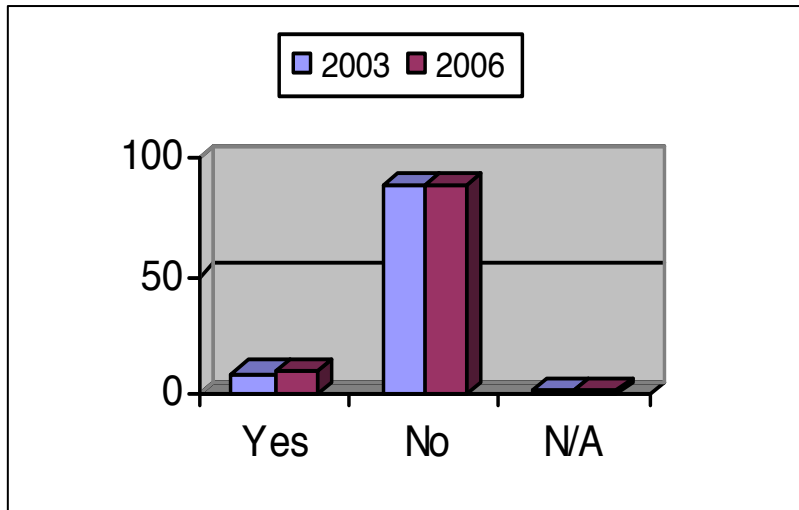


Discrimination Within Wood County: Consistent over Past Three Years



Key Facts

The 2006 LIFE Community Survey results for Wood County indicate:

- Discrimination was experienced by 10% of respondents or their family members.
- Race/nationality was the basis for 28% of the discrimination cases.
- Some survey participants cited disability, age, gender and sexual orientation as the basis for discrimination.
- Survey participants indicated that discrimination occurred most often in such public places as retail stores, the workplace and schools.

Why is this Information Important?

Unfair treatment that occurs because of personal characteristics and qualities results in discrimination. The negative impact of discrimination decreases quality of life in communities where members discriminate against one another.

Discrimination

Personal characteristics or other traits such as age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, and handicaps and disabilities are common reasons for discrimination. Discrimination is unjust, as it disrupts people’s lives and affects the nature of the community. People who are discriminated against must deal with the many negative impacts including anger, low self-esteem and depression, in addition to possible economic and social repercussions. Those who discriminate against others limit opportunities for local growth as the nation becomes more diverse. Communities that are plagued by discrimination have a more difficult time working together to solve problems common to all.

Younger respondents were more likely to experience discrimination based on race/ethnicity or disability. Although older respondents were more likely to experience discrimination at a store or medical setting, retired residents report less discrimination overall.

Source: 2006 LIFE Community Survey