

City-County Relations

Consolidated Government

“Knoxville and Knox County are run by separate governments. Some people favor moving to what is called metro government, or consolidated government. This is where all city and county government functions are combined in one government. Others do not favor this. What is your opinion of consolidated government for Knoxville and Knox County? Would you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose it, or are you not sure?”

SUPPORT FOR CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT: CITY VS. COUNTY

	Total	City Residents	County Residents
Strongly Support	23.9%	26.6%	20.5%
Support	27.6%	29.0%	26.0%
Oppose	16.0%	14.0%	18.6%
Strongly Oppose	9.6%	6.1%	13.9%
Not Sure	23.0%	24.2%	21.0%
N	827	458	366

SUPPORT FOR CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT: CITY RESIDENTS ONLY

	Total	North	South	East	West
Strongly Support	26.6%	27.6%	30.5%	20.6%	27.2%
Support	29.0%	28.8%	22.0%	31.7%	31.6%
Oppose	14.0%	13.5%	13.6%	14.3%	13.9%
Strongly Oppose	6.1%	7.1%	5.1%	11.1%	3.8%
Not Sure	24.2%	22.9%	28.8%	22.2%	23.4%
N	458	170	59	63	158

SUPPORT FOR CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT: COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

	Total	North	South	East	West
Strongly Support	20.5%	16.9%	34.4%	6.9%	23.2%
Support	26.0%	26.6%	21.9%	13.8%	28.2%
Oppose	18.6%	21.0%	15.6%	27.6%	14.7%
Strongly Oppose	13.9%	16.1%	12.5%	24.1%	11.3%
Not Sure	21.0%	19.4%	15.6%	27.6%	22.6%
N	366	124	32	29	177

“If a consolidated government for Knoxville and Knox County were formed, do you think the chief law enforcement officer should be elected or appointed?”

**SELECTION OF CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:
CITY VS. COUNTY**

	Total	City Residents	County Residents
Elected	79.3%	78.3%	80.3%
Appointed	14.8%	16.3%	13.2%
Not Sure	5.9%	5.4%	6.6%
N	829	461	365

**SELECTION OF CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:
CITY RESIDENTS ONLY**

	Total	North	South	East	West
Elected	78.3%	81.9%	83.1%	77.8%	72.3%
Appointed	16.3%	12.9%	15.3%	15.9%	20.8%
Not Sure	5.4%	5.3%	1.7%	6.3%	6.9%
N	461	171	59	63	159

**SELECTION OF CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:
COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

	Total	North	South	East	West
Elected	80.3%	85.5%	78.1%	82.8%	76.7%
Appointed	13.2%	8.9%	21.9%	6.9%	15.9%
Not Sure	6.6%	5.6%	0	10.3%	7.4%
N	365	124	32	29	176

Annexation

“The mayor of Knoxville has said that the city will not annex county residents into the city until 2007. Do you support or oppose this decision by the current mayor?”

**ANNEXATION MORATORIUM:
CITY VS. COUNTY**

	Total	City Residents	County Residents
Support	47.7%	43.2%	53.2%
Oppose	34.7%	34.6%	35.1%
Not Sure	17.6%	22.2%	11.8%
N	822	454	365

**ANNEXATION MORATORIUM:
CITY RESIDENTS ONLY**

	Total	North	South	East	West
Support	43.2%	47.0%	45.8%	39.7%	39.9%
Oppose	34.6%	31.3%	33.9%	39.7%	36.1%
Not Sure	22.2%	21.7%	20.3%	20.6%	24.1%
N	454	166	59	63	158

**ANNEXATION MORATORIUM:
COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

	Total	North	South	East	West
Support	53.2%	47.2%	62.5%	58.6%	55.9%
Oppose	35.1%	43.9%	31.3%	37.9%	28.8%
Not Sure	11.8%	8.9%	6.3%	3.4%	15.3%
N	365	123	32	29	177

“Do you think the city should start annexing county residents again in 2007, wait for a longer period of time before annexing, or should the city never annex county residents again?”

**FUTURE OF ANNEXATION:
CITY VS. COUNTY**

	Total	City Residents	County Residents
Start Again in 2007	21.0%	30.4%	9.0%
Wait Longer	18.8%	19.3%	18.3%
Never Annex Again	42.5%	29.5%	58.9%
Not Sure	17.8%	20.8%	13.9%
N	821	451	367

**FUTURE OF ANNEXATION:
CITY RESIDENTS ONLY**

	Total	North	South	East	West
Start Again in 2007	30.4%	27.5%	36.8%	29.0%	31.2%
Wait Longer	19.3%	19.2%	15.8%	27.4%	17.8%
Never Annex Again	29.5%	35.3%	29.8%	22.6%	25.8%
Not Sure	20.8%	18.0%	17.5%	21.0%	25.5%
N	451	167	57	62	157

**FUTURE OF ANNEXATION:
COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

	Total	North	South	East	West
Start Again in 2007	9.0%	6.4%	9.4%	6.9%	10.7%
Wait Longer	18.3%	17.6%	18.8%	17.2%	19.2%
Never Annex Again	58.9%	63.2%	56.3%	69.0%	54.8%
Not Sure	13.9%	12.8%	15.6%	6.9%	15.3%
N	367	125	32	29	177