

Ramsey, MN

The National Community Survey

Report of Results
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About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Ramsey. 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



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The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 471 residents of the City of Ramsey collected from April 12, 2024 to May 31, 2024. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 5% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2024 survey was 16%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Ramsey.



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 500 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, Ramsey’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 Ramsey residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Ramsey’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 Ramsey’s average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

Trends over time

Trend data for Ramsey 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 2020 and 2022 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 Ramsey were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Ramsey was purchased from Polco's mailing vendor, Go-Dog Direct, based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Ramsey 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 Ramsey 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 nine precincts. 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 randomly selected using the "birthday method". The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person who most recently had a birthday" 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 3,000 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on April 12, 2024 and data collection for the survey remained open for seven weeks. 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. 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. 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 2% of the 3,000 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 2,944 households that received the invitations to participate, 471 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 16%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.²

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 Ramsey survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (471 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 Ramsey. 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 Ramsey 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 May 3, 2024. The survey remained open for three 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 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Ramsey. 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 and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.³ 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 ⁴
Age	18-34	9%	29%	29%
	35-54	25%	37%	37%
	55+	66%	35%	35%
Area	W1-P1	14%	13%	13%
	W1-P2	10%	8%	8%
	W2-P1	12%	9%	9%
	W2-P2	17%	13%	13%
	W3-P1	14%	21%	21%
	W3-P2	6%	5%	5%
	W3-P3	6%	7%	7%

W4-P1	13%	15%	15%
W4-P2	8%	11%	11%

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

The City of Ramsey funded this research. Please contact Brian Hagen of the City of Ramsey at BHagen@ci.ramsey.mn.us if you have any questions about the survey.

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. **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 those who did respond. **Coverage error** refers to the possibility that some respondents that should have been included in the surveyed population were not (e.g., for a general resident survey, USPS mailing lists may exclude certain types of housing units, such as multi-family buildings where mail is delivered to a common area rather than to a specific unit (though this is rare), or where mail is received at a PO box instead of the at household's physical location. Finally, **recall bias** occurs when respondents may not perfectly remember their experiences in the past year (such as participation in social or civic events), and **social desirability bias** may cause respondents to answer in ways they think cast their responses in a more favorable light.

Survey Validity

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

2. See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at <https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/>
3. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>
4. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey

Key Findings

Strengths of the Community:

- Residents continued to value their strong sense of safety in Ramsey, with the City maintaining steady ratings that met national benchmarks.
- The availability of affordable quality housing in Ramsey was ranked higher than the national average.
- All survey items related to residents' quality of life were on par with benchmark scores and remained similar to those received in the 2020 survey.
- Statistically significant increases from the 2020 survey were seen in evaluations of Ramsey as a place to work (9% increase) and the community taking care of vulnerable residents (7% increase).

Potential Areas of Challenge:

- While many economy-related scores met national benchmarks, some fell below the benchmark, including:
 - o Ramsey as a place to visit
 - o Overall quality of business and service establishments
 - o Variety of businesses and service establishments
 - o Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area
 - o Shopping opportunities
- The city earned marks similar to comparison communities for questions related to the natural environment, though modest declines in ratings did occur for Ramsey's cleanliness, water resources, air quality, and yard waste pick-up services.
- Scores within the facet of mobility indicated a few potential areas of focus for the City:
 - o Street repair and bus/transit services both garnered reviews below the national benchmark.
 - o Notable declines were seen in ratings for bus or transit services (23% decline), the overall quality of the transportation system (16% decline), and the ease of travel by public transportation (20% decline).

Other Notable Results:

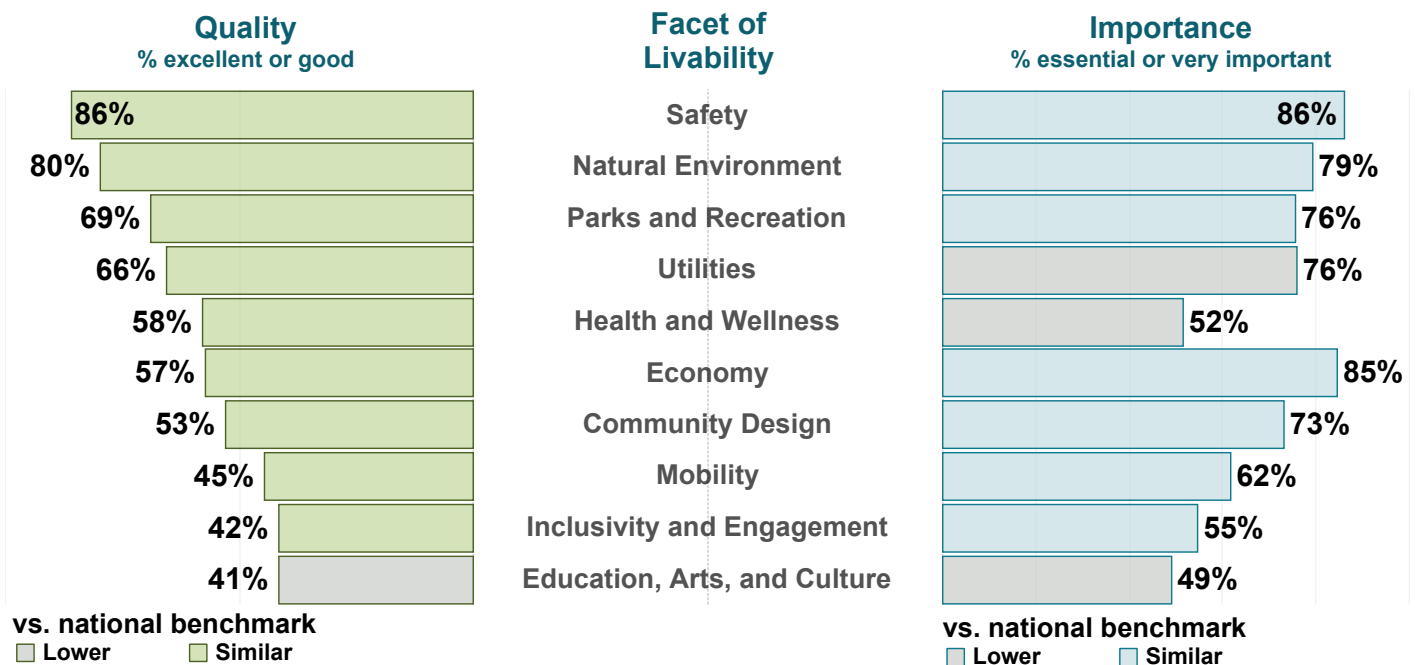
- When asked to assess the importance of potential priorities for Ramsey over the next five years, most residents identified quality public safety services and financial stability as top priorities for the City, with more than half of respondents naming each as essential. All other options garnered majority support, but creating a connected community gained the largest percentage of respondents stating that it was not important at all (8%).
- About 8 in 10 survey participants identified the City's newsletter, the *Ramsey Resident*, as a top source for information about the Ramsey government and its activities, while roughly half said the same for City social media and the City's website.

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.

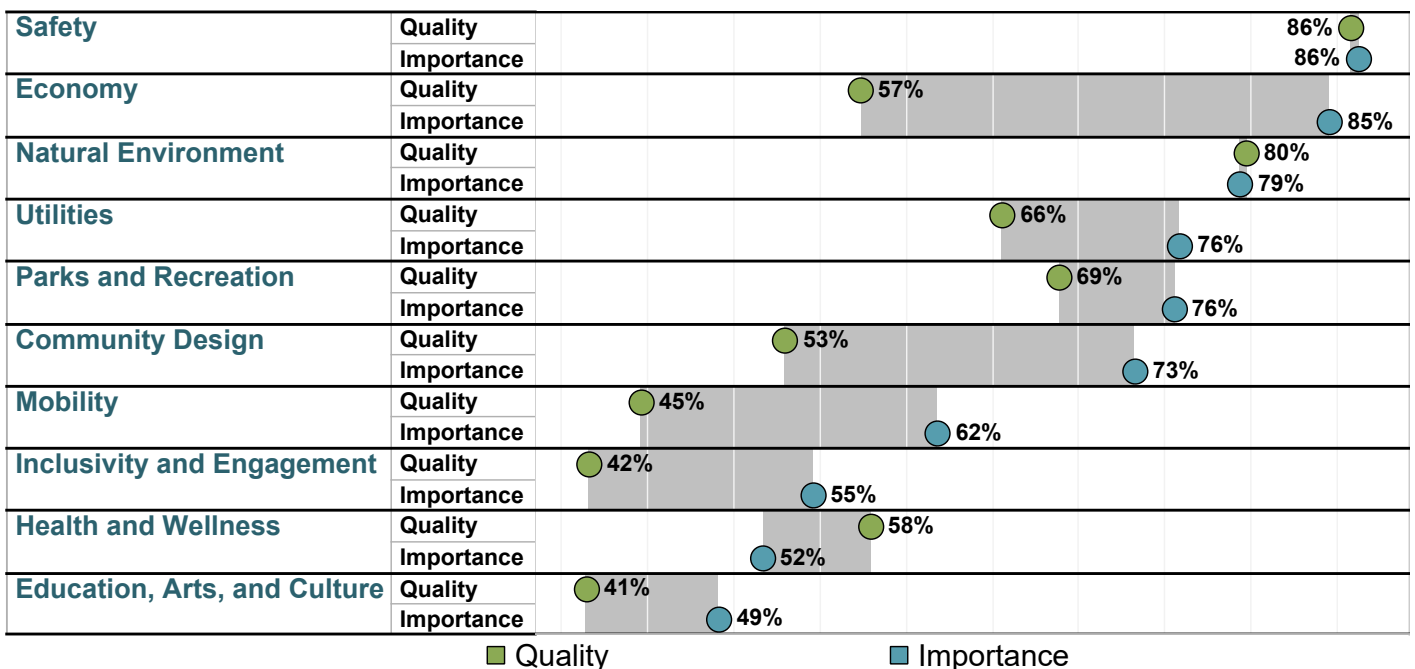
Quality and Importance by the Numbers

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).



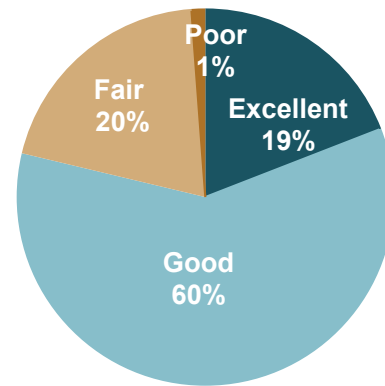
Quality/Importance Gap Analysis

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.

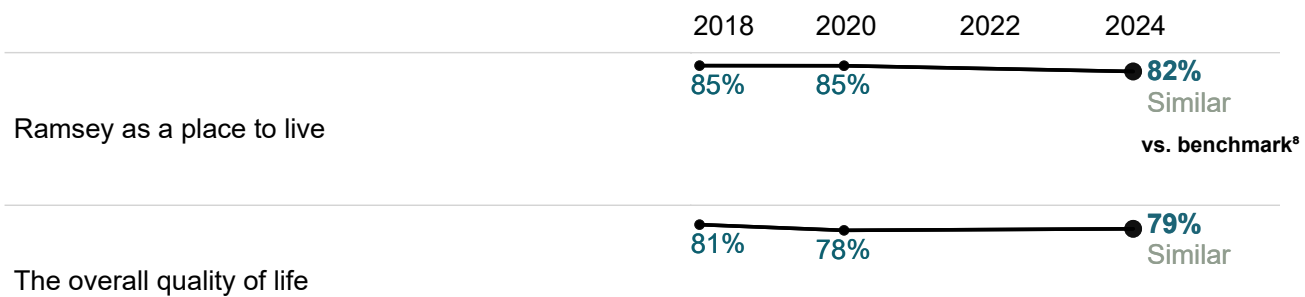


Quality of Life

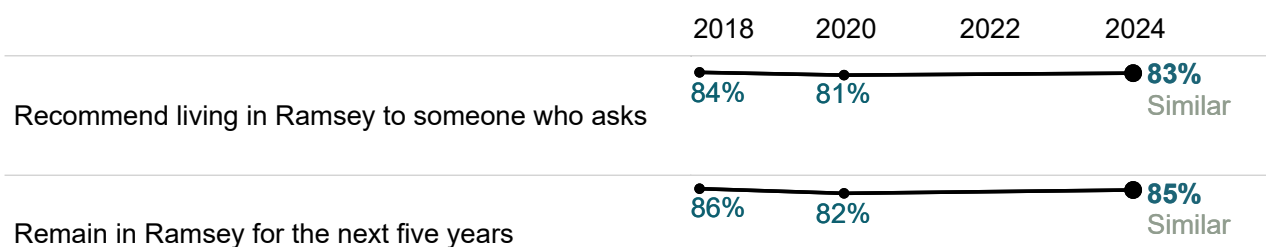
Measuring community livability starts with assessing the quality of life of those who live there, and ensuring that the community is attractive, accessible, and welcoming to all.



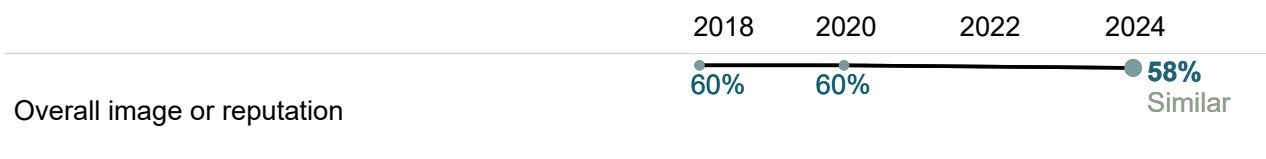
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.
(% excellent or good)



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 Ramsey community.
(% excellent or good)

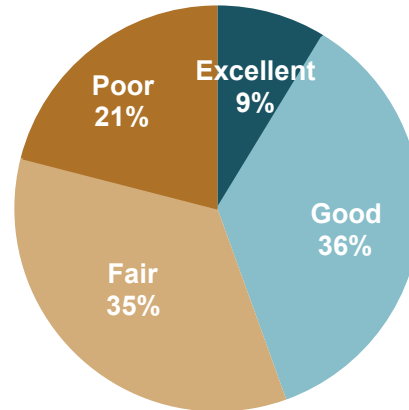


⁸. Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

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.

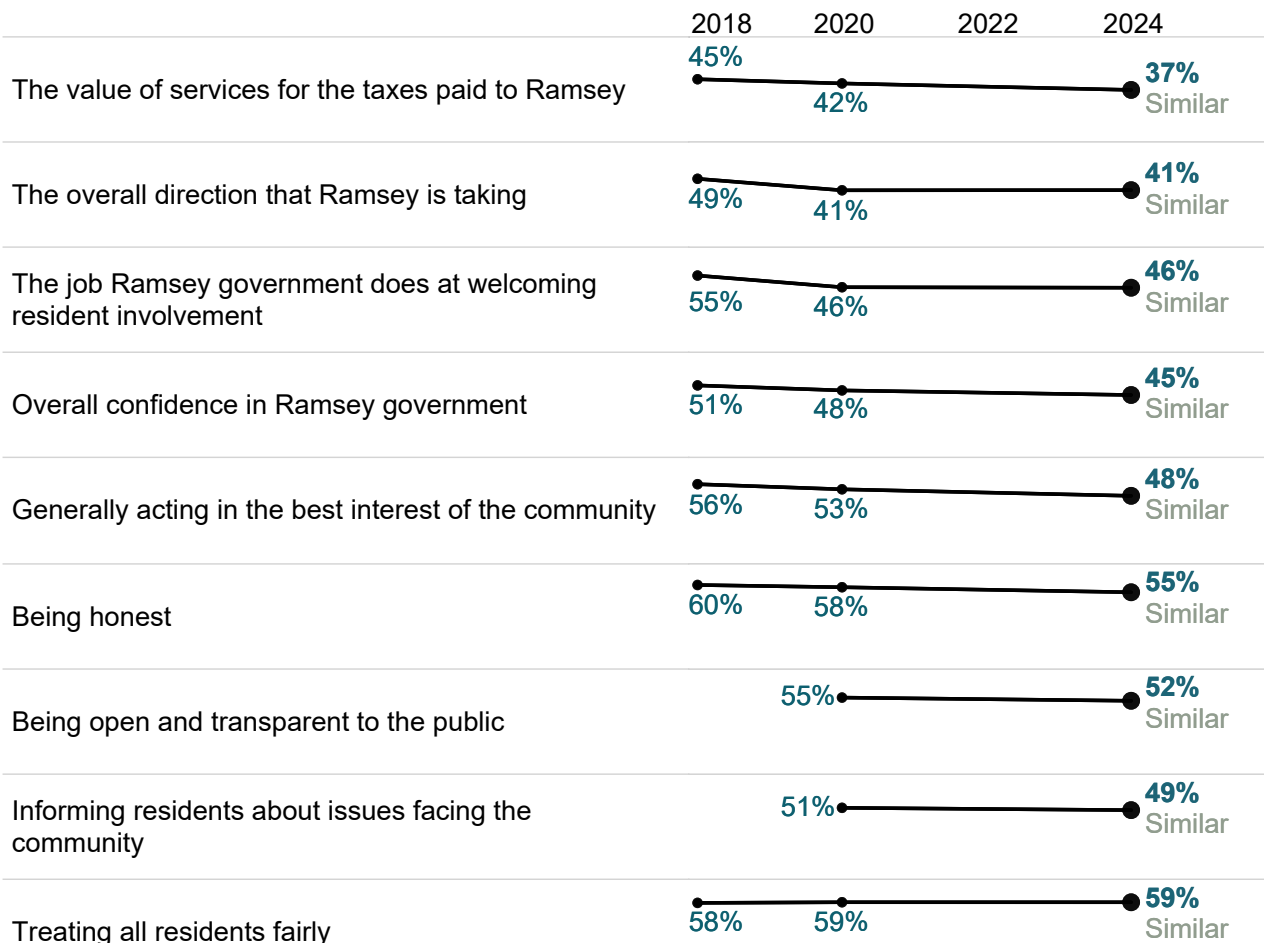
Overall confidence in Ramsey government, 2024



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(% excellent or good)

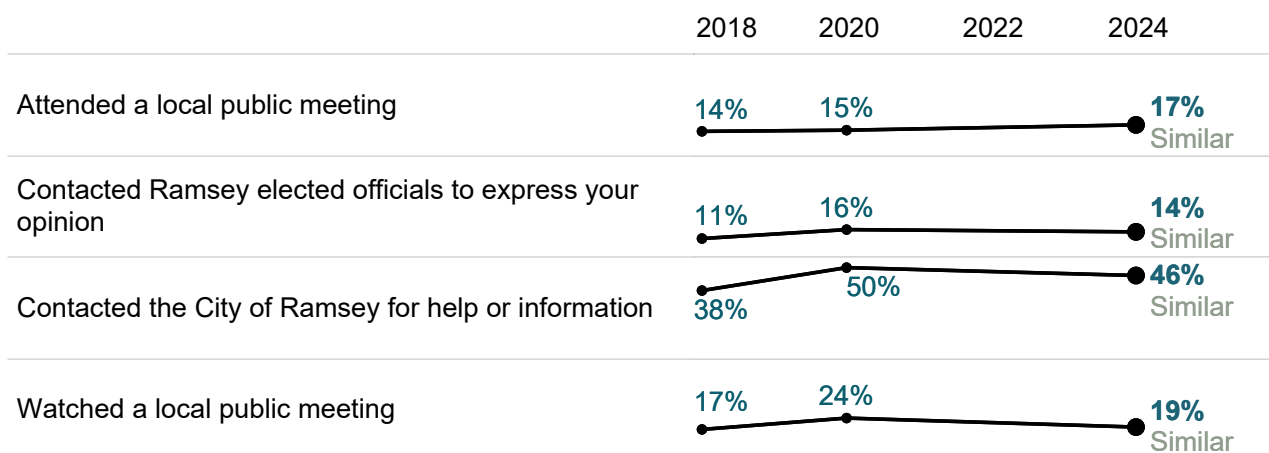


Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.
(% excellent or good)





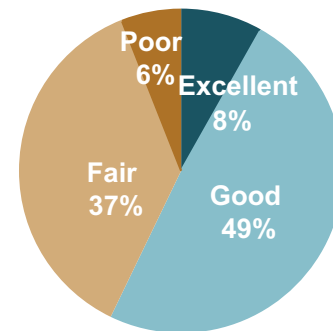
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
 (% excellent or good)



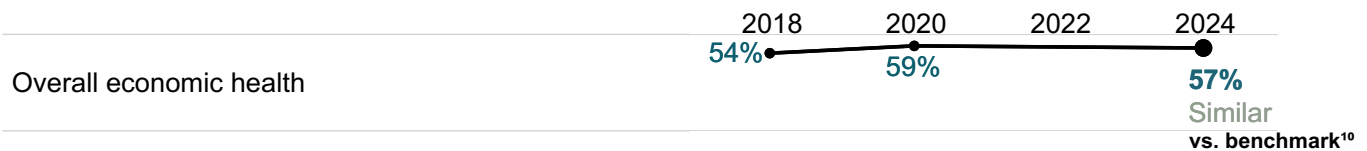
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Local governments work together with private and nonprofit businesses, and with the community at large, to foster sustainable growth, create jobs, and promote a thriving local economy.

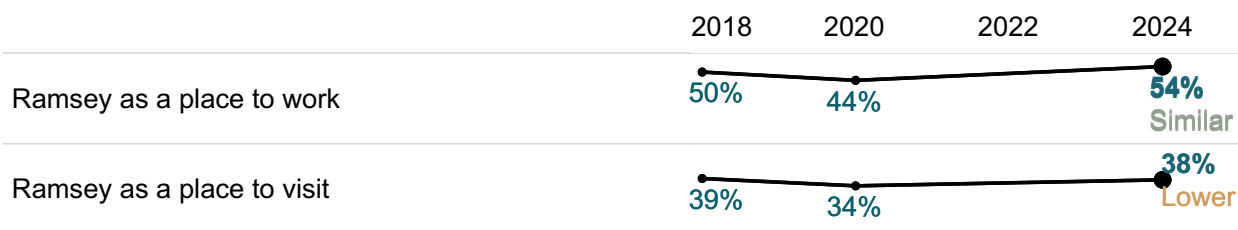
Overall economic health of Ramsey, 2024



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(% excellent or good)



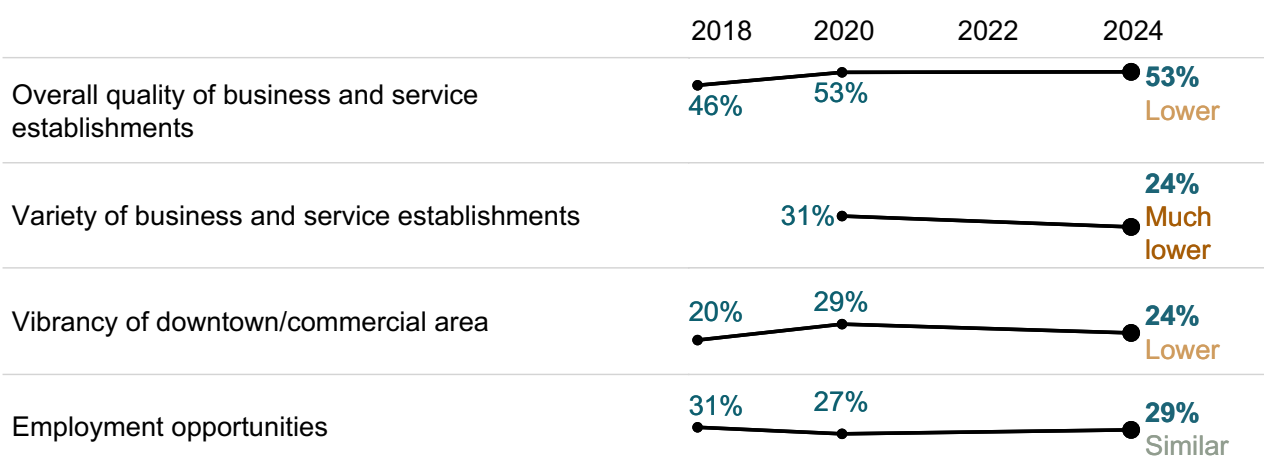
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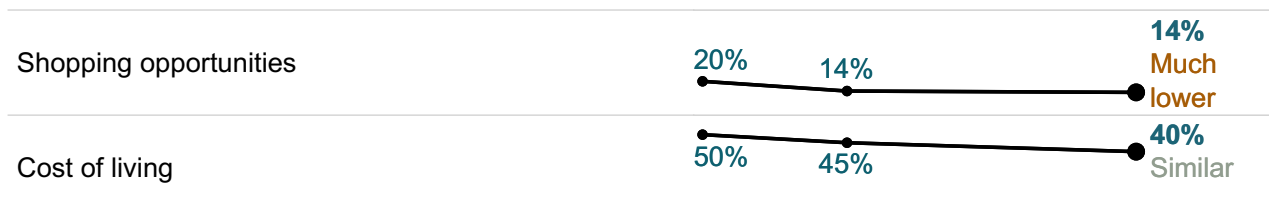


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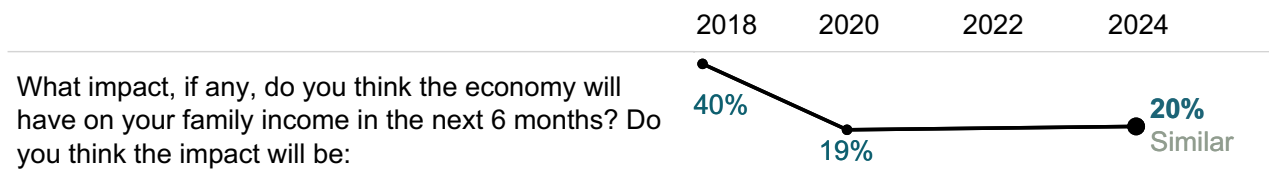


Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.
(% excellent or good)





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 Ramsey, 2024

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.



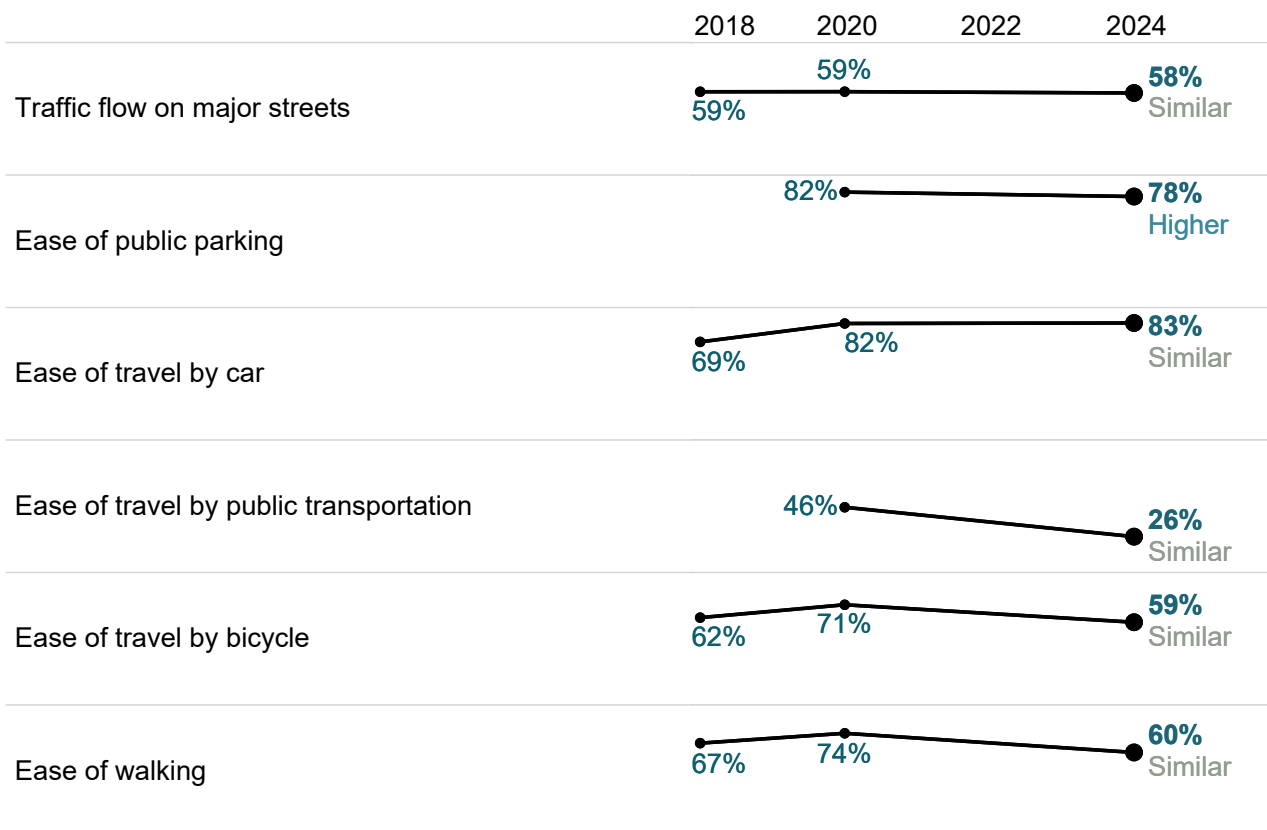
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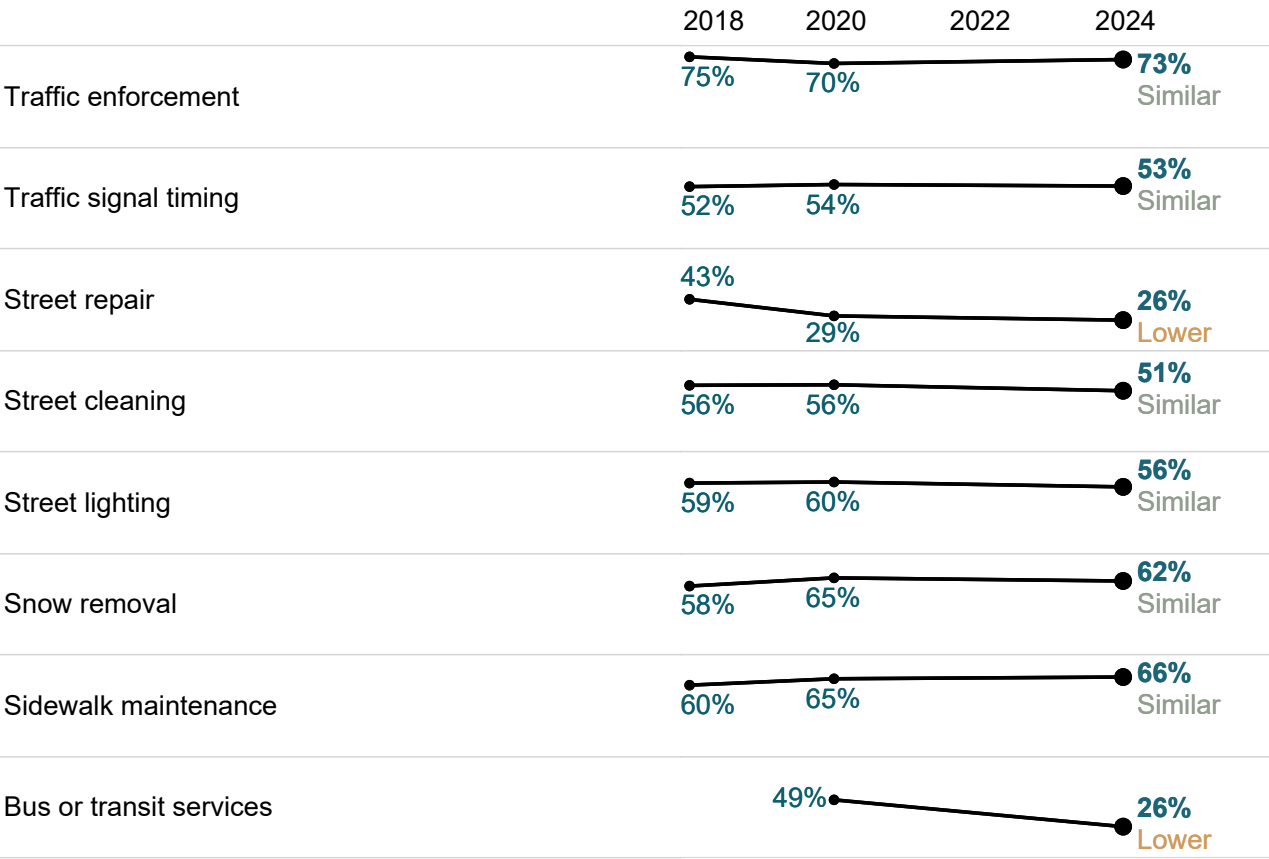


Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.

(% excellent or good)



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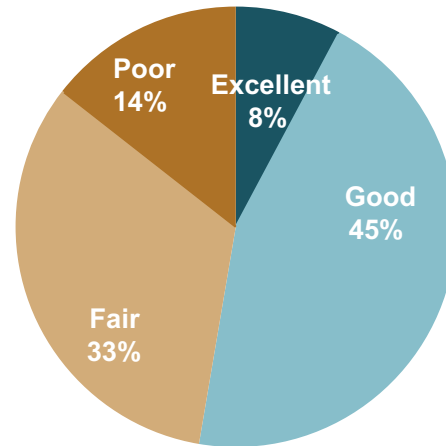


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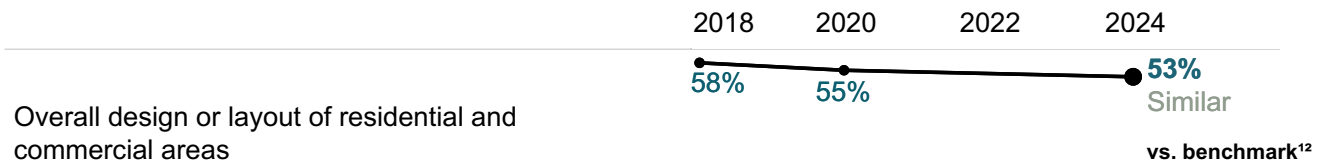
Overall design or layout of Ramsey's residential and commercial areas, 2024

Community Design

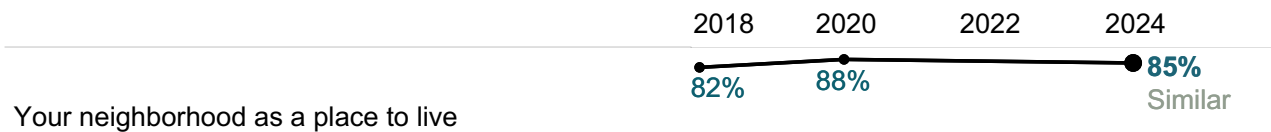
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and providing access to parks and other green spaces.



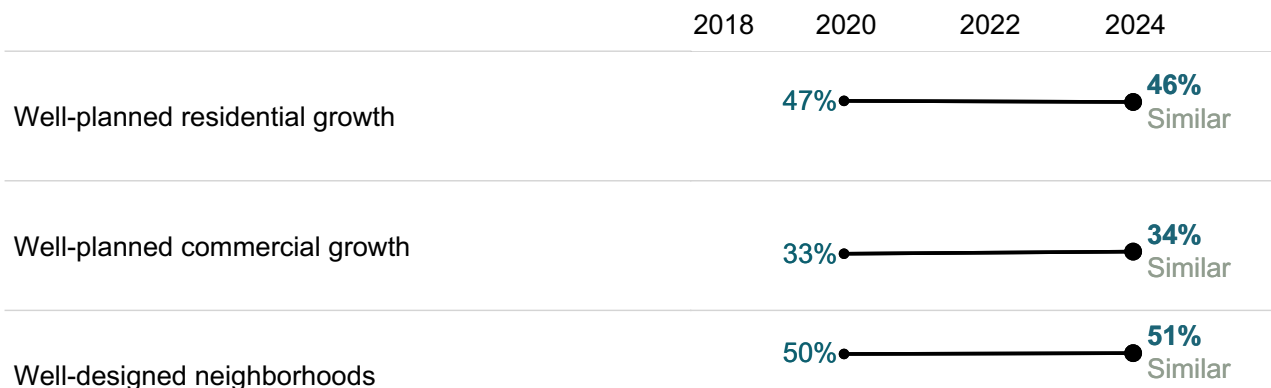
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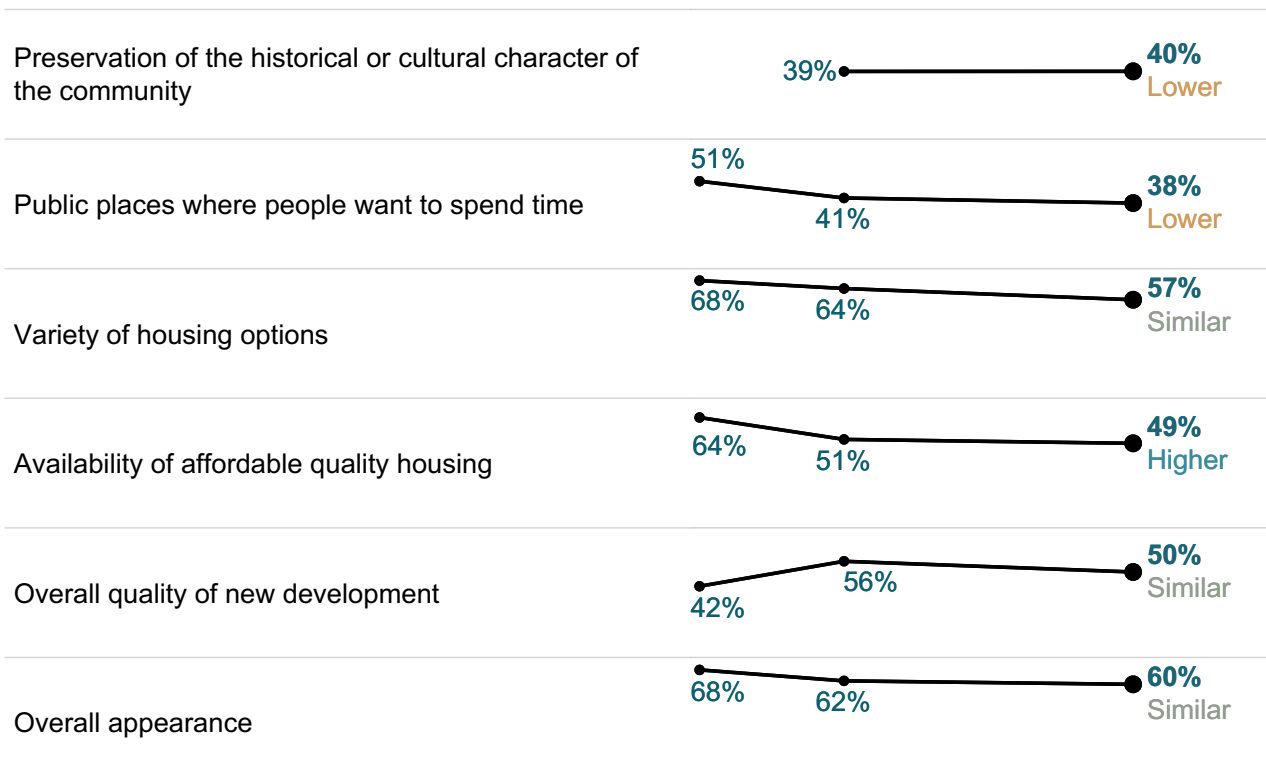


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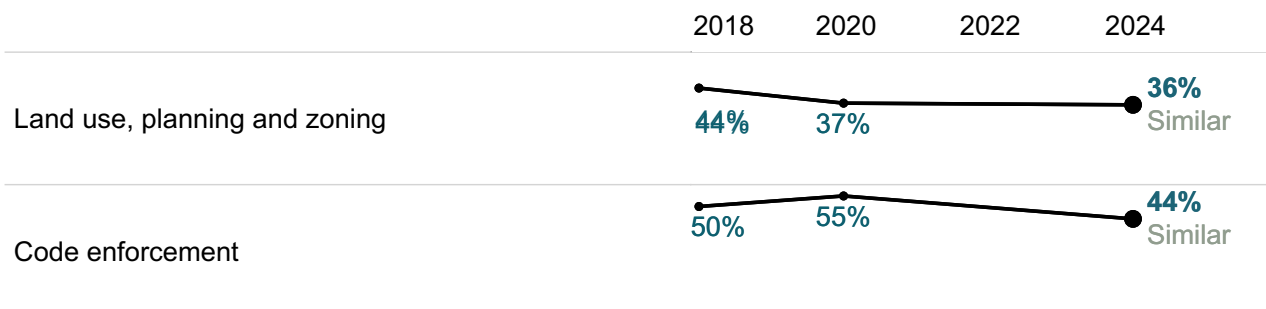


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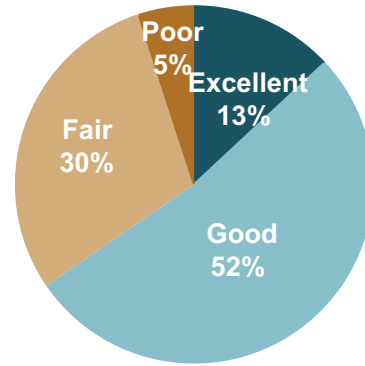


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Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey, 2024

Utilities

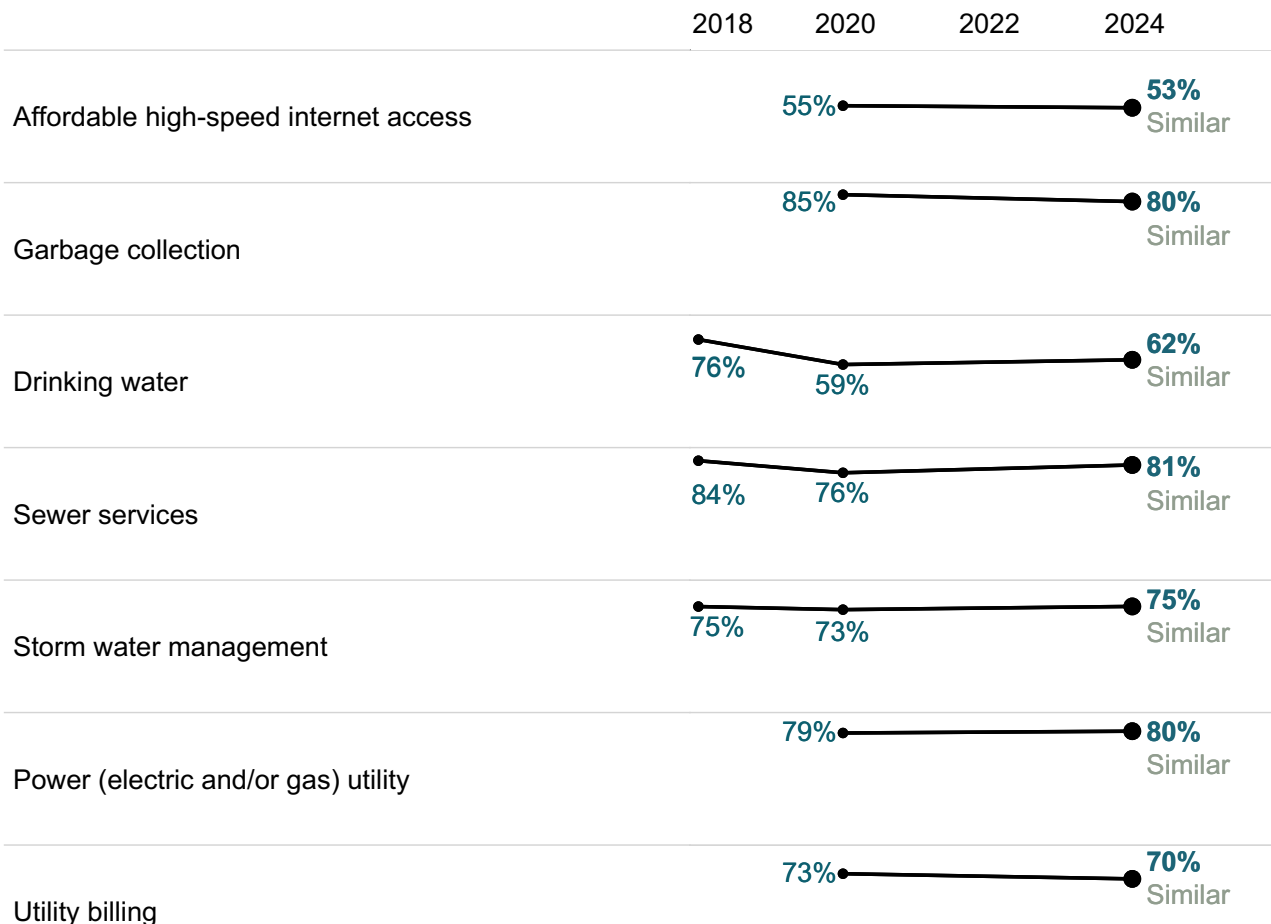
Services such as water, gas, electricity, and internet access play a vital role in ensuring the physical and economic health and well-being of the communities they serve.



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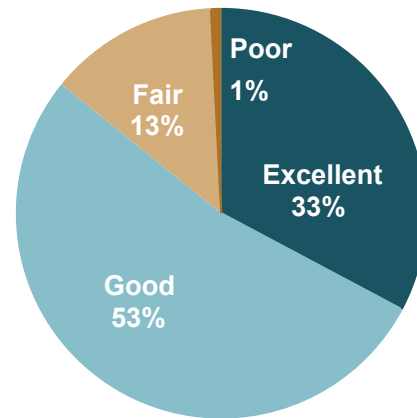


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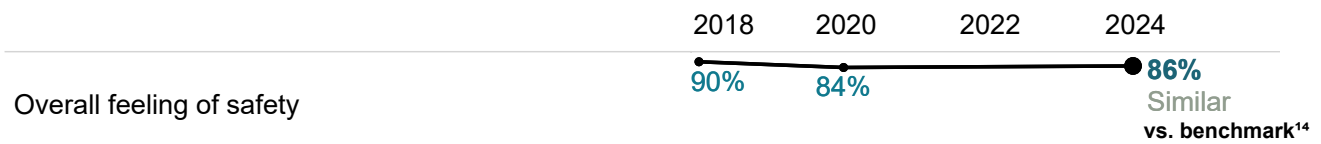
Overall feeling of safety in Ramsey, 2024

Safety

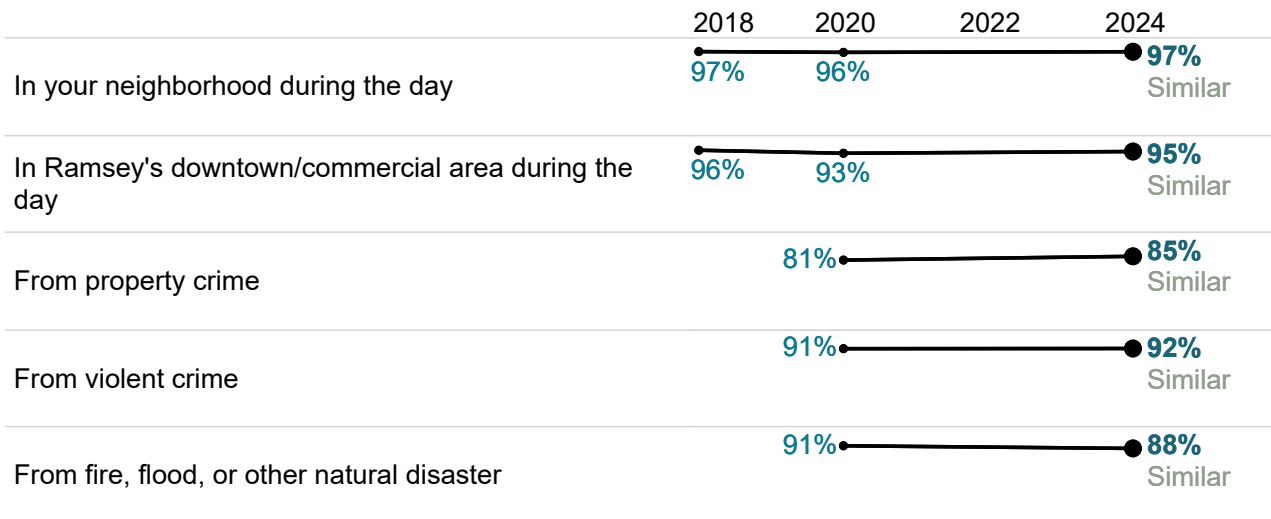
Public safety is often the most important task facing local governments. All residents should feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and in the greater community, and providing robust safety-related services is essential to residents' quality of life.



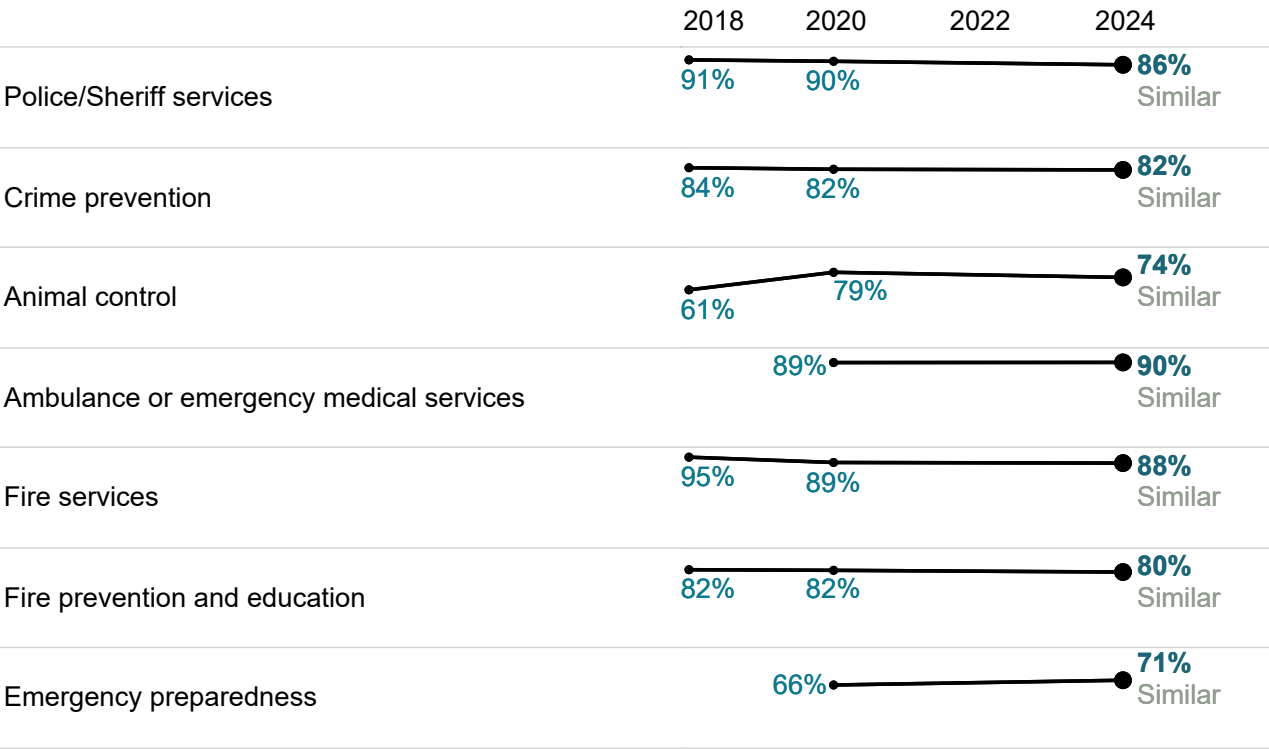
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(% very or somewhat safe)



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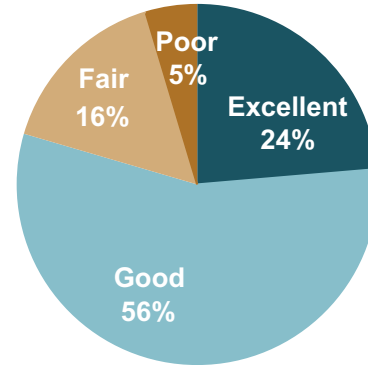


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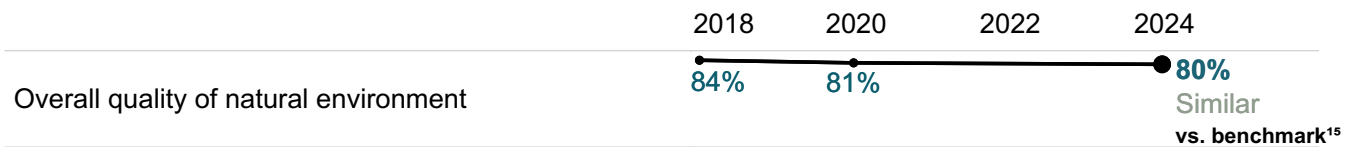
Natural Environment

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.

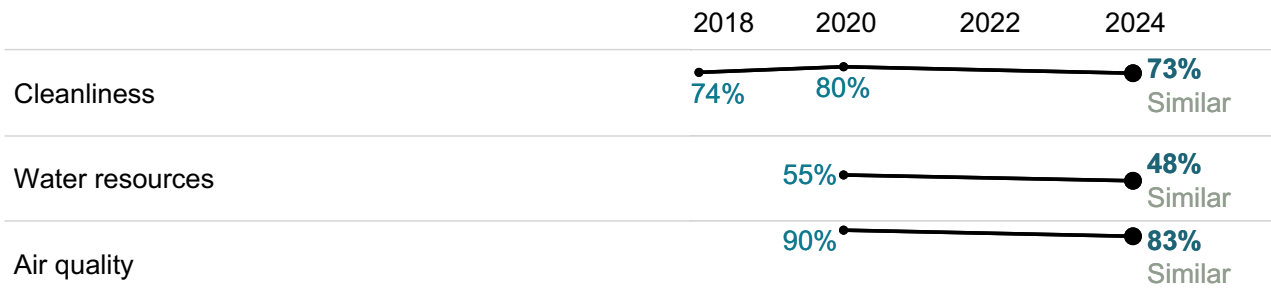
Overall quality of natural environment in Ramsey, 2024



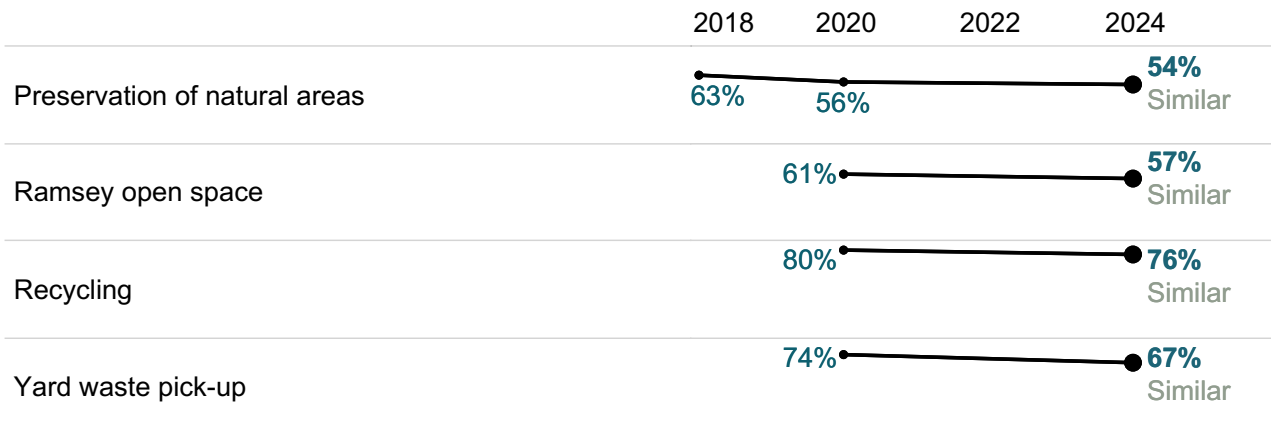
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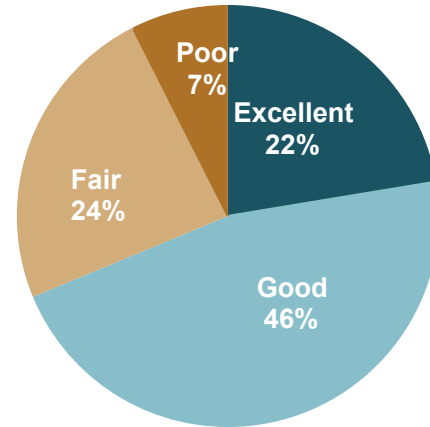
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Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2024

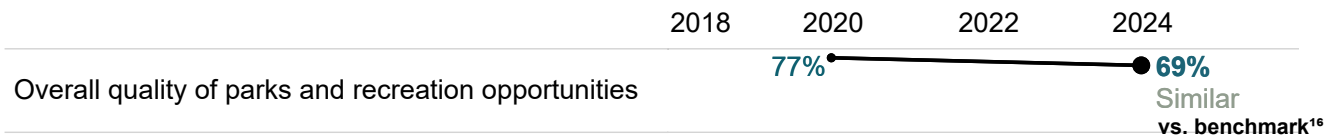
Parks and Recreation

"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."

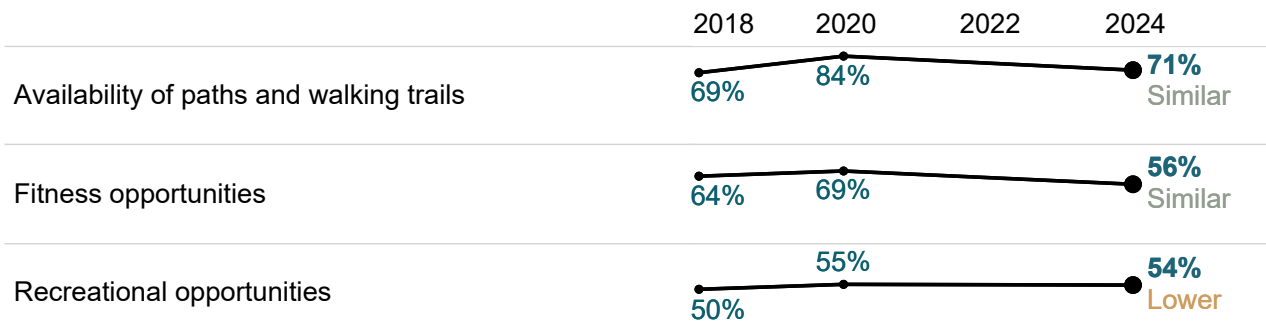
- National Recreation and Park Association



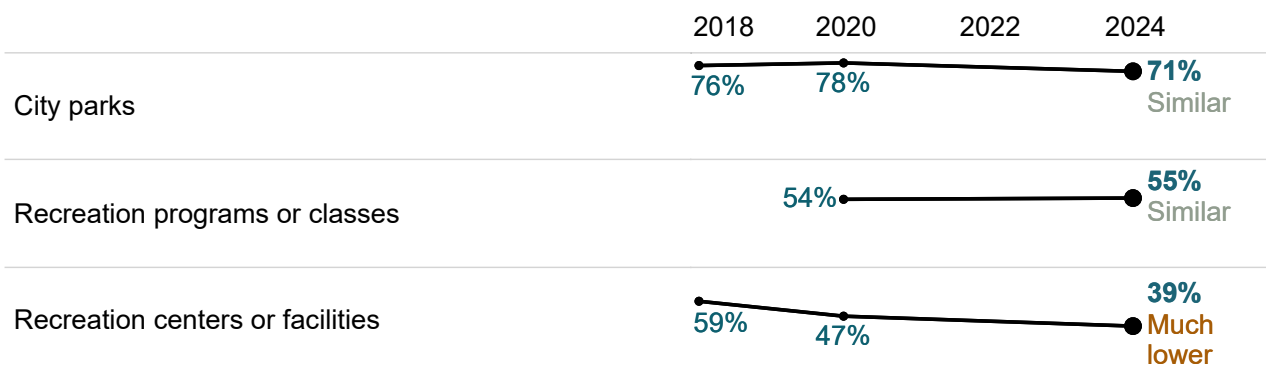
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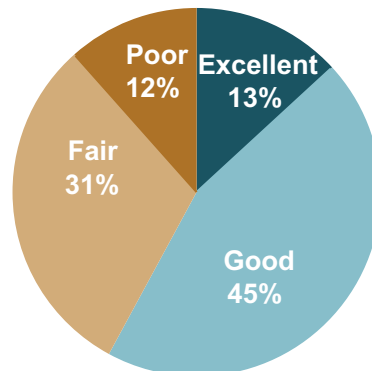
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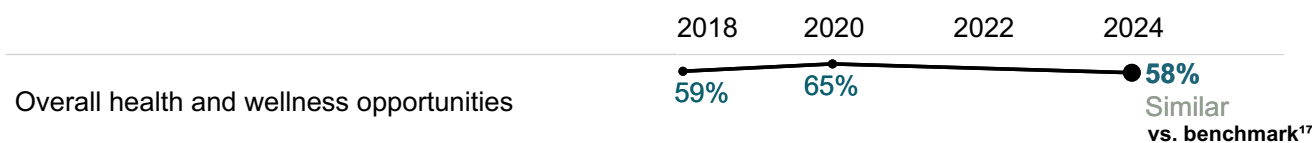
Health and Wellness

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.

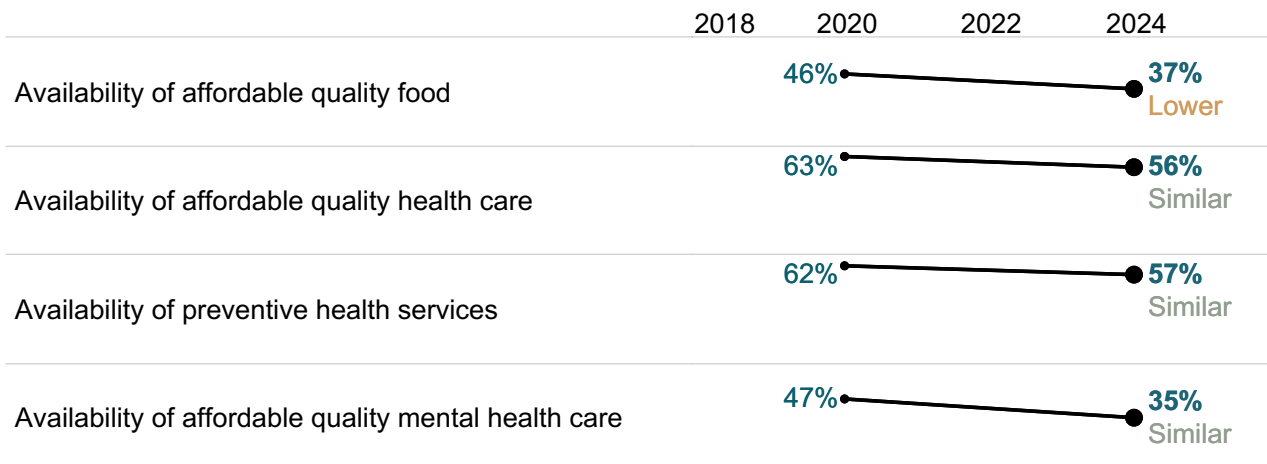
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Ramsey, 2024



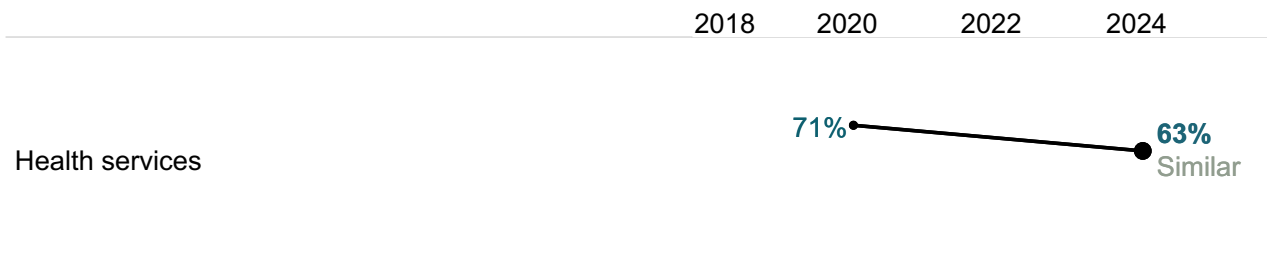
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.
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Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.
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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.
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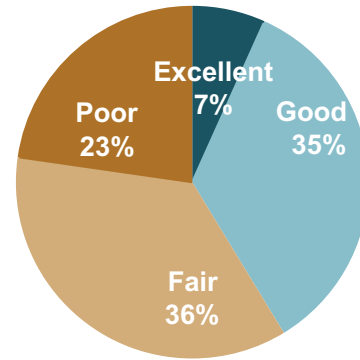
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Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2024

Education, Arts, and Culture

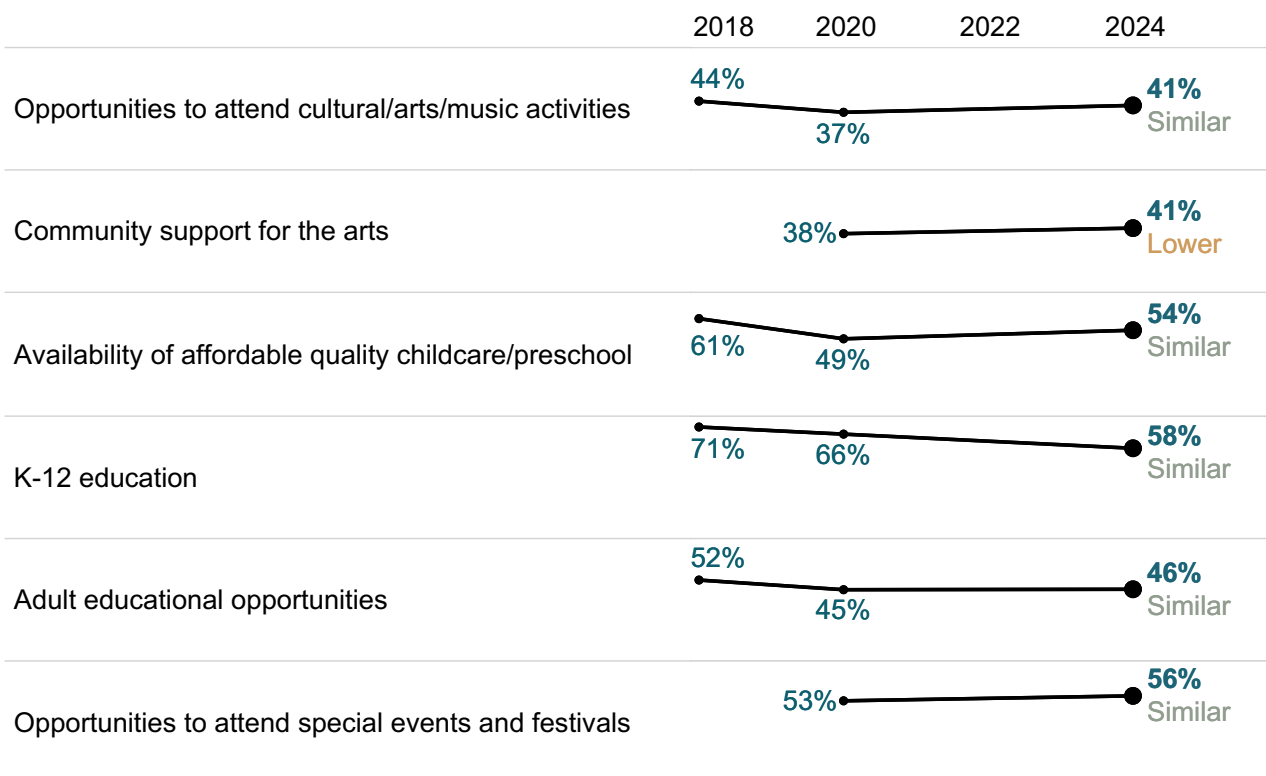
Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.
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Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.
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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.
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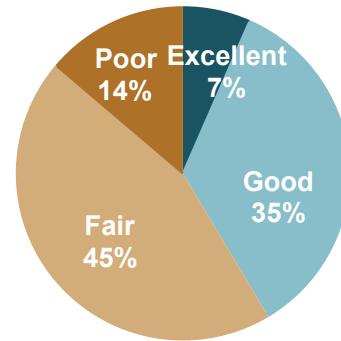


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Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2024

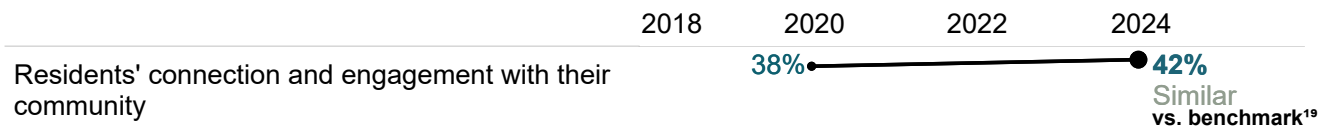
Inclusivity and Engagement

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.



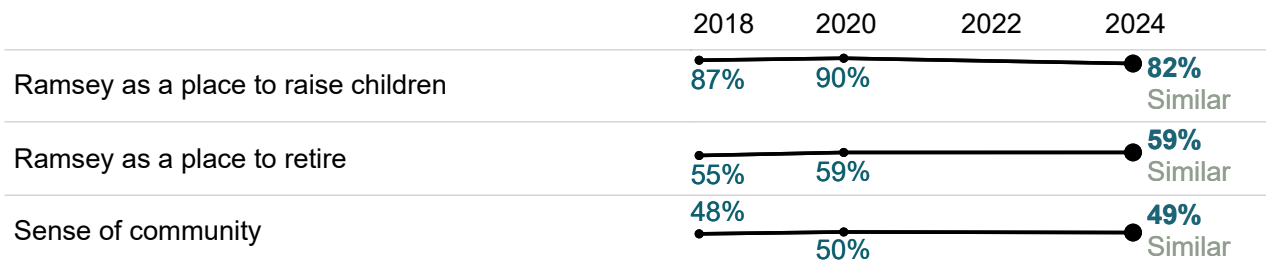
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.

(% excellent or good)



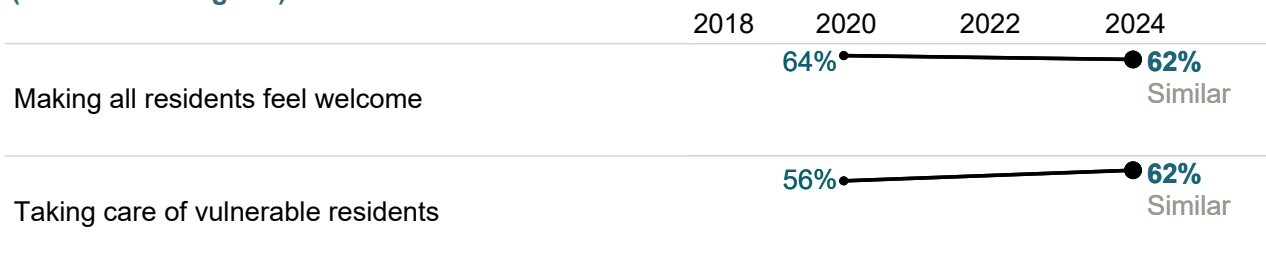
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.

(% excellent or good)



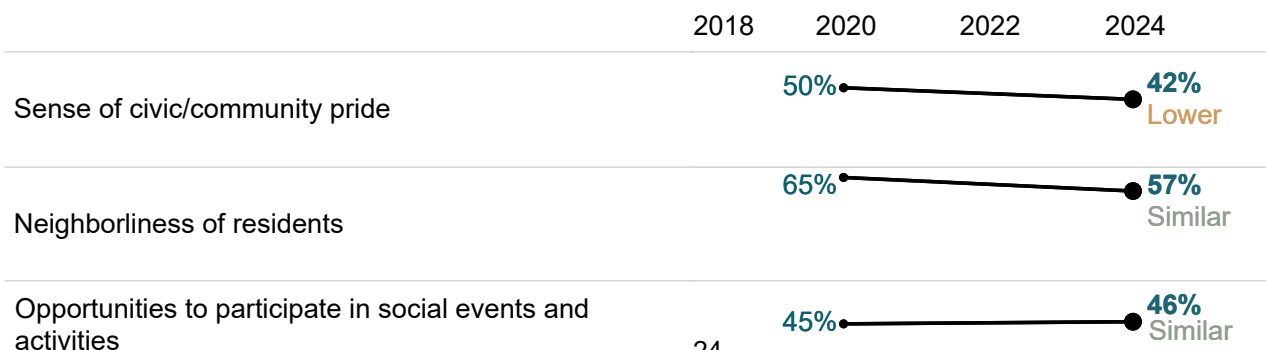
Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.

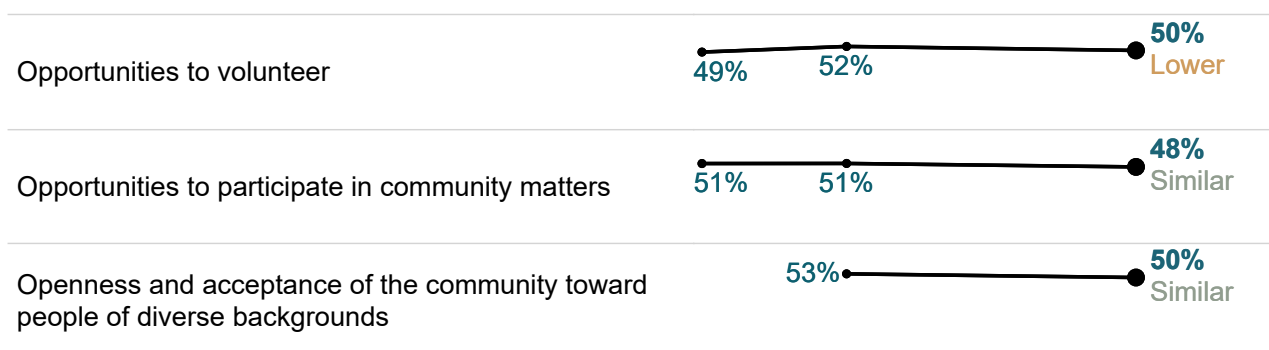
(% excellent or good)



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

(% excellent or good)





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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.

To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?	City newsletter (Ramsey Resident)	Major source		62%
		Moderate source		22%
		Minor source		12%
		Not a source		4%
	Local newspaper (Anoka Union Herald)	Major source		5%
		Moderate source		14%
		Minor source		21%
		Not a source		60%
	City website (www.cityoframsey.com)	Major source		20%
		Moderate source		34%
		Minor source		29%
		Not a source		18%
	Word-of-mouth	Major source		12%
		Moderate source		35%
		Minor source		33%
		Not a source		19%
	Cable television (QCTV)	Major source		4%
		Moderate source		9%
		Minor source		21%
		Not a source		67%
	City employees	Major source		6%
		Moderate source		17%
		Minor source		24%
		Not a source		53%
	Public meetings	Major source		7%

Please indicate to what extent you support or oppose the city investigating the following changes to new or existing amenities, each of which could accordingly result in a tax increase:		Moderate source		18%
		Minor source		28%
		Not a source		48%
	City social media (e.g., Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram)	Major source		25%
		Moderate source		23%
		Minor source		20%
		Not a source		32%
	Video conference attendance of City meetings (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.)	Major source		4%
		Moderate source		11%
		Minor source		20%
		Not a source		65%
	Making improvements to existing/established parks	Strongly support		44%
		Somewhat support		40%
		Somewhat oppose		11%
		Strongly oppose		5%
	Building new parks	Strongly support		33%
		Somewhat support		36%
		Somewhat oppose		21%
		Strongly oppose		10%
	Making improvements to existing trails	Strongly support		45%
		Somewhat support		40%
		Somewhat oppose		12%
		Strongly oppose		3%
	Building new trails	Strongly support		35%
		Somewhat support		37%
		Somewhat oppose		21%
		Strongly oppose		7%
	Building a new community center	Strongly support		33%
		Somewhat support		32%
		Somewhat oppose		19%
		Strongly oppose		15%

Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following priorities are for the City to focus on in the next five years:	Building a splash pad	Strongly support		33%
		Somewhat support		30%
		Somewhat oppose		19%
		Strongly oppose		19%
	Balancing rural character and urban growth (development patterns)	Essential		32%
		Very important		35%
		Somewhat important		26%
		Not at all important		7%
	Creating an active community (parks, trails, open space, recreation)	Essential		31%
		Very important		39%
		Somewhat important		26%
		Not at all important		4%
	Creating a connected community (roads, trails, sidewalks, rail, transportation)	Essential		20%
		Very important		38%
		Somewhat important		34%
		Not at all important		8%
	Creating financial stability for the City (stable tax rates)	Essential		54%
		Very important		37%
		Somewhat important		8%
		Not at all important		1%
	Providing quality public safety services (Police and Fire)	Essential		59%
		Very important		29%
		Somewhat important		10%
		Not at all important		1%

National Benchmark Tables

This table contains the comparisons of Ramsey's results to those from other communities. The first column shows the comparison of Ramsey's rating to the benchmark. Ramsey's results are noted as being "higher", "lower" or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Ramsey residents is statistically similar to or different than the benchmark. The second column is Ramsey'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 Ramsey'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 Ramsey's result -- that is what percent of surveyed communities had a lower rating than Ramsey.

				% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to live	Similar	82%	269	391	29%
		The overall quality of life in Ramsey	Similar	79%	247	412	38%
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Ramsey to someone who asks	Similar	83%	194	338	42%
		Remain in Ramsey for the next five years	Similar	85%	144	342	57%
	Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Overall image or reputation of Ramsey	Similar	58%	276	384	25%
Governance	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Ramsey (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information	Similar	46%	189	356	47%
		Contacted Ramsey elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	Similar	14%	194	322	40%
		Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	Similar	17%	187	325	42%
		Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	Similar	19%	218	315	31%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Public information services	Similar	66%	203	339	39%
		Overall customer service by Ramsey employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	Similar	79%	175	386	53%

Governance

Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.

The value of services for the taxes paid to Ramsey	Similar	37%	311	397	19%
The overall direction that Ramsey is taking	Similar	41%	285	366	21%
The job Ramsey government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	46%	246	358	31%
Overall confidence in Ramsey government	Similar	45%	215	330	35%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	48%	221	334	34%
Being honest	Similar	55%	174	325	46%
Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	52%	144	284	49%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	49%	148	288	48%
Treating all residents fairly	Similar	59%	155	331	53%
Treating residents with respect	Similar	65%	140	281	50%

Economy

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

Ramsey as a place to work	Similar	54%	269	384	27%
Ramsey as a place to visit	Lower	38%	310	344	8%

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

Overall economic health of Ramsey	Similar	57%	208	337	38%
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Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.

Overall quality of business and service establishments in Ramsey	Lower	53%	291	337	13%
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Economy	Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Variety of business and service establishments in Ramsey	Much lower	24%	267	279	4%	
		Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Lower	24%	288	317	9%	
		Employment opportunities	Similar	29%	264	350	23%	
		Shopping opportunities	Much lower	14%	325	340	4%	
		Cost of living in Ramsey	Similar	40%	138	327	57%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Economic development	Similar	49%	206	332	37%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health of Ramsey	Similar	85%	296	312	5%	
		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:	Similar	20%	169	320	47%	
	Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Ramsey	Similar	45%	180	287	37%
			Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	58%	126	364	64%
Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.		Ease of public parking	Higher	78%	47	317	85%	
		Ease of travel by car in Ramsey	Similar	83%	70	348	79%	
		Ease of travel by public transportation in Ramsey	Similar	26%	213	320	33%	
		Ease of travel by bicycle in Ramsey	Similar	59%	128	348	62%	

Mobility	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Ease of walking in Ramsey	Similar	60%	189	352	45%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Traffic enforcement	Similar	73%	72	379	80%
		Traffic signal timing	Similar	53%	197	329	40%
		Street repair	Lower	26%	310	378	17%
		Street cleaning	Similar	51%	245	341	27%
		Street lighting	Similar	56%	262	369	26%
		Snow removal	Similar	62%	149	293	48%
		Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	66%	119	341	65%
		Bus or transit services	Lower	26%	243	315	22%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Ramsey	Similar	62%	261	277	6%	
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	85%	197	351	43%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall design or layout of Ramsey's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Similar	53%	225	328	31%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Well-planned residential growth	Similar	46%	137	281	51%
		Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	34%	179	280	36%

Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	51%	174	281	37%
		Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Lower	40%	261	277	6%
		Public places where people want to spend time	Lower	38%	277	322	14%
		Variety of housing options	Similar	57%	93	335	72%
		Availability of affordable quality housing	Higher	49%	51	357	85%
		Overall quality of new development in Ramsey	Similar	50%	196	346	43%
		Overall appearance of Ramsey	Similar	60%	247	360	29%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Land use, planning, and zoning	Similar	36%	238	342	30%
		Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Similar	44%	193	371	46%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of Ramsey's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Similar	73%	248	312	20%
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Similar	66%	144	278	48%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	53%	138	276	50%
		Garbage collection	Similar	80%	211	357	40%
Drinking water		Similar	62%	259	340	23%	

Utilities	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Sewer services	Similar	81%	167	337	50%
		Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Similar	75%	149	357	57%
		Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	80%	95	297	68%
		Utility billing	Similar	70%	136	317	57%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Lower	76%	277	277	0%
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety in Ramsey	Similar	86%	143	377	61%
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	97%	90	355	74%
		In Ramsey's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	95%	98	343	71%
		From property crime	Similar	85%	65	289	77%
		From violent crime	Similar	92%	78	289	73%
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	88%	37	279	87%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	86%	103	404	73%
		Crime prevention	Similar	82%	109	380	70%
		Animal control	Similar	74%	161	352	53%

Safety	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	90%	173	355	50%
		Fire services	Similar	88%	204	375	44%
		Fire prevention and education	Similar	80%	174	337	48%
		Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Similar	71%	136	337	59%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety in Ramsey	Similar	86%	258	312	17%
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	69%	211	284	26%
		Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	71%	174	352	49%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	Similar	56%	255	324	21%
		Recreational opportunities	Lower	54%	276	342	19%
		City parks	Similar	71%	251	355	29%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Recreation programs or classes	Similar	55%	272	345	20%
		Recreation centers or facilities	Much lower	39%	314	332	5%
		Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	76%	225	278	19%
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to raise children	Similar	82%	218	395	43%

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to retire	Similar	59%	257	389	32%
		Sense of community	Similar	49%	281	356	20%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	42%	213	281	24%
	Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	62%	199	283	30%
		Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Similar	62%	107	277	61%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Sense of civic/community pride	Lower	42%	237	277	14%
		Neighborliness of residents in Ramsey	Similar	57%	214	323	33%
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	46%	276	333	16%
		Opportunities to volunteer	Lower	50%	296	328	9%
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	48%	279	328	15%
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	50%	246	346	28%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	55%	309	312	0%
Education, Arts, and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Lower	41%	286	333	14%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	41%	267	345	22%

Education, Arts, and Culture	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Community support for the arts	Lower	41%	217	277	22%	
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	54%	97	330	70%	
		K-12 education	Similar	58%	229	341	32%	
		Adult educational opportunities	Similar	46%	226	325	30%	
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	56%	262	328	19%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Public library services	Much lower	59%	344	354	2%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Lower	49%	311	312	0%	
	Health and Wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Ramsey	Similar	58%	251	330	24%
		Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Availability of affordable quality food	Lower	37%	303	322	6%
			Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	56%	192	335	42%
Availability of preventive health services			Similar	57%	193	317	39%	
Availability of affordable quality mental health care			Similar	35%	186	321	42%	
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.			Health services	Similar	63%	186	314	40%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.		Overall health and wellness opportunities in Ramsey	Lower	52%	310	312	0%	

Natural Environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment in Ramsey	Similar	80%	185	338	45%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Cleanliness of Ramsey	Similar	73%	190	357	46%
		Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Similar	48%	196	261	25%
		Air quality	Similar	83%	145	330	56%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Similar	54%	258	323	20%
		Ramsey open space	Similar	57%	229	320	28%
		Recycling	Similar	76%	129	361	63%
		Yard waste pick-up	Similar	67%	212	318	33%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment in Ramsey	Similar	79%	209	312	33%

Full Trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Ramsey. 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 2020 and 2024 surveys is greater than six 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.

		2018	2020	2024
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.			
	Ramsey as a place to live	85%	85%	82%
	The overall quality of life	81%	78%	79%
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.			
	Recommend living in Ramsey to someone who asks	84%	81%	83%
	Remain in Ramsey for the next five years	86%	82%	85%
Governance	Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.			
	Overall image or reputation	60%	60%	58%
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.			
	Contacted the City of Ramsey for help or information	38%	50%	46%
	Contacted Ramsey elected officials to express your opinion	11%	16%	14%
	Attended a local public meeting	14%	15%	17%
	Watched a local public meeting	17%	24%	19%

Governance

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

Public information services

61% 66% 66%

Overall customer service by Ramsey employees

81% 84% 79%

Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.

The value of services for the taxes paid to Ramsey

45% 42% 37%

The overall direction that Ramsey is taking

49% 41% 41%

The job Ramsey government does at welcoming resident involvement

55% 46% 46%

Overall confidence in Ramsey government

51% 48% 45%

Generally acting in the best interest of the community

56% 53% 48%

Being honest

60% 58% 55%

Being open and transparent to the public

55% 52%

Informing residents about issues facing the community

51% 49%

Treating all residents fairly

58% 59% 59%

Treating residents with respect

63% 65%

Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to work	50%	44%	54%
		Ramsey as a place to visit	39%	34%	38%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall economic health	54%	59%	57%
	Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	46%	53%	53%
		Variety of business and service establishments		31%	24%
		Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	20%	29%	24%
		Employment opportunities	31%	27%	29%
		Shopping opportunities	20%	14%	14%
		Cost of living	50%	45%	40%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Economic development	47%	46%	49%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	85%	88%	85%
		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:	40%	19%	20%

Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system	61%	45%	
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Traffic flow on major streets	59%	59%	58%
		Ease of public parking	82%	78%	
		Ease of travel by car	69%	82%	83%
		Ease of travel by public transportation	46%	26%	
		Ease of travel by bicycle	62%	71%	59%
		Ease of walking	67%	74%	60%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Traffic enforcement	75%	70%	73%
		Traffic signal timing	52%	54%	53%
		Street repair	43%	29%	26%
		Street cleaning	56%	56%	51%
		Street lighting	59%	60%	56%

Mobility	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Snow removal	58%	65%	62%
		Sidewalk maintenance	60%	65%	66%
		Bus or transit services	49%	26%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system	67%	62%	
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	82%	88%	85%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	58%	55%	53%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Well-planned residential growth	47%	46%	
		Well-planned commercial growth	33%	34%	
		Well-designed neighborhoods	50%	51%	
		Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	39%	40%	
		Public places where people want to spend time	51%	41%	38%
		Variety of housing options	68%	64%	57%

Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Availability of affordable quality housing	64%	51%	49%
		Overall quality of new development	42%	56%	50%
		Overall appearance	68%	62%	60%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Land use, planning and zoning	44%	37%	36%
		Code enforcement	50%	55%	44%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	75%	67%	73%
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	69%	66%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Affordable high-speed internet access	55%	53%	
		Garbage collection	85%	80%	
		Drinking water	76%	59%	62%
		Sewer services	84%	76%	81%
		Storm water management	75%	73%	75%

Utilities	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	79%	80%	
		Utility billing	73%	70%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	81%	76%	
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety	90%	84%	86%
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	97%	96%	97%
		In Ramsey's downtown/commercial area during the day	96%	93%	95%
		From property crime	81%	85%	
		From violent crime	91%	92%	
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	91%	88%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Police/Sheriff services	91%	90%	86%
		Crime prevention	84%	82%	82%
		Animal control	61%	79%	74%

Safety	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Ambulance or emergency medical services	89%	90%
		Fire services	95%	89% 88%
		Fire prevention and education	82%	82% 80%
		Emergency preparedness	66%	71%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	86%	86% 86%
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	77%	69%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	69%	84% 71%
		Fitness opportunities	64%	69% 56%
		Recreational opportunities	50%	55% 54%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	City parks	76%	78% 71%
		Recreation programs or classes	54%	55%
		Recreation centers or facilities	59%	47% 39%

Parks and Recreation	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	76%	76%
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to raise children	87%	90% 82%
		Ramsey as a place to retire	55%	59% 59%
		Sense of community	48%	50% 49%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	38%	42%
	Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	64%	62%
		Taking care of vulnerable residents	56%	62%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Sense of civic/community pride	50%	42%
		Neighborliness of residents	65%	57%
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	45%	46%
		Opportunities to volunteer	49%	52% 50%
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	51%	51% 48%

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	53%	50%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	67%	61% 55%
Education, Arts, and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	53%	37% 41%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	44%	37% 41%
		Community support for the arts	38%	41%
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	61%	49% 54%
		K-12 education	71%	66% 58%
		Adult educational opportunities	52%	45% 46%
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	53%	56%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Public library services	69%	59%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	61%	61% 49%
Health and Wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	59%	65% 58%

Health and Wellness	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Availability of affordable quality food	46%	37%	
		Availability of affordable quality health care	63%	56%	
		Availability of preventive health services	62%	57%	
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	47%	35%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Health services	71%	63%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.		Overall health and wellness opportunities	62%	66%
Natural Environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	84%	81%	80%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Cleanliness	74%	80%	73%
		Water resources	55%	48%	
		Air quality	90%	83%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Preservation of natural areas	63%	56%	54%
		Ramsey open space	61%	57%	

Natural Environment	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Recycling	80%	76%
		Yard waste pick-up	74%	67%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment	80%	80%

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. In some tables, the percentages may not sum to 100%; this is either because the question permitted the respondent to "choose all that apply", or for a question that asked the respondent to select one answer, it is due to the customary practice of rounding values to the nearest whole number.

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to live	Excellent		22% N=102
		Good		60% N=279
		Fair		17% N=79
		Poor		1% N=6
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		35% N=162
		Good		50% N=233
		Fair		13% N=61
		Poor		1% N=7
	Ramsey as a place to raise children	Excellent		25% N=101
		Good		57% N=234
		Fair		17% N=68
		Poor		1% N=4
	Ramsey as a place to work	Excellent		14% N=35
		Good		39% N=99
		Fair		31% N=77
		Poor		16% N=41
	Ramsey as a place to visit	Excellent		9% N=38
		Good		29% N=125
		Fair		36% N=156
		Poor		25% N=109

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

Ramsey as a place to retire

Excellent



20%
N=71

Good



40%
N=142

Fair



24%
N=85

Poor



17%
N=61

The overall quality of life

Excellent



19%
N=88

Good



60%
N=276

Fair



20%
N=93

Poor



1%
N=5

Sense of community

Excellent



12%
N=52

Good



38%
N=171

Fair



38%
N=173

Poor



12%
N=56

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

Overall economic health

Excellent



8%
N=32

Good



49%
N=194

Fair



37%
N=146

Poor



6%
N=24

Overall quality of the transportation system

Excellent



8%
N=37

Good



36%
N=163

Fair



35%
N=156

Poor



21%
N=93

Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas

Excellent



8%
N=36

Good



45%
N=206

Fair



33%
N=151

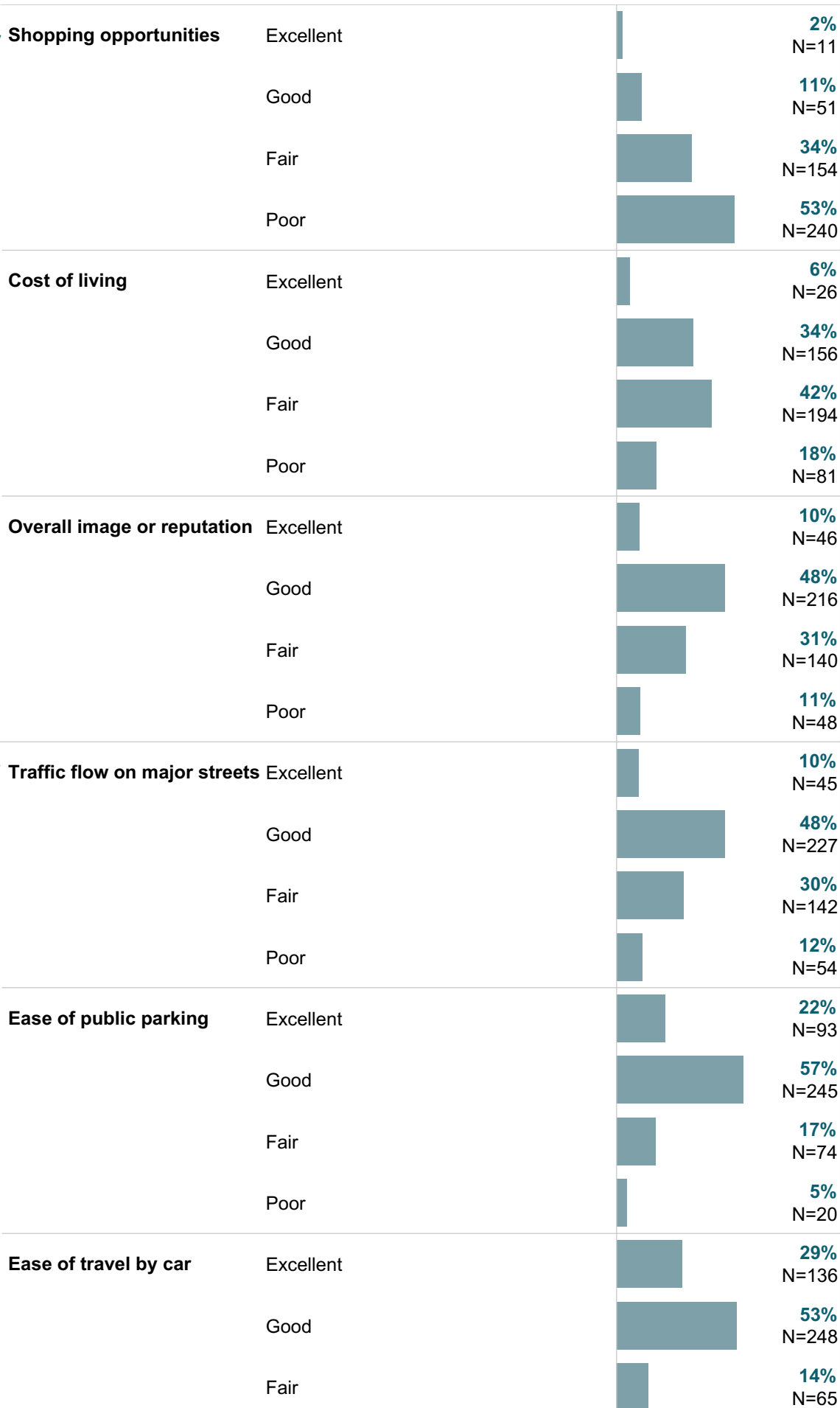
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas		Poor		14% N=66
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure		Excellent		13% N=55
			Good		52% N=223
			Fair		30% N=126
			Poor		5% N=21
	Overall feeling of safety		Excellent		33% N=153
			Good		53% N=248
			Fair		13% N=63
			Poor		1% N=4
	Overall quality of natural environment		Excellent		24% N=110
			Good		56% N=261
			Fair		16% N=74
			Poor		5% N=22
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities		Excellent		22% N=102
			Good		46% N=211
			Fair		24% N=108
			Poor		7% N=34
	Overall health and wellness opportunities		Excellent		13% N=55
			Good		45% N=188
			Fair		31% N=128
			Poor		12% N=49
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts		Excellent		7% N=28
			Good		35% N=143

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Fair		36% N=148
		Poor		23% N=94
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		7% N=26
		Good		35% N=141
		Fair		45% N=181
		Poor		14% N=56
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Ramsey to someone who asks	Very likely		38% N=173
		Somewhat likely		45% N=208
		Somewhat unlikely		10% N=46
		Very unlikely		7% N=34
	Remain in Ramsey for the next five years	Very likely		56% N=254
		Somewhat likely		29% N=133
		Somewhat unlikely		9% N=43
		Very unlikely		6% N=26
	Recommend a business open a location in Ramsey	Very likely		37% N=146
		Somewhat likely		38% N=149
		Somewhat unlikely		18% N=70
		Very unlikely		8% N=32
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		80% N=371
		Somewhat safe		18% N=82
		Neither safe nor unsafe		2% N=9
		Somewhat unsafe		1% N=4
		Very unsafe		0% N=

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In Ramsey's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		71% N=312
		Somewhat safe		24% N=105
		Neither safe nor unsafe		4% N=19
		Somewhat unsafe		1% N=4
	From property crime	Very safe		42% N=188
		Somewhat safe		44% N=199
		Neither safe nor unsafe		10% N=43
		Somewhat unsafe		4% N=20
		Very unsafe		1% N=2
	From violent crime	Very safe		61% N=273
		Somewhat safe		31% N=141
		Neither safe nor unsafe		6% N=28
		Somewhat unsafe		2% N=9
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		59% N=270
		Somewhat safe		29% N=132
		Neither safe nor unsafe		10% N=46
		Somewhat unsafe		2% N=7
		Very unsafe		0% N=1
Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		17% N=71
		Good		45% N=188
		Fair		31% N=129
		Poor		8% N=32
	Valuing/respecting all residents	Excellent		17% N=72

Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.	Valuing/respecting all residents	Good		47% N=197
		Fair		28% N=119
		Poor		7% N=31
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		13% N=35
		Good		49% N=133
		Fair		28% N=75
		Poor		10% N=27
Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		9% N=41
		Good		44% N=203
		Fair		32% N=145
		Poor		15% N=69
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		3% N=14
		Good		21% N=98
		Fair		42% N=195
		Poor		33% N=153
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		3% N=13
		Good		21% N=95
		Fair		43% N=192
		Poor		33% N=145
	Employment opportunities	Excellent		5% N=13
		Good		25% N=70
		Fair		48% N=136
		Poor		23% N=66

Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.



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Ease of travel by car	Poor		4% N=17
	Excellent		7% N=19
	Good		18% N=47
	Fair		29% N=74
	Poor		45% N=116
Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent		11% N=42
	Good		47% N=179
	Fair		32% N=122
	Poor		9% N=35
Ease of walking	Excellent		17% N=76
	Good		43% N=191
	Fair		31% N=135
	Poor		9% N=40
Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		10% N=38
	Good		36% N=139
	Fair		32% N=123
	Poor		22% N=85
Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		8% N=32
	Good		26% N=97
	Fair		38% N=142
	Poor		28% N=103
Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent		9% N=39
	Good		41% N=172

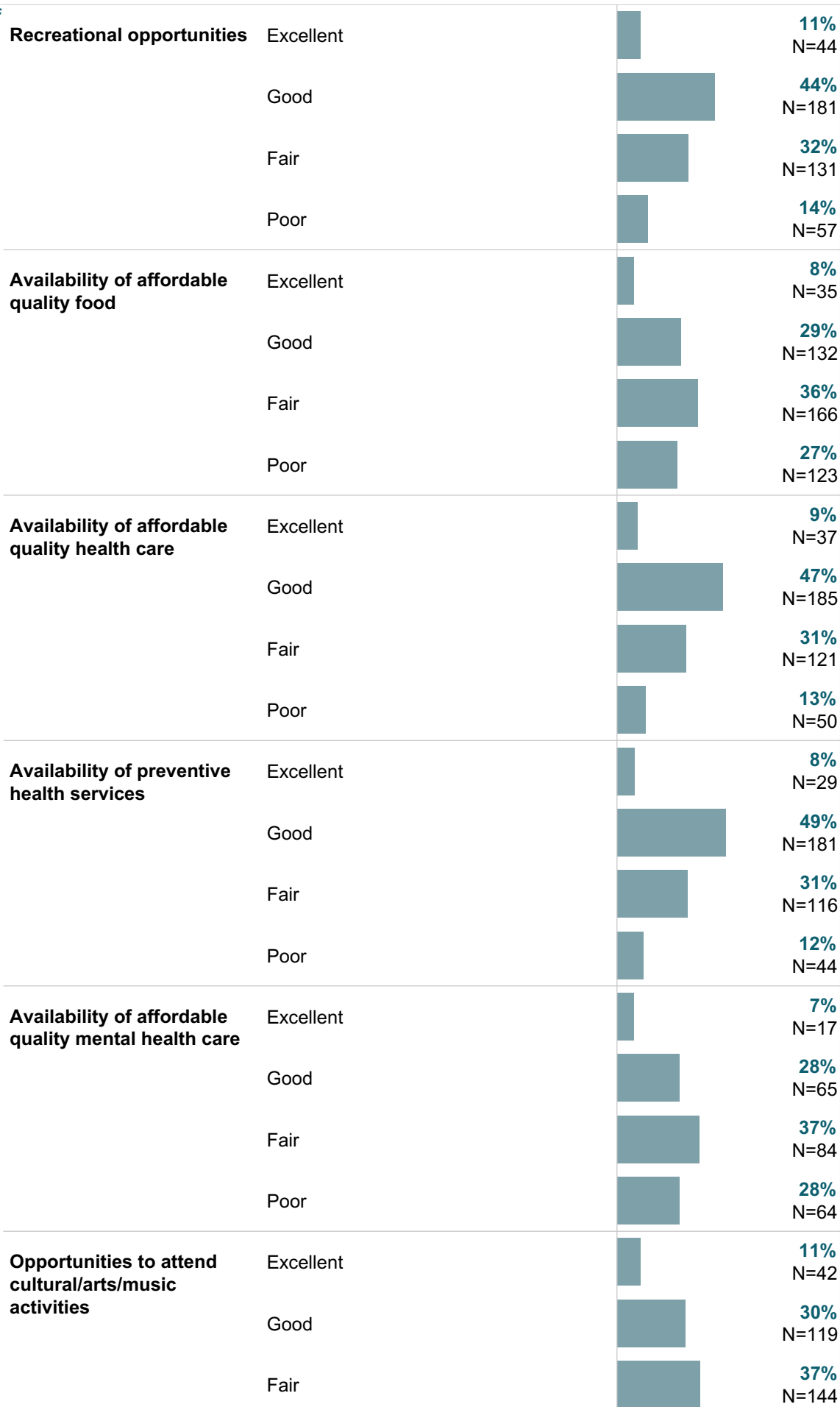
Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.

Well-designed neighborhoods	Fair		34% N=143
	Poor		15% N=63
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent		8% N=22
	Good		31% N=87
	Fair		40% N=109
	Poor		21% N=57
Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent		7% N=31
	Good		31% N=135
	Fair		39% N=170
	Poor		23% N=98
Variety of housing options	Excellent		14% N=58
	Good		43% N=184
	Fair		29% N=120
	Poor		14% N=61
Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		11% N=39
	Good		38% N=130
	Fair		30% N=103
	Poor		21% N=73
Overall quality of new development	Excellent		9% N=35
	Good		41% N=165
	Fair		35% N=139
	Poor		16% N=64
Overall appearance	Excellent		14% N=66

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

Overall appearance	Good		45% N=210
	Fair		33% N=152
	Poor		8% N=36
Cleanliness	Excellent		22% N=103
	Good		51% N=237
	Fair		25% N=114
	Poor		2% N=11
Water resources	Excellent		10% N=44
	Good		38% N=162
	Fair		35% N=151
	Poor		17% N=73
Air quality	Excellent		29% N=130
	Good		53% N=234
	Fair		15% N=64
	Poor		3% N=13
Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		26% N=118
	Good		45% N=203
	Fair		23% N=103
	Poor		6% N=28
Fitness opportunities	Excellent		16% N=66
	Good		40% N=168
	Fair		32% N=134
	Poor		11% N=48

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

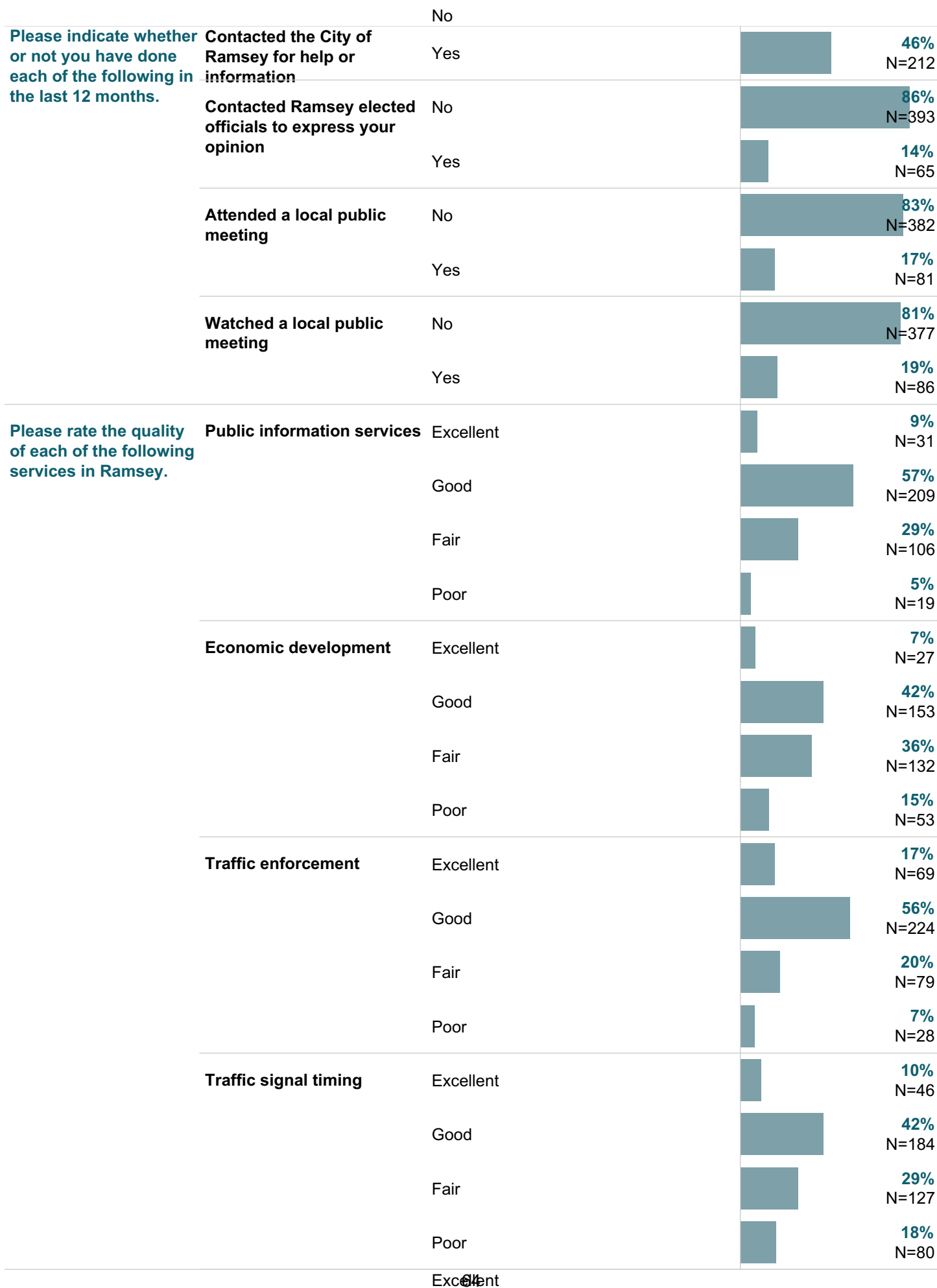


Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.

Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Poor		22% N=85
	Excellent		9% N=31
	Good		32% N=103
	Fair		42% N=136
	Poor		17% N=56
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		15% N=34
	Good		39% N=86
	Fair		28% N=61
	Poor		18% N=40
K-12 education	Excellent		11% N=34
	Good		47% N=144
	Fair		29% N=90
	Poor		13% N=41
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		7% N=19
	Good		39% N=108
	Fair		37% N=103
	Poor		17% N=47
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		6% N=22
	Good		37% N=147
	Fair		40% N=161
	Poor		17% N=70
Neighborhoodliness of residents	Excellent		15% N=63
	Good		42% N=181

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

Neighborhoodliness of residents	Fair		33% N=143
	Poor		10% N=43
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		7% N=31
	Good		39% N=162
	Fair		41% N=170
	Poor		13% N=52
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		11% N=47
	Good		45% N=193
	Fair		33% N=144
	Poor		11% N=49
Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		9% N=23
	Good		41% N=105
	Fair		40% N=104
	Poor		11% N=27
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		6% N=19
	Good		42% N=127
	Fair		39% N=117
	Poor		13% N=39
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		17% N=58
	Good		33% N=109
	Fair		31% N=103
	Poor		19% N=62
Contacted the City of Ramsey for help or information	No		54% N=247



Excellent

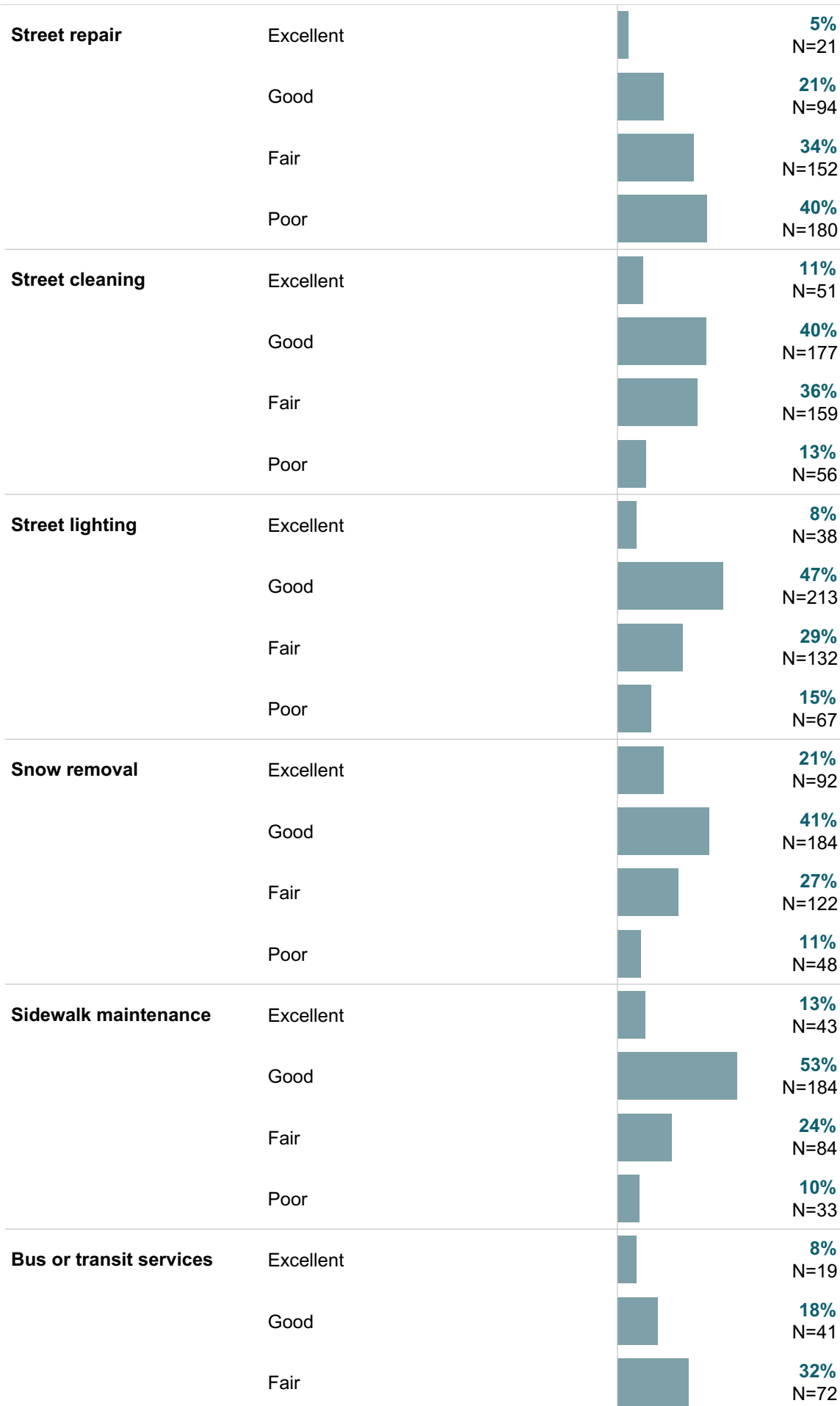
Good

Fair

Poor

Excellent

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



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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Bus or transit services	Poor		42% N=94
	Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		6% N=20
		Good		30% N=101
		Fair		36% N=120
		Poor		28% N=94
	Code enforcement	Excellent		8% N=22
		Good		36% N=99
		Fair		33% N=92
		Poor		22% N=61
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		13% N=54
		Good		40% N=163
		Fair		29% N=119
		Poor		18% N=72
	Garbage collection	Excellent		28% N=127
		Good		52% N=235
		Fair		17% N=77
		Poor		3% N=13
	Drinking water	Excellent		19% N=74
		Good		43% N=166
		Fair		23% N=91
		Poor		15% N=56
	Sewer services	Excellent		27% N=81
		Good		55% N=166

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

Sewer services	Fair		15% N=45
	Poor		4% N=11
Storm water management	Excellent		20% N=74
	Good		55% N=197
	Fair		20% N=73
	Poor		5% N=16
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		30% N=133
	Good		50% N=221
	Fair		17% N=77
	Poor		2% N=9
Utility billing	Excellent		22% N=97
	Good		48% N=211
	Fair		24% N=106
	Poor		6% N=27
Police services	Excellent		38% N=158
	Good		49% N=202
	Fair		11% N=45
	Poor		3% N=11
Crime prevention	Excellent		26% N=101
	Good		56% N=220
	Fair		16% N=61
	Poor		3% N=11
Animal control	Excellent		18% N=55

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

Animal control	Good		55% N=169
	Fair		20% N=62
	Poor		6% N=19
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		35% N=107
	Good		54% N=163
	Fair		10% N=30
	Poor		1% N=2
Fire services	Excellent		44% N=155
	Good		45% N=158
	Fair		12% N=41
	Poor		0% N=1
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		25% N=79
	Good		54% N=170
	Fair		17% N=53
	Poor		3% N=10
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		19% N=48
	Good		52% N=134
	Fair		21% N=55
	Poor		7% N=19
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		10% N=37
	Good		44% N=166
	Fair		28% N=104
	Poor		18% N=68

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

Ramsey open space	Excellent		13% N=50
	Good		44% N=168
	Fair		27% N=104
	Poor		15% N=59
Recycling	Excellent		23% N=106
	Good		53% N=239
	Fair		21% N=94
	Poor		3% N=15
Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		18% N=53
	Good		49% N=148
	Fair		24% N=73
	Poor		10% N=29
City parks	Excellent		21% N=94
	Good		50% N=217
	Fair		25% N=111
	Poor		4% N=16
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		12% N=34
	Good		43% N=118
	Fair		32% N=87
	Poor		13% N=35
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		8% N=25
	Good		31% N=96
	Fair		31% N=98

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Recreation centers or facilities	Poor		30% N=93
	Health services	Excellent		13% N=41
		Good		50% N=158
		Fair		28% N=90
		Poor		9% N=28
	Public library services	Excellent		22% N=77
		Good		36% N=125
		Fair		20% N=69
		Poor		22% N=75
	Overall customer service by Ramsey employees	Excellent		28% N=108
		Good		51% N=200
		Fair		19% N=76
Poor			2% N=7	
Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Ramsey	Excellent		6% N=27
		Good		31% N=129
		Fair		39% N=161
		Poor		24% N=101
	The overall direction that Ramsey is taking	Excellent		8% N=33
		Good		33% N=136
		Fair		37% N=153
		Poor		23% N=94
	The job Ramsey government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		9% N=30
		Good		37% N=128

Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.	The job Ramsey government does at welcoming resident involvement	Fair		32% N=109
		Poor		22% N=76
	Overall confidence in Ramsey government	Excellent		9% N=35
		Good		36% N=145
		Fair		35% N=140
		Poor		21% N=85
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		10% N=41
		Good		37% N=148
		Fair		32% N=127
		Poor		20% N=79
	Being honest	Excellent		14% N=44
		Good		41% N=130
		Fair		30% N=95
		Poor		16% N=50
	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		15% N=50
		Good		38% N=129
		Fair		29% N=99
		Poor		19% N=64
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		12% N=42
		Good		38% N=137
		Fair		32% N=115
		Poor		19% N=68
	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		17% N=54

Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.	Treating all residents fairly	Good		41% N=131
		Fair		25% N=81
		Poor		16% N=51
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent		19% N=71
		Good		45% N=166
		Fair		27% N=98
		Poor		8% N=31
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Essential		33% N=150
		Very important		52% N=235
		Somewhat important		15% N=68
		Not at all important		1% N=2
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		20% N=92
		Very important		42% N=189
		Somewhat important		34% N=154
		Not at all important		4% N=20
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		21% N=97
		Very important		52% N=236
		Somewhat important		24% N=111
		Not at all important		3% N=12
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		32% N=148
		Very important		43% N=197
		Somewhat important		22% N=99
		Not at all important		3% N=12

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

Overall feeling of safety	Essential		45% N=207
	Very important		41% N=188
	Somewhat important		11% N=49
	Not at all important		3% N=14
Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		36% N=161
	Very important		44% N=198
	Somewhat important		19% N=88
	Not at all important		1% N=6
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		26% N=120
	Very important		49% N=225
	Somewhat important		24% N=110
	Not at all important		1% N=3
Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		16% N=74
	Very important		35% N=161
	Somewhat important		42% N=191
	Not at all important		6% N=29
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		16% N=72
	Very important		33% N=152
	Somewhat important		42% N=191
	Not at all important		9% N=42
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		14% N=64
	Very important		41% N=186
	Somewhat important		42% N=193

important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to

Somewhat important

	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Somewhat important		
		Not at all important		3% N=16
To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?	City newsletter (Ramsey Resident)	Major source		62% N=283
		Moderate source		22% N=100
		Minor source		12% N=56
		Not a source		4% N=18
	Local newspaper (Anoka Union Herald)	Major source		5% N=24
		Moderate source		14% N=62
		Minor source		21% N=94
		Not a source		60% N=272
	City website (www.cityoframsey.com)	Major source		20% N=89
		Moderate source		34% N=153
		Minor source		29% N=134
		Not a source		18% N=80
	Word-of-mouth	Major source		12% N=55
		Moderate source		35% N=159
		Minor source		33% N=151
		Not a source		19% N=88
	Cable television (QCTV)	Major source		4% N=16
		Moderate source		9% N=39
		Minor source		21% N=94
		Not a source		67% N=305
	City employees	Major source		6% N=29
		Moderate source		17% N=76
		Minor source		74% N=345

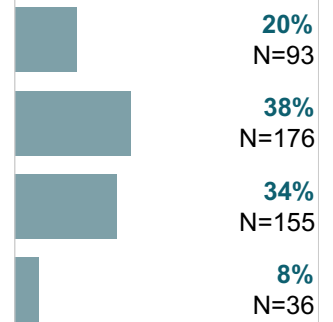
To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?	City employees	Minor source		24% N=109
		Not a source		53% N=240
	Public meetings	Major source		7% N=30
		Moderate source		18% N=79
		Minor source		28% N=124
		Not a source		48% N=215
	City social media (e.g., Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram)	Major source		25% N=113
		Moderate source		23% N=105
		Minor source		20% N=90
		Not a source		32% N=142
	Video conference attendance of City meetings (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.)	Major source		4% N=16
		Moderate source		11% N=48
		Minor source		20% N=89
		Not a source		65% N=290
Please indicate to what extent you support or oppose the city investigating the following changes to new or existing amenities, each of which could accordingly result in a tax increase:	Making improvements to existing/established parks	Strongly support		44% N=164
		Somewhat support		40% N=147
		Somewhat oppose		11% N=39
		Strongly oppose		5% N=19
	Building new parks	Strongly support		33% N=124
		Somewhat support		36% N=132
		Somewhat oppose		21% N=77
		Strongly oppose		10% N=38
	Making improvements to existing trails	Strongly support		45% N=168

Please indicate to what extent you support or oppose the city investigating the following changes to new or existing amenities, each of which could accordingly result in a tax increase:	Making improvements to existing trails	Somewhat support		40% N=149
		Somewhat oppose		12% N=43
		Strongly oppose		3% N=10
	Building new trails	Strongly support		35% N=129
		Somewhat support		37% N=136
		Somewhat oppose		21% N=78
		Strongly oppose		7% N=26
	Building a new community center	Strongly support		33% N=123
		Somewhat support		32% N=120
		Somewhat oppose		19% N=71
		Strongly oppose		15% N=57
	Building a splash pad	Strongly support		33% N=121
		Somewhat support		30% N=109
		Somewhat oppose		19% N=68
		Strongly oppose		19% N=70
Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following priorities are for the City to focus on in the next five years:	Balancing rural character and urban growth (development patterns)	Essential		32% N=148
		Very important		35% N=161
		Somewhat important		26% N=121
		Not at all important		7% N=34
	Creating an active community (parks, trails, open space, recreation)	Essential		31% N=141
		Very important		39% N=178
		Somewhat important		26% N=121
		Not at all important		4% N=19

Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following priorities are for the City to focus on in the next five years:

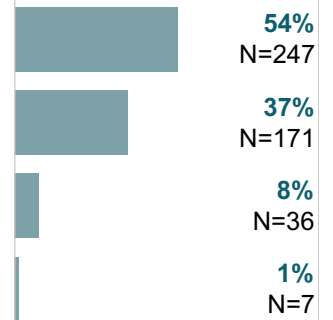
Creating a connected community (roads, trails, sidewalks, rail, transportation)

Essential
Very important
Somewhat important
Not at all important



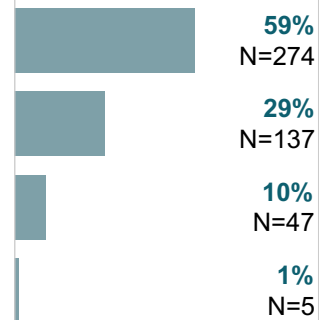
Creating financial stability for the City (stable tax rates)

Essential
Very important
Somewhat important
Not at all important



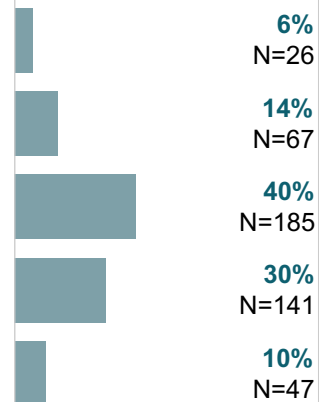
Providing quality public safety services (Police and Fire)

Essential
Very important
Somewhat important
Not at all important



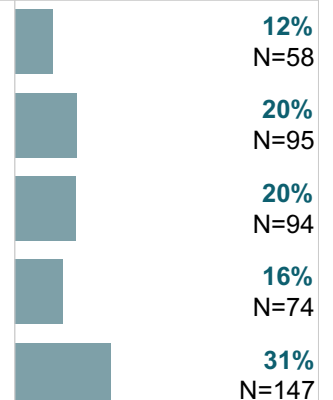
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:

Very positive
Somewhat positive
Neutral
Somewhat negative
Very negative



How many years have you lived in Ramsey?

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

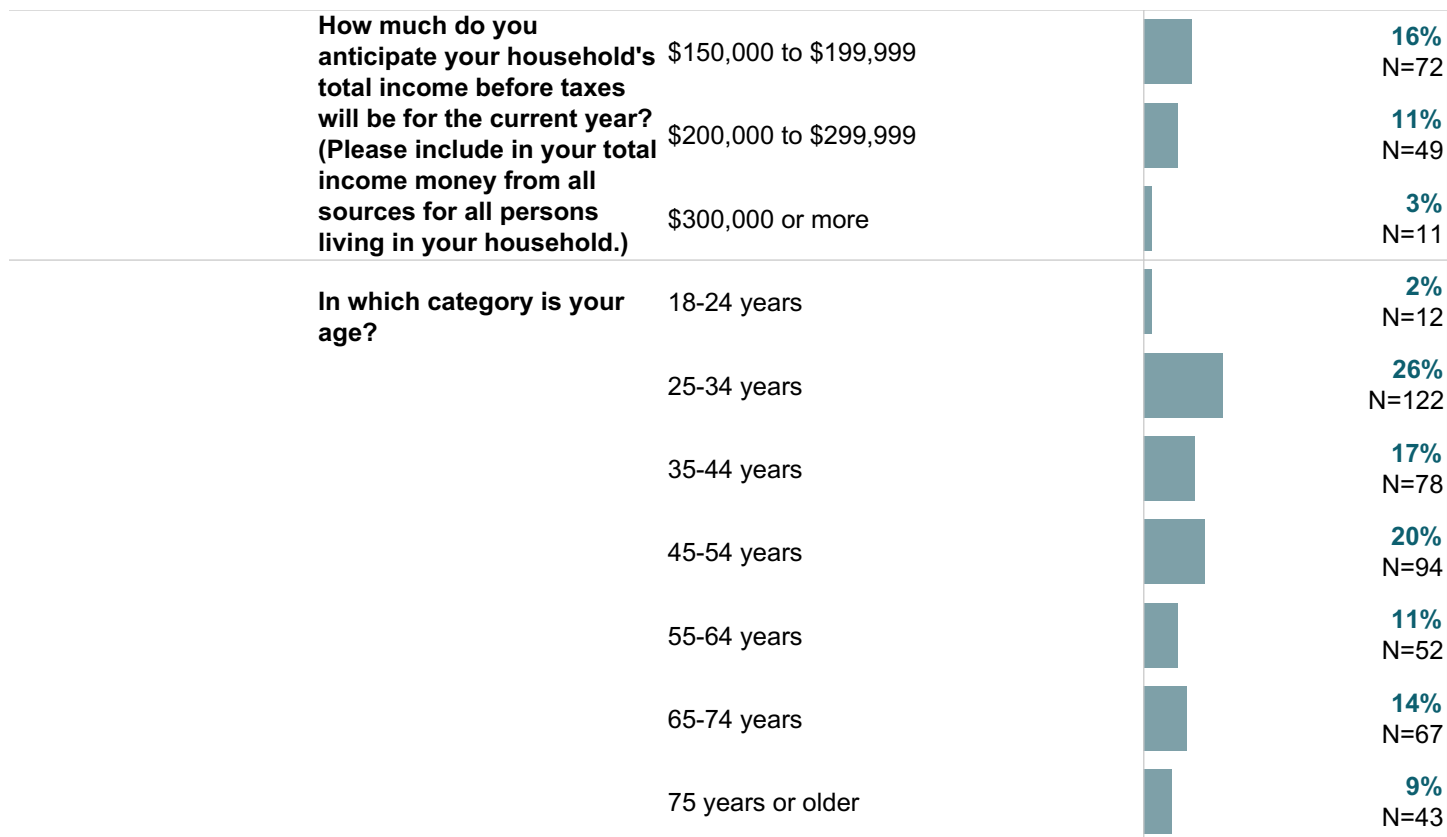


Which best describes the building you live in?

Single-family detached home



Which best describes the building you live in?	Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you)		12% N=57
	Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)		6% N=30
	Other		0% N=2
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent		10% N=45
	Own		90% N=423
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 \$300		1% N=2
	\$300 to \$599		7% N=31
	\$600 to \$999		7% N=34
	\$1,000 to \$1,499		13% N=58
	\$1,500 to \$2,499		44% N=203
	\$2,500 to \$3,999		24% N=109
	\$4,000 to \$6,999		3% N=14
	\$7,000 to \$9,999		1% N=2
	\$10,000 or more		1% N=3
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No		59% N=275
	Yes		41% N=193
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No		72% N=336
	Yes		28% N=131
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		2% N=11
	\$25,000 to \$49,999		7% N=31
	\$50,000 to \$74,999		20% N=90
	\$75,000 to \$99,999		12% N=56
	\$100,000 to \$149,999		28% N=127



Methods (Open Participation)



As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), the City of Ramsey conducted a survey of 471 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from April 12, 2024 to May 3, 2024. 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 Ramsey. 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 also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all Ramsey residents and became available on May 3, 2024. The survey remained open for three weeks and there were 52 responses.

The open participation survey data were 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. Due to limited response, the results were not statistically weighted.

Open Participation Survey Results

This dashboard contains a complete set of responses to each question on the open participation survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter to the right. In some tables, the percentages may not sum to 100%; this is either because the question permitted the respondent to "choose all that apply", or for a question that asked the respondent to select one answer, it is due to the customary practice of rounding values to the nearest whole number.

Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Please rate each of the Ramsey as a place to live	Excellent		13% N=7
			Good		60% N=31
			Fair		25% N=13
			Poor		2% N=1
		The overall quality of life in Ramsey	Excellent		15% N=7
			Good		50% N=24
			Fair		33% N=16
			Poor		2% N=1
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Ramsey to someone who asks	Very likely		25% N=13
			Somewhat likely		44% N=23

Quality of Life	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Ramsey to someone who asks	Somewhat unlikely		21% N=11
			Very unlikely		10% N=5
		Remain in Ramsey for the next five years	Very likely		55% N=27
			Somewhat likely		33% N=16
			Somewhat unlikely		6% N=3
			Very unlikely		6% N=3
	Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Overall image or reputation of Ramsey	Excellent		10% N=5
			Good		25% N=13
			Fair		44% N=23
			Poor		21% N=11
Governance	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Public information services	Excellent		10% N=4
			Good		61% N=25
			Fair		22% N=9

Governance	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Public information services	Poor		7% N=3
		Overall customer service by Ramsey employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	Excellent		34% N=16
			Good		53% N=25
			Fair		6% N=3
			Poor		6% N=3
	Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Ramsey	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		35% N=18
			Fair		27% N=14
			Poor		33% N=17
		The overall direction that Ramsey is taking	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		31% N=16
			Fair		31% N=16
			Poor		33% N=17

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.	The job Ramsey government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		10% N=4
			Good		30% N=12
			Fair		28% N=11
			Poor		33% N=13
		Overall confidence in Ramsey government	Excellent		2% N=1
			Good		25% N=12
			Fair		42% N=20
			Poor		31% N=15
		Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		2% N=1
			Good		34% N=17
			Fair		34% N=17
			Poor		30% N=15
		Being honest	Excellent		7% N=3

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.	Being honest	Good		29% N=12
			Fair		29% N=12
			Poor		34% N=14
		Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		10% N=5
			Good		31% N=15
			Fair		33% N=16
			Poor		25% N=12
		Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		13% N=6
			Good		21% N=10
			Fair		35% N=17
			Poor		31% N=15
		Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		15% N=6
			Good		36% N=14

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.	Treating all residents fairly	Fair		21% N=8
			Poor		28% N=11
		Treating residents with respect	Excellent		17% N=7
			Good		40% N=17
			Fair		21% N=9
			Poor		21% N=9
Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to work	Excellent		12% N=3
			Good		31% N=8
			Fair		27% N=7
			Poor		31% N=8
		Ramsey as a place to visit	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		18% N=9
			Fair		32% N=16

Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.		Poor		46% N=23
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall economic health of Ramsey	Good		43% N=19
			Fair		43% N=19
			Poor		14% N=6
	Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Ramsey	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		35% N=17
			Fair		42% N=20
			Poor		19% N=9
	Variety of business and service establishments in Ramsey		Excellent		2% N=1
			Good		12% N=6
			Fair		30% N=15
			Poor		56% N=28
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area		Excellent		4% N=2

Economy

Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.



Economy	Please rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Cost of living in Ramsey	Fair		37% N=18
			Poor		24% N=12
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Economic development	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		27% N=12
			Fair		42% N=19
			Poor		27% N=12
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health of Ramsey	Essential		35% N=17
			Very important		49% N=24
			Somewhat important		12% N=6
			Not at all important		4% N=2
		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		2% N=1
			Somewhat positive		13% N=7
			Neutral		46% N=24

Economy		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:	Somewhat negative		31% N=16
			Very negative		8% N=4
Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Ramsey	Excellent		14% N=7
			Good		20% N=10
			Fair		37% N=19
			Poor		29% N=15
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		8% N=4
			Good		56% N=29
			Fair		23% N=12
			Poor		13% N=7
		Ease of public parking	Excellent		33% N=15
			Good		50% N=23
			Fair		13% N=6

Mobility	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Ease of public parking	Poor		4% N=2
		Ease of travel by car in Ramsey	Excellent		33% N=17
			Good		37% N=19
			Fair		25% N=13
			Poor		6% N=3
		Ease of travel by public transportation in Ramsey	Excellent		6% N=2
			Good		6% N=2
			Fair		23% N=7
			Poor		65% N=20
		Ease of travel by bicycle in Ramsey	Excellent		19% N=9
			Good		34% N=16
			Fair		30% N=14
			Poor		17% N=8

Mobility

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

Ease of walking in Ramsey

Excellent



16%
N=8

Good



41%
N=21

Fair



27%
N=14

Poor



16%
N=8

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

Traffic enforcement

Excellent



16%
N=7

Good



48%
N=21

Fair



18%
N=8

Poor



18%
N=8

Traffic signal timing

Excellent



11%
N=5

Good



43%
N=20

Fair



26%
N=12

Poor



21%
N=10

Street repair

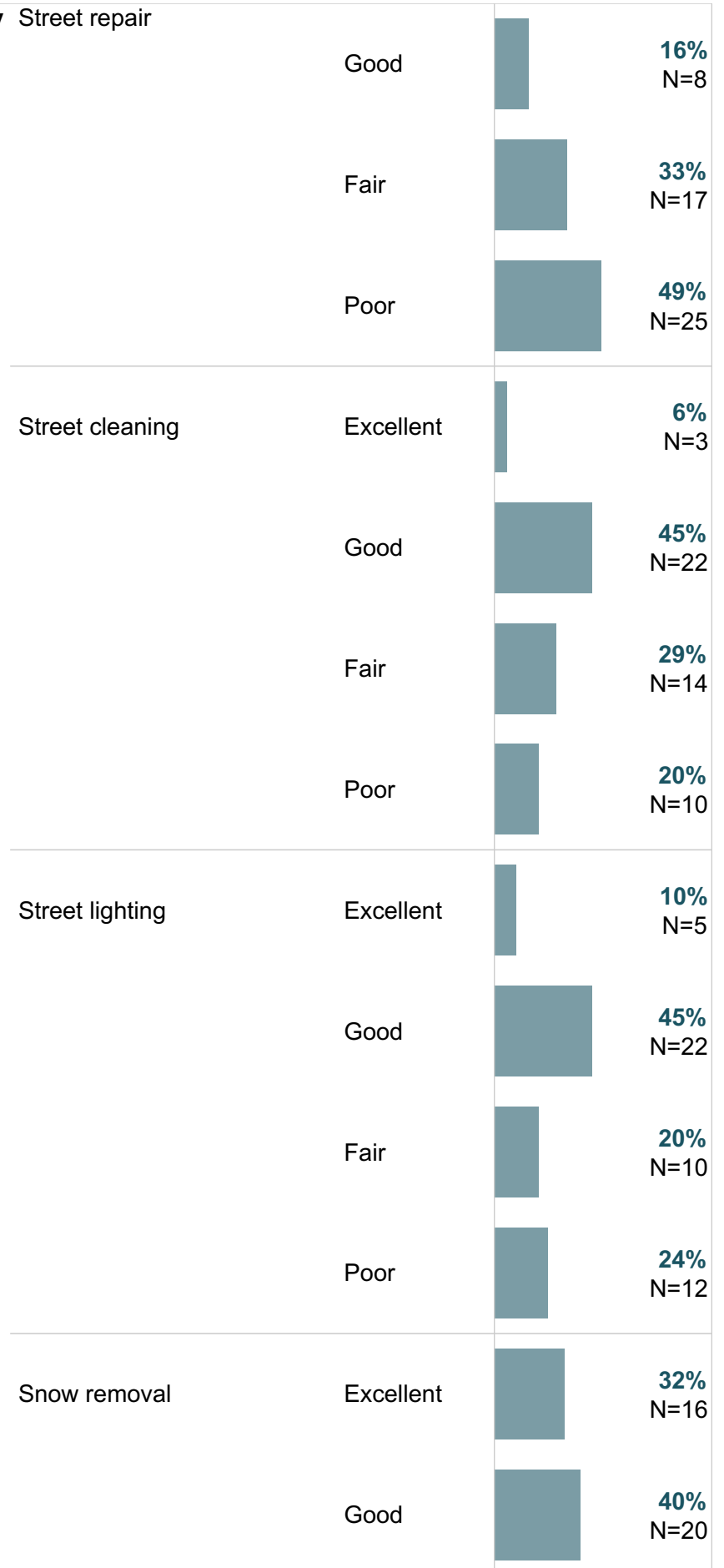
Excellent



2%
N=1

Mobility

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



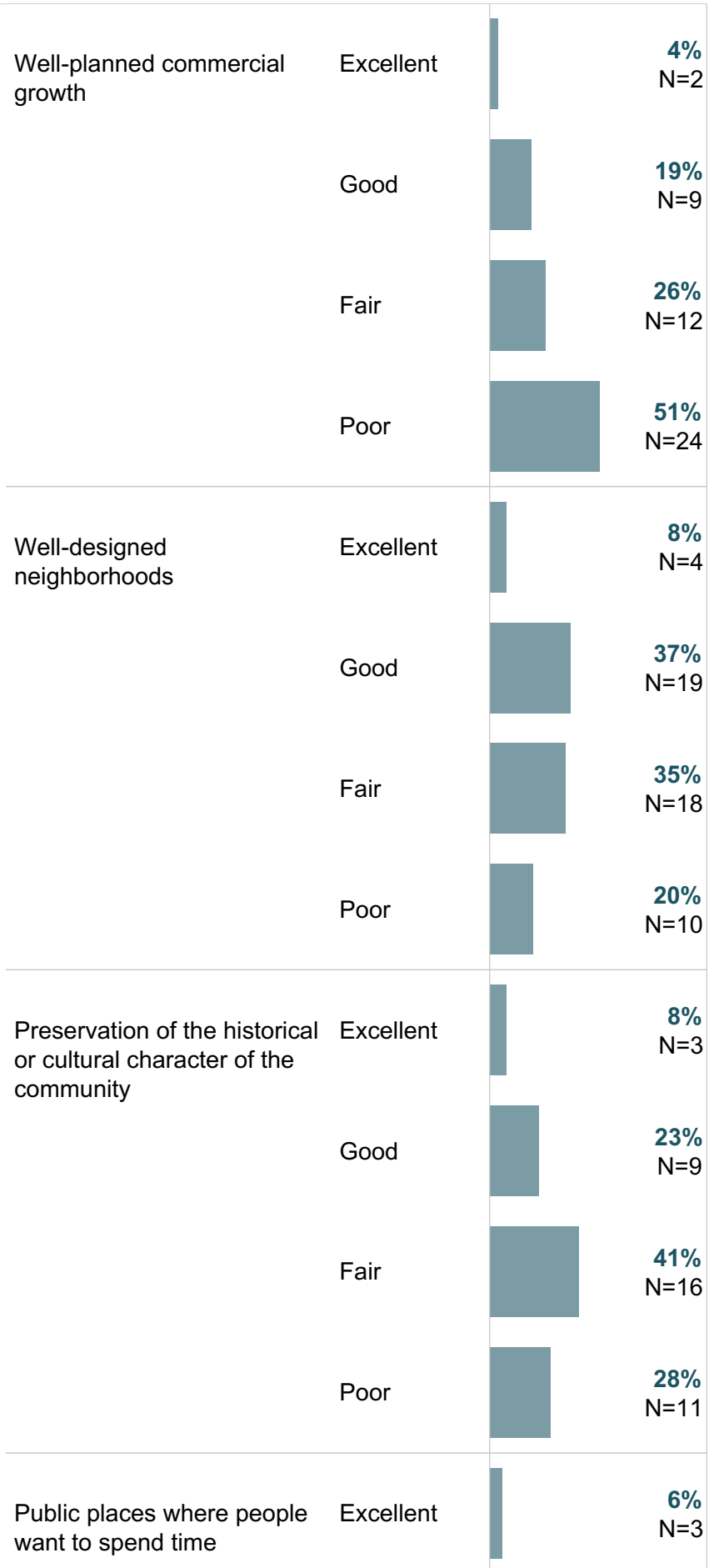
Mobility

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

Snow removal	Fair		22% N=11
	Poor		6% N=3
	Excellent		13% N=5
	Good		51% N=20
Sidewalk maintenance	Fair		21% N=8
	Poor		15% N=6
	Excellent		8% N=2
	Good		15% N=4
Bus or transit services	Fair		35% N=9
	Poor		42% N=11
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Essential		24% N=12
	Very important		40% N=20
	Somewhat important		32% N=16
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Ramsey			

Mobility	Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Ramsey	Not at all important		4% N=2
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		35% N=18
			Good		40% N=21
			Fair		19% N=10
			Poor		6% N=3
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall design or layout of Ramsey's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Excellent		12% N=6
			Good		35% N=18
			Fair		37% N=19
			Poor		16% N=8
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		11% N=5
			Good		24% N=11
			Fair		31% N=14
			Poor		33% N=15

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



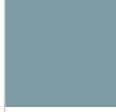
Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.		Public places where people want to spend time		
			Good		32% N=16
			Fair		34% N=17
			Poor		28% N=14
	Variety of housing options	Excellent		18% N=9	
		Good		35% N=18	
		Fair		29% N=15	
		Poor		18% N=9	
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		10% N=4	
		Good		29% N=12	
		Fair		38% N=16	
		Poor		24% N=10	
	Overall quality of new development in Ramsey	Excellent		6% N=3	
Good			28% N=13		

Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Overall quality of new development in Ramsey	Fair		30% N=14
			Poor		36% N=17
		Overall appearance of Ramsey	Excellent		12% N=6
			Good		38% N=20
	Fair			35% N=18	
	Poor			15% N=8	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Land use, planning, and zoning	Excellent		5% N=2
			Good		20% N=8
			Fair		28% N=11
			Poor		48% N=19
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)		Excellent		14% N=5	
		Good		14% N=5	
		Fair		28% N=10	

Community Design	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Poor		44% N=16
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of Ramsey's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Essential		40% N=20
			Very important		42% N=21
			Somewhat important		16% N=8
			Not at all important		2% N=1
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		65% N=31
			Fair		19% N=9
			Poor		13% N=6
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		11% N=5
			Good		35% N=16
			Fair		37% N=17
			Poor		17% N=8

Utilities

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

Garbage collection	Excellent		18% N=9
	Good		51% N=25
	Fair		29% N=14
	Poor		2% N=1
Drinking water	Excellent		26% N=10
	Good		44% N=17
	Fair		23% N=9
	Poor		8% N=3
Sewer services	Excellent		21% N=6
	Good		61% N=17
	Fair		18% N=5
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Excellent		17% N=7
	Good		66% N=27

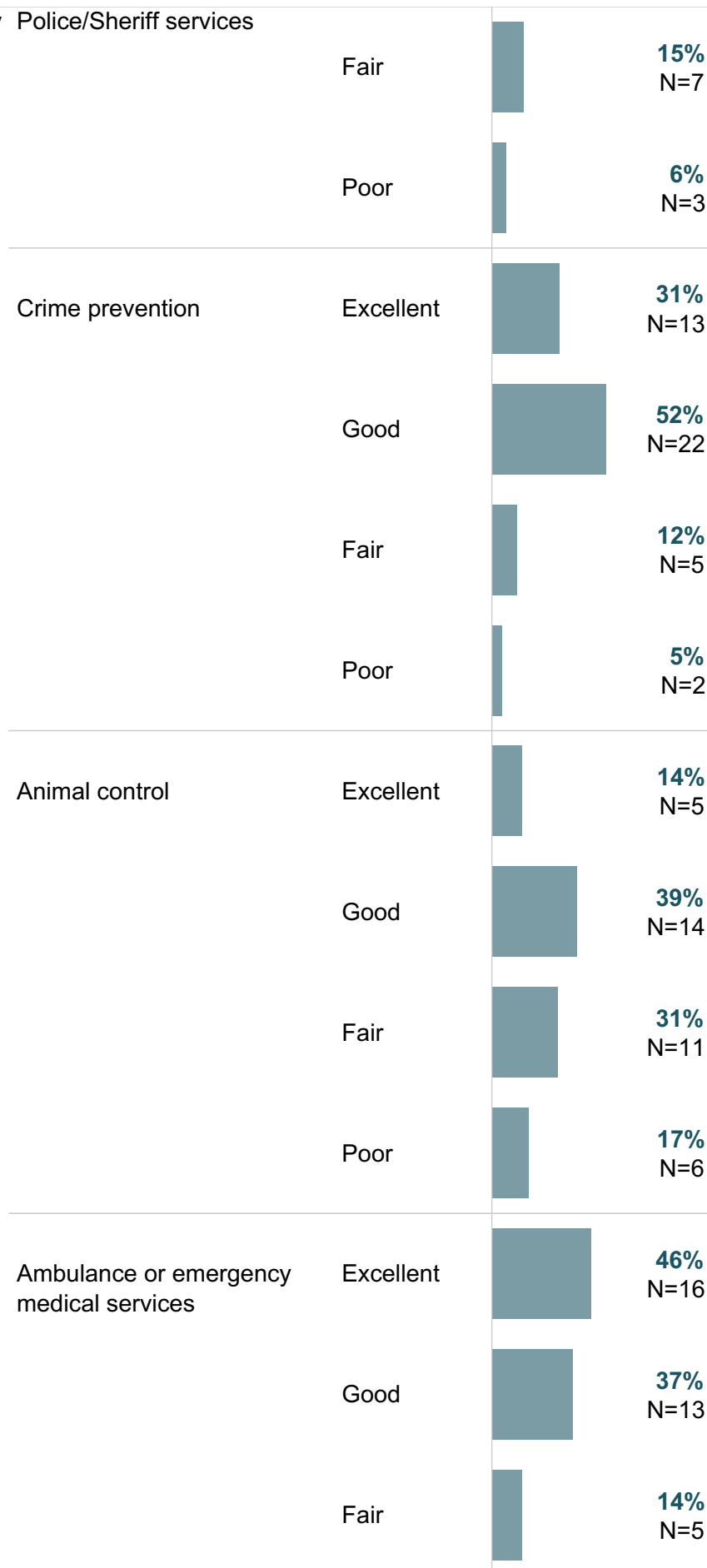
Utilities	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Fair		15% N=6
			Poor		2% N=1
		Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		26% N=13
			Good		64% N=32
			Fair		8% N=4
			Poor		2% N=1
	Utility billing		Excellent		18% N=9
			Good		51% N=26
			Fair		27% N=14
			Poor		4% N=2
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Essential		29% N=15
			Very important		47% N=24
			Somewhat important		22% N=11

Utilities	Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Not at all important		2% N=1
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety in Ramsey	Excellent		36% N=18
			Good		56% N=28
			Fair		4% N=2
			Poor		4% N=2
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		87% N=45
			Somewhat safe		12% N=6
			Neither safe nor unsafe		2% N=1
		In Ramsey's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		73% N=35
			Somewhat safe		19% N=9
			Neither safe nor unsafe		4% N=2
			Somewhat unsafe		4% N=2
		From property crime	Very safe		44% N=23

Safety	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Somewhat safe		35% N=18
			Neither safe nor unsafe		12% N=6
			Somewhat unsafe		8% N=4
			Very unsafe		2% N=1
		From violent crime	Very safe		63% N=33
			Somewhat safe		33% N=17
			Neither safe nor unsafe		2% N=1
			Somewhat unsafe		2% N=1
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		52% N=26
			Somewhat safe		40% N=20
			Neither safe nor unsafe		8% N=4
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		43% N=20
			Good		36% N=17

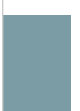
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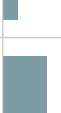
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Safety	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Poor		3% N=1
		Fire services	Excellent		55% N=21
			Good		34% N=13
			Fair		8% N=3
			Poor		3% N=1
		Fire prevention and education	Excellent		49% N=17
			Good		31% N=11
			Fair		11% N=4
			Poor		9% N=3
		Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Excellent		34% N=11
			Good		22% N=7
			Fair		28% N=9
			Poor		16% N=5

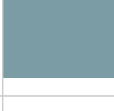
Safety	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety in Ramsey	Essential		44% N=22
			Very important		26% N=13
			Somewhat important		26% N=13
			Not at all important		4% N=2
Natural environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment in Ramsey	Excellent		27% N=14
			Good		43% N=22
			Fair		22% N=11
			Poor		8% N=4
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Cleanliness of Ramsey	Excellent		25% N=13
			Good		43% N=22
			Fair		27% N=14
			Poor		4% N=2
		Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Excellent		16% N=8

Natural environment	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Good		30% N=15
			Fair		32% N=16
			Poor		22% N=11
	Air quality		Excellent		32% N=15
			Good		62% N=29
			Fair		6% N=3
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Excellent		11% N=5
			Good		37% N=17
			Fair		26% N=12
			Poor		26% N=12
	Ramsey open space		Excellent		8% N=4
			Good		39% N=19
			Fair		31% N=15

Natural environment	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Ramsey open space	Fair		22% N=11
			Poor		
		Recycling	Excellent		25% N=13
			Good		57% N=29
			Fair		12% N=6
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment in Ramsey	Poor		6% N=3
			Excellent		17% N=5
			Good		53% N=16
			Fair		17% N=5
			Poor		13% N=4
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		48% N=24
			Very important		36% N=18
			Somewhat important		16% N=8
			Excellent		20% N=10
			Good		

Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Good		41% N=20
			Fair		27% N=13
			Poor		12% N=6
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		25% N=13
			Good		51% N=26
			Fair		12% N=6
			Poor		12% N=6
		Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	Excellent		11% N=5
			Good		51% N=24
			Fair		26% N=12
			Poor		13% N=6
		Recreational opportunities	Excellent		16% N=8
			Good		33% N=16

Parks and Recreation	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Recreational opportunities	Fair		29% N=14
			Poor		22% N=11
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	City parks	Excellent		22% N=11
			Good		45% N=23
			Fair		24% N=12
			Poor		10% N=5
		Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		13% N=6
			Good		42% N=20
			Fair		31% N=15
			Poor		15% N=7
		Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		6% N=3
			Good		30% N=14
			Fair		26% N=12

Parks and Recreation	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Recreation centers or facilities	Poor		38% N=18
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		35% N=18
			Very important		47% N=24
			Somewhat important		18% N=9
Health and wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Ramsey	Excellent		14% N=7
			Good		38% N=19
			Fair		32% N=16
			Poor		16% N=8
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		4% N=2
			Good		22% N=11
			Fair		31% N=16
			Poor		43% N=22
		Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		18% N=8

Health and wellness	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Availability of affordable quality health care	Good		31% N=14
			Fair		36% N=16
			Poor		16% N=7
		Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		16% N=7
			Good		32% N=14
			Fair		32% N=14
			Poor		20% N=9
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		6% N=2
			Good		15% N=5
			Fair		18% N=6
			Poor		61% N=20
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Health services	Excellent		21% N=9
			Good		30% N=13

Health and wellness	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Health services	Fair		40% N=17
			Poor		9% N=4
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Ramsey	Essential		12% N=6
			Very important		45% N=23
			Somewhat important		31% N=16
			Not at all important		12% N=6
Education, Arts and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		9% N=4
			Good		32% N=15
			Fair		28% N=13
			Poor		32% N=15
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		16% N=8
			Good		30% N=15
			Fair		40% N=20

Education, Arts and Culture	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Poor		14% N=7
		Community support for the arts	Excellent		17% N=7
			Good		37% N=15
			Fair		27% N=11
			Poor		20% N=8
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		10% N=2
			Good		40% N=8
			Fair		35% N=7
			Poor		15% N=3
		K-12 education	Excellent		21% N=8
			Good		38% N=15
			Fair		33% N=13
			Poor		8% N=3

Education, Arts and Culture	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		6% N=2
			Good		37% N=13
			Fair		26% N=9
			Poor		31% N=11
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		16% N=8
			Good		47% N=24
			Fair		27% N=14
			Poor		10% N=5
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.	Public library services	Excellent		7% N=3
			Good		36% N=16
			Fair		9% N=4
			Poor		48% N=21
		Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		18% N=9

Education, Arts and Culture	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Very important		31% N=16
			Somewhat important		43% N=22
			Not at all important		8% N=4
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Ramsey as a place to raise children	Excellent		22% N=10
			Good		44% N=20
			Fair		24% N=11
			Poor		9% N=4
		Ramsey as a place to retire	Excellent		11% N=5
			Good		39% N=17
			Fair		27% N=12
			Poor		23% N=10
		Sense of community	Excellent		10% N=5
			Good		33% N=17

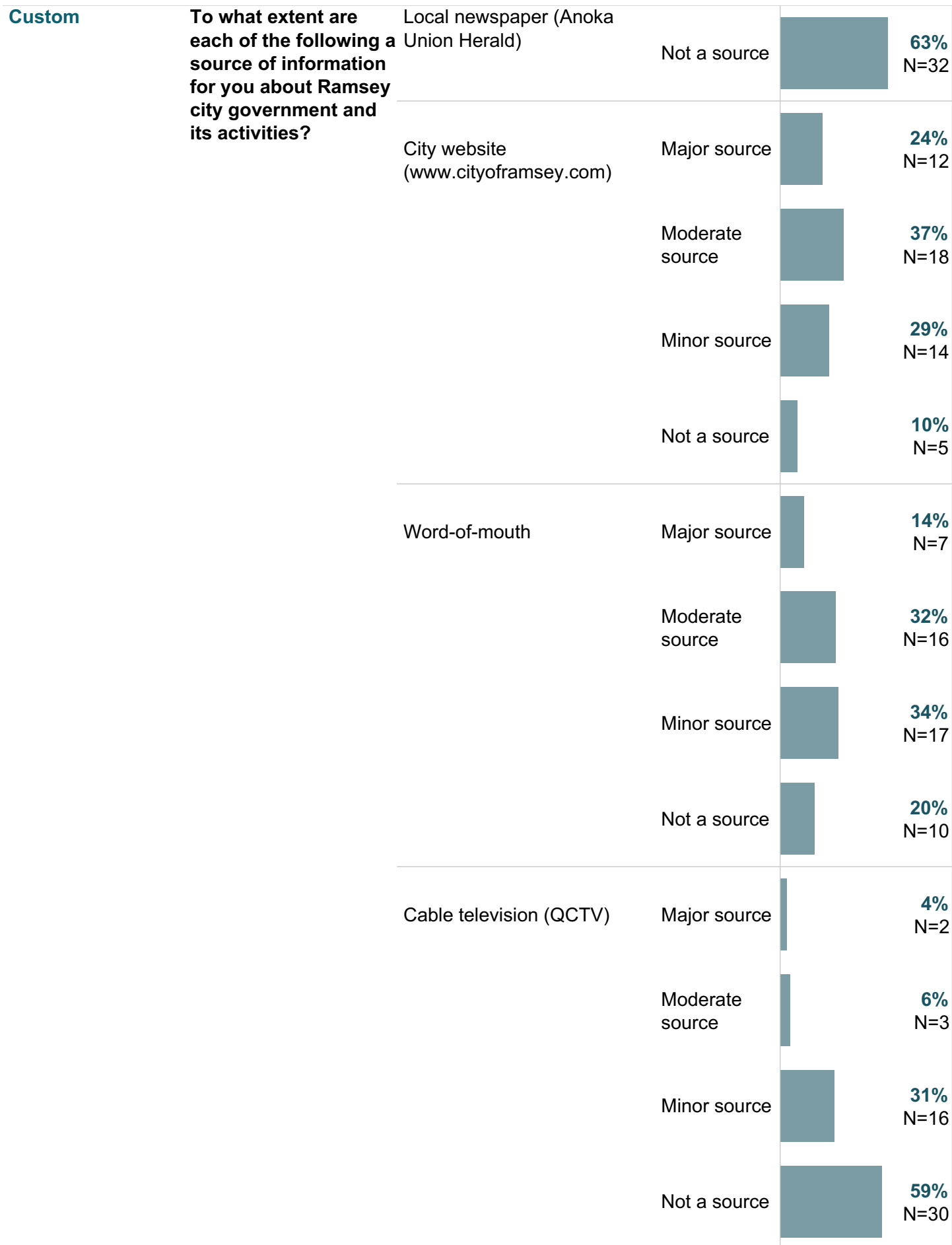
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.	Sense of community	Fair		37% N=19
			Poor		20% N=10
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		13% N=6
			Good		28% N=13
			Fair		39% N=18
			Poor		20% N=9
	Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		18% N=9
			Good		36% N=18
			Fair		36% N=18
			Poor		10% N=5
		Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Excellent		4% N=1
			Good		46% N=13
			Fair		36% N=10

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.	Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Poor		14% N=4
	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		8% N=4
			Good		28% N=14
			Fair		46% N=23
			Poor		18% N=9
		Neighborhoodliness of residents in Ramsey	Excellent		14% N=7
			Good		33% N=17
			Fair		39% N=20
			Poor		14% N=7
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		14% N=7
			Good		33% N=16
			Fair		43% N=21
			Poor		10% N=5

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please also rate each of the following in the Ramsey community.	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities		Poor		
		Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		14% N=5	
			Good		46% N=16	
			Fair		26% N=9	
			Poor		14% N=5	
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		12% N=5	
			Good		44% N=19	
			Fair		26% N=11	
			Poor		19% N=8	
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		14% N=6	
			Good		28% N=12	
			Fair		28% N=12	
			Poor		30% N=13	
		Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		16% N=8	

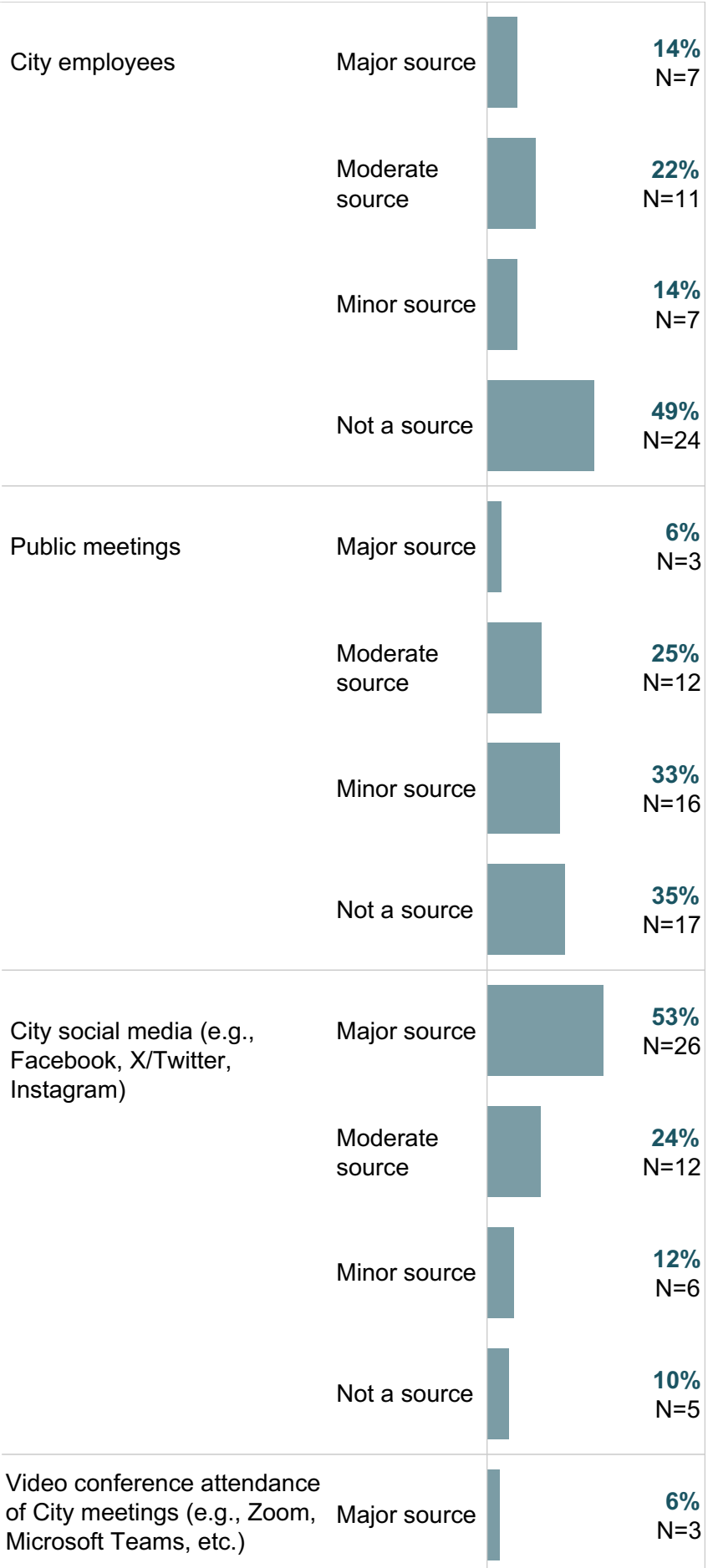
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Very important		37% N=19
			Somewhat important		43% N=22
			Not at all important		4% N=2
Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Ramsey (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information	No		46% N=24
			Yes		54% N=28
		Contacted Ramsey elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	No		71% N=37
			Yes		29% N=15
		Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, ..	No		73% N=38
			Yes		27% N=14
		Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	No		58% N=30
			Yes		42% N=22
Custom	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend a business open a location in Ramsey	Very likely		49% N=24
			Somewhat likely		27% N=13

Custom	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend a business open a location in Ramsey	Somewhat unlikely		14% N=7
			Very unlikely		10% N=5
	Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.	Valuing/respecting all residents	Excellent		18% N=9
			Good		25% N=13
			Fair		35% N=18
			Poor		22% N=11
	To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?	City newsletter (Ramsey Resident)	Major source		65% N=33
			Moderate source		29% N=15
			Minor source		4% N=2
			Not a source		2% N=1
		Local newspaper (Anoka Union Herald)	Major source		6% N=3
			Moderate source		4% N=2
			Minor source		27% N=14



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To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?

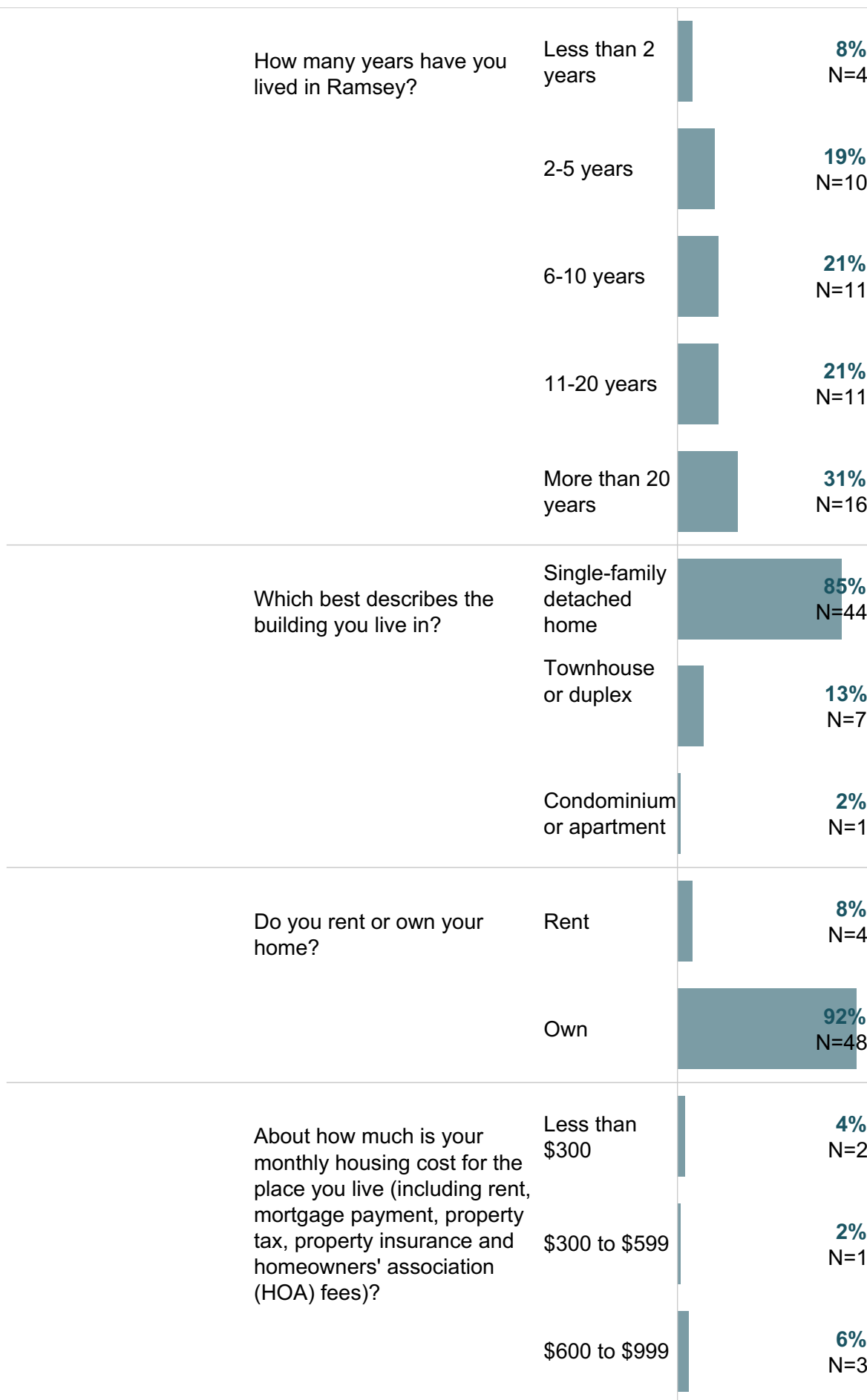


Custom	To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?	Video conference attendance of City meetings (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.)	Moderate source		12% N=6
			Minor source		24% N=12
			Not a source		58% N=29
	Please indicate to what extent you support or oppose the city investigating the following changes to new or existing amenities, each of which could accordingly result in a tax increase:	Making improvements to existing/established parks	Strongly support		64% N=7
			Somewhat support		36% N=4
		Building new parks	Strongly support		27% N=3
			Somewhat support		45% N=5
			Somewhat oppose		18% N=2
			Strongly oppose		9% N=1
		Making improvements to existing trails	Strongly support		44% N=4
			Somewhat support		56% N=5
		Building new trails	Strongly support		36% N=4
			Somewhat support		45% N=5

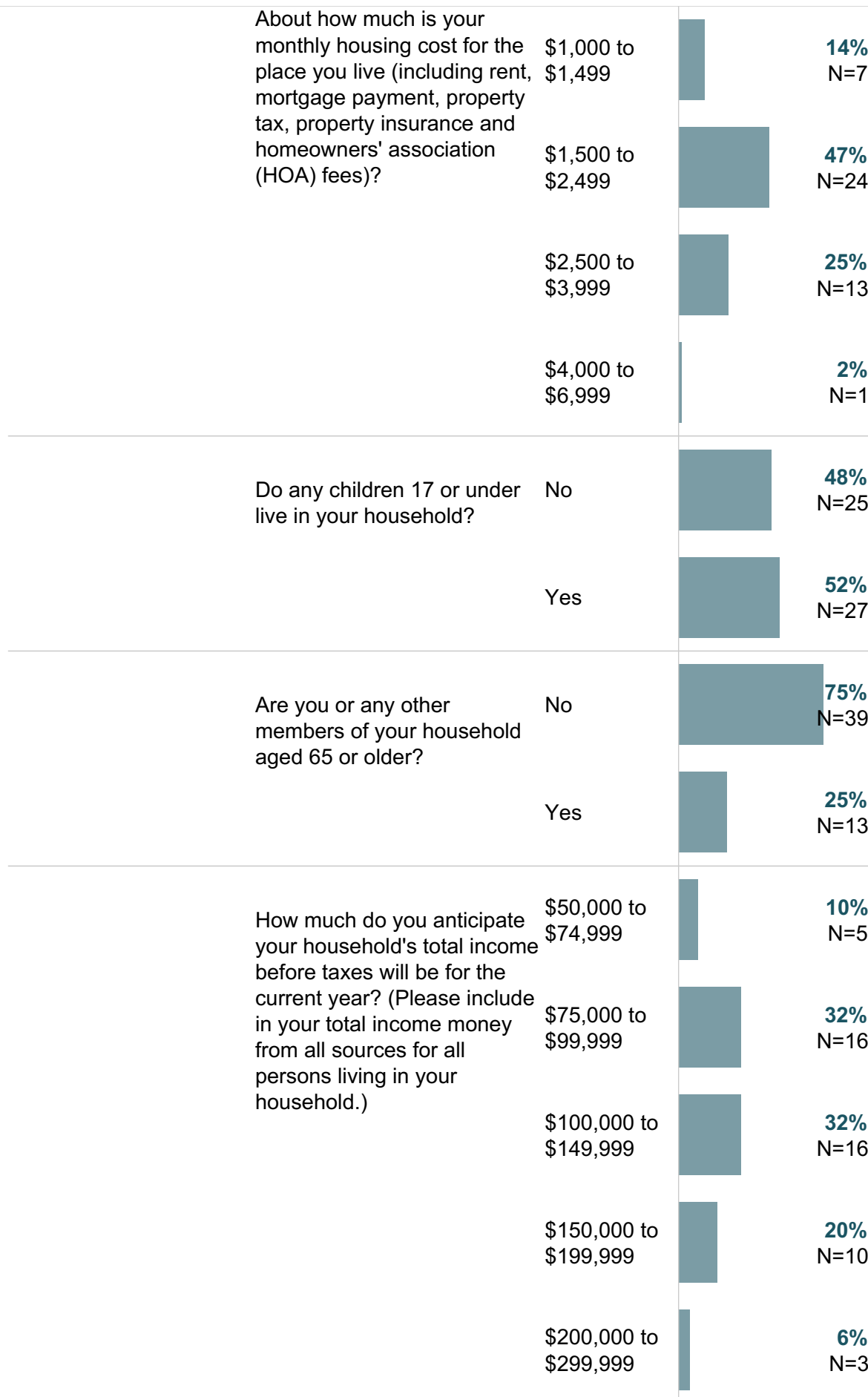
Custom	Please indicate to what extent you support or oppose the city investigating the following changes to new or existing amenities, each of which could accordingly result in a tax increase:	Building new trails	Somewhat support		18% N=2
			Somewhat oppose		
		Building a new community center	Strongly support		60% N=6
			Somewhat support		30% N=3
			Strongly oppose		10% N=1
		Building a splash pad	Strongly support		55% N=6
			Somewhat support		18% N=2
			Somewhat oppose		18% N=2
			Strongly oppose		9% N=1
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following priorities are for the City to focus on in the next five years:	Balancing rural character and urban growth (development patterns)	Essential		37% N=19
			Very important		39% N=20
			Somewhat important		20% N=10
			Not at all important		4% N=2
		Creating an active community (parks, trails, open space, recreation)	Essential		54% N=27

Custom	Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following priorities are for the City to focus on in the next five years:	Creating an active community (parks, trails, open space, recreation)	Very important		28% N=14
			Somewhat important		18% N=9
		Creating a connected community (roads, trails, sidewalks, rail, transportation)	Essential		46% N=23
			Very important		30% N=15
			Somewhat important		14% N=7
			Not at all important		10% N=5
		Creating financial stability for the City (stable tax rates)	Essential		62% N=31
			Very important		26% N=13
			Somewhat important		12% N=6
		Providing quality public safety services (Police and Fire)	Essential		67% N=34
			Very important		20% N=10
			Somewhat important		12% N=6
			Not at all important		2% N=1

Demographic



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In which category is your age?

25-34 years

35-44 years

45-54 years

55-64 years

65-74 years

75 years or older



17%
N=9

29%
N=15

25%
N=13

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