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## Round Rock rocks, its residents say

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Life is looking pretty rosy in Round Rock, its residents say.

**An overwhelming majority -- 82 percent -- of people living in the Williamson County suburb say Round Rock is heading in the right direction, according to the city's most recent resident survey.**

Eighty-eight percent of those polled feel safe walking alone in their neighborhoods at night. And city services, from trash collection to the fire department, continue to receive high marks, with the majority of residents rating them excellent or good.

**According to the survey, 47 percent of respondents feel quality of life in Round Rock is improving, while 36 percent believe it's the same and 12 percent find it getting worse.**

But Round Rock residents aren't without worries. The three biggest issue facing the city over the next five years are traffic (43 percent), growth (36 percent) and school-related issues (20 percent), according to respondents.

And for the first time in 10 years, a majority of those polled -- 68 percent -- say the city is doing an excellent or good job of managing traffic.

Round Rock is among the fastest growing communities in Central Texas. The city had an estimated population of 96,000 in January 2007, up from 61,000 in 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"It's one thing to have a single survey provide positive reports, but to show continued improvement year after year means that the citizens really do recognize the successes we are having," Round Rock Mayor Alan McGraw says.

McGraw says the survey bolsters a report from Money Magazine this week that named Round Rock the seventh best place to live in the country.

The survey conducted by Raymond Turco & Associates phoned 400 randomly selected households in Round Rock from April 17-26. It has a 5 percentage-point margin of error.

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