

Survey Results Summary
Regarding Saint Louis City/County Re-Unification
A Study Conducted by Professor John Messmer
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We are pleased to share with you the results of a recent survey about the re-entry of the city into the county conducted by John Messmer, professor of political science at St. Louis Community College-Meramec. John is very interested in reunification efforts involving the city and the county; hence his interest in conducting the survey.

His research during his sabbatical year consisted of a survey of ***political office holders*** in the city of Saint Louis and Saint Louis County.

Of the universe of 707 office holders, 198 responded to his 38-question survey on regional issues. The bulk of these questions focused upon their views about city/county reunification.

The good news -- there is considerable support among political office holders in Saint Louis City/County for the reunification of Saint Louis City and County. In fact, taking into account various demographic breakdowns (by race, age, size of community, political party, geographic location, etc.), support from all of these groups for City/County reunification and for City/County merger ranged from nearly 60% to more nearly 80%.

Among some of the key findings:

- * 92% of all respondents are very interested in improving regionalism in the area.
- * 78% of all respondents believe that the city's separation from the county hurts the region.
- * 69% of all respondents have some or serious interest in the city re-entering the county.
- * 65% of all respondents have some or serious interest in a city/county

merger.

- * 54% believe that some sort of political reorganization is the best hope for regionalism.

We don't know about you folks, but the results of John's survey are VERY encouraging to the cause of STL-World Class City.

Our thanks to Professor Messmer for his excellent work. The data from his scientific survey is important to what we are trying to accomplish as an organization and we are indebted to him for his good work!