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## COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS SURVEY

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# How adults rate the support offered in their communities

Research has shown strong ties between people's health and the social support they find in their communities. The **Community Health Status Survey (CHSS)** asked Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky adults whether they agreed or disagreed with three statements about social support in their communities:

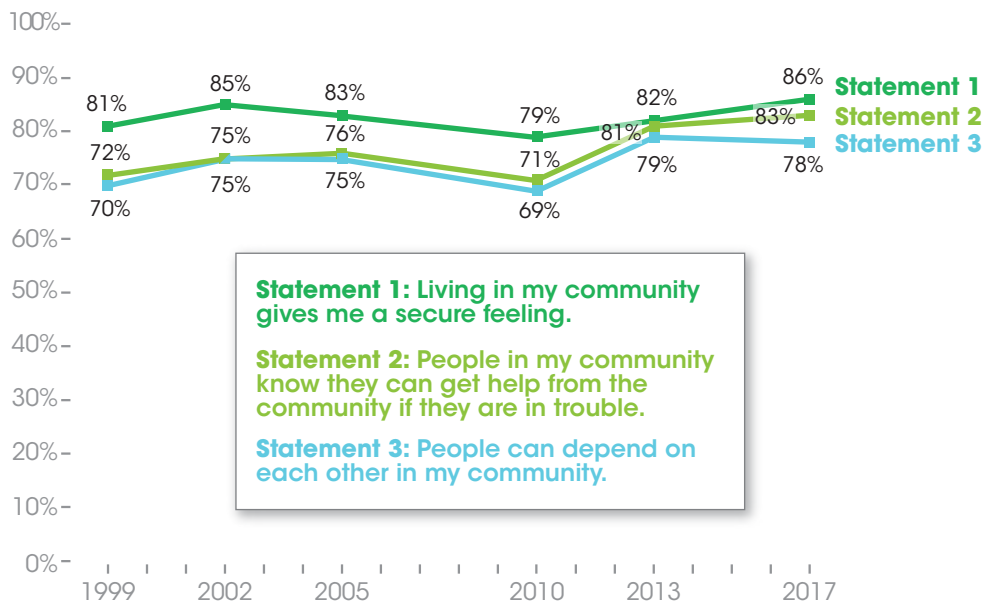
1. Living in my community gives me a secure feeling.
2. People in my community know they can get help from the community if they are in trouble.
3. People can depend on each other in my community.

In general, large majorities said that their community is supportive. The percentage of adults who agreed with the first and second statements increased slightly. The percentage of adults who agreed with the third statement remained about the same since 2013.

### FEELINGS ABOUT COMMUNITY VARY BY GROUP

While majorities of all groups say that their community is supportive, levels of support vary based on income, race, education and

**Percentage of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky adults who reported they agreed with the following statements about their community** (Graph shows the total of adults who said they agreed strongly, agreed somewhat or leaned toward agreeing with the statement.)



**Statement 1: Living in my community gives me a secure feeling.**

**Statement 2: People in my community know they can get help from the community if they are in trouble.**

**Statement 3: People can depend on each other in my community.**

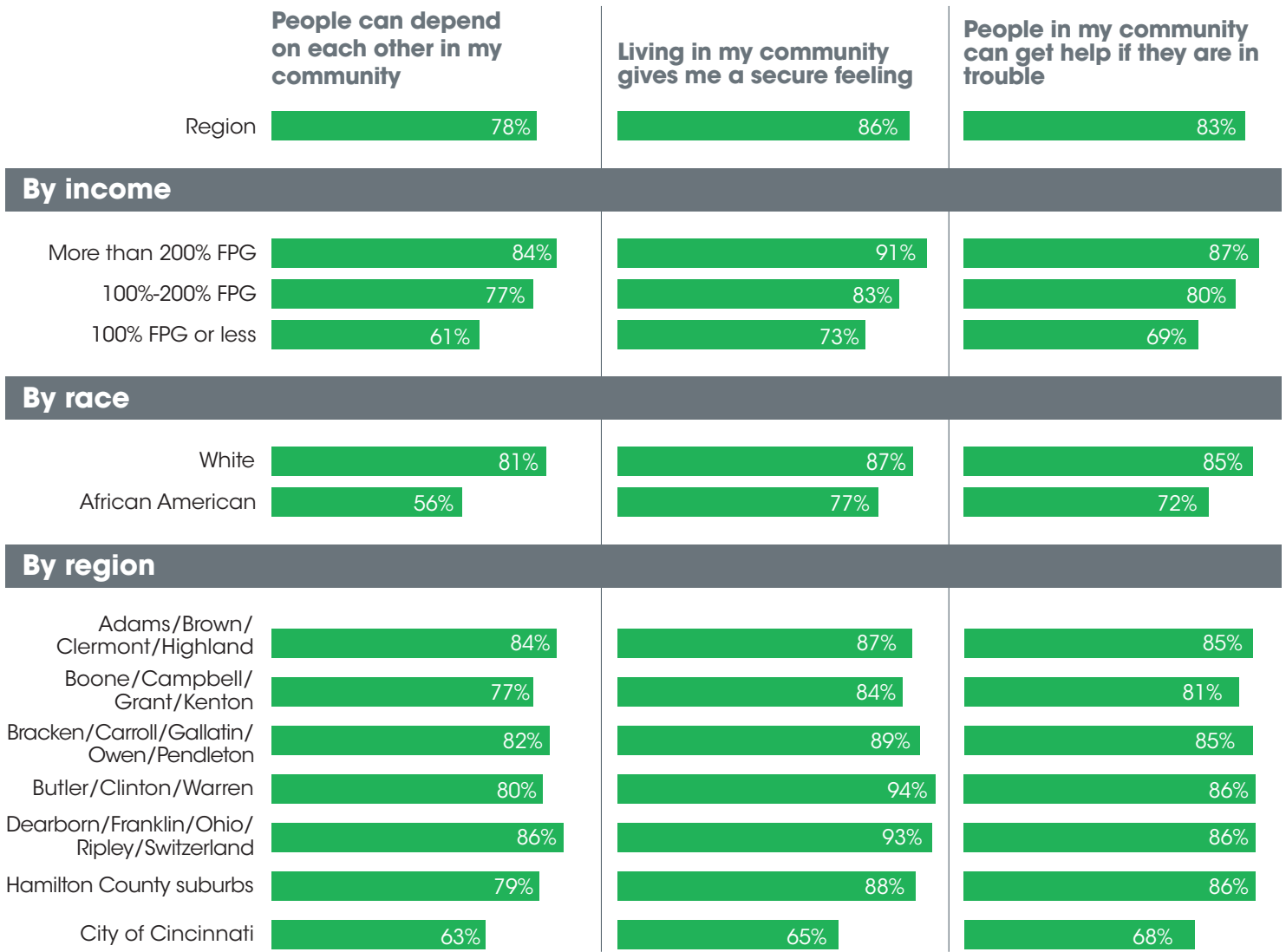
geography. (See graphs, next page.)

- **Income:** Adults earning more than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) reported having more social support in their communities than adults earning 100% FPG or less or between 100% and 200% FPG.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In 2015, 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines was \$24,250 for a family of four; 200% FPG was \$48,500.

- **Race:** White adults were more likely than African American adults to report having supportive communities.
- **Education:** Adults with a college education were more likely to report having social support.
- **Geography:** Adults living in the City of Cincinnati were less likely to report having supportive communities than adults living in other regions.

# Adults who agreed\* that ...



\*Graph shows combined total of adults who said they agreed strongly, agreed somewhat or leaned toward agreeing with the statement.

## Regions in the Community Health Status Survey

