THE NCS™

THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY™

Cedar Rapids, IA

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About The NCS™



The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the "livability" of Cedar Rapids. A livable community is a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live. The survey was developed by the experts from National Research Center at Polco.

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

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



The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 755 residents of the City of Cedar Rapids collected from February 24th, 2022 to April 14th, 2022. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 4% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2022 survey was 16%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Cedar Rapids.

How the results are reported

For the most part, the percentages presented in the following tabs represent the "percent positive." Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, etc.). On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer "don't know." The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in the tab "Complete data." However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in most of the tabs. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Comparisons to benchmarks

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 600 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Community Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community in the last five years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. In each tab, Cedar Rapids' 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 Cedar Rapids residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Cedar Rapids' 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 Cedar Rapids' average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

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

Trends over time

Trend data for Cedar Rapids represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines*. Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents' opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than five percentage points between the 2020 and 2022 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

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

Methods

Selecting survey recipients

All households within the City of Cedar Rapids were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Cedar Rapids was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Cedar Rapids 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 Cedar Rapids boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. Each address identified as being within city boundaries was further identified as being within one of the five council districts. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units (defined as those with a unit number) sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units.

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

Conducting the survey

The 5,100 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on February 24th, 2022 and the survey remained open for 7 weeks. For 2,100 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. For the remaining 3,000 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate, followed one week later by a reminder postcard. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online. All follow-up mailings asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from completing the survey again.

About 6% of the 5,100 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 4,811 households that received the invitations to participate, 755 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.

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 Cedar Rapids survey is no greater than plus or minus four percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (755 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 Cedar Rapids. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on March 31st, 2022. The survey remained open for two weeks. The data presented in the following tabs exclude the open participation survey data, but a tab at the end provides the complete frequency of responses to questions by the open participation respondents.

Analyzing the data

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

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Cedar Rapids. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and district. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.* The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

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

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	13%	33%	33%
	35-54	27%	32%	32%
	55+	60%	35%	35%
District	CD1	19%	20%	20%
	CD2	23%	20%	20%
	CD3	19%	19%	19%
	CD4	22%	20%	20%
	CD5	17%	21%	21%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	98%	97%	97%
	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	2%	3%	3%
Housing tenure	Own	84%	69%	69%
	Rent	16%	31%	31%
Housing type	Attached	27%	36%	36%
	Detached	73%	64%	64%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	12%	15%	15%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	88%	85%	85%
Sex	Female	54%	51%	51%
	Male	46%	49%	49%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	7%	16%	16%
	Female 35-54	15%	16%	16%
	Female 55+	32%	19%	19%
	Male 18-34	6%	17%	17%
	Male 35-54	13%	16%	16%
	Male 55+	28%	16%	16%

The survey datasets were analyzed using all or some of a combination of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), R, Python and Tableau. For the most part, the percentages presented in the reports represent the "percent positive." The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, essential/very important, etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating "yes" or participating in an activity at least once a month.

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Contact

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Survey Validity

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

* See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at https://www.aapor.org/Publications-Media/AAPOR-Journals/Standard-Definitions.aspx
* Pasek, J. (2010). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from https://web.stanford.edu/group/iriss/cgi-bin/anesrake/resources/RakingDescription.pdf
* Targets come from the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey

Highlights

Residents continue to experience a positive quality of life in Cedar Rapids.

At least two-thirds of respondents favorably reviewed the overall quality of life in the city, and three-quarters gave high marks to the city as a place to live and raise children. A similarly high proportion were likely to recommend living in Cedar Rapids to others (76%) and planned to remain in the city for the next five years (79%). While most of these ratings held steady from the City's 2020 survey results, slightly fewer residents offered positive reviews this year for the overall quality of life and the city as a place to live, and a smaller proportion also would recommend living in the city. However, in a custom question unique to Cedar Rapids, more than 8 in 10 residents believed that the overall quality of the city would improve or stay the same over the next year.

Survey results indicate that safety is a potential area of growth for the community.

Safety remains a top priority for residents, with 91% rating it an essential or very important focus area for the City in the next two years. Most respondents reported feeling safe in their neighborhoods (92%) and Cedar Rapids' downtown/commercial area during the day (83%), on par with previous survey results and comparison communities nationwide. Additionally, about 6 in 10 felt safe from property crime. However, only about half gave excellent or good reviews to the overall feeling of safety in Cedar Rapids; this rating decreased slightly since 2020 and fell below the national average. Residents' perceptions of safety from violent crime and fire, flood, or other natural disasters were also lower than in comparison communities nationwide.

While residents acknowledge the City's efforts to improve Cedar Rapids' streets and overall mobility, this area remains a priority for coming years.

About 70% of respondents gave high marks to the ease of travel by car in Cedar Rapids, holding steady from prior years. Over half offered positive evaluations of traffic flow on major streets and the ease of walking in the city. Traffic enforcement, street lighting, and bus or transit services also all received excellent or good ratings from at least half of residents. While most mobility-related survey items remained stable since the previous survey iteration, snow removal services received more favorable ratings this year (68% compared to 56% in 2020). In addition, the ease of public parking improved over 2020 results, and the ease of travel by bicycle declined slightly. Although similar to previous survey results, street repair and street cleaning both received ratings lower than the national benchmarks, indicating an opportunity for continued focus.

Also included on the survey were a few custom questions specific to Cedar Rapids, which allowed residents to evaluate ongoing projects and upcoming priorities for the City. When asked about the single most important issue facing Cedar Rapids, 30% of respondents reported that street repairs were of highest priority. Survey participants were also asked to rate the City's progress on improving city streets over the past few years; roughly one-third of respondents offered excellent or good evaluations of the city's progress, while another third felt progress had been fair. Additionally, survey participants were asked to share (in their own words) an item or focus area that had improved the quality of life in Cedar Rapids over the past few years. About 13% of residents mentioned street repairs or road/traffic improvements as positively impacting their quality of life. Another 12% focused on other aspects of mobility, such as the addition of new bike paths/trails throughout the city, in their written responses.

Cedar Rapids' economy remains strong despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

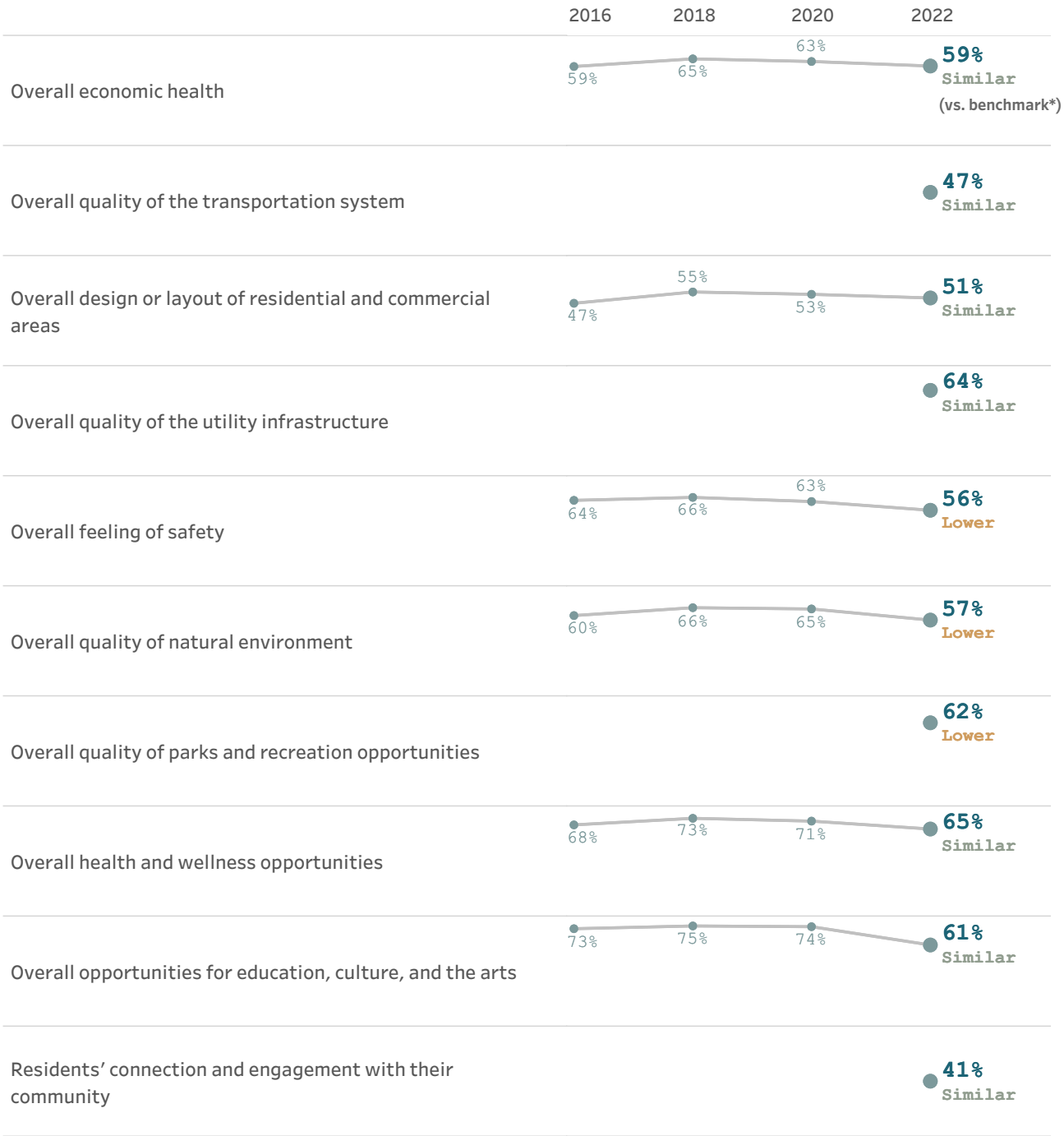
Results relating to the economy in Cedar Rapids tended to be positive and consistent with the City's previous survey iteration, which is worth noting due to the economic challenges and impacts felt nationwide from the COVID-19 pandemic. Evaluations of Cedar Rapids as a place to work remained strong, with positive ratings from three-quarters of respondents. A similar proportion was pleased with the city's overall quality of business and service establishments (68% excellent or good). Employment opportunities in Cedar Rapids received higher-than-average reviews from about two-thirds. Half of residents gave high marks to Cedar Rapids' economic development and the overall economic health of the city. Cost of living was also rated favorably by half of respondents, and shopping opportunities garnered positive ratings from about 4 in 10 residents; both of these ratings declined since 2020 but remained on par with comparison communities across the nation.

Facets of livability

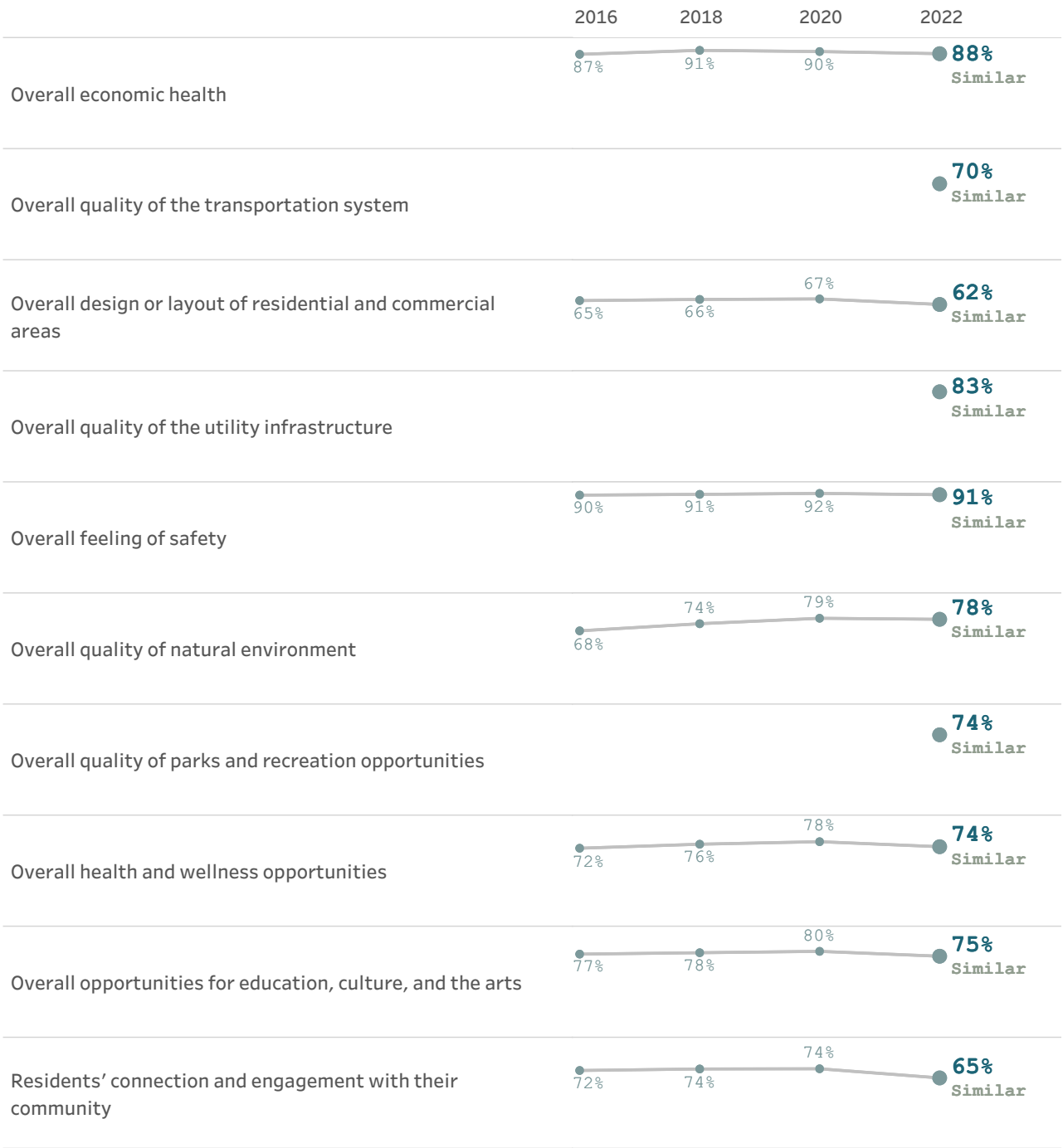
Resident perceptions of quality and importance for each of the facets of community livability provide an overview of community strengths and challenges that are useful for planning, budgeting and performance evaluation.

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

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



Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.
(% essential or very important)



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

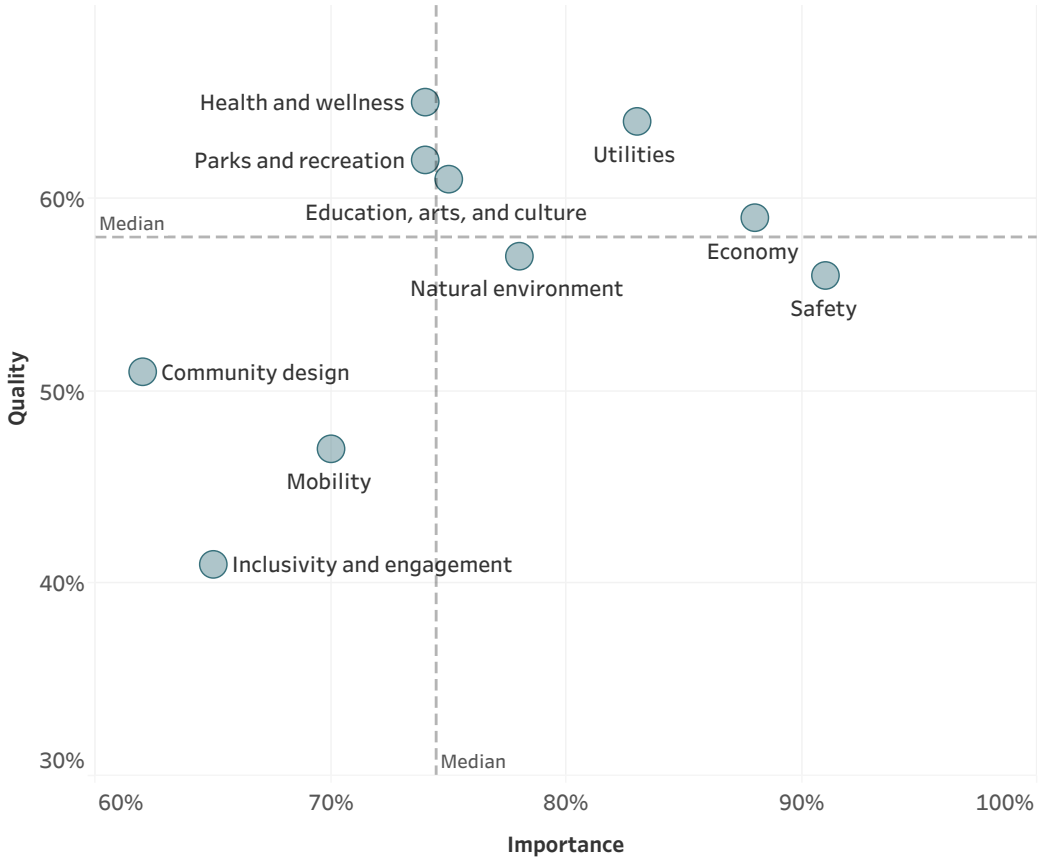
Balancing performance and importance

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

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

Services receiving quality ratings of excellent or good by 58% or more of respondents were considered of "higher quality" and those with ratings lower than 58% were considered to be of "lower quality." Services were classified as "more important" if they were rated as essential or very important by 75% or more of respondents. Services were rated as "less important" if they received a rating of less than 75%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

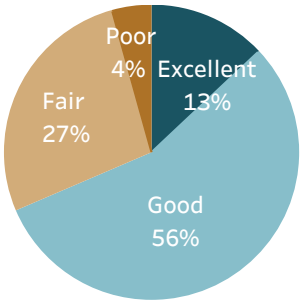
The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings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



Quality of life

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

The overall quality of life in Cedar Rapids, 2022



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

	2016	2018	2020	2022	
Cedar Rapids as a place to live	78%	81%	82%	76%	Lower vs. benchmark*
The overall quality of life	68%	74%	74%	68%	Similar

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022	
Recommend living in Cedar Rapids to someone who asks	80%	82%	82%	76%	Similar
Remain in Cedar Rapids for the next five years	82%	83%	82%	79%	Similar

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

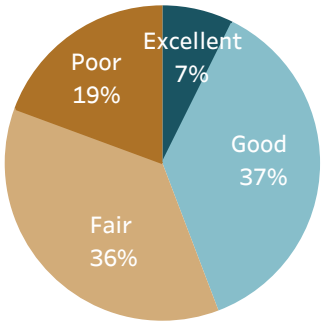
	2016	2018	2020	2022	
Overall image or reputation	51%	60%	57%	54%	Lower

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Governance

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

Overall confidence in Cedar Rapids government, 2022



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

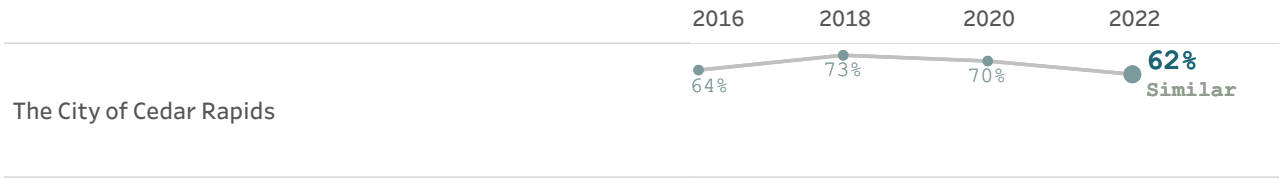
	2016	2018	2020	2022	
Overall customer service by Cedar Rapids employees	65%	74%	67%	70%	Similar vs. benchmark*
Public information services	63%	71%	71%	60%	Similar

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022	
The value of services for the taxes paid to Cedar Rapids	37%	43%	41%	43%	Similar
The overall direction that Cedar Rapids is taking	48%	53%	53%	46%	Similar
The job Cedar Rapids government does at welcoming resident involvement	41%	49%	43%	42%	Similar
Overall confidence in Cedar Rapids government	38%	47%	46%	44%	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	42%	50%	50%	47%	Similar
Being honest	43%	46%	45%	46%	Similar



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

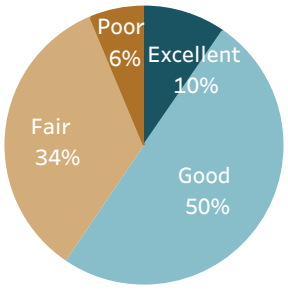


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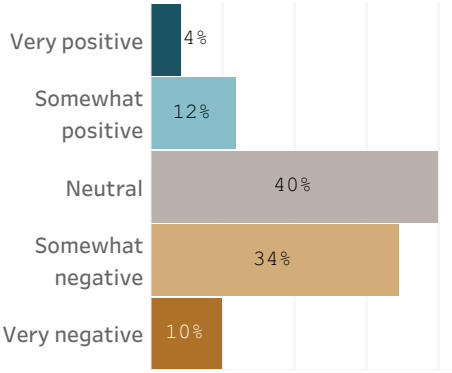
Economy

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

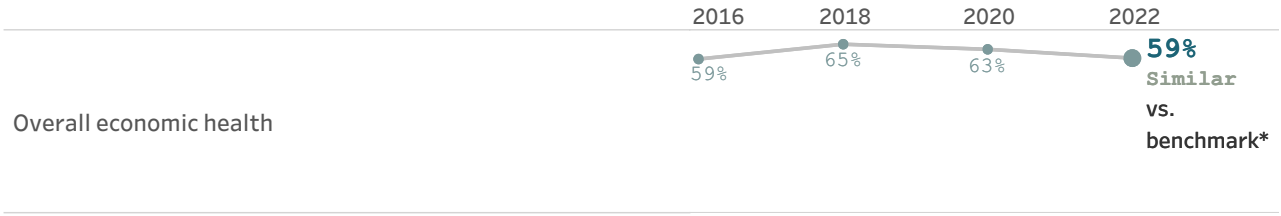
Overall economic health of Cedar Rapids, 2022



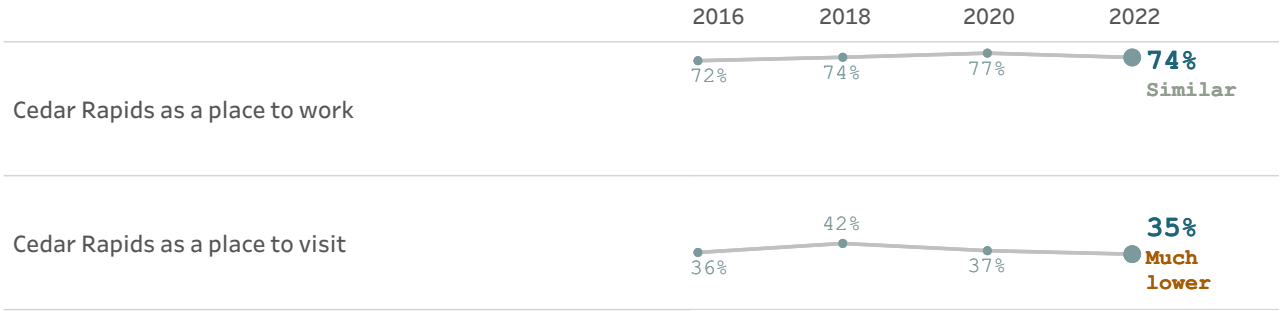
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:



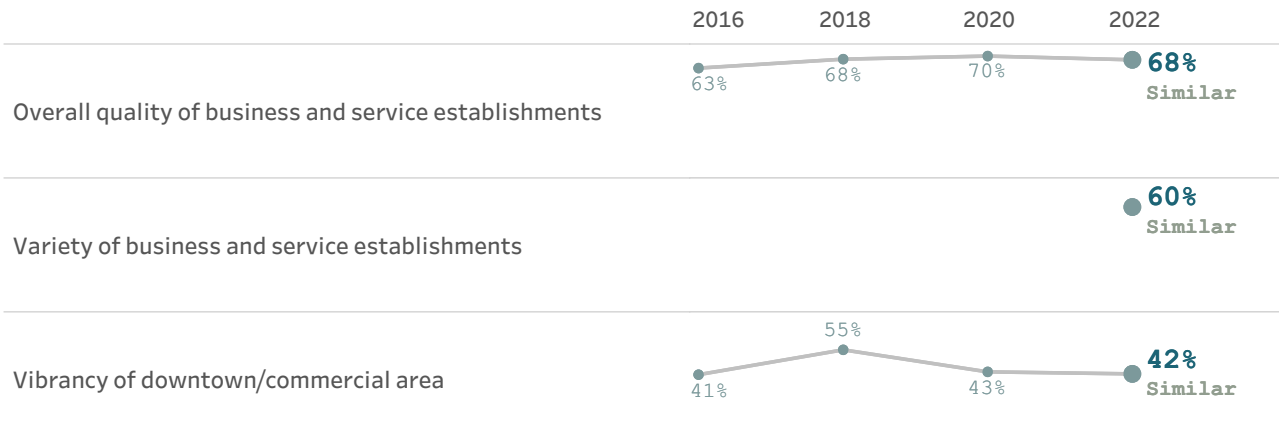
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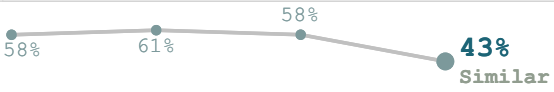


Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.
(% excellent or good)



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



Employment opportunities	
Shopping opportunities	
Cost of living	

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Economic development	53%	58%	60%	54% Similar

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)

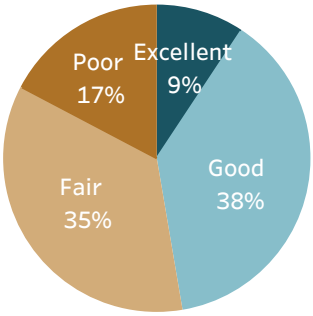
	2016	2018	2020	2022
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	23%	39%	28%	16% Lower

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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.

Overall quality of the transportation system in Cedar Rapids, 2022



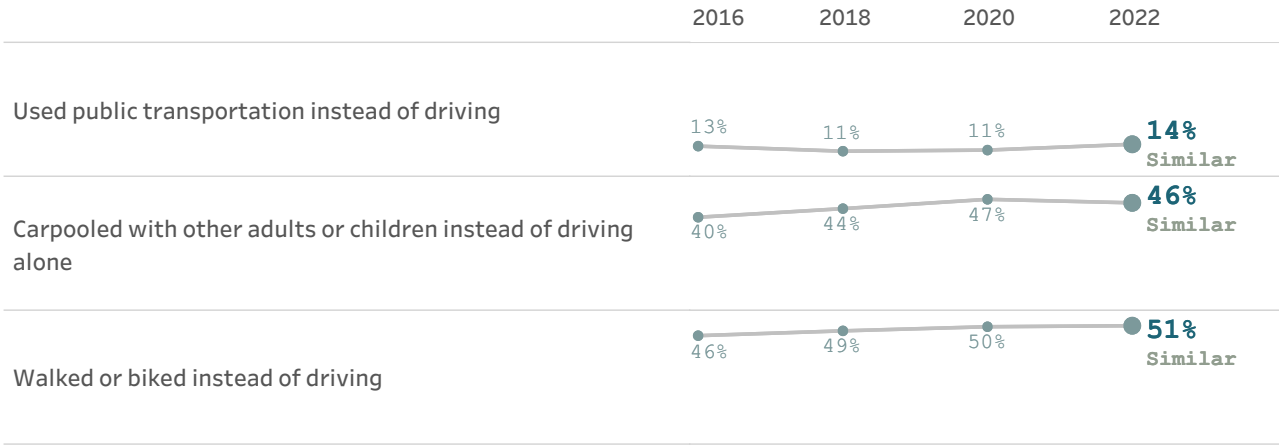
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall quality of the transportation system				47% Similar vs. benchmark*

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Traffic flow on major streets	49%	52%	59%	58% Similar
Ease of public parking	37%	44%	43%	50% Similar
Ease of travel by car	66%	69%	70%	70% Similar
Ease of travel by public transportation	38%	37%	41%	36% Similar
Ease of travel by bicycle	47%	65%	55%	50% Similar
Ease of walking	53%	58%	56%	55% Similar

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



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

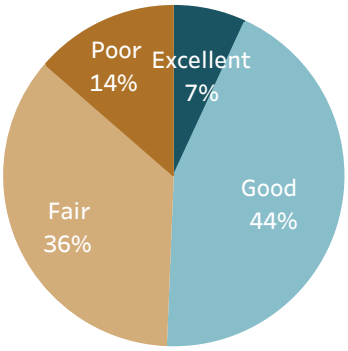


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Community design

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

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



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

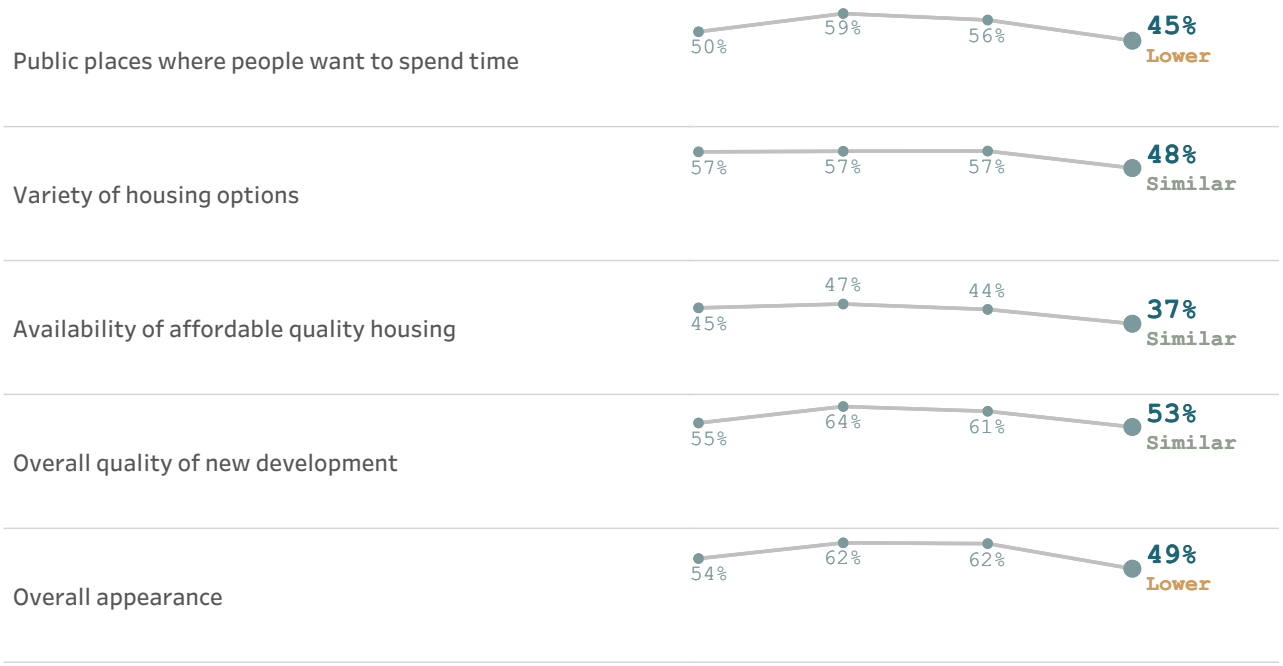
	2016	2018	2020	2022	
Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	47%	55%	53%	51%	Similar vs. benchmark*

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.
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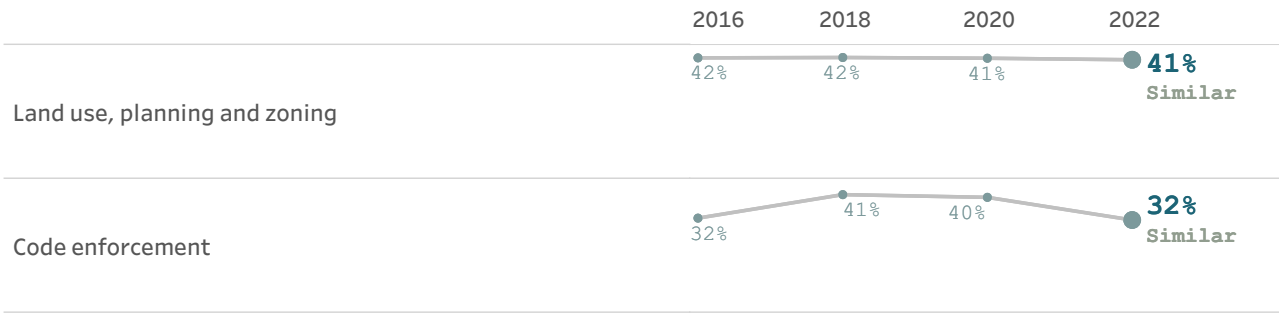
	2016	2018	2020	2022	
Your neighborhood as a place to live	75%	76%	76%	75%	Similar

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022	
Well-planned residential growth				48%	Similar
Well-planned commercial growth				44%	Similar
Well-designed neighborhoods				47%	Similar
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community				58%	Similar



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

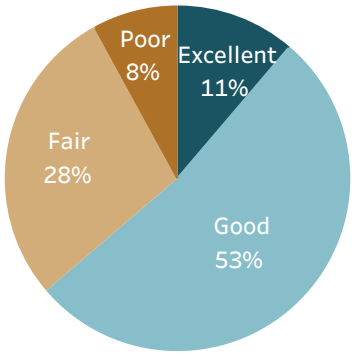


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Utilities

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.

Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Cedar Rapids, 2022



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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure				64% Similar vs. benchmark*

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Affordable high-speed internet access				43% Similar
Garbage collection	81%	85%	84%	84% Similar
Drinking water	79%	82%	80%	84% Similar
Sewer services	75%	81%	81%	84% Similar
Storm water management	60%	67%	69%	73% Similar
Power (electric and/or gas) utility				77% Similar

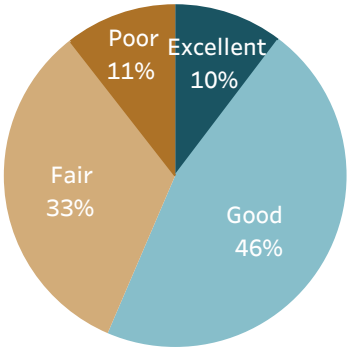
Utility billing	60%	67%	56%	64%	Similar

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Safety

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

Overall feeling of safety in Cedar Rapids, 2022



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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall feeling of safety	64%	66%	63%	56% Lower vs. benchmark*

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
In your neighborhood during the day	91%	90%	91%	92% Similar
In Cedar Rapids's downtown/commercial area during the day	82%	84%	82%	83% Similar
From property crime				64% Similar
From violent crime				69% Lower
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster				60% Lower

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

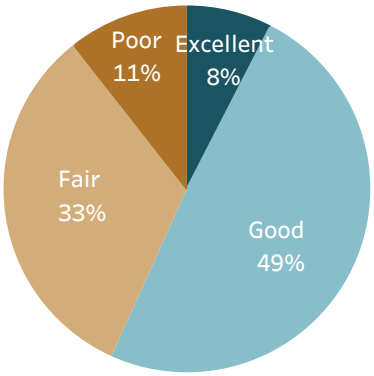


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Natural environment

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 Cedar Rapids, 2022



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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall quality of natural environment	60%	66%	65%	57% Lower vs. benchmark*

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Cleanliness	52%	59%	59%	49% Lower
Water resources				31% Much lower
Air quality	52%	54%	54%	54% Lower

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Preservation of natural areas	54%	53%	51%	51% Similar
Cedar Rapids open space	48%	50%	52%	51% Similar

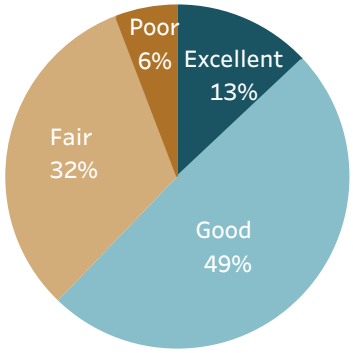
Recycling		80%	84%	79%	73% Similar
Yard waste pick-up		81%	87%	81%	81% Similar

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Parks and recreation

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

Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2022



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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities				62% Lower vs. benchmark*

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Availability of paths and walking trails	61%	64%	62%	64% Similar
Fitness opportunities	65%	75%	73%	63% Similar
Recreational opportunities	53%	61%	58%	54% Lower

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
City parks	74%	79%	82%	71% Similar
Recreation programs or classes	60%	71%	68%	60% Similar

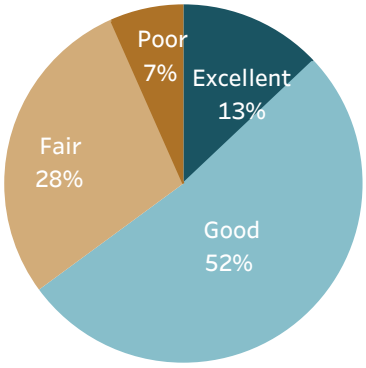
Recreation centers or facilities		57%	67%	62%	56% Similar

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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 Cedar Rapids, 2022



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

	2016	2018	2020	2022	vs. benchmark*
Overall health and wellness opportunities	68%	73%	71%	65%	Similar

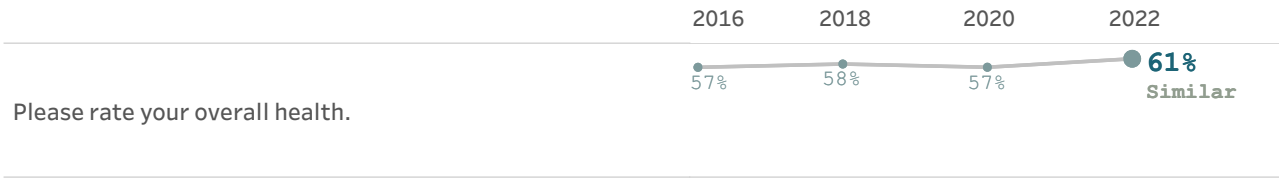
Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.
(% excellent or good)

	2016	2018	2020	2022	vs. benchmark*
Availability of affordable quality food	68%	73%	75%	64%	Similar
Availability of affordable quality health care	70%	72%	70%	62%	Similar
Availability of preventive health services	70%	69%	72%	64%	Similar
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	40%	40%	40%	38%	Similar

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022	vs. benchmark*
Health services	73%	76%	73%	69%	Similar

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

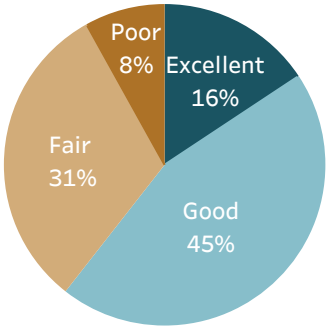


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Education, arts, and culture

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

Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2022



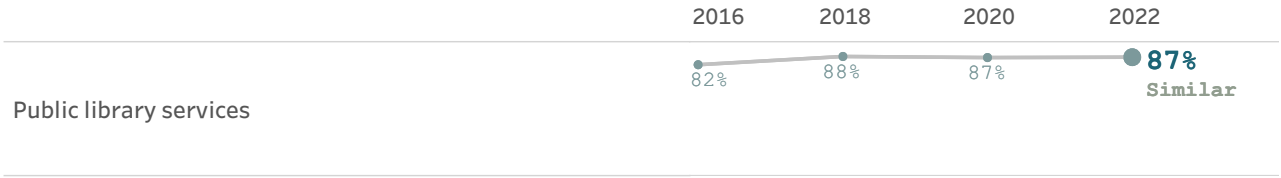
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

	2016	2018	2020	2022	vs. benchmark*
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	73%	75%	74%	61%	Similar

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022	vs. benchmark*
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	60%	69%	64%	58%	Similar
Community support for the arts				55%	Similar
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	52%	57%	45%	36%	Similar
K-12 education				64%	Similar
Adult educational opportunities	68%	75%	70%	60%	Similar
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	54%	61%	58%	59%	Similar

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

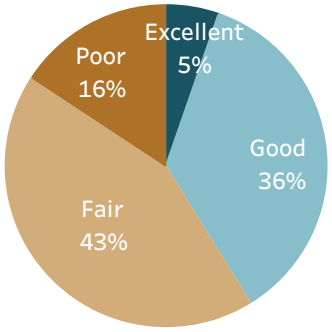


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Inclusivity and engagement

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.

Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2022



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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Residents' connection and engagement with their community				41% Similar vs. benchmark*

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Cedar Rapids as a place to raise children	75%	78%	79%	75% Similar
Cedar Rapids as a place to retire	41%	47%	52%	48% Lower
Sense of community	49%	55%	49%	50% Similar

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

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Making all residents feel welcome				61% Similar

Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	50% Similar
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	53% Similar
Taking care of vulnerable residents	41% Lower

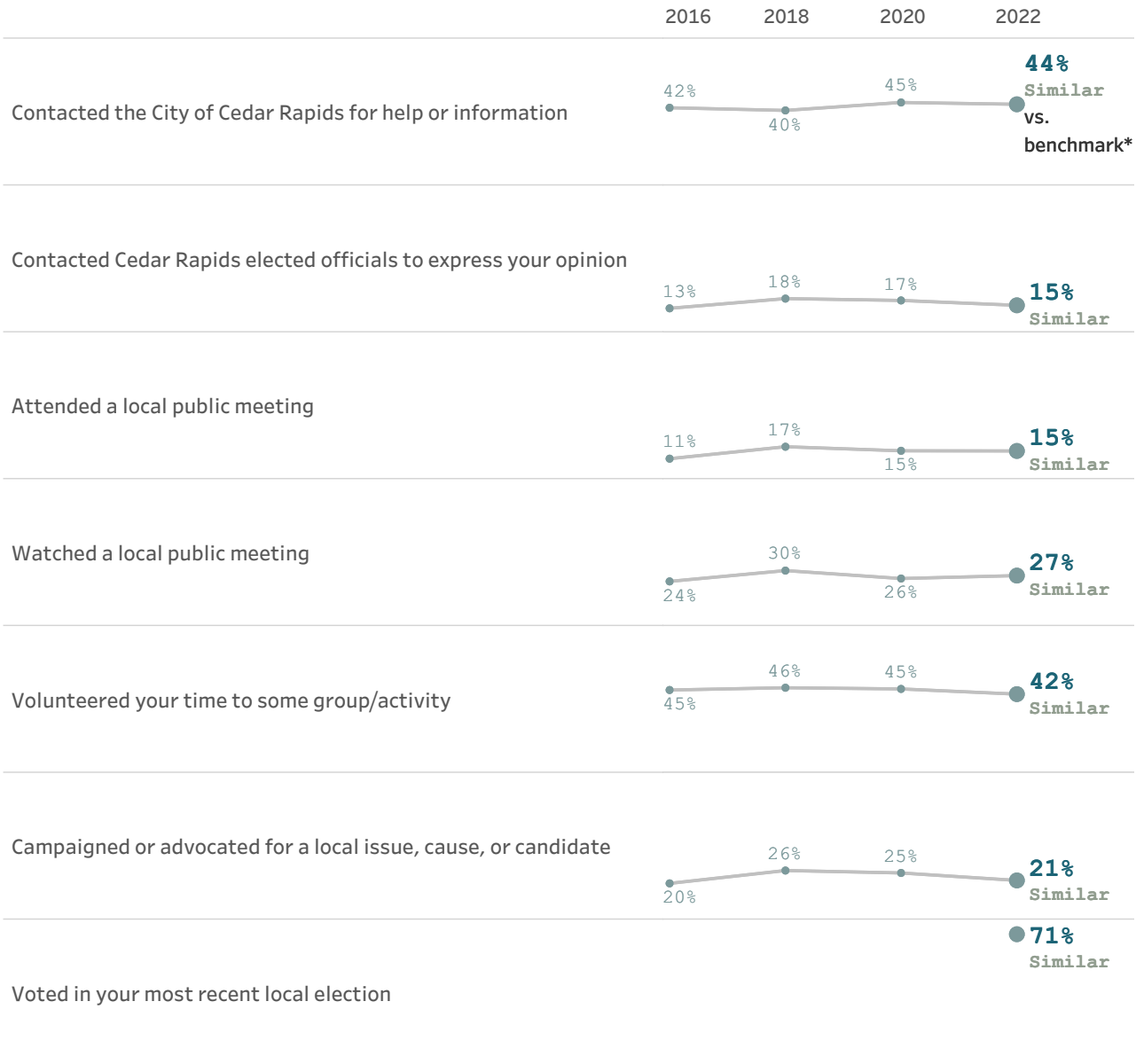
Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.
(% excellent or good)

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Sense of civic/community pride				47% Similar
Neighborliness of residents	50%	59%	53%	58% Similar
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	57%	67%	60%	57% Similar
Opportunities to volunteer	73%	80%	71%	73% Similar
Opportunities to participate in community matters	59%	65%	61%	55% Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	48%	52%	52%	49% Similar

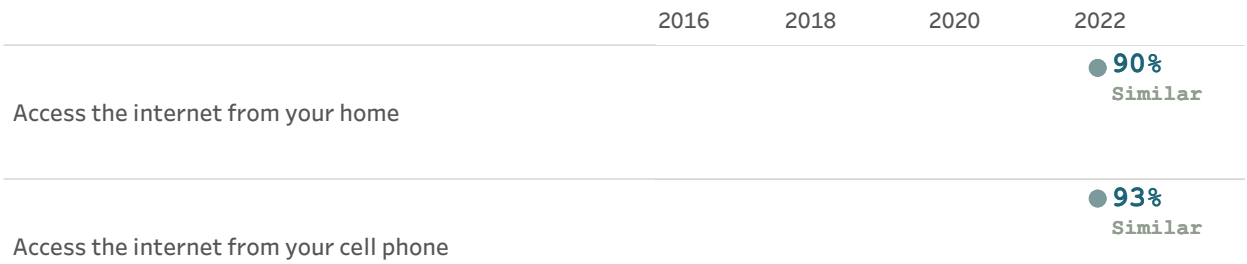
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Residents' participation levels

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



In general, how many times do you:
(% a few times a week or more)



Visit social media sites	82% Similar
Use or check email	96% Similar
Share your opinions online	29% Similar
Shop online	49% Similar

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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, but may be added to the table using the response filter below.

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Sustainability practices within the community	Essential	30%
		Very important	43%
		Somewhat important	25%
		Not at all important	2%
	Openness and acceptance toward people of diverse backgrounds	Essential	40%
		Very important	36%
		Somewhat important	17%
		Not at all important	7%
	New development (including job creation, business expansion, housing, historic renovation, and sustainable building)	Essential	42%
		Very important	39%
		Somewhat important	16%
		Not at all important	2%
	Design and construction of the Flood Control System	Essential	38%
		Very important	39%
		Somewhat important	20%
		Not at all important	3%
	Watershed management practices	Essential	31%
		Very important	42%
		Somewhat important	26%
		Not at all important	1%
	Replanting the tree canopy (ReLeaf)	Essential	51%
		Very important	34%
		Somewhat important	13%
		Not at all important	2%
	In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing Cedar Rapids?	Job creation	14%

	In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing Cedar Rapids?	Taxes	13%
		Flood control	8%
		Street repairs	30%
		Public safety	24%
		Other	11%
	Since 2014, the City of Cedar Rapids has been using one hundred percent of the one cent penny sales tax to fix and maintain roads within the city. How would you rate the city's progress on improving the city streets?	Excellent	5%
		Good	30%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	30%
		Undecided	2%
Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services:	City website (www.cedar-rapids.org)	Major source	60%
		Minor source	30%
		Not a source	9%
	Local media (newspapers, radio, television)	Major source	58%
		Minor source	33%
		Not a source	9%
	Our CR Magazine (mailed to all residents four times per year)	Major source	28%
		Minor source	51%
		Not a source	21%
	Email newsletters	Major source	16%
		Minor source	40%
		Not a source	44%
	City Council meetings and other public meetings	Major source	21%
		Minor source	46%
		Not a source	33%
	City communications via social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, etc.)	Major source	32%
		Minor source	37%
		Not a source	31%
	CR News Now (text and email alerts)	Major source	31%
		Minor source	36%

		Not a source	33%
	Fliers in utility bill	Major source	20%
		Minor source	46%
		Not a source	33%
	Word of mouth	Major source	28%
		Minor source	47%
		Not a source	26%
	In the next 12 months, I believe the overall quality of the City of Cedar Rapids will:	Improve a lot	8%
		Improve slightly	35%
		Stay the same	44%
		Decline slightly	10%
		Decline a lot	3%

Open-ended questions

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

What has improved Cedar Rapids' quality of life over the past 2 years? Please share one item or area of focus.

Street repairs/traffic improvements	13%
Economy/Development (employment, local businesses, downtown revitalization, housing)	12%
Derecho cleanup/recovery	10%
Natural environment/Parks and rec	8%
Mobility (bike lanes/trails, alternative transportation)	7%
Infrastructure/Flood control	7%
Health and wellness/COVID recovery and restrictions lifted	5%
Safety improvements	4%
Sense of community/neighborliness/diversity	3%
Governance (leadership actions, communication)	3%
Other	2%
Don't know/nothing	25%

National benchmark tables

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

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.	Cedar Rapids as a place to live	Lower	76%	335	400	16
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	75%	270	332	18
	Cedar Rapids as a place to raise children	Similar	75%	280	402	30
	Cedar Rapids as a place to work	Similar	74%	132	385	65
	Cedar Rapids as a place to visit	Much lower	35%	306	326	6
	Cedar Rapids as a place to retire	Lower	48%	333	386	13
	The overall quality of life	Similar	68%	360	442	18
	Sense of community	Similar	50%	278	334	17
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.	Overall economic health	Similar	59%	199	306	35
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	47%	99	152	35
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	51%	240	300	20
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	64%	105	148	29
	Overall feeling of safety	Lower	56%	334	382	12
	Overall quality of natural environment	Lower	57%	291	311	6
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Lower	62%	139	154	10
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	65%	219	301	27
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	61%	184	304	39
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	41%	132	149	12
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Cedar Rapids to someone who asks	Similar	76%	264	317	17
	Remain in Cedar Rapids for the next five years	Similar	79%	247	310	20

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	92%	254	367	30
	In Cedar Rapids's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	83%	268	341	21
	From property crime	Similar	64%	130	159	18
	From violent crime	Lower	69%	139	159	12
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Lower	60%	140	147	5
Please rate the job you feel the Cedar Rapids community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	61%	125	155	20
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	50%	120	152	21
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	53%	134	153	13
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Lower	41%	125	149	16
Please rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	68%	173	309	44
	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	60%	86	149	42
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	42%	192	290	34
	Employment opportunities	Higher	65%	42	338	87
	Shopping opportunities	Similar	43%	223	324	31
	Cost of living	Similar	50%	71	303	76
	Overall image or reputation	Lower	54%	303	379	20
Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	58%	121	355	66
	Ease of public parking	Similar	50%	190	280	32
	Ease of travel by car	Similar	70%	156	334	53
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Similar	36%	140	285	51
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Similar	50%	178	336	47
	Ease of walking	Similar	55%	258	336	23
	Well-planned residential growth	Similar	48%	83	151	45
	Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	44%	70	151	54
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	47%	114	149	24
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Similar	58%	99	147	33
	Public places where people want to spend time	Lower	45%	256	296	13
	Variety of housing options	Similar	48%	164	312	47

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	37%	151	337	55
	Overall quality of new development	Similar	53%	194	330	41
	Overall appearance	Lower	49%	322	368	12
	Cleanliness	Lower	49%	288	338	15
	Water resources	Much lower	31%	124	136	9
	Air quality	Lower	54%	275	291	5
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	64%	211	340	38
	Fitness opportunities	Similar	63%	215	292	26
	Recreational opportunities	Lower	54%	266	323	17
	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	64%	196	287	32
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	62%	153	300	49
	Availability of preventive health services	Similar	64%	143	283	49
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	38%	183	283	35
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	58%	150	320	53
	Community support for the arts	Similar	55%	77	148	48
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	36%	228	298	23
	K-12 education	Similar	64%	211	304	30
	Adult educational opportunities	Similar	60%	128	289	56
	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	47%	127	148	14
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	58%	209	296	29
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	57%	201	303	33
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	59%	227	310	27
	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	73%	128	300	57
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	55%	228	304	25
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	49%	275	328	16
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Cedar Rapids for help or information	Similar	44%	210	357	41
	Contacted Cedar Rapids elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	15%	199	298	33
	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	15%	221	297	25

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	27%	102	276	63
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Similar	42%	79	302	74
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	21%	134	286	53
	Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	71%	106	150	30
	Used public transportation instead of driving	Similar	14%	139	268	48
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	46%	79	291	73
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Similar	51%	201	295	32
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Public information services	Similar	60%	244	322	24
	Economic development	Similar	54%	158	313	49
	Traffic enforcement	Similar	57%	283	382	26
	Traffic signal timing	Similar	49%	204	302	32
	Street repair	Much lower	18%	358	382	6
	Street cleaning	Lower	44%	281	323	13
	Street lighting	Similar	56%	241	363	33
	Snow removal	Similar	68%	140	282	50
	Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	46%	244	328	25
	Bus or transit services	Similar	50%	127	280	55
	Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	41%	206	326	37
	Code enforcement	Similar	32%	308	382	19
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	43%	117	144	19
	Garbage collection	Similar	84%	181	358	49
	Drinking water	Similar	84%	68	325	79
	Sewer services	Similar	84%	128	327	61
	Storm water management	Similar	73%	152	350	56
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	77%	185	246	25
	Utility billing	Similar	64%	220	278	21
	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	75%	318	433	26
	Crime prevention	Lower	52%	310	381	18

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Animal control	Similar	71%	175	345	49
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	86%	233	345	32
	Fire services	Similar	94%	181	378	52
	Fire prevention and education	Similar	75%	210	316	33
	Emergency preparedness	Similar	55%	260	314	17
	Preservation of natural areas	Similar	51%	233	295	21
	Cedar Rapids open space	Similar	51%	221	284	22
	Recycling	Similar	73%	229	362	37
	Yard waste pick-up	Similar	81%	109	304	64
	City parks	Similar	71%	272	340	20
	Recreation programs or classes	Similar	60%	249	334	25
	Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	56%	248	307	19
	Health services	Similar	69%	126	274	54
	Public library services	Similar	87%	148	350	57
	Overall customer service by Cedar Rapids employees	Similar	70%	288	397	27
Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Cedar Rapids	Similar	43%	314	405	22
	The overall direction that Cedar Rapids is taking	Similar	46%	273	353	22
	The job Cedar Rapids government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	42%	260	347	25
	Overall confidence in Cedar Rapids government	Similar	44%	230	308	25
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	47%	228	311	27
	Being honest	Similar	46%	232	301	23
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	42%	123	154	20
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	43%	120	160	25
	Treating all residents fairly	Similar	46%	238	308	23
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	54%	124	151	18
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the ser..	The City of Cedar Rapids	Similar	62%	321	402	20
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on	Overall economic health	Similar	88%	189	284	33
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	70%	99	147	33

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	62%	276	284	2
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	83%	112	146	23
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	91%	149	284	47
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	78%	223	284	21
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	74%	132	147	10
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	74%	176	284	38
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	75%	149	284	47
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	65%	242	284	14
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Similar	90%	126	147	14
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	93%	87	147	41
	Visit social media sites	Similar	82%	39	146	73
	Use or check email	Similar	96%	100	147	32
	Share your opinions online	Similar	29%	89	147	40
	Shop online	Similar	49%	113	147	23
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	61%	162	290	44
	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:	Lower	16%	276	292	5

Custom benchmark tables

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

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.	Cedar Rapids as a place to live	Similar	76%	6	13	61
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	75%	7	10	40
	Cedar Rapids as a place to raise children	Similar	75%	6	14	64
	Cedar Rapids as a place to work	Similar	74%	3	14	85
	Cedar Rapids as a place to visit	Lower	35%	11	13	23
	Cedar Rapids as a place to retire	Similar	48%	7	13	53
	The overall quality of life	Similar	68%	9	16	50
	Sense of community	Similar	50%	5	9	55
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.	Overall economic health	Similar	59%	7	9	33
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Null	47%			
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	51%	5	8	50
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Null	64%			
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	56%	6	12	58
	Overall quality of natural environment	Lower	57%	6	8	37
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Null	62%			
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	65%	8	9	22
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	61%	5	8	50
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Null	41%			
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Cedar Rapids to someone who asks	Similar	76%	6	10	50
	Remain in Cedar Rapids for the next five years	Similar	79%	4	9	66
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	92%	5	11	63

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In Cedar Rapids's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	83%	7	13	53
	From property crime	Null	64%			
	From violent crime	Null	69%			
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Null	60%			
Please rate the job you feel the Cedar Rapids community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Null	61%			
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Null	50%			
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Null	53%			
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Null	41%			
Please rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	68%	5	8	50
	Variety of business and service establishments	Null	60%			
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	42%	6	8	37
	Employment opportunities	Higher	65%	1	8	100
	Shopping opportunities	Lower	43%	7	8	25
	Cost of living	Higher	50%	2	9	88
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	54%	6	11	54
Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Higher	58%	1	10	100
	Ease of public parking	Similar	50%	4	8	62
	Ease of travel by car	Similar	70%	2	9	88
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Similar	36%	5	9	55
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Similar	50%	4	9	66
	Ease of walking	Similar	55%	5	9	55
	Well-planned residential growth	Null	48%			
	Well-planned commercial growth	Null	44%			
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Null	47%			
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Null	58%			
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	45%	6	8	37
	Variety of housing options	Similar	48%	2	8	87
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	37%	4	8	62
	Overall quality of new development	Similar	53%	5	8	50

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Overall appearance	Similar	49%	6	10	50
	Cleanliness	Similar	49%	6	9	44
	Water resources	Null	31%			
	Air quality	Similar	54%	6	8	37
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	64%	3	8	75
	Fitness opportunities	Similar	63%	6	8	37
	Recreational opportunities	Similar	54%	7	9	33
	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	64%	7	8	25
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	62%	6	8	37
	Availability of preventive health services	Similar	64%	6	8	37
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	38%	6	8	37
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	58%	6	9	44
	Community support for the arts	Null	55%			
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	36%	7	8	25
	K-12 education	Similar	64%	6	9	44
	Adult educational opportunities	Similar	60%	5	8	50
	Sense of civic/community pride	Null	47%			
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	58%	5	8	50
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	57%	7	9	33
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	59%	4	8	62
	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	73%	6	8	37
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	55%	6	8	37
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	49%	5	8	50
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Cedar Rapids for help or information	Similar	44%	4	10	70
	Contacted Cedar Rapids elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	15%	6	8	37
	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	15%	7	8	25
	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	27%	5	8	50
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Similar	42%	6	8	37
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	21%	6	8	37

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Voted in your most recent local election	Null	71%			
	Used public transportation instead of driving	Much lower	14%	7	9	33
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	46%	4	8	62
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Lower	51%	7	8	25
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Public information services	Similar	60%	5	8	50
	Economic development	Similar	54%	5	8	50
	Traffic enforcement	Similar	57%	6	12	58
	Traffic signal timing	Similar	49%	5	9	55
	Street repair	Lower	18%	7	9	33
	Street cleaning	Similar	44%	8	10	30
	Street lighting	Similar	56%	4	9	66
	Snow removal	Higher	68%	2	9	88
	Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	46%	4	8	62
	Bus or transit services	Similar	50%	3	9	77
	Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	41%	4	9	66
	Code enforcement	Similar	32%	10	13	30
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Null	43%			
	Garbage collection	Similar	84%	6	10	50
	Drinking water	Similar	84%	2	9	88
	Sewer services	Similar	84%	5	10	60
	Storm water management	Similar	73%	4	10	70
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	77%	6	9	44
	Utility billing	Similar	64%	6	8	37
	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	75%	5	14	71
	Crime prevention	Similar	52%	6	13	61
	Animal control	Similar	71%	4	9	66
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	86%	5	10	60
	Fire services	Similar	94%	3	12	83
	Fire prevention and education	Similar	75%	6	10	50

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Emergency preparedness	Similar	55%	6	8	37
	Preservation of natural areas	Similar	51%	5	8	50
	Cedar Rapids open space	Similar	51%	4	7	57
	Recycling	Similar	73%	6	9	44
	Yard waste pick-up	Similar	81%	5	10	60
	City parks	Similar	71%	7	9	33
	Recreation programs or classes	Similar	60%	8	11	36
	Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	56%	9	10	20
	Health services	Similar	69%	6	10	50
	Public library services	Similar	87%	5	11	63
	Overall customer service by Cedar Rapids employees	Similar	70%	5	14	71
Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Cedar Rapids	Similar	43%	11	15	33
	The overall direction that Cedar Rapids is taking	Similar	46%	7	11	45
	The job Cedar Rapids government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	42%	7	11	45
	Overall confidence in Cedar Rapids government	Similar	44%	5	9	55
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	47%	5	8	50
	Being honest	Similar	46%	5	8	50
	Being open and transparent to the public	Null	42%			
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Null	43%			
	Treating all residents fairly	Similar	46%	4	8	62
	Treating residents with respect	Null	54%			
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the ser..	The City of Cedar Rapids	Similar	62%	7	11	45
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Similar	88%	5	7	42
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Null	70%			
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	62%	7	7	14
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Null	83%			
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	91%	4	7	57
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	78%	5	7	42
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Null	74%			

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	74%	6	7	28
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	75%	5	7	42
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	65%	7	7	14
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Null	90%			
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Null	93%			
	Visit social media sites	Null	82%			
	Use or check email	Null	96%			
	Share your opinions online	Null	29%			
	Shop online	Null	49%			
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	61%	4	8	62
	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:	Lower	16%	7	8	25

Complete set of frequencies

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

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.	Cedar Rapids as a place to live	Excellent	19%
		Good	57%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	4%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent	28%
		Good	47%
		Fair	19%
		Poor	5%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to raise children	Excellent	24%
		Good	50%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	5%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to work	Excellent	22%
		Good	53%
		Fair	22%
		Poor	4%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to visit	Excellent	8%
		Good	27%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	26%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to retire	Excellent	11%
		Good	37%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	18%
	The overall quality of life	Excellent	13%
		Good	56%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	4%

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.	Sense of community	Excellent	11%
		Good	39%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	13%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.	Overall economic health	Excellent	10%
		Good	50%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	6%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent	9%
		Good	38%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	17%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent	7%
		Good	44%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	14%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent	11%
		Good	53%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	8%
	Overall feeling of safety	Excellent	10%
		Good	46%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	11%
	Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent	8%
		Good	49%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	11%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent	13%
		Good	49%
		Fair	32%

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Poor	6%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent	13%
		Good	52%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	7%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent	16%
		Good	45%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	8%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent	5%
		Good	36%
		Fair	43%
		Poor	16%
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Cedar Rapids to someone who asks	Very likely	27%
		Somewhat likely	49%
		Somewhat unlikely	15%
		Very unlikely	9%
	Remain in Cedar Rapids for the next five years	Very likely	53%
		Somewhat likely	26%
		Somewhat unlikely	9%
		Very unlikely	12%
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe	62%
		Somewhat safe	29%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	4%
		Somewhat unsafe	3%
		Very unsafe	1%
	In Cedar Rapids's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe	39%
		Somewhat safe	44%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	9%
		Somewhat unsafe	6%
		Very unsafe	2%

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Very safe	20%
		Somewhat safe	44%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	16%
		Somewhat unsafe	14%
		Very unsafe	6%
	From violent crime	Very safe	30%
		Somewhat safe	38%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	14%
		Somewhat unsafe	13%
		Very unsafe	4%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe	20%
		Somewhat safe	41%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	21%
		Somewhat unsafe	15%
		Very unsafe	4%
Please rate the job you feel the Cedar Rapids community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent	12%
		Good	50%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	8%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent	12%
		Good	38%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	14%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent	11%
		Good	42%
		Fair	32%
		Poor	15%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent	6%
		Good	35%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	22%

Please rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent	12%
		Good	56%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	4%
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent	13%
		Good	47%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	9%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent	9%
		Good	33%
		Fair	41%
		Poor	17%
	Employment opportunities	Excellent	18%
		Good	46%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	7%
	Shopping opportunities	Excellent	8%
		Good	35%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	19%
	Cost of living	Excellent	16%
		Good	34%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	12%
	Overall image or reputation	Excellent	9%
		Good	46%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	12%
Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent	10%
		Good	49%
		Fair	31%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Poor	11%
	Ease of public parking	Excellent	11%
		Good	38%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	17%
	Ease of travel by car	Excellent	23%
		Good	47%
		Fair	24%
		Poor	6%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent	10%
		Good	27%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	30%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent	11%
		Good	40%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	13%
	Ease of walking	Excellent	9%
		Good	45%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	14%
	Well-planned residential growth	Excellent	8%
		Good	40%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	15%
	Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent	8%
		Good	36%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	17%
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent	6%
		Good	41%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Well-designed neighborhoods	Fair	40%
		Poor	13%
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent	11%
		Good	47%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	11%
	Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent	8%
		Good	37%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	16%
	Variety of housing options	Excellent	8%
		Good	41%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	14%
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent	9%
		Good	28%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	27%
	Overall quality of new development	Excellent	8%
		Good	45%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	10%
	Overall appearance	Excellent	6%
		Good	43%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	12%
	Cleanliness	Excellent	9%
		Good	40%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	13%
	Water resources	Excellent	5%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Water resources	Good	26%
		Fair	41%
		Poor	28%
	Air quality	Excellent	10%
		Good	45%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	15%
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent	16%
		Good	47%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	6%
	Fitness opportunities	Excellent	15%
		Good	49%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	5%
	Recreational opportunities	Excellent	10%
		Good	44%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	12%
	Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent	15%
		Good	49%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	9%
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent	19%
		Good	43%
		Fair	26%
		Poor	12%
	Availability of preventive health services	Excellent	17%
		Good	47%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	9%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent	8%
		Good	31%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	27%
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent	15%
		Good	43%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	8%
	Community support for the arts	Excellent	14%
		Good	41%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	11%
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent	6%
		Good	30%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	24%
	K-12 education	Excellent	15%
		Good	48%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	11%
	Adult educational opportunities	Excellent	13%
		Good	47%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	9%
	Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent	9%
		Good	38%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	15%
	Neighborliness of residents	Excellent	15%
		Good	44%
		Fair	30%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Neighborliness of residents	Poor	12%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent	12%
		Good	45%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	10%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent	14%
		Good	44%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	10%
	Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent	21%
		Good	52%
		Fair	21%
		Poor	6%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent	12%
		Good	43%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	11%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent	10%
		Good	39%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	17%
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Cedar Rapids for help or information	No	56%
		Yes	44%
	Contacted Cedar Rapids elected officials to express your opinion	No	85%
		Yes	15%
	Attended a local public meeting	No	85%
		Yes	15%
	Watched a local public meeting	No	73%
		Yes	27%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No	58%
		Yes	42%

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No	79%
		Yes	21%
	Voted in your most recent local election	No	29%
		Yes	71%
	Used public transportation instead of driving	No	86%
		Yes	14%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No	54%
		Yes	46%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No	49%
		Yes	51%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Public information services	Excellent	9%
		Good	50%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	7%
	Economic development	Excellent	9%
		Good	45%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	8%
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent	8%
		Good	49%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	12%
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent	7%
		Good	42%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	16%
	Street repair	Excellent	3%
		Good	15%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	51%
	Street cleaning	Excellent	9%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Street cleaning	Good	35%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	18%
	Street lighting	Excellent	9%
		Good	47%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	11%
	Snow removal	Excellent	20%
		Good	48%
		Fair	24%
		Poor	9%
	Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent	6%
		Good	40%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	18%
	Bus or transit services	Excellent	11%
		Good	40%
		Fair	32%
		Poor	17%
	Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent	6%
		Good	35%
		Fair	41%
		Poor	18%
	Code enforcement	Excellent	8%
		Good	24%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	30%
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent	9%
		Good	34%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	27%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Garbage collection	Excellent	31%
		Good	53%
		Fair	14%
		Poor	2%
	Drinking water	Excellent	36%
		Good	48%
		Fair	12%
		Poor	4%
	Sewer services	Excellent	26%
		Good	58%
		Fair	14%
		Poor	2%
	Storm water management	Excellent	17%
		Good	56%
		Fair	23%
		Poor	4%
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent	22%
		Good	55%
		Fair	16%
		Poor	8%
	Utility billing	Excellent	16%
		Good	48%
		Fair	24%
		Poor	12%
	Police/Sheriff services	Excellent	23%
		Good	52%
		Fair	18%
		Poor	7%
	Crime prevention	Excellent	10%
		Good	42%
		Fair	35%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Crime prevention	Poor	14%
	Animal control	Excellent	15%
		Good	56%
		Fair	22%
		Poor	7%
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent	36%
		Good	50%
		Fair	12%
		Poor	2%
	Fire services	Excellent	43%
		Good	51%
		Fair	6%
		Poor	0%
	Fire prevention and education	Excellent	27%
		Good	49%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	5%
	Emergency preparedness	Excellent	13%
		Good	42%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	16%
	Preservation of natural areas	Excellent	9%
		Good	42%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	14%
	Cedar Rapids open space	Excellent	11%
		Good	41%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	12%
	Recycling	Excellent	25%
		Good	48%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Recycling	Fair	17%
		Poor	10%
	Yard waste pick-up	Excellent	31%
		Good	50%
		Fair	16%
		Poor	3%
	City parks	Excellent	16%
		Good	55%
		Fair	26%
		Poor	3%
	Recreation programs or classes	Excellent	14%
		Good	47%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	6%
	Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent	12%
		Good	44%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	8%
	Health services	Excellent	19%
		Good	50%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	4%
	Public library services	Excellent	41%
		Good	46%
		Fair	11%
		Poor	2%
	Overall customer service by Cedar Rapids employees	Excellent	21%
		Good	49%
		Fair	24%
		Poor	6%
Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government	The value of services for the taxes paid to Cedar Rapids	Excellent	8%

Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Cedar Rapids	Good	34%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	22%
	The overall direction that Cedar Rapids is taking	Excellent	7%
		Good	39%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	16%
	The job Cedar Rapids government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent	7%
		Good	35%
		Fair	41%
		Poor	17%
	Overall confidence in Cedar Rapids government	Excellent	7%
		Good	37%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	19%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent	8%
		Good	39%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	16%
	Being honest	Excellent	10%
		Good	37%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	17%
	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent	8%
		Good	34%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	21%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent	9%
		Good	34%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	20%

Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent	10%
		Good	35%
		Fair	32%
		Poor	23%
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent	12%
		Good	42%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	14%
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by the following?	The City of Cedar Rapids	Excellent	10%
		Good	52%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	7%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Essential	45%
		Very important	42%
		Somewhat important	12%
		Not at all important	0%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential	25%
		Very important	46%
		Somewhat important	27%
		Not at all important	2%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential	19%
		Very important	42%
		Somewhat important	34%
		Not at all important	5%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential	44%
		Very important	39%
		Somewhat important	16%
		Not at all important	1%
	Overall feeling of safety	Essential	54%
		Very important	36%
		Somewhat important	7%

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	Not at all important	2%
	Overall quality of natural environment	Essential	32%
		Very important	47%
		Somewhat important	20%
		Not at all important	2%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential	26%
		Very important	49%
		Somewhat important	24%
		Not at all important	1%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential	28%
		Very important	45%
		Somewhat important	25%
		Not at all important	2%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential	32%
		Very important	43%
		Somewhat important	23%
		Not at all important	2%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential	22%
		Very important	44%
		Somewhat important	31%
		Not at all important	3%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Sustainability practices within the community	Essential	30%
		Very important	43%
		Somewhat important	25%
		Not at all important	2%
	Openness and acceptance toward people of diverse backgrounds	Essential	40%
		Very important	36%
		Somewhat important	17%
		Not at all important	7%
	New development (including job creation, business expansion, housing, historic renovation, and sustainable building)	Essential	42%
		Very important	39%

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	New development (including job creation, business expansion, housing, historic renovation, and sustainable building)	Somewhat important	16%
		Not at all important	2%
	Design and construction of the Flood Control System	Essential	38%
		Very important	39%
		Somewhat important	20%
		Not at all important	3%
	Watershed management practices	Essential	31%
		Very important	42%
		Somewhat important	26%
		Not at all important	1%
	Replanting the tree canopy (ReLeaf)	Essential	51%
		Very important	34%
		Somewhat important	13%
		Not at all important	2%
	In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing Cedar Rapids?	Job creation	14%
		Taxes	13%
		Flood control	8%
		Street repairs	30%
		Public safety	24%
		Other	11%
	Since 2014, the City of Cedar Rapids has been using one hundred percent of the one cent penny sales tax to fix and maintain roads within the city. How would you rate the city's progress on improving the city streets?	Excellent	5%
		Good	30%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	30%
		Undecided	2%
Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services:	City website (www.cedar-rapids.org)	Major source	60%
		Minor source	30%
		Not a source	9%
	Local media (newspapers, radio, television)	Major source	58%
		Minor source	33%
		Not a source	9%

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services:	Our CR Magazine (mailed to all residents four times per year)	Major source	28%
		Minor source	51%
		Not a source	21%
	Email newsletters	Major source	16%
		Minor source	40%
		Not a source	44%
	City Council meetings and other public meetings	Major source	21%
		Minor source	46%
		Not a source	33%
	City communications via social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, etc.)	Major source	32%
		Minor source	37%
		Not a source	31%
	CR News Now (text and email alerts)	Major source	31%
		Minor source	36%
		Not a source	33%
	Fliers in utility bill	Major source	20%
		Minor source	46%
		Not a source	33%
	Word of mouth	Major source	28%
		Minor source	47%
		Not a source	26%
	In the next 12 months, I believe the overall quality of the City of Cedar Rapids will:	Improve a lot	8%
		Improve slightly	35%
		Stay the same	44%
		Decline slightly	10%
		Decline a lot	3%
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day	75%
		Once a day	8%
		A few times a week	6%
		Every few weeks	4%
		Less often or never	6%

In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day	84%
		Once a day	5%
		A few times a week	4%
		Every few weeks	0%
		Less often or never	7%
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day	57%
		Once a day	14%
		A few times a week	11%
		Every few weeks	3%
		Less often or never	15%
	Use or check email	Several times a day	74%
		Once a day	16%
		A few times a week	6%
		Every few weeks	1%
		Less often or never	3%
	Share your opinions online	Several times a day	12%
		Once a day	3%
		A few times a week	14%
		Every few weeks	17%
		Less often or never	54%
	Shop online	Several times a day	10%
		Once a day	8%
		A few times a week	32%
		Every few weeks	36%
		Less often or never	16%
	Please rate your overall health.	Excellent	22%
		Very good	39%
		Good	30%
		Fair	6%
		Poor	2%
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?	Very positive	4%

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 positive	12%
	Neutral	40%
	Somewhat negative	34%
	Very negative	10%
How many years have you lived in Cedar Rapids?	Less than 2 years	8%
	2-5 years	14%
	6-10 years	10%
	11-20 years	13%
	More than 20 years	55%
Which best describes the building you live in?	One family house detached from any other houses	63%
	Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..	36%
	Mobile home	1%
	Other	1%
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent	31%
	Own	69%
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than $500	8%
	$500 to $999	41%
	$1,000 to $1,499	24%
	$1,500 to $1,999	15%
	$2,000 to $2,499	6%
	$2,500 to $2,999	3%
	$3,000 to $3,499	1%
	$3,500 or more	1%
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No	74%
	Yes	26%
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No	74%
	Yes	26%
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	13%
	$25,000 to $49,999	23%
	$50,000 to $74,999	16%
	$75,000 to $99,999	16%

	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.)	$100,000 to $149,999	16%
		$150,000 or more	16%
	Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	97%
		Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	3%
	What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaskan Native	2%
		Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander	5%
		Black or African American	5%
		White	90%
		Other	4%
	In which category is your age?	18-24 years	7%
		25-34 years	26%
		35-44 years	16%
		45-54 years	16%
		55-64 years	12%
		65-74 years	15%
		75 years or older	8%
	What is your gender?	Female	51%
		Male	48%
		Identify in another way	0%

Full trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Cedar Rapids. 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 2022 surveys is greater than five percentage points, the change is statistically significant.

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

		2016	2018	2020	2022
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.	Cedar Rapids as a place to live	78%	81%	82%	76%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	75%	76%	76%	75%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to raise children	75%	78%	79%	75%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to work	72%	74%	77%	74%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to visit	36%	42%	37%	35%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to retire	41%	47%	52%	48%
	The overall quality of life	68%	74%	74%	68%
	Sense of community	49%	55%	49%	50%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.	Overall economic health	59%	65%	63%	59%
	Overall quality of the transportation system				47%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	47%	55%	53%	51%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure				64%
	Overall feeling of safety	64%	66%	63%	56%
	Overall quality of natural environment	60%	66%	65%	57%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities				62%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	68%	73%	71%	65%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	73%	75%	74%	61%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community				41%
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Cedar Rapids to someone who asks	80%	82%	82%	76%
	Remain in Cedar Rapids for the next five years	82%	83%	82%	79%

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	91% 90% 91% 92%
	In Cedar Rapids's downtown/commercial area during the day	82% 84% 82% 83%
	From property crime	64%
	From violent crime	69%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	60%
Please rate the job you feel the Cedar Rapids community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	61%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	50%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	53%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	41%
Please rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	63% 68% 70% 68%
	Variety of business and service establishments	60%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	41% 55% 43% 42%
	Employment opportunities	55% 65% 63% 65%
	Shopping opportunities	58% 61% 58% 43%
	Cost of living	52% 58% 59% 50%
	Overall image or reputation	51% 60% 57% 54%
Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Traffic flow on major streets	49% 52% 59% 58%
	Ease of public parking	37% 44% 43% 50%
	Ease of travel by car	66% 69% 70% 70%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	38% 37% 41% 36%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	47% 65% 55% 50%
	Ease of walking	53% 58% 56% 55%
	Well-planned residential growth	48%
	Well-planned commercial growth	44%
	Well-designed neighborhoods	47%
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	58%
	Public places where people want to spend time	50% 59% 56% 45%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Variety of housing options	57% 57% 57% 48%
	Availability of affordable quality housing	45% 47% 44% 37%
	Overall quality of new development	55% 64% 61% 53%
	Overall appearance	54% 62% 62% 49%
	Cleanliness	52% 59% 59% 49%
	Water resources	31%
	Air quality	52% 54% 54% 54%
	Availability of paths and walking trails	61% 64% 62% 64%
	Fitness opportunities	65% 75% 73% 63%
	Recreational opportunities	53% 61% 58% 54%
	Availability of affordable quality food	68% 73% 75% 64%
	Availability of affordable quality health care	70% 72% 70% 62%
	Availability of preventive health services	70% 69% 72% 64%
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	40% 40% 40% 38%
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	60% 69% 64% 58%
	Community support for the arts	55%
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	52% 57% 45% 36%
	K-12 education	64%
	Adult educational opportunities	68% 75% 70% 60%
	Sense of civic/community pride	47%
	Neighborliness of residents	50% 59% 53% 58%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	57% 67% 60% 57%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	54% 61% 58% 59%
	Opportunities to volunteer	73% 80% 71% 73%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	59% 65% 61% 55%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diver..	48% 52% 52% 49%
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in	Contacted the City of Cedar Rapids for help or information	42% 40% 45% 44%

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted Cedar Rapids elected officials to express your opinion	13% 18% 17% 15%
	Attended a local public meeting	11% 17% 15% 15%
	Watched a local public meeting	24% 30% 26% 27%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	45% 46% 45% 42%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	20% 26% 25% 21%
	Voted in your most recent local election	71%
	Used public transportation instead of driving	13% 11% 11% 14%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	40% 44% 47% 46%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	46% 49% 50% 51%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Public information services	63% 71% 71% 60%
	Economic development	53% 58% 60% 54%
	Traffic enforcement	56% 54% 58% 57%
	Traffic signal timing	41% 43% 46% 49%
	Street repair	16% 19% 21% 18%
	Street cleaning	35% 39% 40% 44%
	Street lighting	49% 52% 51% 56%
	Snow removal	52% 60% 56% 68%
	Sidewalk maintenance	37% 44% 44% 46%
	Bus or transit services	50% 51% 55% 50%
	Land use, planning and zoning	42% 42% 41% 41%
	Code enforcement	32% 41% 40% 32%
	Affordable high-speed internet access	43%
	Garbage collection	81% 85% 84% 84%
	Drinking water	79% 82% 80% 84%
	Sewer services	75% 81% 81% 84%
	Storm water management	60% 67% 69% 73%
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	77%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Utility billing	60% 67% 56% 64%
	Police/Sheriff services	77% 79% 80% 75%
	Crime prevention	51% 53% 56% 52%
	Animal control	59% 63% 66% 71%
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	90% 92% 92% 86%
	Fire services	93% 94% 96% 94%
	Fire prevention and education	75% 77% 79% 75%
	Emergency preparedness	56% 68% 68% 55%
	Preservation of natural areas	54% 53% 51% 51%
	Cedar Rapids open space	48% 50% 52% 51%
	Recycling	80% 84% 79% 73%
	Yard waste pick-up	81% 87% 81% 81%
	City parks	74% 79% 82% 71%
	Recreation programs or classes	60% 71% 68% 60%
	Recreation centers or facilities	57% 67% 62% 56%
	Health services	73% 76% 73% 69%
	Public library services	82% 88% 87% 87%
	Overall customer service by Cedar Rapids employees	65% 74% 67% 70%
Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Cedar Rapids	37% 43% 41% 43%
	The overall direction that Cedar Rapids is taking	48% 53% 53% 46%
	The job Cedar Rapids government does at welcoming resident invol..	41% 49% 43% 42%
	Overall confidence in Cedar Rapids government	38% 47% 46% 44%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	42% 50% 50% 47%
	Being honest	43% 46% 45% 46%
	Being open and transparent to the public	42%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	43%
	Treating all residents fairly	42% 43% 45% 46%

categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	Treating residents with respect	54%
Overall, how would you rate the q..	The City of Cedar Rapids	64% 73% 70% 62%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	87% 91% 90% 88%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	70%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	65% 66% 67% 62%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	83%
	Overall feeling of safety	90% 91% 92% 91%
	Overall quality of natural environment	68% 74% 79% 78%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	74%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	72% 76% 78% 74%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	77% 78% 80% 75%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	72% 74% 74% 65%
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	90%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	93%
	Visit social media sites	82%
	Use or check email	96%
	Share your opinions online	29%
	Shop online	49%
	Please rate your overall health.	57% 58% 57% 61%
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa..	23% 35% 28% 16%

Methods (open participation)

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), the City of Cedar Rapids conducted a survey of 755 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from February 24th, 2022 to April 14th, 2022. 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 Cedar Rapids. 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 city residents and became available on March 31st, 2022. The survey remained open for two weeks and there were 315 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. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were statistically weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Cedar Rapids. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and district. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.* The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the following table.

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

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	9%	31%	33%
	35-54	30%	33%	32%
	55+	61%	36%	35%
District	District 1	24%	20%	20%
	District 2	24%	19%	20%
	District 3	22%	19%	19%
	District 4	16%	21%	20%
	District 5	14%	22%	21%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	99%	97%	97%
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispa..	1%	3%	3%
Housing tenure	Own	92%	69%	69%
	Rent	8%	31%	31%
Housing type	Attached	13%	36%	36%
	Detached	87%	64%	64%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	8%	16%	15%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	92%	84%	85%
Sex	Female	52%	53%	51%
	Male	48%	47%	49%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	7%	17%	16%
	Female 35-54	12%	16%	16%
	Female 55+	33%	20%	19%
	Male 18-34	3%	14%	17%
	Male 35-54	18%	16%	16%
	Male 55+	28%	16%	16%

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. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

	In which district of Cedar Rapids do you live? (Refer to map above.)	District 1 (orange)	20%
		District 2 (green)	19%
		District 3 (purple)	19%
		District 4 (blue)	20%
		District 5 (yellow)	21%
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.	Cedar Rapids as a place to live	Excellent	13%
		Good	48%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	8%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent	22%
		Good	46%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	7%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to raise children	Excellent	14%
		Good	49%
		Fair	23%
		Poor	13%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to work	Excellent	13%
		Good	53%
		Fair	21%
		Poor	12%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to visit	Excellent	6%
		Good	20%
		Fair	45%
		Poor	28%
	Cedar Rapids as a place to retire	Excellent	9%
		Good	30%
		Fair	29%

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Cedar Rapids.	Cedar Rapids as a place to retire	Poor	32%
	The overall quality of life	Excellent	8%
		Good	46%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	11%
	Sense of community	Excellent	8%
		Good	32%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	26%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.	Overall economic health	Excellent	7%
		Good	44%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	11%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent	3%
		Good	28%
		Fair	40%
		Poor	27%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent	2%
		Good	32%
		Fair	46%
		Poor	18%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent	9%
		Good	53%
		Fair	26%
		Poor	12%
	Overall feeling of safety	Excellent	7%
		Good	48%
		Fair	22%
		Poor	22%
	Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent	4%
		Good	43%
		Fair	38%

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Cedar Rapids as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	Poor	14%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent	11%
		Good	47%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	8%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent	9%
		Good	49%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	11%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent	13%
		Good	38%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	15%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent	4%
		Good	26%
		Fair	47%
		Poor	23%
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Cedar Rapids to someone who asks	Very likely	23%
		Somewhat likely	44%
		Somewhat unlikely	12%
		Very unlikely	19%
	Remain in Cedar Rapids for the next five years	Very likely	52%
		Somewhat likely	24%
		Somewhat unlikely	10%
		Very unlikely	13%
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe	53%
		Somewhat safe	29%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	10%
		Somewhat unsafe	7%
		Very unsafe	1%
	In Cedar Rapids's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe	44%
		Somewhat safe	30%

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In Cedar Rapids's downtown/commercial area during the day	Neither safe nor unsafe	8%
		Somewhat unsafe	15%
		Very unsafe	3%
	From property crime	Very safe	19%
		Somewhat safe	34%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	15%
		Somewhat unsafe	24%
		Very unsafe	8%
	From violent crime	Very safe	25%
		Somewhat safe	35%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	14%
		Somewhat unsafe	16%
		Very unsafe	8%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe	23%
		Somewhat safe	30%
		Neither safe nor unsafe	25%
		Somewhat unsafe	14%
		Very unsafe	8%
Please rate the job you feel the Cedar Rapids community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent	5%
		Good	36%
		Fair	40%
		Poor	20%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent	9%
		Good	31%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	20%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent	12%
		Good	33%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	24%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent	8%
		Good	27%

Please rate the job you feel the Cedar Rapids community does at each of the following.	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Fair	29%
		Poor	36%
Please rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent	7%
		Good	51%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	9%
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent	12%
		Good	43%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	16%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent	1%
		Good	26%
		Fair	45%
		Poor	28%
	Employment opportunities	Excellent	10%
		Good	46%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	13%
	Shopping opportunities	Excellent	8%
		Good	30%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	25%
	Cost of living	Excellent	10%
		Good	39%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	22%
	Overall image or reputation	Excellent	4%
		Good	37%
		Fair	42%
		Poor	16%
Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent	9%
		Good	44%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Fair	28%
		Poor	18%
	Ease of public parking	Excellent	13%
		Good	31%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	19%
	Ease of travel by car	Excellent	22%
		Good	44%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	8%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent	5%
		Good	16%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	50%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent	14%
		Good	31%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	20%
	Ease of walking	Excellent	9%
		Good	25%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	28%
	Well-planned residential growth	Excellent	4%
		Good	29%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	31%
	Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent	4%
		Good	27%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	39%
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent	3%
		Good	31%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Well-designed neighborhoods	Fair	37%
		Poor	28%
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent	8%
		Good	44%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	18%
	Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent	8%
		Good	35%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	26%
	Variety of housing options	Excellent	6%
		Good	30%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	28%
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent	3%
		Good	23%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	40%
	Overall quality of new development	Excellent	5%
		Good	40%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	21%
	Overall appearance	Excellent	2%
		Good	38%
		Fair	39%
		Poor	20%
	Cleanliness	Excellent	8%
		Good	35%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	22%
	Water resources	Excellent	4%
		Good	19%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Water resources	Fair	42%
		Poor	34%
	Air quality	Excellent	6%
		Good	42%
		Fair	40%
		Poor	12%
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent	26%
		Good	36%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	7%
	Fitness opportunities	Excellent	18%
		Good	41%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	10%
	Recreational opportunities	Excellent	17%
		Good	37%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	16%
	Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent	15%
		Good	42%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	12%
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent	19%
		Good	39%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	16%
	Availability of preventive health services	Excellent	25%
		Good	32%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	11%
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent	13%
		Good	19%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Fair	40%
		Poor	27%
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent	17%
		Good	41%
		Fair	24%
		Poor	17%
	Community support for the arts	Excellent	16%
		Good	39%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	20%
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent	7%
		Good	21%
		Fair	40%
		Poor	30%
	K-12 education	Excellent	12%
		Good	41%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	18%
	Adult educational opportunities	Excellent	12%
		Good	46%
		Fair	26%
		Poor	15%
	Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent	5%
		Good	31%
		Fair	38%
		Poor	25%
	Neighborliness of residents	Excellent	14%
		Good	26%
		Fair	41%
		Poor	19%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent	10%
		Good	36%

Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Fair	33%
		Poor	21%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent	11%
		Good	40%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	14%
	Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent	19%
		Good	52%
		Fair	17%
		Poor	11%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent	8%
		Good	43%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	17%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent	15%
		Good	35%
		Fair	19%
		Poor	31%
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Cedar Rapids for help or information	No	34%
		Yes	65%
	Contacted Cedar Rapids elected officials to express your opinion	No	74%
		Yes	25%
	Attended a local public meeting	No	81%
		Yes	17%
	Watched a local public meeting	No	57%
		Yes	41%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No	42%
		Yes	56%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No	66%
		Yes	32%
	Voted in your most recent local election	No	9%
		Yes	89%

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Used public transportation instead of driving	No	83%
		Yes	16%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No	53%
		Yes	45%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No	41%
		Yes	58%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Public information services	Excellent	7%
		Good	49%
		Fair	33%
		Poor	10%
	Economic development	Excellent	5%
		Good	43%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	16%
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent	7%
		Good	38%
		Fair	40%
		Poor	14%
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent	10%
		Good	36%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	23%
	Street repair	Excellent	2%
		Good	13%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	52%
	Street cleaning	Excellent	9%
		Good	34%
		Fair	42%
		Poor	14%
	Street lighting	Excellent	8%
		Good	46%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Street lighting	Fair	35%
		Poor	10%
	Snow removal	Excellent	22%
		Good	51%
		Fair	15%
		Poor	11%
	Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent	9%
		Good	34%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	22%
	Bus or transit services	Excellent	6%
		Good	30%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	33%
	Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent	10%
		Good	22%
		Fair	36%
		Poor	30%
	Code enforcement	Excellent	7%
		Good	28%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	37%
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent	7%
		Good	36%
		Fair	23%
		Poor	34%
	Garbage collection	Excellent	38%
		Good	46%
		Fair	10%
		Poor	5%
	Drinking water	Excellent	41%
		Good	42%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Drinking water	Fair	12%
		Poor	5%
	Sewer services	Excellent	35%
		Good	52%
		Fair	9%
		Poor	3%
	Storm water management	Excellent	26%
		Good	50%
		Fair	17%
		Poor	7%
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent	22%
		Good	45%
		Fair	18%
		Poor	14%
	Utility billing	Excellent	18%
		Good	38%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	17%
	Police/Sheriff services	Excellent	20%
		Good	47%
		Fair	22%
		Poor	10%
	Crime prevention	Excellent	7%
		Good	33%
		Fair	32%
		Poor	27%
	Animal control	Excellent	11%
		Good	45%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	13%
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent	31%
		Good	51%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Fair	11%
		Poor	5%
	Fire services	Excellent	43%
		Good	44%
		Fair	9%
		Poor	2%
	Fire prevention and education	Excellent	19%
		Good	55%
		Fair	18%
		Poor	6%
	Emergency preparedness	Excellent	11%
		Good	41%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	21%
	Preservation of natural areas	Excellent	9%
		Good	31%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	28%
	Cedar Rapids open space	Excellent	5%
		Good	34%
		Fair	32%
		Poor	30%
	Recycling	Excellent	18%
		Good	46%
		Fair	23%
		Poor	11%
	Yard waste pick-up	Excellent	33%
		Good	44%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	3%
	City parks	Excellent	17%
		Good	51%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.	City parks	Fair	20%
		Poor	11%
	Recreation programs or classes	Excellent	10%
		Good	51%
		Fair	30%
		Poor	9%
	Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent	9%
		Good	42%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	19%
	Health services	Excellent	15%
		Good	47%
		Fair	25%
		Poor	12%
	Public library services	Excellent	45%
		Good	33%
		Fair	18%
		Poor	3%
	Overall customer service by Cedar Rapids employees	Excellent	17%
		Good	54%
		Fair	20%
		Poor	9%
Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Cedar Rapids	Excellent	11%
		Good	31%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	31%
	The overall direction that Cedar Rapids is taking	Excellent	14%
		Good	35%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	24%
	The job Cedar Rapids government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent	14%
		Good	28%

Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.	The job Cedar Rapids government does at welcoming resident involvement	Fair	28%
		Poor	29%
	Overall confidence in Cedar Rapids government	Excellent	7%
		Good	34%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	28%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent	14%
		Good	30%
		Fair	29%
		Poor	27%
	Being honest	Excellent	10%
		Good	36%
		Fair	31%
		Poor	23%
	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent	9%
		Good	27%
		Fair	35%
		Poor	28%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent	7%
		Good	29%
		Fair	37%
		Poor	26%
	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent	12%
		Good	29%
		Fair	28%
		Poor	31%
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent	11%
		Good	36%
		Fair	27%
		Poor	25%
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by the following?	The City of Cedar Rapids	Excellent	9%
		Good	50%

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by the following?	The City of Cedar Rapids	Fair	25%
		Poor	15%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Essential	45%
		Very important	40%
		Somewhat important	14%
		Not at all important	0%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential	33%
		Very important	40%
		Somewhat important	22%
		Not at all important	4%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential	30%
		Very important	31%
		Somewhat important	35%
		Not at all important	3%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential	49%
		Very important	37%
		Somewhat important	13%
	Overall feeling of safety	Essential	43%
		Very important	39%
		Somewhat important	15%
		Not at all important	1%
	Overall quality of natural environment	Essential	45%
		Very important	36%
		Somewhat important	15%
		Not at all important	3%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential	28%
		Very important	41%
		Somewhat important	29%
		Not at all important	1%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential	27%
		Very important	39%
		Somewhat important	30%

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Not at all important	2%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential	32%
		Very important	45%
		Somewhat important	21%
		Not at all important	1%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential	23%
		Very important	35%
		Somewhat important	37%
		Not at all important	3%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Cedar Rapids community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Sustainability practices within the community	Essential	37%
		Very important	33%
		Somewhat important	23%
		Not at all important	5%
	Openness and acceptance toward people of diverse backgrounds	Essential	46%
		Very important	28%
		Somewhat important	17%
		Not at all important	7%
	New development (including job creation, business expansion, housing, historic renovation, and sustainable building)	Essential	37%
		Very important	37%
		Somewhat important	23%
		Not at all important	1%
	Design and construction of the Flood Control System	Essential	32%
		Very important	45%
		Somewhat important	19%
		Not at all important	3%
	Watershed management practices	Essential	35%
		Very important	41%
		Somewhat important	21%
		Not at all important	2%
	Replanting the tree canopy (ReLeaf)	Essential	55%
		Very important	30%
		Somewhat important	13%

community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Replanting the tree canopy (ReLeaf)	Not at all important	1%
	In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing Cedar Rapids?	Job creation	9%
		Taxes	11%
		Flood control	7%
		Street repairs	24%
		Public safety	23%
		Other	25%
	Since 2014, the City of Cedar Rapids has been using one hundred percent of the one cent penny sales tax to fix and maintain roads within the city. How would you rate the city's progress on improving the city streets?	Excellent	10%
		Good	27%
		Fair	34%
		Poor	26%
		Undecided	2%
Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services:	City website (www.cedar-rapids.org)	Major source	63%
		Minor source	33%
		Not a source	3%
	Local media (newspapers, radio, television)	Major source	50%
		Minor source	36%
		Not a source	12%
	Our CR Magazine (mailed to all residents four times per year)	Major source	34%
		Minor source	50%
		Not a source	14%
	Email newsletters	Major source	29%
		Minor source	36%
		Not a source	34%
	City Council meetings and other public meetings	Major source	21%
		Minor source	42%
		Not a source	36%
	City communications via social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, etc.)	Major source	38%
		Minor source	35%
		Not a source	26%
	CR News Now (text and email alerts)	Major source	46%
		Minor source	21%

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services:	CR News Now (text and email alerts)	Not a source	32%
	Fliers in utility bill	Major source	13%
		Minor source	41%
		Not a source	44%
	Word of mouth	Major source	21%
		Minor source	42%
		Not a source	35%
	In the next 12 months, I believe the overall quality of the City of Cedar Rapids will:	Improve a lot	2%
		Improve slightly	43%
		Stay the same	42%
		Decline slightly	7%
		Decline a lot	4%
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day	85%
		Once a day	4%
		A few times a week	6%
		Every few weeks	0%
		Less often or never	4%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day	81%
		Once a day	4%
		A few times a week	9%
		Every few weeks	1%
		Less often or never	4%
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day	58%
		Once a day	16%
		A few times a week	10%
		Every few weeks	2%
		Less often or never	13%
	Use or check email	Several times a day	78%
		Once a day	15%
		A few times a week	4%
		Every few weeks	3%
	Share your opinions online	Several times a day	12%

In general, how many times do you:	Share your opinions online	Once a day	3%
		A few times a week	19%
		Every few weeks	15%
		Less often or never	50%
	Shop online	Several times a day	5%
		Once a day	8%
		A few times a week	34%
		Every few weeks	35%
		Less often or never	16%
	Please rate your overall health.	Excellent	20%
		Very good	39%
		Good	26%
		Fair	10%
		Poor	3%
	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	3%
		Somewhat positive	8%
		Neutral	40%
		Somewhat negative	29%
		Very negative	18%
	How many years have you lived in Cedar Rapids?	Less than 2 years	8%
		2-5 years	9%
		6-10 years	13%
		11-20 years	13%
		More than 20 years	56%
	Which best describes the building you live in?	One family house detached from any other houses	63%
		Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..	36%
		Mobile home	0%
	Do you rent or own your home?	Rent	31%
		Own	68%
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)?	About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than $500	15%
		$500 to $999	30%
		$1,000 to $1,499	31%

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)?	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)?	$1,500 to $1,999	16%
		$2,000 to $2,499	3%
		$2,500 to $2,999	3%
		$3,000 to $3,499	0%
		$3,500 or more	1%
	Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No	79%
		Yes	20%
	Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No	69%
		Yes	30%
	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	12%
		$25,000 to $49,999	19%
		$50,000 to $74,999	25%
		$75,000 to $99,999	13%
		$100,000 to $149,999	17%
		$150,000 or more	12%
Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?	Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	96%
		Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	3%
	What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%
		Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander	2%
		Black or African American	1%
		White	90%
		Other	9%
	In which category is your age?	18-24 years	5%
		25-34 years	26%
		35-44 years	17%
		45-54 years	16%
		55-64 years	12%
		65-74 years	15%
		75 years or older	8%
	What is your gender?	Female	52%
		Male	46%
		Identify in another way	1%

How did you hear about this survey? (Select all that apply.)	The City's website		13%
	The City's social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,..		14%
	Received an email from the City		23%
	In a City newsletter or utility bill		3%
	Received a postcard or letter from the City		3%
	Nextdoor		8%
	In my Facebook feed		10%
	Saw it on a video of a public meeting or at a meeting I atten..		2%
	Saw it on the City's cable channel		2%
	Saw it in a newspaper article or ad (hard copy or online)		19%
	Saw a flyer or poster about it		2%
	Heard about it from a family member, friend or neighbor		4%
	Heard about it from a business or social organization in my co..		2%
	Polco's weekly email		3%
	Polco social media post		2%
	On my Polco feed		3%
	Other		22%

The City of Cedar Rapids 2022 Community Survey

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Recommend living in Cedar Rapids to someone who asks	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Cedar Rapids for the next five years	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

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

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

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

6. Please rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.

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

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7. Please also rate each of the following in the Cedar Rapids community.

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

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

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

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9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Cedar Rapids.

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

10. Please rate the following categories of Cedar Rapids government performance.

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

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

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
The City of Cedar Rapids	1	2	3	4	5

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

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

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

	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important
Sustainability practices within the community	1	2	3	4
Openness and acceptance toward people of diverse backgrounds	1	2	3	4
New development (including job creation, business expansion, housing, historic renovation, and sustainable building)	1	2	3	4
Design and construction of the Flood Control System	1	2	3	4
Watershed management practices	1	2	3	4
Replanting the tree canopy (ReLeaf)	1	2	3	4

14. In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing Cedar Rapids?

❍ Job creation ❍ Taxes ❍ Flood control ❍ Street repairs ❍ Public safety ❍ Other

15. Since 2014, the City of Cedar Rapids has been using one hundred percent of the one cent penny sales tax to fix and maintain roads within the city. How would you rate the city's progress on improving the city streets?

❍ Excellent ❍ Good ❍ Fair ❍ Poor ❍ Undecided

16. Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the City government and its activities, events and services:

	Major source	Minor source	Not a source
City website (www.cedar-rapids.org)	1	2	3
Local media (newspapers, radio, television)	1	2	3
Our CR Magazine (mailed to all residents four times per year)	1	2	3
Email newsletters	1	2	3
City Council meetings and other public meetings	1	2	3
City communications via social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, etc.)	1	2	3
CR News Now (text and email alerts)	1	2	3
Fliers in utility bill	1	2	3
Word of mouth	1	2	3

17. In the next 12 months, I believe the overall quality of the City of Cedar Rapids will:

❍ Improve a lot ❍ Improve slightly ❍ Stay the same ❍ Decline slightly ❍ Decline a lot ❍ Don't know

18. What has improved Cedar Rapids' quality of life over the past 2 years? Please share one item or area of focus.

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The City of Cedar Rapids 2022 Community Survey

Our last questions are about you and your household.
Again, all of your responses to this survey are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

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

D2. Please rate your overall health.

❍ Excellent ❍ Very good ❍ Good ❍ Fair ❍ Poor

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

❍ Very positive ❍ Somewhat positive ❍ Neutral ❍ Somewhat negative ❍ Very negative

D4. How many years have you lived in Cedar Rapids?

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

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

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

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

❍ Rent
❍ Own

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

❍ Less than $500
❍ $500 to $999
❍ $1,000 to $1,499
❍ $1,500 to $1,999
❍ $2,000 to $2,499
❍ $2,500 to $2,999
❍ $3,000 to $3,499
❍ $3,500 or more

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

❍ No ❍ Yes

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

❍ No ❍ Yes

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

❍ Less than $25,000
❍ $25,000 to $49,999
❍ $50,000 to $74,999
❍ $75,000 to $99,999
❍ $100,000 to $149,999
❍ $150,000 or more

D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

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

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

❑ American Indian or Alaskan Native
❑ Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander
❑ Black or African American
❑ White
❑ Other

D13. In which category is your age?

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

D14. What is your gender?

❍ Female
❍ Male
❍ Identify in another way

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