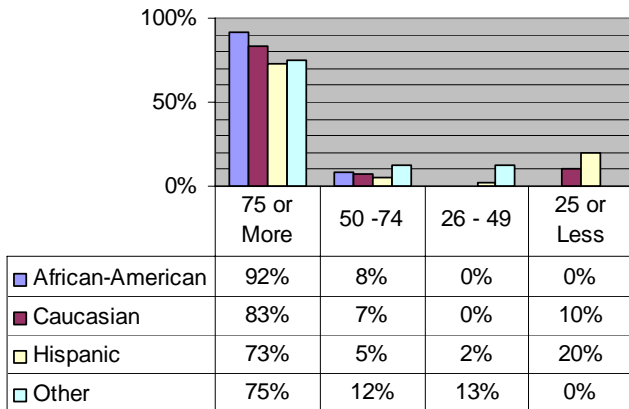
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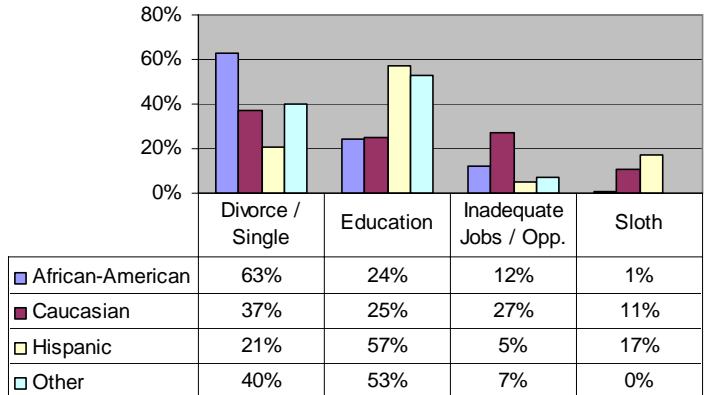
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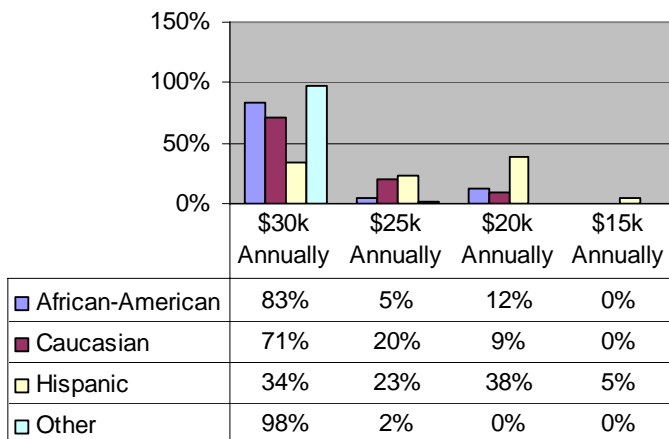
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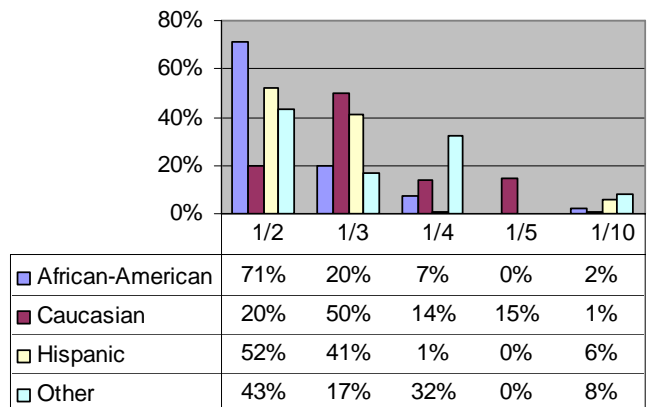
Causes of Poverty: Ethnicity



Livable Income: Ethnicity Crosstabs



Delaware Residents at Federal Poverty Level: Ethnicity Crosstabs



Livable income analysis: *The Hispanic responses indicate how differently they feel about what constitutes a "livable income" as 38% feel \$20,000 is livable.*

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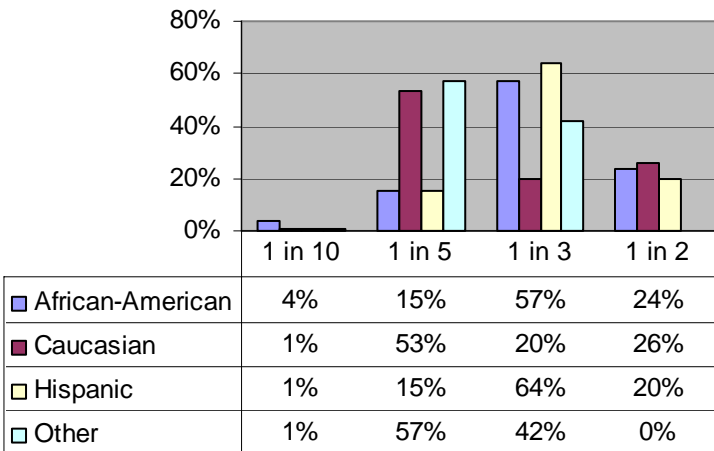
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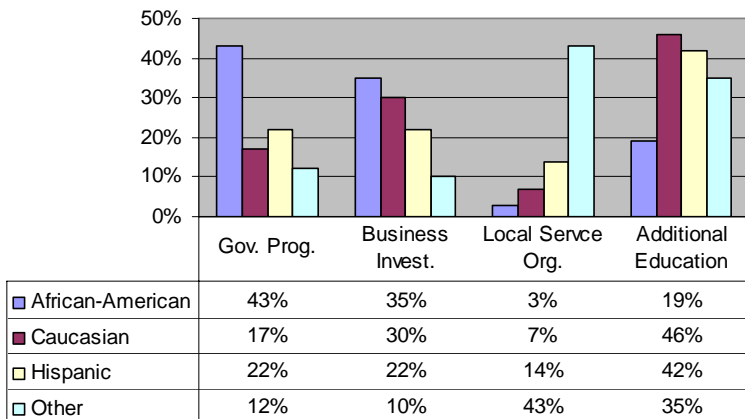
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Estimation of Delaware County Residents With No Health Insurance: Ethnicity Crosstabs



Best Way Out of Poverty: Ethnicity Crosstabs



Best way Out Of Poverty: *Ethnic Cosstab Analysis: A significant percentage of African-Americans, 43%, feel government programs is the best way out of poverty. Caucasians and Hispanics answered additional education, at 46% and 42% respectively.*

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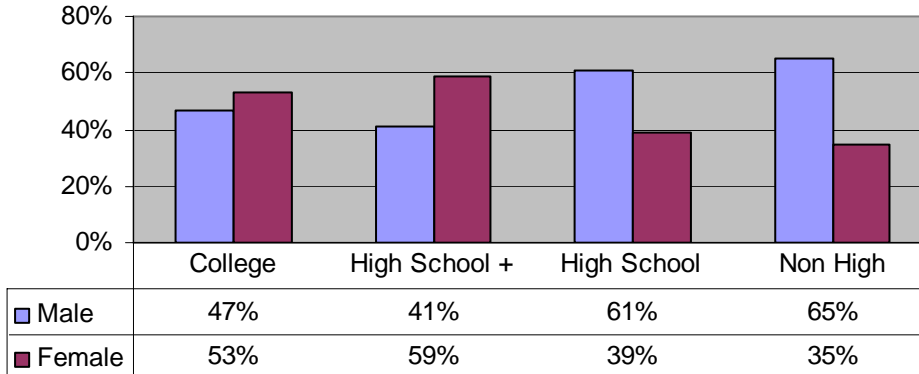
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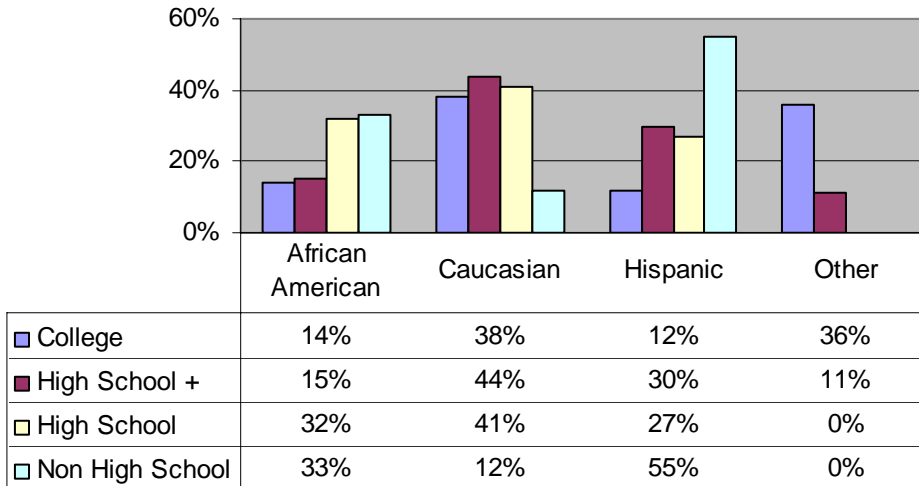
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Cross Tab Results – Education

Gender Demographic: Education Crosstabs



Ethnicity Demographic: Education Crosstabs



Ethnicity Demographic: Education Crosstab Analysis: *The non-high school graduates were overwhelmingly Hispanic, 55%, and African-American, 33%, which accounts for almost nine out of ten at 88%.*

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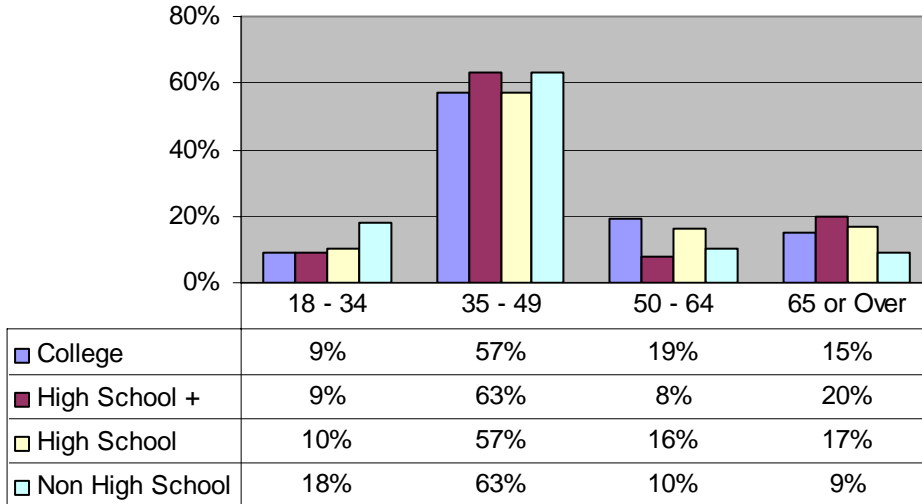
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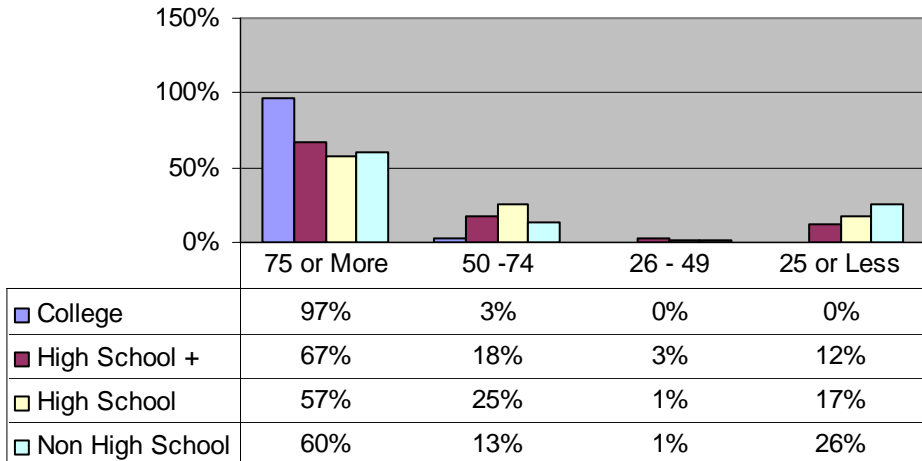
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Age Demographic: Education Crosstabs



**How Many Out of 100 Would Want Out of Poverty:
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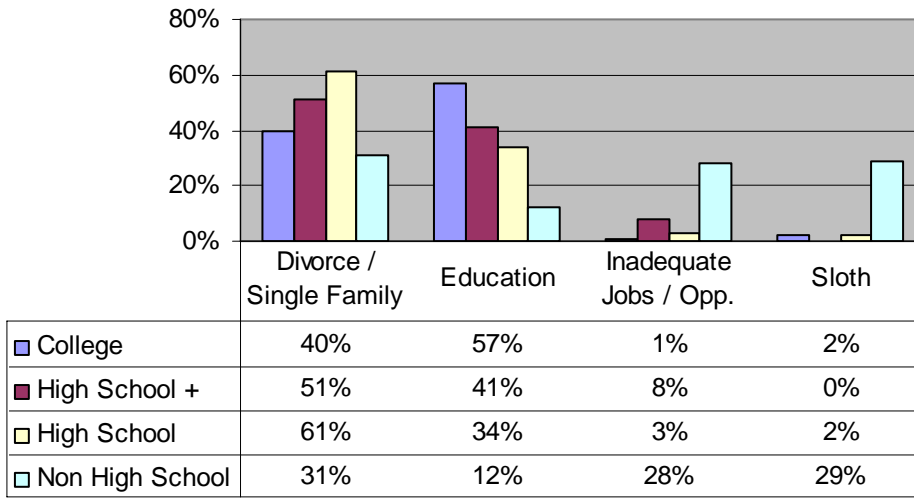
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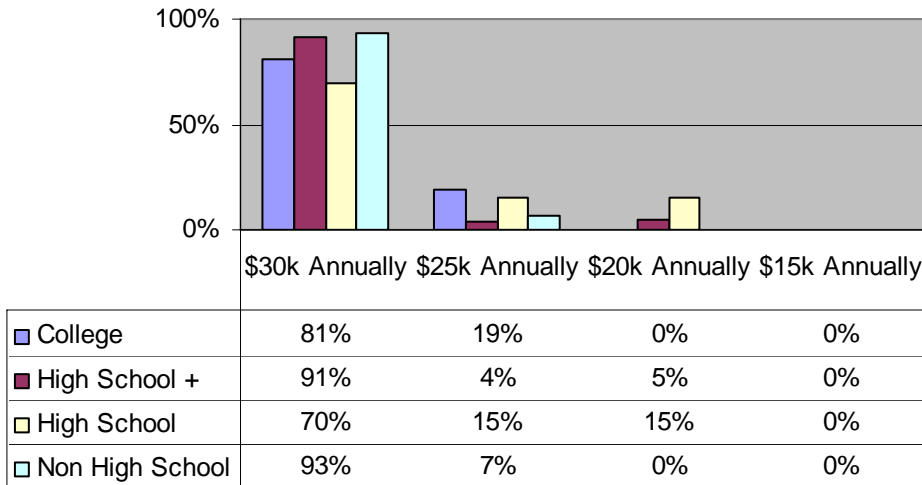
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Causes of Poverty: Education Crosstabs



Livable Income: Education Crosstabs



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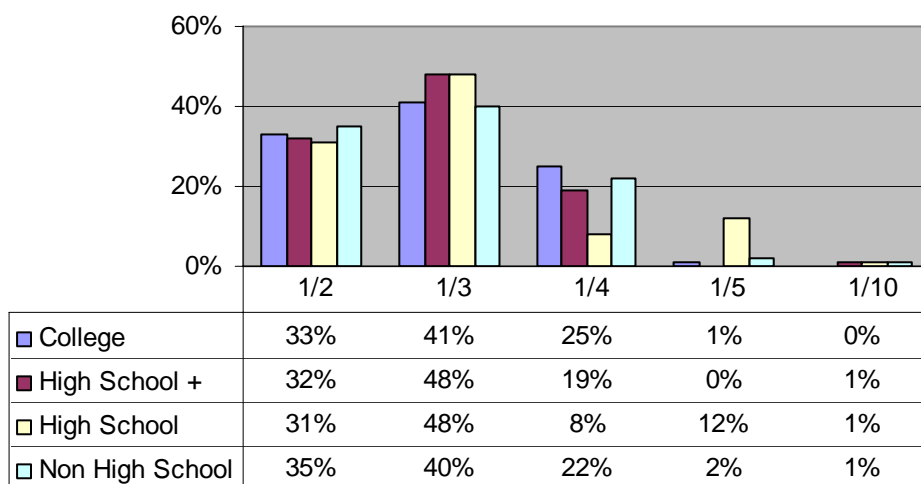
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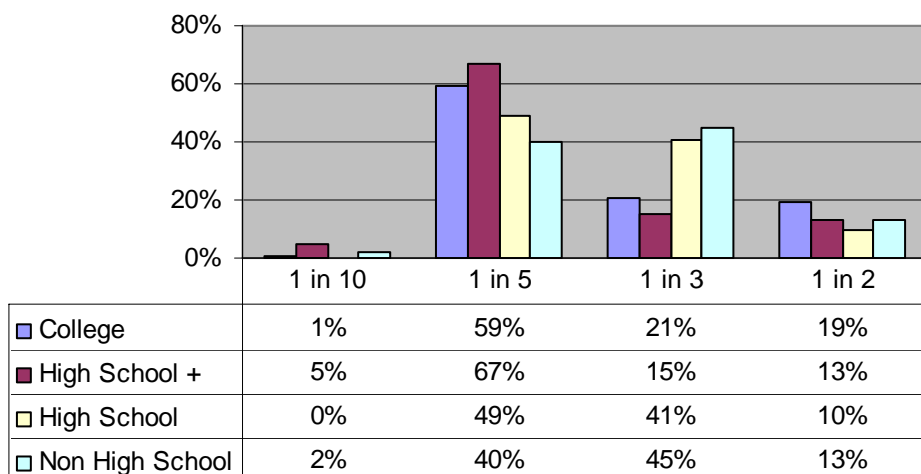
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**Delaware Residents at Federal Poverty Level:
Education Crosstabs**



**Estimation of Delaware County Residents with No
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Best Way Out of Poverty: Education Crosstabs

