

Victoria, MN

The National Community Survey

Report of Results **2022**

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About The NCS™

The National Community SurveyTM (The NCSTM) report is about the "livability" of Victoria. 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 survey was developed by the experts from National Research Center at Polco.

Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS captures residents' opinions considering ten central facets of a community:

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

The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 807 residents of the City of Victoria collected from March 7th 2022 to April 11th 2022. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 3% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2022 survey was 31%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Victoria.





How the results are reported

For the most part, the percentages presented in the following tabs represent the "percent positive." Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., 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 this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in the tab "Complete data." However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in most of the tabs. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Comparisons to benchmarks

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 600 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Community Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community in the last five years. NRC 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, Victoria'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 Victoria residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Victoria'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 Victoria's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

The survey was administered during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time of challenge for many local governments. While we provide comparisons to national benchmarks, it is important to note that much of the benchmark data was collected prior to the pandemic. This may impact how your City's 2022 ratings compare to other communities' ratings from the past five years.

Trends over time

Trend data for Victoria represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines*. 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 five percentage points between the 2018 and 2022 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

* 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 Victoria were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Victoria was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Victoria 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 the City of Victoria 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 four areas. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units (defined as those with a unit number) sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units.

An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person whose birthday has most recently passed" to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the introduction of the survey.

Conducting the survey

The 2,700 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on March 7th, 2022 and the survey remained open for 5 weeks. For 1,200 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. For the remaining 1,500 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate, followed one week later by a reminder postcard. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online. All follow-up mailings asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from completing the survey again.

About 3% of the 2,700 mailed invitations or surveys were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 2,627 households that received the invitations to participate, 807 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 31%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2* for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys 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 can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents' opinions are relied on to estimate all residents' opinions. The margin of error for the City of Victoria survey is no greater than plus or minus three percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (807 completed surveys).

In addition to the randomly selected "probability sample" of households, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the City of Victoria. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on April 11th, 2022. The survey remained open for 2 weeks. The data presented in the following tabs exclude the open participation survey data, but a tab at the end provides the complete frequency of responses to questions by the open participation respondents.

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 demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Victoria. 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 area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.* The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

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

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	7%	22%	22%
	35-54	37%	46%	46%
	55+	57%	32%	32%
Area	Area 1	15%	17%	17%
	Area 2	35%	34%	34%
	Area 3	48%	46%	46%
	Area 4	2%	3%	3%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	98%	99%	99%
	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	2%	1%	1%
Housing tenure	Own	97%	93%	93%
	Rent	3%	7%	7%
Housing type	Attached	18%	19%	19%
	Detached	82%	81%	81%
Race & Hispanic	Not white alone	8%	4%	4%
origin	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	92%	96%	96%
Sex	Female	48%	51%	51%
	Male	52%	49%	49%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	3%	12%	12%
	Female 35-54	20%	23%	23%
	Female 55+	25%	16%	16%
	Male 18-34	3%	10%	10%
	Male 35-54	18%	23%	23%
	Male 55+	31%	16%	16%

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. For the most part, the percentages presented in the reports represent the "percent positive." The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, essential/very important, etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating "yes" or participating in an activity at least once a month.

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Contact

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Survey Validity

See the Polco Knowledge Base article on survey validity at https://info.polco.us/knowledge/statistical-vali

* See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at

https://www.aapor.org/Publications-Media/AAPOR-Journals/Standard-Definitions.aspx

* Pasek, J. (2010). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from https://web.stanford.edu/group/iriss/cgi-bin/anesrake/resources/RakingDescription.pdf

* Targets come from the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey

Highlights

Residents continue to experience a high quality of life.

All items relating to the quality of life in Victoria received universally high marks and were largely similar to the previous iteration of the NCS. About 9 in 10 survey participants gave an excellent or good rating to Victoria as a place to live, the overall quality of life in the city, and Victoria as a place to raise children. A similar proportion of residents also reported that they would recommend living in Victoria to someone who asks and also planned to remain in Victoria for the next five years. Additionally, the overall image or reputation of Victoria saw notable improvement, from 75% in 2018 to 91% in 2022. The ratings for nearly all of these items were higher than the national benchmarks; however, the proportion of residents reporting that they planned on remaining in Victoria for the next five years was similar to the national benchmark comparison.

Economy is a priority for residents, and though there has been improvement, there is still room for growth.

When asked about which general aspects of the community the City should focus on in the next two years, about 9 in 10 respondents identified overall economic health as an area of priority, one of three aspects considered important by the 90% or more of residents. A similar proportion of residents gave positive ratings to the quality of economic health in Victoria (88% excellent or good), which was an 18% increase from 2018. Along with the overall economic health of the city, other items also showed improvement, including the overall quality of business and service establishments (58% in 2018 to 79% in 2022), vibrancy of downtown/commercial area (48% in 2018 to 71% in 2022), and economic development (50% in 2018 to 64% in 2022).

Other items relating to the economy in Victoria present areas of focus for the city. Around half of residents gave positive marks to both the variety of business and service establishments and the cost of living in Victoria, while about one-third felt similarly toward employment opportunities. Shopping opportunities (20% excellent or good) and the impact the residents felt the economy would have on their family income in the next 6 months (13%) garnered the least support in this facet and were lower than the national benchmarks. Additionally, when asked how they would address the biggest issue or challenge facing victoria, nearly 30% of the comments made by respondents (in their own words) pointed to economic/commercial activity; namely, downtown revitalization, availability of shopping, and lack of grocery stores in the area.

Residents praise street services and recognize parking and traffic flow as areas of priority.

Nearly all street-related services in Victoria were rated higher than other communities across the country; as evidenced by ratings of street cleaning (87% excellent or good), snow removal (83%), and street lighting (81%). About three-quarters of residents also approved of traffic enforcement, traffic signal timing, street repair, and sidewalk maintenance. The only service that was rated lower than comparison communities was bus or transit services, for which only 22% of respondents gave an excellent or good rating. The ease of travel by public transportation (13% excellent or good), was much lower than the national benchmark. The proportion of residents that reported using public transportation in the last 12 months (6%) was also lower than the average across the nation. The ease of public parking may also be an area for improvement, as this was given positive ratings by only one-third of respondents.

Safety in Victoria continues to be an asset to the city.

All items relating to safety in Victoria were rated very positively and ratings tended be either higher than or on par with national benchmarks; ratings higher than the benchmarks for feelings of safety in Victoria's downtown/commercial area during the day (99% very or somewhat safe), from violent crime (95%), from fire, flood, and other natural disasters (93%), and from property crime (90%). Public safety services were given high marks by residents; about 9 in 10 or more approved of fire services, ambulance/EMS services, fire prevention/education, police services and the services provided by the Carver County Sheriff's office. Each of these ratings was similar to comparison communities.

In addition to standard safety questions, the City of Victoria also asked residents to rate how important certain public safety initiatives were to improving the quality of life. Residents universally agreed that timely response to calls for service was a vital aspect of public safety for the City, with 97% deeming it essential or very important. Around 6 in 10 felt 24-hour patrols, the use of officer-worn body cameras, and public engagement/community interaction were important, while about 4 in 10 felt the need for enhanced enforcement of City codes/laws, or officers dedicated to Victoria policing only.

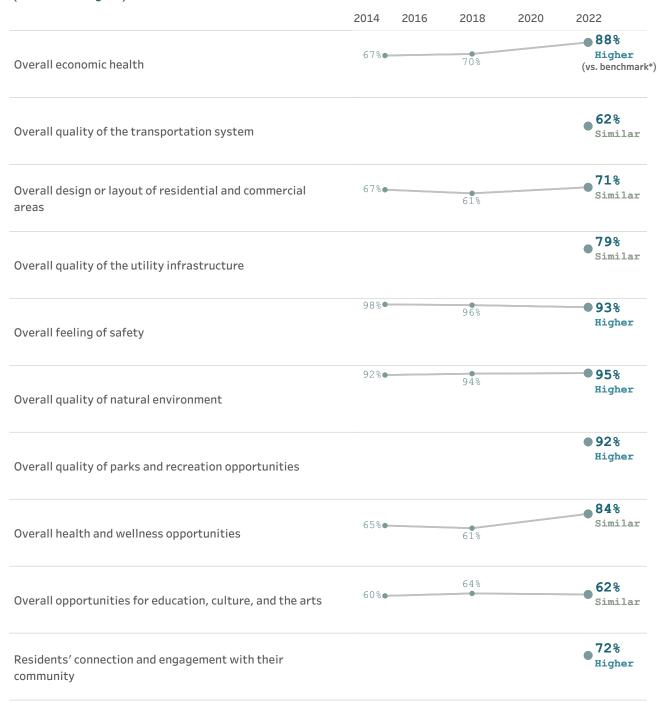
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Facets of livability

Resident perceptions of quality and importance for each of the facets of community livability provide an overview of community strengths and challenges that are useful for planning, budgeting and performance evaluation.

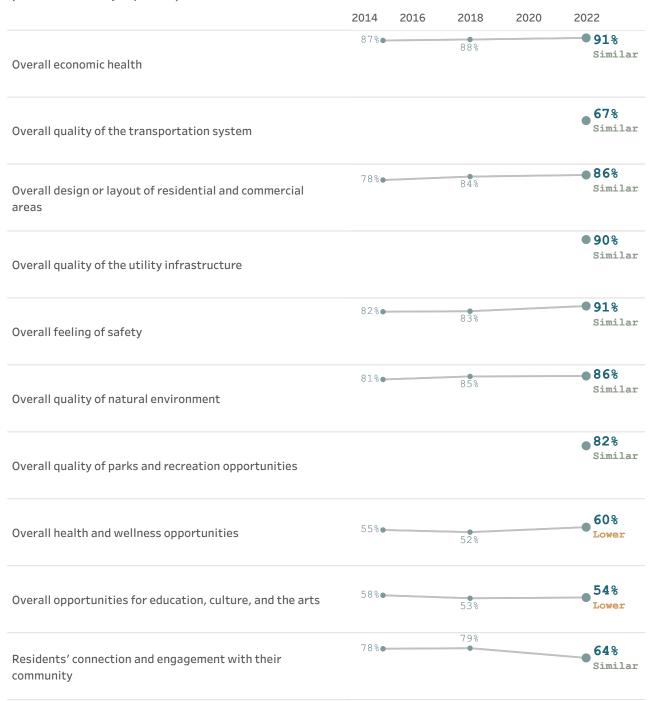
The charts below show the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local ratings were lower, similar, or higher than communities across the country (the national benchmark).

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



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

(% essential or very important)



^{*} Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

Balancing performance and importance

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.

To help guide City staff and officials with decisions on future resource allocation, resident ratings of the importance of services were compared to their ratings of the quality of these services. To identify the services perceived by residents to have relatively lower quality at the same time as relatively higher importance, all services were ranked from highest perceived quality to lowest perceived quality and from highest perceived importance to lowest perceived importance. Some services were in the top half of both lists (higher quality and higher importance); some were in the top half of one list but the bottom half of the other (higher quality and lower importance or lower quality and higher importance); and some services were in the bottom half of both lists.

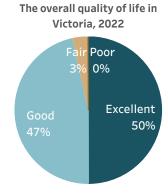
Services receiving quality ratings of excellent or good by 82% or more of respondents were considered of "higher quality" and those with ratings lower than 82% were considered to be of "lower quality." Services were classified as "more important" if they were rated as essential or very important by 84% or more of respondents. Services were rated as "less important" if they received a rating of less than 84%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings are more commensurate with resident priorities. Facets scoring closest to the lower right hand corner of the matrix (higher in importance and lower in quality) are those that may warrant further investigation to see if changes to their delivery are necessary to improve their performance. This is the key part of this chart on which to focus. Facets falling in the top left hand corner of the chart (lower in importance but higher in quality) are areas where performance may outscore resident priorities, and may be a consideration for lower resource allocation.

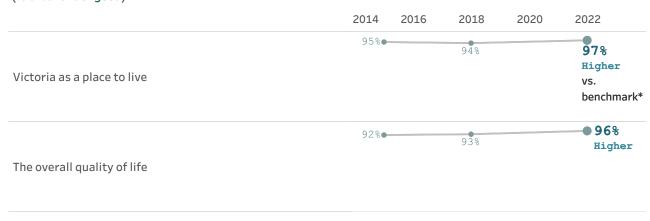


Quality of life

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.



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



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



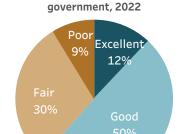
Please rate each of the following in the Victoria community. (% excellent or good)



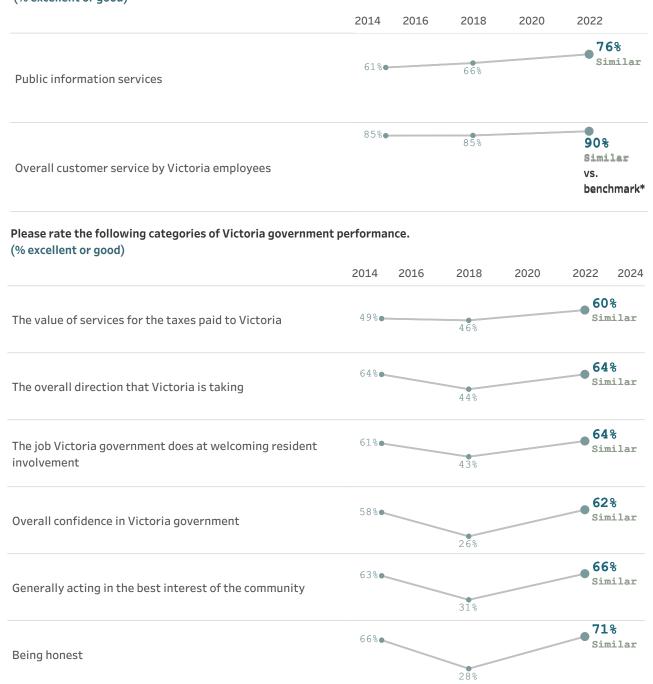
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Governance

Strong local governments produce results that meet the needs of residents while making the best use of available resources, and are responsive to the present and future needs of the community as a whole.



Overall confidence in Victoria









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

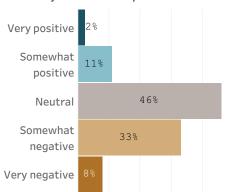


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Overall economic health of Victoria, 2022

Fair 11% Poor 1% Excellent 30% Good 59%

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:



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.

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



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



Please rate each of the following in the Victoria community.





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

(% excellent or good)



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)

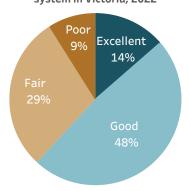


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Overall quality of the transportation system in Victoria, 2022

Mobility

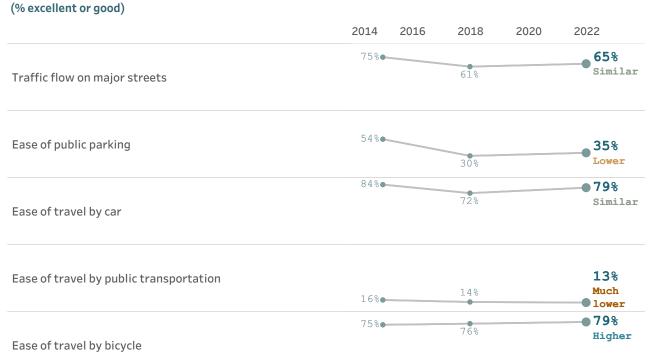
The ease with which residents can move about their communities, whether for commuting, leisure, or recreation, plays a major role in the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in the community.



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

	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
					62%
Overall quality of the transportation system					Similar VS. benchmark*

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

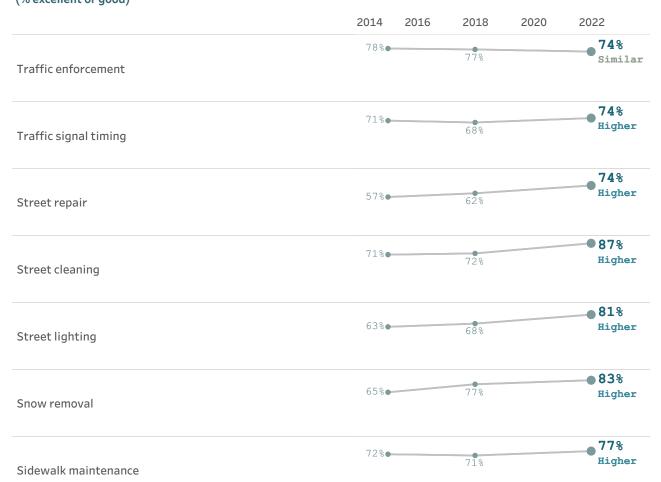




Ease of walking

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

	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Used public transportation instead of driving	3%•		6%		6% Lower
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	36%•		32%		39% Similar
Walked or biked instead of driving	61%		66%		71% Higher



Bus or transit services

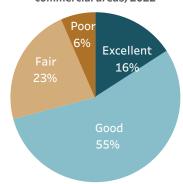


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Community design

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 providing access to parks and other green spaces.

Overall design or layout of Victoria's residential and commercial areas, 2022



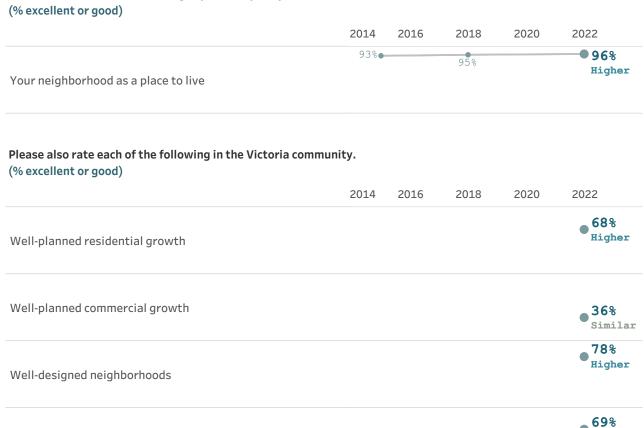
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Victoria as a whole. (% excellent or good)

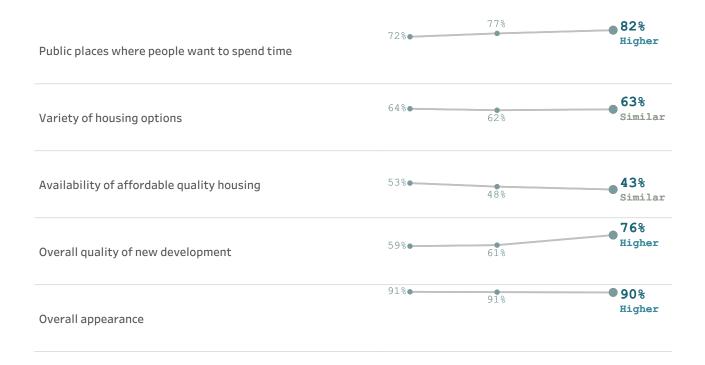
	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	67%●		61%		71% Similar vs. benchmark*

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

Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the

community





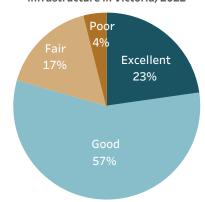
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Victoria.

(% excellent or good)



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Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Victoria, 2022

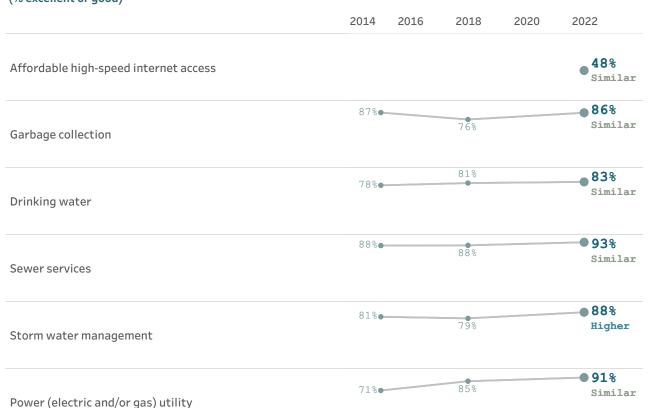


Utilities

Services such as water, gas, electricity, and internet access play a vital role in ensuring the physical and economic health and well-being of the communities they serve.

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

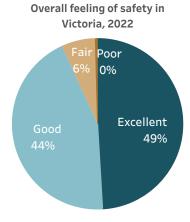
	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure					79% Similar
					VS.
					benchmark*



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Safety

Public safety is often the most important task facing local governments. All residents should feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and in the greater community, and providing robust safety-related services is essential to residents' quality of life.

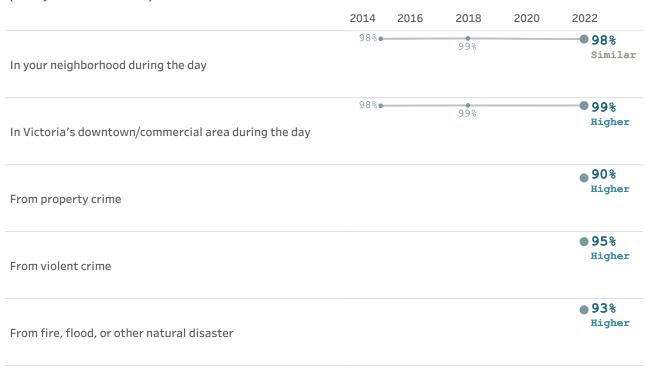


Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Victoria as a whole. (% excellent or good)

	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall feeling of safety	98%●		96%		93% Higher
					vs.
					benchmark*

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

(% very or somewhat safe)



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

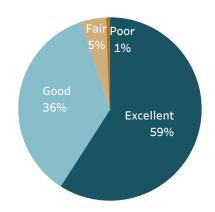


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Overall quality of natural environment in Victoria, 2022

Natural environment

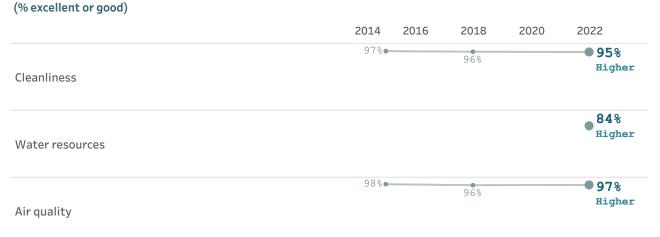
The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents. The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life.



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



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







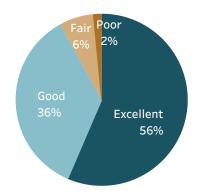
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Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2022

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."

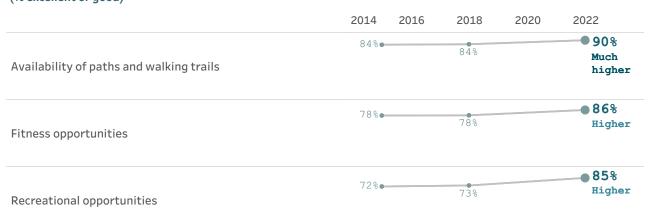
- National Recreation and Park Association



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

	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities					92% Higher
overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities					vs.
					benchmark*

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



	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
City parks	85%●		90%		91% Similar
	68%●		74%		79% Similar

^{*} Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

Overall health and wellness opportunities in Victoria, 2022

Fair 14% Excellent 35% Good 49%

Health and wellness

The characteristics of and amenities available in the communities in which people live has a direct impact on the health and wellness of residents, and thus, on their quality of life overall.

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



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





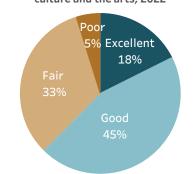
Please rate your overall health.

(% excellent or very good)

	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Please rate your overall health.	78%●		78%		●87% Higher

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Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2022



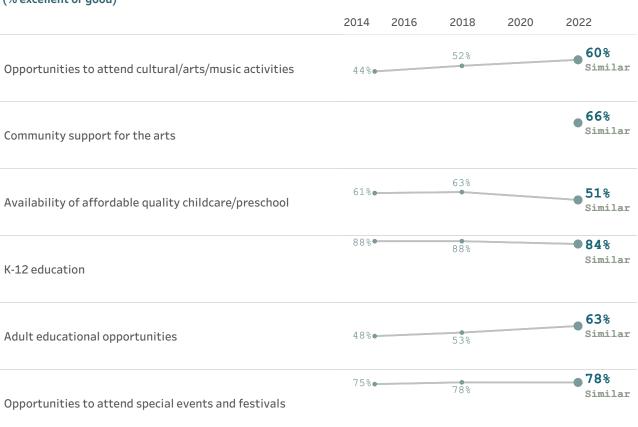
Education, arts, and culture

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.

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



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



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

(% excellent or good)

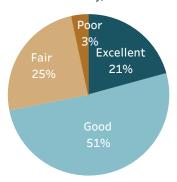


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Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2022

Inclusivity and engagement

Inclusivity refers to a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging; residents who feel invited to participate within their communities feel more included, involved, and engaged than those who do not.



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

	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Residents' connection and engagement with their					72% Higher
community					VS.
					benchmark*

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



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

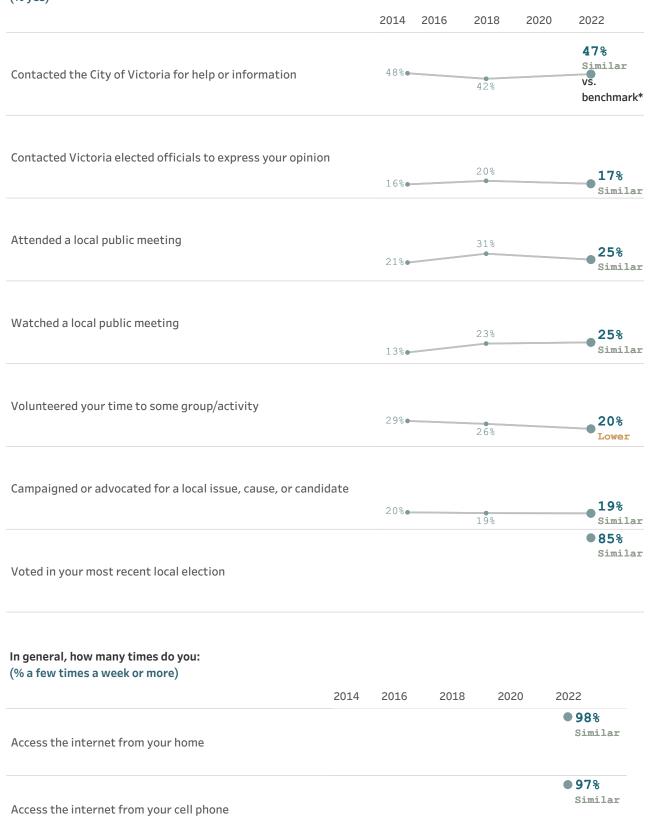
2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 •81%

Attracting people from diverse backgrounds					• 54% Similar
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds					•71% Similar
Taking care of vulnerable residents					•68% Similar
Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria commun (% excellent or good)	iity.				
	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Sense of civic/community pride					●80% Higher
Neighborliness of residents	72%		80%		●86% Higher
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	62% ●		67%		79% Higher
Opportunities to volunteer	58%		62%		74% Similar
Opportunities to participate in community matters	62%		62%		76% Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	55%●		62%		65% Similar

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Residents' participation levels

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



Visit social media sites	•82% Similar
Use or check email	●99% Similar
Share your opinions online	23% Similar
Shop online	●71% Higher

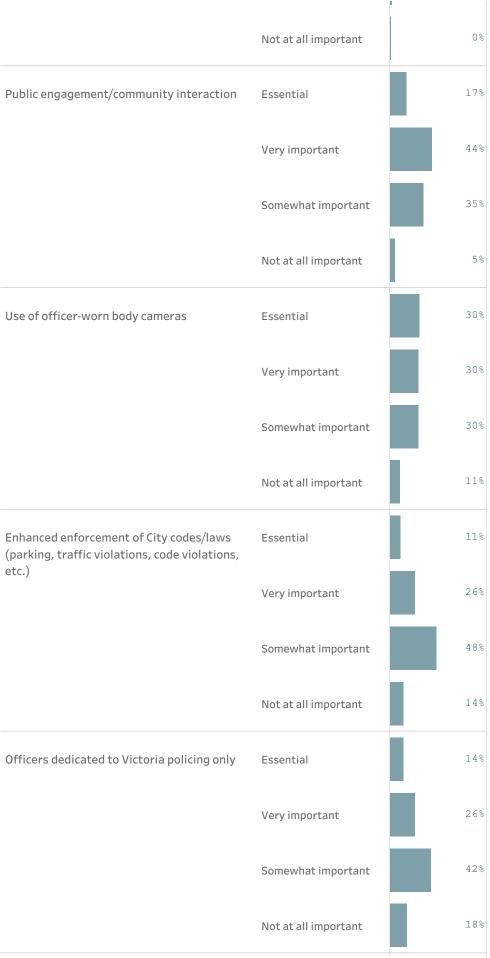
 $^{{\}color{blue}*} \ \, \text{Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.}$

Custom questions

Below are the complete set of responses to each custom question on the survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter below.

Include "don't know" No 66% Victoria currently contracts its police services Very satisfied with the Carver County Sheriff's Office, which provides deputies and patrols (one deputy at a time for 24/7 coverage) within the City and 27% Somewhat satisfied responds to police calls for service. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the overall quality of services provided by the Somewhat dissatisfied 4% Sheriff's Office (e.g., current level of patrols, response, and interaction provided by sheriff deputies)? Very dissatisfied 2% Please indicate your level of support for the 15% Strongly support City to increase property taxes to fund additional police/public safety resources within Victoria. 41% Somewhat support 26% Somewhat oppose 18% Strongly oppose 30% Please rate how important, if at 24-hour patrols Essential all, you think each of the following police/public safetyinitiatives/operations are 37% Very important to improving the quality of life in Victoria: Somewhat important 28% 5% Not at all important Essential 72% Timely response to calls for service 25% Very important Somewhat important 2%

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Large community Please select the ONE type of community park "destination parks" wit you MOST prefer: several amenities	h	45%
Small parks within walking distance of neighborhoods		55%

Open-ended questions

Victoria included and open-ended question on their survey. The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported below with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment.

How would you address the biggest challenge or issue facing Victoria?

Economic/Commercial activity (downtown revitalization, availability of stores)				
Growth and Infrastructure (housing, utilities)	15%			
Traffic, roads, mobility (sidewalks, paths, speeding, traffic lights, public transportation)	11%			
Government (communiation, planning, code/ordinance enforcement, transparency)	7%			
Parks, Recreation, Natural environment (includes community spaces, offerings, new shooting range)	7%			
Community values (small town feel, diversity, culture, education)	6%			
Parking	6%			
Crime and Safety	6%			
N/A	6%			
Taxes, Affordability (housing, cost of living)	6%			
other	1%			

National benchmark tables

This table contains the comparisons of Victoria's results to those from other communities. The first column shows the comparison of Victoria's rating to the benchmark. Victoria's results are noted as being "higher", "lower" or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Victoria residents is statistically similar to or different than the benchmark. The second column is Victoria's "percent positive." Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good). The third column is the rank assigned to Victoria's rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The fourth column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The fifth column shows the percentile for Victoria's result -- that is what percent of surveyed communities had a lower rating than Victoria.

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Please rate each of the	Victoria as a place to live	Higher	97%	49	399	87
following aspects of quality of life in Victoria.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Higher	96%	9	332	97
	Victoria as a place to raise children	Higher	94%	26	401	93
	Victoria as a place to work	Similar	47%	298	384	22
	Victoria as a place to visit	Similar	77%	95	326	71
	Victoria as a place to retire	Similar	73%	116	386	70
	The overall quality of life	Higher	96%	27	442	94
	Sense of community	Higher	80%	27	334	92
Please rate each of the	Overall economic health	Higher	888	42	306	86
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	62%	56	147	62
a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	71%	104	300	65
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	79%	40	144	72
	Overall feeling of safety	Higher	93%	59	382	84
	Overall quality of natural environment	Higher	95%	17	311	94
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Higher	92%	9	150	94
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	84%	51	301	83
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	62%	160	304	47
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Higher	72%	15	145	90
Please indicate how likely	Recommend living in Victoria to someone who asks	Higher	96%	18	317	94
or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Remain in Victoria for the next five years	Similar	93%	15	310	95
Please rate how safe or	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	98%	28	366	92
unsafe you feel:	In Victoria's downtown/commercial area during the day	Higher	99%	9	341	97

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Higher	90%	16	155	90
	From violent crime	Higher	95%	7	155	96
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Higher	93%	3	143	98
	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	81%	14	150	91
the Victoria community does at each of the following.	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	54%	103	148	31
Tollowing.	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	71%	34	148	77
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	68%	35	145	76
Please rate each of the following in the Victoria	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	79%	56	309	82
community.	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	45%	107	145	26
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Higher	71%	58	290	80
	Employment opportunities	Similar	30%	252	338	25
	Shopping opportunities	Lower	20%	285	324	12
	Cost of living	Similar	42%	156	303	48
	Overall image or reputation	Higher	91%	46	379	88
Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	65%	85	355	76
community.	Ease of public parking	Lower	35%	246	280	12
	Ease of travel by car	Similar	79%	80	334	76
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Much lower	13%	261	284	8
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Higher	79%	22	336	93
	Ease of walking	Higher	83%	39	336	88
	Well-planned residential growth	Higher	68%	25	147	83
	Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	36%	109	147	26
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Higher	78%	17	145	88
	$\label{preservation} \textbf{Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the communi.}.$	Similar	69%	44	143	69
	Public places where people want to spend time	Higher	82%	48	296	84
	Variety of housing options	Similar	63%	86	312	72
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	43%	133	337	60
	Overall quality of new development	Higher	76%	20	330	94
	Overall appearance	Higher	90%	54	368	85
	Cleanliness	Higher	95%	15	338	95
	Water resources	Higher	84%	21	132	84

	Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria	Air quality	Higher	97%	11	291	96
	community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Much higher	90%	19	340	94
		Fitness opportunities	Higher	86%	38	292	87
		Recreational opportunities	Higher	85%	56	323	82
		Availability of affordable quality food	Lower	46%	259	287	10
		Availability of affordable quality health care	Lower	43%	269	300	10
		Availability of preventive health services	Lower	43%	255	283	10
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	39%	202	283	28
		Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	60%	150	320	53
		Community support for the arts	Similar	66%	49	144	66
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	51%	128	298	57
		K-12 education	Similar	84%	89	303	70
		Adult educational opportunities	Similar	63%	118	289	59
		Sense of civic/community pride	Higher	80%	17	144	88
		Neighborliness of residents	Higher	86%	4	296	98
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Higher	79%	38	303	87	
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	78%	68	310	78
		Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	74%	120	300	60
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	76%	48	304	84
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of dive.	. Similar	65%	100	328	69
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of	Contacted the City of Victoria for help or information	Similar	47%	168	357	53
	•	Contacted Victoria elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	17%	149	298	50
	months.	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	25%	69	297	77
		Watched a local public meeting	Similar	25%	129	276	53
		Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Lower	20%	270	302	10
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	19%	165	286	42
		Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	85%	33	146	78
		Used public transportation instead of driving	Lower	6%	219	266	18
		Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	39%	169	291	42
		Walked or biked instead of driving	Higher	71%	50	295	83
	Please rate the quality of	Public information services	Similar	76%	132	322	59

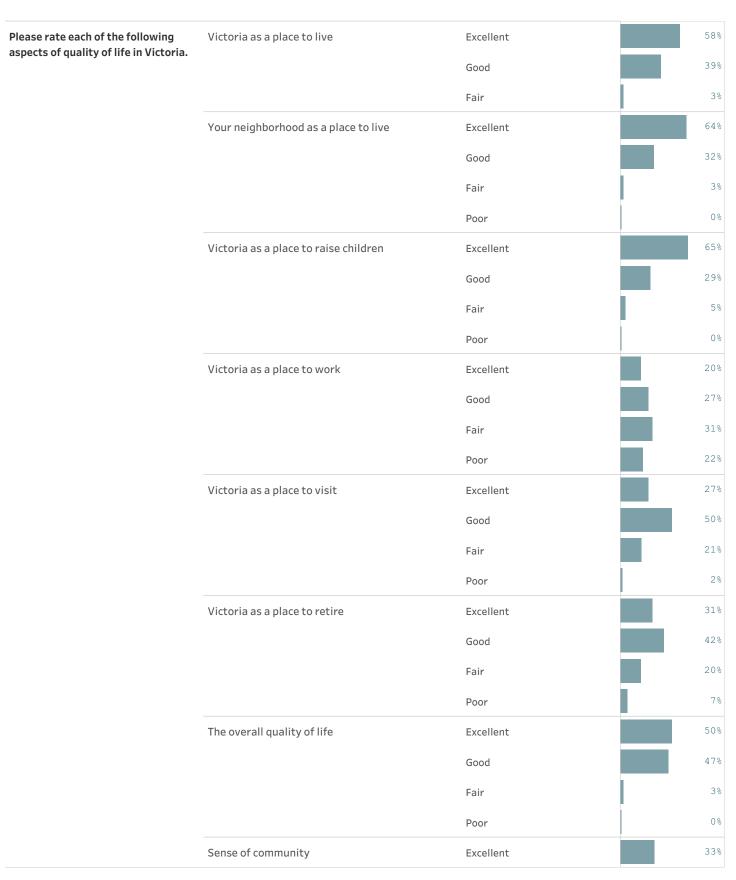
Economic development	Similar	64%	102	313	67
Traffic enforcement	Similar	74%	142	382	63
Traffic signal timing	Higher	74%	17	302	94
Street repair	Higher	74%	33	382	91
Street cleaning	Higher	87%	36	323	89
Street lighting	Higher	81%	48	363	87
Snow removal	Higher	83%	34	282	88
Sidewalk maintenance	Higher	77%	37	328	89
Bus or transit services	Lower	22%	246	278	11
Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	58%	73	326	77
Code enforcement	Higher	69%	45	382	88
Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	48%	86	140	39
Garbage collection	Similar	86%	166	358	53
Drinking water	Similar	83%	81	325	75
Sewer services	Similar	93%	34	326	89
Storm water management	Higher	888	25	350	93
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	91%	23	243	90
Utility billing	Similar	85%	29	278	89
Police/Sheriff services	Similar	888	186	433	57
Crime prevention	Similar	83%	108	381	71
Animal control	Similar	81%	48	345	86
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	93%	196	344	43
Fire services	Similar	97%	169	377	55
Fire prevention and education	Similar	90%	53	315	83
Emergency preparedness	Similar	78%	64	314	79
Preservation of natural areas	Similar	73%	63	295	78
Victoria open space	Similar	78%	44	283	84
Recycling	Similar	83%	141	362	61
Yard waste pick-up	Similar	70%	202	304	33
City parks	Similar	91%	78	340	77
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	79%	98	334	70

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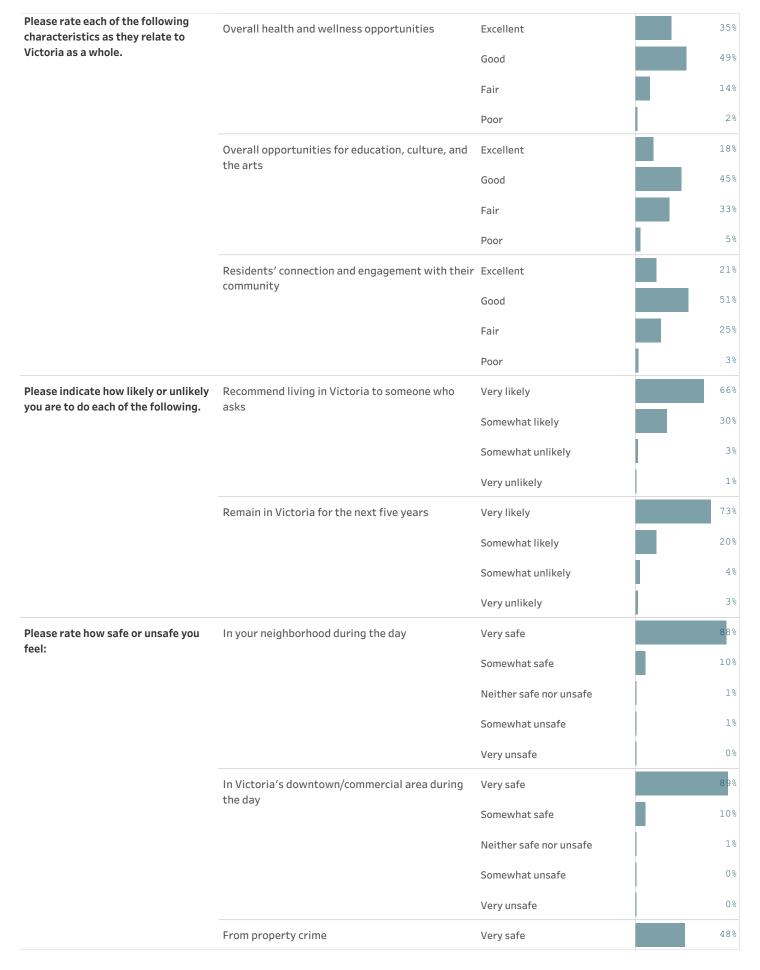
In general, how many times do you:	Shop online	Higher	71%	5	143	97
	Please rate your overall health.	Higher	87%	3	289	99
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa	Lower	13%	288	292	1

Complete set of frequencies

This dashboard contains a complete set of responses to each question on the survey. By default, "Don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter to the right. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.



Please rate each of the following	Sense of community	Good	47%
aspects of quality of life in Victoria.		Fair	17%
		Poor	3%
Please rate each of the following	Overall economic health	Excellent	30%
characteristics as they relate to Victoria as a whole.		Good	59%
		Fair	11%
		Poor	1%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent	14%
		Good	48%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	9%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent	16%
	commercial areas	Good	55%
		Fair	23%
		Poor	6%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent	23%
		Good	57%
		Fair	17%
		Poor	4%
	Overall feeling of safety	Excellent	49%
		Good	44%
		Fair	6%
		Poor	0%
	Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent	59%
		Good	36%
		Fair	5%
	Overall quality of pauls and versation	Poor	56%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent	36%
		Fair	6%
		Poor	2%
		FUUI	20



Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Somewhat safe	42%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	7%
		Somewhat unsafe	3%
		Very unsafe	0%
	From violent crime	Very safe	80%
		Somewhat safe	16%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	4%
		Somewhat unsafe	18
		Very unsafe	0%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe	69%
		Somewhat safe	25%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	6%
		Somewhat unsafe	0%
		Very unsafe	0%
Please rate the job you feel the Victoria community does at each of	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent	32%
the following.		Good	49%
		Fair	15%
		Poor	4%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent	18%
		Good	35%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	18%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent	29%
	2001.9.00	Good	42%
		Fair	21%
		Poor	8%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent	22%
		Good	46%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	7%
Please rate each of the following in	Overall quality of business and service	Excellent	28%

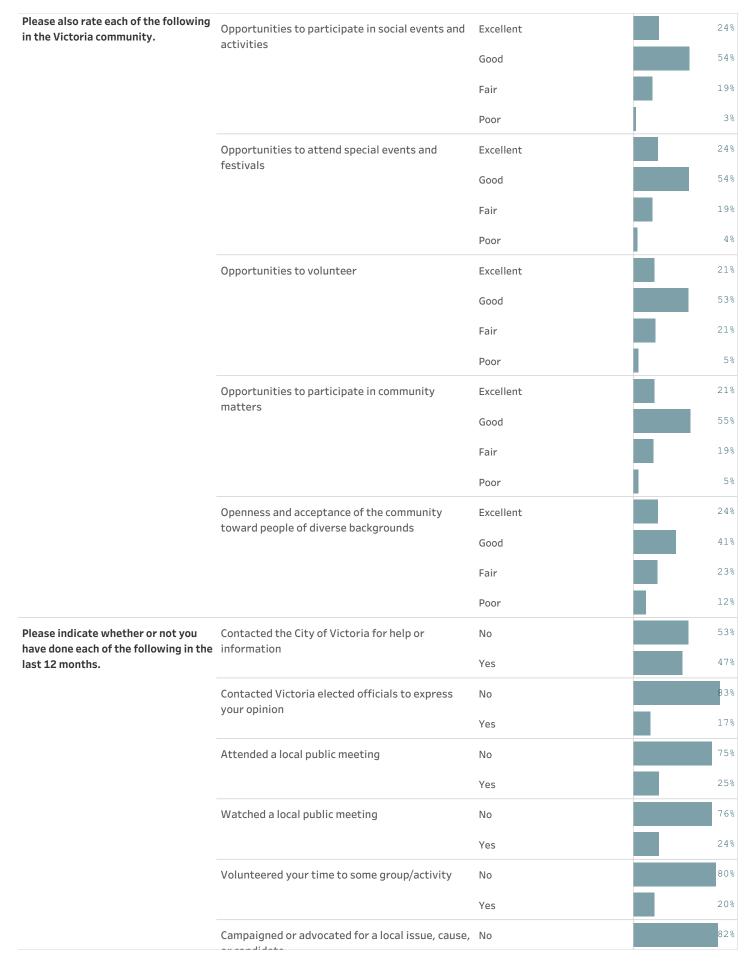
Please rate each of the following in the Victoria community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Good	51%	
		Fair	17%	
		Poor	4%	
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent	8%	
		Good	37%	
		Fair	42%	
		Poor	13%	
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent	23%	
		Good	49%	
		Fair	25%	
		Poor	4%	
	Employment opportunities	Excellent	7%	
		Good	23%	
		Fair	42%	
		Poor	28%	
	Shopping opportunities	Excellent	4%	
		Good	16%	
		Fair	50%	
		Poor	30%	
	Cost of living	Excellent	6%	
		Good	37%	
		Fair	42%	
		Poor	16%	
	Overall image or reputation	Excellent	42%	
		Good	50%	
		Fair	8%	
		Poor	1%	
Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent	14%	
and victoria community.		Good	52%	
		Fair	25%	
		Poor	9%	

Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria community.	Ease of public parking	Excellent	8%
in the victoria community.		Good	27%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	31%
	Ease of travel by car	Excellent	30%
		Good	49%
		Fair	17%
		Poor	4%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent	5%
		Good	8%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	62%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent	32%
		Good	47%
		Fair	16%
		Poor	5%
	Ease of walking	Excellent	40%
		Good	42%
		Fair	14%
		Poor	3%
	Well-planned residential growth	Excellent	17%
		Good	51%
		Fair	23%
		Poor	9%
	Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent	5%
		Good	30%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	29%
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent	21%
		Good	56%
		Fair	19%

Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria community.	Well-designed neighborhoods	Poor	3%
in the victoria community.	Preservation of the historical or cultural character	Excellent	19%
	of the community	Good	50%
		Fair	24%
		Poor	7%
	Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent	26%
		Good	56%
		Fair	14%
		Poor	4%
	Variety of housing options	Excellent	16%
		Good	48%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	10%
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent	8%
		Good	35%
		Fair	32%
		Poor	25%
	Overall quality of new development	Excellent	23%
		Good	53%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	5%
	Overall appearance	Excellent	37%
		Good	54%
		Fair	9%
		Poor	1%
	Cleanliness	Excellent	53%
		Good	42%
		Fair	5%
		Poor	0%
	Water resources	Excellent	36%
		Good	48%

Please also rate each of the following Water resources 13% Fair in the Victoria community. 3% Poor Air quality Excellent 57% 40% Good 3% Fair Poor 0 % 56% Availability of paths and walking trails Excellent Good 34% Fair 6% 3% Poor Fitness opportunities 39% Excellent 47% Good 12% Fair 2% Poor Recreational opportunities 32% Excellent 53% Good 14% Fair Poor 2% Availability of affordable quality food 12% Excellent Good 34% 32% Fair 22% Poor Availability of affordable quality health care 10% Excellent 33% Good Fair 28% 29% Poor Availability of preventive health services Excellent 11% Good 32% 29% Fair Poor 28% 7% Availability of affordable quality mental health Excellent

	Availability of affordable quality mental health	Good	32%
in the Victoria community.	care	Fair	28%
		Poor	33%
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music	Excellent	12%
	activities	Good	48%
		Fair	32%
		Poor	8%
	Community support for the arts	Excellent	17%
		Good	49%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	6%
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent	15%
	children e/ prescribor	Good	36%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	14%
	K-12 education	Excellent	35%
		Good	49%
		Fair	12%
		Poor	3%
	Adult educational opportunities	Excellent	12%
		Good	51%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	7%
	Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent	25%
		Good	55%
		Fair	17%
	N. II. B. C. II.	Poor	3%
	Neighborliness of residents	Excellent	36%
		Good	50%
		Fair	12%
		Poor	2%



Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Yes	18%
last 12 months.	Voted in your most recent local election	No	15%
		Yes	85%
	Used public transportation instead of driving	No	94%
		Yes	6%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of	No	61%
	driving alone	Yes	39%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No	29%
		Yes	71%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Victoria.	Public information services	Excellent	11%
ronowing services in victoria.		Good	65%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	4%
	Economic development	Excellent	11%
		Good	54%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	5%
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent	12%
		Good	62%
		Fair	19%
		Poor	8%
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent	12%
		Good	63%
		Fair	21%
		Poor	5%
	Street repair	Excellent	10%
		Good	64%
		Fair	23%
		Poor	3%
	Street cleaning	Excellent	22%
		Good	65%

Please rate the quality of each of the	Street cleaning	Fair	11%
following services in Victoria.		Poor	2%
	Street lighting	Excellent	20%
		Good	61%
		Fair	14%
		Poor	5%
	Snow removal	Excellent	30%
		Good	53%
		Fair	14%
		Poor	3%
	Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent	19%
		Good	58%
		Fair	18%
		Poor	5%
	Bus or transit services	Excellent	6%
		Good	15%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	51%
	Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent	13%
		Good	44%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	13%
	Code enforcement	Excellent	15%
		Good	54%
		Fair	21%
		Poor	10%
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent	16%
		Good	31%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	26%
	Garbage collection	Excellent	32%

Please rate the quality of each of the	Garbage collection	Good	55%
following services in Victoria.		Fair	11%
			2%
	Diddinguish	Poor	34%
	Drinking water	Excellent	_
		Good	49%
		Fair	13%
		Poor	4%
	Sewer services	Excellent	33%
		Good	60%
		Fair	6%
		Poor	0%
	Storm water management	Excellent	29%
		Good	59%
		Fair	10%
		Poor	2%
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent	34%
		Good	57%
		Fair	8%
		Poor	0%
	Utility billing	Excellent	26%
		Good	59%
		Fair	14%
		Poor	1%
	Police/Sheriff services	Excellent	30%
		Good	57%
		Fair	10%
		Poor	2%
	Crime prevention	Excellent	27%
		Good	56%
		Fair	13%
		Poor	4%

Please rate the quality of each of the	Animal control	Excellent	2	28%
following services in Victoria.	Annual control	Good		53%
		Fair		.3%
		Poor		6%
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		33%
	Ambulance of emergency medical services	Good		50%
				7%
		Fair		0%
		Poor		
	Fire services	Excellent		12%
		Good		55%
		Fair		3%
		Poor		0%
	Fire prevention and education	Excellent	_	35%
		Good	_	56%
		Fair		8%
		Poor		2%
	Emergency preparedness	Excellent	2	24%
		Good	5	53%
		Fair	1	.7%
		Poor		5%
	Preservation of natural areas	Excellent	2	28%
		Good	4	14%
		Fair	1	.88
		Poor		9%
	Victoria open space	Excellent	2	27%
		Good	5	51%
		Fair	1	.8%
		Poor		4%
	Recycling	Excellent	2	28%
		Good	5	56%
		Fair	1	2%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Victoria.	Recycling	Poor	5%
	Yard waste pick-up	Excellent	23%
		Good	47%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	11%
	City parks	Excellent	39%
		Good	53%
		Fair	8%
		Poor	1%
	Recreation programs or classes	Excellent	24%
		Good	54%
		Fair	19%
		Poor	2%
	Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent	25%
		Good	54%
		Fair	17%
		Poor	4%
	Health services	Excellent	14%
		Good	41%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	17%
	Public library services	Excellent	34%
		Good	52%
		Fair	12%
		Poor	1%
	Overall customer service by Victoria employees	Excellent	35%
		Good	54%
		Fair	9%
		Poor	1%
Please rate the following categories	The value of services for the taxes paid to Victoria	Excellent	12%
of Victoria government performance.		Good	48%

Please rate the following categories of Victoria government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Victoria	Fair	30%
		Poor	10%
	The overall direction that Victoria is taking	Excellent	13%
		Good	51%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	8%
	The job Victoria government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent	17%
		Good	47%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	7%
	Overall confidence in Victoria government	Excellent	12%
		Good	50%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	9%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent	15%
		Good	51%
		Fair	26%
		Poor	8%
	Being honest	Excellent	19%
		Good	52%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	9%
	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent	16%
		Good	50%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	10%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent	14%
		Good	48%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	13%
	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent	23%

Please rate the following categories of Victoria government performance.	Treating all residents fairly	Good	51%
		Fair	18%
		Poor	7%
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent	25%
		Good	55%
		Fair	17%
		Poor	3%
Overall, how would you rate the	The City of Victoria	Excellent	24%
quality of the services provided by each of the following?		Good	60%
		Fair	15%
		Poor	2%
	The Federal Government	Excellent	4%
		Good	33%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	25%
Please rate how important, if at all,	Overall economic health	Essential	44%
you think it is for the Victoria community to focus on each of the		Very important	47%
following in the coming two years.		Somewhat important	8%
		Not at all important	18
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential	23%
		Very important	44%
		Somewhat important	29%
		Not at all important	4%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential	40%
	confiniercial areas	Very important	46%
		Somewhat important	13%
		Not at all important	1%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential	48%
		Very important	42%
		Somewhat important	10%
		Not at all important	0%

Please rate how important, if at all, 60% Overall feeling of safety Essential you think it is for the Victoria community to focus on each of the 31% Very important following in the coming two years. 88 Somewhat important Not at all important 1% Overall quality of natural environment Essential 42% Very important 44% 13% Somewhat important 1% Not at all important 31% Overall quality of parks and recreation Essential opportunities 50% Very important 18% Somewhat important 0 % Not at all important 17% Overall health and wellness opportunities Essential 42% Very important 36% Somewhat important Not at all important 4% 16% Overall opportunities for education, culture, and Essential the arts Very important 39% 41% Somewhat important 4% Not at all important 16% Residents' connection and engagement with their Essential community 48% Very important Somewhat important 34% 2% Not at all important Victoria currently contracts its police services Very satisfied 66% with the Carver County Sheriff's Office, which 27% provides deputies and patrols (one deputy at a Somewhat satisfied time for 24/7 coverage) within the City and responds to police calls forservice. Please indicate Somewhat dissatisfied 4% your level of satisfaction with the overall quality 2% of services provided by the Sheriff's Office (e.g., c.. Very dissatisfied Please indicate your level of support for the City 15% Strongly support to increase property taxes to fund additional 41% police/publicsafety resources within Victoria. Somewhat support 26% Somewhat oppose

	to increase property taxes to fund additional police/publicsafety resources within Victoria.	Strongly oppose	18%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following	24-hour patrols	Essential	30%
police/public		Very important	37%
safetyinitiatives/operations are to improving the quality of life in		Somewhat important	28%
Victoria:		Not at all important	5%
	Timely response to calls for service	Essential	72%
		Very important	25%
		Somewhat important	2%
		Not at all important	0%
	Public engagement/community interaction	Essential	17%
		Very important	44%
		Somewhat important	35%
		Not at all important	5%
	Use of officer-worn body cameras	Essential	30%
		Very important	30%
		Somewhat important	30%
		Not at all important	11%
	Enhanced enforcement of City codes/laws (parking, traffic violations, code violations, etc.)	Essential	11%
	(parining) a arrive rollations, access the actions, eccely	Very important	26%
		Somewhat important	48%
		Not at all important	14%
	Officers dedicated to Victoria policing only	Essential	14%
		Very important	26%
		Somewhat important	42%
		Not at all important	18%
	Please select the ONE type of community park you MOST prefer:	Large community "destination parks" with several amenities Small parks within walking distance of neighborhoods	45%
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day	95%
		Once a day	2%
		A few times a week	2%
		Every few weeks	1%

In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Less often or never	1%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day	92%
	recess the internet from your cen phone	Once a day	3%
		A few times a week	2%
		Every few weeks	0%
		Less often or never	3%
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day	58%
		Once a day	14%
		A few times a week	10%
		Every few weeks	2%
		Less often or never	16%
	Use or check email	Several times a day	88%
		Once a day	8%
		A few times a week	2%
		Every few weeks	0%
		Less often or never	1%
	Share your opinions online	Several times a day	9%
		Once a day	1%
		A few times a week	13%
		Every few weeks	15%
		Less often or never	62%
	Shop online	Several times a day	16%
		Once a day	13%
		A few times a week	43%
		Every few weeks	23%
		Less often or never	6%
	Please rate your overall health.	Excellent	41%
		Very good	45%
		Good	12%
		Fair	1%
		Poor	0%
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What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?	Very positive	2%
	Somewhat positive	11%
	Neutral	46%
	Somewhat negative	33%
	Very negative	8%
How many years have you lived in Victoria?	Less than 2 years	20%
	2-5 years	27%
	6-10 years	22%
	11-20 years	18%
	More than 20 years	14%
	One family house detached from any other houses	81%
	Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa	19%
	Other	0%
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent	7%
	Own	93%
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage	Less than \$500	2%
	\$500 to \$999	8%
	\$1,000 to \$1,499	10%
	\$1,500 to \$1,999	15%
	\$2,000 to \$2,499	25%
	\$2,500 to \$2,999	22%
	\$3,000 to \$3,499	9%
	\$3,500 or more	9%
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No	51%
	Yes	49%
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No	79%
	Yes	21%
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current	Less than \$25,000	1%
year? (Please include in your total income money	\$25,000 to \$49,999	4%
from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	\$50,000 to \$74,999	6%
	\$75,000 to \$99,999	10%

total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money	\$100,000 to \$149,999	19%
from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	\$150,000 or more	60%
Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	99%
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	1%
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander	1%
maleace what race you consider yourself to bely	Black or African American	0%
	White	98%
	Other	18
In which category is your age?	18-24 years	1%
	25-34 years	22%
	35-44 years	21%
	45-54 years	25%
	55-64 years	13%
	65-74 years	13%
	75 years or older	6%
What is your gender?	Female	51%
	Male	49%
	Identify in another way	0%

Full trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Victoria. The combined "percent positive" responses for each survey year are presented (e.g., excellent/good or yes). If an item was not included during an administration of the survey, no percentage will be shown in the table. If the difference between the 2018 and 2022 surveys is greater than five percentage points, the change is statistically significant.

It is important to note that 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.

		2015	2018	2022
Please rate each of the following	Victoria as a place to live	95%	94%	97%
aspects of quality of life in Victoria.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	93%	95%	96%
	Victoria as a place to raise children	94%	94%	94%
	Victoria as a place to work	30%	35%	47%
	Victoria as a place to visit	61%	69%	77%
	Victoria as a place to retire	59%	60%	73%
	The overall quality of life	92%	93%	96%
	Sense of community	68%	64%	80%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to	Overall economic health	67%	70%	88%
Victoria as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system			62%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	67%	61%	71%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure			79%
	Overall feeling of safety	98%	96%	93%
	Overall quality of natural environment	92%	94%	95%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities			92%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	65%	61%	84%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	60%	64%	62%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community			72%
Please indicate how likely or	Recommend living in Victoria to someone who asks	92%	93%	96%

unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Remain in Victoria for the next five years	90% 90%	93%
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	98% 99%	98%
reer:	In Victoria's downtown/commercial area during the day	98% 99%	99%
	From property crime		90%
	From violent crime		95%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster		93%
Please rate the job you feel the Victoria community does at each	Making all residents feel welcome		81%
of the following.	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds		54%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds		71%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents		68%
Please rate each of the following in the Victoria community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	50% 58%	79%
	Variety of business and service establishments		45%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	35% 48%	71%
	Employment opportunities	15% 14%	30%
	Shopping opportunities	10% 19%	20%
	Cost of living	34% 34%	42%
	Overall image or reputation	86% 75%	91%
Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria	Traffic flow on major streets	75% 61%	65%
community.	Ease of public parking	54% 30%	35%
	Ease of travel by car	84% 72%	79%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	16% 14%	13%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	75% 76%	79%
	Ease of walking	83% 78%	83%
	Well-planned residential growth		68%
	Well-planned commercial growth		36%
	Well-designed neighborhoods		78%

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

Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community			69%
Public places where people want to spend time	72%	77%	82%
Variety of housing options	64%	62%	63%
Availability of affordable quality housing	53%	48%	43%
Overall quality of new development	59%	61%	76%
Overall appearance	91%	91%	90%
Cleanliness	97%	96%	95%
Water resources			84%
Air quality	98%	96%	97%
Availability of paths and walking trails	84%	84%	90%
Fitness opportunities	78%	78%	86%
Recreational opportunities	72%	73%	85%
Availability of affordable quality food	36%	40%	46%
Availability of affordable quality health care	32%	32%	43%
Availability of preventive health services	29%	29%	43%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	24%	27%	39%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	44%	52%	60%
Community support for the arts			66%
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	61%	63%	51%
K-12 education	888	88%	84%
Adult educational opportunities	48%	53%	63%
Sense of civic/community pride			80%
Neighborliness of residents	72%	80%	86%
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	62%	67%	79%
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	75%	78%	78%
Opportunities to volunteer	58%	62%	74%

Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria	Opportunities to participate in community matters	62%	62%	76%
community.	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diver	55%	62%	65%
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in	Contacted the City of Victoria for help or information	48%	42%	47%
the last 12 months.	Contacted Victoria elected officials to express your opinion	16%	20%	17%
	Attended a local public meeting	21%	31%	25%
	Watched a local public meeting	13%	23%	25%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	29%	26%	20%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	20%	19%	19%
	Voted in your most recent local election			85%
	Used public transportation instead of driving	3%	6%	6%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	36%	32%	39%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	61%	66%	71%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Victoria.	Public information services	61%	66%	76%
the following services in victoria.	Economic development	48%	50%	64%
	Traffic enforcement	78%	77%	74%
	Traffic signal timing	71%	68%	74%
	Street repair	57%	62%	74%
	Street cleaning	71%	72%	87%
	Street lighting	63%	68%	81%
	Snow removal	65%	77%	83%
	Sidewalk maintenance	72%	71%	77%
	Bus or transit services	22%	26%	22%
	Land use, planning and zoning	52%	46%	58%
	Code enforcement	67%	58%	69%
	Affordable high-speed internet access			48%
	Garbage collection	87%	76%	86%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Victoria.	Drinking water	78%	81%	83%
	Sewer services	88%	88%	93%
	Storm water management	81%	79%	88%
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	71%	85%	91%
	Utility billing	77%	80%	85%
	Police/Sheriff services	91%	90%	88%
	Crime prevention	89%	90%	83%
	Animal control	75%	69%	81%
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	94%	97%	93%
	Fire services	97%	98%	97%
	Fire prevention and education	87%	90%	90%
	Emergency preparedness	62%	63%	78%
	Preservation of natural areas	68%	69%	73%
	Victoria open space	71%	71%	78%
	Recycling	888	76%	83%
	Yard waste pick-up	71%	68%	70%
	City parks	85%	90%	91%
	Recreation programs or classes	68%	74%	79%
	Recreation centers or facilities	78%	76%	79%
	Health services	40%	45%	55%
	Public library services	71%	89%	86%
	Overall customer service by Victoria employees	85%	85%	90%
Please rate the following categories of Victoria government	The value of services for the taxes paid to Victoria	49%	46%	60%
performance.	The overall direction that Victoria is taking	64%	44%	64%
	The job Victoria government does at welcoming resident involveme	61%	43%	64%
	Overall confidence in Victoria government	58%	26%	62%

Please rate the following categories of Victoria government	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	63%	31%	66%
performance.	Being honest	66%	28%	71%
	Being open and transparent to the public			66%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community			62%
	Treating all residents fairly	68%	40%	75%
	Treating residents with respect			80%
Overall, how would you rate the	The City of Victoria	81%	73%	83%
quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The Federal Government	34%	46%	36%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Victoria	Overall economic health	87%	88%	91%
	Overall quality of the transportation system			67%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	78%	84%	86%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure			90%
	Overall feeling of safety	82%	83%	91%
	Overall quality of natural environment	81%	85%	86%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities			82%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	55%	52%	60%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	58%	53%	54%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	78%	79%	64%
In general, how many times do	Access the internet from your home			98%
you:	Access the internet from your cell phone			97%
	Visit social media sites			82%
	Use or check email			99%
	Share your opinions online			23%
	Shop online			71%
	Please rate your overall health.	78%	78%	87%
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa	37%	47%	13%

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.

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

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

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

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

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

·	Very <u>safe</u>	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very <u>unsafe</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
In your neighborhood during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Victoria's downtown/commercial area						
during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
From property crime		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 Victoria community does at each of the following.

	Excellent	<u>600u</u>	<u>raii</u>	<u> </u>	Don t Know
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 Victoria community.

Exce	<u>ellent</u> <u>Go</u>	<u>od</u> <u>Fai</u>	<u>r Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Victoria	1 2	2 3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Victoria	1 2	2 3	4	5
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	1 2	2 3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1 2	2 3	4	5
Shopping opportunities		2 3	4	5 .
Cost of living in Victoria	1 2	2 3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Victoria	1 2	2 3	4	5



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7.	Please also rate each of the following in the Victoria community.	Excellent	Cood	Fair	Door	Don't know
	Traffic flow on major streets	·	<u>Good</u> 2	<u>Fair</u> 3	<u> 1001</u> 4	<u>Don t know</u>
	Ease of public parking		2	3	4	5
	Ease of travel by car in Victoria		2	3	4	5
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Victoria		2	3	4	5
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Victoria		2	3	4	5
	Ease of walking in Victoria		2	3	4	5
	Well-planned residential growth		2	3	4	5
	Well-planned commercial growth		2	3	4	5
	Well-designed neighborhoods		2	3	4	5
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community		2	3	4	5
	Public places where people want to spend time		2	3	4	5
	Variety of housing options		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality housing		2	3	4	5
	Overall quality of new development in Victoria		2	3	4	5
	Overall appearance of Victoria		2	3	4	5 5
	Cleanliness of Victoria		2	3	4	5
	Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)		2	3		
			2		4	5 5
	Air quality		2	3	4	
	Availability of paths and walking trails			3	4	5
	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, e		2	3	4	5
	Recreational opportunities		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality food		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality health care		2	3	4	5
	Availability of preventive health services		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care		2	3	4	5
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities		2	3	4	5
	Community support for the arts		2	3	4	5
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool		2	3	4	5
	K-12 education		2	3	4	5
	Adult educational opportunities		2	3	4	5
	Sense of civic/community pride		2	3	4	5
	Neighborliness of residents in Victoria	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		2	3	4	5
	Opportunities to volunteer		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	ng in the la	st 12 ma	onths.		
0.	Theuse managed whether of her you have usine each of the follows.			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	No	<u>Yes</u>
	Contacted the City of Victoria (in-person, phone, email, or web) for he	lp or inform	ation			2
	Contacted Victoria elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) t	•				2
	Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Court					
	Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood w				1	2
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting					2
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Victoria					2
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate					2
	Voted in your most recent local election					2
	Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving					2
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone					2
	Walked or hiked instead of driving				1	2

Walked or biked instead of driving......1

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

	<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
Snow removal	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		2	3	4	5
Drinking water	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services		2	3	4	5
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing		2	3	4	5
Police/Sheriff 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 greenbe	lts) 1	2	3	4	5
Victoria 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		2	3	4	5
Health services	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services		2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Victoria employees					
(police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

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

	Excellent	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	Don't know
The value of services for the taxes paid to Victoria	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Victoria is taking	1	2	3	4	5
The job Victoria government does at welcoming resident					
involvement	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Victoria government		2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest		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



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11.	. Overali,	, how would	l vou rate t	he quality	of the serv	ıces provi	ded by	each of	the follo	wing!

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The City of Victoria	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 Victoria community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important
Overall economic health of Victoria1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus)			
in Victoria1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Victoria's residential and commercial			
areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Victoria			
(water, sewer, storm water, electric, gas)1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Victoria1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Victoria1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Victoria1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts1	2	3	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community1	2	3	4

13 .	Victoria currently contracts its police services with the Carver County Sheriff's Office, which provides
	deputies and patrols (one deputy at a time for 24/7 coverage) within the City and responds to police calls for
	service. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the overall quality of services provided by the Sheriff's
	Office (e.g., current level of patrols, response, and interaction provided by sheriff deputies)?

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14. Please indicate your level of support for the City to increase property taxes to fund additional police/public safety resources within Victoria.

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15. Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following police/public safety initiatives/operations are to improving the quality of life in Victoria:

		Very	Somewhat	Not at all
	<u>Essential</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>
24-hour patrols	1	2	3	4
Timely response to calls for service		2	3	4
Public engagement/community interaction	1	2	3	4
Use of officer-worn body cameras	1	2	3	4
Enhanced enforcement of City codes/laws (parking, traffic				
violations, code violations, etc.)	1	2	3	4
Officers dedicated to Victoria policing only	1	2	3	4

16. Please select the ONE type of community park you MOST prefer:

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\mathbf{u}	r Large Community	- desunation	Darks with	Several	amenine

17. How would you address the biggest challenge or issue facing Victoria?

O Don't know

O Small neighborhood parks within walking distance of neighborhoods

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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	dο	von:
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g , , y ,	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 you	r overall health.

• Excellent	O Very good	O Good	O Fair	O Poor	

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

Do you think the impact will be.					
	O Very positive	Somewhat positive	O Neutral	Somewhat negative	O Very negative

D4.	How many years	have you	lived in	ı Victoria?
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- O Less than 2 years
- **Q** 2-5 years
- **O** 6-10 years
- **O** 11-20 years
- O More than 20 years

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

- One family house detached from any other houses
- O Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment, or condominium)
- O Mobile home
- O Other

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

- O 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)?

- O Less than \$500
- **O** \$2,000 to \$2,499
- **>** \$500 to \$999
- **2** \$2,500 to \$2,999
- **O** \$1,000 to \$1,499
- **O** \$3,000 to \$3,499
- **O** \$1,500 to \$1,999
- **3**,500 or more

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

- O No
- O Yes

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

- O No
- O 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.)

- O Less than \$25,000 \$75,00
 - **O** \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999\$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999 ○ \$150,000 or more

D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- O 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, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other

D13. In which category is your age?

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

D14. What is your gender?

- **O** Female
- O Male
- O Identify in another way

Thank you! Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to: National Research Center, Inc., PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502