

# **Gunnison County, CO**

## **The National Community Survey**

Report of Results  
2021

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## About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Gunnison County. 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 479 residents of Gunnison County collected from September 16th, 2021 to November 4th, 2021. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 4.5% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2021 survey was 18%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Gunnison County.

### 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, Gunnison County’s results are noted as being “higher” than the benchmark, “lower” than the benchmark, or “similar” to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Gunnison County residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Gunnison County’s average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was “much higher” or “much lower,” then Gunnison County’s average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

The survey was administered during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time of challenge for many local governments. While we provide comparisons to national benchmarks, it is important to note that much of the benchmark data was collected prior to the pandemic. This may impact how your County’s 2021 ratings compare to other communities’ ratings from the past five years.



## Trends over time

Trend data for Gunnison County 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 6.5 percentage points between the 2019 and 2021 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 Gunnison County were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Gunnison County was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve Gunnison County 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 Gunnison County boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. Each address identified as being within county boundaries was further identified as being within one of the nine zip codes. 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 3,000 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on September 16th, 2021 and the survey remained open for seven weeks. For 1,500 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. For the remaining 1,500 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate, followed one week later by a reminder postcard. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online. All follow-up mailings asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from completing the survey again.

About 12% of the 3,000 mailed invitations or surveys were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 2,649 households that received the invitations to participate, 479 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 18%. 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 Gunnison County survey is no greater than plus or minus 4.5 percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (479 completed surveys).

## 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 Gunnison County. 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, and housing tenure. 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	12%	41%	40%
	35-54	27%	28%	29%
	55+	61%	31%	31%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	96%	92%	92%
	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	4%	8%	8%
Housing tenure	Own	85%	61%	61%
	Rent	15%	39%	39%
Housing type	Attached	22%	35%	35%
	Detached	78%	65%	65%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	10%	10%	11%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	90%	90%	89%
Sex	Female	51%	46%	46%
	Male	49%	54%	54%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	7%	18%	18%
	Female 35-54	16%	14%	14%
	Female 55+	28%	14%	14%
	Male 18-34	5%	23%	23%
	Male 35-54	12%	15%	15%
	Male 55+	32%	17%	17%

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

Gunnison County funded this research. Please contact Katherine Haase of Gunnison County at [khaase@gunnisoncounty.org](mailto:khaase@gunnisoncounty.org) if you have any questions about the survey.

## 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

### Mobility continues to be a bright spot in Gunnison County.

As in previous years, the facet of Mobility continues to be one of the strongest areas of livability in Gunnison County. About 7 in 10 residents approve of the overall transportation system, which was higher than both the national and peer community comparisons. A strong majority also gave positive ratings to the ease of travel by car (85% excellent or good), traffic flow on major streets (66%), and the ease of parking in Gunnison County (65%), and all of these items saw significant improvements compared to 2019.

Residents also continued to show support for alternate forms of transportation in Gunnison County, along with public transportation. About 8 in 10 residents had favorable views toward bus or transit services, and about two-thirds the positively rated ease of travel by bicycle and by public transportation in the County; each of these were much higher than national and peer communities. Along with this support, residents showed practical use of alternate forms of transportation. A high proportion of residents reported to have walked or cycled instead of driving in the past 12 months (79%), carpooled instead of driving alone (67%), or used public transportation instead of driving (47%). These items were also rated much higher than comparison communities.

### Community design is an area of opportunity in Gunnison County.

Items relating to the facet of Community Design received a mix of ratings that were similar to or lower to the benchmarks. A majority of residents had positive views toward their neighborhood as a place to live (83% excellent or good), the overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas (59%), and the preservation of historical or cultural character of the community (57%). These ratings were similar to those given in other communities across the nation and, where trends over time were available, were similar to previous years. Ratings for the overall appearance of the County (69% positive) as well as public places where people want to spend time (61%) decreased from 2019 to 2021, though both retained similar ratings compared to the benchmarks. Less than half of residents gave positive marks to well-designed neighborhoods, and under 3 in 10 to well-planned commercial growth, well-planned residential growth, and the overall quality of new development; each of these were lower than the benchmarks. Less than 1 in 10 had positive views toward the variety of housing options in the County and the availability of affordable quality housing, which were both much lower than the national average and peer community comparisons.

### Economic challenges remain and continue to be a priority for residents.

When asked about aspects of the community the County should focus on in the next two years, about 9 in 10 residents responded that the overall economic health of the County was essential or very important. Compared to the rating of importance, a lower proportion of residents gave the quality of the economic health in Gunnison County positive ratings (36% excellent or good), which was lower than both the national average and peer comparisons.

Residents identified the community as a place to visit as a continued strength, with 9 in 10 giving it excellent or good ratings; this was much higher than the benchmark comparisons. About half of residents also gave positive marks to the overall quality of business and service establishments and the vibrancy of the downtown/commercial area. A similar proportion had favorable views toward Gunnison County as a place to work, which was lower than the benchmarks. However, employment opportunities saw a 9% increase over time, from 35% in 2019 to 44% in 2021. About one-third of residents gave favorable ratings to the variety of service establishments in the County, shopping opportunities, and economic development; each of these were lower than peer communities. The poorest-performing items related to the economy were the cost of living (8% excellent or good) and resident economic outlook on the future (19% very or somewhat positive). These items both experienced significant decreases from previous survey years. It is important to note, along with these ratings, that the impact of COVID-19 on the economy should be factored into 2021 ratings.

### Residents value both the natural environment and recreation opportunities in Gunnison County.

Residents both identified the natural environment as an area of focus for the County in the next two years and also generally rated related items as higher than or similar to the benchmarks. Virtually all residents had favorable views toward the overall quality of the natural environment (92% excellent or good) and the air quality in the County (91%). About 8 in 10 felt similarly about water resources, cleanliness of the County, and preservation of natural areas, as well as Gunnison County open space. Of these, cleanliness was similar to the benchmarks, while others were higher. The only items that were lower than the national averages in this facet were service-related: recycling (52% excellent or good) and yard waste pickup (39%). A strong majority of residents also saw opportunities to experience the outdoors as an asset to the community, with strong support for the recreational opportunities (94%), overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities (88%), and the availability of paths and walking trails in the County (87%).

## Facets of livability

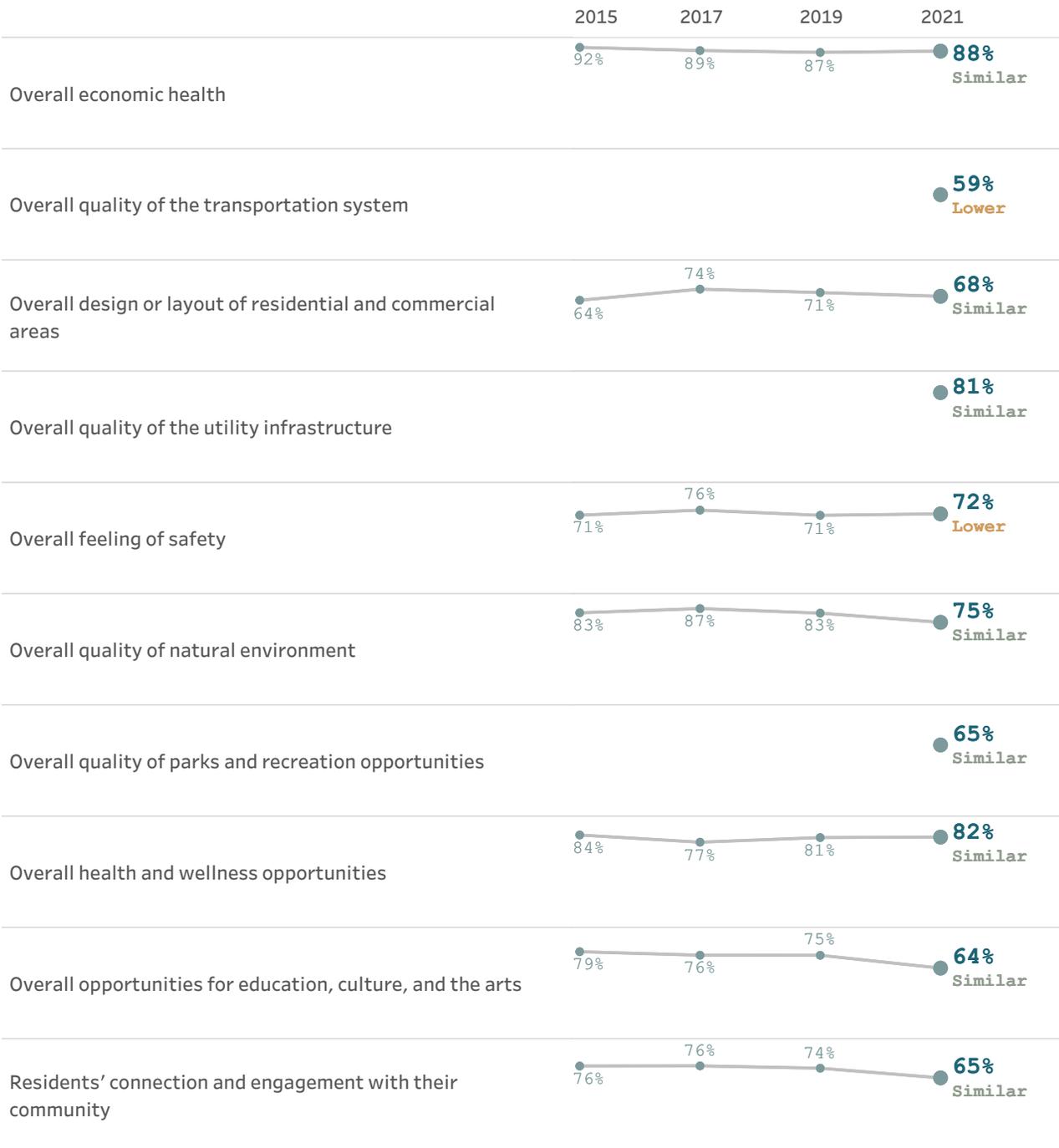
Resident perceptions of quality and importance for each of the facets of community livability provide an overview of community strengths and challenges that are useful for planning, budgeting and performance evaluation.

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 Gunnison County as a whole.  
(% excellent or good)



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



Note: Prior to 2020, "Overall quality of the transportation system" was "Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit". Differences in ratings may be at least partially attributable to changes in question wording and should be interpreted cautiously.

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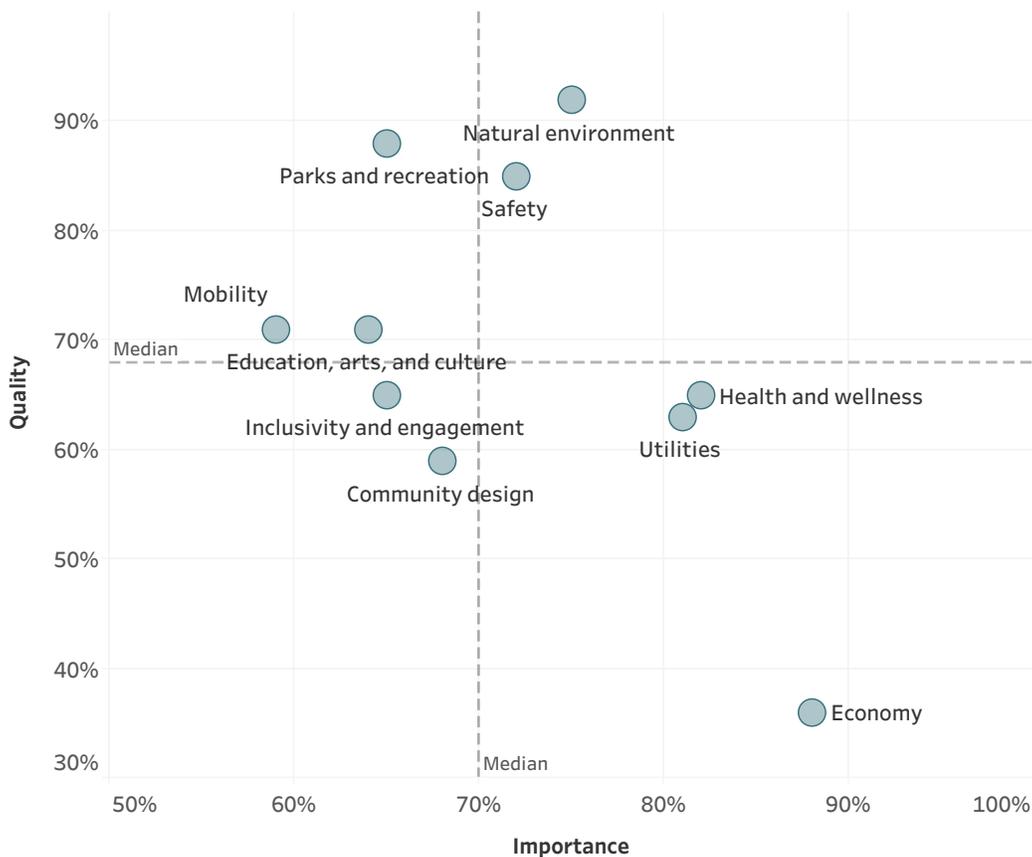
## Balancing performance and importance

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 County 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 68% or more of respondents were considered of “higher quality” and those with ratings lower than 68% were considered to be of “lower quality.” Services were classified as “more important” if they were rated as essential or very important by 70% or more of respondents. Services were rated as “less important” if they received a rating of less than 70%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

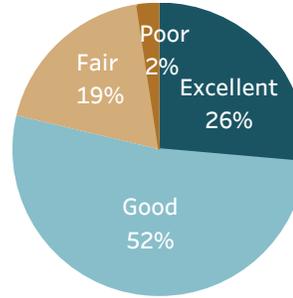
The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings 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 ..



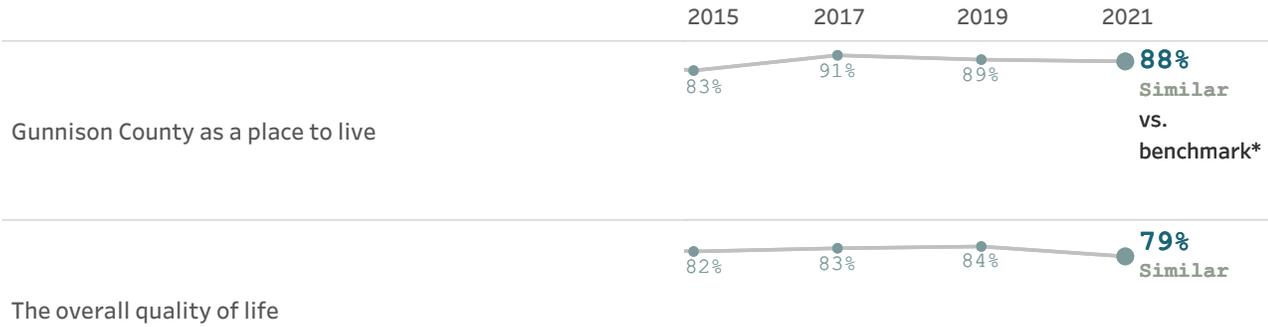
## Quality of life

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 Gunnison County, 2021



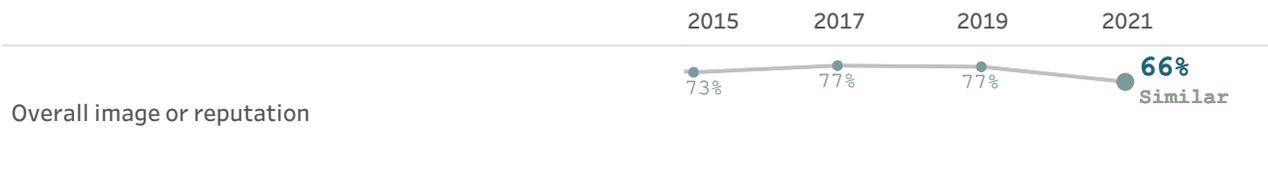
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Gunnison County.  
(% excellent or good)



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



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

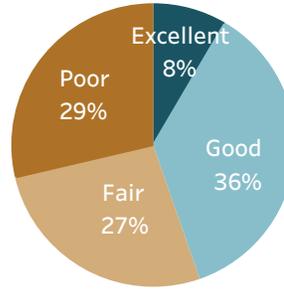


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Overall confidence in Gunnison County government, 2021

## Governance

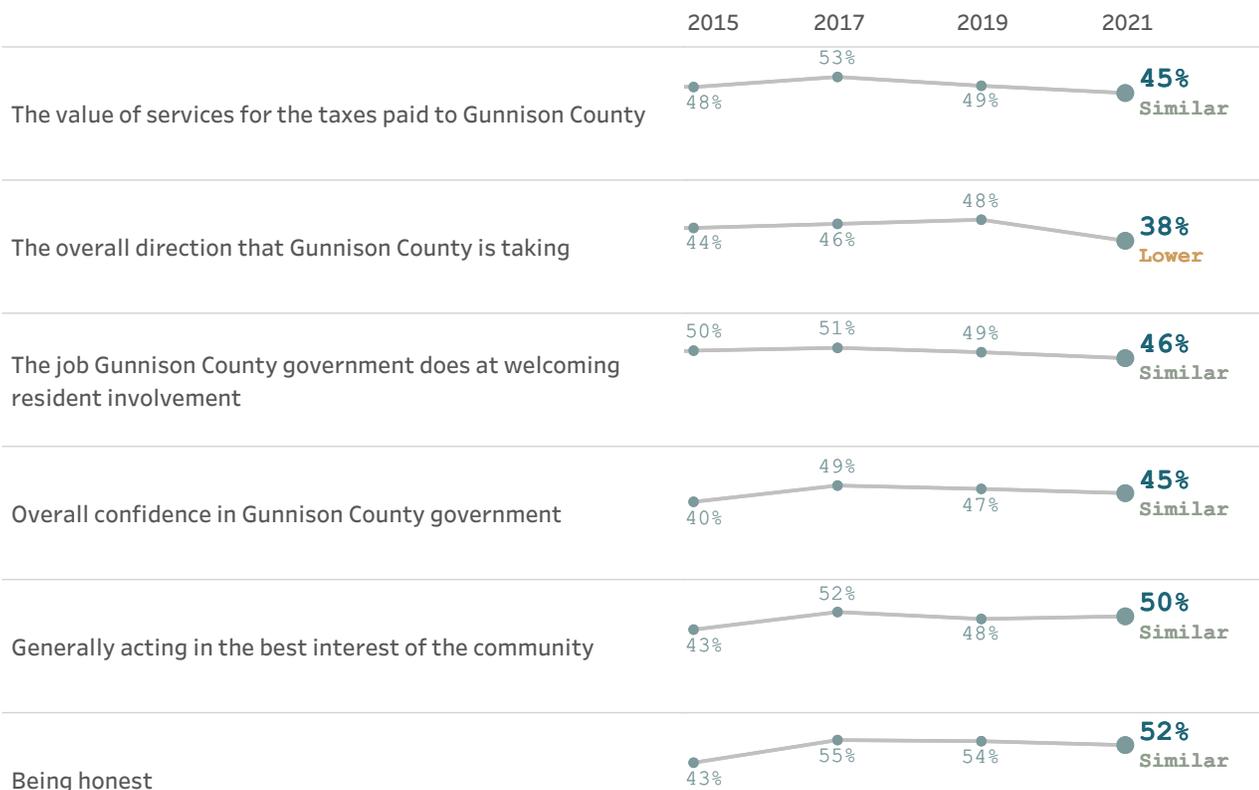
Strong local governments produce results that meet the needs of residents while making the best use of available resources, and are responsive to the present and future needs of the community as a whole.



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



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



Being open and transparent to the public **49%**  
Similar

Informing residents about issues facing the community **45%**  
Similar

Treating all residents fairly **48%**  
Similar

Year	Percentage
2015	44%
2017	52%
2019	47%
2021	48%

Treating residents with respect **61%**  
Similar

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

Gunnison County **62%**  
Similar

Year	Percentage
2015	72%
2017	78%
2019	73%
2021	62%

The Federal Government **36%**  
Similar

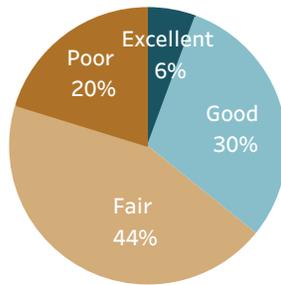
Year	Percentage
2015	42%
2017	40%
2019	36%
2021	36%

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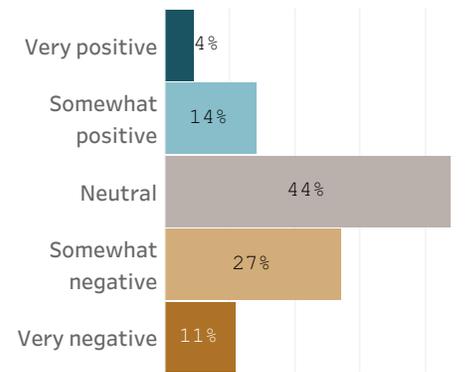
## Economy

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.

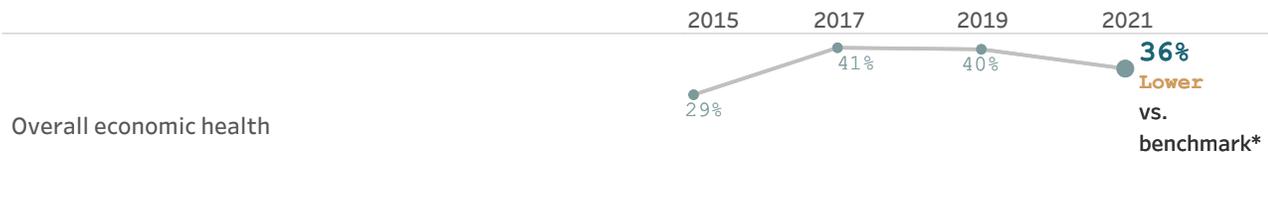
Overall economic health of Gunnison County, 2021



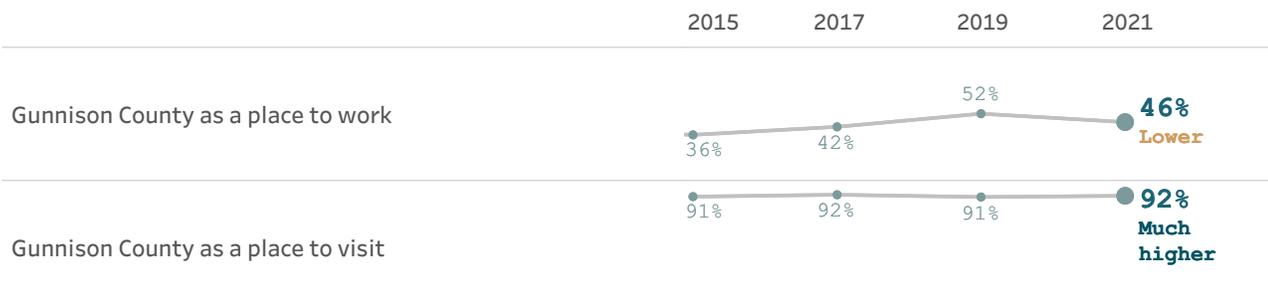
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:



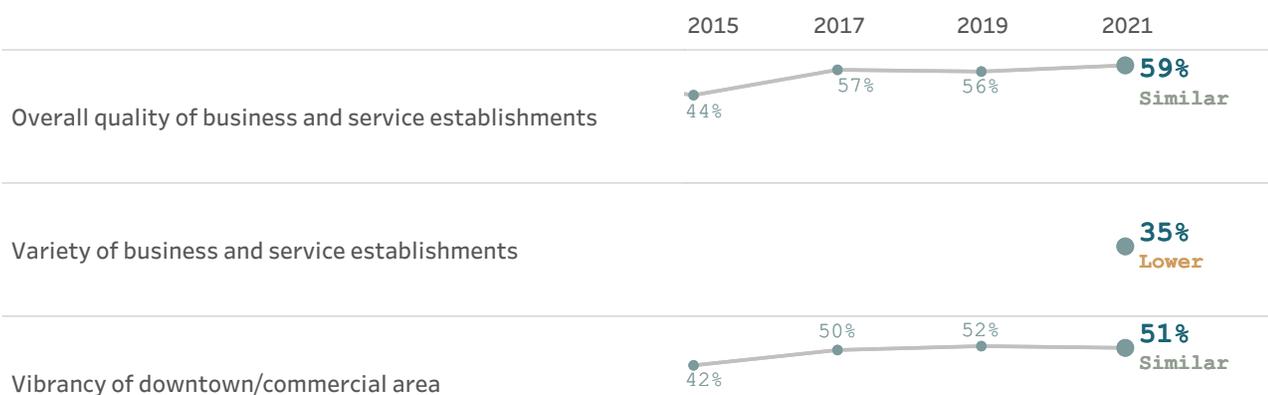
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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

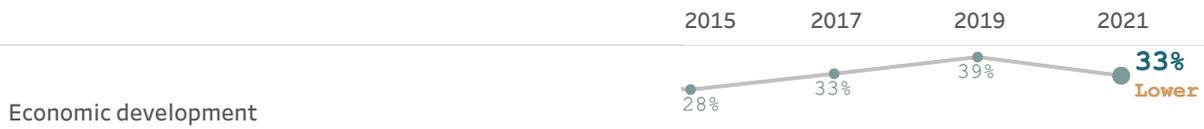


Please rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community. (% excellent or good)

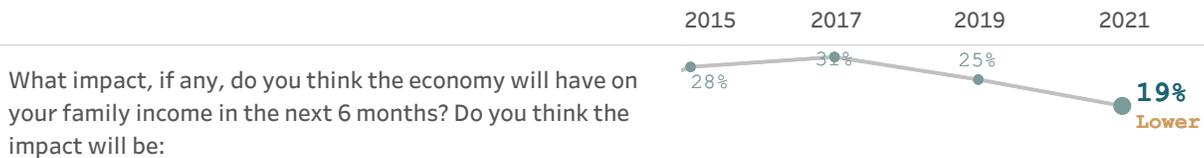




Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.  
(% excellent or good)



What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:  
(% very or somewhat positive)

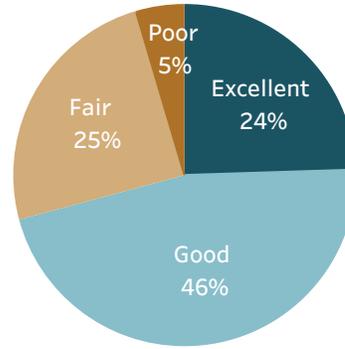


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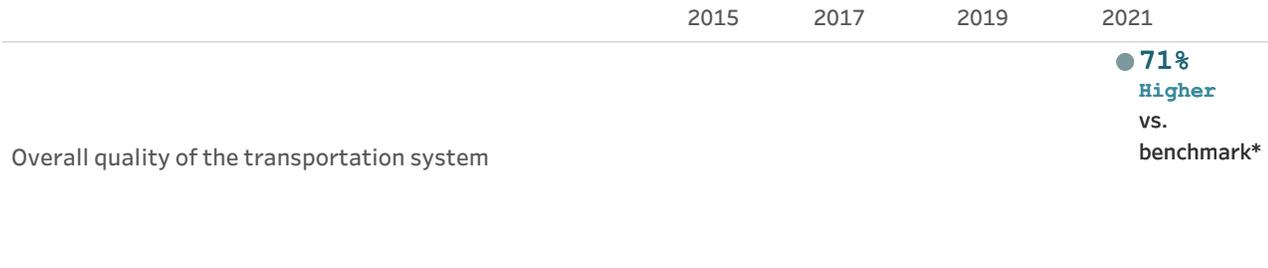
## Mobility

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.

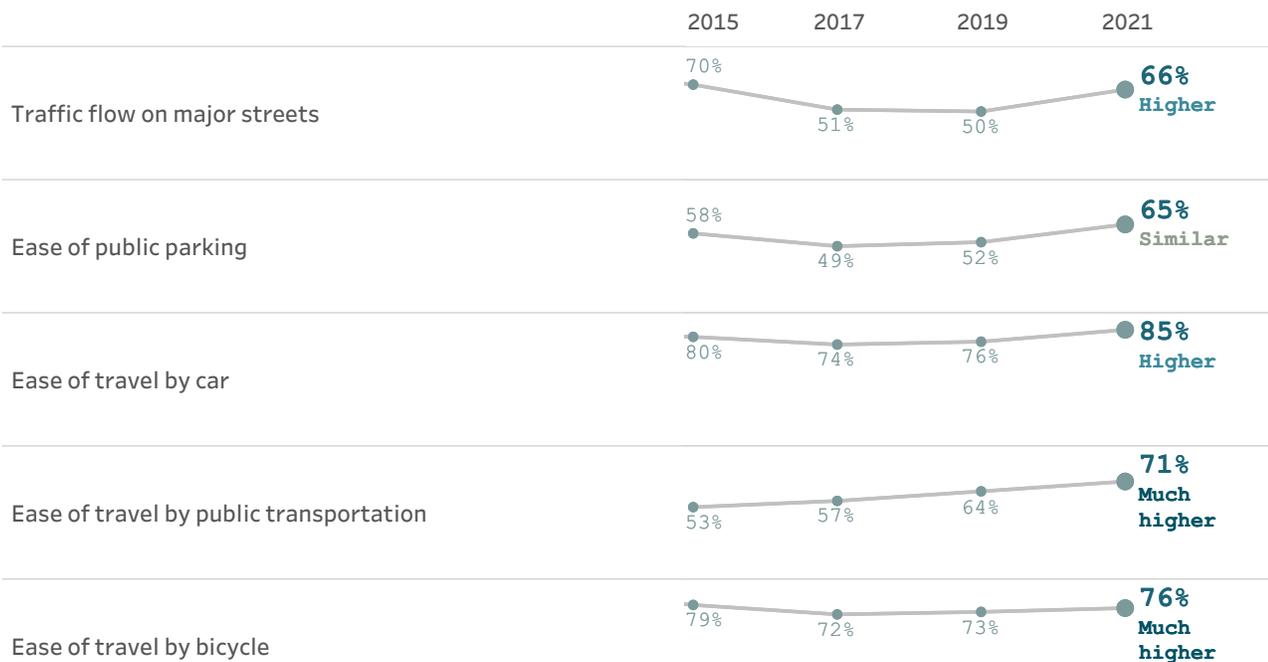
Overall quality of the transportation system in Gunnison County, 2021



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

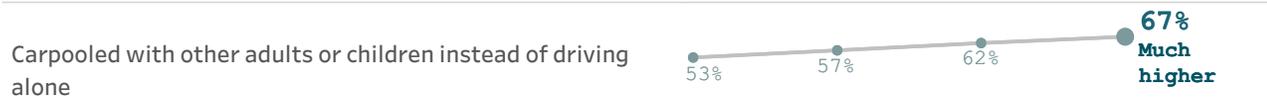


Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.  
(% excellent or good)

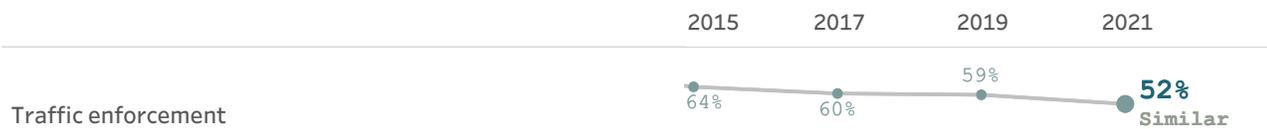


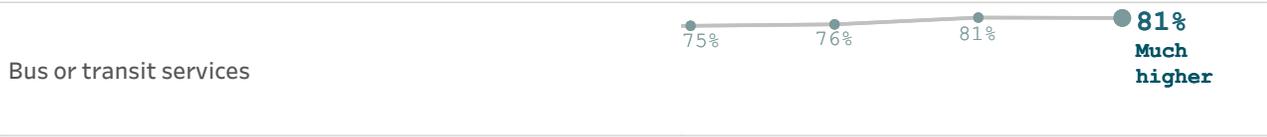


Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.  
(% yes)



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





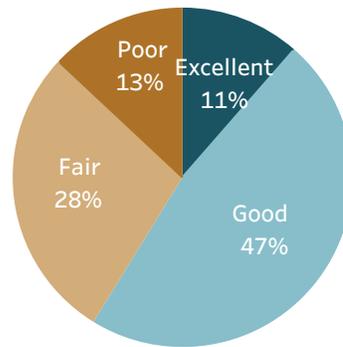
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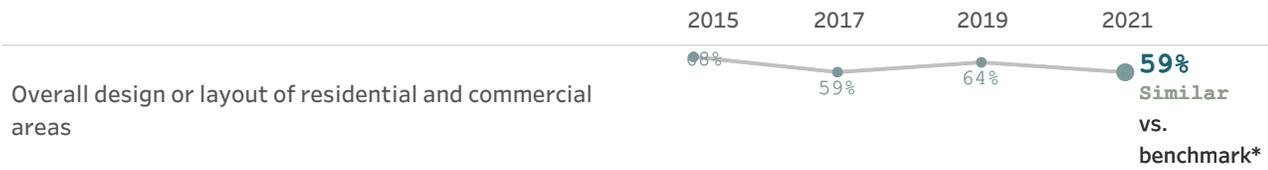
Overall design or layout of Gunnison County's residential and commercial areas, 2021

## Community design

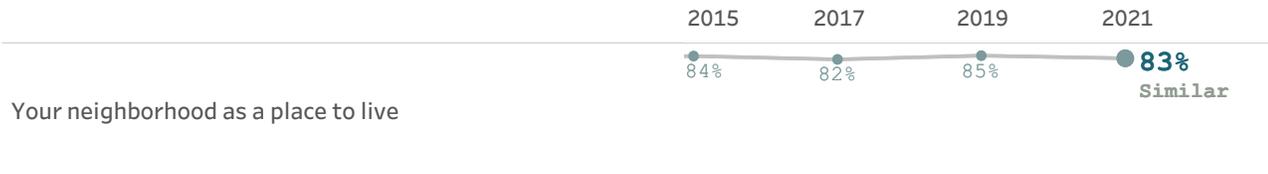
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and providing access to parks and other green spaces.



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

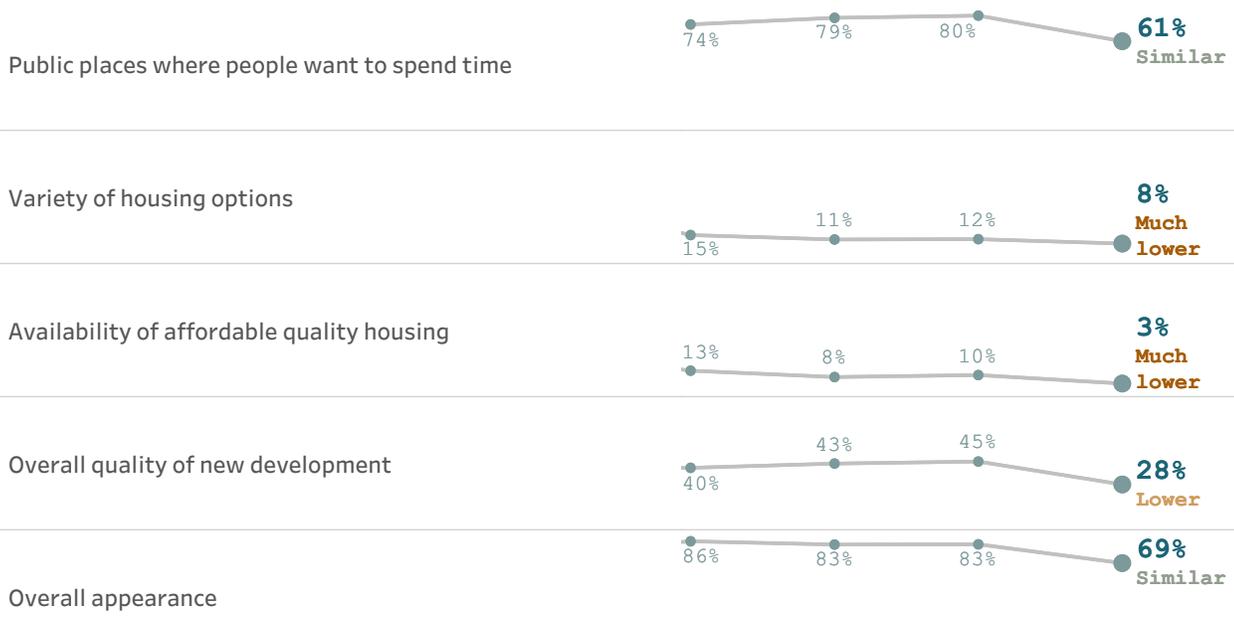


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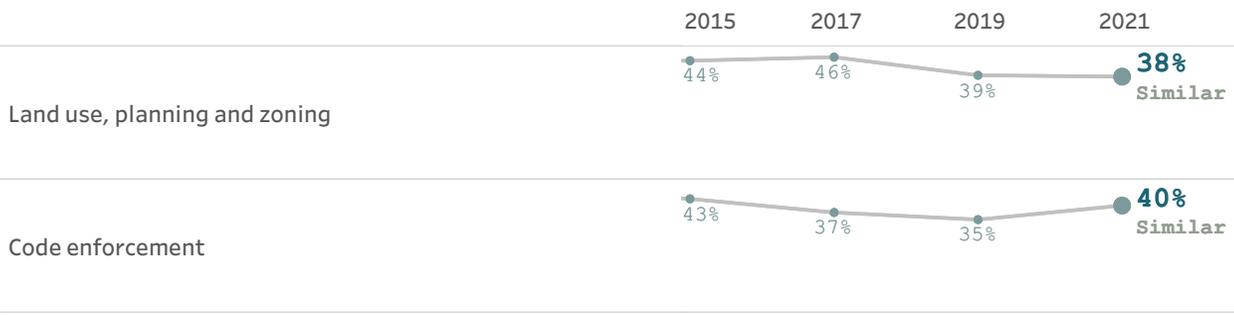


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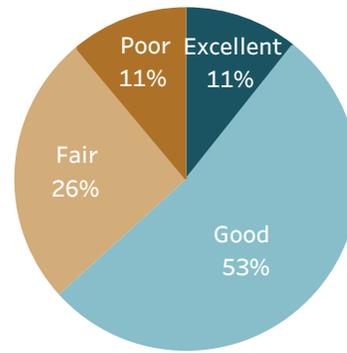


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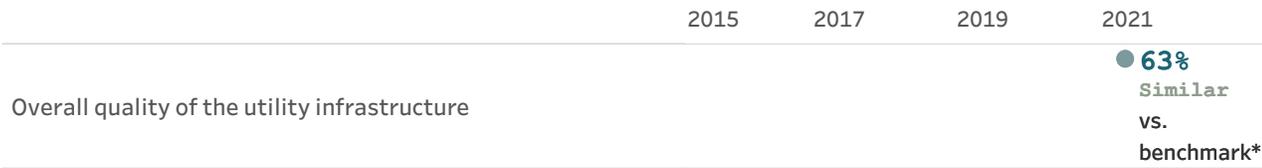
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Gunnison County, 2021



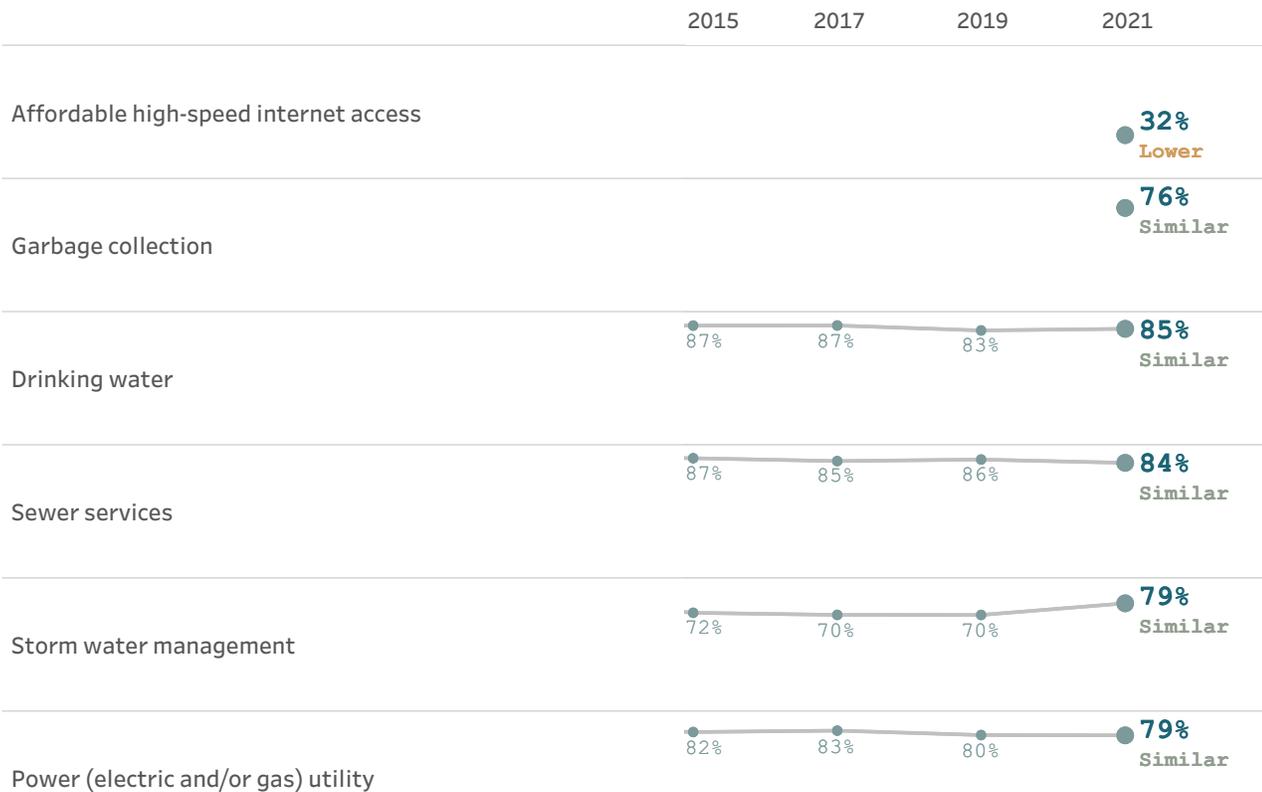
## Utilities

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

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



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



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Utility billing

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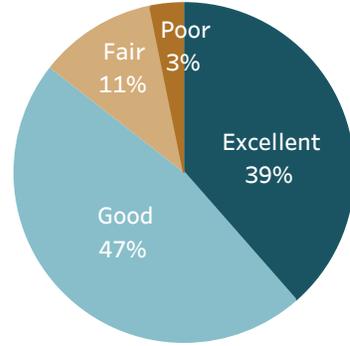


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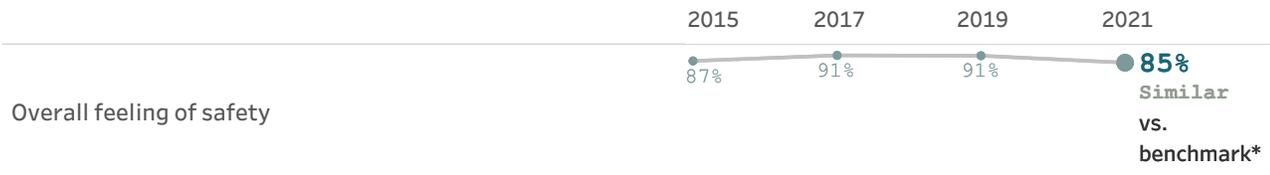
## Safety

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.

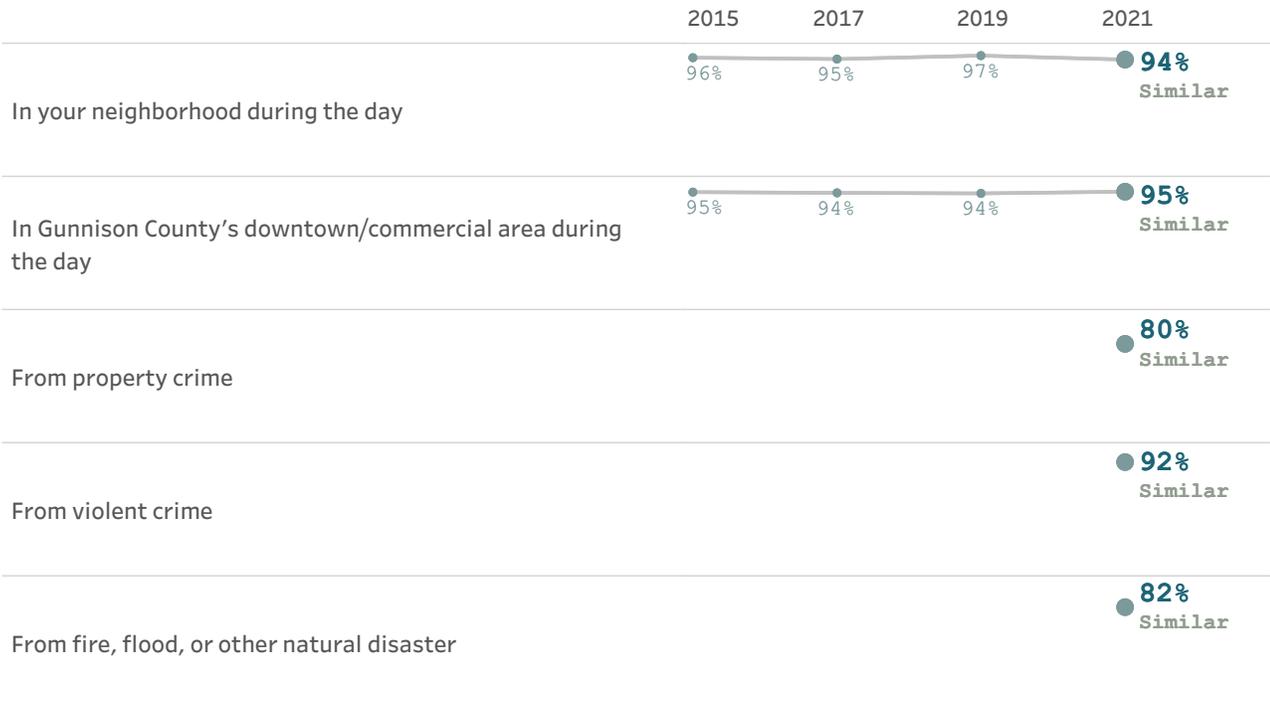
Overall feeling of safety in Gunnison County, 2021



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



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



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



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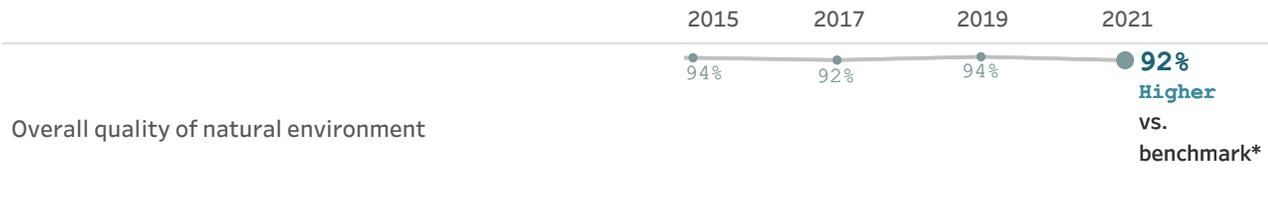
Overall quality of natural environment in Gunnison County, 2021

## Natural environment

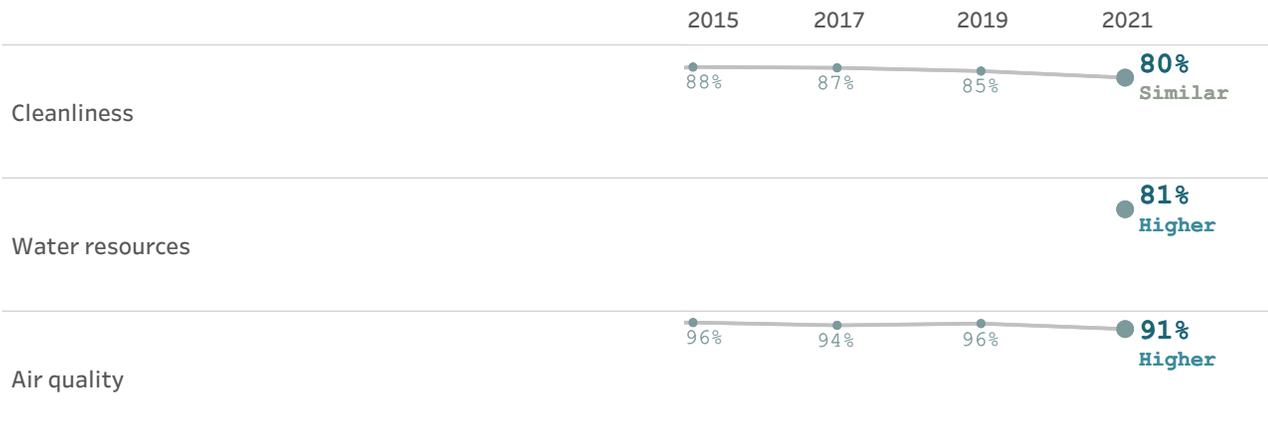
The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents. The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life.



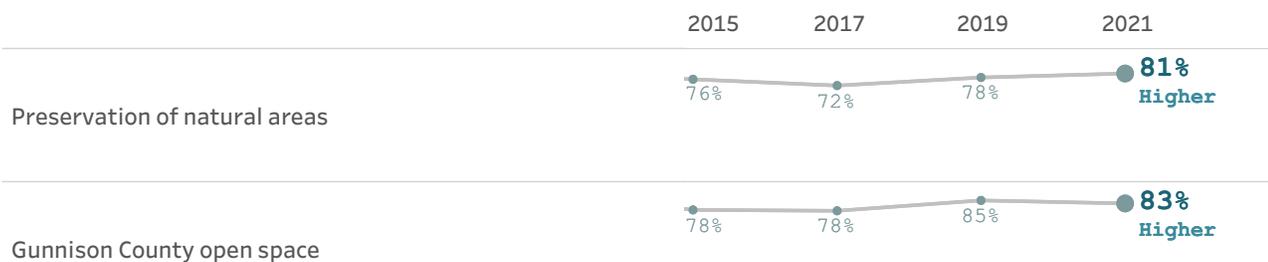
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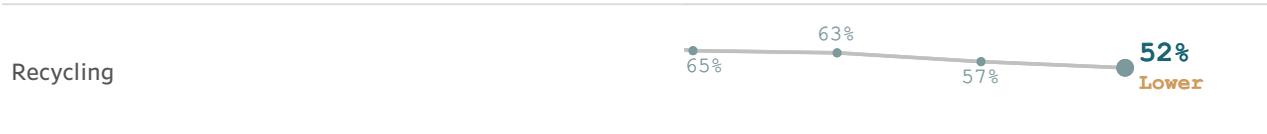


Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community. (% excellent or good)



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





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Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2021

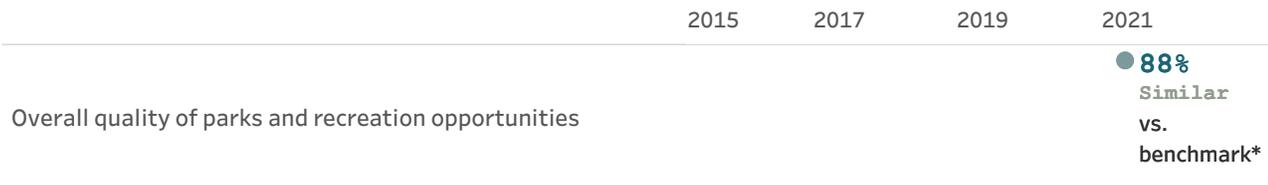
## Parks and recreation

“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.”

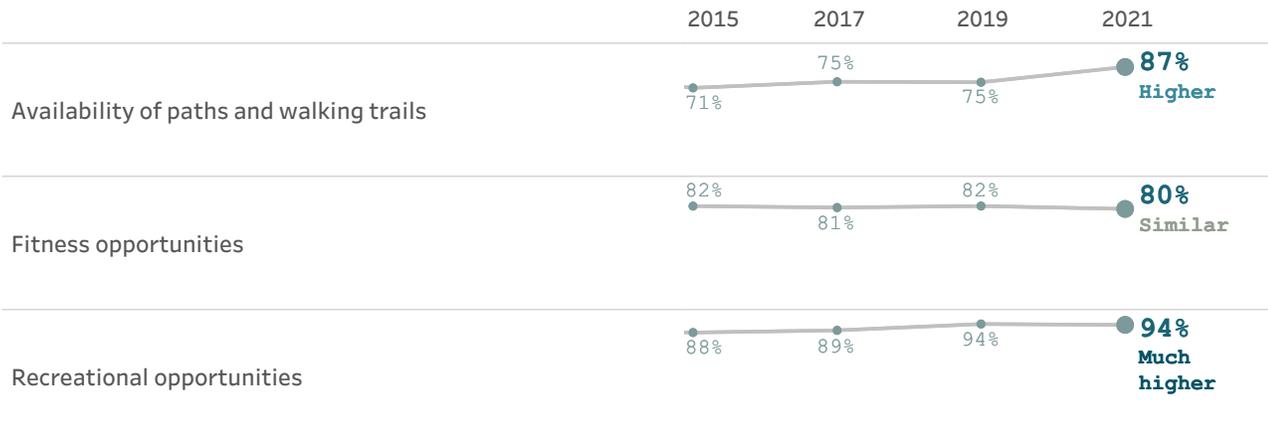
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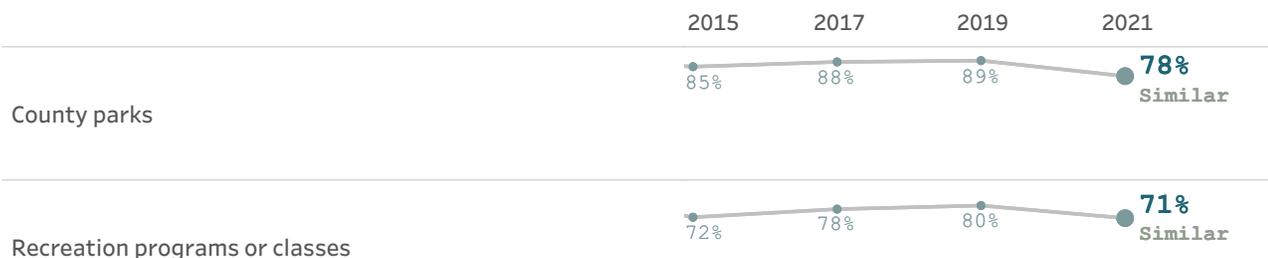
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole.  
(% excellent or good)



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



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



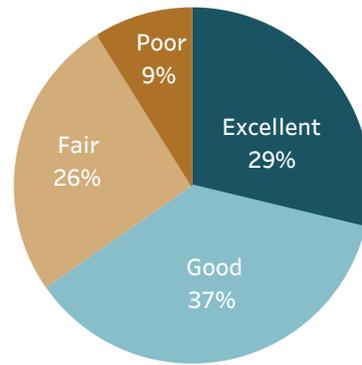


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Overall health and wellness opportunities in Gunnison County, 2021

## Health and wellness

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



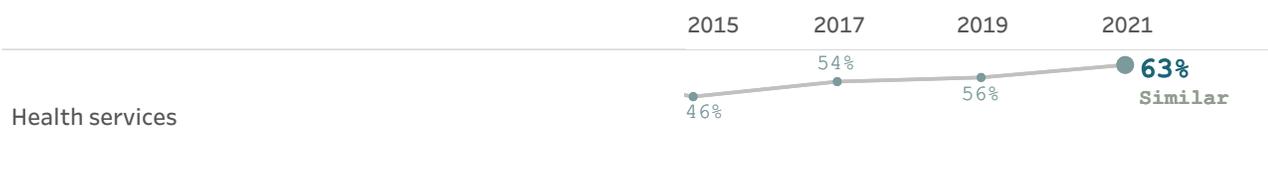
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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



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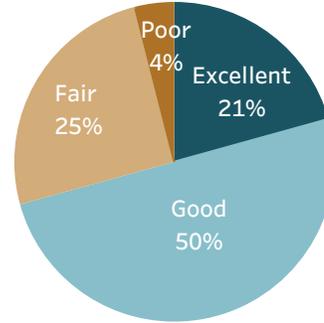


Please rate your overall health.  
(% excellent or very good)



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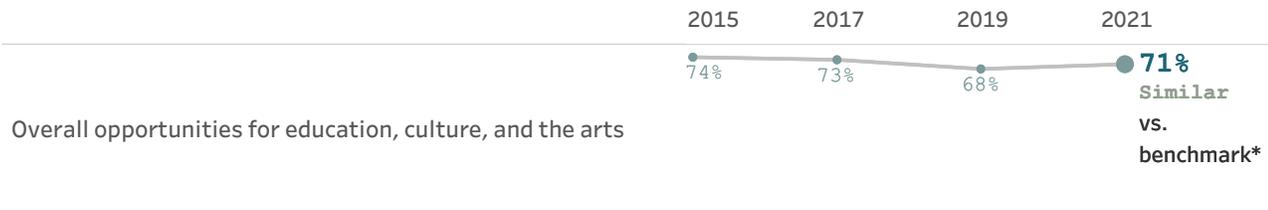
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2021



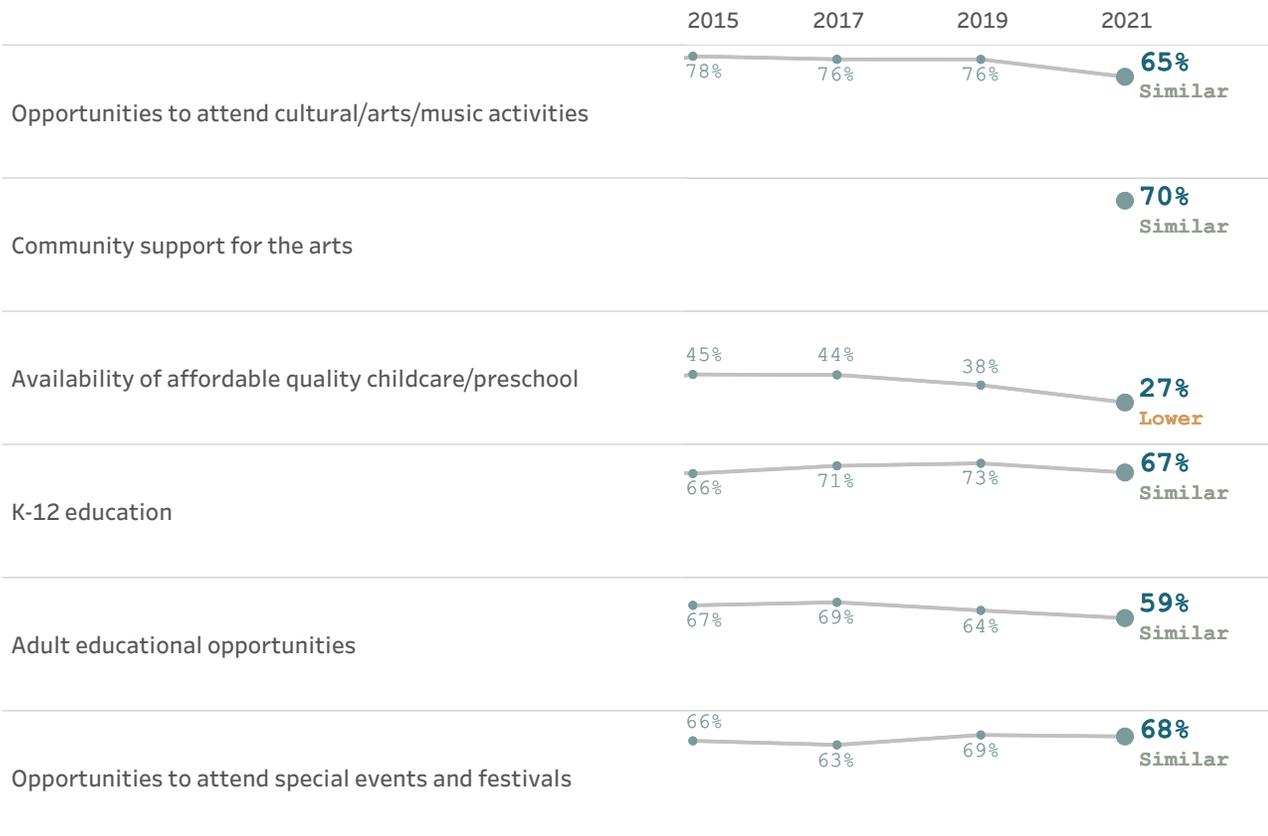
## Education, arts, and culture

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

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

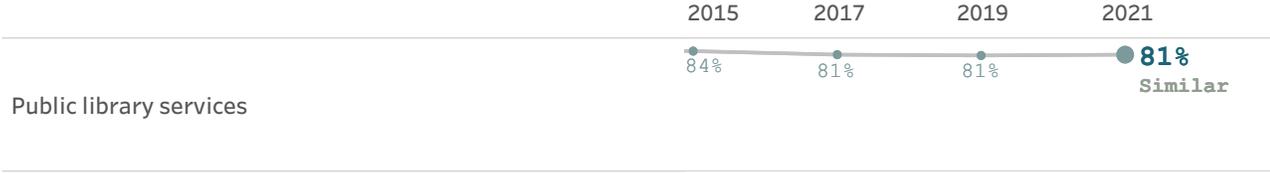


Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.  
(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.

(% excellent or good)

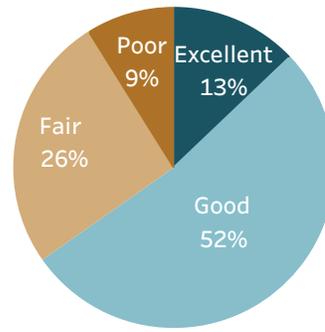


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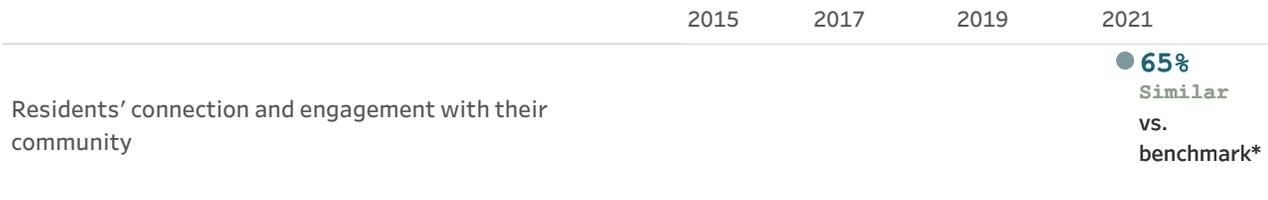
Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2021

## Inclusivity and engagement

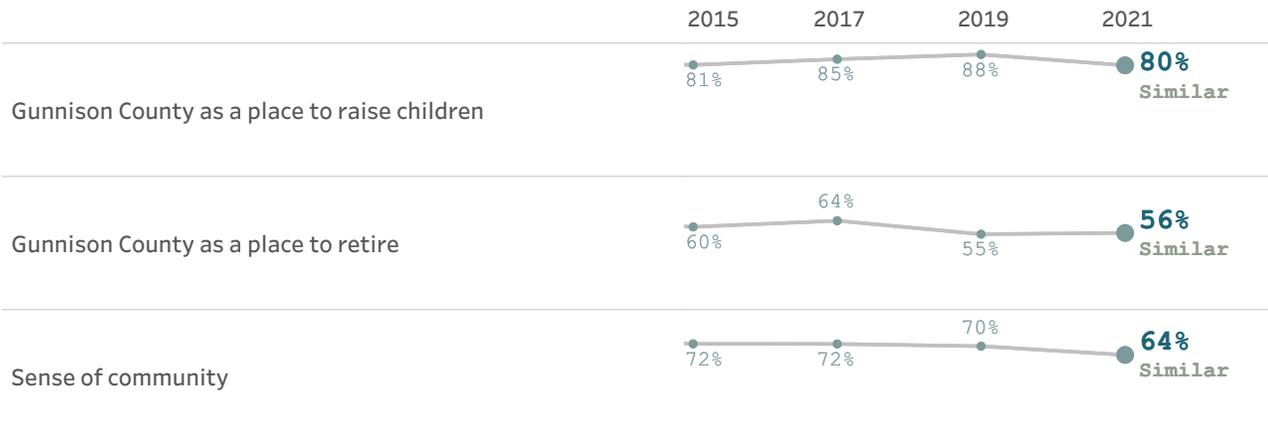
Inclusivity refers to a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging; residents who feel invited to participate within their communities feel more included, involved, and engaged than those who do not.



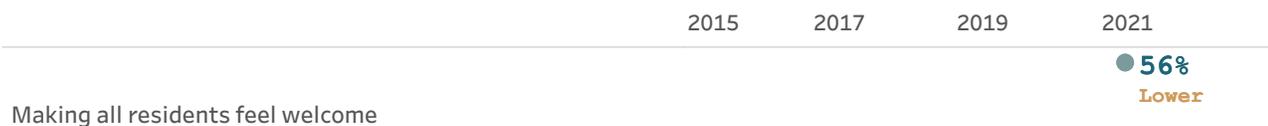
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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



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



Attracting people from diverse backgrounds

31%  
Lower

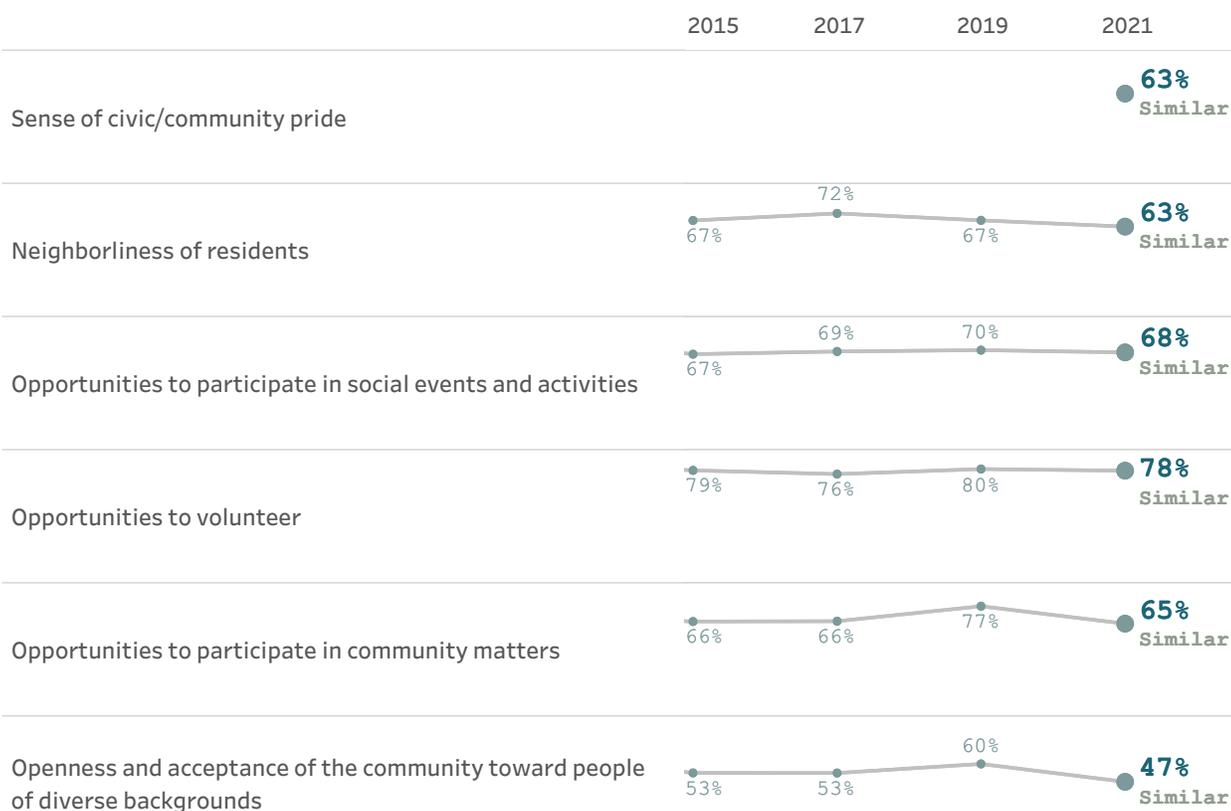
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds

48%  
Lower

Taking care of vulnerable residents

50%  
Similar

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



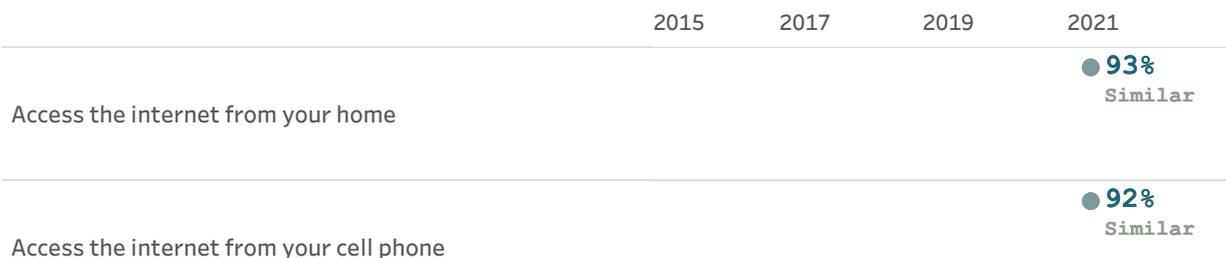
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## Residents' participation levels

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)



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Visit social media sites	● <b>73%</b> Similar
Use or check email	● <b>97%</b> Similar
Share your opinions online	● <b>24%</b> Similar
Shop online	● <b>47%</b> 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.

		Include "don't know"	
		No	
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County:</b>	Mental health services	Excellent	9%
		Good	32%
		Fair	26%
		Poor	33%
Drug and alcohol recovery services	Excellent	2%	
	Good	23%	
	Fair	30%	
	Poor	46%	
Adult protective services	Excellent	3%	
	Good	35%	
	Fair	40%	
	Poor	22%	
Multicultural Resources Office services	Excellent	3%	
	Good	49%	
	Fair	33%	
	Poor	15%	
Parenting classes (e.g., Nurturing Parenting Program, Love & Logic, etc.)	Excellent	9%	
	Good	51%	
	Fair	28%	
	Poor	12%	
Child support services	Excellent	8%	
	Good	34%	
	Fair	34%	
	Poor	24%	
Food inspection services	Excellent	2%	
	Good	40%	
	Fair	40%	

		Poor		17%
Veteran services		Excellent		3%
		Good		23%
		Fair		34%
		Poor		40%
Youth services		Excellent		9%
		Good		44%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		10%
<b>Please rate the level of difficulty you experience accessing the following services:</b>	Senior services (e.g., referral information, Medicare counseling, etc.)	Very easy		18%
		Somewhat easy		45%
		Somewhat difficult		24%
		Very difficult		13%
Public health services (e.g., immunizations and flu clinics, family planning, WIC, etc.)		Very easy		45%
		Somewhat easy		42%
		Somewhat difficult		11%
		Very difficult		2%
Early childhood services (e.g., childcare, information and referrals, events, etc.)		Very easy		17%
		Somewhat easy		50%
		Somewhat difficult		17%
		Very difficult		16%
Youth and family services (e.g., information and referrals, family support, juvenile justice, etc.)		Very easy		14%
		Somewhat easy		44%
		Somewhat difficult		31%
		Very difficult		11%
Public benefits (e.g., public health insurance, food assistance, etc.)		Very easy		18%
		Somewhat easy		50%
		Somewhat difficult		18%
		Very difficult		15%

## National benchmark tables

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			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Gunnison County.</b>	Gunnison County as a place to live	Similar	88%	178	381	53
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	83%	166	313	47
	Gunnison County as a place to raise children	Similar	80%	191	382	50
	Gunnison County as a place to work	Lower	46%	294	365	19
	Gunnison County as a place to visit	Much higher	92%	18	307	94
	Gunnison County as a place to retire	Similar	56%	252	367	31
	The overall quality of life	Similar	79%	246	423	41
	Sense of community	Similar	64%	151	315	52
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Lower	36%	261	288	9
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Higher	71%	15	111	87
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	59%	191	282	32
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	63%	86	108	21
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	85%	148	363	59
	Overall quality of natural environment	Higher	92%	14	292	95
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	88%	17	113	85
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	65%	163	283	42
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	71%	121	286	58
	Residents’ connection and engagement with their community	Similar	65%	43	109	61
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Gunnison County to someone who asks	Lower	65%	281	299	6
	Remain in Gunnison County for the next five years	Similar	80%	220	292	25
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	94%	123	348	64
	In Gunnison County’s downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	95%	52	324	84

<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	From property crime	Similar	80%	50	119	58
	From violent crime	Similar	92%	36	119	70
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	82%	70	107	35
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Gunnison County community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Lower	56%	105	113	7
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Lower	31%	109	111	2
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Lower	48%	105	111	6
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	50%	78	109	29
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	59%	218	290	25
	Variety of business and service establishments	Lower	35%	101	108	7
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	51%	149	272	45
	Employment opportunities	Similar	44%	168	319	47
	Shopping opportunities	Lower	31%	261	305	14
	Cost of living	Much lower	8%	279	284	2
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	66%	248	360	31
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Higher	66%	73	336	78
	Ease of public parking	Similar	65%	115	259	55
	Ease of travel by car	Higher	85%	55	315	82
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Much higher	71%	12	265	95
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Much higher	76%	15	317	95
	Ease of walking	Similar	78%	72	317	77
	Well-planned residential growth	Lower	29%	102	111	9
	Well-planned commercial growth	Lower	27%	101	111	9
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Lower	41%	100	109	9
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the communi..	Similar	57%	77	107	28
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	61%	165	278	41
	Variety of housing options	Much lower	8%	292	294	1
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Much lower	3%	318	318	0
	Overall quality of new development	Lower	28%	295	311	5
	Overall appearance	Similar	69%	245	349	30
	Cleanliness	Similar	80%	159	319	50
	Water resources	Higher	81%	22	98	78

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Air quality	Higher	91%	23	272	91
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Higher	87%	52	322	84
	Fitness opportunities	Similar	80%	54	274	80
	Recreational opportunities	Much higher	94%	5	305	98
	Availability of affordable quality food	Lower	43%	255	269	5
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Lower	32%	268	283	5
	Availability of preventive health services	Lower	39%	237	266	11
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Lower	31%	228	264	14
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	65%	105	302	65
	Community support for the arts	Similar	70%	25	108	77
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Lower	27%	265	280	5
	K-12 education	Similar	67%	201	284	29
	Adult educational opportunities	Similar	59%	118	270	56
	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	63%	67	108	38
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	63%	109	278	61
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	68%	104	284	63
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	68%	139	291	52
	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	78%	59	282	79
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	65%	130	286	54
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse...	Similar	47%	269	310	13
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted Gunnison County for help or information	Higher	64%	9	338	97
	Contacted Gunnison County elected officials to express your opinion..	Similar	20%	82	278	70
	Attended a local public meeting	Higher	33%	21	279	92
	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	29%	74	258	71
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Much higher	58%	18	284	94
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Higher	34%	19	267	93
	Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	85%	31	110	72
	Used public transportation instead of driving	Much higher	47%	31	248	87
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Much higher	67%	3	273	99
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Much higher	79%	24	277	91
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following</b>	Public information services	Similar	62%	250	304	17

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.

Economic development	Lower	33%	274	294	7
Traffic enforcement	Similar	52%	300	364	17
Traffic signal timing	Similar	68%	48	285	83
Street repair	Similar	47%	206	364	43
Street cleaning	Similar	75%	82	306	73
Street lighting	Similar	65%	148	346	57
Snow removal	Similar	75%	72	271	73
Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	62%	135	311	56
Bus or transit services	Much higher	81%	13	257	95
Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	38%	254	307	17
Code enforcement	Similar	40%	283	364	22
Affordable high-speed internet access	Lower	32%	100	106	6
Garbage collection	Similar	76%	285	340	16
Drinking water	Similar	85%	76	307	75
Sewer services	Similar	84%	124	309	60
Storm water management	Similar	79%	83	332	75
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	79%	108	224	52
Utility billing	Similar	73%	134	260	48
Police/Sheriff services	Similar	72%	328	415	21
Crime prevention	Similar	73%	168	363	53
Animal control	Similar	74%	130	327	60
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	88%	168	324	48
Fire services	Similar	93%	164	357	54
Fire prevention and education	Similar	79%	159	296	46
Emergency preparedness	Similar	74%	72	296	76
Preservation of natural areas	Higher	81%	28	275	90
Gunnison County open space	Higher	83%	18	264	93
Recycling	Lower	52%	318	343	7
Yard waste pick-up	Much lower	39%	283	288	2
County parks	Similar	78%	224	322	30
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	71%	145	316	54

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.</b>	Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	72%	141	289	51
	Health services	Similar	63%	193	257	25
	Public library services	Similar	81%	255	329	22
	Overall customer service by Gunnison County employees	Similar	71%	255	378	32
<b>Please rate the following categories of Gunnison County government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Gunnison County	Similar	45%	305	385	20
	The overall direction that Gunnison County is taking	Lower	38%	318	332	4
	The job Gunnison County government does at welcoming resident i..	Similar	46%	238	326	27
	Overall confidence in Gunnison County government	Similar	45%	235	287	18
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	50%	232	290	20
	Being honest	Similar	52%	193	281	31
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	49%	80	110	28
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	45%	83	117	29
	Treating all residents fairly	Similar	48%	236	287	18
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	61%	82	108	25
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each ..</b>	Gunnison County	Similar	62%	314	381	17
	The Federal Government	Similar	36%	205	271	24
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Gunnison County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Similar	88%	78	265	70
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Much lower	59%	104	107	3
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	68%	219	265	17
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Lower	81%	96	106	10
	Overall feeling of safety	Much lower	72%	264	265	0
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	75%	150	265	43
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Lower	65%	106	107	1
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Higher	82%	36	265	86
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Lower	64%	254	265	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Lower	65%	238	265	10	
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Similar	93%	79	107	27
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	92%	63	107	42
	Visit social media sites	Similar	73%	97	106	9
	Use or check email	Similar	97%	59	107	45
	Share your opinions online	Similar	24%	103	107	4

<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Shop online	Similar	47%	89	107	17
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	71%	43	271	84
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa..	Lower	19%	250	274	9

## Custom benchmark tables

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			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Gunnison County.</b>	Gunnison County as a place to live	Similar	88%	27	60	56
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	83%	26	50	50
	Gunnison County as a place to raise children	Similar	80%	26	58	56
	Gunnison County as a place to work	Similar	46%	32	54	42
	Gunnison County as a place to visit	Much higher	92%	8	45	84
	Gunnison County as a place to retire	Similar	56%	41	56	28
	The overall quality of life	Similar	79%	40	68	42
	Sense of community	Similar	64%	27	54	51
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Lower	36%	38	45	17
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Higher	71%	5	15	73
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	59%	25	44	45
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	63%	12	15	26
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	85%	28	53	49
	Overall quality of natural environment	Higher	92%	8	48	85
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	88%	4	15	80
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	65%	21	44	54
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Higher	71%	10	44	79
	Residents’ connection and engagement with their community	Similar	65%	7	15	60
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Gunnison County to someone who asks	Lower	65%	46	47	4
	Remain in Gunnison County for the next five years	Similar	80%	37	46	21
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	94%	23	48	54
	In Gunnison County’s downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	95%	10	48	81
	From property crime	Similar	80%	11	16	37

<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	From violent crime	Similar	92%	11	16	37
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	82%	6	15	66
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Gunnison County community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	56%	15	16	12
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Lower	31%	16	16	6
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Lower	48%	14	15	13
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	50%	8	15	53
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	59%	28	48	43
	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	35%	12	15	26
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	51%	19	42	57
	Employment opportunities	Similar	44%	11	57	82
	Shopping opportunities	Similar	31%	32	53	41
	Cost of living	Much lower	8%	44	45	4
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	66%	33	55	41
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Higher	66%	13	50	76
	Ease of public parking	Similar	65%	18	42	59
	Ease of travel by car	Higher	85%	9	52	84
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Higher	71%	8	38	81
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Higher	76%	6	51	90
	Ease of walking	Similar	78%	18	51	66
	Well-planned residential growth	Lower	29%	12	15	26
	Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	27%	10	15	40
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	41%	13	15	20
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the communi..	Similar	57%	9	15	46
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	61%	21	43	53
	Variety of housing options	Much lower	8%	45	47	6
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Much lower	3%	50	50	2
	Overall quality of new development	Lower	28%	46	52	13
	Overall appearance	Similar	69%	35	54	37
	Cleanliness	Similar	80%	25	50	52
	Water resources	Higher	81%	5	14	71
	Air quality	Higher	91%	8	46	84

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Availability of paths and walking trails	Higher	87%	13	49	75
	Fitness opportunities	Higher	80%	10	42	78
	Recreational opportunities	Much higher	94%	4	55	94
	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	43%	38	44	15
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Lower	32%	36	47	25
	Availability of preventive health services	Similar	39%	30	45	35
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	31%	27	43	39
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	65%	12	52	78
	Community support for the arts	Higher	70%	4	15	80
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Lower	27%	40	47	17
	K-12 education	Similar	67%	26	44	43
	Adult educational opportunities	Higher	59%	9	44	81
	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	63%	8	15	53
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	63%	19	44	59
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	68%	16	49	69
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	68%	20	46	58
	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	78%	10	46	80
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	65%	23	48	54	
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse...	Similar	47%	40	49	20	
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted Gunnison County for help or information	Higher	64%	1	50	100
	Contacted Gunnison County elected officials to express your opinion...	Similar	20%	19	43	58
	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	33%	11	46	78
	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	29%	6	39	87
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Higher	58%	7	46	86
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	34%	7	42	85
	Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	85%	8	16	56
	Used public transportation instead of driving	Higher	47%	11	36	72
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Higher	67%	2	43	97
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Higher	79%	10	44	79
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.</b>	Public information services	Similar	62%	36	49	28
	Economic development	Similar	33%	34	44	25

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.

Traffic enforcement	Similar	52%	48	57	17
Traffic signal timing	Similar	68%	11	40	75
Street repair	Similar	47%	32	59	47
Street cleaning	Similar	75%	17	53	69
Street lighting	Similar	65%	21	53	62
Snow removal	Higher	75%	10	44	79
Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	62%	19	46	60
Bus or transit services	Higher	81%	7	38	84
Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	38%	38	54	31
Code enforcement	Similar	40%	41	56	28
Affordable high-speed internet access	Lower	32%	14	15	13
Garbage collection	Similar	76%	45	55	20
Drinking water	Similar	85%	21	53	62
Sewer services	Similar	84%	20	55	65
Storm water management	Similar	79%	16	54	72
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	79%	16	39	61
Utility billing	Similar	73%	22	45	53
Police/Sheriff services	Similar	72%	55	67	19
Crime prevention	Similar	73%	25	58	58
Animal control	Similar	74%	17	52	69
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	88%	26	47	46
Fire services	Similar	93%	25	51	52
Fire prevention and education	Similar	79%	19	43	58
Emergency preparedness	Higher	74%	8	48	85
Preservation of natural areas	Higher	81%	5	44	90
Gunnison County open space	Higher	83%	3	42	95
Recycling	Lower	52%	43	52	19
Yard waste pick-up	Much lower	39%	33	36	11
County parks	Similar	78%	31	52	42
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	71%	22	52	59
Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	72%	24	48	52

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.</b>	Health services	Similar	63%	23	41	46
	Public library services	Similar	81%	36	52	32
	Overall customer service by Gunnison County employees	Similar	71%	37	57	36
<b>Please rate the following categories of Gunnison County government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Gunnison County	Similar	45%	43	55	23
	The overall direction that Gunnison County is taking	Lower	38%	49	53	9
	The job Gunnison County government does at welcoming resident i..	Similar	46%	35	51	33
	Overall confidence in Gunnison County government	Similar	45%	32	44	29
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	50%	32	44	29
	Being honest	Similar	52%	26	43	41
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	49%	10	16	43
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	45%	11	16	37
	Treating all residents fairly	Similar	48%	38	46	19
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	61%	11	15	33
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each ..</b>	Gunnison County	Similar	62%	51	58	13
	The Federal Government	Similar	36%	23	42	47
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Gunnison County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Similar	88%	9	42	80
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Lower	59%	14	15	13
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	68%	33	42	23
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	81%	13	15	20
	Overall feeling of safety	Lower	72%	42	42	2
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	75%	26	42	40
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	65%	14	15	13
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	82%	6	42	88
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	64%	37	42	14
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	65%	35	42	19
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Similar	93%	11	15	33
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	92%	8	15	53
	Visit social media sites	Similar	73%	11	15	33
	Use or check email	Similar	97%	10	15	40
	Share your opinions online	Similar	24%	14	15	13
	Shop online	Lower	47%	13	15	20

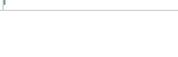
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	71%	11	43	76
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa..	Similar	19%	38	43	13

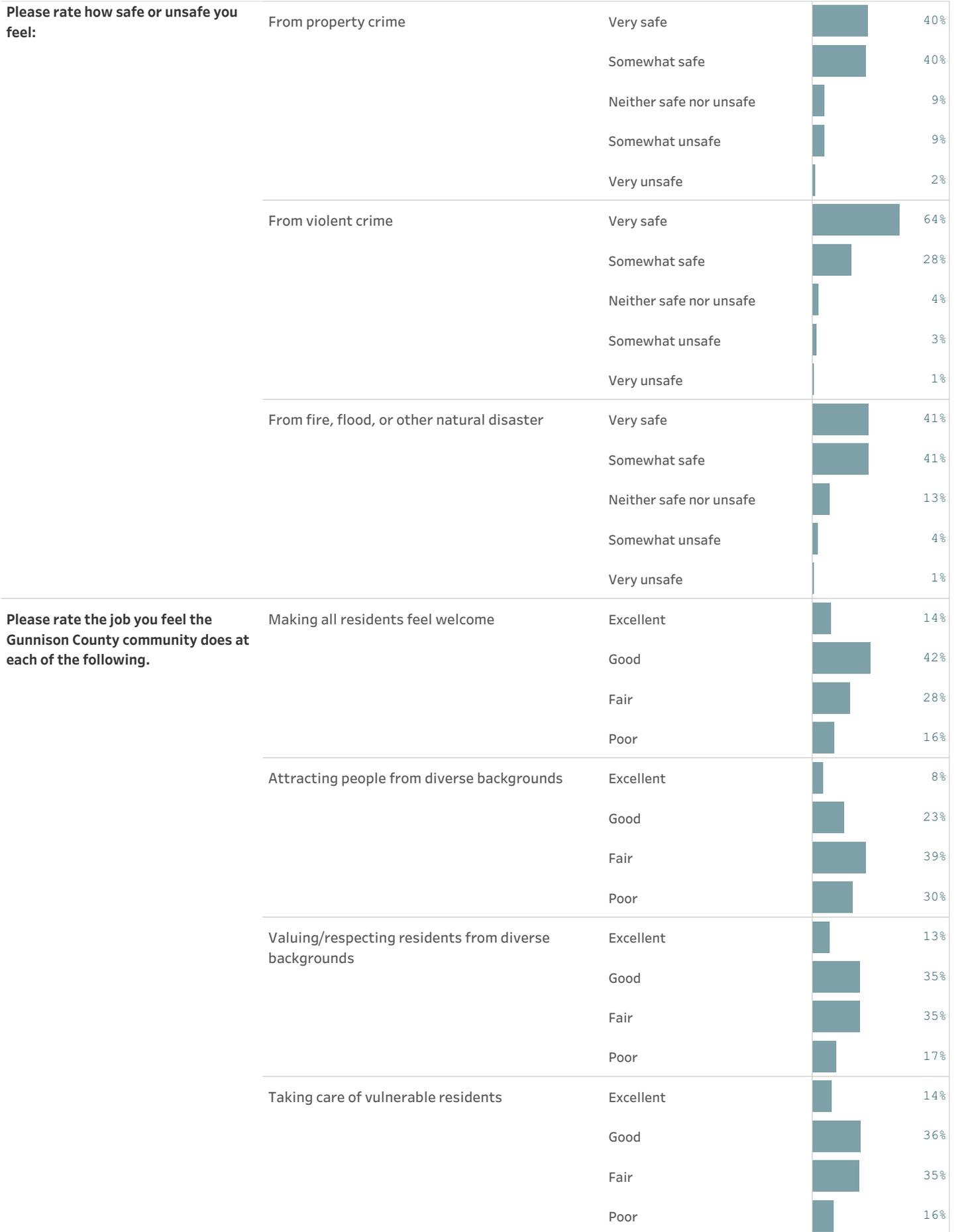
## Complete set of frequencies

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Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Gunnison County.	Question	Rating	Frequency	
			Percentage	Count
Gunnison County as a place to live	Gunnison County as a place to live	Excellent	41%	10
		Good	47%	12
		Fair	10%	3
		Poor	2%	1
Your neighborhood as a place to live	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent	44%	11
		Good	39%	10
		Fair	12%	3
		Poor	5%	1
Gunnison County as a place to raise children	Gunnison County as a place to raise children	Excellent	40%	10
		Good	40%	10
		Fair	17%	4
		Poor	3%	1
Gunnison County as a place to work	Gunnison County as a place to work	Excellent	15%	4
		Good	31%	8
		Fair	36%	9
		Poor	18%	5
Gunnison County as a place to visit	Gunnison County as a place to visit	Excellent	61%	16
		Good	31%	8
		Fair	7%	2
		Poor	1%	0
Gunnison County as a place to retire	Gunnison County as a place to retire	Excellent	27%	7
		Good	28%	7
		Fair	25%	6
		Poor	19%	5
The overall quality of life	The overall quality of life	Excellent	26%	7
		Good	52%	13
		Fair	19%	5
		Poor	2%	1

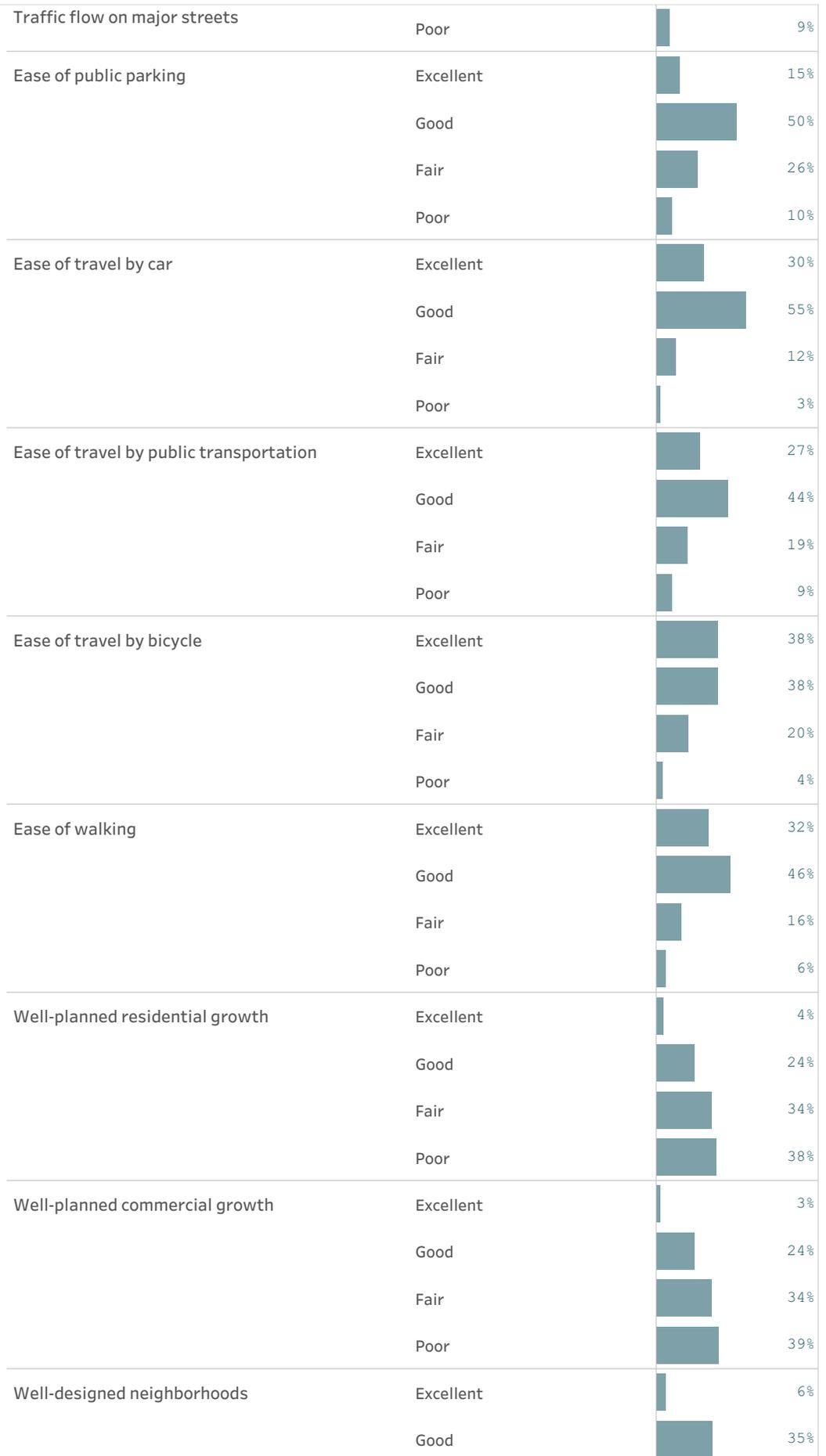
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Gunnison County.</b>	Sense of community	Excellent		25%
		Good		39%
		Fair		25%
		Poor		11%
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Excellent		6%
		Good		30%
		Fair		44%
		Poor		20%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		24%
		Good		46%
		Fair		25%
		Poor		5%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		11%
		Good		47%
		Fair		28%
		Poor		13%
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		11%	
	Good		53%	
	Fair		26%	
	Poor		11%	
Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		39%	
	Good		47%	
	Fair		11%	
	Poor		3%	
Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		62%	
	Good		30%	
	Fair		7%	
	Poor		0%	
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		52%	
	Good		36%	
	Fair		10%	

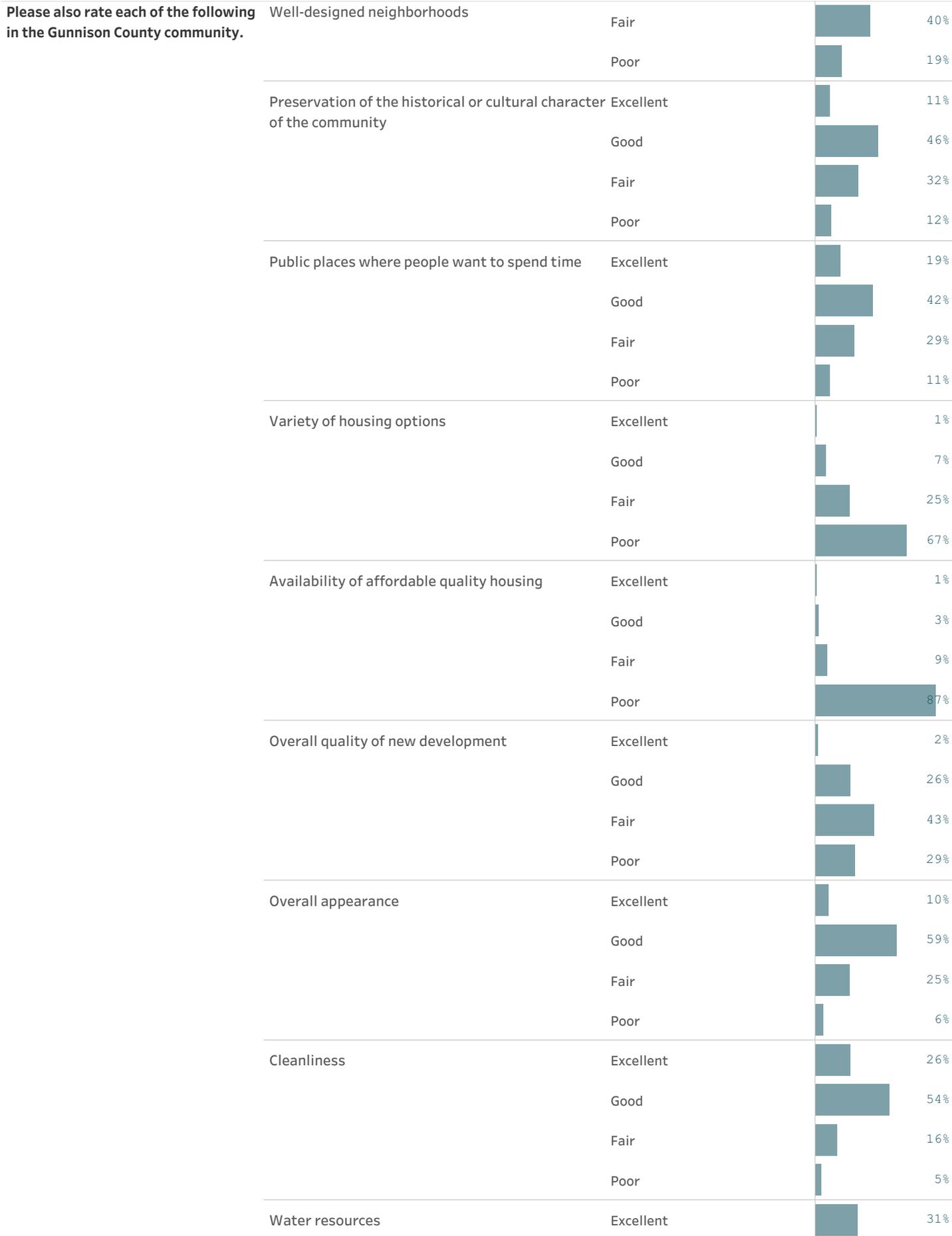
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole.</b>	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Poor		2%	
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		29%	
		Good		37%	
		Fair		26%	
		Poor		9%	
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		21%	
		Good		50%	
		Fair		25%	
		Poor		4%	
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		13%	
		Good		52%	
		Fair		26%	
		Poor		9%	
	<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Gunnison County to someone who asks	Very likely		28%
			Somewhat likely		38%
			Somewhat unlikely		15%
Very unlikely				20%	
Remain in Gunnison County for the next five years		Very likely		61%	
		Somewhat likely		20%	
		Somewhat unlikely		11%	
		Very unlikely		8%	
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		83%	
		Somewhat safe		11%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		2%	
		Somewhat unsafe		3%	
		Very unsafe		1%	
	In Gunnison County's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		81%	
		Somewhat safe		14%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		3%	
		Somewhat unsafe		1%	
		Very unsafe		0%	



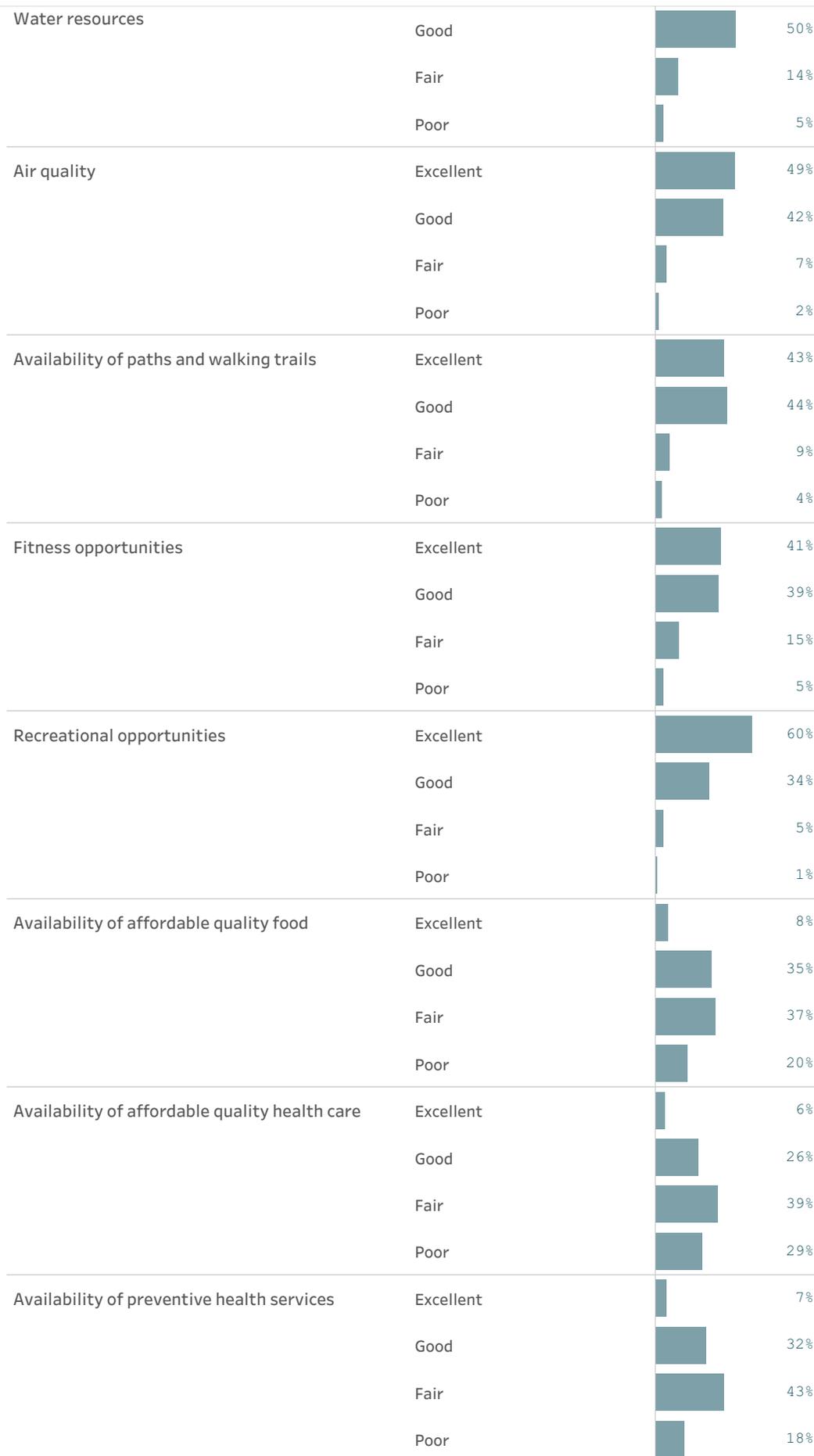
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		10%
		Good		50%
		Fair		31%
		Poor		10%
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		3%
		Good		32%
		Fair		41%
		Poor		23%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		9%
		Good		42%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		12%
	Employment opportunities	Excellent		16%
		Good		28%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		26%
	Shopping opportunities	Excellent		5%
		Good		26%
		Fair		41%
		Poor		28%
	Cost of living	Excellent		0%
		Good		8%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		63%
	Overall image or reputation	Excellent		12%
		Good		54%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		8%
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		14%
		Good		52%
		Fair		25%

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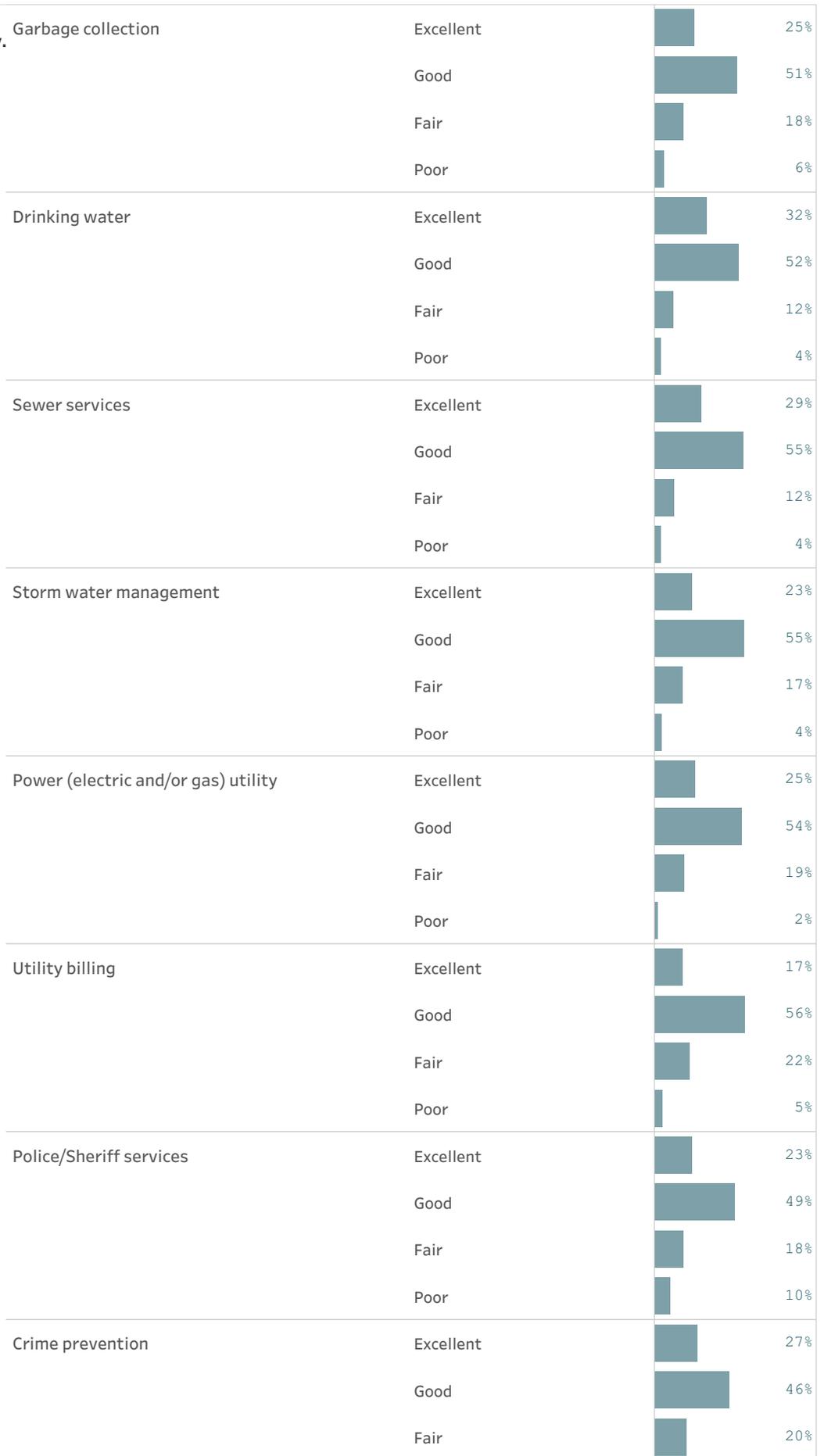


<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Neighborliness of residents	Poor		6%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		17%
		Good		52%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		6%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		17%
		Good		52%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		5%
	Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		28%
		Good		51%
		Fair		18%
		Poor		4%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		19%
		Good		46%
		Fair		25%
		Poor		10%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		11%
		Good		36%
		Fair		35%
Poor			18%	
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted Gunnison County for help or information	No		36%
		Yes		64%
	Contacted Gunnison County elected officials to express your opinion	No		80%
		Yes		20%
	Attended a local public meeting	No		67%
		Yes		33%
	Watched a local public meeting	No		71%
		Yes		29%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		43%
		Yes		57%

<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		66%	
		Yes		34%	
	Voted in your most recent local election	No		15%	
		Yes		85%	
	Used public transportation instead of driving	No		54%	
		Yes		46%	
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		34%	
		Yes		66%	
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No		21%	
		Yes		79%	
	<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.</b>	Public information services	Excellent		6%
			Good		56%
Fair				29%	
Poor				10%	
Economic development		Excellent		3%	
		Good		30%	
		Fair		36%	
		Poor		31%	
Traffic enforcement		Excellent		12%	
		Good		41%	
		Fair		30%	
		Poor		18%	
Traffic signal timing		Excellent		12%	
		Good		56%	
		Fair		23%	
		Poor		9%	
Street repair	Excellent		9%		
	Good		38%		
	Fair		30%		
	Poor		23%		
Street cleaning	Excellent		24%		

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.			
Street cleaning	Good		51%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		6%
Street lighting	Excellent		15%
	Good		50%
	Fair		26%
	Poor		9%
Snow removal	Excellent		28%
	Good		47%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		7%
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		18%
	Good		44%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		14%
Bus or transit services	Excellent		28%
	Good		53%
	Fair		15%
	Poor		4%
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		7%
	Good		32%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		32%
Code enforcement	Excellent		6%
	Good		34%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		30%
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		6%
	Good		26%
	Fair		33%
	Poor		35%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.



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Crime prevention	Poor		7%
Animal control	Excellent		20%
	Good		54%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		8%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		43%
	Good		45%
	Fair		10%
	Poor		2%
Fire services	Excellent		46%
	Good		47%
	Fair		6%
	Poor		1%
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		30%
	Good		49%
	Fair		16%
	Poor		5%
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		26%
	Good		48%
	Fair		19%
	Poor		7%
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		32%
	Good		49%
	Fair		12%
	Poor		7%
Gunnison County open space	Excellent		36%
	Good		47%
	Fair		11%
	Poor		6%
Recycling	Excellent		13%
	Good		39%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.				
Recycling	Fair		28%	
	Poor		20%	
Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		11%	
	Good		28%	
	Fair		30%	
	Poor		32%	
County parks	Excellent		23%	
	Good		55%	
	Fair		17%	
	Poor		6%	
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		24%	
	Good		47%	
	Fair		24%	
	Poor		5%	
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		23%	
	Good		49%	
	Fair		18%	
	Poor		9%	
Health services	Excellent		12%	
	Good		51%	
	Fair		22%	
	Poor		15%	
Public library services	Excellent		29%	
	Good		52%	
	Fair		15%	
	Poor		4%	
Overall customer service by Gunnison County employees	Excellent		25%	
	Good		46%	
	Fair		20%	
	Poor		9%	
Please rate the following categories of Gunnison County government.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Gunnison County.	Excellent		6%

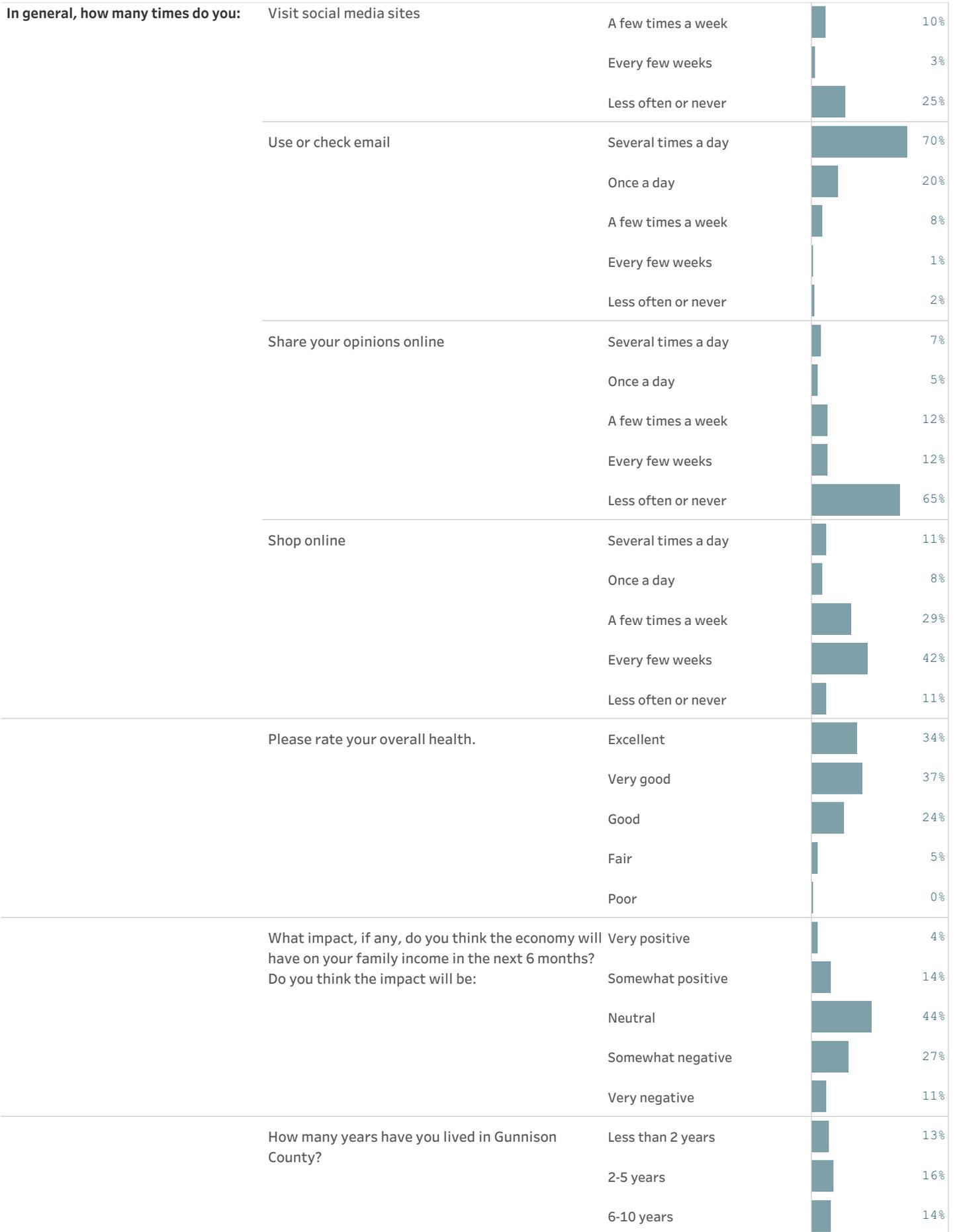
Please rate the following categories of Gunnison County government performance.	Category	Rating	
		Percentage	Count
The value of services for the taxes paid to Gunnison County	Good	39%	10
	Fair	32%	8
	Poor	23%	6
The overall direction that Gunnison County is taking	Excellent	3%	1
	Good	35%	9
	Fair	29%	7
	Poor	34%	9
The job Gunnison County government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent	10%	3
	Good	36%	9
	Fair	33%	8
	Poor	22%	6
Overall confidence in Gunnison County government	Excellent	8%	2
	Good	36%	9
	Fair	27%	7
	Poor	29%	7
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent	10%	3
	Good	40%	10
	Fair	23%	6
	Poor	27%	7
Being honest	Excellent	16%	4
	Good	36%	9
	Fair	26%	7
	Poor	22%	6
Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent	12%	3
	Good	37%	9
	Fair	28%	7
	Poor	23%	6
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent	13%	3
	Good	31%	8
	Fair	34%	9
	Poor	21%	5

<b>Please rate the following categories of Gunnison County government performance.</b>	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		10%
		Good		37%
		Fair		22%
		Poor		30%
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent		18%
		Good		43%
		Fair		20%
		Poor		20%
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	Gunnison County	Excellent		11%
		Good		51%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		12%
	The Federal Government	Excellent		5%
		Good		31%
		Fair		37%
		Poor		27%
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Gunnison County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Essential		54%
		Very important		34%
		Somewhat important		11%
		Not at all important		0%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		22%
		Very important		37%
		Somewhat important		29%
		Not at all important		11%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		32%
		Very important		36%
		Somewhat important		27%
		Not at all important		5%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		39%
		Very important		43%
		Somewhat important		18%

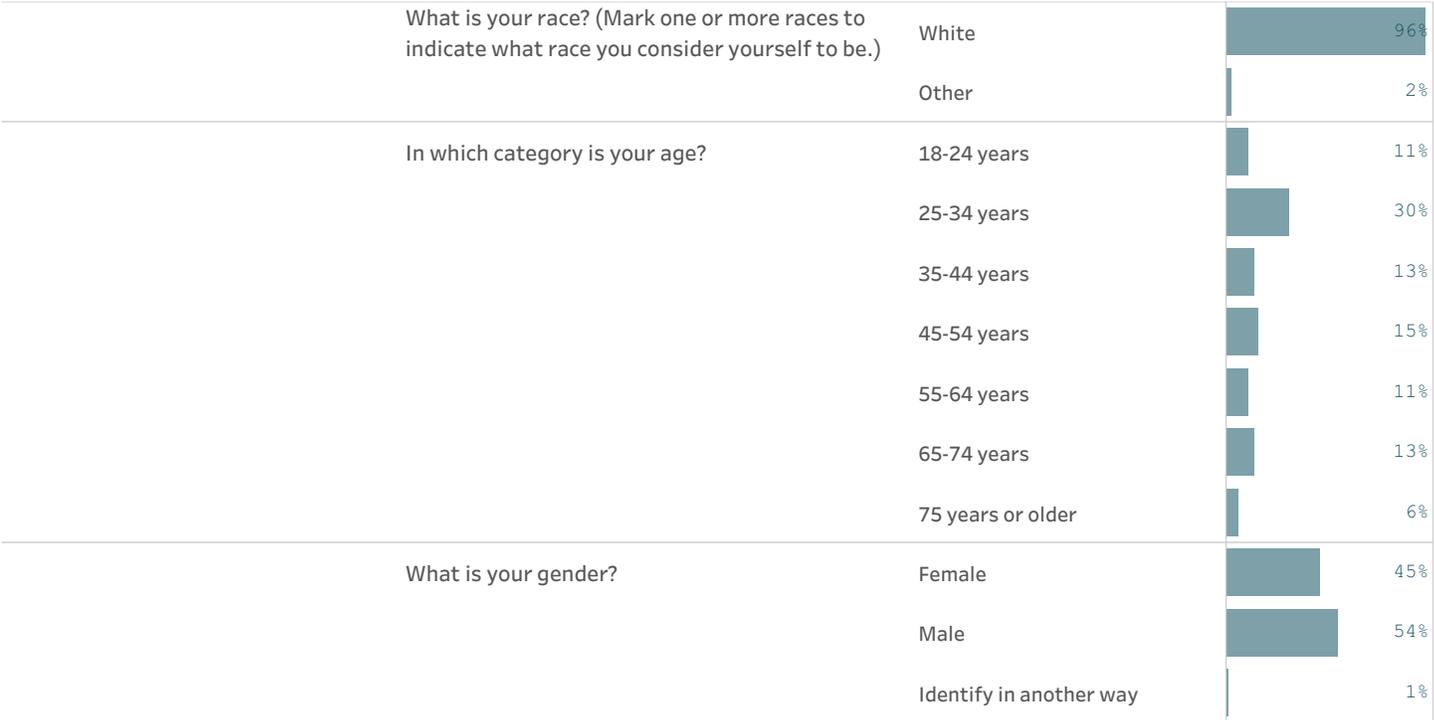
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Gunnison County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Not at all important		1%
	Overall feeling of safety	Essential		32%
		Very important		40%
		Somewhat important		23%
		Not at all important		5%
	Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		43%
		Very important		32%
		Somewhat important		22%
		Not at all important		3%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		26%
		Very important		39%
		Somewhat important		29%
		Not at all important		7%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		40%
		Very important		42%
		Somewhat important		16%
Not at all important			2%	
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		24%	
	Very important		40%	
	Somewhat important		30%	
	Not at all important		6%	
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		23%	
	Very important		43%	
	Somewhat important		30%	
	Not at all important		4%	
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County:</b>	Mental health services	Excellent		9%
		Good		32%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		33%
	Drug and alcohol recovery services	Excellent		2%
	Good		23%	

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County:</b>	Drug and alcohol recovery services	Fair		30%
		Poor		46%
Adult protective services	Excellent			3%
	Good			35%
	Fair			40%
	Poor			22%
Multicultural Resources Office services	Excellent			3%
	Good			49%
	Fair			33%
	Poor			15%
Parenting classes (e.g., Nurturing Parenting Program, Love & Logic, etc.)	Excellent			9%
	Good			51%
	Fair			28%
	Poor			12%
Child support services	Excellent			8%
	Good			34%
	Fair			34%
	Poor			24%
Food inspection services	Excellent			2%
	Good			40%
	Fair			40%
	Poor			17%
Veteran services	Excellent			3%
	Good			23%
	Fair			34%
	Poor			40%
Youth services	Excellent			9%
	Good			44%
	Fair			36%
	Poor			10%
<b>Please rate the level of difficulty you experience accessing the following:</b>	Senior services (e.g., referral information, Medicare counseling, etc.)	Very easy		18%

<b>Please rate the level of difficulty you experience accessing the following services:</b>	Senior services (e.g., referral information, Medicare counseling, etc.)	Somewhat easy		45%
		Somewhat difficult		24%
		Very difficult		13%
	Public health services (e.g., immunizations and flu clinics, family planning, WIC, etc.)	Very easy		45%
		Somewhat easy		42%
		Somewhat difficult		11%
		Very difficult		2%
	Early childhood services (e.g., childcare, information and referrals, events, etc.)	Very easy		17%
		Somewhat easy		50%
		Somewhat difficult		17%
		Very difficult		16%
	Youth and family services (e.g., information and referrals, family support, juvenile justice, etc.)	Very easy		14%
Somewhat easy			44%	
Somewhat difficult			31%	
Very difficult			11%	
Public benefits (e.g., public health insurance, food assistance, etc.)	Very easy		18%	
	Somewhat easy		50%	
	Somewhat difficult		18%	
	Very difficult		15%	
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day		79%
		Once a day		7%
		A few times a week		7%
		Every few weeks		2%
		Less often or never		5%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day		83%
		Once a day		5%
		A few times a week		4%
		Every few weeks		1%
		Less often or never		6%
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day		49%
		Once a day		13%



How many years have you lived in Gunnison County?	11-20 years		19%
	More than 20 years		37%
Which best describes the building you live in?	One family house detached from any other houses		59%
	Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..		32%
	Mobile home		6%
	Other		3%
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent		39%
	Own		61%
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		9%
	\$500 to \$999		20%
	\$1,000 to \$1,499		30%
	\$1,500 to \$1,999		22%
	\$2,000 to \$2,499		10%
	\$2,500 to \$2,999		3%
	\$3,000 to \$3,499		2%
	\$3,500 or more		3%
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No		73%
	Yes		27%
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No		79%
	Yes		21%
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current 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		24%
	\$50,000 to \$74,999		21%
	\$75,000 to \$99,999		15%
	\$100,000 to \$149,999		17%
	\$150,000 or more		9%
Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		92%
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		8%
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaskan Native		1%
	Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander		0%
	Black or African American		0%



## Full trends

This table contains the trends over time for Gunnison County. 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 2019 and 2021 surveys is greater than 6.5 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.

		2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Gunnison County.</b>	Gunnison County as a place to live	88%	87%	91%	83%	91%	89%	88%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	83%	85%	84%	84%	82%	85%	83%
	Gunnison County as a place to raise children	79%	83%	83%	81%	85%	88%	80%
	Gunnison County as a place to work	28%	29%	40%	36%	42%	52%	46%
	Gunnison County as a place to visit				91%	92%	91%	92%
	Gunnison County as a place to retire	62%	65%	64%	60%	64%	55%	56%
	The overall quality of life	80%	81%	85%	82%	83%	84%	79%
	Sense of community	74%	79%	78%	72%	72%	70%	64%
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Gunnison County as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health				29%	41%	40%	36%
	Overall quality of the transportation system							71%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas				68%	59%	64%	59%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure							63%
	Overall feeling of safety				87%	91%	91%	85%
	Overall quality of natural environment	94%	95%	94%	94%	92%	94%	92%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities							88%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities				60%	65%	60%	65%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts				74%	73%	68%	71%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community							65%
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Gunnison County to someone who asks	77%	84%	85%	80%	74%	78%	65%
	Remain in Gunnison County for the next five years	73%	81%	85%	77%	84%	85%	80%
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	98%	97%	96%	96%	95%	97%	94%
	In Gunnison County's downtown/commercial area during the day	98%	96%	96%	95%	94%	94%	95%
	From property crime	76%	82%	74%				80%
	From violent crime	90%	95%	86%				92%

<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	82%
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Gunnison County community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	56%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	31%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	48%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	50%
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	40% 37% 54% 44% 57% 56% 59%
	Variety of business and service establishments	35%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	42% 50% 52% 51%
	Employment opportunities	12% 11% 16% 16% 26% 35% 44%
	Shopping opportunities	16% 18% 23% 18% 25% 33% 31%
	Cost of living	15% 15% 16% 8%
	Overall image or reputation	77% 82% 83% 73% 77% 77% 66%
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	68% 78% 81% 70% 51% 50% 66%
	Ease of public parking	58% 49% 52% 65%
	Ease of travel by car	82% 80% 83% 80% 74% 76% 85%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	53% 57% 64% 71%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	75% 84% 88% 79% 72% 73% 76%
	Ease of walking	78% 84% 89% 86% 82% 80% 78%
	Well-planned residential growth	29%
	Well-planned commercial growth	27%
	Well-designed neighborhoods	41%
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	57%
	Public places where people want to spend time	74% 79% 80% 61%
	Variety of housing options	24% 28% 40% 15% 11% 12% 8%
	Availability of affordable quality housing	17% 23% 27% 13% 8% 10% 3%
	Overall quality of new development	46% 46% 40% 40% 43% 45% 28%
	Overall appearance	79% 78% 77% 86% 83% 83% 69%
	Cleanliness	80% 82% 80% 88% 87% 85% 80%
	Water resources	81%
	Air quality	92% 95% 96% 96% 94% 96% 91%

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.</b>	Availability of paths and walking trails	70%	76%	83%	71%	75%	75%	87%
	Fitness opportunities				82%	81%	82%	80%
	Recreational opportunities	88%	95%	90%	88%	89%	94%	94%
	Availability of affordable quality food	42%	41%	56%	53%	55%	61%	43%
	Availability of affordable quality health care	29%	25%	44%	38%	37%	39%	32%
	Availability of preventive health services	48%	45%	61%	46%	46%	51%	39%
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care				30%	27%	30%	31%
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	46%	49%	57%	78%	76%	76%	65%
	Community support for the arts							70%
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	25%	25%	32%	45%	44%	38%	27%
	K-12 education	64%	68%	74%	66%	71%	73%	67%
	Adult educational opportunities				67%	69%	64%	59%
	Sense of civic/community pride							63%
	Neighborliness of residents				67%	72%	67%	63%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	66%	77%	78%	67%	69%	70%	68%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals				66%	63%	69%	68%
	Opportunities to volunteer	81%	85%	84%	79%	76%	80%	78%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	70%	69%	71%	66%	66%	77%	65%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diver..	56%	58%	64%	53%	53%	60%	47%
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted Gunnison County for help or information	76%	67%	70%	47%	48%	50%	64%
	Contacted Gunnison County elected officials to express your opinion				23%	19%	20%	20%
	Attended a local public meeting	47%	53%	41%	36%	40%	37%	33%
	Watched a local public meeting		16%	15%	14%	11%	9%	29%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	72%	74%	68%	61%	57%	59%	58%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate				26%	31%	30%	34%
	Voted in your most recent local election	88%	87%	87%				85%
	Used public transportation instead of driving				42%	38%	49%	47%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone				53%	57%	62%	67%
	Walked or biked instead of driving				80%	76%	80%	79%
	<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison</b>	Public information services	55%	64%	71%	61%	64%	66%

**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.**

Economic development	21%	16%	31%	28%	33%	39%	33%	
Traffic enforcement	62%	66%	76%	64%	60%	59%	52%	
Traffic signal timing							68%	
Street repair	48%	47%	55%	47%	49%	37%	47%	
Street cleaning							75%	
Street lighting							65%	
Snow removal	74%	80%	83%	83%	80%	80%	75%	
Sidewalk maintenance							62%	
Bus or transit services	59%	64%	75%	75%	76%	81%	81%	
Land use, planning and zoning	34%	37%	44%	44%	46%	39%	38%	
Code enforcement	44%	34%	45%	43%	37%	35%	40%	
Affordable high-speed internet access							32%	
Garbage collection							76%	
Drinking water	85%	81%	87%	87%	87%	83%	85%	
Sewer services	80%	85%	88%	87%	85%	86%	84%	
Storm water management	70%	74%	81%	72%	70%	70%	79%	
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	73%	84%	85%	82%	83%	80%	79%	
Utility billing					80%	77%	74%	73%
Police/Sheriff services	73%	82%	82%	69%	73%	68%	72%	
Crime prevention	67%	73%	74%	58%	65%	71%	73%	
Animal control	62%	64%	60%	67%	62%	61%	74%	
Ambulance or emergency medical services	83%	88%	94%	84%	92%	86%	88%	
Fire services	85%	84%	95%	85%	92%	94%	93%	
Fire prevention and education	77%	75%	80%	73%	74%	82%	79%	
Emergency preparedness	61%	74%	67%	57%	60%	66%	74%	
Preservation of natural areas	70%	81%	80%	76%	72%	78%	81%	
Gunnison County open space	85%	86%	91%	78%	78%	85%	83%	
Recycling	61%	67%	77%	65%	63%	57%	52%	
Yard waste pick-up							39%	
County parks	84%	89%	90%	85%	88%	89%	78%	

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.</b>	Recreation programs or classes	80%	89%	90%	72%	78%	80%	71%
	Recreation centers or facilities	80%	85%	91%	81%	81%	82%	72%
	Health services	49%	52%	60%	46%	54%	56%	63%
	Public library services	68%	81%	85%	84%	81%	81%	81%
	Overall customer service by Gunnison County employees	71%	75%	80%	67%	78%	77%	71%
<b>Please rate the following categories of Gunnison County government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Gunnison County	48%	58%	51%	48%	53%	49%	45%
	The overall direction that Gunnison County is taking	35%	42%	43%	44%	46%	48%	38%
	The job Gunnison County government does at welcoming resident i..	50%	46%	46%	50%	51%	49%	46%
	Overall confidence in Gunnison County government				40%	49%	47%	45%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community				43%	52%	48%	50%
	Being honest				43%	55%	54%	52%
	Being open and transparent to the public							49%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community							45%
	Treating all residents fairly				44%	52%	47%	48%
	Treating residents with respect							61%
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	Gunnison County	68%	69%	73%	72%	78%	73%	62%
	The Federal Government	32%	35%	42%	42%	40%	36%	36%
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Gunnison County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health				92%	89%	87%	88%
	Overall quality of the transportation system							59%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas				64%	74%	71%	68%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure							81%
	Overall feeling of safety				71%	76%	71%	72%
	Overall quality of natural environment				83%	87%	83%	75%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities							65%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities				84%	77%	81%	82%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts				79%	76%	75%	64%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community				76%	76%	74%	65%
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home							93%
	Access the internet from your cell phone							92%
	Visit social media sites							73%

<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Use or check email	97%
	Share your opinions online	24%
	Shop online	47%
	Please rate your overall health.	69% 64% 72% 71%
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa..	6% 9% 15% 28% 31% 25% 19%

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 Gunnison County.**

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

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

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

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

**4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:**

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

**5. Please rate the job you feel the Gunnison County community does at each of the following.**

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

**6. Please rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Gunnison County .....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Gunnison County .....	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 Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Gunnison County .....	1	2	3	4	5

**7. Please also rate each of the following in the Gunnison County community.**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Traffic flow on major streets.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Gunnison County.....	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 Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Gunnison County.....	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 Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters.....	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5

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

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Contacted the Gunnison County (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information.....	1	2
Contacted Gunnison County 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 Gunnison County.....	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate.....	1	2
Voted in your most recent local election.....	1	2
Used bus, rail, subway, 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

**9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County.**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Public information services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet access.....	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection.....	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
Gunnison County open space.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling.....	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up.....	1	2	3	4	5
County 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 Gunnison County employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

**10. Please rate the following categories of Gunnison County government performance.**

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

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

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

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

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Overall economic health of Gunnison County .....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Gunnison County .....	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Gunnison County's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.).....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Gunnison County (water, sewer, storm water, electric, gas).....	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Gunnison County.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Gunnison County.....	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 the quality of each of the following services in Gunnison County:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Mental health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Drug and alcohol recovery services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Adult protective services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Multicultural Resources Office services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Parenting classes (e.g., Nurturing Parenting Program, Love & Logic, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Child support services .....	1	2	3	4	5
Food inspection services .....	1	2	3	4	5
Veteran services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Youth services.....	1	2	3	4	5

**14. Please rate the level of difficulty you experience accessing the following services:**

	<u>Very easy</u>	<u>Somewhat easy</u>	<u>Somewhat difficult</u>	<u>Very difficult</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Senior services (e.g., referral information, Medicare counseling, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Public health services (e.g., immunizations and flu clinics, family planning, WIC, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Early childhood services (e.g., childcare, information and referrals, events, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Youth and family services (e.g., information and referrals, family support, juvenile justice, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Public benefits (e.g., public health insurance, food assistance, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

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 Gunnison County?**

- 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       \$2,000 to \$2,499  
 \$500 to \$999       \$2,500 to \$2,999  
 \$1,000 to \$1,499       \$3,000 to \$3,499  
 \$1,500 to \$1,999       \$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       \$75,000 to \$99,999  
 \$25,000 to \$49,999       \$100,000 to \$149,999  
 \$50,000 to \$74,999       \$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       55-64 years  
 25-34 years       65-74 years  
 35-44 years       75 years or older  
 45-54 years

**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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