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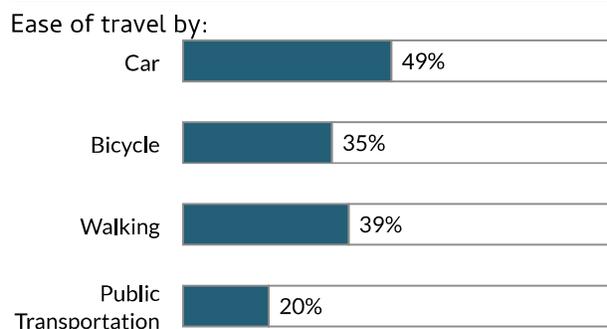
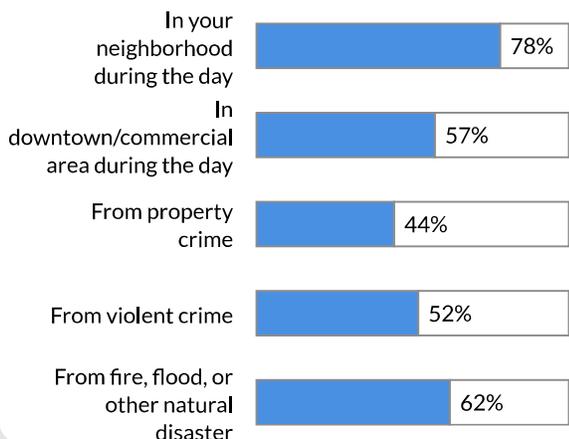
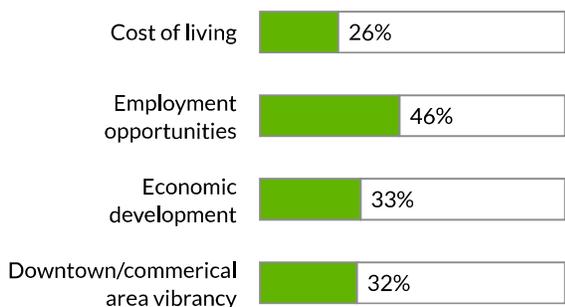
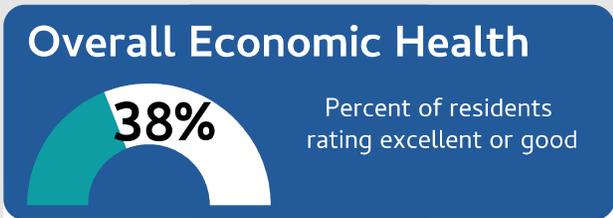
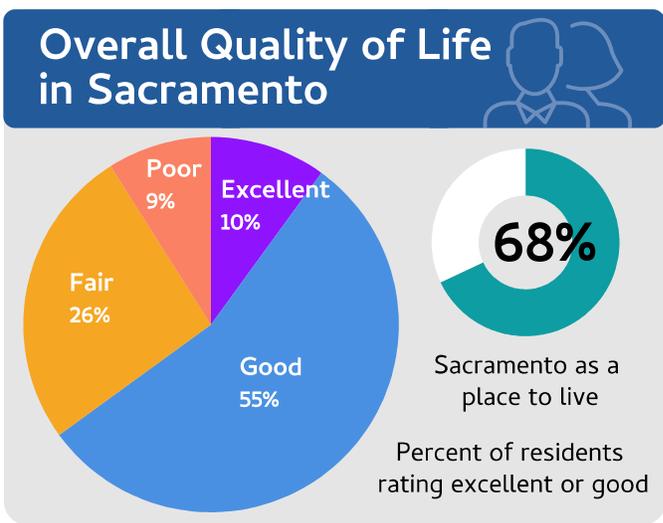
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2026 National Community Survey

Opinions of a representative sample of **450 residents** of the City of Sacramento collected from January 2, 2026 through February 13, 2026. Three areas that respondents rated high importance but low quality were safety, economy, and mobility. For a detailed analysis, visit our online dashboard.



Additional Information

Questions were asked about ten facets of a community including: economy; mobility; community design; utilities; safety; natural environment; parks and recreation; health and wellness; education, arts, and culture; and inclusivity and engagement.

6% 7,500 households were selected to receive the survey. 2% of surveys were returned. Response rate of 6%.

95% 95% confidence interval and +/- 5% margin of error.

400k Results compared to national benchmark of communities and custom benchmark of those with a population over 400,000.

1,454 An open-participation portion of the survey was open to all City residents with 1,454 responses reported separately.

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About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Sacramento. A livable community is a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live. The NCS was developed by the experts from National Research Center at Polco in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and has been administered in hundreds of communities across the United States.

Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations, and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS focuses on the livability of Sacramento by categorizing survey questions into the ten main “facets” of community livability shown below, in addition to ratings for quality of life and local governance. These facets have been identified through years of extensive survey research as those that are most impactful to residents’ quality of life.

- Economy
- Mobility
- Community Design
- Utilities
- Safety
- Natural Environment
- Parks and Recreation
- Health and Wellness
- Education, Arts, and Culture
- Community Connection

The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 450 residents of the City of Sacramento collected from January 2, 2026 to February 13, 2026. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 4.6% for all respondents. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Sacramento. The report also includes results from the open participation survey, which includes responses from residents who were not part of the randomly selected group but chose to participate in the survey.

Reporting Results

For the most part, the percentages presented in this report represent the “percent positive.” Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, etc.). On many of the questions in the survey, respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving a “don’t know” response is shown in the full set of responses included in the “Complete Data” section; however, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the main body of the report and are available online. Therefore, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item. In addition to this report, full details on the survey results, which includes an interactive dashboard, are available online at: <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/polco.nrc/viz/TheNCSReport-SacramentoCA2026/About>.

Benchmark Comparisons

Polco’s database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 400 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The NCS. The comparison evaluations include surveys from the past five years. If a jurisdiction has conducted multiple efforts in the past five years, only the most recent survey is included in the benchmark database. Polco adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range.

In each tab of the online report, Sacramento’s results are noted as being “higher” than the benchmark, “lower” than



the benchmark, or “similar” to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Sacramento residents. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Sacramento's average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was “much higher” or “much lower,” then Sacramento's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

In addition to these national benchmarks, comparisons were also made to a smaller cohort of communities that align more closely to the demographics in Sacramento. This cohort included 23 communities in NRC's database that exceed populations of 400,000. Comparisons to these communities can be found throughout the report and in the Benchmarks (Custom) tab of the online report.

Trends over time

Trend data for Sacramento represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines.¹ Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents' opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than six percentage points between the 2023 and 2026 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

1. In 2020, The NCS survey was updated to include new and refreshed items. Consequently, some of the trends may be impacted due to wording modifications that could have potentially altered the meaning of the item for the respondent.

Methods

Selecting Survey Recipients

All households within the City of Sacramento were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Sacramento was purchased from Polco's mailing vendor, based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service.

Since some of the zip codes that serve Sacramento households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file. Addresses located outside of Sacramento boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. Each address identified as being within City boundaries was further identified as being within one of the eight districts. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units. The surveys mailed by district are as follows:

District 1: 1,000
District 2: 1,110
District 3: 1,110
District 4: 620
District 5: 980
District 6: 800
District 7: 380
District 8: 1500

Due to historically low response rates, Districts 2, 3, 5, and 8 were oversampled to increase representation from the districts.

Conducting the Random Sample Survey

The 7,500 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on January 2, 2026 and data collection for the survey remained open for six weeks. The first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey online. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online, as well as QR codes to further encourage participation.

About 2% of the 7,500 mailed invitations were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 7,343 households that received the invitations to participate, 450 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 6%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.¹

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates by a "level of confidence" and accompanying "confidence interval" (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results based on the total number of responses received. This is because *some* residents' opinions are relied on to estimate *all* residents' opinions. The margin of error for the City of Sacramento survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (450 completed surveys).

Conducting the Open Participation Survey

In addition to the randomly selected "probability sample" of households, a link to an online open-participation survey was publicized by the City of Sacramento. The open-participation survey was identical to the random sample survey, with two small updates; it asked a question to confirm the respondent was a resident of Sacramento and also a question about where they heard about the survey.

The open-participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on January 23, 2026. The survey remained open for two weeks and 1,454 responses were received. The data presented in the following report excludes the open participation survey data, but the online report includes a tab which provides the complete open participation results.

Analyzing the Data

Responses from mailed surveys were entered into an electronic dataset using a “key and verify” method, where all responses are entered twice and compared to each other. Any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed. Responses from surveys completed on Polco were downloaded and merged with the mailed survey responses.

The survey datasets were analyzed using all or some of a combination of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), R, Python, and Tableau.

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2020 Census and 2024 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Sacramento. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and district. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.² The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

Polco aligns demographic labels with those used by the U.S. Census for reporting purposes, when possible. Some categories (age, race/Hispanic origin, housing type, and length of residency) are combined into smaller subgroups.

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target ⁴
Age	18-34	12%	34%	34%
	35-54	34%	34%	34%
	55+	54%	32%	32%
District	District 1	13%	3%	3%
	District 2	11%	4%	4%
	District 3	12%	8%	8%
	District 4	15%	16%	16%
	District 5	11%	12%	12%
	District 6	14%	16%	16%
	District 7	8%	23%	23%
	District 8	16%	17%	17%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	82%	74%	74%
	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	18%	26%	26%
Housing tenure	Own	66%	52%	52%
	Rent	34%	48%	48%
Housing type	Attached	32%	39%	39%
	Detached	68%	61%	61%
Race & Hispanic ori..	Not white alone	50%	67%	67%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	50%	33%	33%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	5%	17%	17%
	Female 35-54	19%	17%	17%
	Female 55+	31%	17%	17%
	Male 18-34	6%	17%	17%
	Male 35-54	15%	17%	17%
	Male 55+	23%	14%	14%

Study Limitations

All public opinion research is subject to unmeasured error. While the methodologies employed for this survey were designed to minimize this error as much as possible, these other sources of potential error should be acknowledged, and can include non-response error, coverage error, recall bias, and social desirability bias.

Non-response error arises when those who were selected to participate in the survey did not do so, and may have different opinions or experiences than survey responders. For general resident surveys, where the results are meant to be generalized to the entire adult population living in households, the mailing lists based on the Delivery Sequence File from the United States Post Office may exclude certain types of housing units, such as those in multi-family buildings where mail is addressed to a named resident at the address rather than to a specific unit or where residents only receive their mail at a post office box and the geographic location of a residence cannot be determined, there may be a *coverage error*, although for most locations, this is minimal. Respondents may not perfectly remember their experiences in the past year (such as participation in social or civic events, for example), and for some survey items, they may answer in ways they think cast their responses in a more favorable light (*recall bias* and *social desirability bias*).

Survey Validity

See the Polco Knowledge Base article on survey validity at <https://blog.polco.us/polco-knowledgebase/margin-of-error-and-confidence-level-in-survey-results>

Contact

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1. See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at <https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/>
2. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>
3. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey

Highlights

Community Strengths

Residents express satisfaction with their neighborhoods and overall quality of life.

- About two-thirds of residents offered excellent or good reviews to the overall quality of life in Sacramento, marking a significant increase since 2023.
- About 7 in 10 participants positively rated Sacramento (68%) and their neighborhood as a place to live (69%), consistent with previous results.
- A majority of respondents indicated that they plan to remain in the city for the next five years (82%).
- Roughly three-quarters of residents would recommend living in Sacramento to someone who asks (75%), increasing significantly from 68% in 2023.

Parks and recreation opportunities likely contribute to the high quality of life experienced in Sacramento.

- A majority of residents positively rated the overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities (64%), a significant improvement from 2023 results.
- Most respondents offered favorable feedback for recreational opportunities (57%), fitness opportunities (56%), and public library services (69%).
- About 6 in 10 community members rated overall health and wellness opportunities positively (58%), a statistically significant improvement since 2023.

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Community connection is valued by residents.

- Roughly 6 in 10 residents felt the community does a good job making all residents feel welcome (56%), a statistically significant increase since 2023.
- About 7 in 10 community members felt Sacramento does a good job in attracting people from diverse backgrounds (65%).
- Nearly half of respondents positively rated Sacramento's sense of community (51%) and the neighborliness of residents (47%), both of which increased significantly compared to 2023.

Focus Areas

Mobility-centered results may indicate an opportunity for growth.

- About 1 in 4 respondents gave positive ratings to the overall transportation system (26%), and ease of public parking (26%); however, these results were similar to the custom benchmark and consistent with previous results.
- Fewer than 2 in 10 residents rated the quality of Sacramento street repair positively, which was lower than the benchmarks.
- Less than half of respondents gave positive ratings to traffic flow on major streets (29%); this result was similar to the custom benchmark and similar to previous surveys.

Governance and city leadership results highlight opportunities for continued improvement.

- Ratings for government transparency, honesty, fairness, and respect each remained below 40%, which may indicate a desire for stronger government communication.
- Less than half of respondents positively rated the overall direction of Sacramento (36%) and their overall confidence in the Sacramento government (30%).
- While one-third of residents gave positive ratings to the value of services for taxes paid (33%), this rating was similar to the custom benchmark and represented a significant improvement from the previous survey.

Economic challenges persist in the community.

- Ratings for overall economic health (38%), downtown vibrancy (33%), and employment opportunities (46%) remained below benchmarks.
- Less than half of respondents positively rated Sacramento as a place to visit (47%), which was lower than the benchmarks.
- In contrast, about 6 in 10 residents reported positive ratings for variety of business and service establishments (62%), indicating existing strengths to support ongoing development.

Other Notable Results

Community priorities for Measure U funding focused on core services and support.

- Nearly all residents identified affordable housing and homeless supportive services (88%), community-based mental health (89%), and public safety (87%) as top investment areas.
- Broad support also appeared for youth programs (85%), public parks (83%), street maintenance (83%), senior programs (79%), and transportation (79%).

Areas of Greatest Change

Of the evaluative questions included on both the 2023 and 2026 survey iterations, 120 were statistically similar to previous results. Upward trends were seen in 19 items, while 8 ratings decreased since 2023. The most significant of those trends are listed below.

Increases

- Sense of community (+12%)
- Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities (+11%)
- The overall quality of life in Sacramento (+10%)
- Overall feeling of safety in Sacramento (+10%)
- Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool (+10%)
- Overall quality of natural environment in Sacramento (+10%)

Decreases

- Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community (-12%)
- Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area (-10%)
- Overall quality of new development in Sacramento (-9%)
- Animal control (-8%)

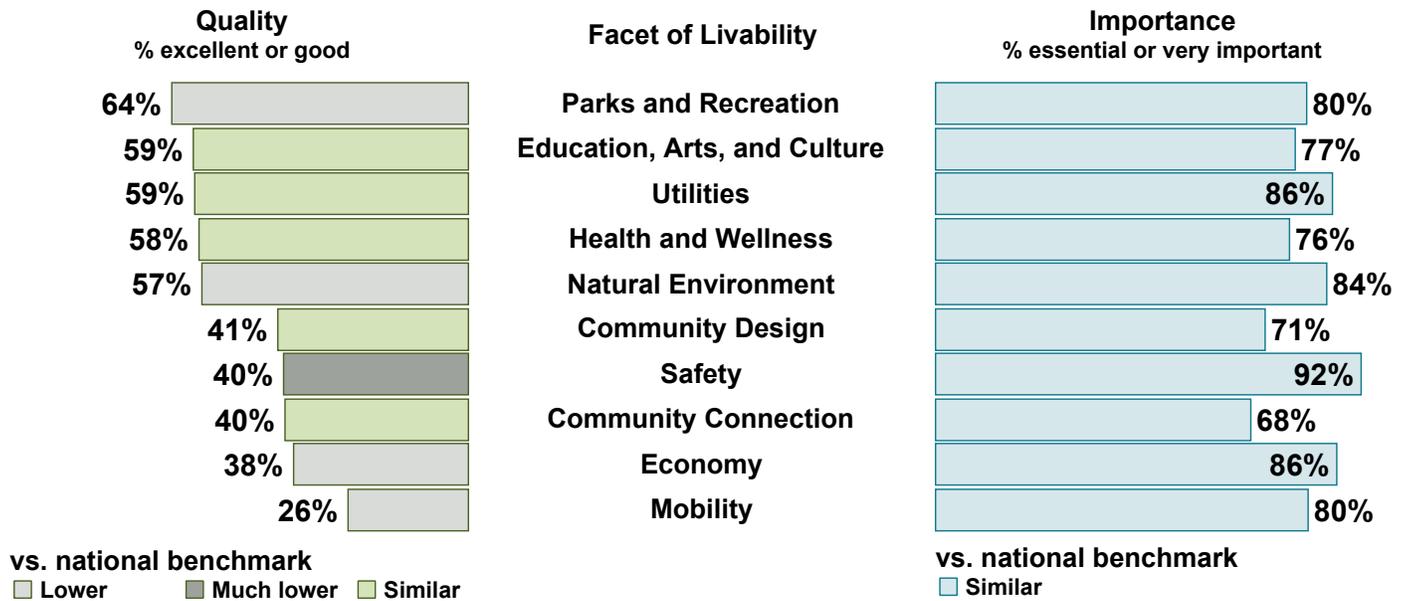
Facets of Livability



Every jurisdiction must balance limited resources while meeting resident needs and striving to optimize community livability. To this end, it is helpful to know what aspects of the community are most important to residents and which they perceive as being of higher or lower quality. It is especially helpful to know when a facet of livability is considered of high importance but rated as lower quality, as this should be a top priority to address.

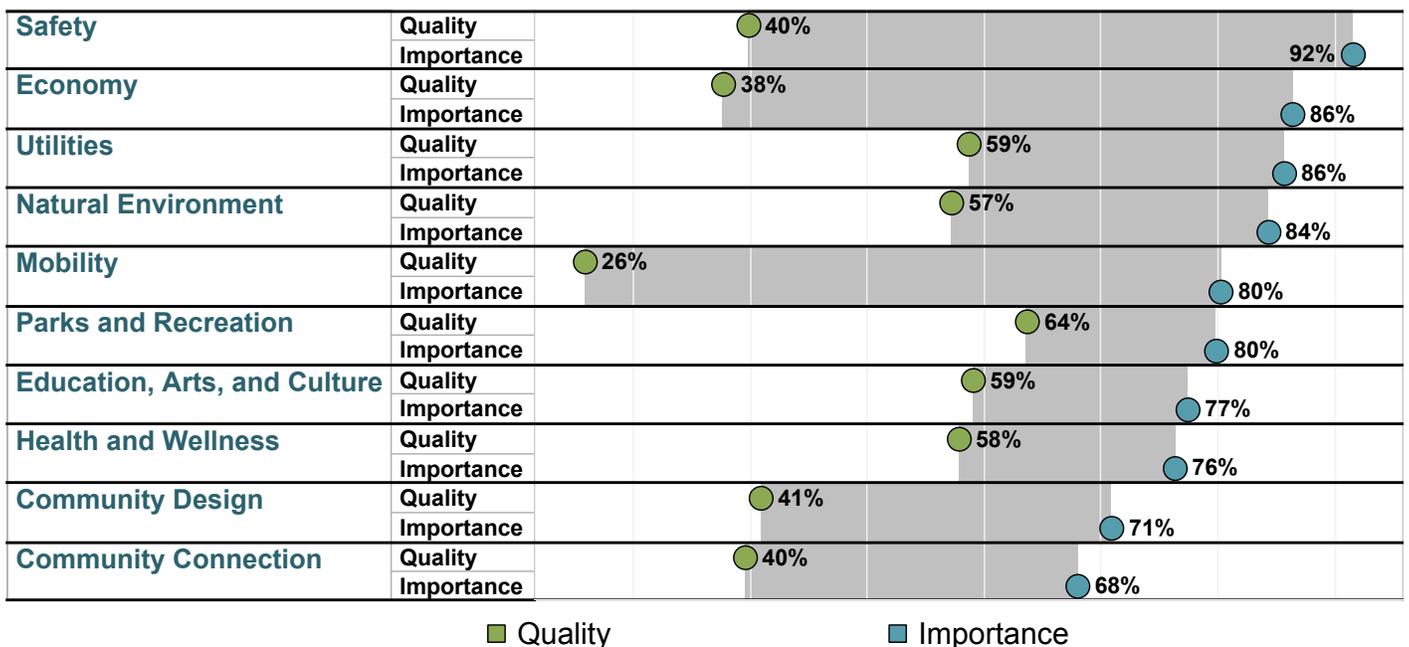
Quality and Importance by the Numbers

The table below shows the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local quality ratings were lower, similar, or higher than communities across the country (the national benchmark).



Quality/Importance Gap Analysis

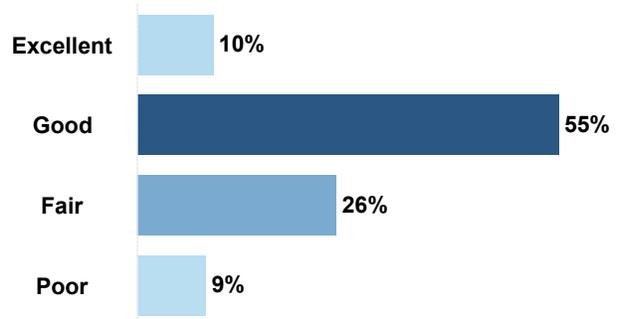
The gap analysis chart below shows the same data as above; however, this chart more clearly illustrates the comparative differences in quality and importance ratings for each facet, as well as the absolute ratings for each.



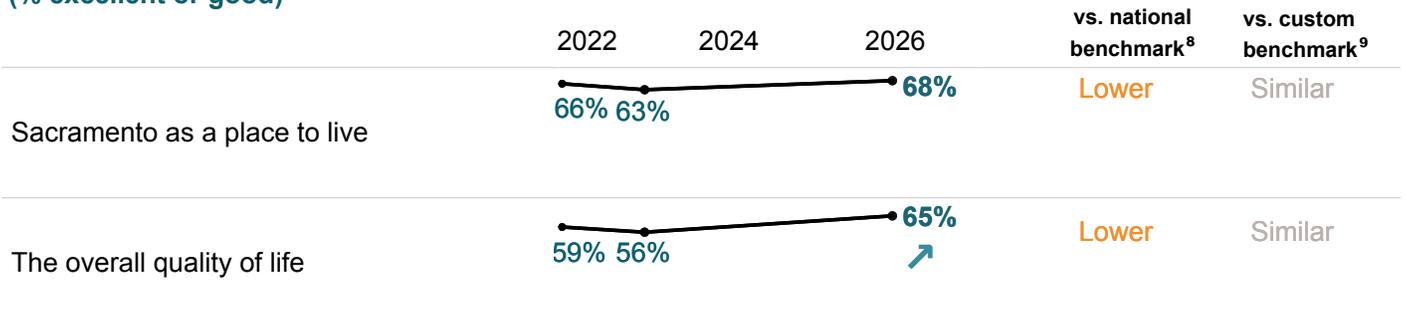
Quality of Life

Measuring community livability starts with assessing the quality of life of those who live there, and ensuring that the community is attractive, accessible, and welcoming to all.

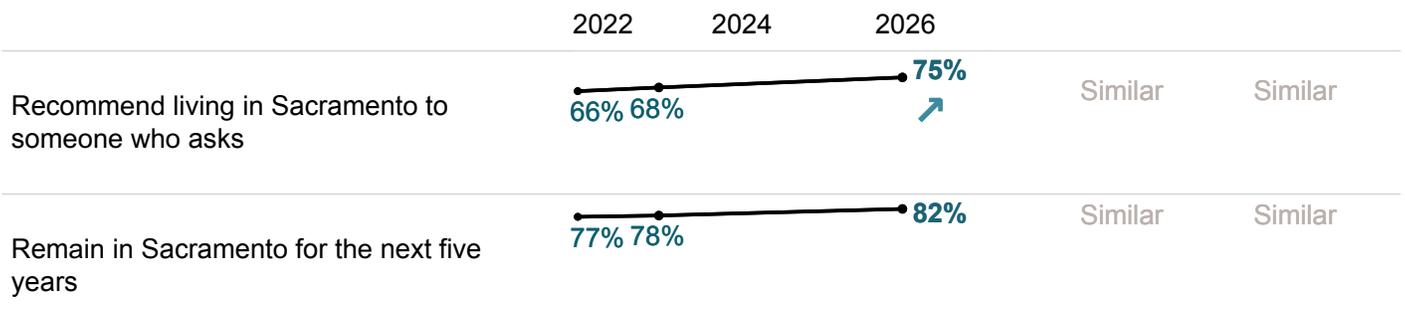
The overall quality of life in Sacramento, 2026



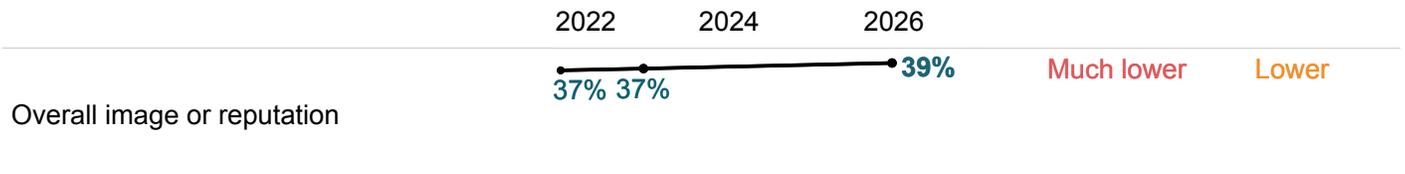
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento. (% excellent or good)



Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following. (% very or somewhat likely)



Please rate each of the following in the Sacramento community. (% excellent or good)



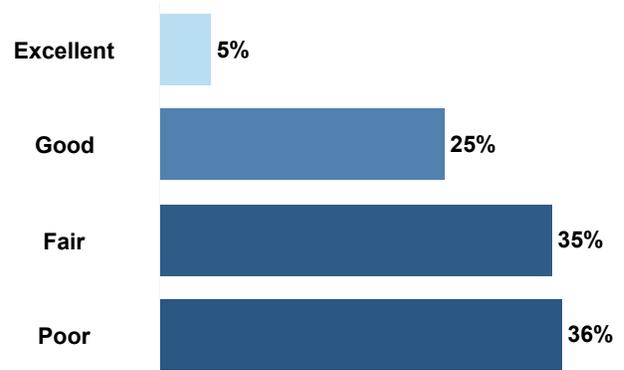
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Governance

Strong local governments deliver results that meet residents' needs, use resources effectively, and respond to both current and future community priorities.

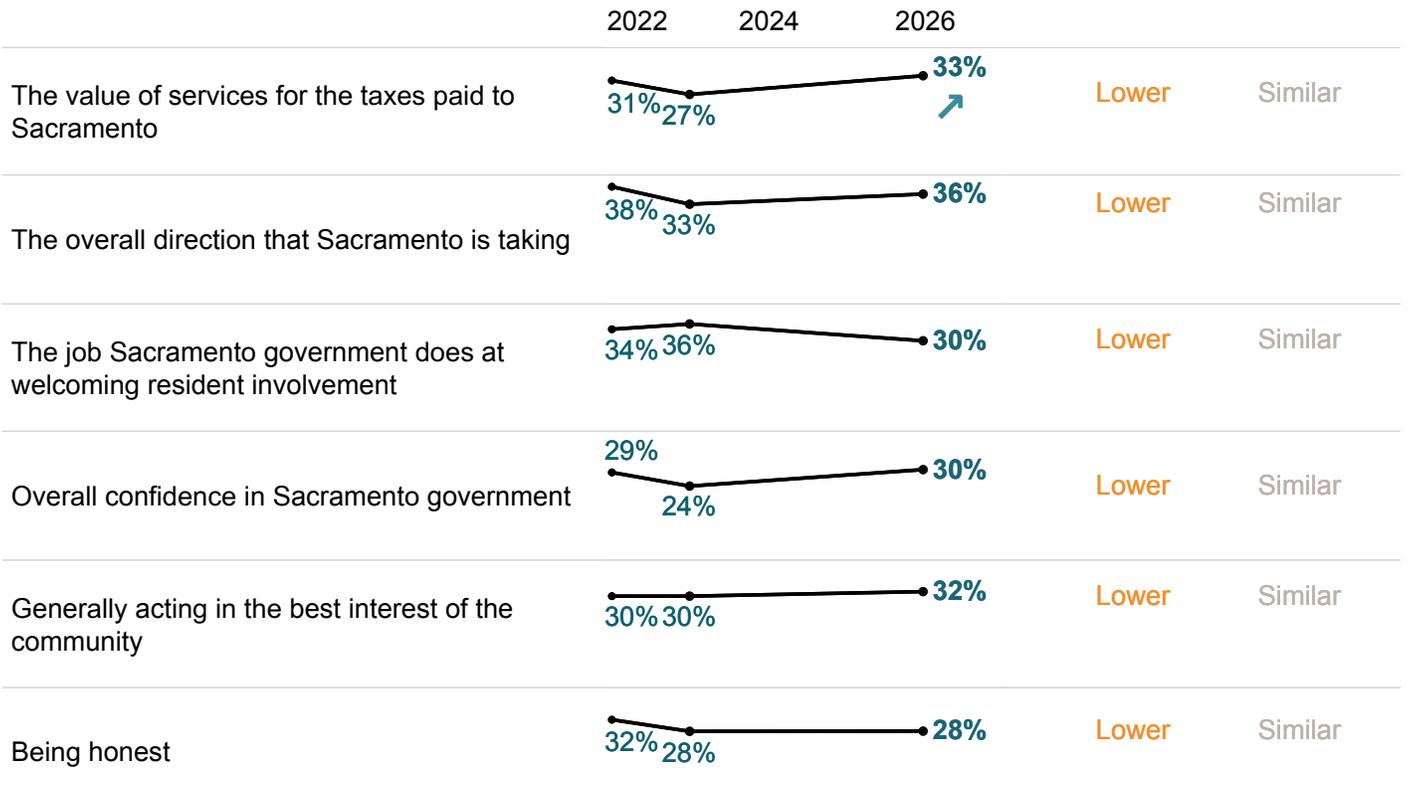
Overall confidence in Sacramento government, 2026

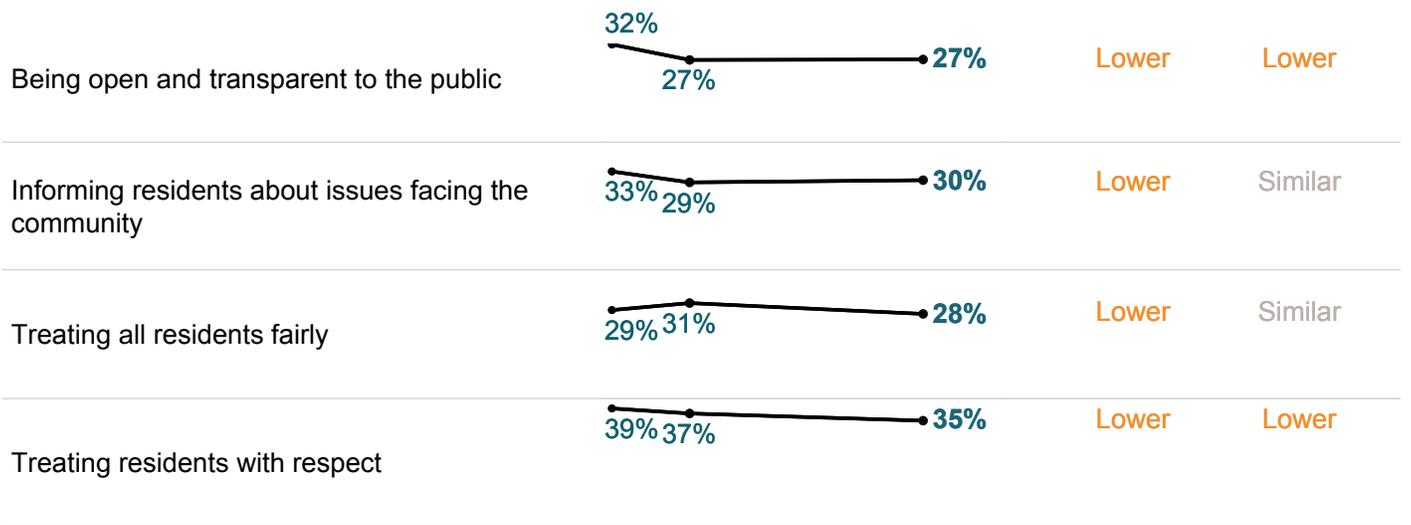


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento. (% excellent or good)

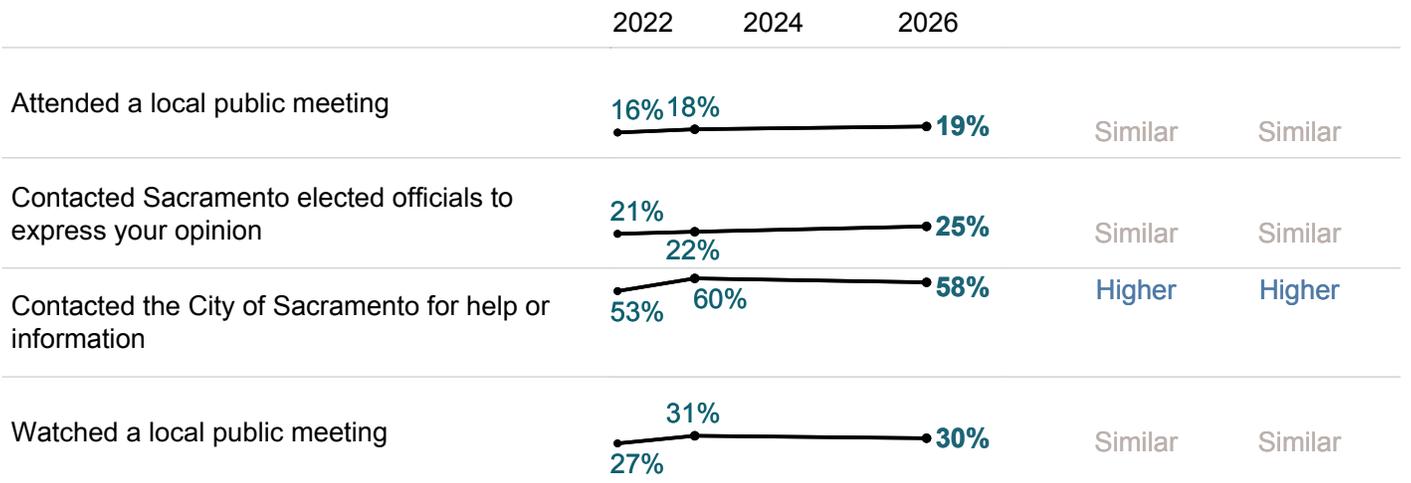


Please rate the following categories of Sacramento government performance. (% excellent or good)





Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months. (% yes)



Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following? (% excellent or good)



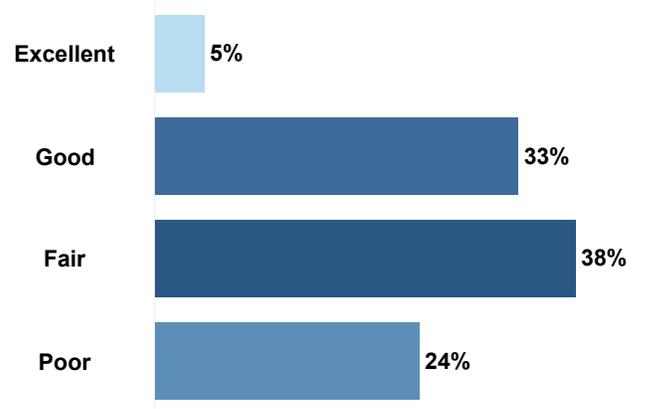
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Economy

Local governments work together with private and nonprofit businesses, and with the community at large, to foster sustainable growth, create jobs, and promote a thriving local economy.

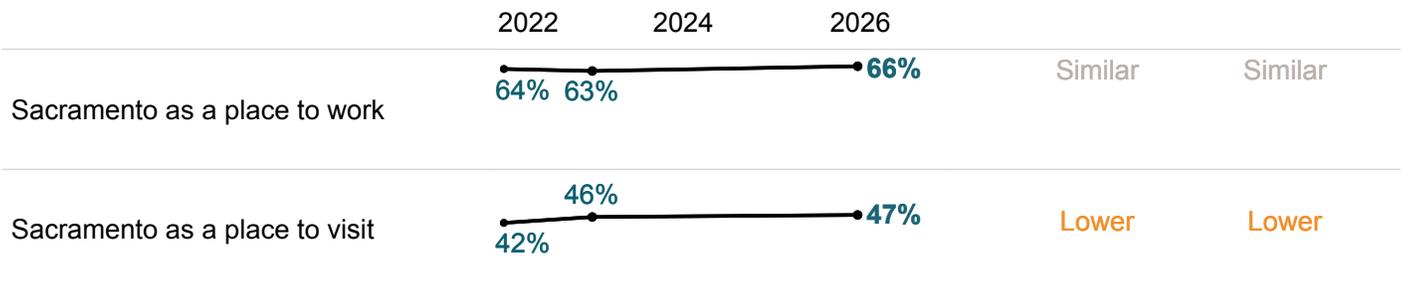
Overall economic health of Sacramento, 2026



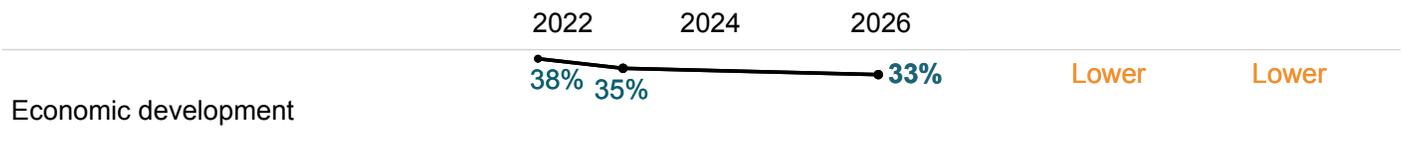
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole. (% excellent or good)



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento. (% excellent or good)



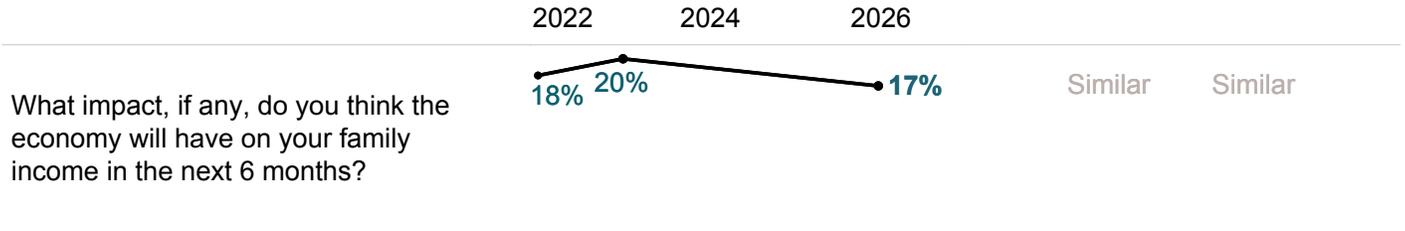
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento. (% excellent or good)



Please rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.
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What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:
 (% very or somewhat positive)

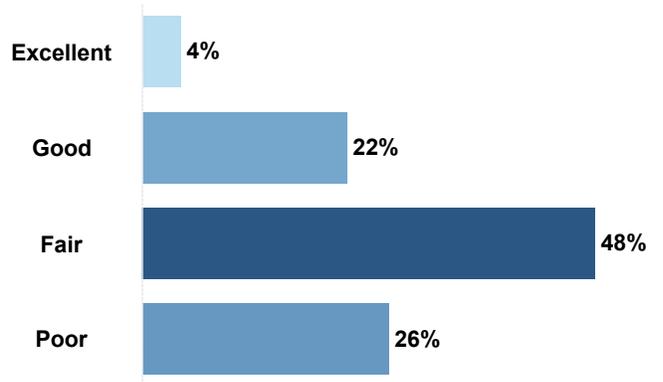


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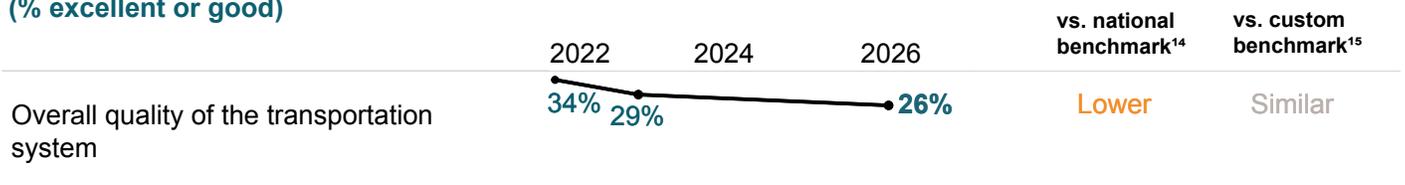
Overall quality of the transportation system in Sacramento, 2026

Mobility

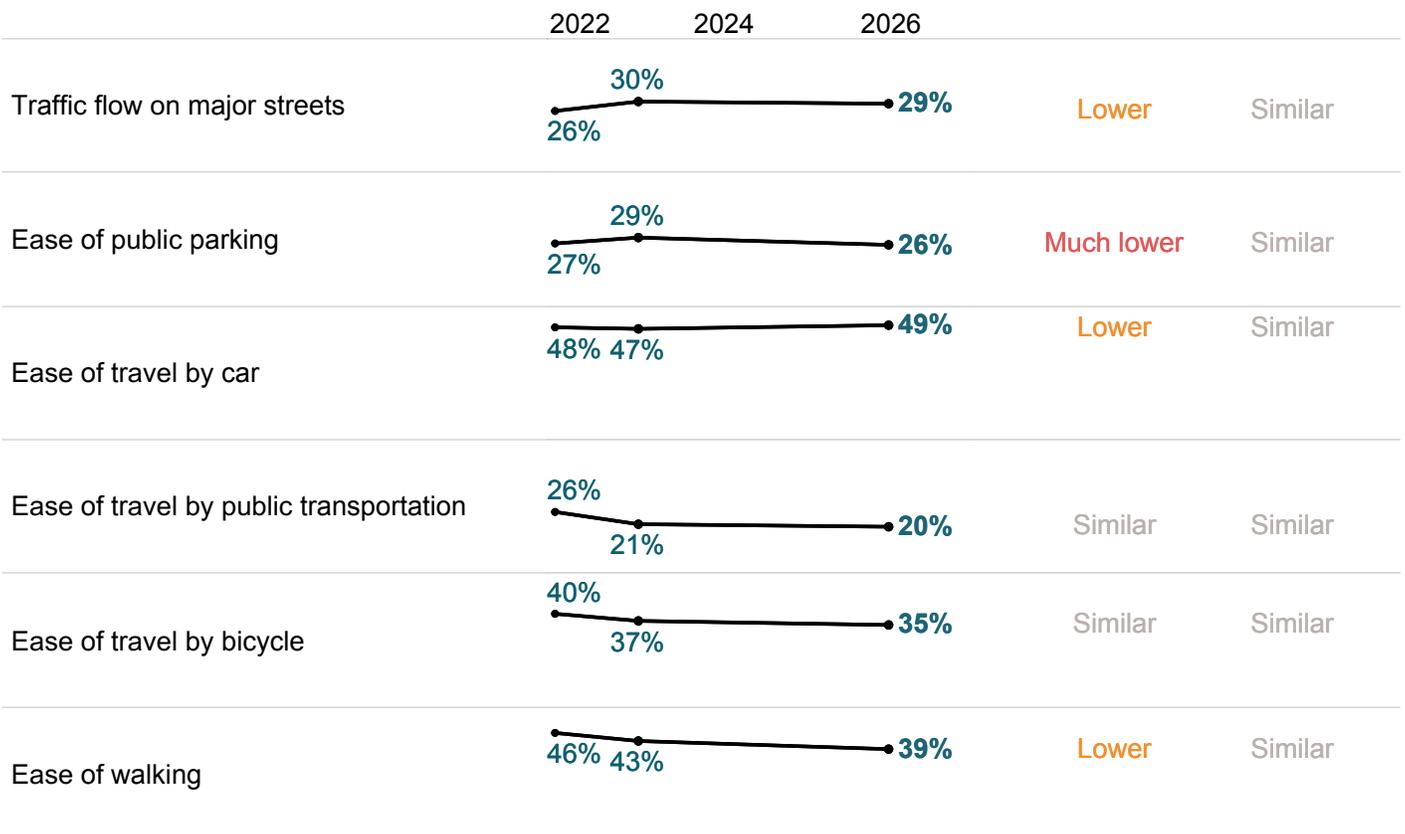
The ability of residents to move about their community with ease plays an important role in the overall quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and spends time there.



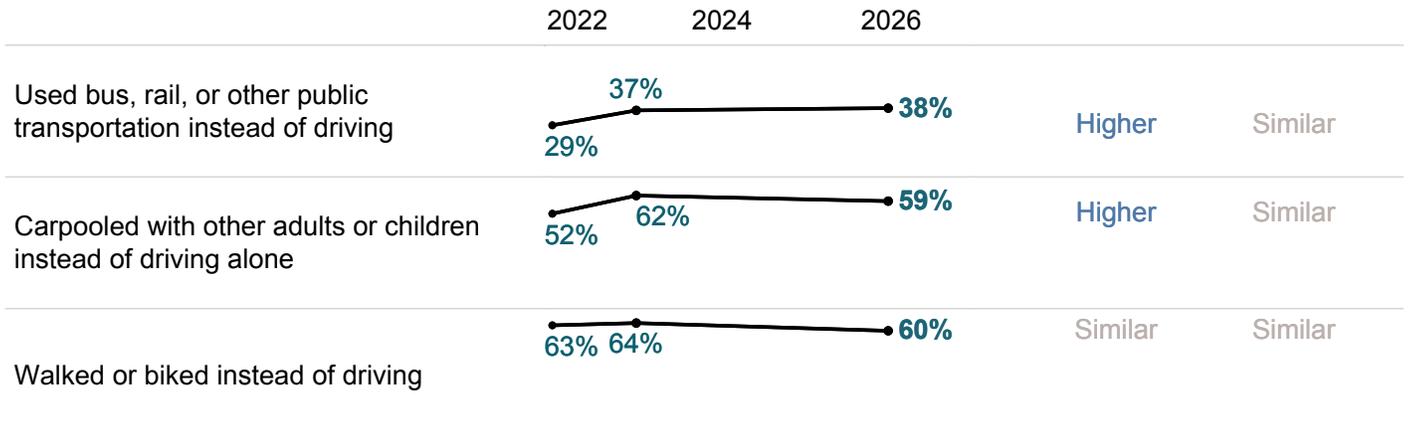
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Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community. (% excellent or good)



Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
 (% yes)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.
 (% excellent or good)



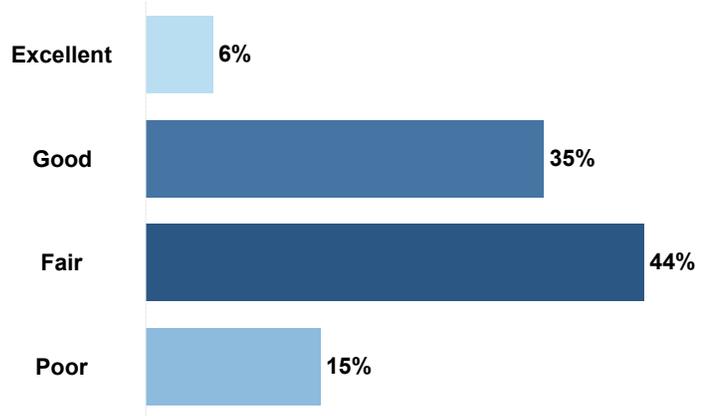
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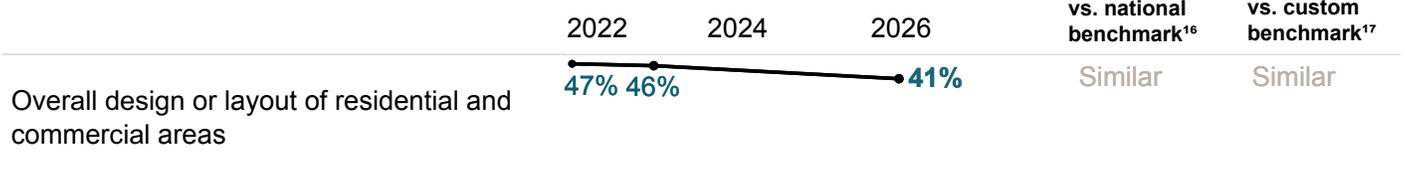
Overall design or layout of Sacramento's residential and commercial areas, 2026

Community Design

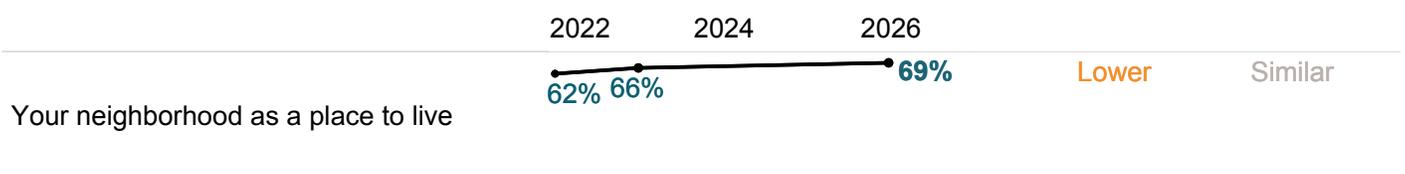
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and supporting development that suits residents' needs.



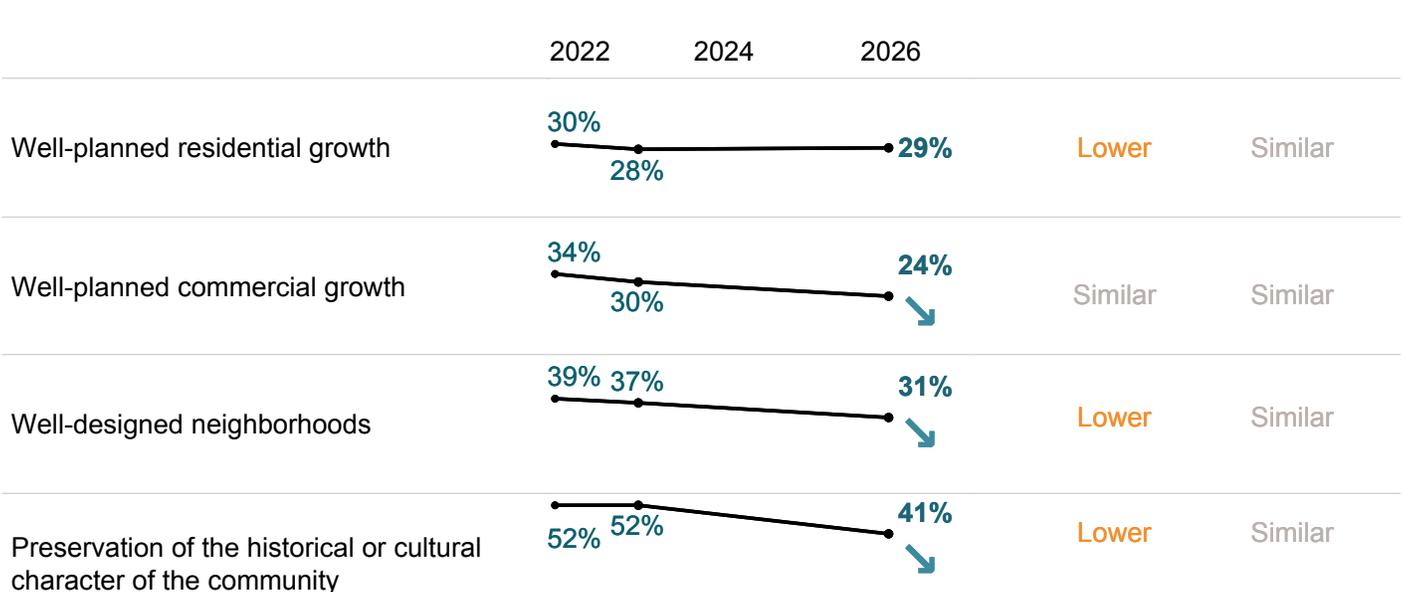
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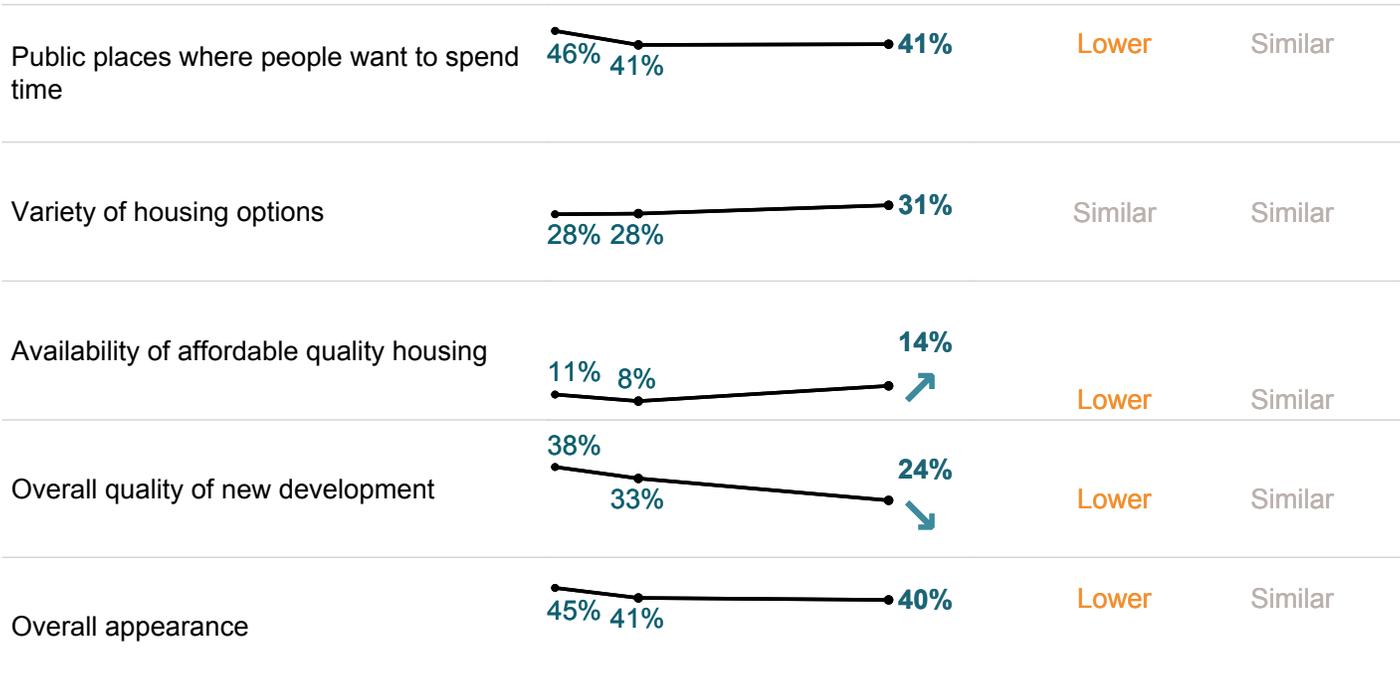


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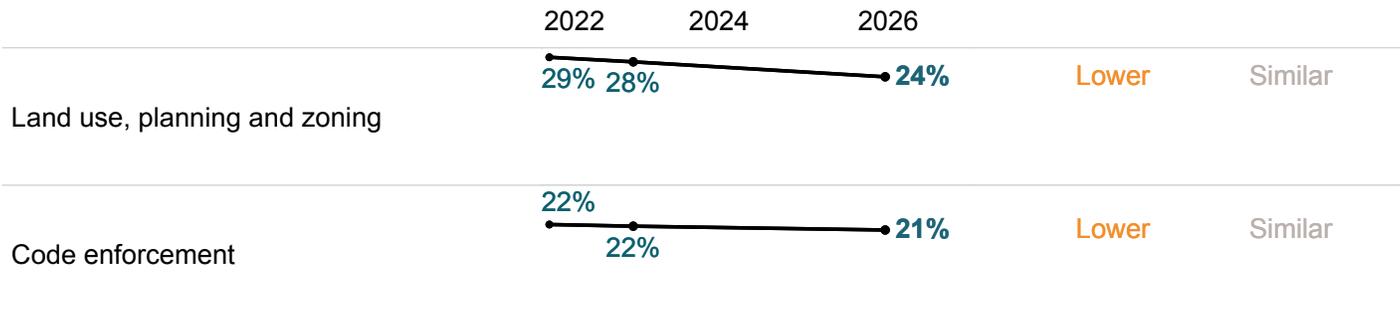


Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community. (% excellent or good)





**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.
(% excellent or good)**



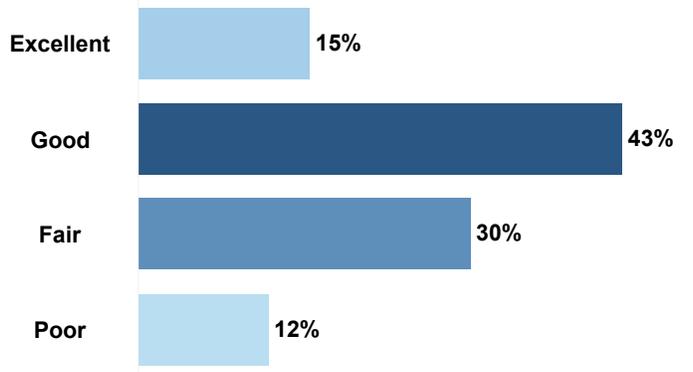
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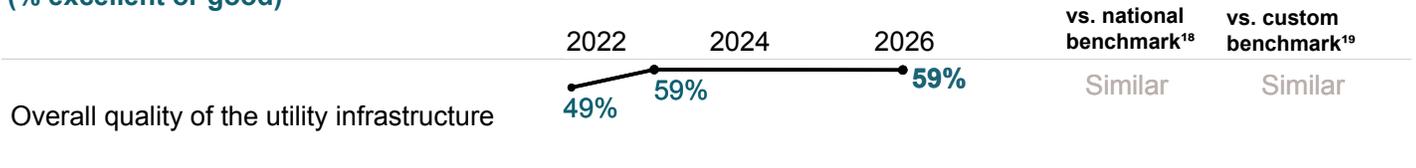
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Sacramento, 2026

Utilities

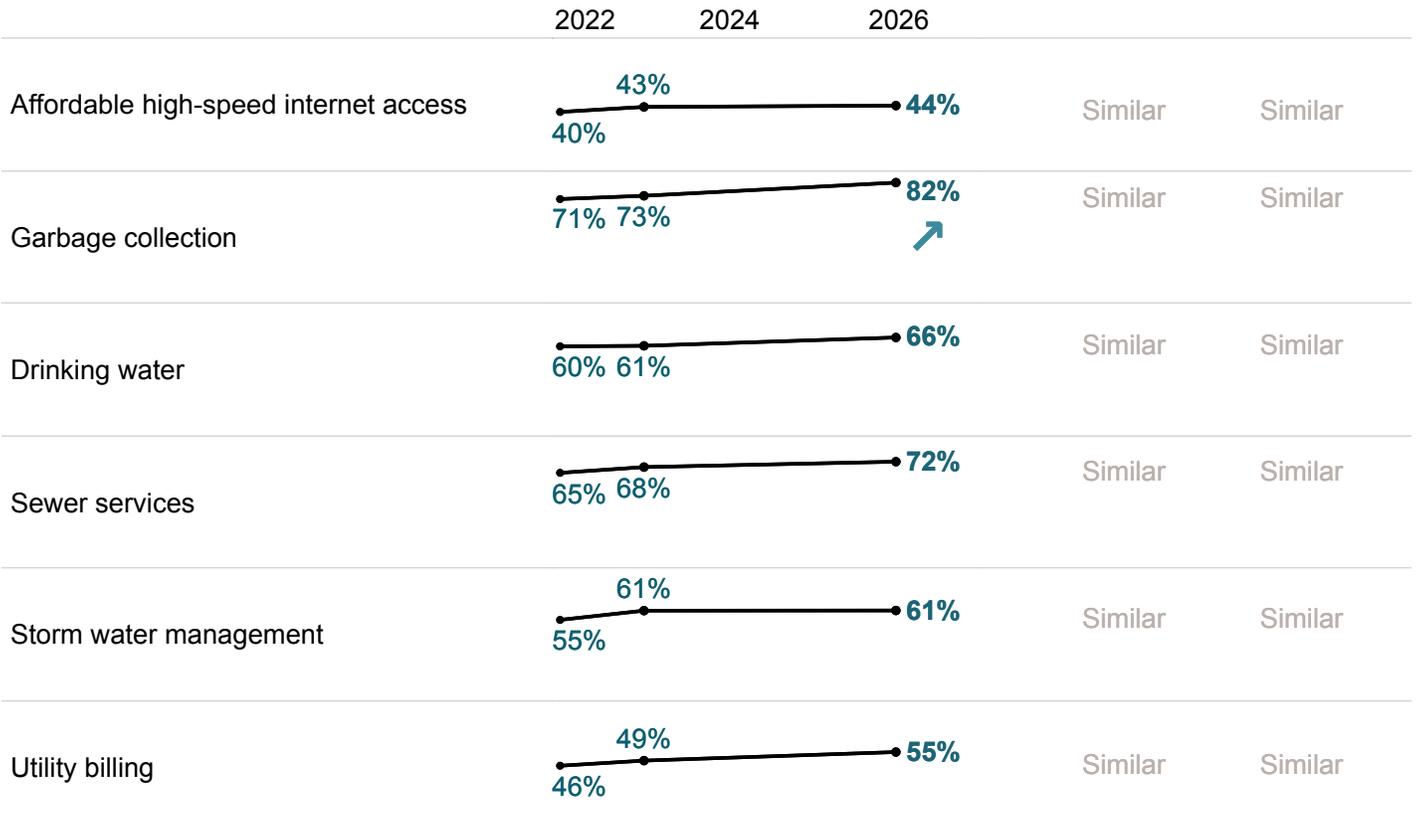
Access to essential services like water, gas, electricity, and internet is crucial for safeguarding the physical health, economic stability, and overall well-being of the communities they support.



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole. (% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento. (% excellent or good)



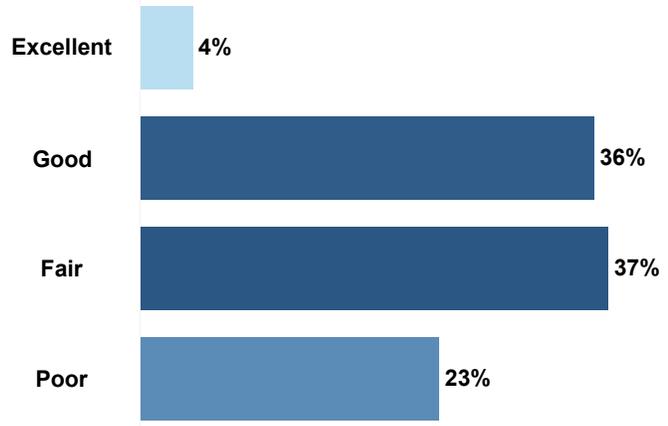
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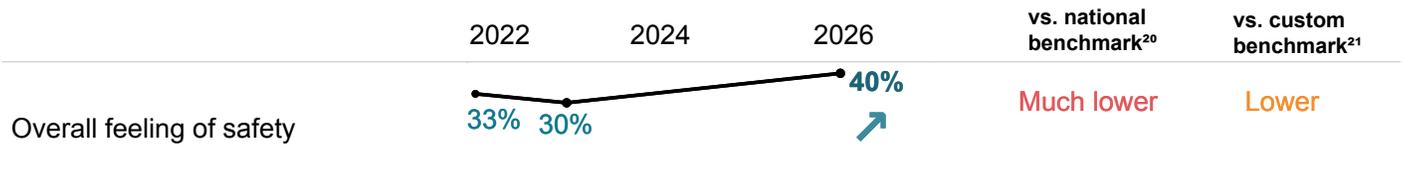
Safety

Public safety is one of the most important responsibilities of local governments, as every resident deserves to feel safe and secure both in their neighborhoods and across the wider community. The provision of strong, reliable safety services is essential to ensuring a high quality of life.

Overall feeling of safety in Sacramento, 2026



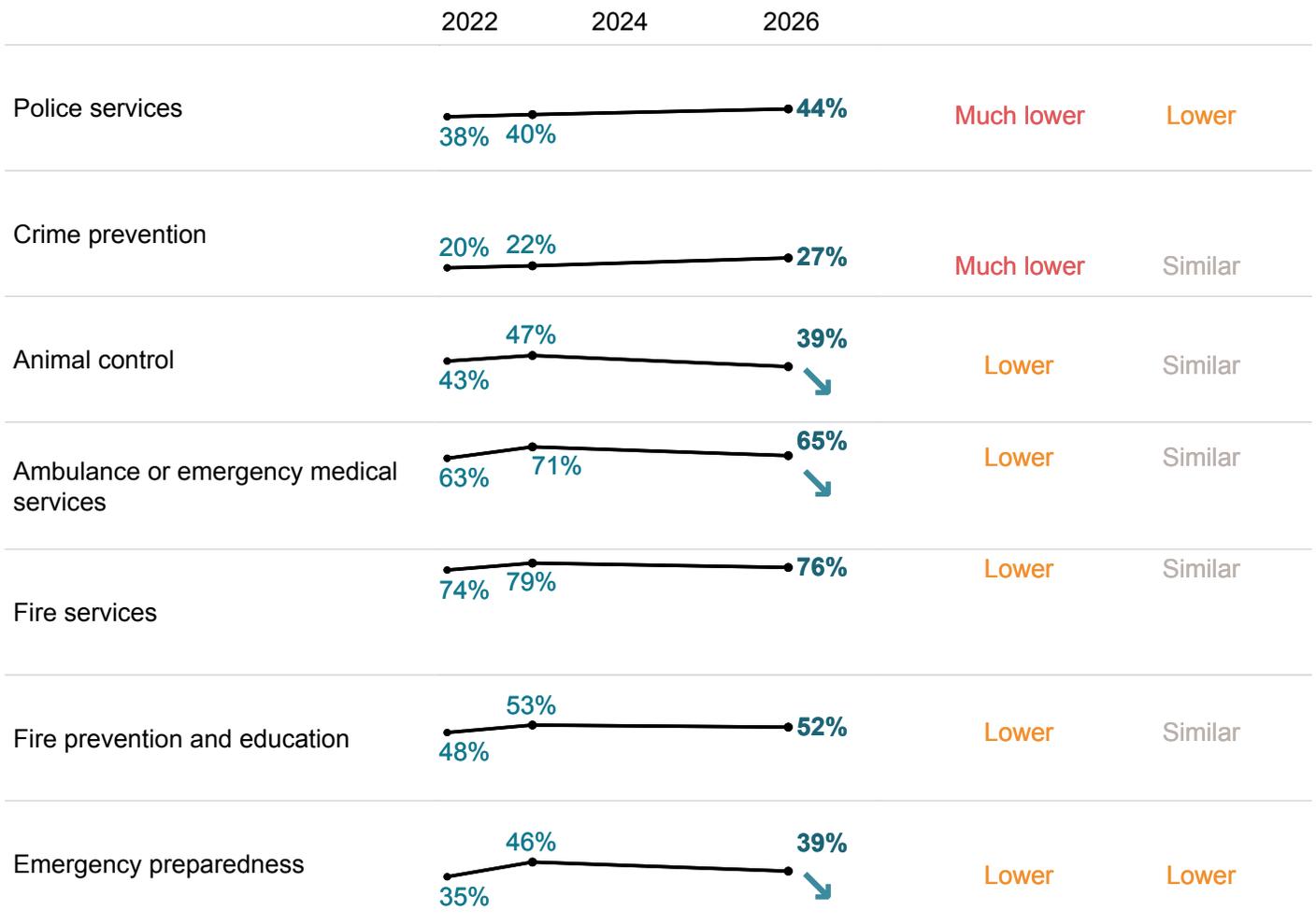
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Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel: (% very or somewhat safe)



**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.
(% excellent or good)**



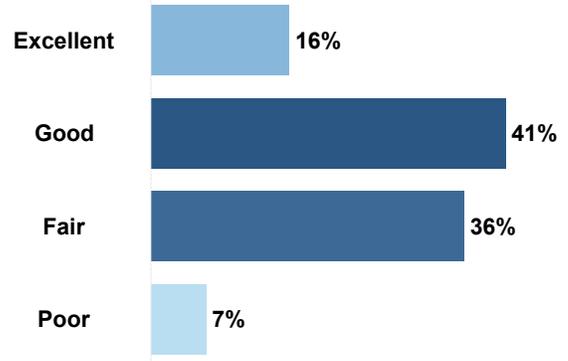
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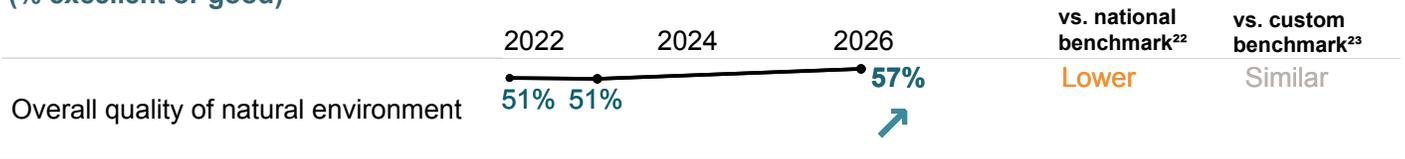
Overall quality of natural environment in Sacramento, 2026

Natural Environment

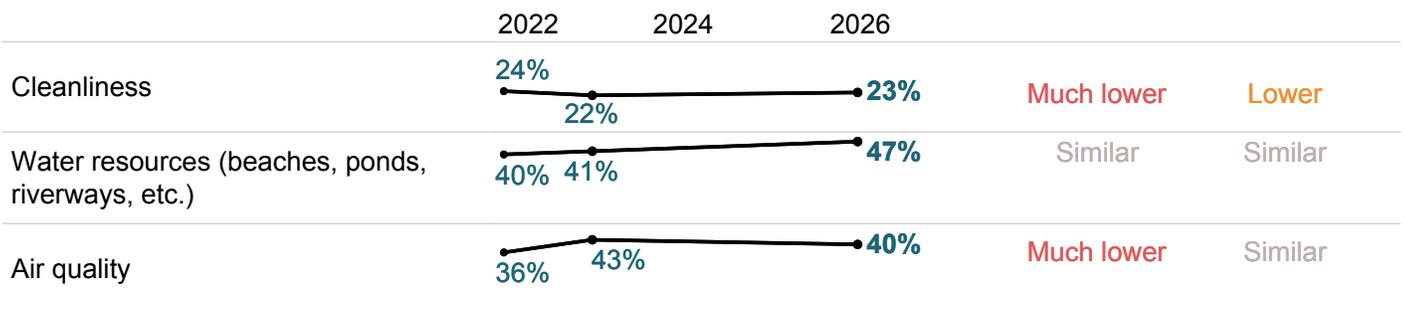
The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life. The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents.



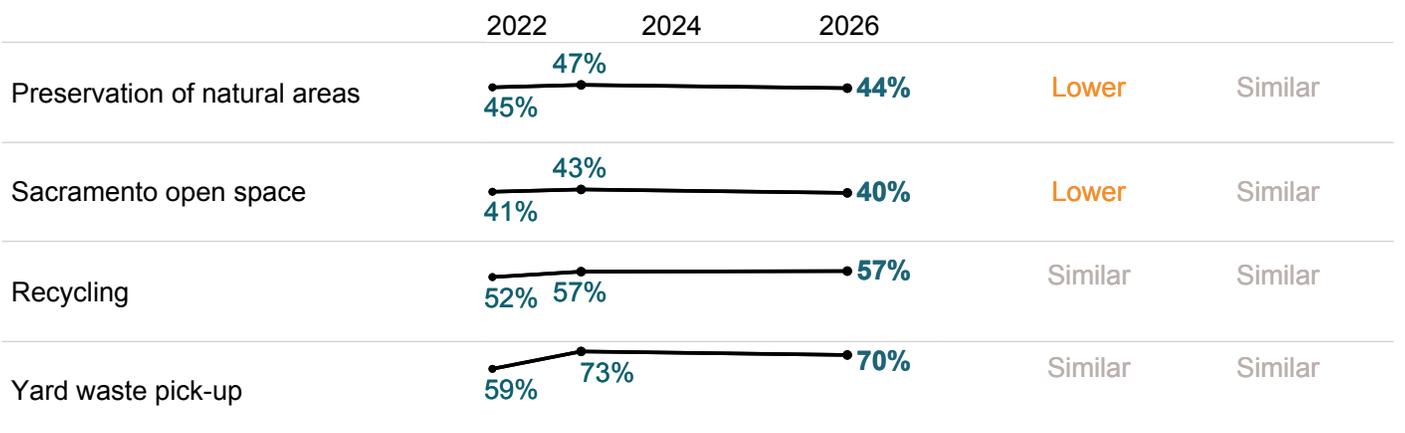
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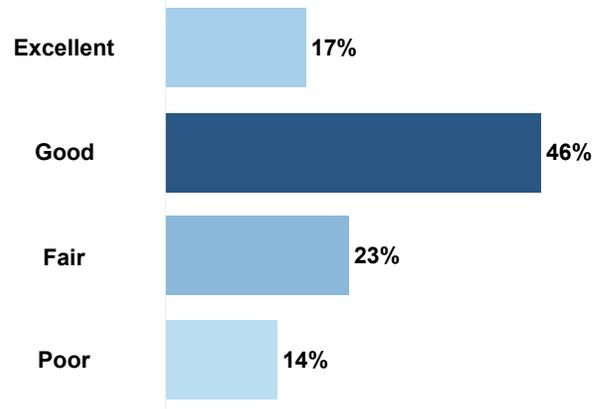
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Parks and Recreation

"There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment."

- National Recreation and Park Association

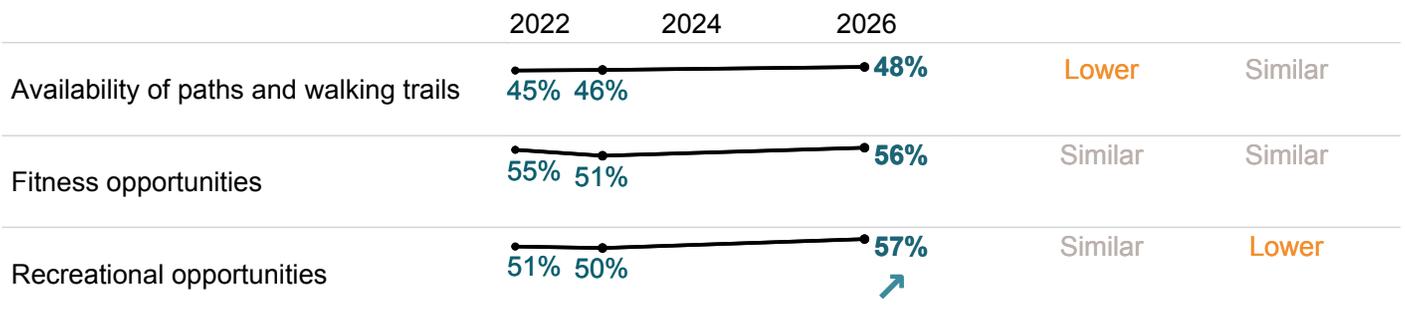
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2026



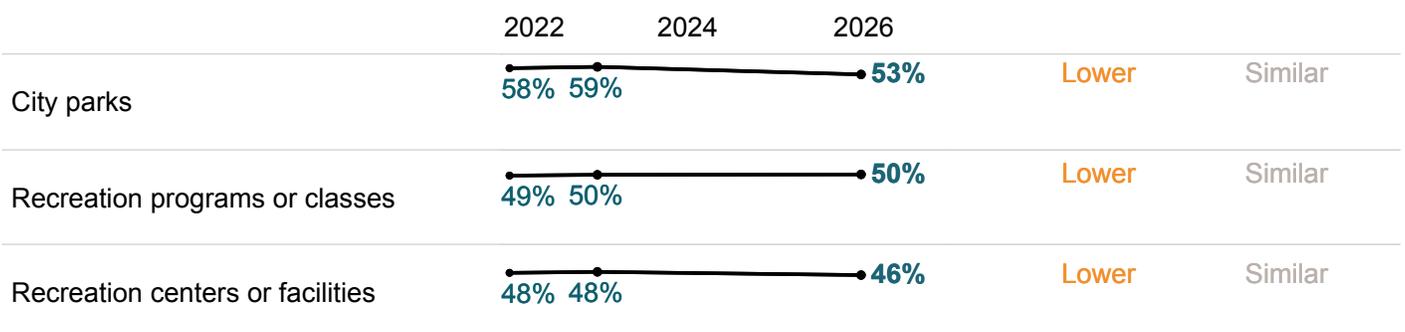
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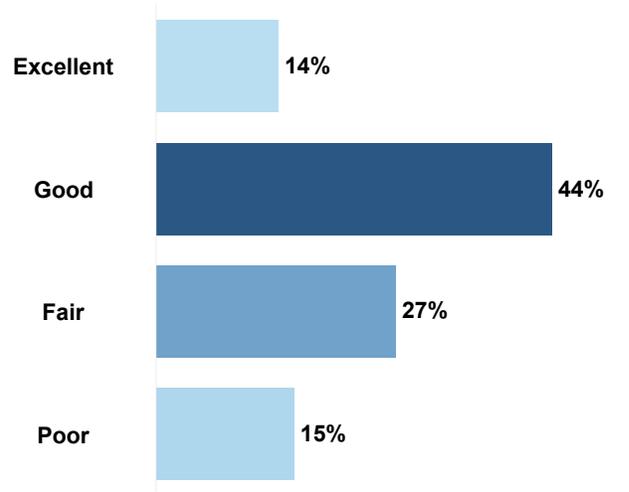
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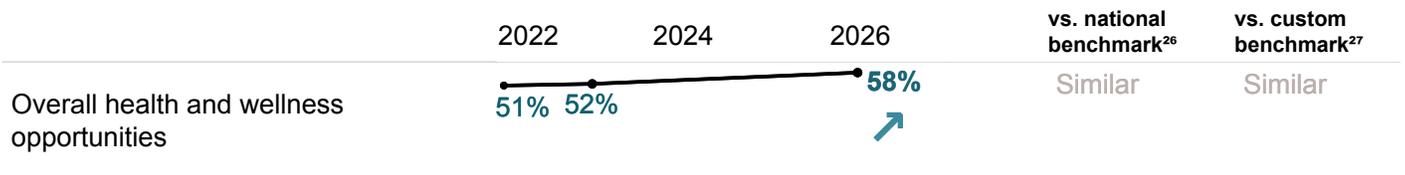
Health and Wellness

The features and amenities of a community directly influence residents' health and well-being, shaping their overall quality of life.

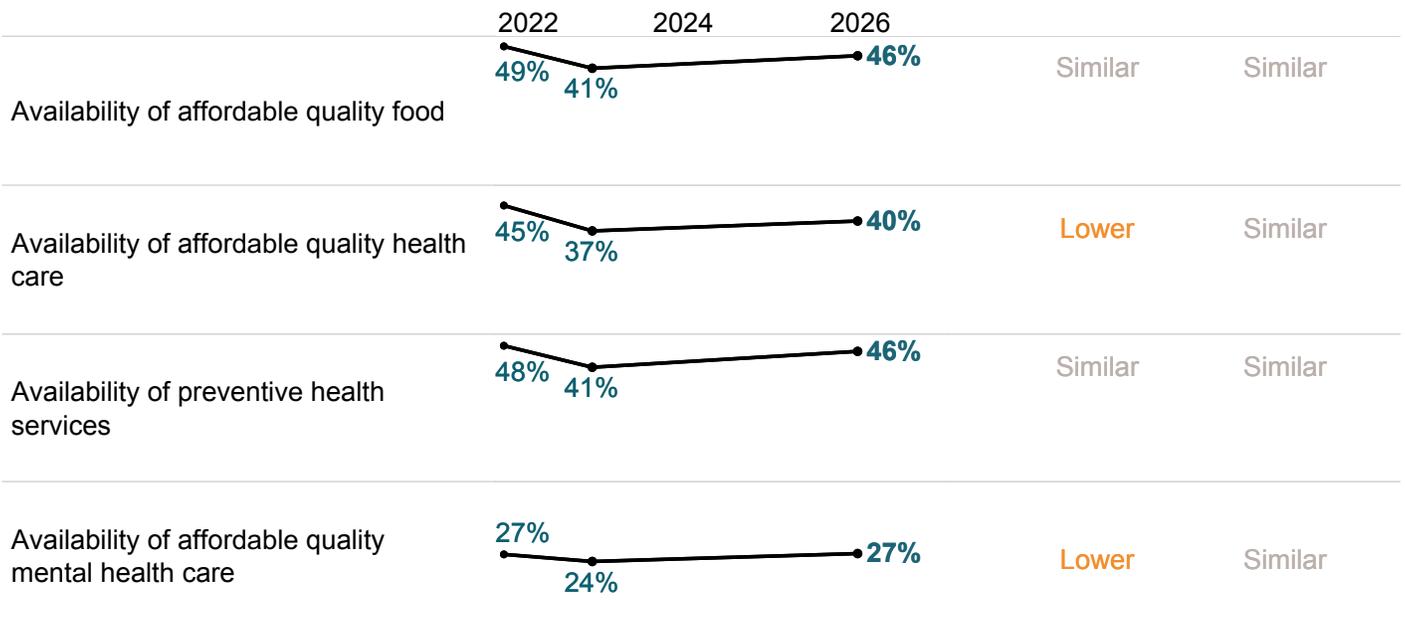
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Sacramento, 2026



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole. (% excellent or good)



Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community. (% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.
 (% excellent or good)



Please rate your overall health.
 (% excellent or very good)



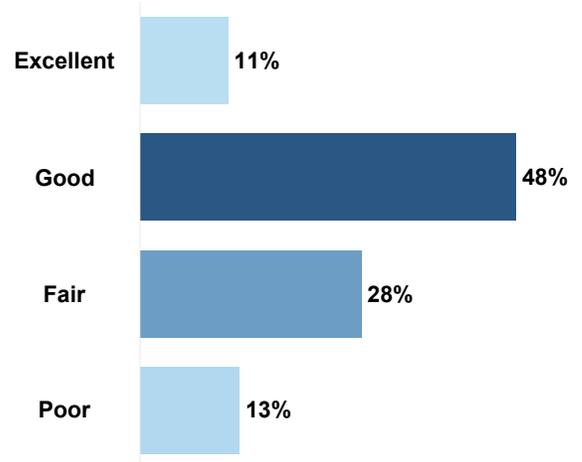
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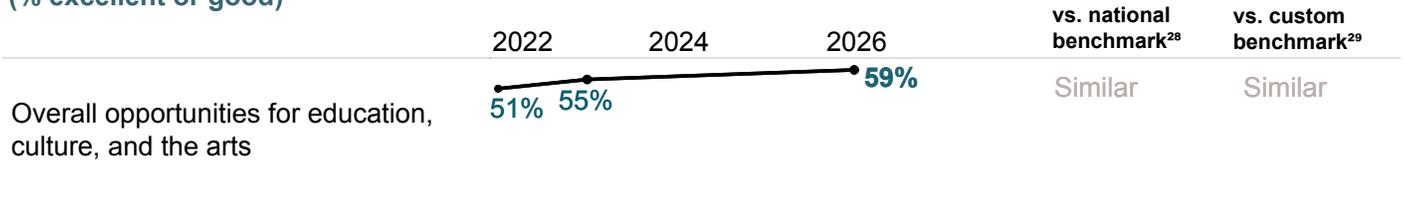
Education, Arts, and Culture

Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.

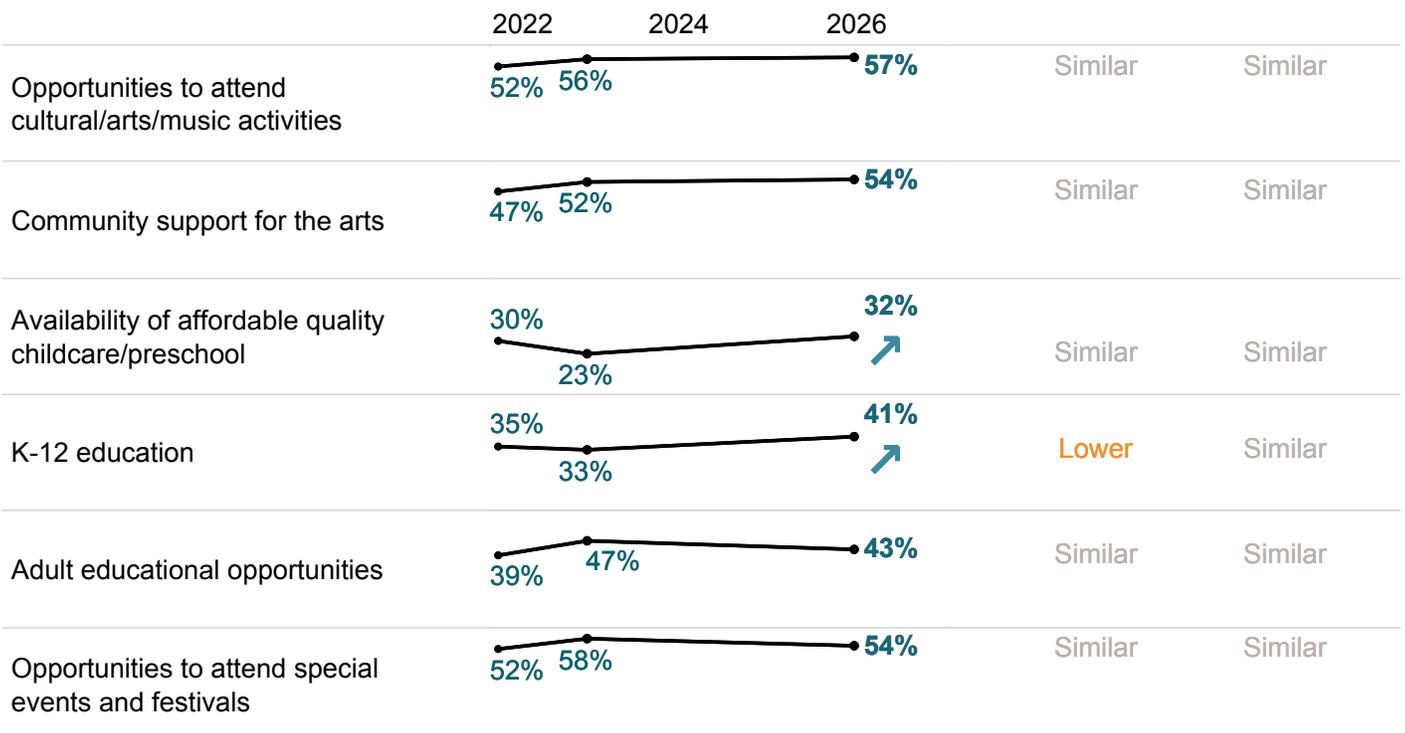
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2026



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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(% excellent or good)



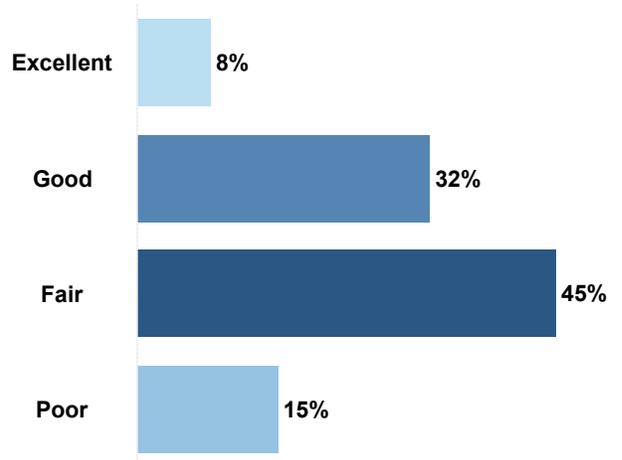
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Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2026

Community Connection

Community connection reflects residents' sense of belonging. When residents feel welcomed and encouraged to participate, they are more likely to feel engaged and connected to their community.



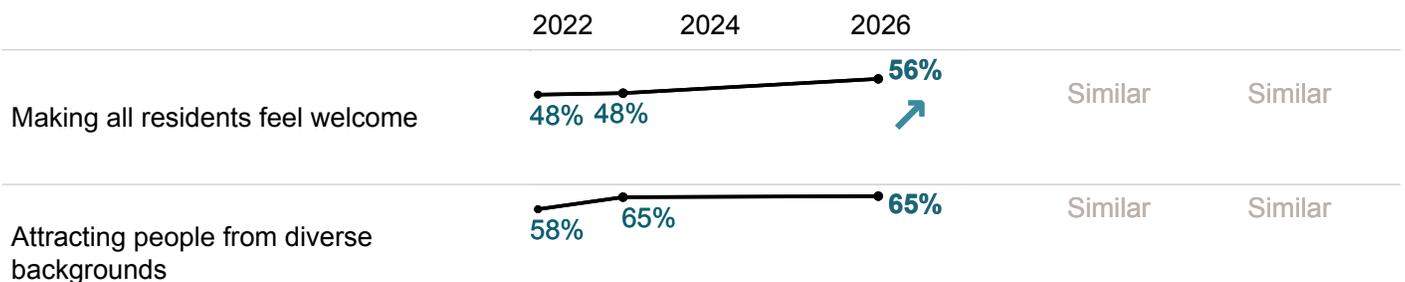
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole. (% excellent or good)



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento. (% excellent or good)

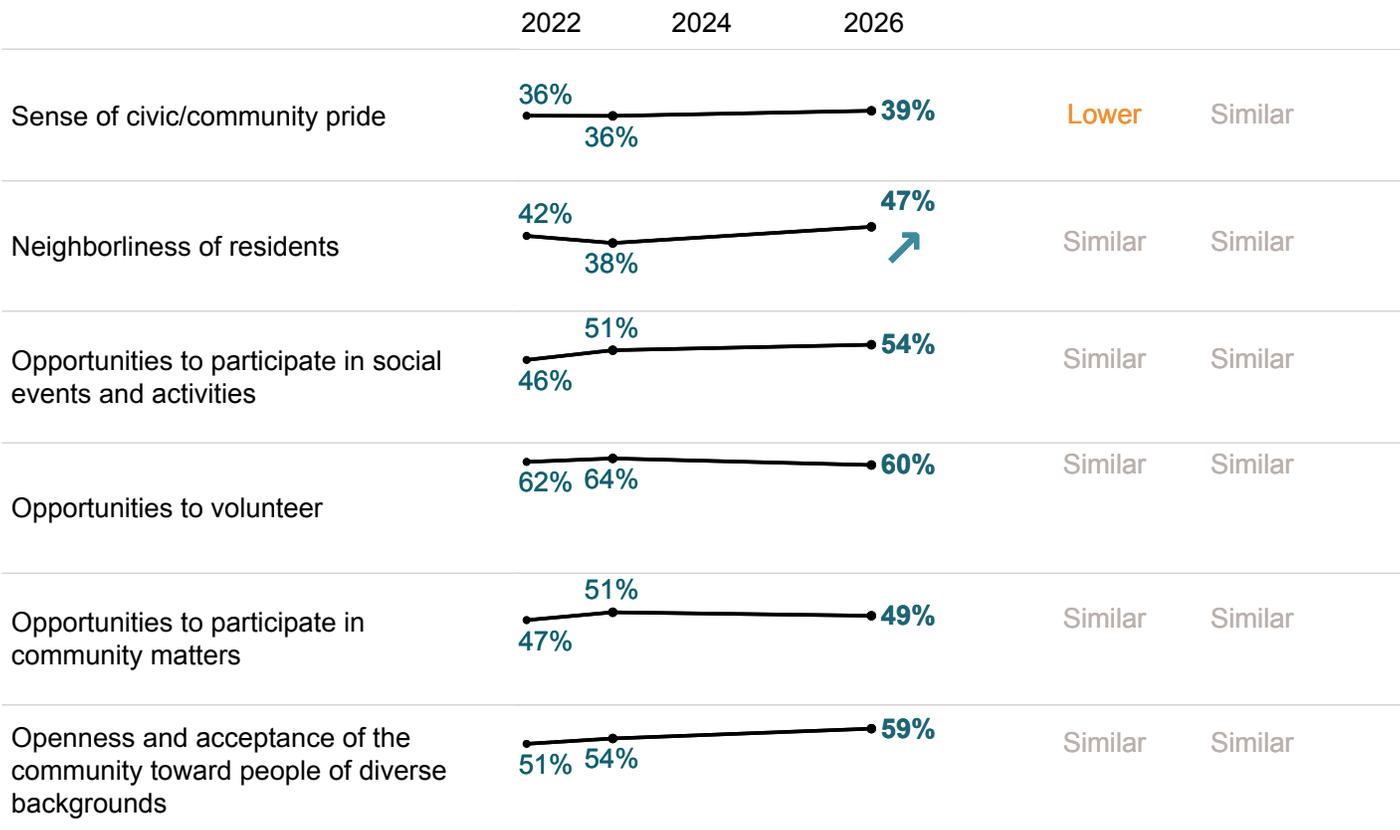


Please rate the job you feel the Sacramento community does at each of the following. (% excellent or good)

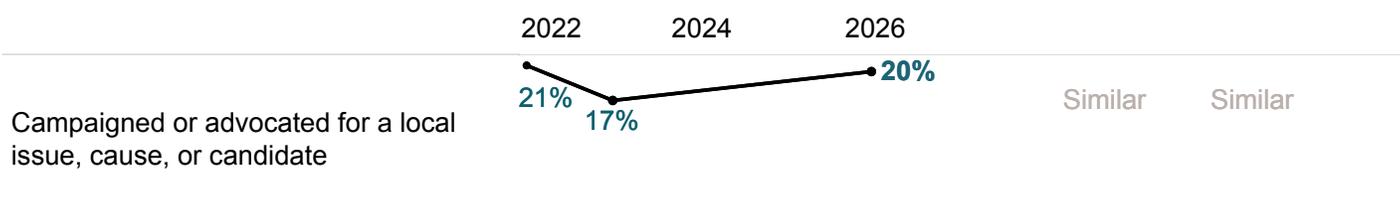




**Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.
(% excellent or good)**



**Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
(% yes)**

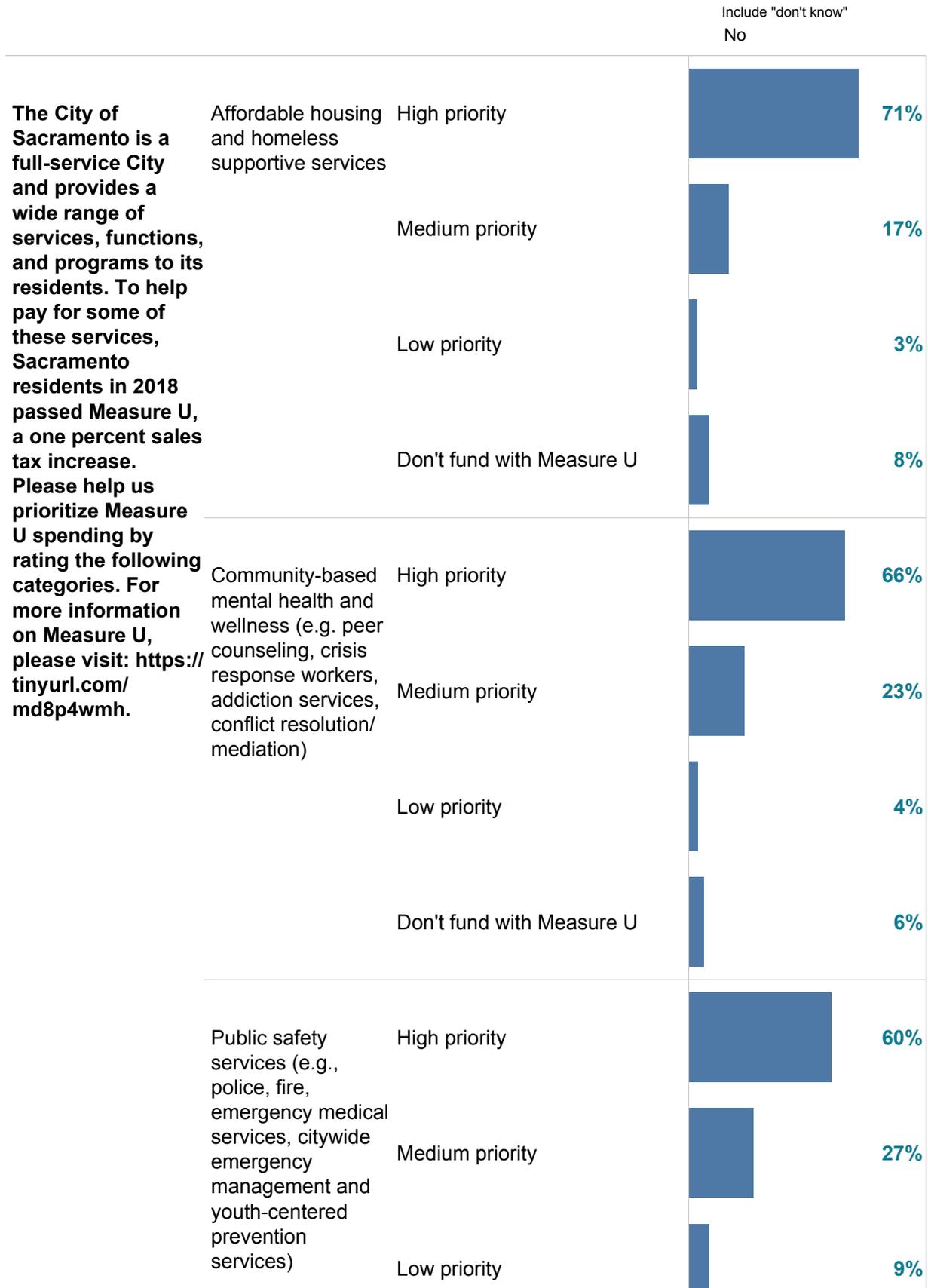


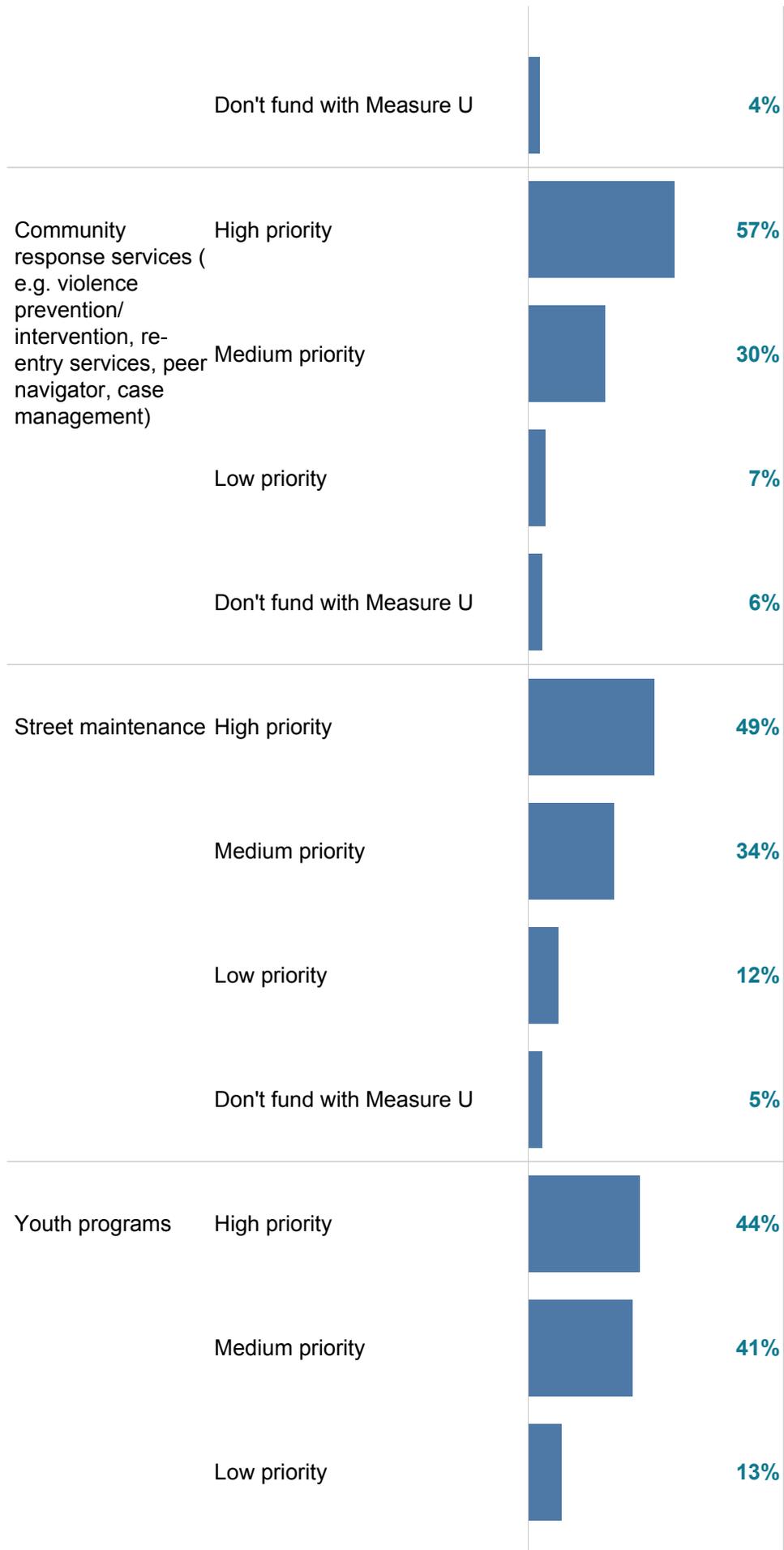
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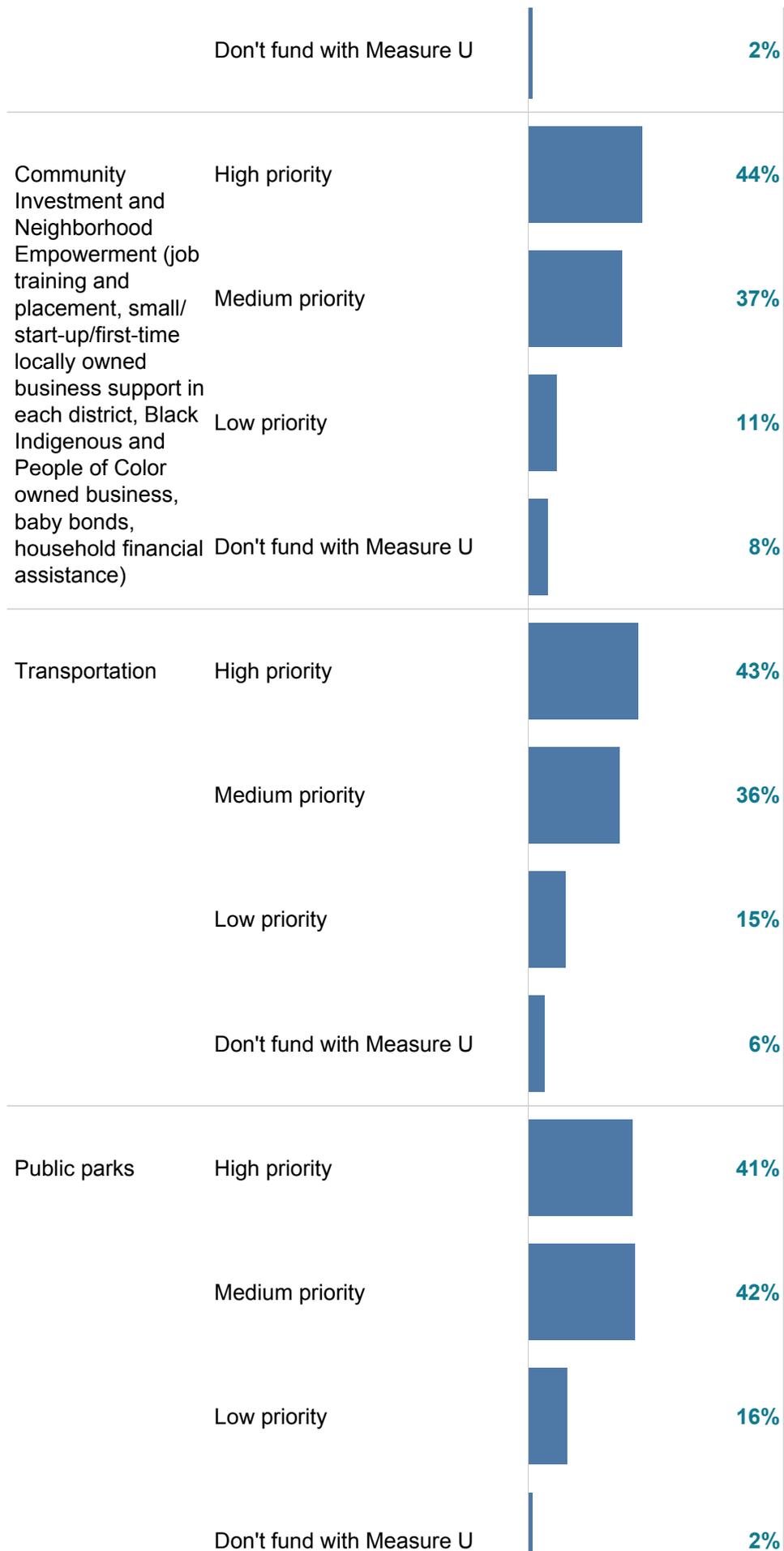
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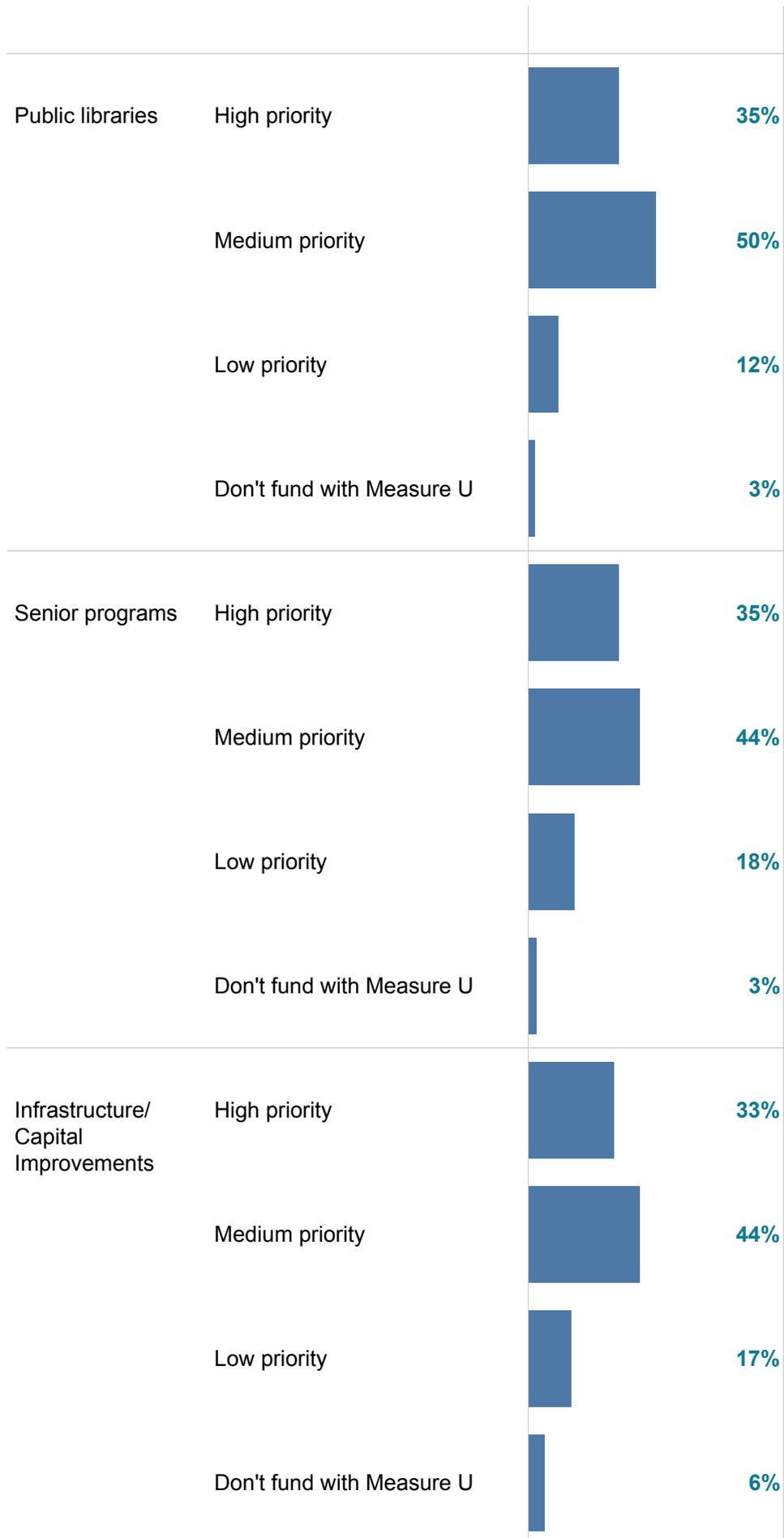
Custom Questions

Below are the complete set of responses to each custom question on the survey. By default, “don’t know” responses are excluded.









Open Participation Methods

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), the City of Sacramento conducted a survey of 7,500 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data was collected from January 2, 2026 to February 13, 2026. The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents’ opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the City of Sacramento. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates: it asked if the respondent was a resident of Sacramento, and how they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on January 23, 2026. The survey remained open for three weeks and there were 1,454 responses.

The open participation survey data was not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, this data was statistically weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Sacramento. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and district. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.³² The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the following table.

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target ³³
Age	18-34	8%	33%	34%
	35-54	34%	34%	34%
	55+	58%	33%	32%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	88%	74%	74%
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	12%	26%	26%
Housing type	Attached	19%	39%	39%
	Detached	81%	61%	61%
Housing tenure	Own	82%	53%	52%
	Rent	18%	47%	48%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	30%	67%	67%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	70%	33%	33%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	5%	17%	17%

	Female 35-54	20%	17%	17%
	Female 55+	36%	18%	17%
	Male 18-34	3%	15%	17%
	Male 35-54	14%	18%	17%
	Male 55+	23%	15%	14%
District	District 1 (Fuchsia)	6%	3%	3%
	District 2 (Dark Orange)	5%	4%	4%
	District 3 (Light Blue)	6%	8%	8%
	District 4 (Light Green)	33%	15%	16%
	District 5 (Yellow)	11%	12%	12%
	District 6 (Dark Green)	10%	17%	16%
	District 7 (Pink)	24%	23%	23%
	District 8 (Bright Orange)	3%	17%	17%

32. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>
33. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey.

Open Participation Results

This table contains the full set of response frequencies from for each survey question, with “don’t know” responses excluded by default.

In some cases, percentages may not total 100%. This occurs either when respondents were allowed to select multiple answers or, for single-answer questions, as a result of rounding to the nearest whole number.

Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.	Excellent		19% N=272
		Good		47% N=683
		Fair		27% N=388
		Poor		7% N=105
The overall quality of life	Excellent		10% N=141	
	Good		50% N=723	
	Fair		33% N=473	
	Poor		7% N=101	
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Sacramento to someone who asks	Very likely		30% N=423
		Somewhat likely		40% N=560
		Somewhat unlikely		17% N=239

Quality of Life	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Sacramento to someone who asks	Very unlikely		12% N=174
		Remain in Sacramento for the next five years	Very likely		56% N=765
			Somewhat likely		26% N=359
			Somewhat unlikely		11% N=147
			Very unlikely		7% N=99
Please rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.	Overall image or reputation	Excellent		4% N=51	
		Good		33% N=463	
		Fair		47% N=654	
		Poor		17% N=239	
Governance	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.	Public information services	Excellent		7% N=88
			Good		37% N=472
			Fair		43% N=549
			Poor		13% N=160

Governance

Please rate the following categories of Sacramento government performance.

The value of services for the taxes paid to Sacramento

Excellent



5%
N=65

Good



24%
N=314

Fair



39%
N=522

Poor



32%
N=425

The overall direction that Sacramento is taking

Excellent



7%
N=88

Good



29%
N=382

Fair



34%
N=456

Poor



30%
N=402

The job Sacramento government does at welcoming resident involvement

Excellent



7%
N=85

Good



29%
N=348

Fair



35%
N=411

Poor



29%
N=345

Overall confidence in Sacramento government

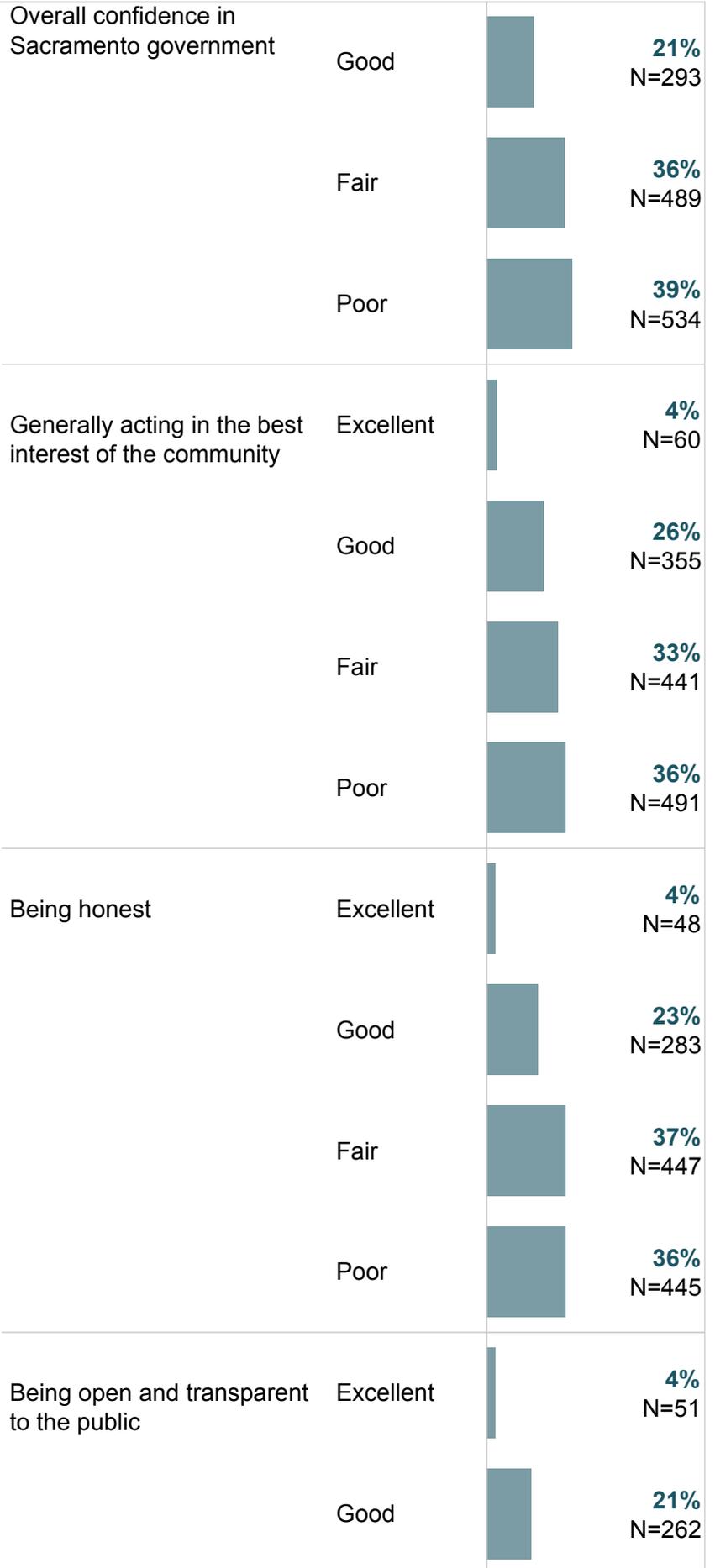
Excellent



4%
N=52

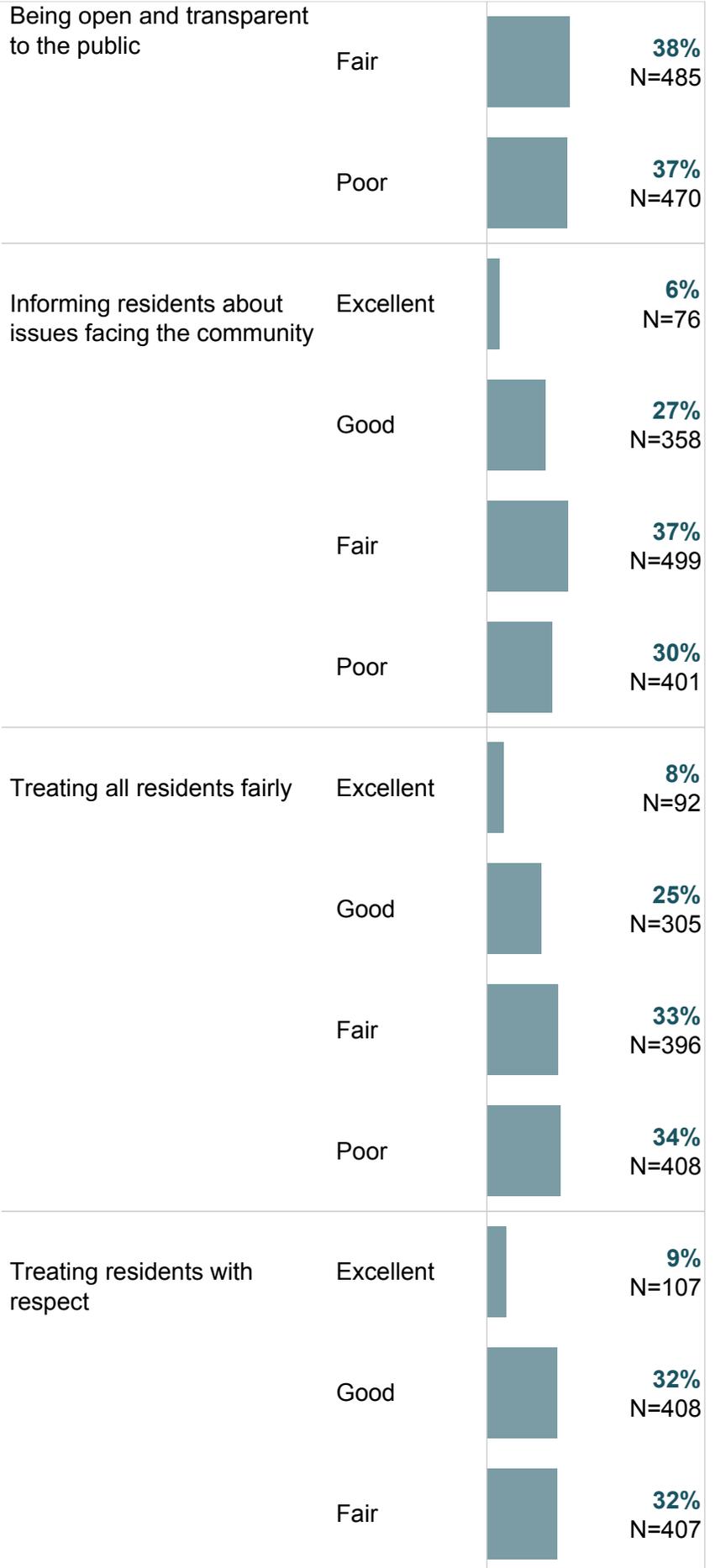
Governance

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Governance

Please rate the following categories of Sacramento government performance.



Governance	following categories of Sacramento government performance.	Treating residents with respect	Poor		27% N=341
		Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Sacramento	Excellent	
	Good				38% N=534
	Fair				35% N=496
	Poor				18% N=250
	The Federal Government	Excellent		3% N=38	
		Good		10% N=134	
		Fair		23% N=311	
		Poor		64% N=855	
	Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.	Sacramento as a place to work	Excellent	
Good					46% N=632
Fair					32% N=441
Poor					7% N=90

Economy

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.

Sacramento as a place to visit

Excellent



10%
N=144

Good



34%
N=475

Fair



36%
N=505

Poor



19%
N=268

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole. Overall economic health

Excellent



2%
N=27

Good



31%
N=425

Fair



46%
N=636

Poor



21%
N=297

Please rate each of the following in the Sacramento community. Overall quality of business and service establishments

Excellent



12%
N=180

Good



48%
N=685

Fair



32%
N=464

Poor



8%
N=109

Variety of business and service establishments

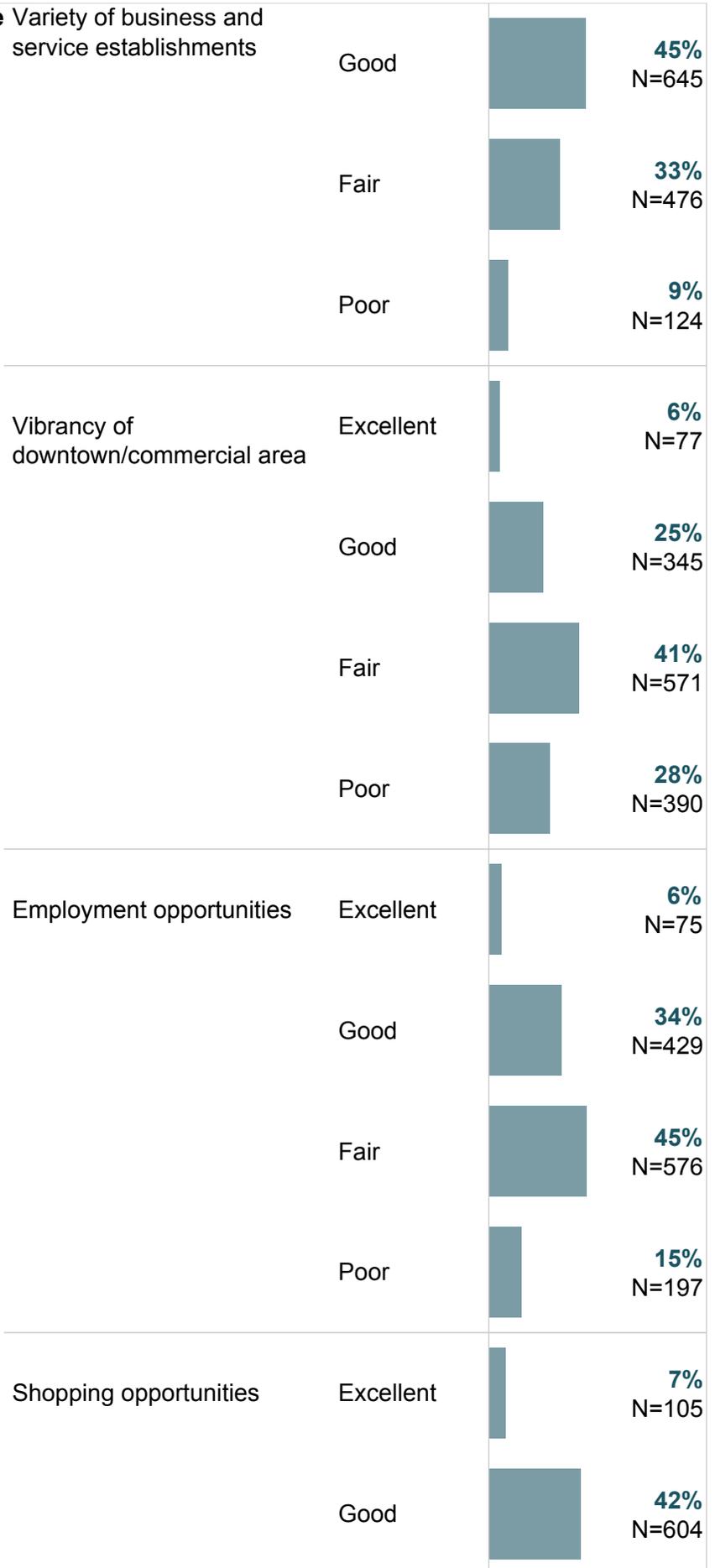
Excellent



14%
N=201

Economy

Please rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.



Economy

Please rate each of the Shopping opportunities following in the Sacramento community.

Fair



33%
N=464

Poor



18%
N=252

Cost of living

Excellent



1%
N=18

Good



17%
N=241

Fair



42%
N=606

Poor



40%
N=566

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento. Economic development

Excellent



2%
N=28

Good



26%
N=305

Fair



48%
N=555

Poor



24%
N=276

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years. Overall economic health

Essential



42%
N=561

Very important



42%
N=558

Somewhat important

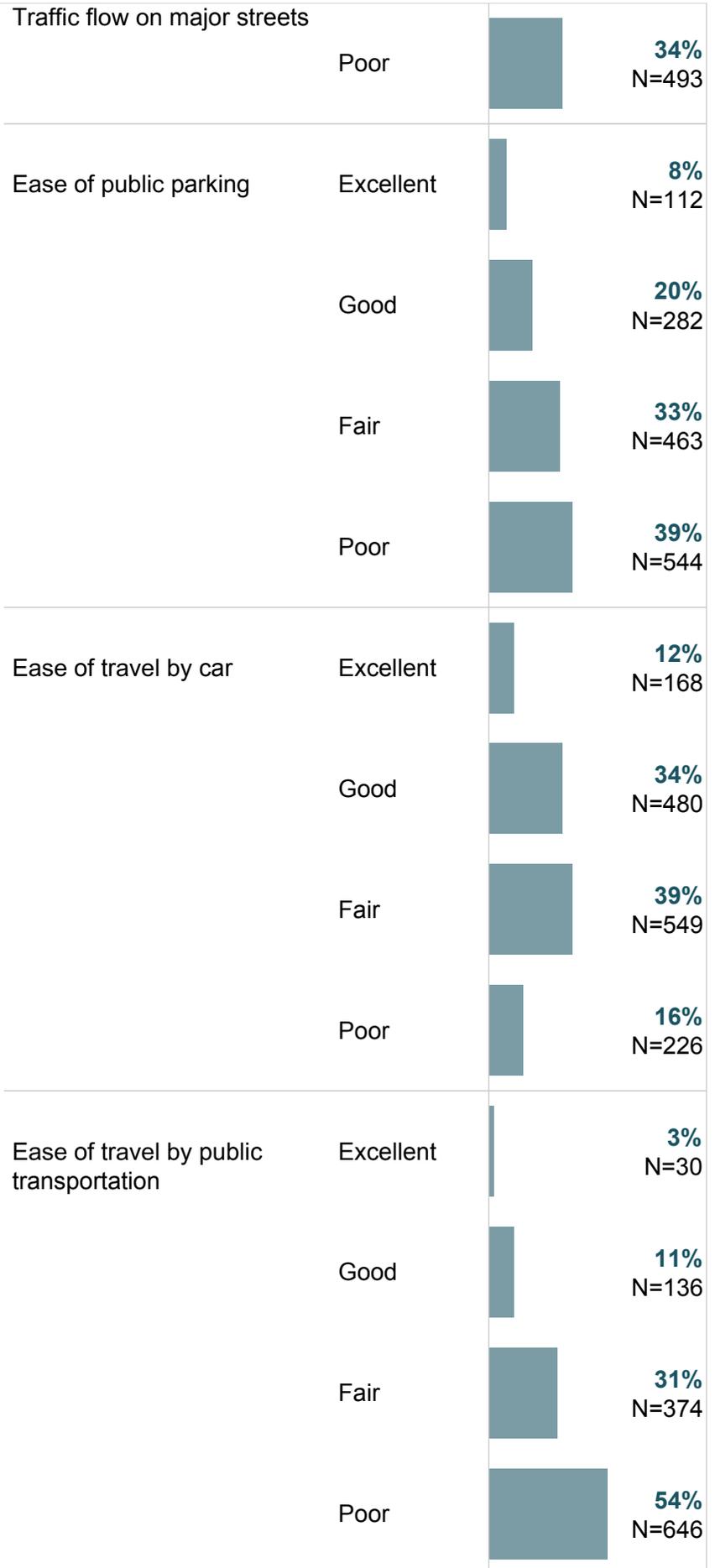


15%
N=201

Economy	Overall economic health		Not at all important	2% N=23
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Very positive	4% N=57	
		Somewhat positive	10% N=140	
		Neutral	39% N=553	
		Somewhat negative	34% N=475	
		Very negative	14% N=192	
Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system		
		Excellent	2% N=25	
		Good	21% N=292	
		Fair	43% N=604	
	Poor	35% N=498		
Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.	Traffic flow on major streets			
	Excellent	2% N=28		
	Good	21% N=307		
	Fair	43% N=615		

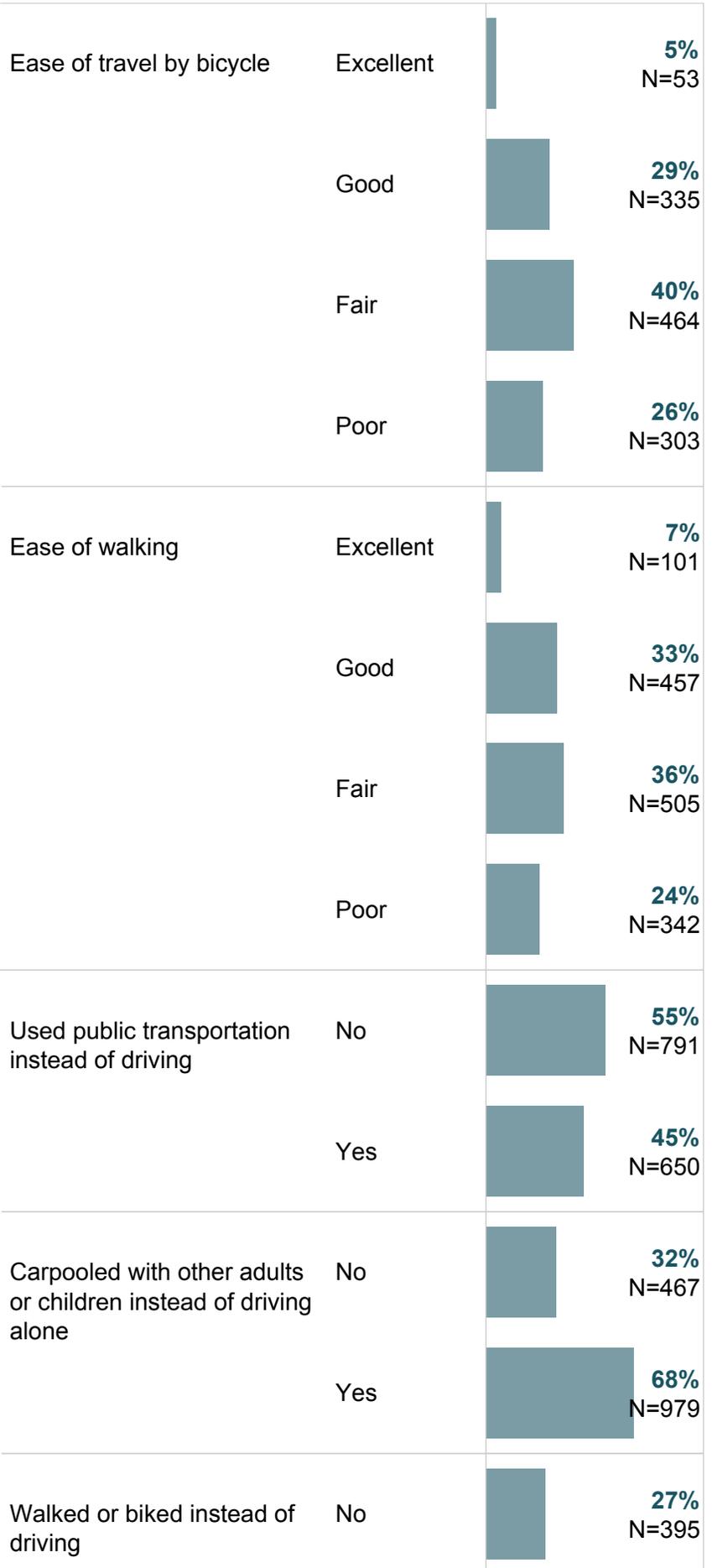
Mobility

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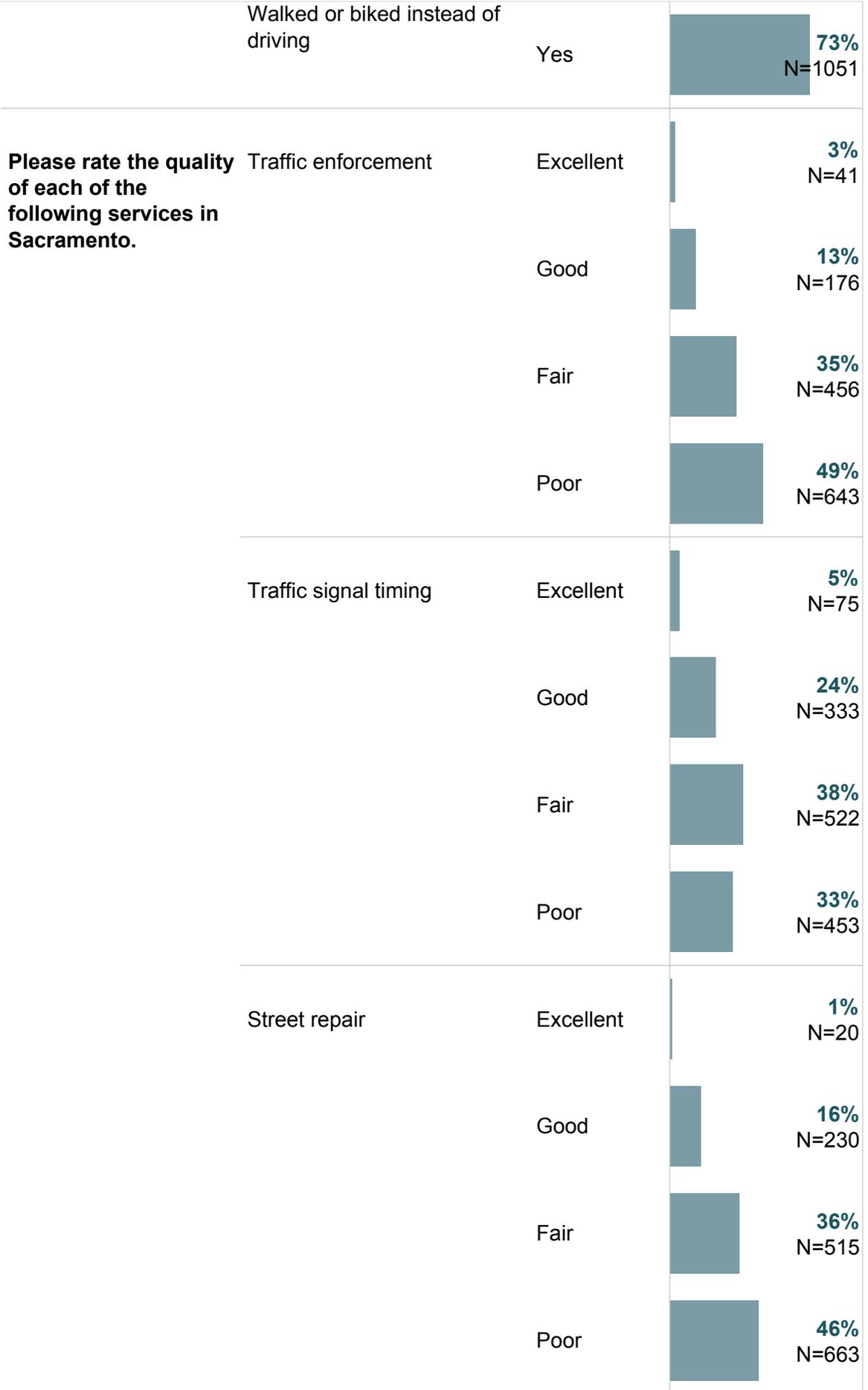


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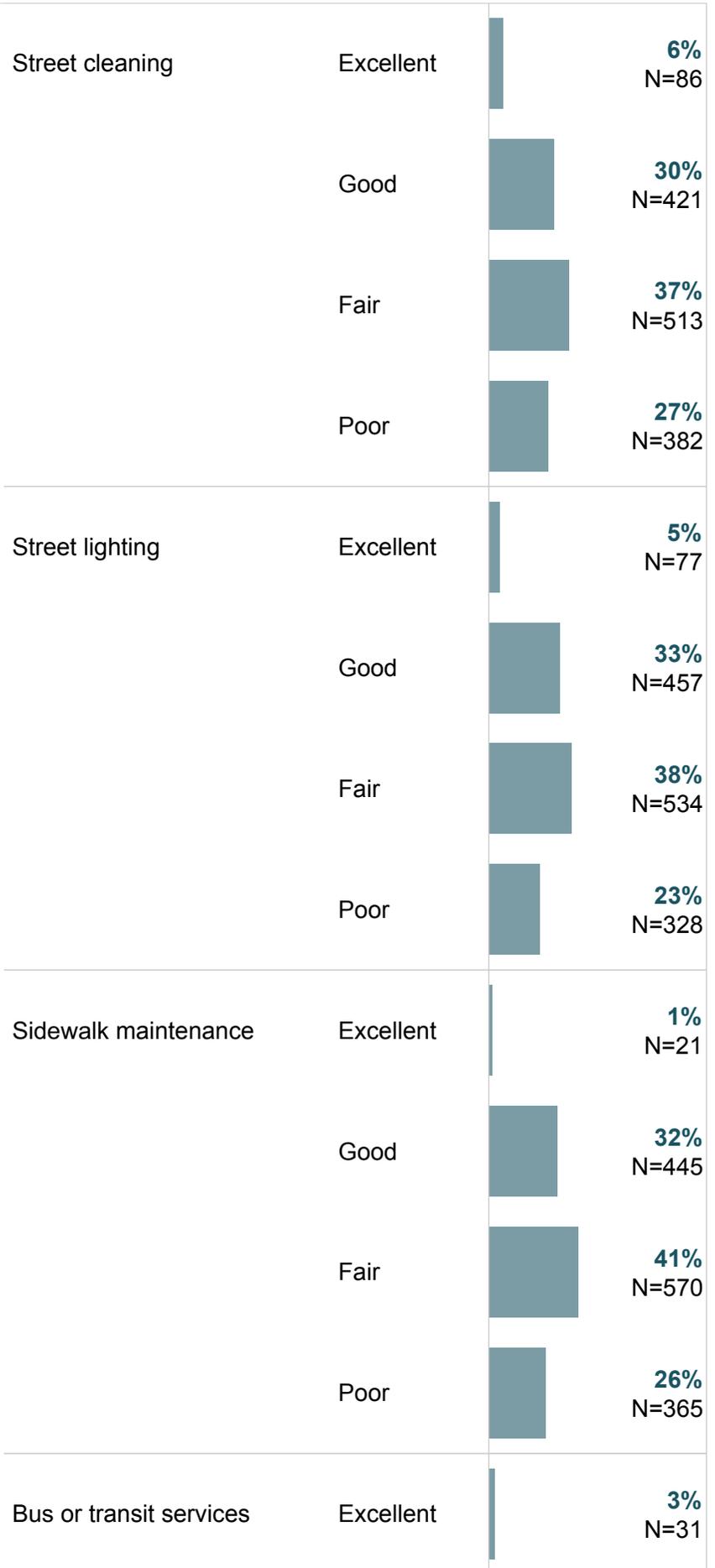


Mobility



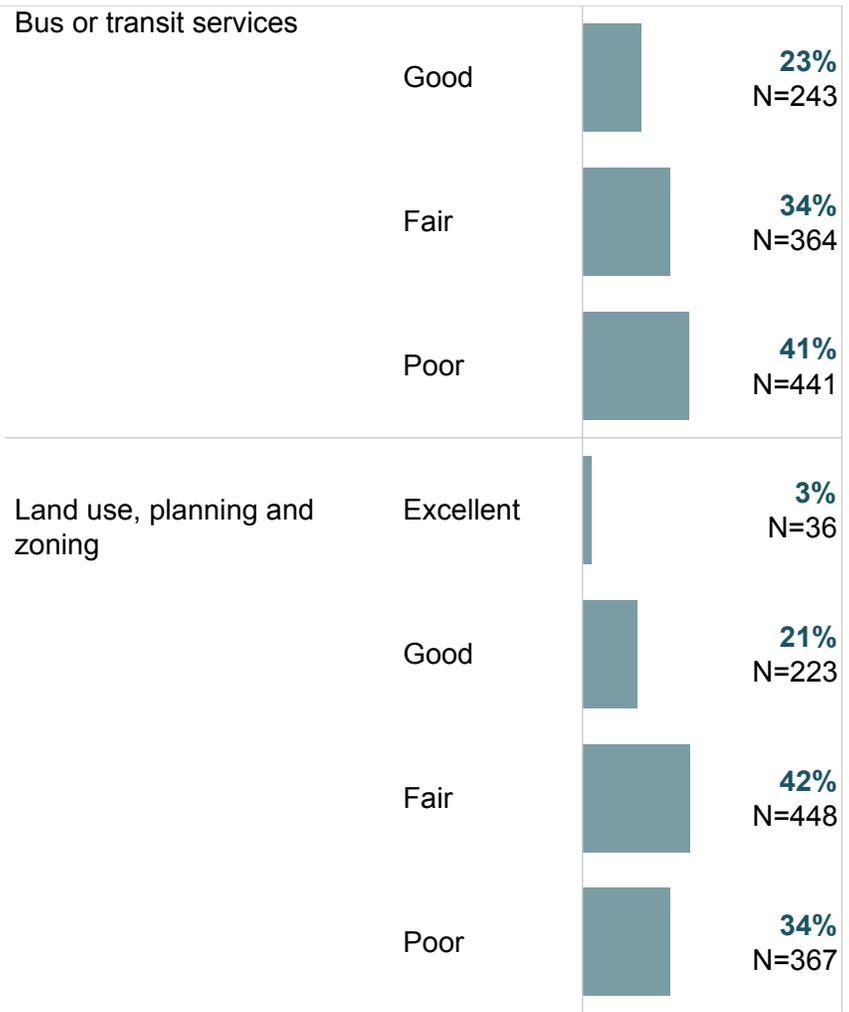
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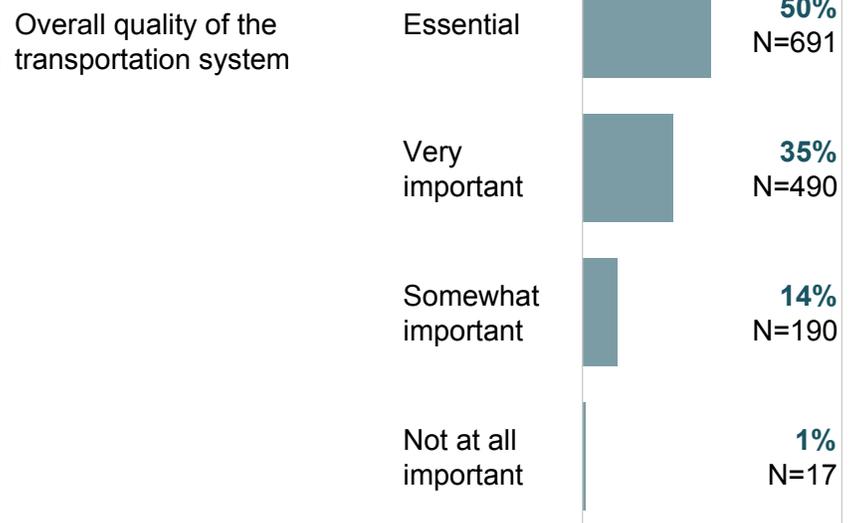


Mobility

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.



Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.



Community Design

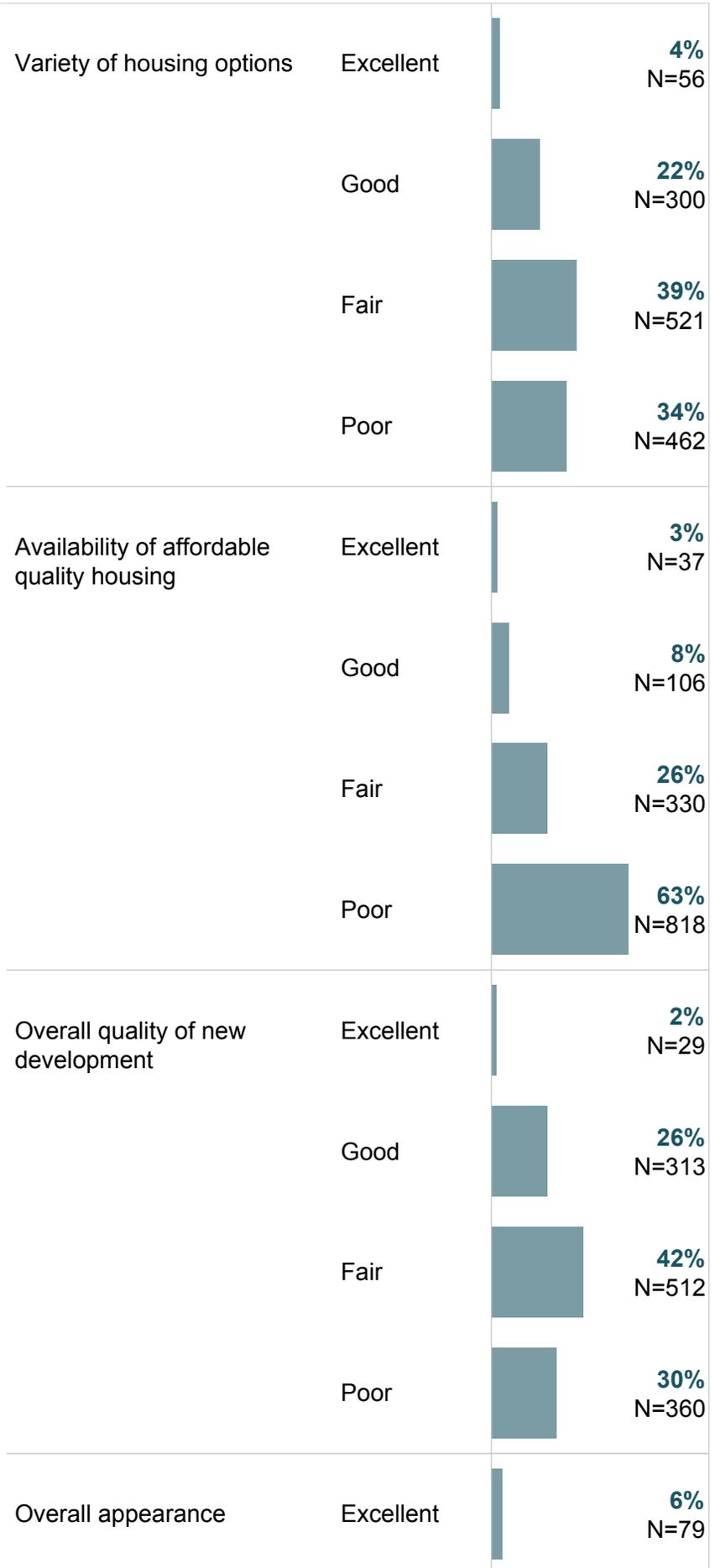
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.



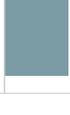
Community Design Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Fair		27% N=387
		Poor		8% N=122
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		2% N=36
		Good		31% N=448
		Fair		46% N=666
		Poor		20% N=288
Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.	Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		3% N=32
		Good		20% N=246
		Fair		34% N=418
		Poor		43% N=518
	Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		2% N=27
		Good		21% N=246
		Fair		40% N=467

Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.			
		Well-planned commercial growth	Poor	 36% N=417
		Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent	 3% N=42
			Good	 27% N=358
			Fair	 44% N=575
			Poor	 26% N=345
		Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent	 9% N=123
			Good	 44% N=591
			Fair	 36% N=493
			Poor	 11% N=147
		Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent	 4% N=60
			Good	 31% N=445
			Fair	 43% N=606
			Poor	 21% N=303

Community Design Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.

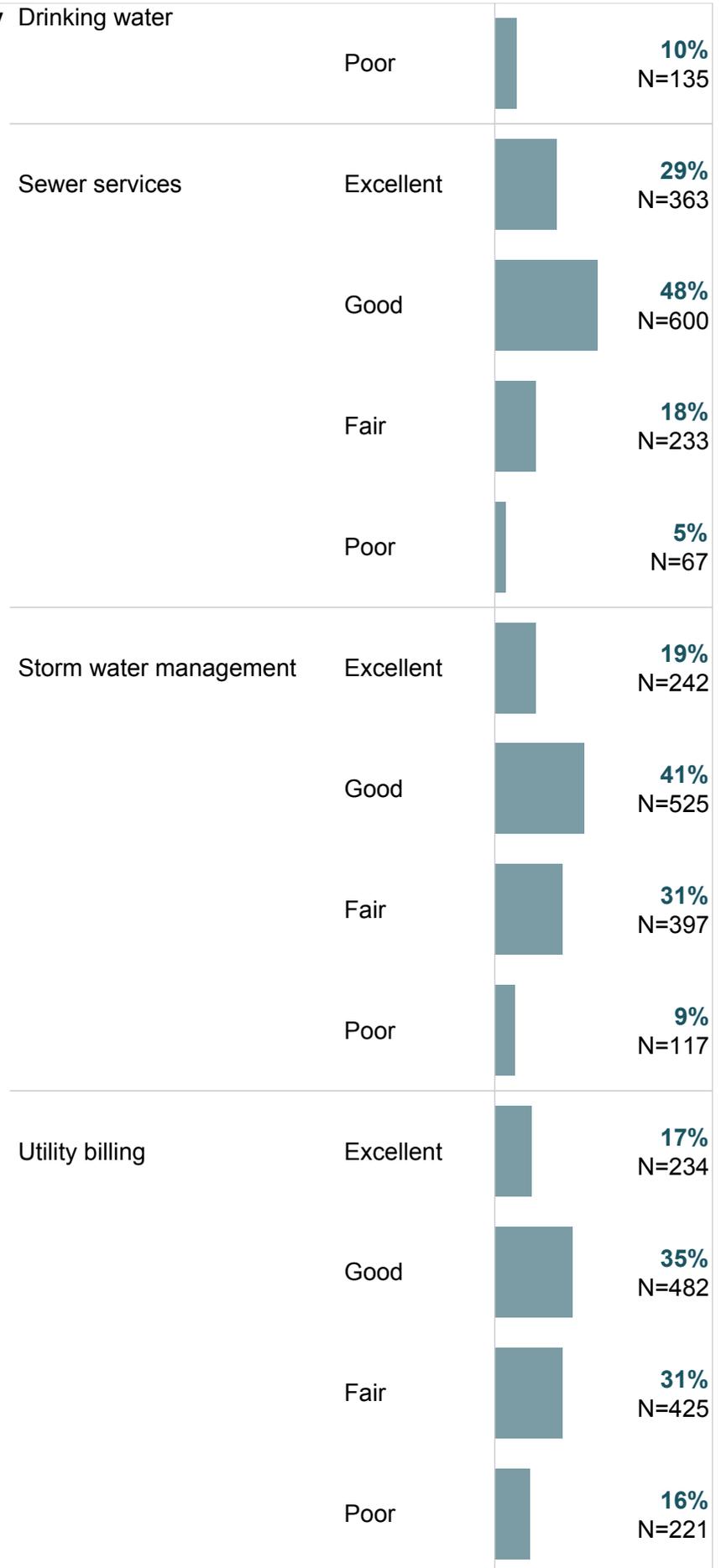


Community Design Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.	Overall appearance	Good		38% N=544
		Fair		38% N=547
		Poor		18% N=262
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.	Code enforcement	Excellent		4% N=42
		Good		16% N=189
		Fair		35% N=415
		Poor		46% N=545
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		14% N=175	
	Good		34% N=426	
	Fair		32% N=403	
	Poor		21% N=259	
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		29% N=406
		Very important		43% N=600

Community Design	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Somewhat important		25% N=351
			Not at all important		3% N=37
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		11% N=154
			Good		46% N=648
			Fair		33% N=469
			Poor		10% N=136
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.	Garbage collection	Excellent		37% N=527
			Good		44% N=625
			Fair		15% N=217
			Poor		3% N=46
		Drinking water	Excellent		25% N=342
			Good		40% N=547
			Fair		24% N=330

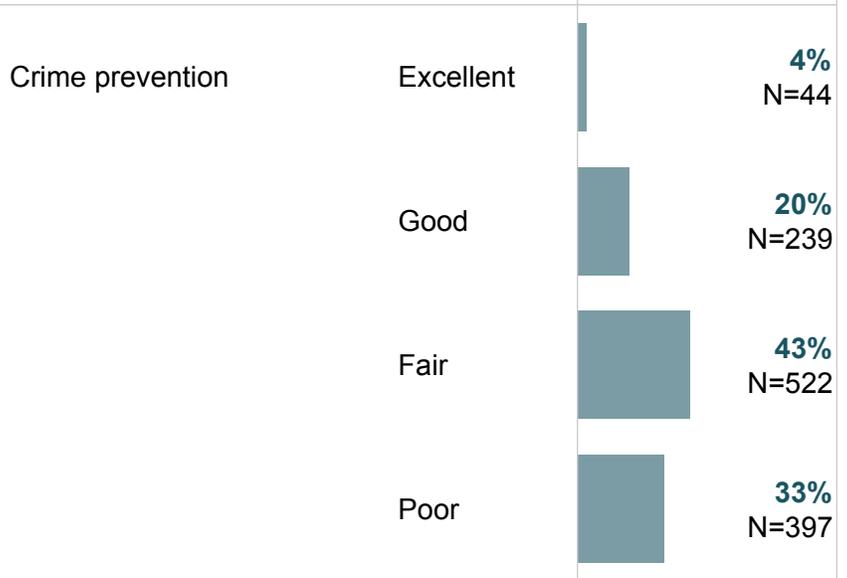
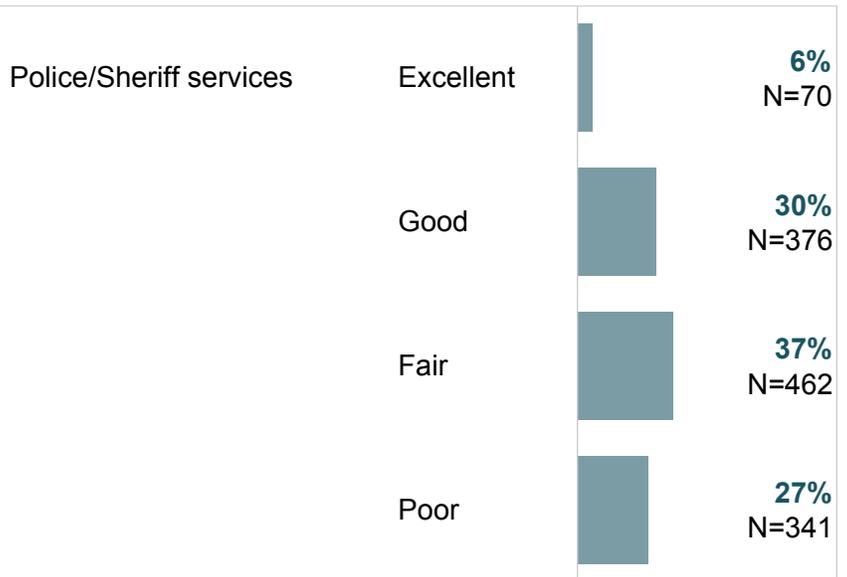
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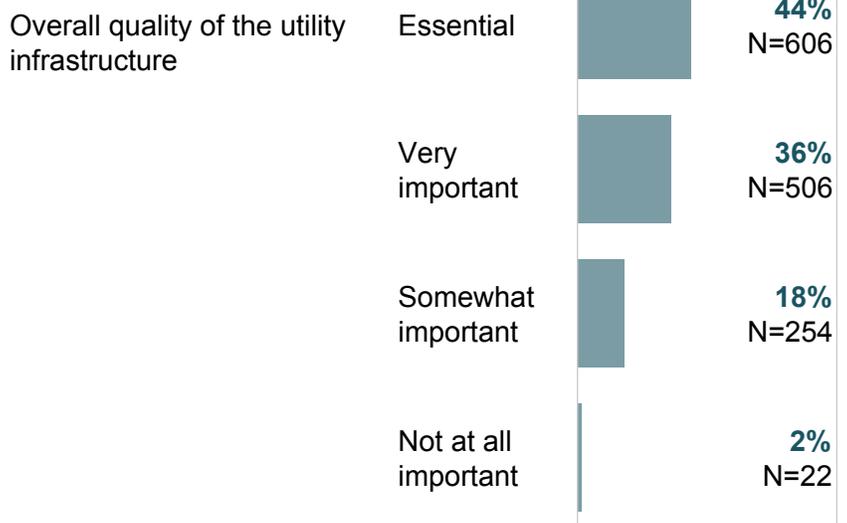


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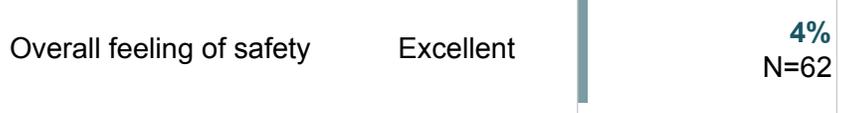


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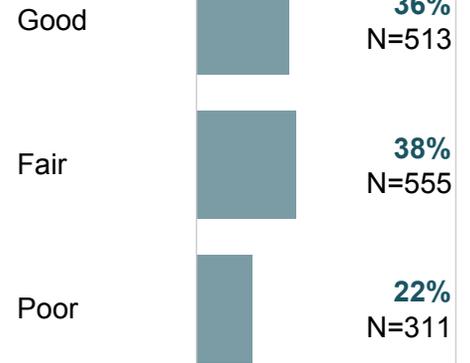
Safety

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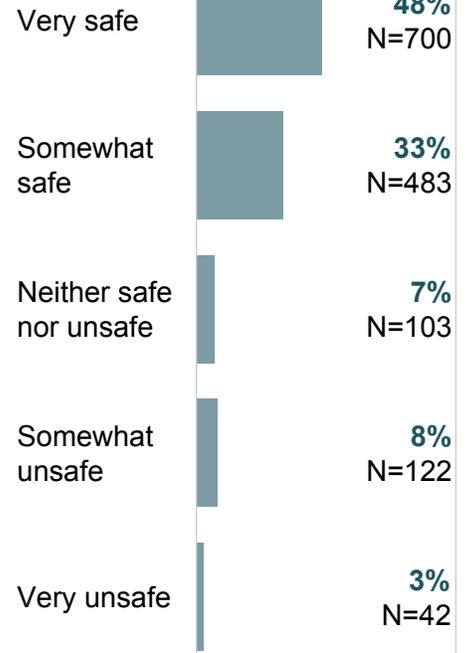


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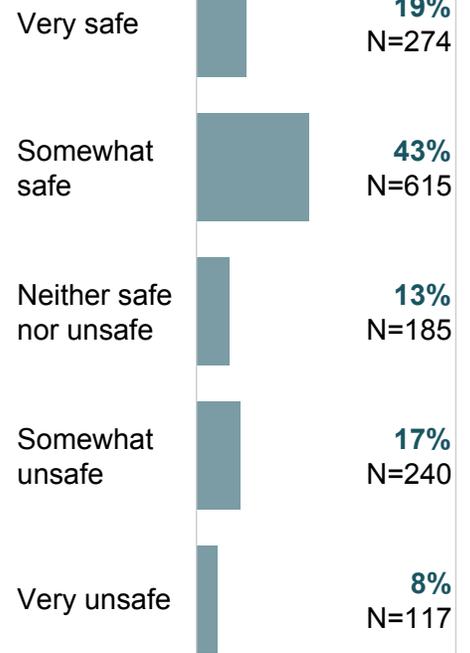
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole. Overall feeling of safety



Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel: In your neighborhood during the day

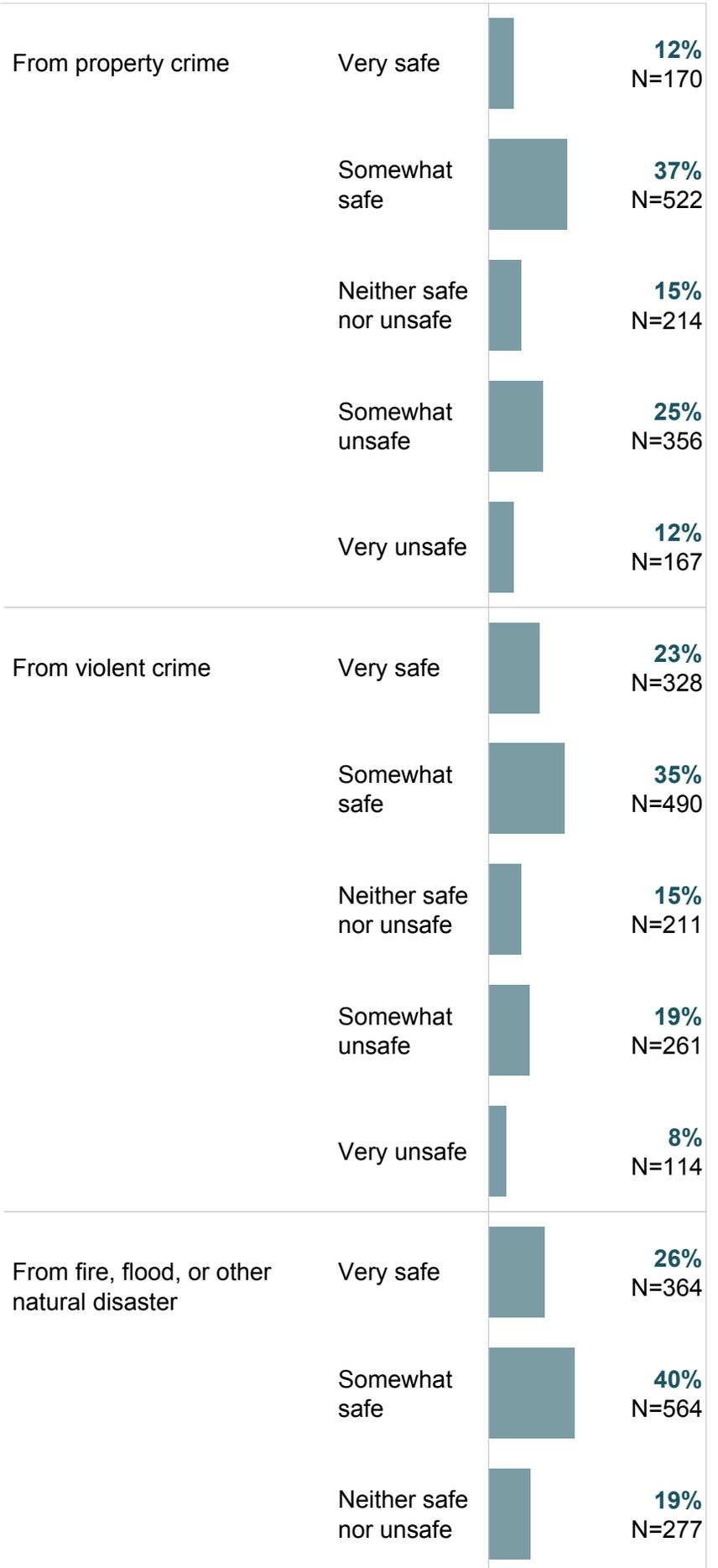


In Sacramento's downtown/commercial area during the day



Safety

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:



Safety

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

From fire, flood, or other natural disaster

Somewhat unsafe



12%
N=176

Very unsafe



3%
N=42

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.

Animal control

Excellent



6%
N=68

Good



35%
N=369

Fair



34%
N=360

Poor



25%
N=265

Ambulance or emergency medical services

Excellent



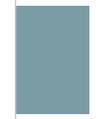
19%
N=186

Good



45%
N=432

Fair



29%
N=277

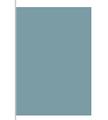
Poor



7%
N=64

Fire services

Excellent



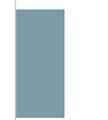
29%
N=285

Good



48%
N=473

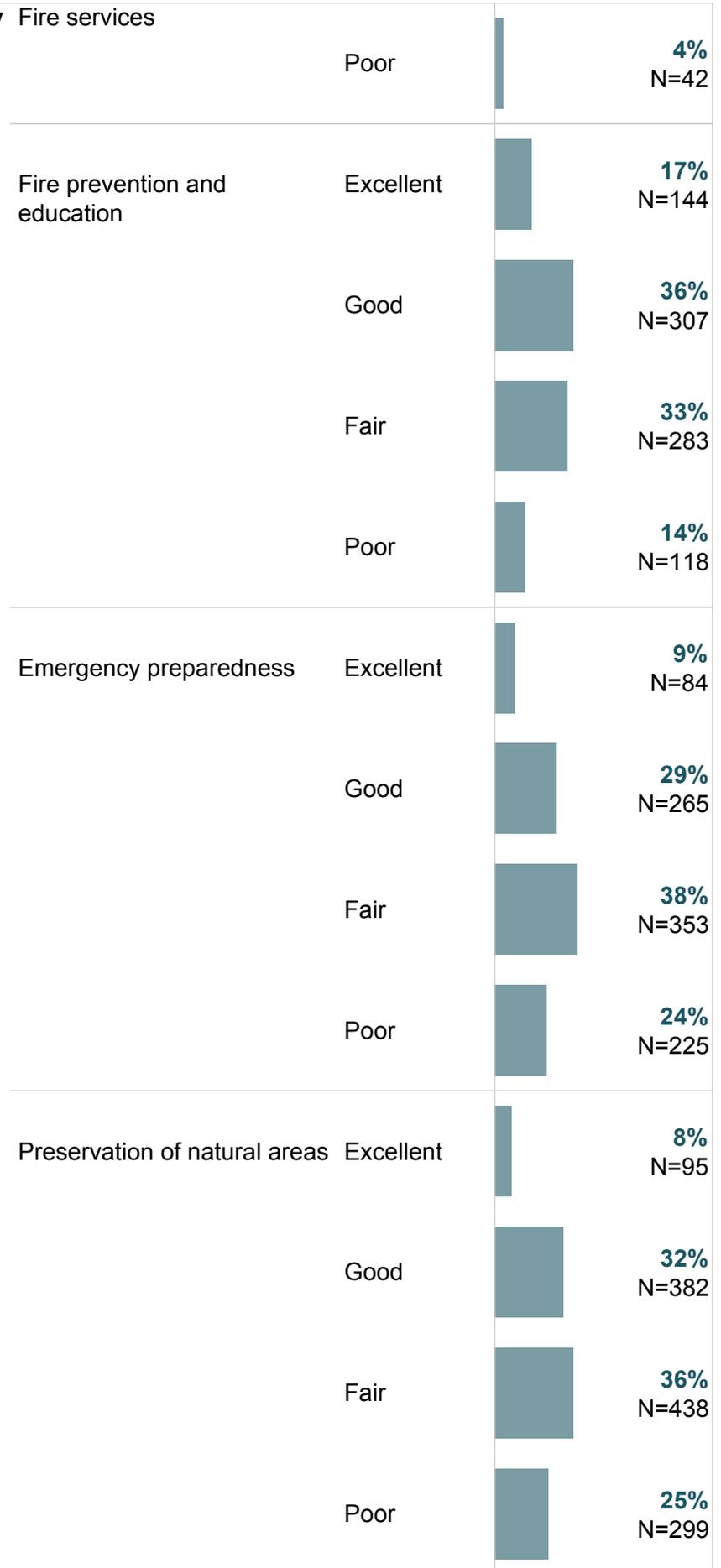
Fair



19%
N=184

Safety

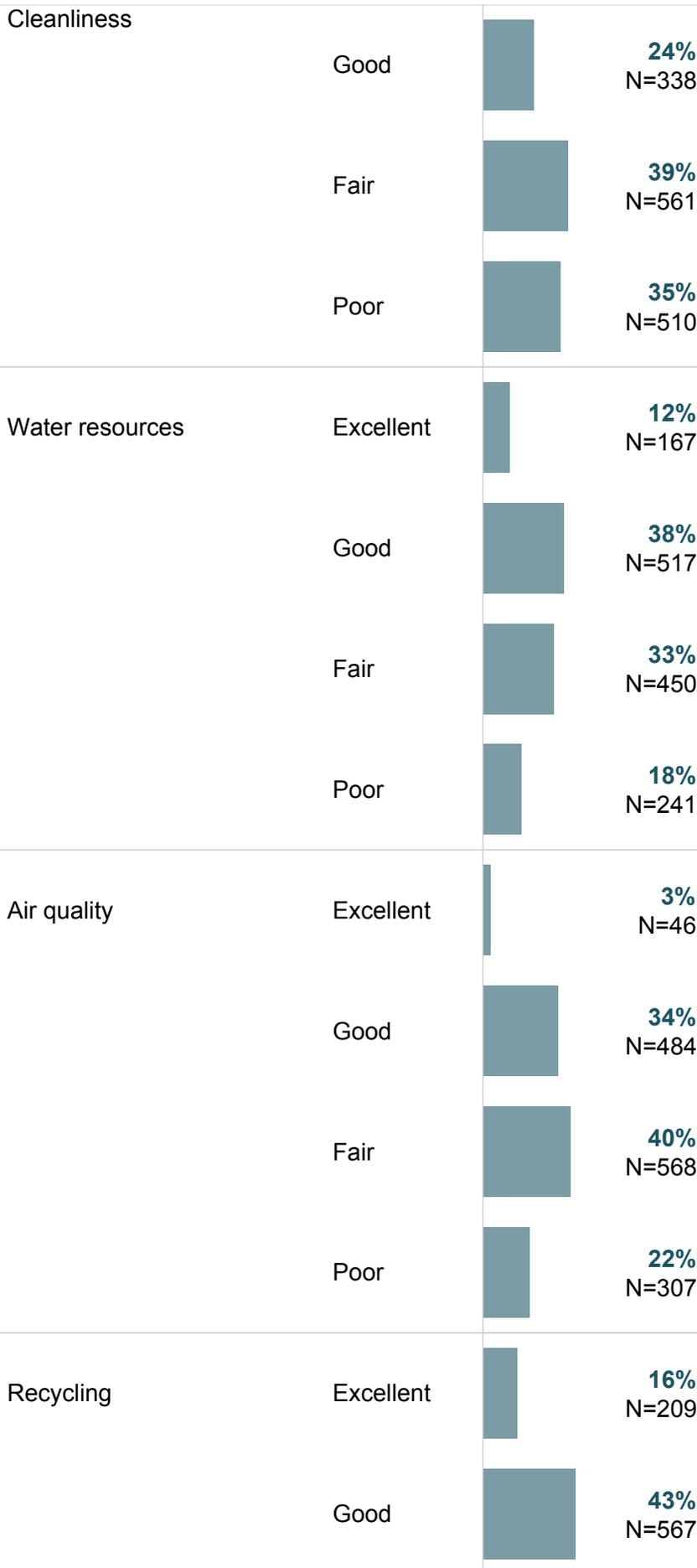
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.



Safety	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.	Sacramento open space	Excellent		7% N=85
		Preservation of natural areas	Poor		35% N=432
			Good		40% N=485
			Fair		18% N=222
			Poor		45% N=630
Safety	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	Essential		39% N=541
			Very important		15% N=205
			Somewhat important		2% N=22
			Not at all important		15% N=213
			Excellent		46% N=662
Natural environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	Good		29% N=422
			Fair		10% N=136
			Poor		2% N=28
			Excellent		2% N=28
	Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.	Cleanliness	Excellent		2% N=28

Natural environment

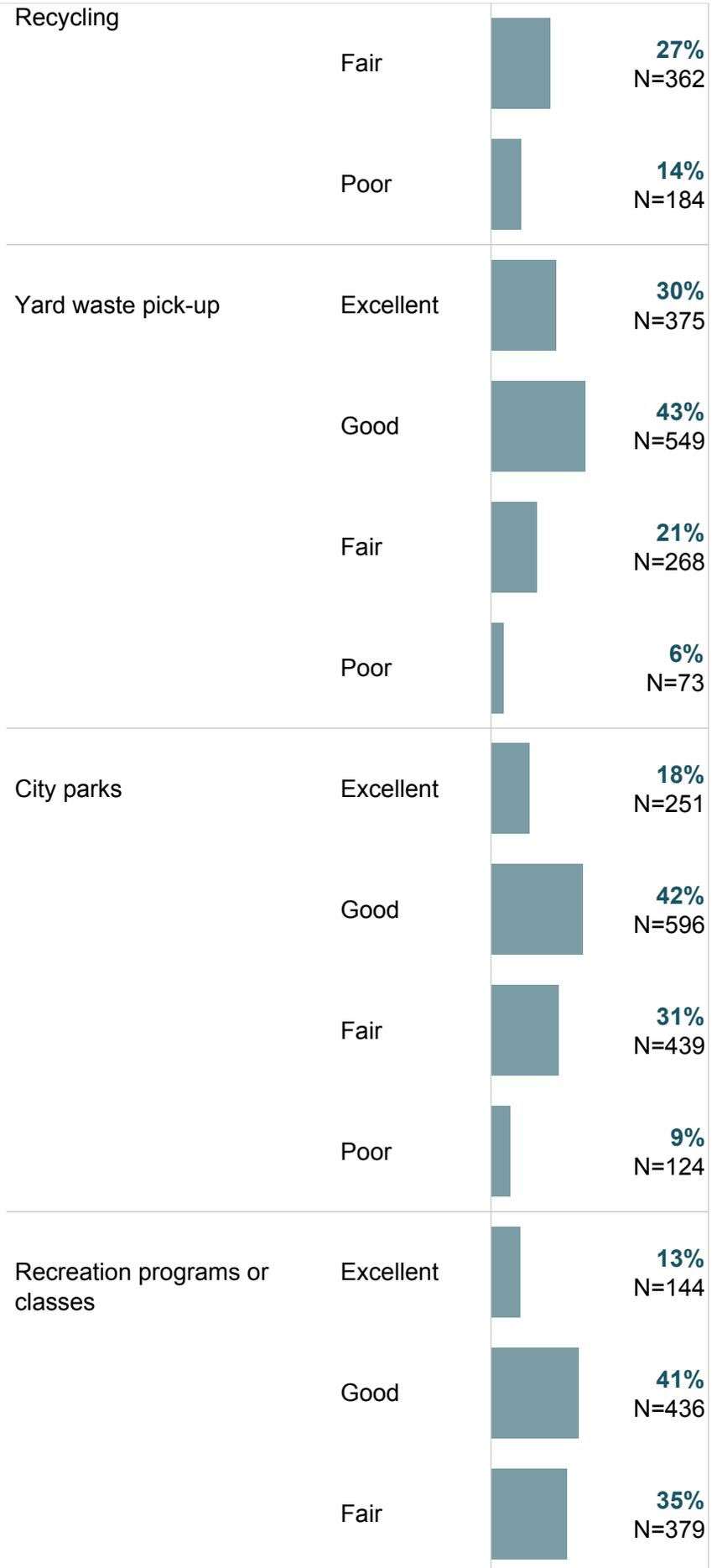
Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.

Natural environment

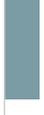
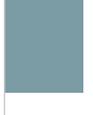
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.



Natural environment	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.	Recreation programs or classes	Poor		11% N=114
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		39% N=538
			Very important		40% N=559
			Somewhat important		19% N=265
			Not at all important		2% N=21
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		20% N=280
			Good		42% N=594
			Fair		30% N=424
			Poor		9% N=130
	Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		16% N=214
		Good		36% N=491	
		Fair		34% N=465	
		Poor		15% N=201	

Parks and Recreation

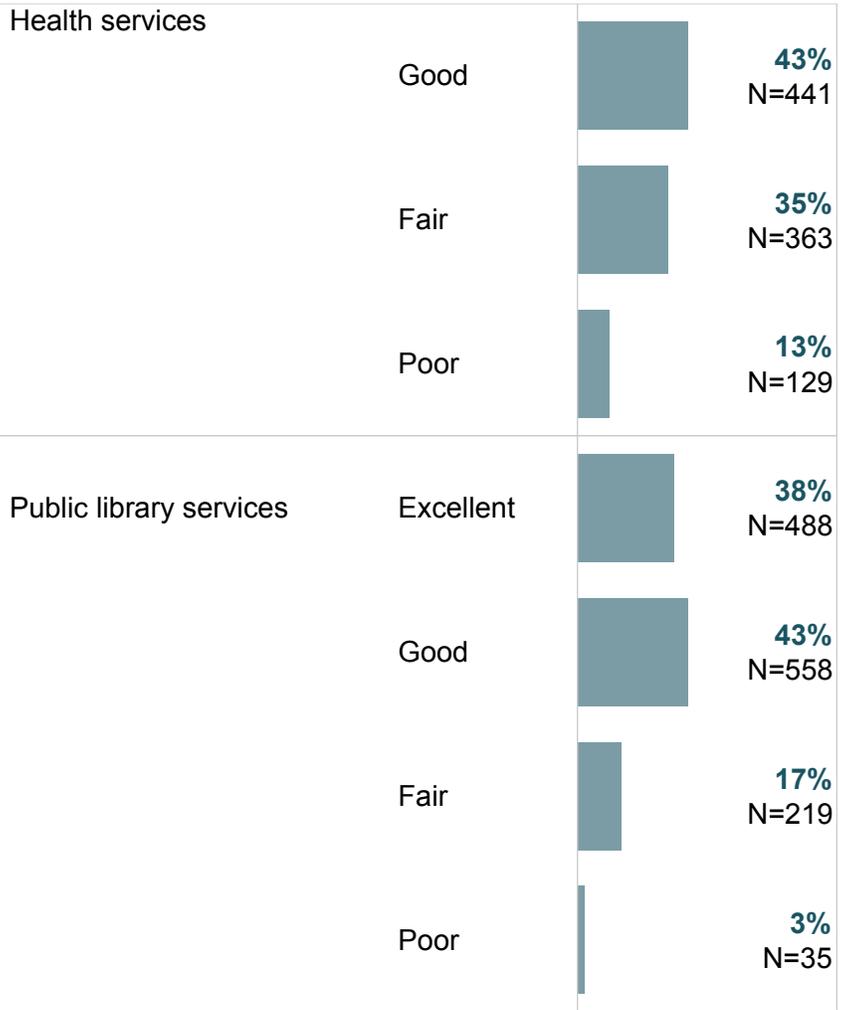
Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.

Fitness opportunities	Excellent		16% N=218
	Good		43% N=582
	Fair		30% N=406
	Poor		11% N=142
Recreational opportunities	Excellent		13% N=185
	Good		46% N=640
	Fair		30% N=423
	Poor		11% N=153
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		14% N=149
	Good		41% N=424
	Fair		35% N=363
	Poor		10% N=106
Health services	Excellent		10% N=102

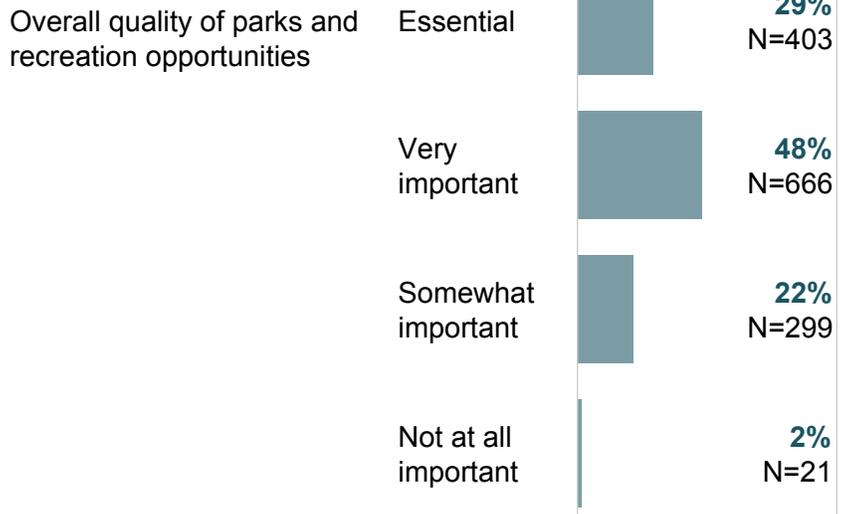
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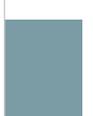


Health and wellness

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.



Health and wellness

<p>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.</p>	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Fair		<p>31% N=425</p>
		Poor		<p>12% N=156</p>
<p>Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.</p>	Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		<p>10% N=138</p>
		Good		<p>36% N=512</p>
		Fair		<p>35% N=505</p>
		Poor		<p>20% N=282</p>
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		<p>10% N=135</p>
		Good		<p>30% N=406</p>
		Fair		<p>35% N=472</p>
		Poor		<p>26% N=354</p>
	Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		<p>10% N=126</p>
		Good		<p>35% N=447</p>
		Fair		<p>35% N=445</p>

Health and wellness

Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.

Availability of preventive health services	Poor		21% N=267
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		5% N=58
	Good		18% N=189
	Fair		29% N=309
	Poor		48% N=522

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.

Overall customer service by Sacramento employees	Excellent		14% N=177
	Good		44% N=568
	Fair		31% N=397
	Poor		11% N=142

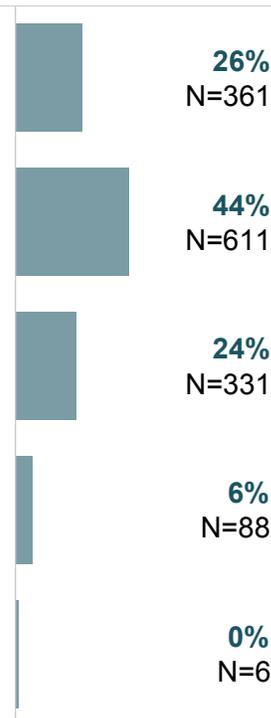
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		22% N=309
	Very important		46% N=632
	Somewhat important		26% N=365
	Not at all important		6% N=79

Health and wellness

Please rate your overall health.

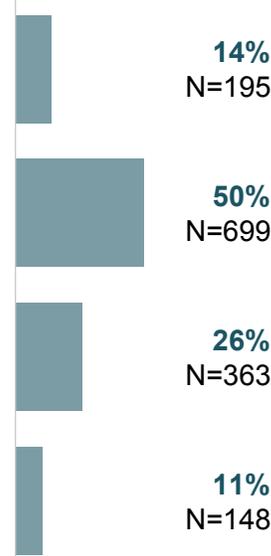
Excellent
Very good
Good
Fair
Poor



Education, Arts and Culture

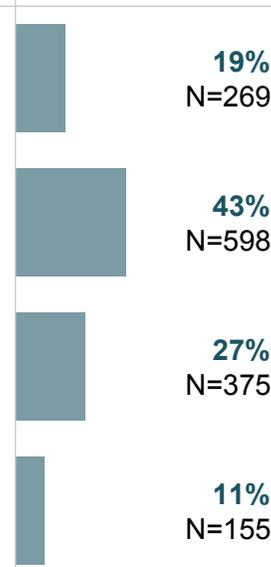
Please rate each of the following Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.

Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor



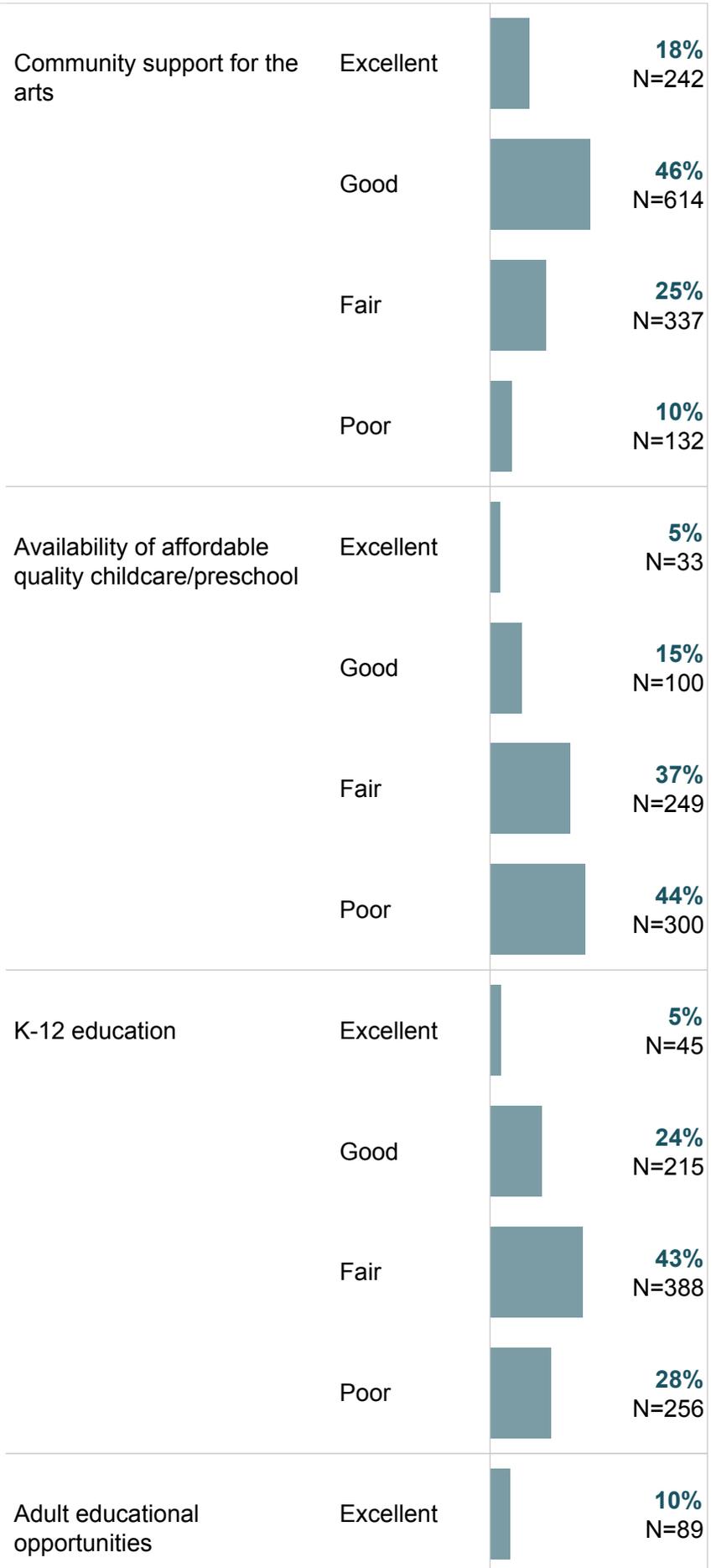
Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community. Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities

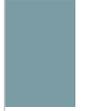
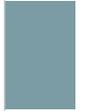
Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor



**Education, Arts
and Culture**

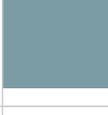
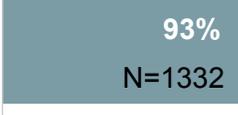
**Please also rate each
of the following in the
Sacramento
community.**



Education, Arts and Culture	Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.	Adult educational opportunities	Good		39% N=362
			Fair		36% N=336
			Poor		15% N=138
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		20% N=284	
		Good		41% N=580	
		Fair		30% N=418	
		Poor		9% N=124	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		27% N=381
			Very important		41% N=574
			Somewhat important		28% N=385
		Not at all important		4% N=50	
Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Sacramento for help or information	No		30% N=435
			Yes		70% N=1007

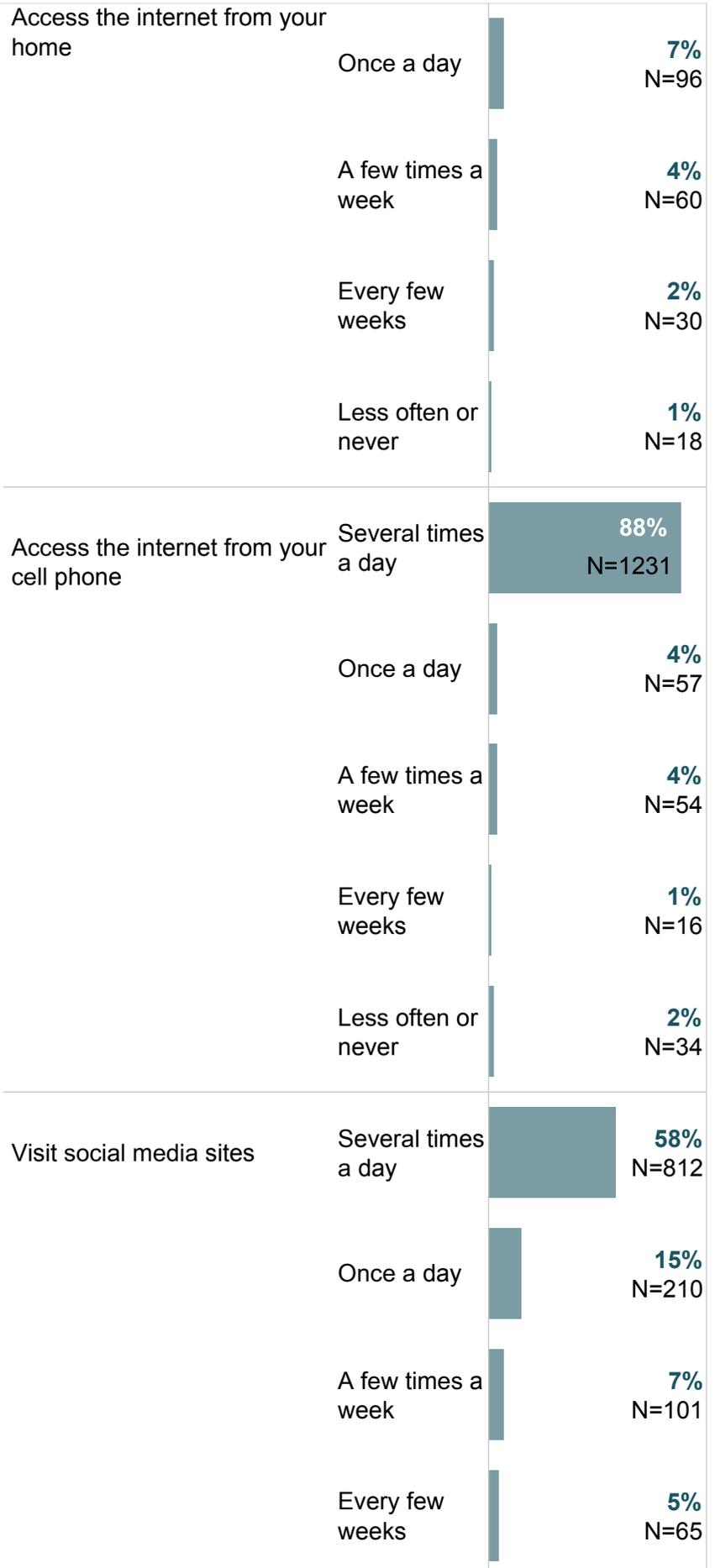
Participation

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

Contacted Sacramento elected officials to express your opinion	No		49% N=712
	Yes		51% N=733
Attended a local public meeting	No		66% N=953
	Yes		34% N=491
Watched a local public meeting	No		49% N=707
	Yes		51% N=739
Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		42% N=605
	Yes		58% N=835
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		57% N=818
	Yes		43% N=623
Voted in your most recent local election	No		7% N=108
	Yes		93% N=1332
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day	

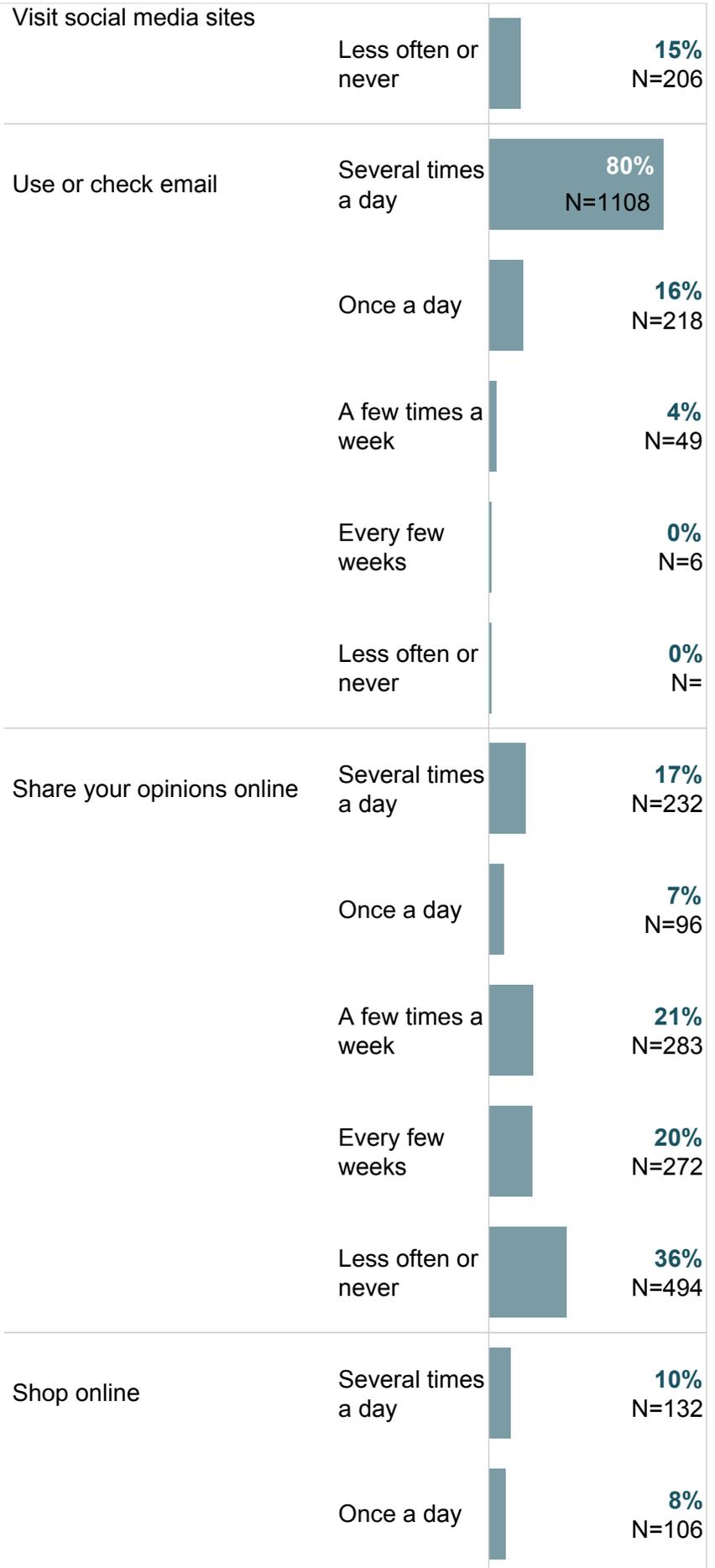
Participation

In general, how many times do you:



Participation

In general, how many times do you:



Participation	In general, how many times do you:	Shop online	A few times a week		35% N=472
			Every few weeks		36% N=477
			Less often or never		12% N=156
Custom	The City of Sacramento is a full-service City and provides a wide range of services, functions, and programs to its residents. To help pay for some of these services, Sacramento residents in 2018 passed Measure U, a one percent sales tax increase. Please help us prioritize Measure U spending by rating the following categories. For more information on Measure U, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/md8p4wmh.	Affordable housing and homeless supportive services	High priority		61% N=838
			Medium priority		17% N=238
			Low priority		8% N=107
			Don't fund with Measure U		13% N=183
		Community-based mental health and wellness (e.g. peer counseling, crisis response workers, addiction services, conflict resolution/mediation)	High priority		51% N=705
			Medium priority		29% N=402
			Low priority		9% N=130
			Don't fund with Measure U		10% N=138
		Community Investment and Neighborhood Empowerment (job training and placement, small/start-up/first-time locally owned business support in each district, Black Indigenous and People of Color owned business, baby bonds, household financial assistance)	High priority		36% N=508
			Medium priority		33% N=459

Custom

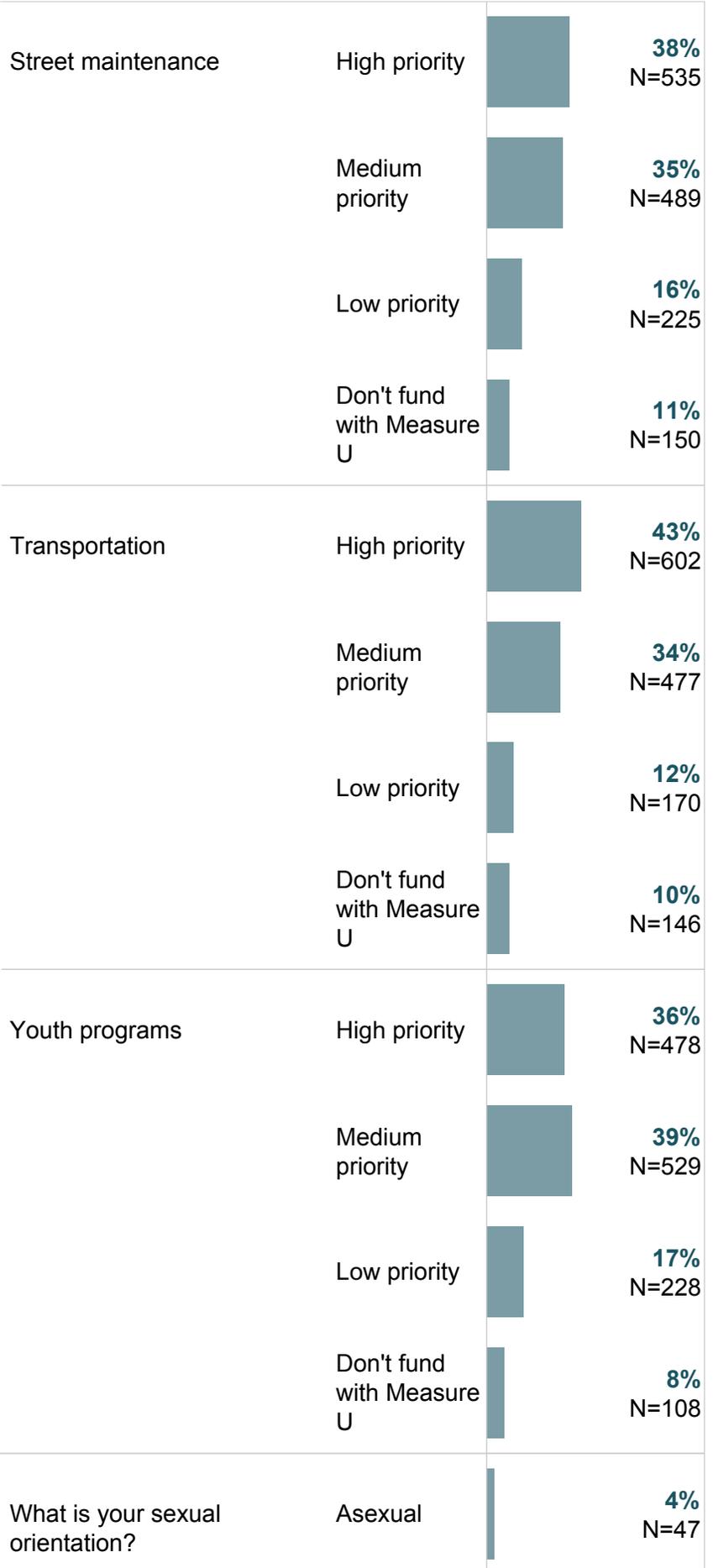
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Community Investment and Neighborhood Empowerment (job training and placement, small/start-up/first-time locally owned business support in each district, Black Indigenous and People of Color owned business, baby bonds, household financial assistance)	Low priority		17% N=232	
	Don't fund with Measure U		14% N=197	
	Community response services (e.g. violence prevention/intervention, re-entry services, peer navigator, case management)	High priority		40% N=552
	Medium priority		38% N=523	
Infrastructure/Capital Improvements	Low priority		13% N=184	
	Don't fund with Measure U		8% N=114	
	High priority		31% N=423	
	Medium priority		38% N=511	
Public libraries	Low priority		17% N=236	
	Don't fund with Measure U		13% N=181	
	High priority		38% N=511	
	Medium priority		42% N=568	
	Low priority		13% N=182	

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			Public parks	High priority		37% N=509
				Medium priority		43% N=599
				Low priority		14% N=187
				Don't fund with Measure U		6% N=85
			Public safety services (e.g., police, fire, emergency medical services, citywide emergency management and youth-centered prevention services)	High priority		47% N=643
				Medium priority		30% N=406
				Low priority		9% N=127
				Don't fund with Measure U		15% N=201
			Senior programs	High priority		24% N=320
				Medium priority		44% N=597
				Low priority		23% N=317
				Don't fund with Measure U		9% N=126

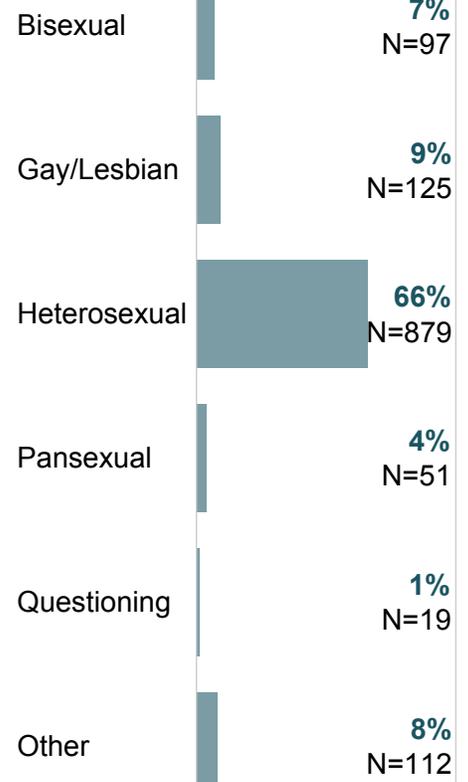
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Custom

What is your sexual orientation?

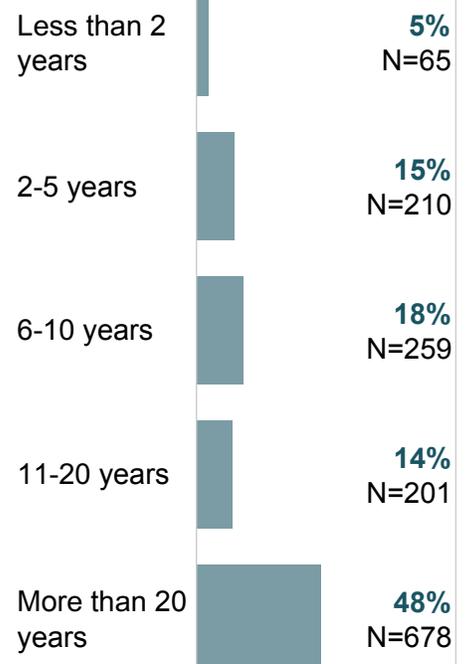


Do you identify as transgender?

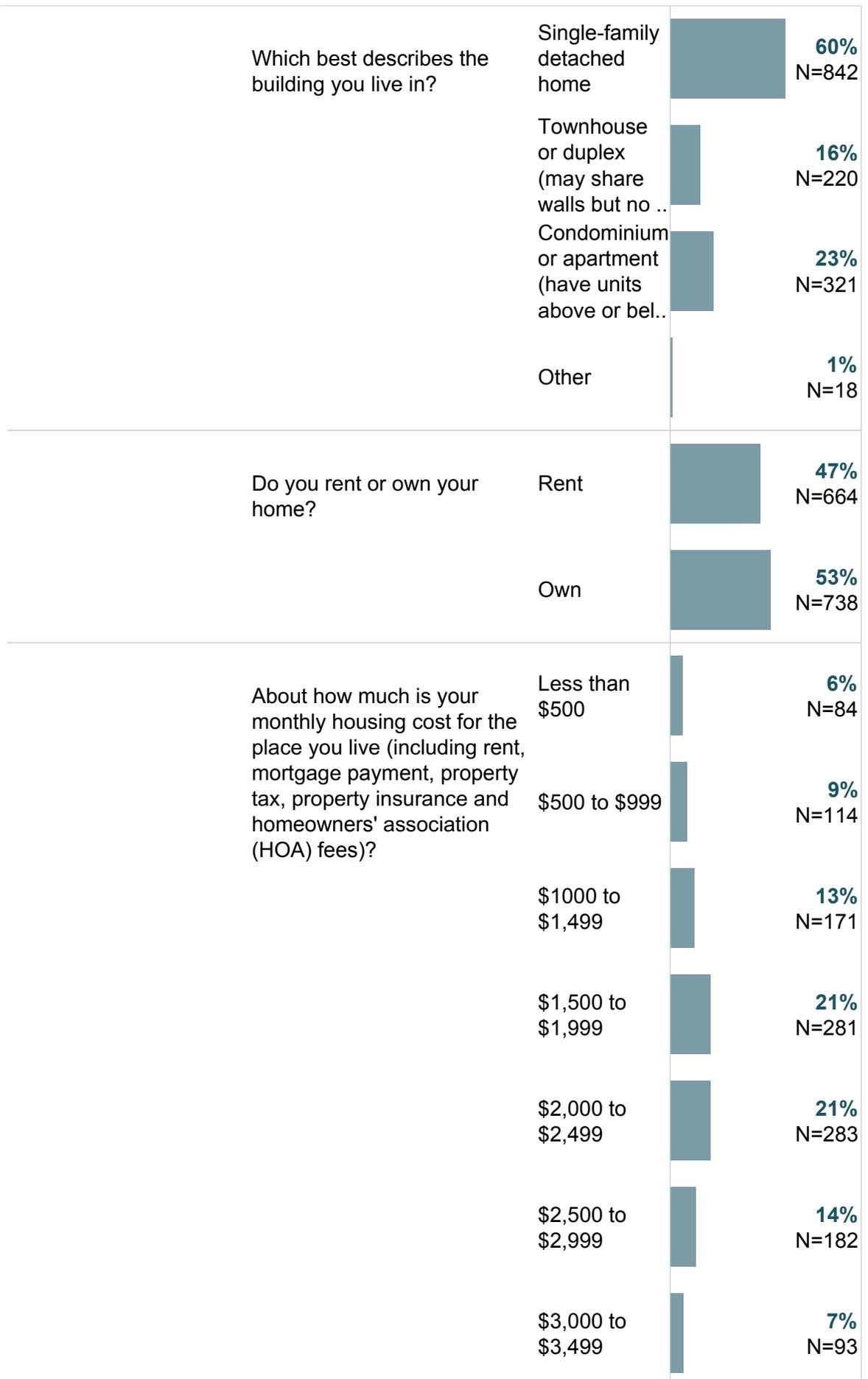


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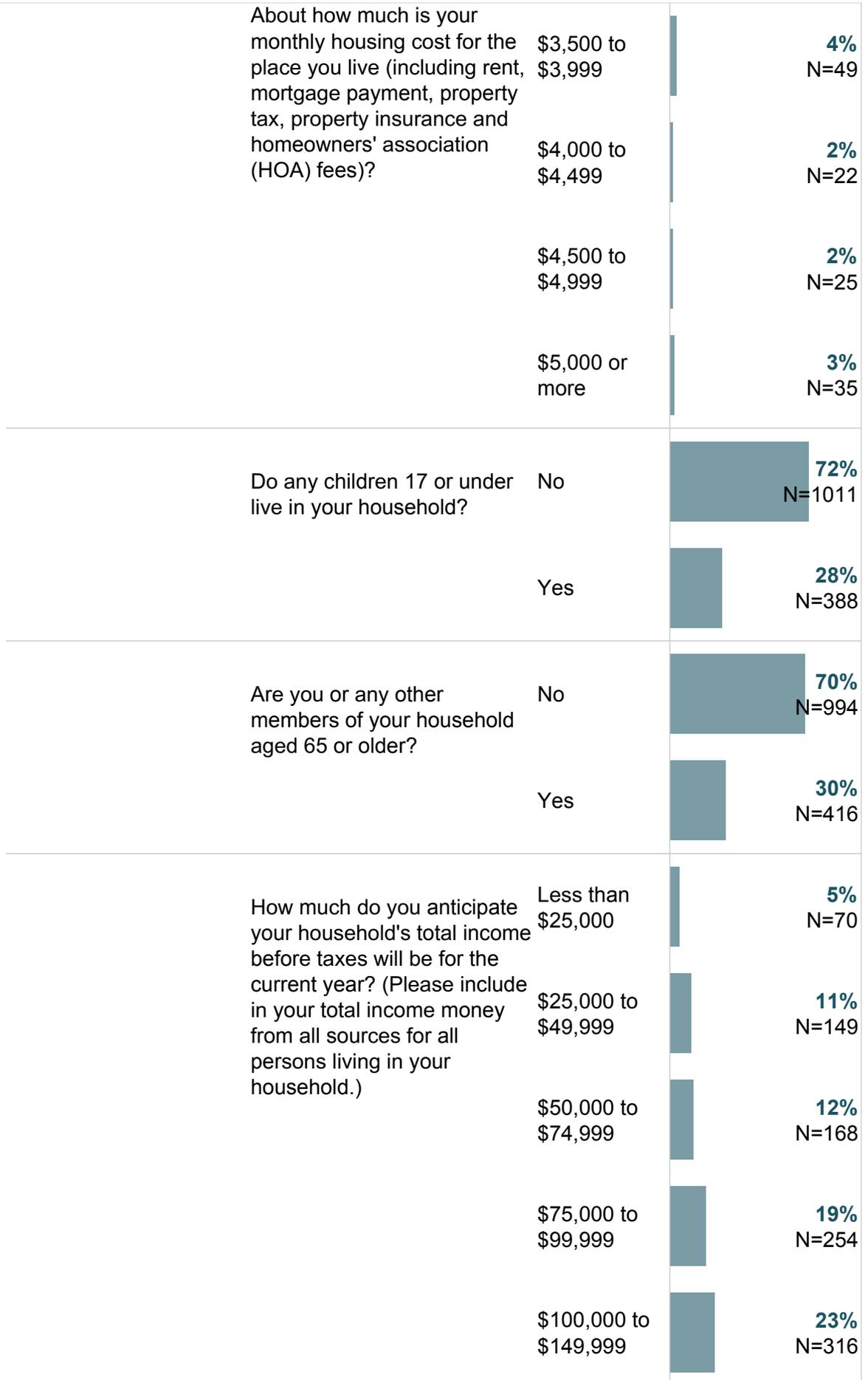
How many years have you lived in Sacramento?



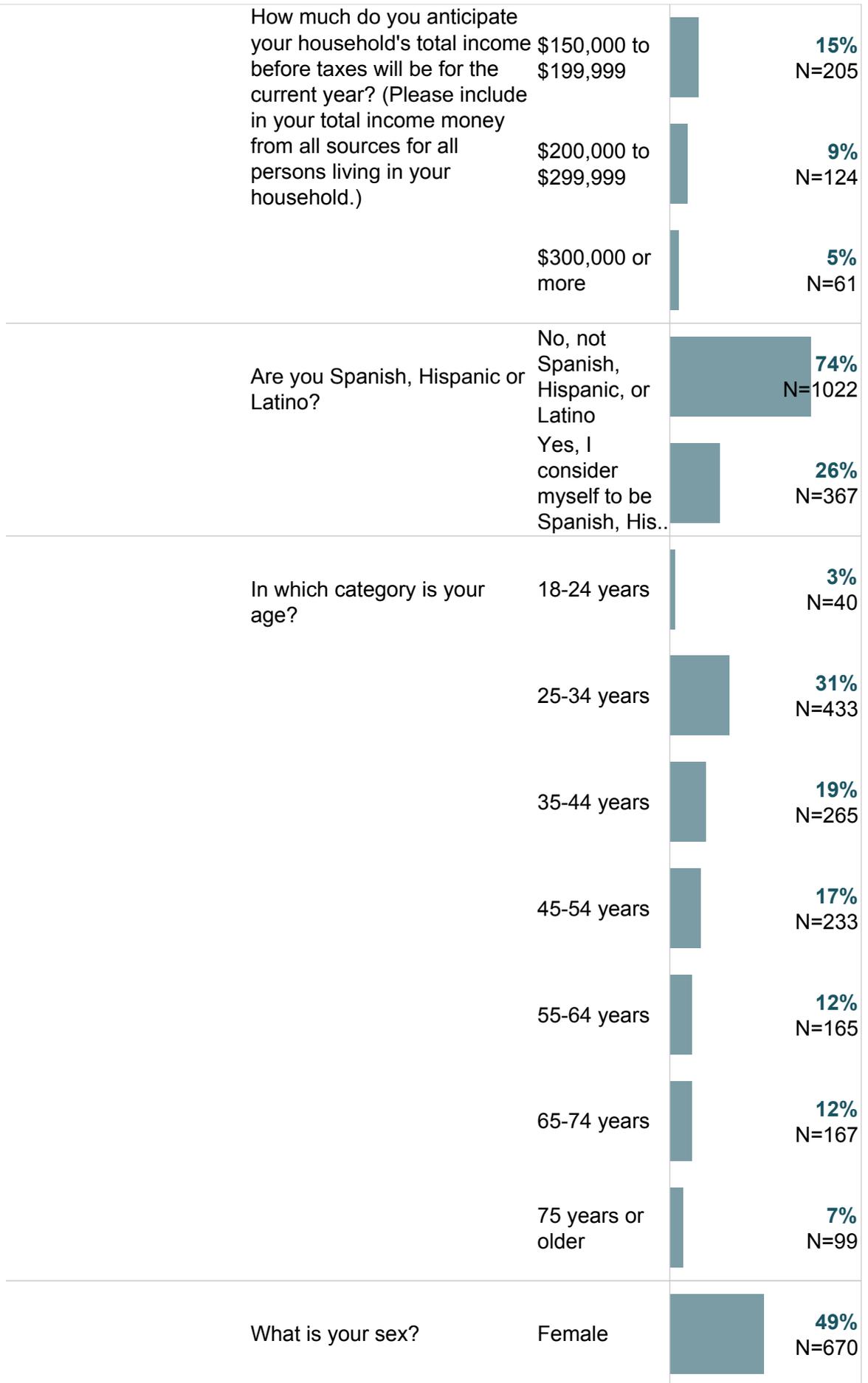
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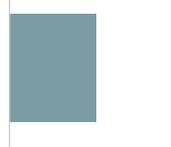
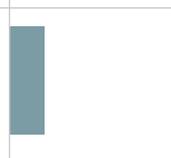
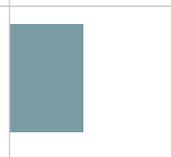


Demographic



Demographic		What is your sex?	Male		45% N=617
			Non-binary		6% N=80
Community Connection	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.	Sacramento as a place to raise children	Excellent		17% N=195
			Good		40% N=467
			Fair		29% N=337
			Poor		15% N=181
		Sacramento as a place to retire	Excellent		8% N=93
			Good		35% N=401
			Fair		33% N=377
			Poor		23% N=267
		Sense of community	Excellent		10% N=142
			Good		36% N=522
			Fair		33% N=471

Community Connection

<p>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.</p>	<p>Sense of community</p>	<p>Poor</p>	 <p>21% N=301</p>
<p>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.</p>	<p>Residents' connection and engagement with their community</p>	<p>Excellent</p>	 <p>5% N=68</p>
		<p>Good</p>	 <p>33% N=472</p>
		<p>Fair</p>	 <p>42% N=593</p>
		<p>Poor</p>	 <p>20% N=289</p>
<p>Please rate the job you feel the Sacramento community does at each of the following.</p>	<p>Making all residents feel welcome</p>	<p>Excellent</p>	 <p>14% N=190</p>
		<p>Good</p>	 <p>42% N=583</p>
		<p>Fair</p>	 <p>30% N=414</p>
		<p>Poor</p>	 <p>15% N=213</p>
	<p>Attracting people from diverse backgrounds</p>	<p>Excellent</p>	 <p>29% N=393</p>
		<p>Good</p>	 <p>43% N=590</p>
		<p>Fair</p>	 <p>20% N=279</p>
		<p>Poor</p>	 <p>8% N=104</p>

Community Connection

Please rate the job you feel the Sacramento community does at each of the following.

Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds

Excellent



22%
N=305

Good



44%
N=614

Fair



24%
N=331

Poor



10%
N=134

Taking care of vulnerable residents

Excellent



2%
N=29

Good



16%
N=220

Fair



36%
N=488

Poor



46%
N=624

Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.

Sense of civic/community pride

Excellent



9%
N=123

Good



36%
N=492

Fair



35%
N=476

Poor



19%
N=259

Neighborliness of residents

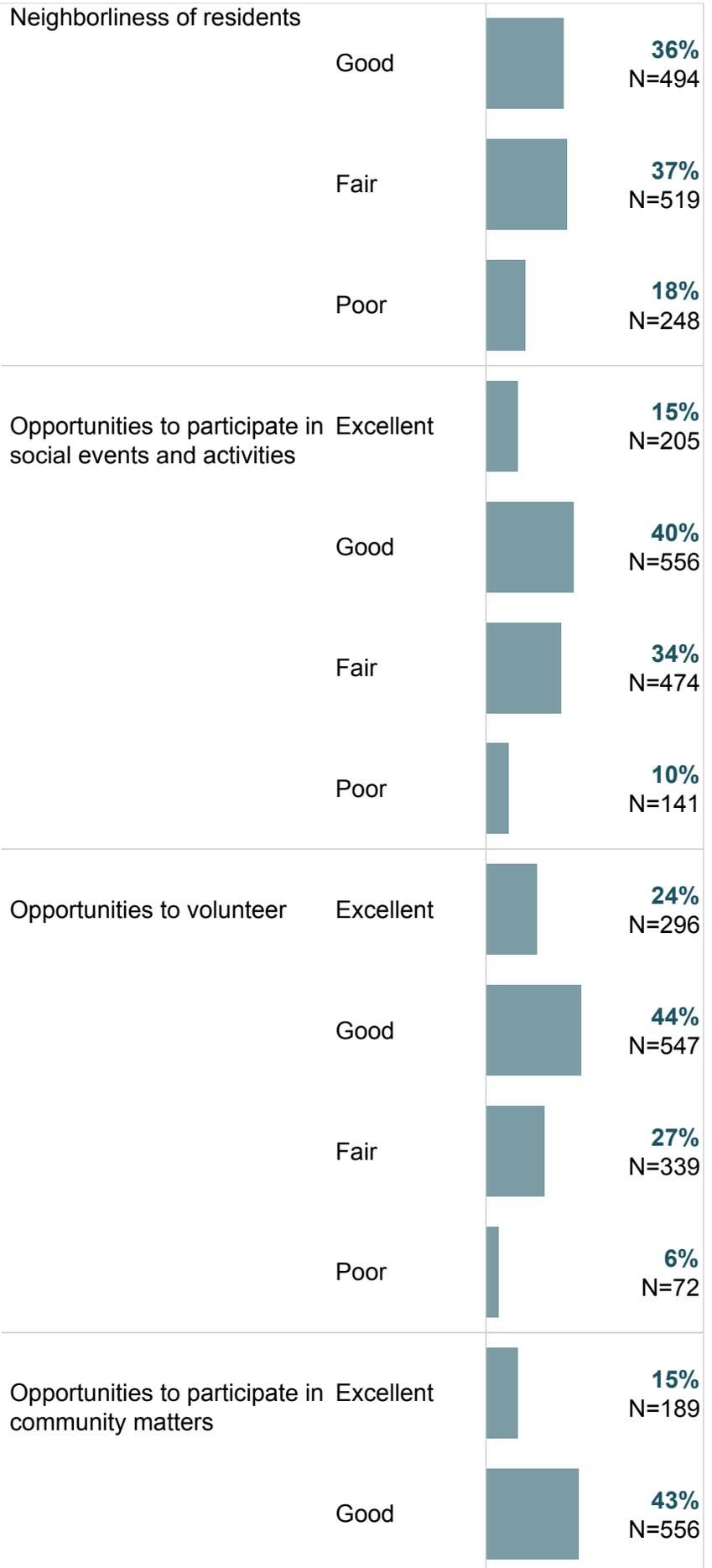
Excellent



9%
N=127

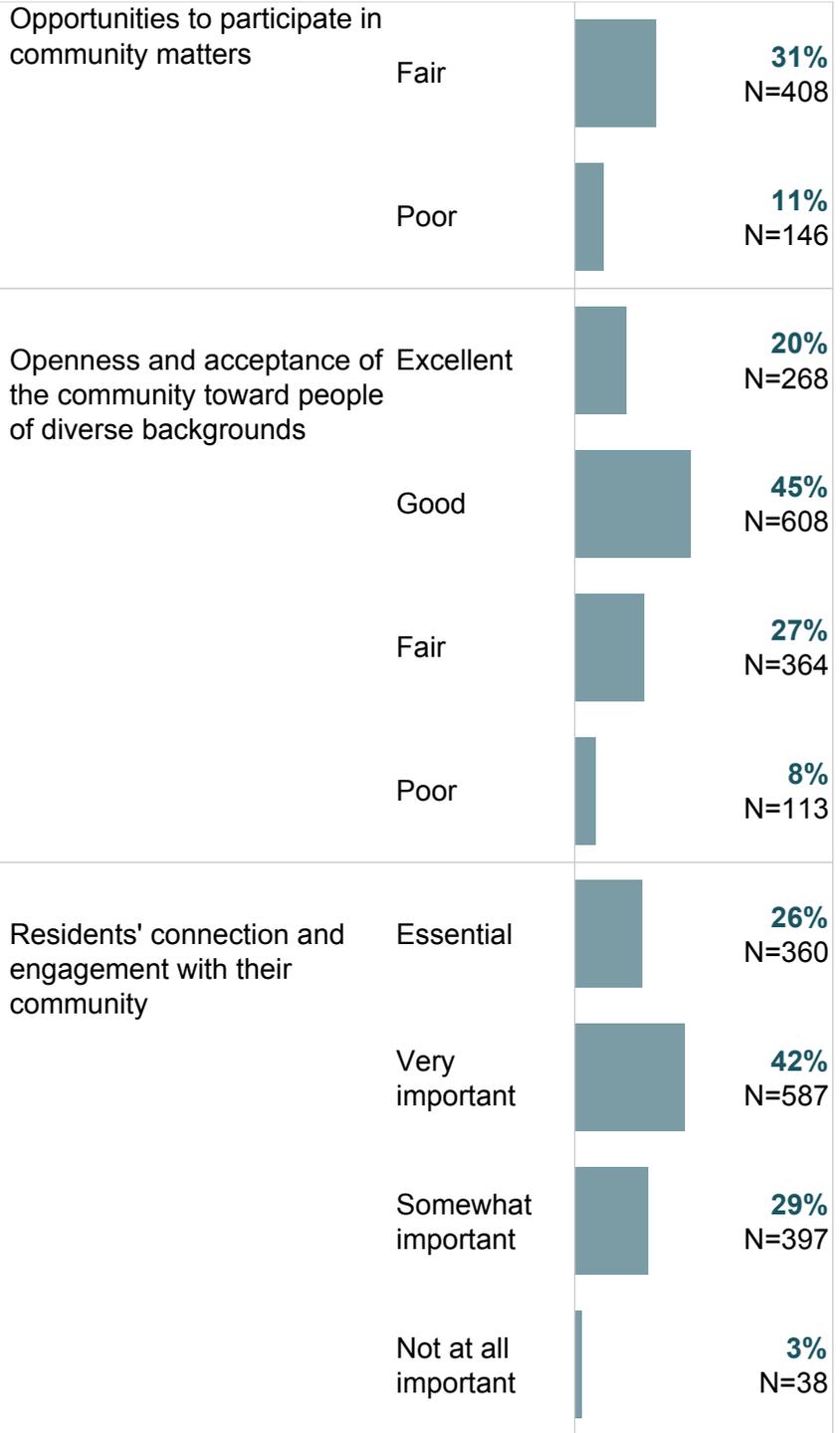
Community Connection

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Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

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Please complete this survey if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday (the year of birth does not matter). Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sacramento.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Sacramento as a place to live.....	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sacramento as a place to raise children.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sacramento as a place to work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sacramento as a place to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sacramento as a place to retire.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sacramento as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall economic health of Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall design or layout of Sacramento's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Sacramento (water, sewer, storm water, electric, gas).....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall feeling of safety in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of natural environment in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Residents' connection and engagement with their community.....	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Recommend living in Sacramento to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Sacramento for the next five years.....	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<u>Very safe</u>	<u>Somewhat safe</u>	<u>Neither safe nor unsafe</u>	<u>Somewhat unsafe</u>	<u>Very unsafe</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Sacramento's downtown/commercial area during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From property crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From violent crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Please rate the job you feel the Sacramento community does at each of the following.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Making all residents feel welcome.....	1	2	3	4	5
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area.....	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5

7. Please also rate each of the following in the Sacramento community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Traffic flow on major streets	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Sacramento	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned residential growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned commercial growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-designed neighborhoods.....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Sacramento	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Sacramento	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Sacramento	1	2	3	4	5
Water resources (beaches, ponds, riverways, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	1	2	3	4	5
Community support for the arts	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of civic/community pride	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Sacramento	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters.....	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5

8. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Contacted the City of Sacramento (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information.....	1	2
Contacted Sacramento elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion.....	1	2
Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	1	2
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	1	2
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Sacramento	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	1	2
Voted in your most recent local election.....	1	2
Used bus, rail, or other public transportation instead of driving.....	1	2
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone.....	1	2
Walked or biked instead of driving.....	1	2

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9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sacramento.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Public information services	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet access.....	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection.....	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services	1	2	3	4	5
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Police services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention.....	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts).....	1	2	3	4	5
Sacramento open space	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up	1	2	3	4	5
City parks	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Sacramento employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

10. Please rate the following categories of Sacramento government performance.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Sacramento is taking.....	1	2	3	4	5
The job Sacramento government does at welcoming resident involvement....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Sacramento government.....	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being open and transparent to the public.....	1	2	3	4	5
Informing residents about issues facing the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating residents with respect.....	1	2	3	4	5

11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The City of Sacramento	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government.....	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sacramento community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Overall economic health of Sacramento	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Sacramento	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Sacramento’s residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.).....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Sacramento (water, sewer, storm water, electric, gas)	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Sacramento	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Sacramento.....	1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	1	2	3	4
Residents’ connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4

13. The City of Sacramento is a full-service City and provides a wide range of services, functions, and programs to its residents. To help pay for some of these services, Sacramento residents in 2018 passed Measure U, a one percent sales tax increase. Please help us prioritize Measure U spending by rating the following categories. For more information on Measure U, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/md8p4wmh>.

	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Low priority</u>	<u>Don’t fund with Measure U</u>	<u>Don’t know</u>
Affordable housing and homeless supportive services	1	2	3	4	5
Community-based mental health and wellness (e.g. peer counseling, crisis response workers, addiction services, conflict resolution/mediation)	1	2	3	4	5
Community Investment and Neighborhood Empowerment (job training and placement, small/start-up/first-time locally owned business support in each district, Black Indigenous and People of Color owned business, baby bonds, household financial assistance)	1	2	3	4	5
Community response services (e.g. violence prevention/intervention, re-entry services, peer navigator, case management)	1	2	3	4	5
Infrastructure/Capital Improvements	1	2	3	4	5
Public libraries.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public safety services (e.g., police, fire, emergency medical services, citywide emergency management and youth-centered prevention services)	1	2	3	4	5
Senior programs.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Transportation.....	1	2	3	4	5
Youth programs.....	1	2	3	4	5

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Our last questions are about you and your household.

Again, all of your responses to this survey are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

	Several <u>times a day</u>	Once <u>a day</u>	A few times <u>a week</u>	Every <u>few weeks</u>	Less often <u>or never</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access the internet from your cell phone	1	2	3	4	5	6
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use or check email.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Share your opinions online	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shop online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

D2. Please rate your overall health.

- Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor

D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?

Do you think the impact will be:

- Very positive Somewhat positive Neutral Somewhat negative Very negative

D4. How many years have you lived in Sacramento?

- Less than 2 years
 2-5 years
 6-10 years
 11-20 years
 More than 20 years

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

- Single-family detached home
 Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you)
 Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)
 Mobile home
 Other

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

- Rent
 Own

D7. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- Less than \$500 \$3,000 to \$3,499
 \$500 to \$999 \$3,500 to \$3,999
 \$1,000 to \$1,499 \$4,000 to \$4,499
 \$1,500 to \$1,999 \$4,500 to \$4,999
 \$2,000 to \$2,499 \$5,000 or more
 \$2,500 to \$2,999

D8. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- No Yes

D9. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- No Yes

D10. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- Less than \$25,000 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$150,000 to \$199,999
 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$200,000 to \$299,999
 \$75,000 to \$99,999 \$300,000 or more

D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino
 Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino

D12. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White
 A race not listed

D13. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years 55-64 years
 25-34 years 65-74 years
 35-44 years 75 years or older
 45-54 years

D14. What is your sex?

- Female Male Non-Binary

D15. What is your sexual orientation?

- Asexual Heterosexual Questioning
 Bisexual Pansexual Other
 Gay/Lesbian

D16. Do you identify as transgender?

- No Yes

Thank you! Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to:
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