

Table 5-7  
**Public Opinion Survey: Respondents' Explanations of Why Refugees/Immigrants  
 Adjust Better in Different-Sized Communities**

	Number of Responses
<u>Most common reasons provided by:*</u>	
<i>Respondents who answered "larger cities" (n=436)</i>	
More people from some cultural/ethnic background.	142
More job opportunities/businesses.	107
More cosmopolitan/less culture shock.	61
More support from agencies.	51
Most refugees/immigrants came from large cities.	36
People are more open-minded/tolerant.	34
More anonymity/don't stand out.	32
<i>Respondents who answered "smaller cities" (n=180)</i>	
People are friendlier/more personal.	85
Slower pace/Less confusing and overwhelming.	43
Less likely to stick with own cultural group.	16
Easier to get around.	14
People are more open-minded/tolerant.	13
More job opportunities/business.	13
More support from agencies.	12
Not as easy to stay anonymous.	11
<i>Respondents who answered "smaller towns" (n=97)</i>	
People are friendlier/more personal.	51
Slower pace/Less confusing and overwhelming.	15
Less likely to stick with own cultural group.	12

\* A total of 866 responses were provided by 723 individuals who answered that refugees/immigrants adjusted more easily in either large cities, smaller cities, or smaller towns (see Figure 5-2). Only the most frequently mentioned responses are reported in this table.