

# **Erie, 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 Erie. 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 727 residents of the Town of Erie collected from May 21, 2021 to July 16, 2021. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 4% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2021 survey was 24%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Erie.

### 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, Erie’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 Erie residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Erie’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 Erie’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 Town’s 2021 ratings compare to other communities’ ratings from the past five years.



## Trends over time

Trend data for Erie represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines\*. Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents' opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than five percentage points between the 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 the Town of Erie were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Erie was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the Town of Erie households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file. Addresses located outside of the Town of Erie boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. Each address identified as being within Town boundaries was further identified as being within one of the four quadrants (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast or Southwest) of Erie, or as a residential post office box. 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 May 28, 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.

The survey was available in English. All mailings contained paragraphs in English instructing participants on how to complete the survey in their preferred language.

None 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 households that received the invitations to participate, 727 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 24%. 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 Town of Erie survey is no greater than plus or minus four percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (727 completed surveys).

In addition to the randomly selected “probability sample” of households, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the Town of Erie. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all Town residents and became available on July 2, 2021. The survey remained open for two weeks. The data presented in the following tabs exclude the open participation survey data, but a tab at the end provides the complete frequency of responses to questions by the open participation respondents.

## Analyzing the data

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

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2010 Census and 2017 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the Town of Erie. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.\* The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

NRC aligns demographic labels with those used by the U.S. Census for reporting purposes, when possible. Some categories (e.g.,...

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	8%	22%	22%
	35-54	47%	49%	50%
	55+	46%	29%	28%
Area	Northeast	14%	15%	15%
	Northwest	22%	17%	17%
	PO boxes	3%	4%	4%
	Southeast	37%	40%	40%
	Southwest	24%	24%	24%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	96%	90%	90%
	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	4%	10%	10%
Housing tenure	Own	97%	87%	87%
	Rent	3%	13%	13%
Housing type	Attached	7%	11%	9%
	Detached	93%	89%	91%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	16%	16%	17%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	84%	84%	83%
Sex	Female	56%	51%	51%
	Male	44%	49%	49%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	4%	12%	12%
	Female 35-54	28%	24%	24%
	Female 55+	24%	15%	15%
	Male 18-34	3%	10%	10%
	Male 35-54	20%	26%	26%
	Male 55+	20%	13%	13%

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

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## Contact

The Town of Erie funded this research. Please contact Amber Luttrell of the Town of Erie at [aluttrell@erieco.gov](mailto:aluttrell@erieco.gov) 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 2017 American Community Survey

## Highlights

### **Erie residents continue to praise their community and overall quality of life.**

About 9 in 10 residents gave excellent or good ratings to Erie as a place to live and the overall quality of life in the town, while a similar proportion planned to remain in the community for the next five years and would recommend living in Erie to someone who asked. Three-quarters were pleased with the overall image or reputation of the town. These ratings were similar to those given in other communities across the nation. Nine in 10 respondents also awarded high ratings to Erie as a place to raise children, which was a higher-than-average score.

### **Economy is a top priority for the residents of Erie.**

When asked about aspects of the community Erie should focus on in the next two years, most respondents (93%) rated the overall economic health of the city as essential or very important. While ratings within the facet of Economy tended to be similar to or lower than the national benchmark comparisons, several aspects of the economy in Erie have improved since 2019. Despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the overall quality of business and service establishments in Erie increased 25% from 2019 to 2021, to 63% excellent or good; this rating was similar to the national benchmark. The vibrancy of the downtown/commercial area (47%) also received significantly more positive ratings in 2021, rising 16%. Other economy-related items for which ratings improved in 2021 included the overall economic health of the Town, economic development, and Erie as a place to work.

### **Community Design is also a focus area for the Town.**

Thinking about aspects for the Town to focus on, survey respondents gave relatively lower quality ratings to the facet of Community Design (57% excellent or good) and relatively higher ratings of importance (90% essential or very important), suggesting that this is an important area of focus for the Town. Resident sentiment within this facet improved from 2019 to 2021 for the overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas (57% excellent or good in 2021) and the overall quality of new development (58%), but declined for variety of housing options (43%), code enforcement (43%), and the availability of affordable quality housing (21%).

A series of questions related to community design and unique to Erie was also included on the 2021 survey. When asked how familiar they were with the Erie Unified Development Code (UDC), about three-quarters of respondents indicated that they were not familiar. However, thinking about topics for the Town to focus on when updating the UDC, about two-thirds indicated that strategic planning for transportation, transit, and the movement of people around and through town should be a high priority for Erie, while about half thought that building development and design standards should be a high priority. When asked to consider ending the current moratorium on retail marijuana businesses, 59% of residents indicated that they strongly or somewhat supported this effort, while 34% voiced strong opposition. However, when asked about their level of support for an excise tax on cannabis products if their sales were permitted in Erie, 90% indicated support for the tax.

### **Some ratings for education, arts, and culture and community engagement have declined over time, likely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

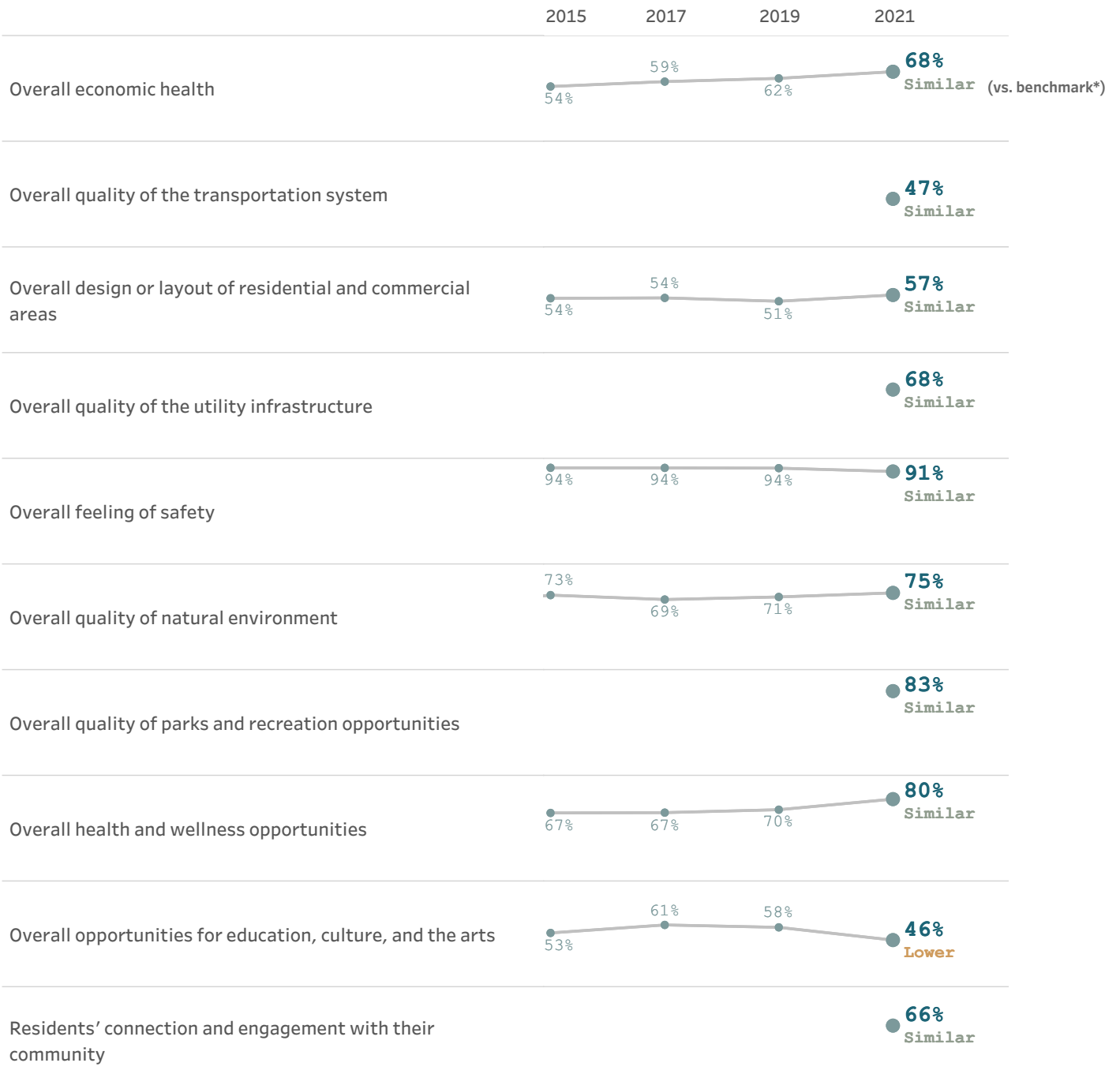
Like many other communities during the pandemic, a number of ratings related to education, arts and culture and community engagement in Erie declined in 2021. Ratings declined for overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts; opportunities to attend special events and festivals; residents' connection and engagement with their community; opportunities to participate in community matters; to attend cultural/arts/music activities; and to participate in social events and activities. These ratings decreased from between 8% to 14% from 2019 and 2021. Residents were also less likely in 2021 than in 2019 to have volunteered their time to some group or activity in Erie.

## 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.

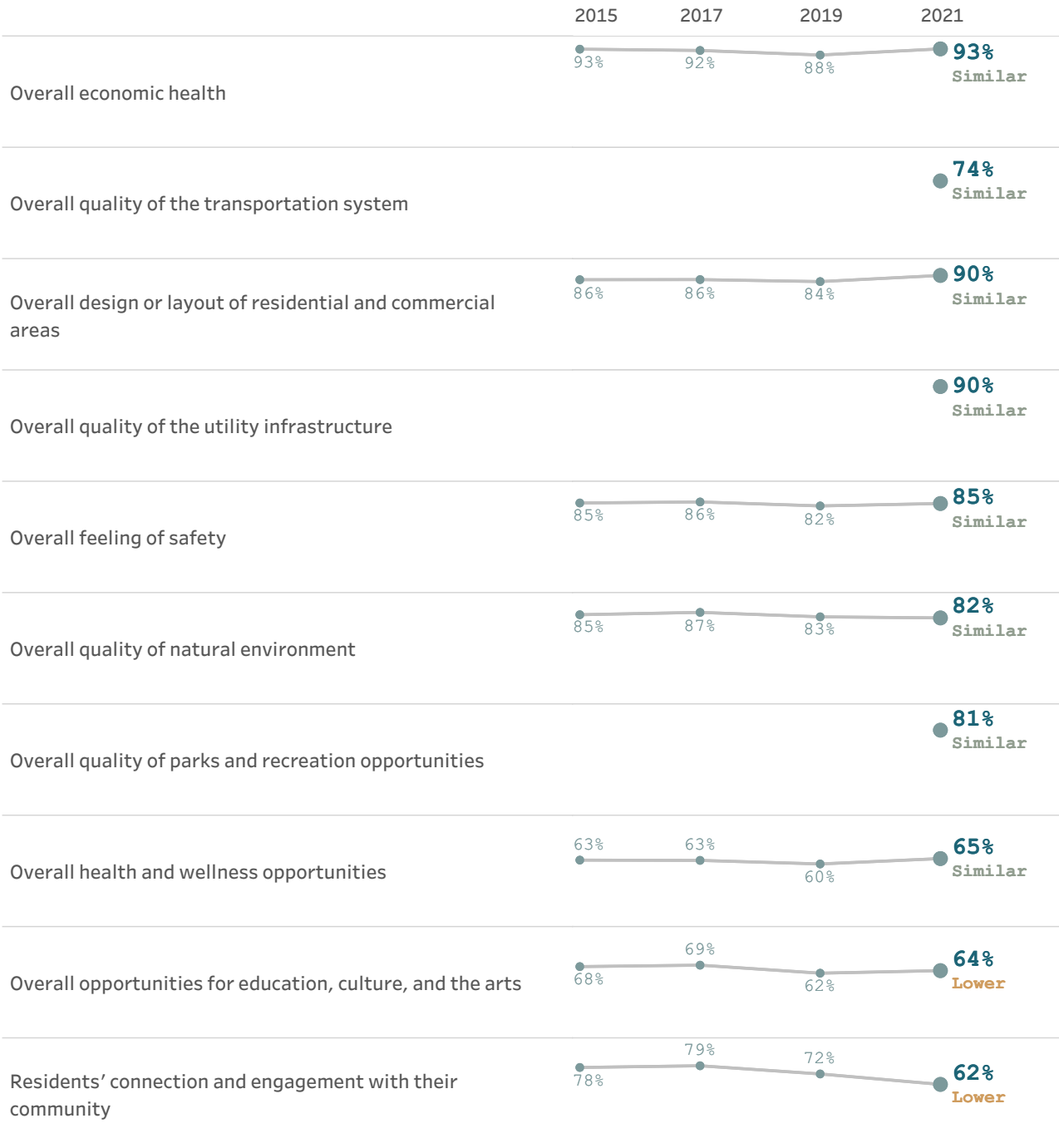
The charts below show the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local ratings were lower, similar, or higher than communities across the country (the national benchmark).

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





Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie 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.

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

## Balancing performance and importance

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

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

Services receiving quality ratings of excellent or good by 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 81% or more of respondents. Services were rated as “less important” if they received a rating of less than 81%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

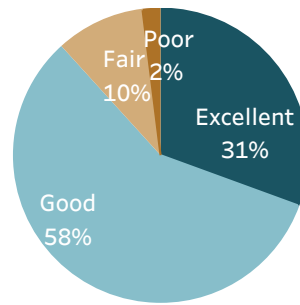
The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (up-down) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (right-left). Services categorized as higher in importance and lower in quality may warrant further investigation to see if changes to their delivery are necessary.



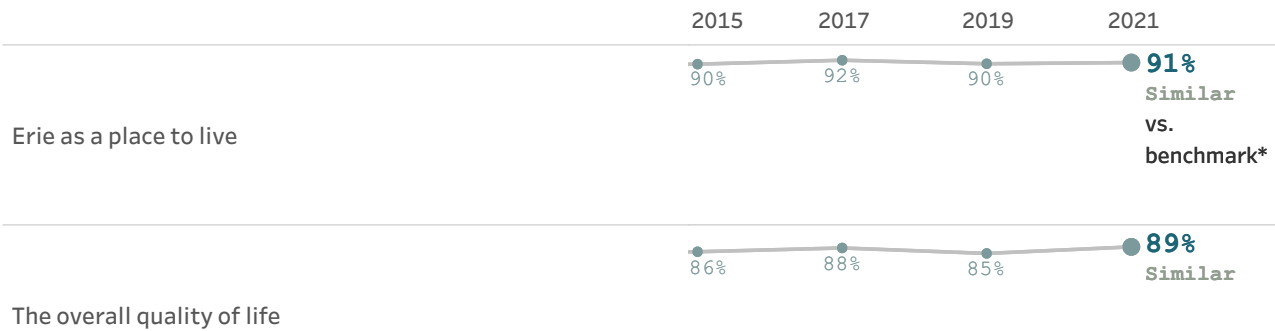
## Quality of life

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.

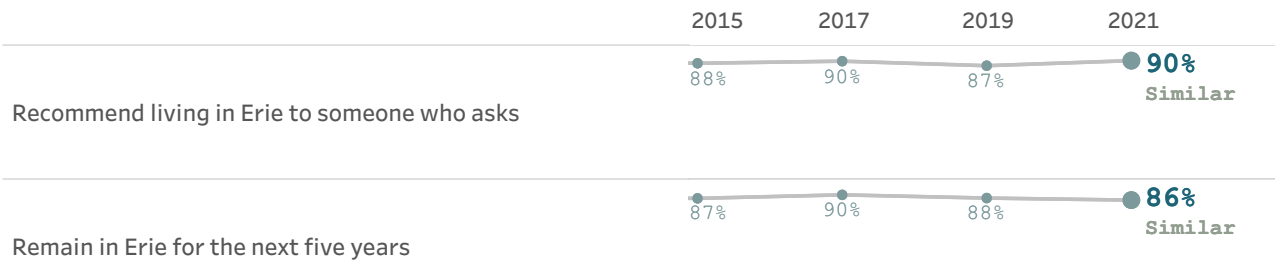
The overall quality of life in Erie, 2021



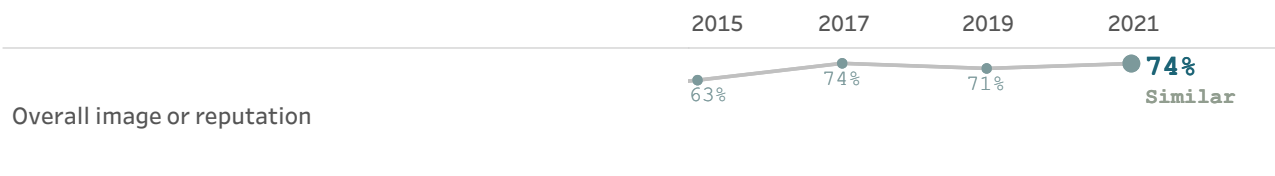
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Erie.  
(% excellent or good)



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 Erie community.  
(% excellent or good)

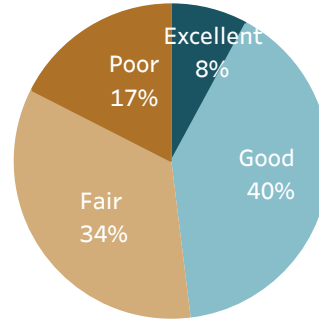


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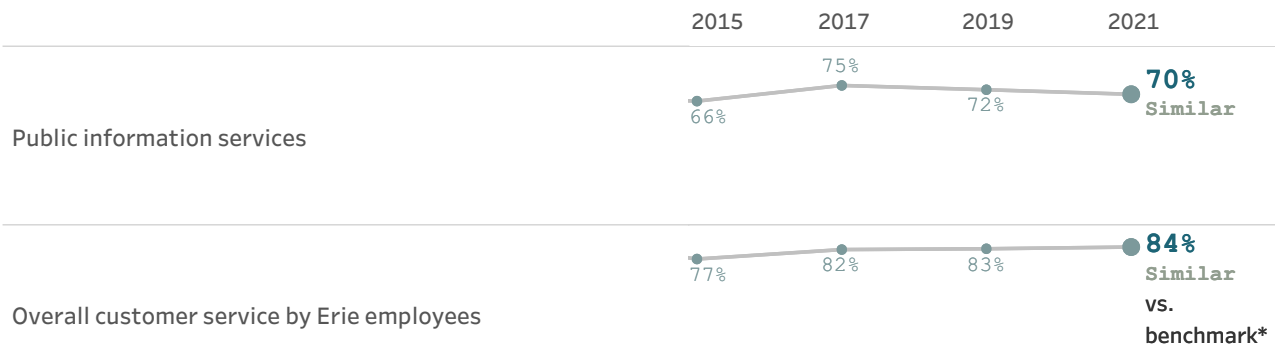
## Governance

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

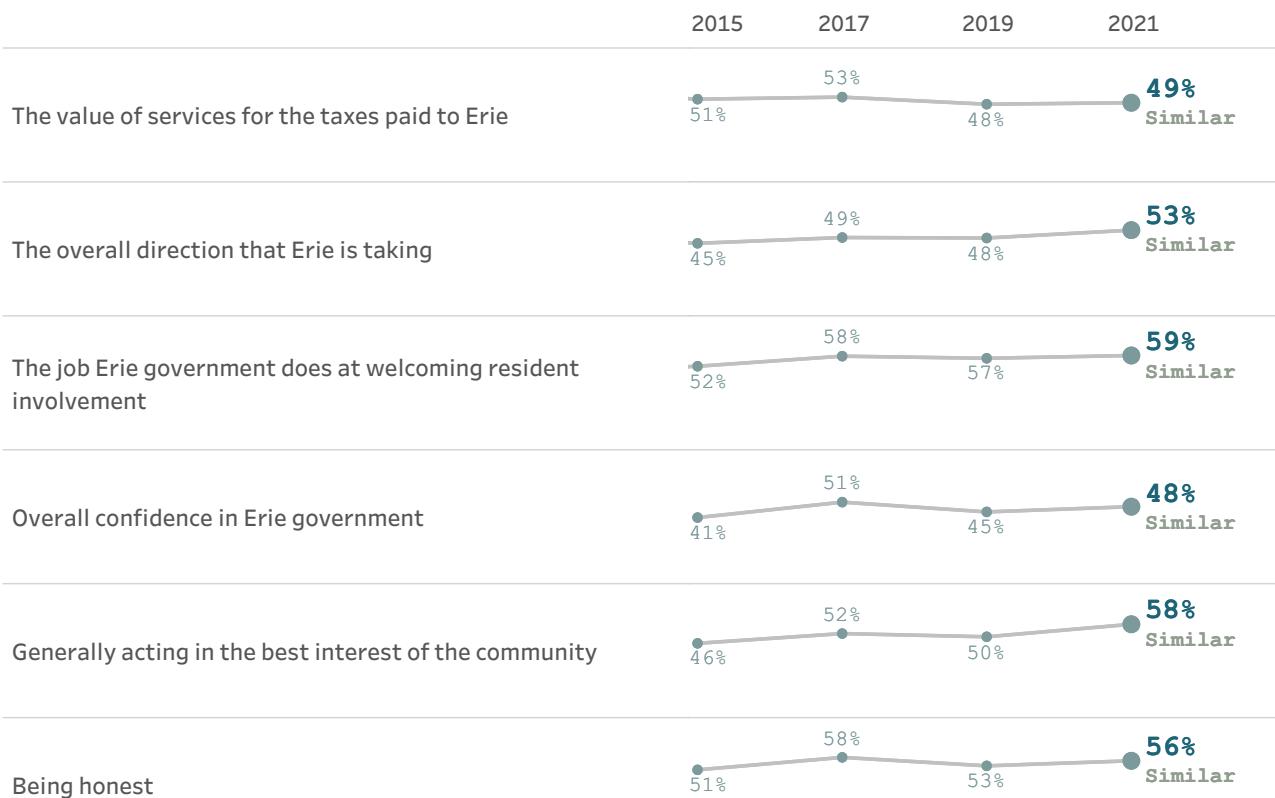
Overall confidence in Erie government, 2021



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



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



Being open and transparent to the public **55%**  
Similar

Informing residents about issues facing the community **52%**  
Similar

Treating all residents fairly **69%**  
Similar




Year	Percentage
2015	58%
2017	65%
2019	60%
2021	69%

Treating residents with respect **73%**  
Similar

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

The Town of Erie **75%**  
Similar



Year	Percentage
2015	74%
2017	79%
2019	81%
2021	75%

The Federal Government **44%**  
Similar



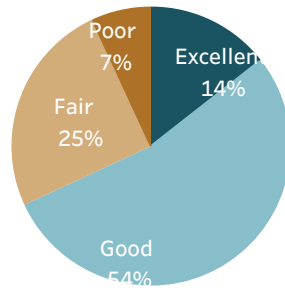
Year	Percentage
2015	35%
2017	39%
2019	34%
2021	44%

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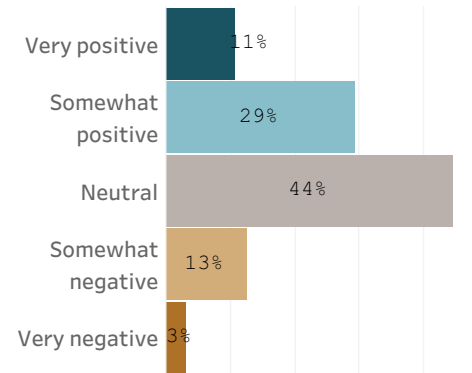
## Economy

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.

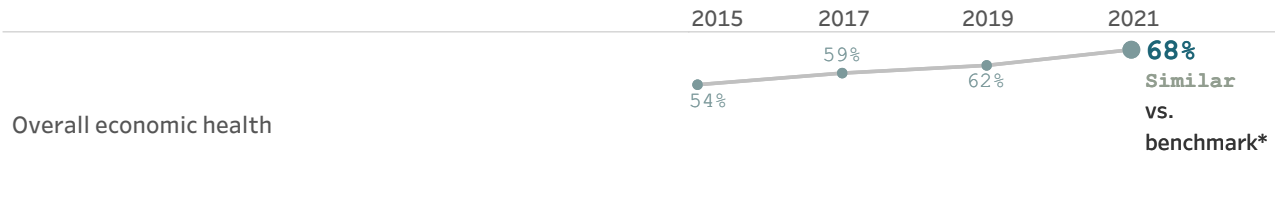
Overall economic health of Erie, 2021



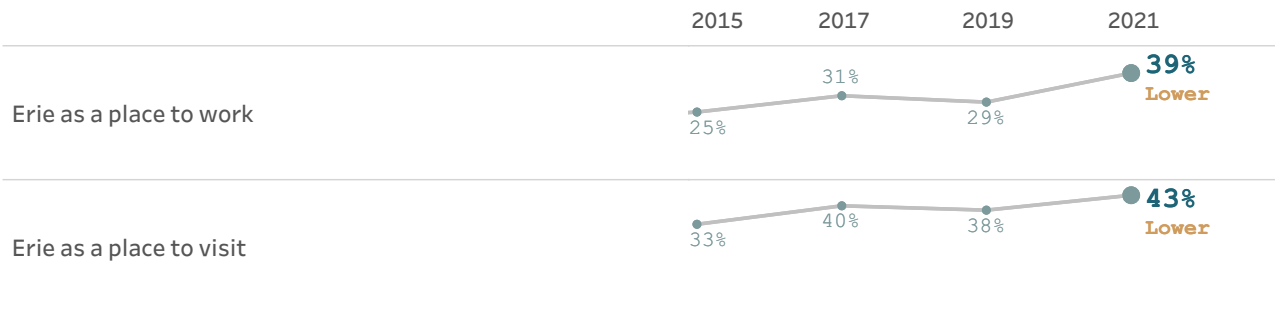
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:



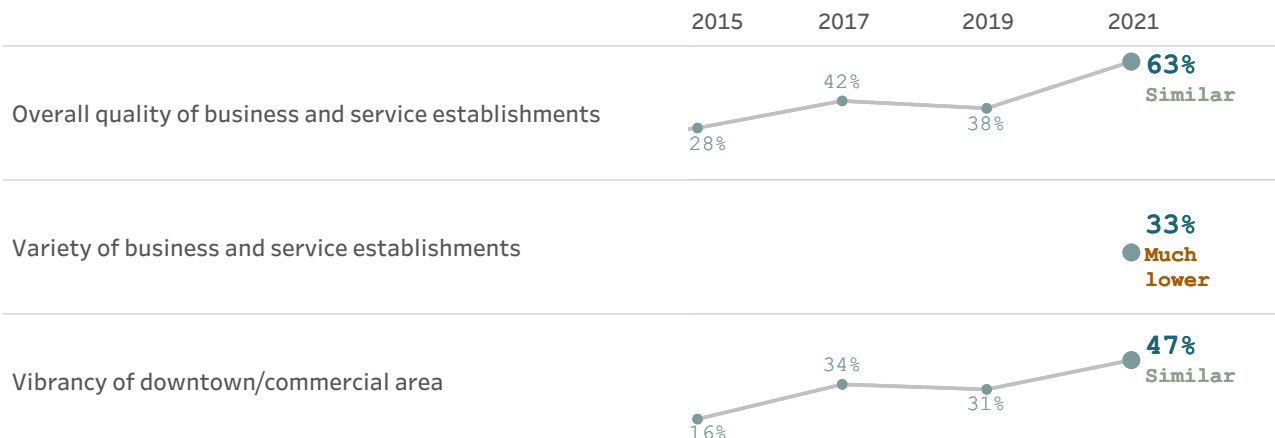
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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



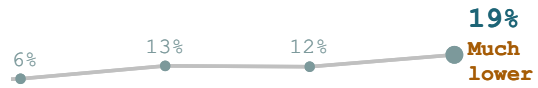
Please rate each of the following in the Erie community. (% excellent or good)



Employment opportunities



Shopping opportunities

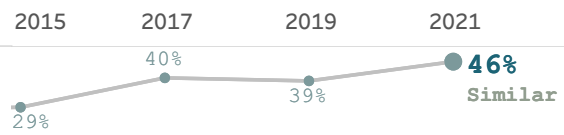


Cost of living



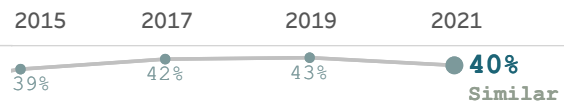
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.  
(% excellent or good)

Economic development



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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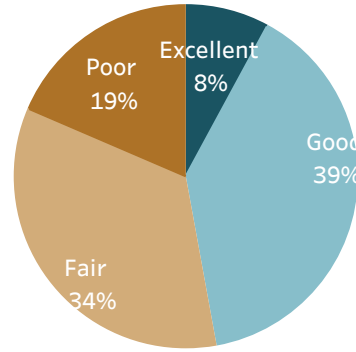


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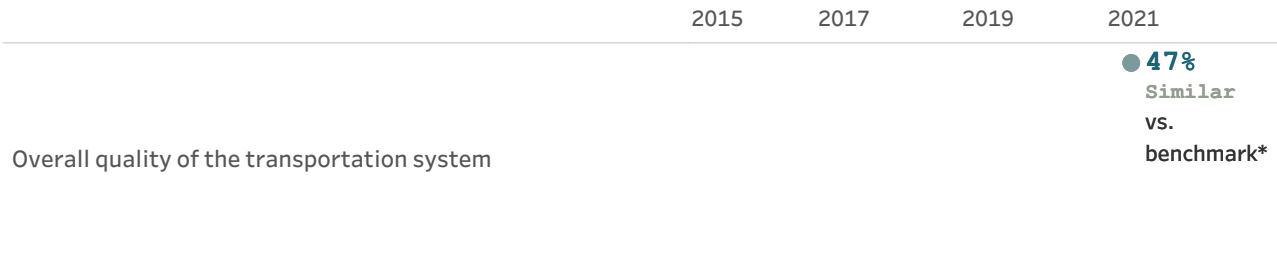
## Mobility

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.

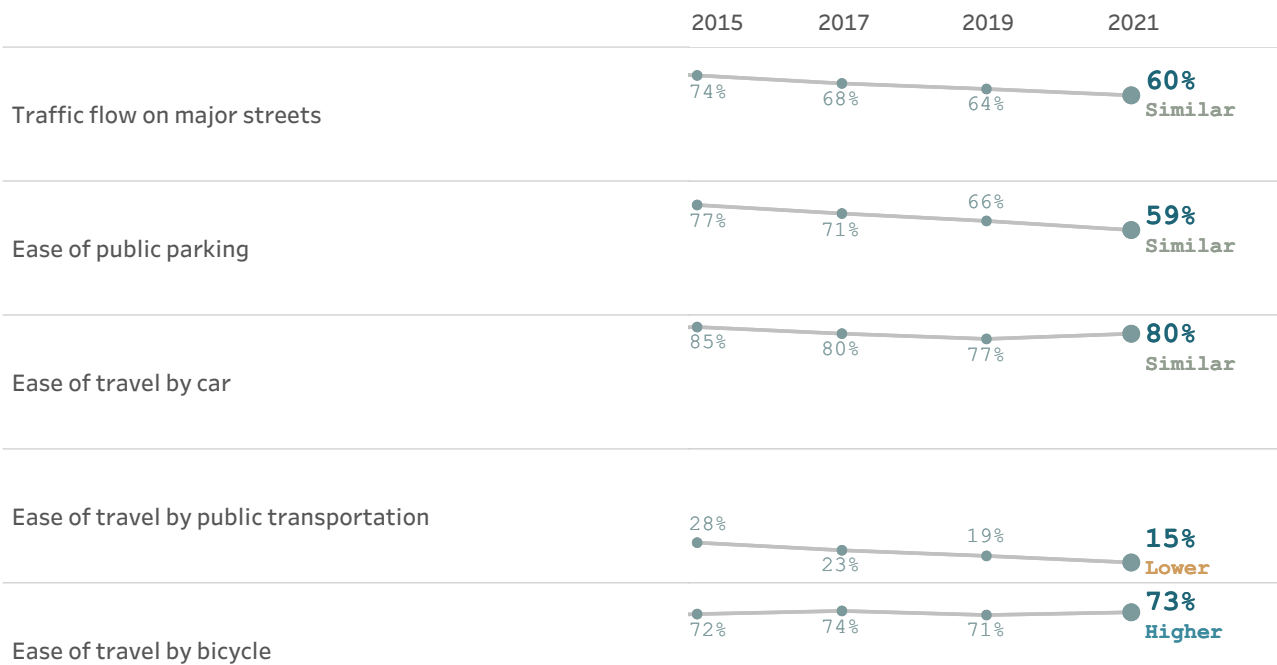
Overall quality of the transportation system in Erie, 2021



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



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



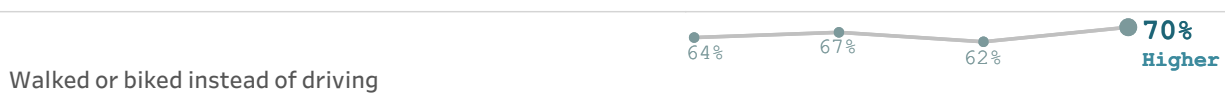
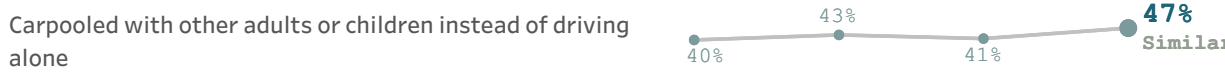




**Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.**

(% yes)

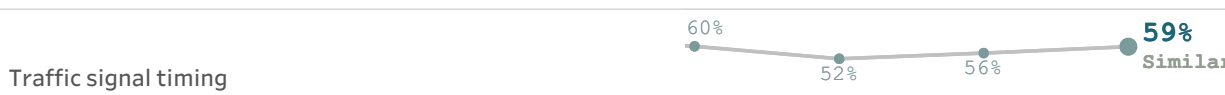
2015      2017      2019      2021



**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.**

(% excellent or good)

2015      2017      2019      2021



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Bus or transit services



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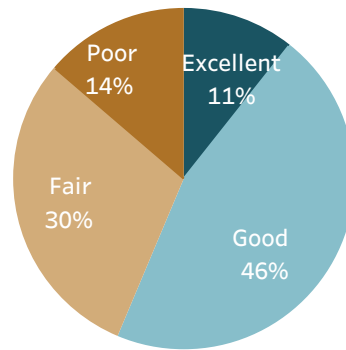
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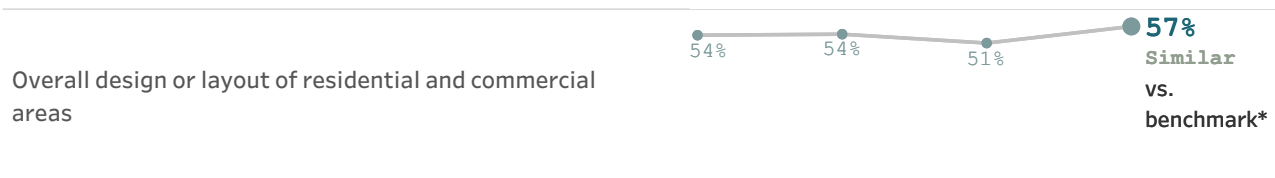
Overall design or layout of Erie's residential and commercial areas, 2021

## Community design

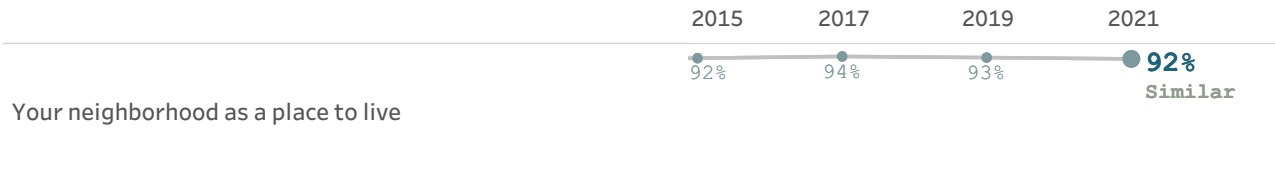
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and providing access to parks and other green spaces.



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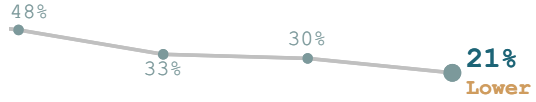
63%  
Similar

Public places where people want to spend time

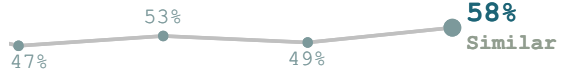
Variety of housing options



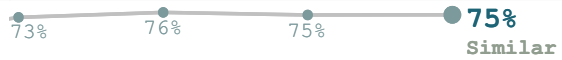
Availability of affordable quality housing



Overall quality of new development

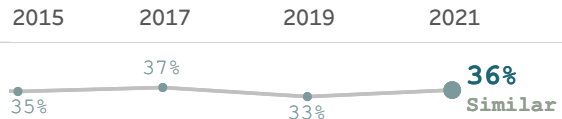


Overall appearance



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

Land use, planning and zoning



Code enforcement

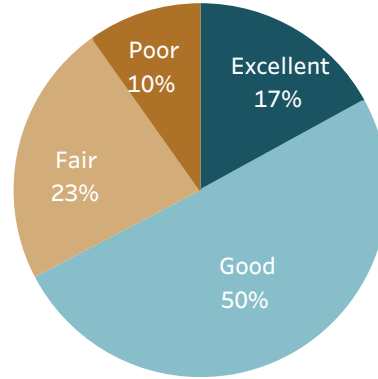


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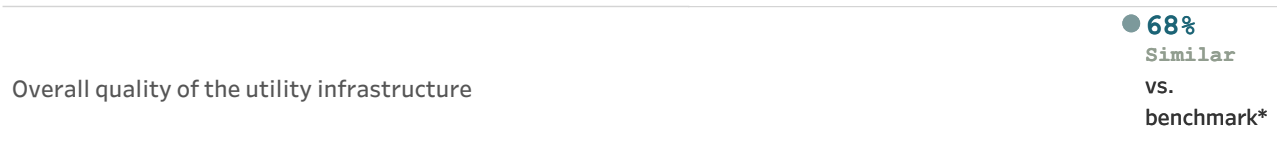
## Utilities

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

Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Erie, 2021



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



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



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Utility billing

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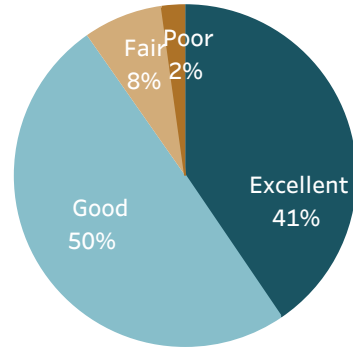


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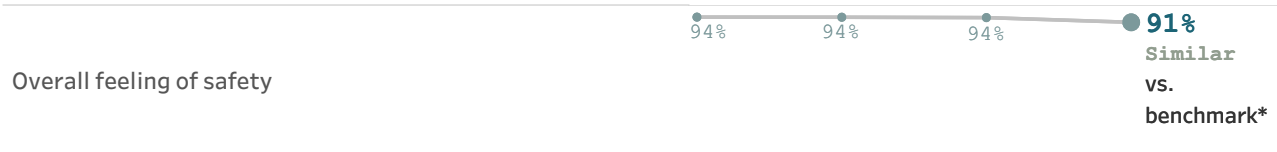
## Safety

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.

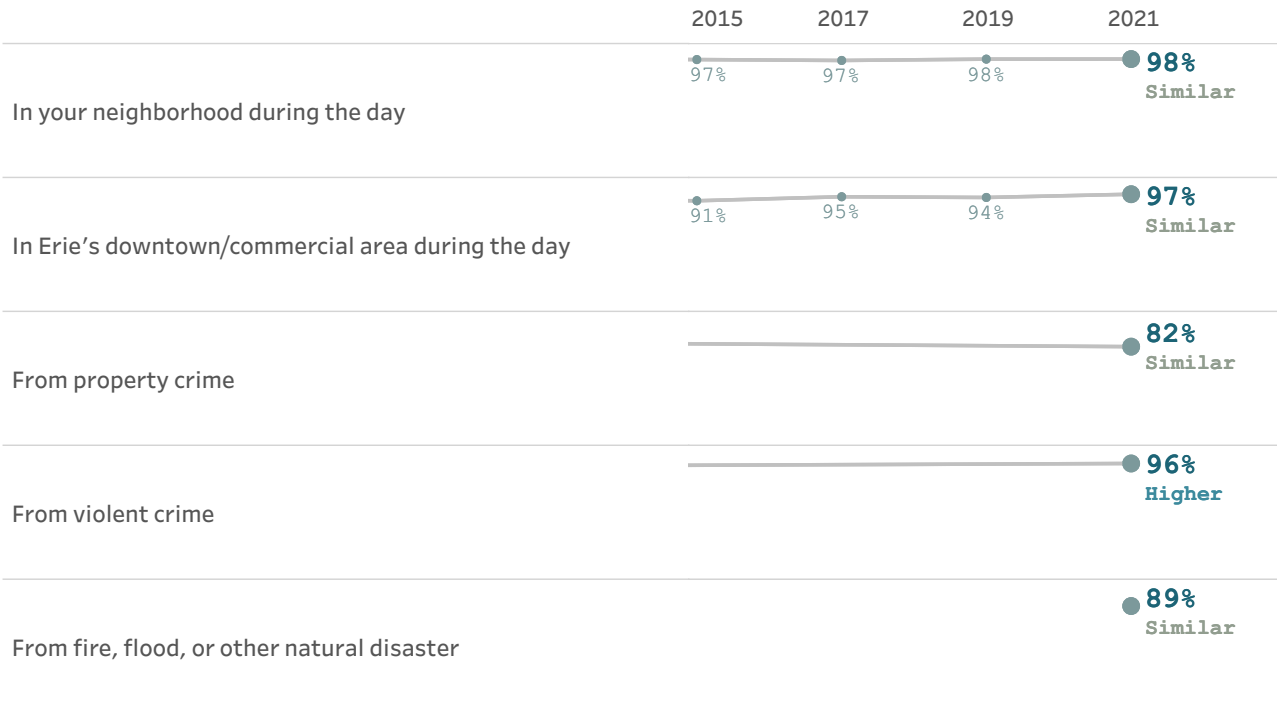
Overall feeling of safety in Erie, 2021



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie 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 Erie.**  
 (% excellent or good)



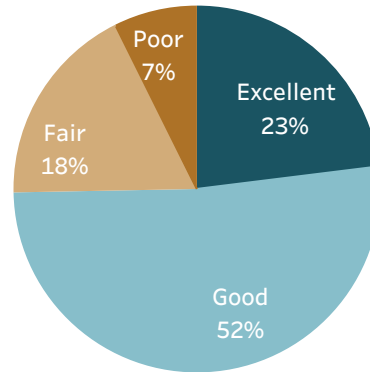
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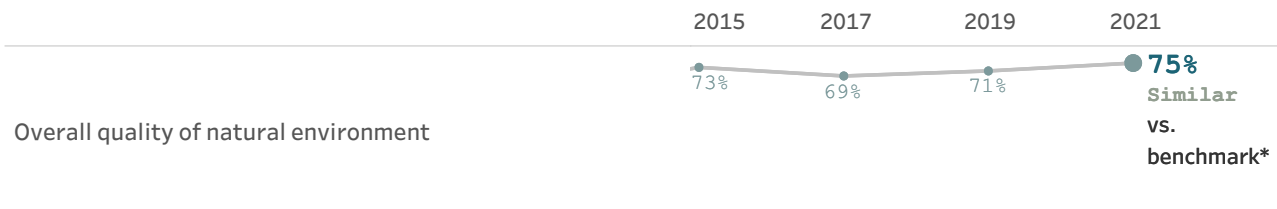
Overall quality of natural environment in Erie, 2021

## Natural environment

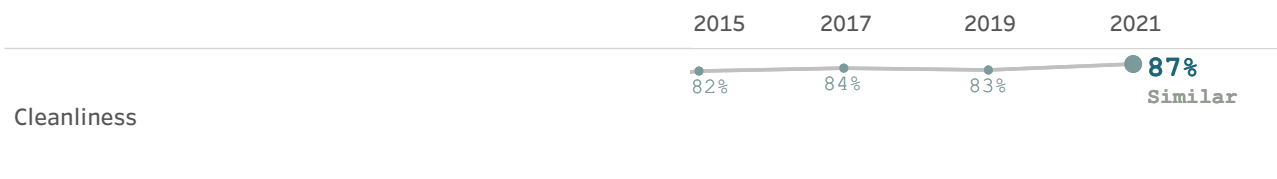
The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents. The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life.



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



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



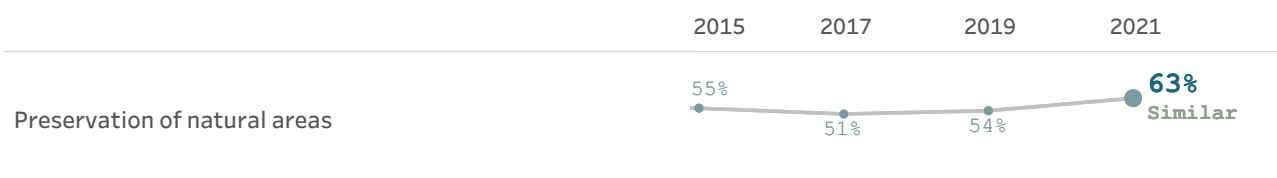
Water resources

35% Lower

Air quality

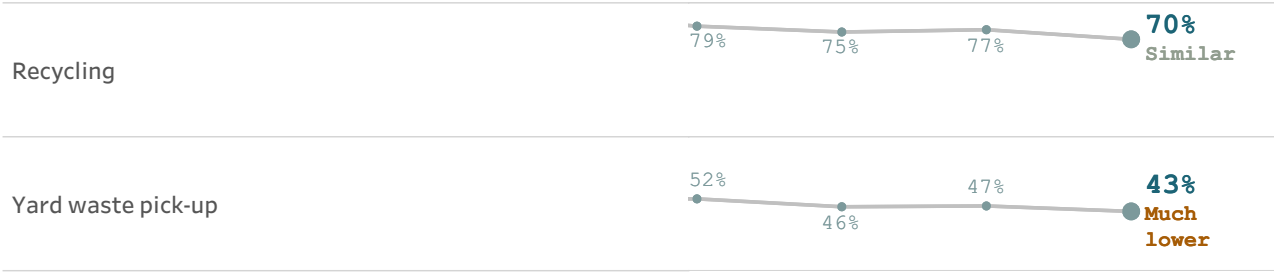


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.  
(% excellent or good)



Erie open space

71% Similar

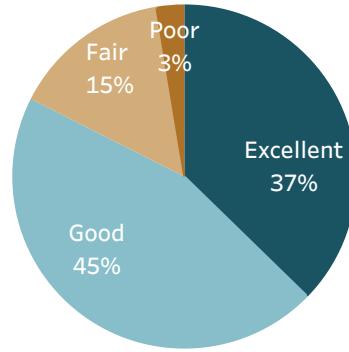


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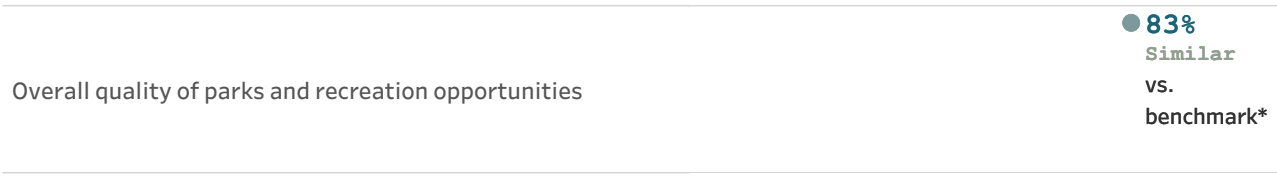
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2021

Parks and recreation

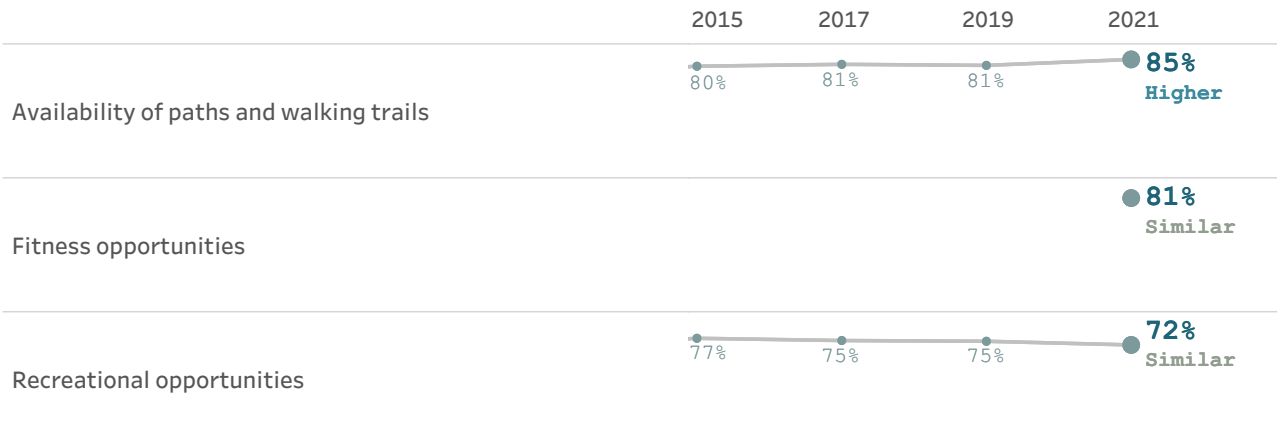
“There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation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



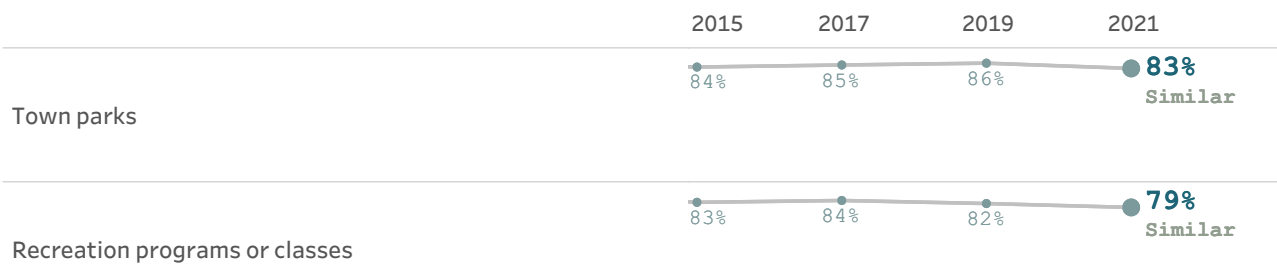
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.  
 (% excellent or good)

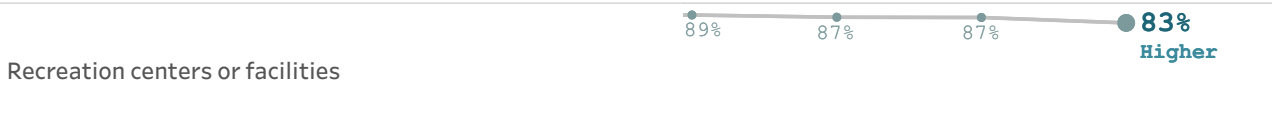


Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.  
 (% excellent or good)



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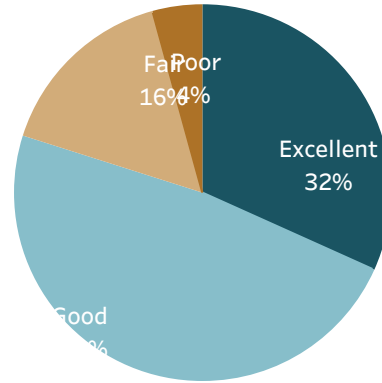


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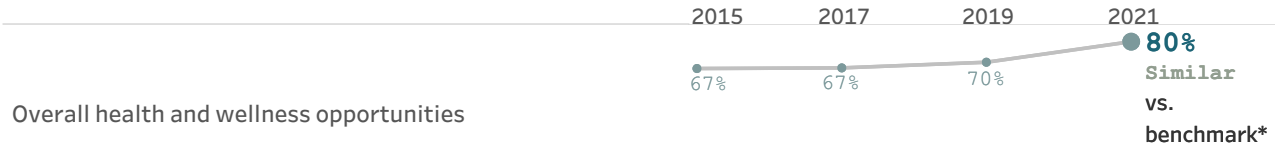
## Health and wellness

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

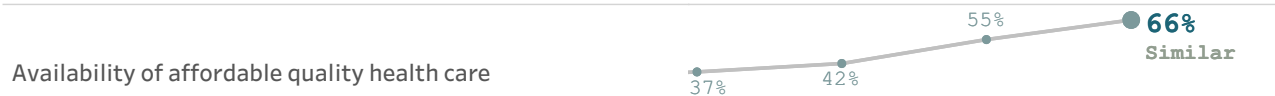
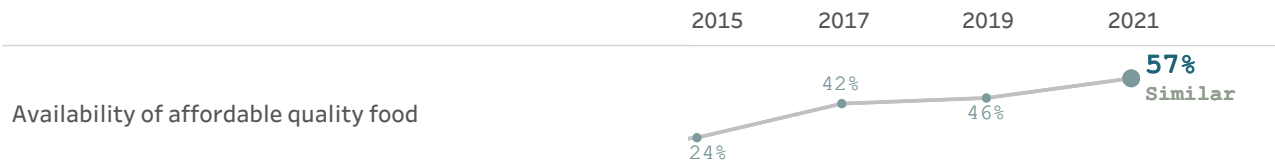
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Erie, 2021



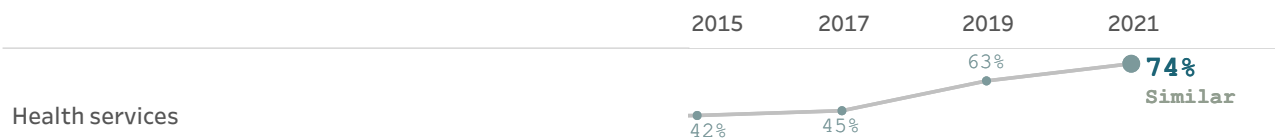
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.  
(% excellent or good)



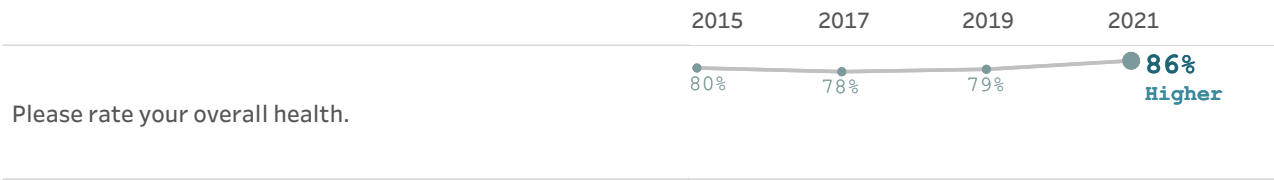
Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.  
(% excellent or good)



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



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

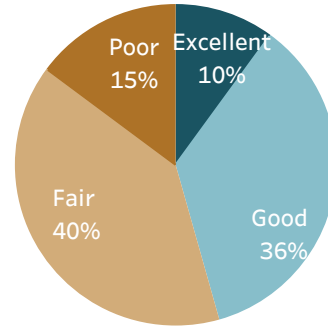


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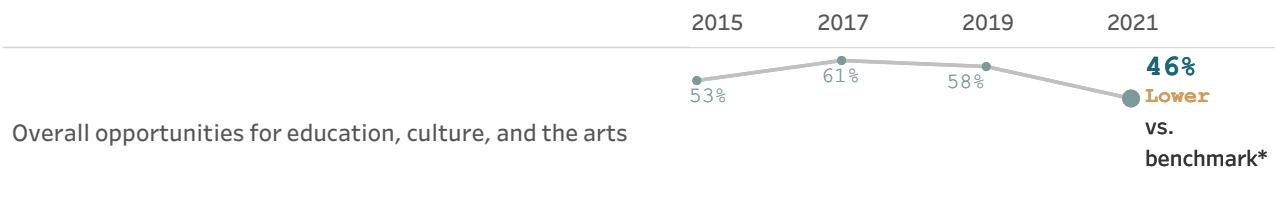
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2021

## Education, arts, and culture

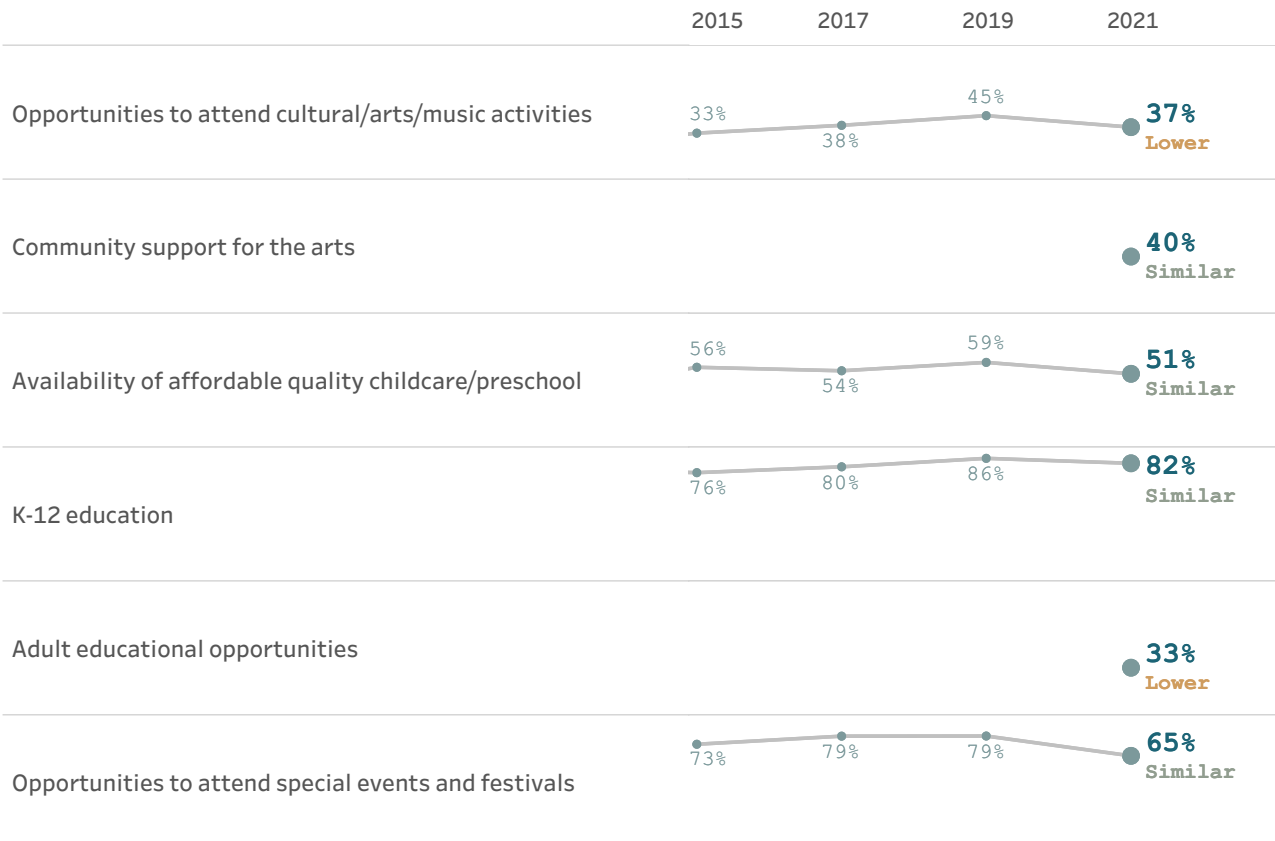
Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.



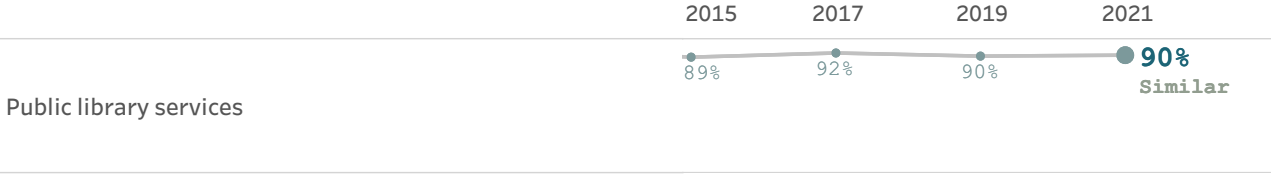
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.  
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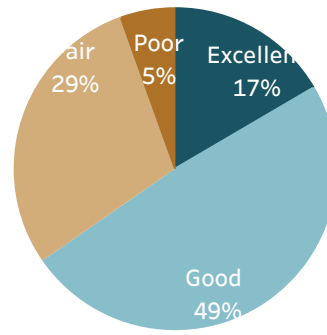
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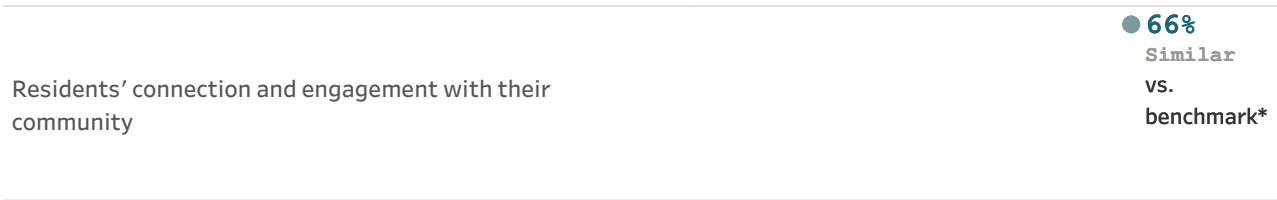
Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2021

## Inclusivity and engagement

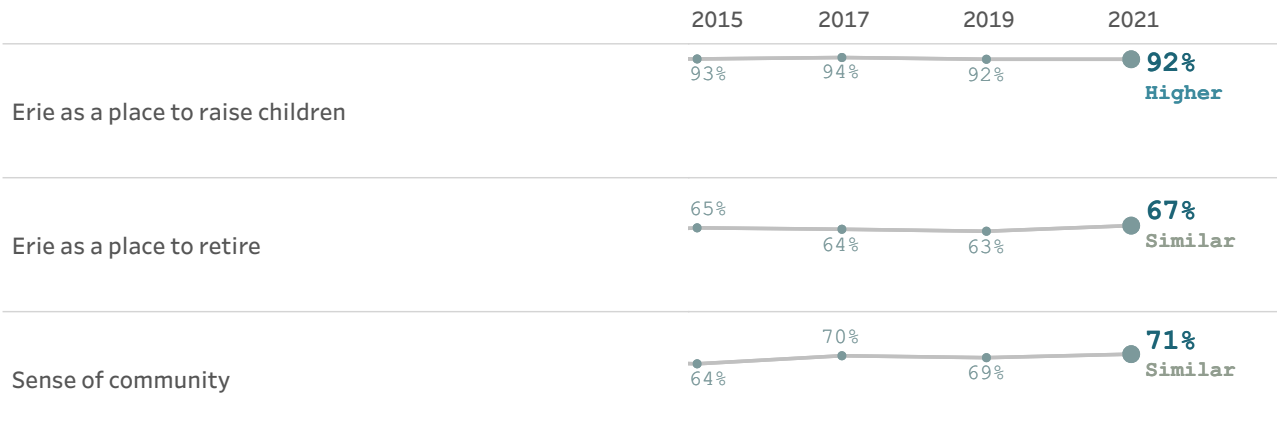
Inclusivity refers to a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging; residents who feel invited to participate within their communities feel more included, involved, and engaged than those who do not.



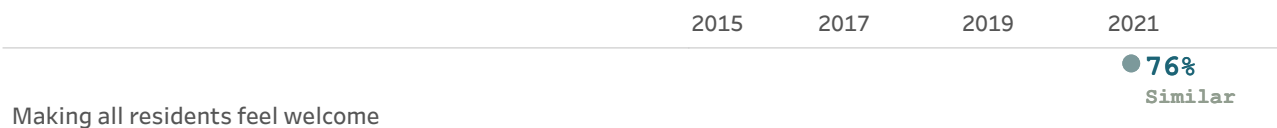
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.  
(% excellent or good)



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



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



Attracting people from diverse backgrounds

45%  
Similar

Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds

66%  
Similar

Taking care of vulnerable residents

57%  
Similar

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



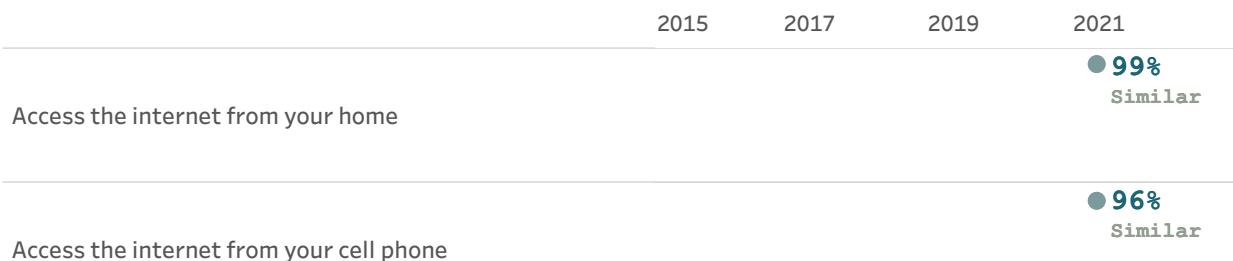
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## Residents' participation levels

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>81%</b> Similar
Use or check email	● <b>99%</b> Similar
Share your opinions online	● <b>26%</b> Similar
Shop online	● <b>70%</b> Higher

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## 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 Erie.</b>	Erie as a place to live	Similar	91%	154	365	58
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	92%	62	306	80
	Erie as a place to raise children	Higher	92%	77	365	79
	Erie as a place to work	Lower	39%	314	350	10
	Erie as a place to visit	Lower	43%	250	294	15
	Erie as a place to retire	Similar	67%	181	352	48
	The overall quality of life	Similar	89%	159	402	60
	Sense of community	Similar	71%	92	305	70
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Similar	68%	145	279	48
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	47%	56	84	34
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	57%	192	274	30
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	68%	54	84	36
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	91%	109	348	68
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	75%	202	284	29
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	83%	38	85	56
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	80%	70	275	74
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Lower	46%	234	275	15
	Residents’ connection and engagement with their community	Similar	66%	22	85	75
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Erie to someone who asks	Similar	90%	107	290	63
	Remain in Erie for the next five years	Similar	86%	110	284	61
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	98%	36	333	89
	In Erie’s downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	97%	42	312	86

<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	From property crime	Similar	82%	45	94	53
	From violent crime	Higher	96%	11	94	89
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	89%	31	84	64
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Erie community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	76%	33	87	63
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	45%	76	86	12
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	66%	44	85	49
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	57%	49	85	43
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	63%	171	281	39
	Variety of business and service establishments	Much lower	33%	81	84	4
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	47%	153	261	41
	Employment opportunities	Much lower	18%	288	307	6
	Shopping opportunities	Much lower	19%	276	295	6
	Cost of living	Similar	28%	220	276	20
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	74%	199	342	42
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	60%	107	320	66
	Ease of public parking	Similar	59%	109	248	56
	Ease of travel by car	Similar	80%	67	307	78
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Lower	15%	229	254	10
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Higher	73%	34	308	89
	Ease of walking	Higher	77%	62	308	80
	Well-planned residential growth	Similar	46%	60	86	31
	Well-planned commercial growth	Lower	25%	82	86	5
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	64%	43	86	51
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the communi..	Similar	54%	63	81	23
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	63%	166	270	38
	Variety of housing options	Similar	43%	220	285	23
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Lower	21%	242	303	20
	Overall quality of new development	Similar	58%	165	294	44
	Overall appearance	Similar	75%	188	336	44
	Cleanliness	Similar	87%	88	308	71
	Water resources	Lower	35%	73	79	8

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Air quality	Similar	66%	212	263	19
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Higher	85%	51	305	83
	Fitness opportunities	Similar	81%	57	265	78
	Recreational opportunities	Similar	72%	112	294	62
	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	57%	214	261	18
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	66%	143	275	48
	Availability of preventive health services	Similar	64%	148	257	42
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	33%	197	253	22
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Lower	37%	256	293	12
	Community support for the arts	Similar	40%	66	84	22
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	51%	139	271	49
	K-12 education	Similar	82%	104	271	61
	Adult educational opportunities	Lower	33%	243	260	6
	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	65%	46	84	46
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	72%	58	270	78
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	67%	112	276	59
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	65%	137	282	51
Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	60%	217	274	21	
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	58%	195	279	30	
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse...	Similar	61%	181	301	40	
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the Town of Erie for help or information	Similar	50%	91	330	72
	Contacted Erie elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	17%	137	270	49
	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	25%	65	271	76
	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	24%	107	245	56
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Lower	23%	238	276	14
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	17%	185	259	28
	Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	88%	15	87	83
	Used public transportation instead of driving	Lower	11%	146	234	38
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	47%	67	263	74
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Higher	70%	49	268	82
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following</b>	Public information services	Similar	70%	156	285	45

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

Economic development	Similar	46%	210	285	26
Traffic enforcement	Similar	64%	196	346	43
Traffic signal timing	Similar	59%	90	273	67
Street repair	Similar	51%	160	334	52
Street cleaning	Similar	71%	129	296	56
Street lighting	Similar	73%	97	326	70
Snow removal	Similar	50%	207	257	19
Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	66%	102	298	66
Bus or transit services	Lower	24%	217	247	12
Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	36%	249	296	16
Code enforcement	Similar	43%	221	349	36
Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	52%	51	82	39
Garbage collection	Similar	82%	213	325	34
Drinking water	Similar	81%	82	293	72
Sewer services	Similar	87%	101	296	66
Storm water management	Similar	80%	55	321	83
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	86%	54	211	74
Utility billing	Similar	75%	121	250	52
Police/Sheriff services	Similar	86%	165	392	58
Crime prevention	Similar	82%	110	346	68
Animal control	Similar	80%	74	310	76
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	93%	186	313	40
Fire services	Similar	94%	211	340	38
Fire prevention and education	Similar	75%	196	284	31
Emergency preparedness	Similar	62%	205	285	28
Preservation of natural areas	Similar	63%	166	267	38
Erie open space	Similar	71%	90	257	65
Recycling	Similar	70%	250	330	24
Yard waste pick-up	Much lower	43%	267	272	2
Town parks	Similar	83%	170	306	44
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	79%	86	303	71



<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.</b>	Recreation centers or facilities	Higher	83%	43	277	84
	Health services	Similar	74%	112	243	54
	Public library services	Similar	90%	84	307	72
	Overall customer service by Erie employees	Similar	84%	103	360	71
<b>Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Erie	Similar	49%	217	366	40
	The overall direction that Erie is taking	Similar	53%	207	316	34
	The job Erie government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	59%	132	318	58
	Overall confidence in Erie government	Similar	48%	183	278	34
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	58%	160	282	43
	Being honest	Similar	56%	166	273	39
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	55%	49	87	44
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	52%	52	92	44
	Treating all residents fairly	Similar	69%	95	279	66
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	73%	44	84	48
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each ..</b>	The Town of Erie	Similar	75%	218	370	41
	The Federal Government	Similar	44%	95	262	64
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Similar	93%	72	256	72
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	74%	45	84	47
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Higher	90%	5	256	98
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	90%	34	84	60
	Overall feeling of safety	Lower	85%	223	256	12
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	82%	96	256	62
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	81%	43	84	50
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Lower	65%	242	256	5
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Much lower	64%	248	256	3
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Much lower	62%	256	257	0
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Similar	99%	7	83	92
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	96%	10	83	89
	Visit social media sites	Similar	81%	24	82	71
	Use or check email	Similar	99%	8	83	91
	Share your opinions online	Similar	26%	74	83	12

<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Shop online	Higher	70%	4	83	96
	Please rate your overall health.	Higher	86%	5	263	98
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa..	Similar	40%	36	266	86

## 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 Erie.</b>	Erie as a place to live	Similar	91%	15	43	67
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	92%	5	36	88
	Erie as a place to raise children	Higher	92%	7	43	86
	Erie as a place to work	Lower	39%	31	41	26
	Erie as a place to visit	Lower	43%	27	29	10
	Erie as a place to retire	Similar	67%	24	41	43
	The overall quality of life	Similar	89%	16	43	65
	Sense of community	Similar	71%	9	37	78
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Similar	68%	10	29	68
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	47%	5	12	66
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	57%	14	28	53
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	68%	5	12	66
	Overall feeling of safety	Higher	91%	7	33	81
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	75%	19	31	41
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	83%	4	12	75
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Higher	80%	6	27	81
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	46%	19	28	35
	Residents’ connection and engagement with their community	Similar	66%	2	12	91
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Erie to someone who asks	Similar	90%	8	33	78
	Remain in Erie for the next five years	Similar	86%	7	30	80
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	98%	2	33	96
	In Erie’s downtown/commercial area during the day	Higher	97%	3	31	93
	From property crime	Similar	82%	6	15	66
	From violent crime	Higher	96%	3	15	86

<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	89%	6	12	58
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Erie community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	76%	3	14	85
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	45%	11	13	23
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	66%	6	12	58
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	57%	5	12	66
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	63%	16	31	51
	Variety of business and service establishments	Lower	33%	11	12	16
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	47%	11	24	58
	Employment opportunities	Lower	18%	34	38	13
	Shopping opportunities	Lower	19%	33	36	11
	Cost of living	Similar	28%	19	27	33
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	74%	15	36	61
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	60%	9	35	77
	Ease of public parking	Similar	59%	8	22	68
	Ease of travel by car	Higher	80%	6	36	86
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Lower	15%	23	28	21
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Higher	73%	5	36	88
	Ease of walking	Higher	77%	6	35	85
	Well-planned residential growth	Similar	46%	4	12	75
	Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	25%	10	12	25
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	64%	4	13	76
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the communi..	Similar	54%	7	11	45
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	63%	10	26	65
	Variety of housing options	Similar	43%	18	30	43
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	21%	20	33	42
	Overall quality of new development	Similar	58%	11	32	68
	Overall appearance	Similar	75%	12	37	70
	Cleanliness	Higher	87%	8	33	78
	Water resources	Similar	35%	8	11	36
	Air quality	Similar	66%	20	31	38
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Higher	85%	5	31	87

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Fitness opportunities	Similar	81%	6	26	80
	Recreational opportunities	Similar	72%	11	35	71
	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	57%	19	26	30
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	66%	8	28	75
	Availability of preventive health services	Similar	64%	10	26	65
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	33%	15	24	41
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Lower	37%	27	34	23
	Community support for the arts	Similar	40%	8	12	41
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	51%	7	29	79
	K-12 education	Higher	82%	4	28	89
	Adult educational opportunities	Lower	33%	22	25	16
	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	65%	5	12	66
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	72%	2	27	96
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	67%	9	32	75
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	65%	8	28	75
	<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	60%	18	29
Opportunities to participate in community matters		Similar	58%	16	30	50
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds		Similar	61%	18	34	50
Contacted the Town of Erie for help or information		Similar	50%	7	35	82
Contacted Erie elected officials to express your opinion		Similar	17%	16	27	44
Attended a local public meeting		Similar	25%	7	29	79
Watched a local public meeting		Similar	24%	10	25	64
Volunteered your time to some group/activity		Lower	23%	23	28	21
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate		Similar	17%	19	26	30
Voted in your most recent local election		Similar	88%	3	13	84
Used public transportation instead of driving		Similar	11%	13	24	50
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone		Similar	47%	9	26	69
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.</b>	Walked or biked instead of driving	Higher	70%	6	26	80
	Public information services	Similar	70%	9	30	73
	Economic development	Similar	46%	16	29	48
	Traffic enforcement	Similar	64%	14	37	64

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

Traffic signal timing	Similar	59%	7	28	78
Street repair	Similar	51%	12	37	70
Street cleaning	Similar	71%	10	31	70
Street lighting	Similar	73%	7	30	80
Snow removal	Similar	50%	15	33	57
Sidewalk maintenance	Higher	66%	6	26	80
Bus or transit services	Lower	24%	18	24	29
Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	36%	25	33	27
Code enforcement	Similar	43%	15	36	61
Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	52%	5	11	63
Garbage collection	Similar	82%	19	32	43
Drinking water	Higher	81%	9	30	73
Sewer services	Similar	87%	10	33	72
Storm water management	Higher	80%	6	30	83
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	86%	3	22	90
Utility billing	Similar	75%	10	26	65
Police/Sheriff services	Similar	86%	11	39	74
Crime prevention	Higher	82%	5	34	88
Animal control	Higher	80%	6	35	85
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	93%	12	30	63
Fire services	Similar	94%	17	32	50
Fire prevention and education	Similar	75%	13	26	53
Emergency preparedness	Similar	62%	14	29	55
Preservation of natural areas	Similar	63%	12	27	59
Erie open space	Similar	71%	10	27	66
Recycling	Similar	70%	16	32	53
Yard waste pick-up	Lower	43%	20	24	20
Town parks	Similar	83%	14	33	60
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	79%	10	34	73
Recreation centers or facilities	Higher	83%	7	33	81
Health services	Similar	74%	5	26	84

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.</b>	Public library services	Similar	90%	4	35	91
	Overall customer service by Erie employees	Similar	84%	9	36	77
<b>Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Erie	Similar	49%	25	41	41
	The overall direction that Erie is taking	Similar	53%	20	37	48
	The job Erie government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	59%	10	37	75
	Overall confidence in Erie government	Similar	48%	13	28	57
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	58%	10	29	68
	Being honest	Similar	56%	13	28	57
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	55%	4	13	76
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	52%	3	14	85
	Treating all residents fairly	Higher	69%	5	28	85
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	73%	3	12	83
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each ..</b>	The Town of Erie	Similar	75%	17	40	60
	The Federal Government	Similar	44%	4	25	88
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Similar	93%	10	26	65
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	74%	4	12	75
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Higher	90%	2	26	96
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	90%	5	12	66
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	85%	19	26	30
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	82%	8	26	73
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	81%	6	12	58
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	65%	26	26	3
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Lower	64%	25	26	7
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	62%	26	26	3
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Similar	99%	1	12	100
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	96%	1	12	100
	Visit social media sites	Similar	81%	2	12	91
	Use or check email	Similar	99%	1	12	100
	Share your opinions online	Similar	26%	11	12	16
	Shop online	Higher	70%	1	12	100
	Please rate your overall health.	Higher	86%	1	26	100

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa..

Higher

40%

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



















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






























































## Complete set of frequencies
































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Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Erie.	Aspect	Rating	Frequency	
			Percentage	Count
Erie as a place to live	Erie as a place to live	Excellent	41%	10
		Good	49%	12
		Fair	8%	2
		Poor	2%	0
Your neighborhood as a place to live	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent	51%	13
		Good	40%	10
		Fair	7%	2
		Poor	2%	0
Erie as a place to raise children	Erie as a place to raise children	Excellent	53%	13
		Good	39%	10
		Fair	6%	2
		Poor	2%	0
Erie as a place to work	Erie as a place to work	Excellent	13%	3
		Good	26%	7
		Fair	33%	8
		Poor	28%	7
Erie as a place to visit	Erie as a place to visit	Excellent	10%	3
		Good	34%	9
		Fair	42%	11
		Poor	15%	4
Erie as a place to retire	Erie as a place to retire	Excellent	27%	7
		Good	40%	10
		Fair	21%	5
		Poor	12%	3
The overall quality of life	The overall quality of life	Excellent	31%	8
		Good	58%	15
		Fair	10%	3
		Poor	2%	0

<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Erie.</b>	Sense of community	Excellent		22%
		Good		49%
		Fair		24%
		Poor		5%
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Excellent		14%
		Good		54%
		Fair		25%
		Poor		7%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		8%
		Good		39%
		Fair		34%
		Poor		19%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		11%
		Good		46%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		14%
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		17%	
	Good		50%	
	Fair		23%	
	Poor		10%	
Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		41%	
	Good		50%	
	Fair		8%	
	Poor		2%	
Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		23%	
	Good		52%	
	Fair		18%	
	Poor		7%	
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		37%	
	Good		45%	
	Fair		15%	

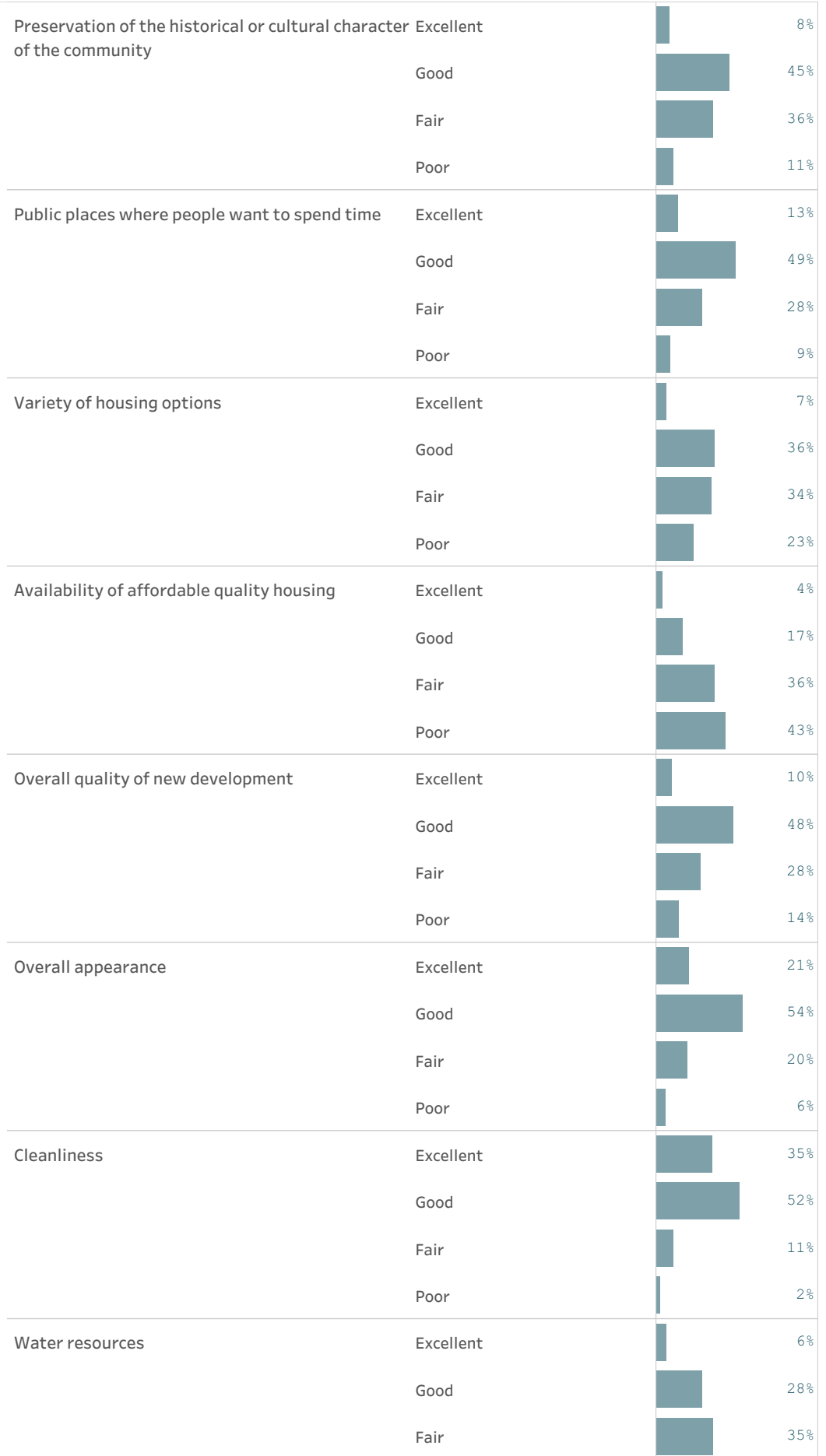
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.</b>	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Poor		3%	
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		32%	
		Good		48%	
		Fair		16%	
		Poor		4%	
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		10%	
		Good		36%	
		Fair		40%	
		Poor		15%	
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		17%	
		Good		49%	
		Fair		29%	
		Poor		5%	
	<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Erie to someone who asks	Very likely		48%
			Somewhat likely		42%
			Somewhat unlikely		6%
Very unlikely				4%	
Remain in Erie for the next five years		Very likely		61%	
		Somewhat likely		24%	
		Somewhat unlikely		8%	
		Very unlikely		7%	
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		87%	
		Somewhat safe		11%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		2%	
		Somewhat unsafe		1%	
	In Erie's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		81%	
		Somewhat safe		16%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		2%	
		Somewhat unsafe		1%	
	From property crime	Very safe		31%	
		Somewhat safe		51%	

<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	From property crime	Neither safe nor unsafe		9%
		Somewhat unsafe		9%
		Very unsafe		1%
	From violent crime	Very safe		72%
		Somewhat safe		23%
		Neither safe nor unsafe		3%
		Somewhat unsafe		1%
		Very unsafe		0%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		55%
Somewhat safe			34%	
Neither safe nor unsafe			8%	
Somewhat unsafe			2%	
Very unsafe			2%	
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Erie community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		26%
		Good		50%
		Fair		19%
		Poor		5%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		13%
		Good		31%
		Fair		35%
		Poor		21%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		21%
		Good		45%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		8%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		16%
		Good		41%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		12%
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		14%
		Good		49%
































<b>Please rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Fair		29%
		Poor		8%
Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		3%	
	Good		29%	
	Fair		41%	
	Poor		26%	
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		7%	
	Good		40%	
	Fair		41%	
	Poor		12%	
Employment opportunities	Excellent		2%	
	Good		16%	
	Fair		34%	
	Poor		48%	
Shopping opportunities	Excellent		1%	
	Good		17%	
	Fair		40%	
	Poor		42%	
Cost of living	Excellent		1%	
	Good		27%	
	Fair		47%	
	Poor		26%	
Overall image or reputation	Excellent		18%	
	Good		55%	
	Fair		21%	
	Poor		6%	
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		11%
		Good		49%
		Fair		25%
		Poor		16%
Ease of public parking	Excellent		17%	

Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.				
Ease of public parking	Good		41%	
	Fair		33%	
	Poor		8%	
Ease of travel by car	Excellent		26%	
	Good		54%	
	Fair		17%	
	Poor		3%	
Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent		3%	
	Good		11%	
	Fair		26%	
	Poor		60%	
Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent		32%	
	Good		41%	
	Fair		18%	
	Poor		9%	
Ease of walking	Excellent		35%	
	Good		42%	
	Fair		18%	
	Poor		5%	
Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		9%	
	Good		37%	
	Fair		30%	
	Poor		24%	
Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		2%	
	Good		24%	
	Fair		34%	
	Poor		41%	
Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent		14%	
	Good		49%	
	Fair		27%	
	Poor		9%	
































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


































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









Water resources	Poor		30%
Air quality	Excellent		20%
	Good		47%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		10%
Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		43%
	Good		42%
	Fair		12%
	Poor		3%
Fitness opportunities	Excellent		37%
	Good		45%
	Fair		14%
	Poor		4%
Recreational opportunities	Excellent		25%
	Good		47%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		5%
Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		13%
	Good		44%
	Fair		31%
	Poor		12%
Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		13%
	Good		53%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		10%
Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		15%
	Good		49%
	Fair		26%
	Poor		11%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		6%
	Good		27%


























Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.				
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Fair		35%	
	Poor		32%	
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		8%	
	Good		29%	
	Fair		42%	
	Poor		22%	
Community support for the arts	Excellent		9%	
	Good		31%	
	Fair		44%	
	Poor		17%	
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		15%	
	Good		37%	
	Fair		29%	
	Poor		20%	
K-12 education	Excellent		29%	
	Good		53%	
	Fair		16%	
	Poor		2%	
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		7%	
	Good		26%	
	Fair		38%	
	Poor		29%	
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		14%	
	Good		51%	
	Fair		27%	
	Poor		8%	
Neighborliness of residents	Excellent		23%	
	Good		50%	
	Fair		23%	
	Poor		5%	
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		16%	

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Good		50%
		Fair		27%
		Poor		6%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		20%
		Good		45%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		5%
	Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		15%
		Good		46%
		Fair		31%
		Poor		9%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		11%
Good			46%	
Fair			35%	
Poor			8%	
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		14%	
	Good		47%	
	Fair		26%	
	Poor		13%	
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the Town of Erie for help or information	No		50%
		Yes		50%
	Contacted Erie elected officials to express your opinion	No		83%
		Yes		17%
	Attended a local public meeting	No		75%
		Yes		25%
	Watched a local public meeting	No		76%
		Yes		24%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		77%
		Yes		23%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		84%
		Yes		16%
































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

Voted in your most recent local election	No		12%
	Yes		88%
Used public transportation instead of driving	No		89%
	Yes		11%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		53%
	Yes		47%
Walked or biked instead of driving	No		29%
	Yes		71%
































**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.**

Public information services	Excellent		14%
	Good		55%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		7%
Economic development	Excellent		7%
	Good		39%
	Fair		36%
	Poor		18%
Traffic enforcement	Excellent		11%
	Good		52%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		8%
Traffic signal timing	Excellent		10%
	Good		50%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		11%
Street repair	Excellent		8%
	Good		42%
	Fair		31%
	Poor		18%
Street cleaning	Excellent		15%
	Good		56%
	Fair		21%
































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

Street cleaning	Poor		8%
Street lighting	Excellent		16%
	Good		57%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		7%
Snow removal	Excellent		11%
	Good		39%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		16%
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		13%
	Good		53%
	Fair		26%
	Poor		8%
Bus or transit services	Excellent		3%
	Good		21%
	Fair		32%
	Poor		44%
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		4%
	Good		32%
	Fair		36%
	Poor		28%
Code enforcement	Excellent		6%
	Good		37%
	Fair		37%
	Poor		20%
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		13%
	Good		39%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		24%
Garbage collection	Excellent		28%
	Good		54%
































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

Garbage collection	Fair		15%
	Poor		2%
Drinking water	Excellent		33%
	Good		48%
	Fair		15%
	Poor		4%
Sewer services	Excellent		28%
	Good		58%
	Fair		12%
	Poor		2%
Storm water management	Excellent		25%
	Good		55%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		2%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		29%
	Good		58%
	Fair		11%
	Poor		2%
Utility billing	Excellent		21%
	Good		53%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		8%
Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		34%
	Good		52%
	Fair		11%
	Poor		3%
Crime prevention	Excellent		25%
	Good		57%
	Fair		16%
	Poor		2%
Animal control	Excellent		20%
































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

Animal control	Good		59%
	Fair		16%
	Poor		4%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		34%
	Good		59%
	Fair		6%
	Poor		1%
Fire services	Excellent		37%
	Good		56%
	Fair		6%
	Poor		1%
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		24%
	Good		51%
	Fair		21%
	Poor		4%
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		12%
	Good		50%
	Fair		26%
	Poor		12%
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		14%
	Good		49%
	Fair		21%
	Poor		16%
Erie open space	Excellent		19%
	Good		51%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		10%
Recycling	Excellent		19%
	Good		50%
	Fair		21%
	Poor		9%






























**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.**

Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		9%	
	Good		34%	
	Fair		28%	
	Poor		30%	
Town parks	Excellent		30%	
	Good		53%	
	Fair		14%	
	Poor		3%	
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		27%	
	Good		52%	
	Fair		18%	
	Poor		3%	
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		34%	
	Good		49%	
	Fair		14%	
	Poor		3%	
Health services	Excellent		16%	
	Good		57%	
	Fair		23%	
	Poor		4%	
Public library services	Excellent		49%	
	Good		42%	
	Fair		7%	
	Poor		2%	
Overall customer service by Erie employees	Excellent		32%	
	Good		52%	
	Fair		14%	
	Poor		2%	
Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Erie	Excellent		9%
		Good		40%
		Fair		37%

**Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.**
































The value of services for the taxes paid to Erie	Poor		14%
	Excellent		13%
The overall direction that Erie is taking	Good		40%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		17%
	Excellent		10%
The job Erie government does at welcoming resident involvement	Good		48%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		13%
	Excellent		8%
Overall confidence in Erie government	Good		40%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		17%
	Excellent		10%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Good		48%
	Fair		26%
	Poor		16%
	Excellent		12%
Being honest	Good		44%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		16%
	Excellent		10%
Being open and transparent to the public	Good		45%
	Fair		27%
	Poor		18%
	Excellent		11%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Good		41%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		18%
	Excellent		15%
Treating all residents fairly	Good		55%































































<b>Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.</b>	Treating all residents fairly	Fair		20%
		Poor		10%
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent		17%
		Good		56%
		Fair		20%
		Poor		7%
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	The Town of Erie	Excellent		16%
		Good		59%
		Fair		19%
		Poor		6%
	The Federal Government	Excellent		4%
		Good		40%
		Fair		37%
		Poor		19%
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Essential		49%
		Very important		44%
		Somewhat important		6%
		Not at all important		0%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		27%
		Very important		47%
		Somewhat important		23%
		Not at all important		3%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		46%
		Very important		44%
		Somewhat important		10%
		Not at all important		0%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		48%
		Very important		42%
		Somewhat important		9%
		Not at all important		1%
Overall feeling of safety	Essential		46%	

<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall feeling of safety	Very important		39%
		Somewhat important		13%
		Not at all important		2%
	Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		42%
		Very important		39%
		Somewhat important		16%
		Not at all important		2%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		31%
		Very important		50%
		Somewhat important		18%
		Not at all important		2%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		19%
Very important			46%	
Somewhat important			31%	
Not at all important			5%	
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		19%	
	Very important		45%	
	Somewhat important		29%	
	Not at all important		7%	
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		15%	
	Very important		46%	
	Somewhat important		34%	
	Not at all important		4%	
<b>Please rate the Erie community on each of the following:</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		15%
		Good		56%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		6%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		8%
		Good		33%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		26%
































**Please rate the Erie community on each of the following:**

Valuing residents with diverse backgrounds and perspectives	Excellent		12%
	Good		46%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		14%
Demonstrating respect for residents of different cultures and belief systems	Excellent		12%
	Good		49%
	Fair		27%
	Poor		12%
Treating all residents equitably	Excellent		16%
	Good		50%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		9%
Providing a safe and secure environment for all residents	Excellent		25%
	Good		58%
	Fair		15%
	Poor		3%
Providing equal employment opportunities for all residents	Excellent		16%
	Good		52%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		12%
Providing equal access to housing for all residents	Excellent		12%
	Good		34%
	Fair		27%
	Poor		27%
Making all residents feel welcome in business establishments	Excellent		24%
	Good		55%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		3%
Providing a safe space for residents to have differences in opinions	Excellent		11%
	Good		42%
	Fair		32%

<b>Please rate the Erie community on each of the following:</b>	Providing a safe space for residents to have differences in opinions	Poor		16%
	How familiar, if at all, would you say you are with the Erie Unified Development Code (UDC)?	Very familiar		3%
		Somewhat familiar		21%
		Not familiar		76%
<b>How much of a priority, if at all, do you think each of the following topics should be for the Town to focus on when updating the UDC?</b>	Building development and design standards	High priority		48%
		Medium priority		46%
		Not a priority		7%
	Parks and open space priorities	High priority		64%
		Medium priority		33%
		Not a priority		3%
	Consistency and standards for signage	High priority		20%
		Medium priority		50%
		Not a priority		30%
	The review process for building permits	High priority		38%
		Medium priority		53%
		Not a priority		9%
	Strategic planning for transportation, transit, and the movement of people around and through town	High priority		66%
		Medium priority		28%
		Not a priority		6%
How familiar, if at all, would you say you are with what a Home Rule Charter is for a city or town?	Very familiar		7%	
	Somewhat familiar		33%	
	Not familiar		60%	
Home Rule is a form of government based on a charter written by residents and is based on the idea that the residents in the community know best how to solve local issues. The Town of Erie is currently a statutory town, meaning its charter is based only on what is allowed by state statute. The Town of Erie is considering adopting a Home ..	The Town of Erie should continue functioning as a statu..		17%	
	Town residents should elect a Home Rule Charter Commission..		35%	
	I don't have a preference.		6%	
	I don't know/I need more information to make a decision..		42%	
What type of internet service do you purchase, if any? (Select all that apply.)	DSL		16%	
	High-speed cable		78%	
	Satellite		2%	
	Fixed-antennae wireless		3%	
	Mobile wireless (e.g. smartphone, mobile hotspot)		30%	

	What type of internet service do you purchase, if any? (Select all that apply.)	None		1%
	If you do not currently have internet service, have you attempted, in the past, to acquire service at this address but were unable to locate a providing company?	N/A - I currently have internet service		13%
		Yes		0%
		No		6%
		N/A - I currently have internet service		80%
<b>Please indicate your level of support for the Town pursuing each of the following potential projects or initiatives:</b>	Town of Erie Environmental Center with education center, recycling and other sustainability-related features	Strongly support		47%
		Somewhat support		39%
		Somewhat oppose		8%
		Strongly oppose		7%
	Town outdoor swimming pool	Strongly support		48%
		Somewhat support		32%
		Somewhat oppose		15%
		Strongly oppose		5%
	Town indoor, all-seasons multi-sport facility	Strongly support		44%
		Somewhat support		44%
		Somewhat oppose		8%
		Strongly oppose		4%
	Town bicycling parks and events	Strongly support		39%
		Somewhat support		47%
		Somewhat oppose		10%
		Strongly oppose		4%
	Adding more public art in the Town of Erie	Strongly support		32%
		Somewhat support		52%
		Somewhat oppose		11%
		Strongly oppose		5%
Investigating routes and regulations for allowing golf carts as a means of transport within Town limits	Strongly support		16%	
	Somewhat support		32%	
	Somewhat oppose		28%	
	Strongly oppose		25%	
A Town-sponsored annual fireworks display on July 3 or 4	Strongly support		55%	
	Somewhat support		34%	

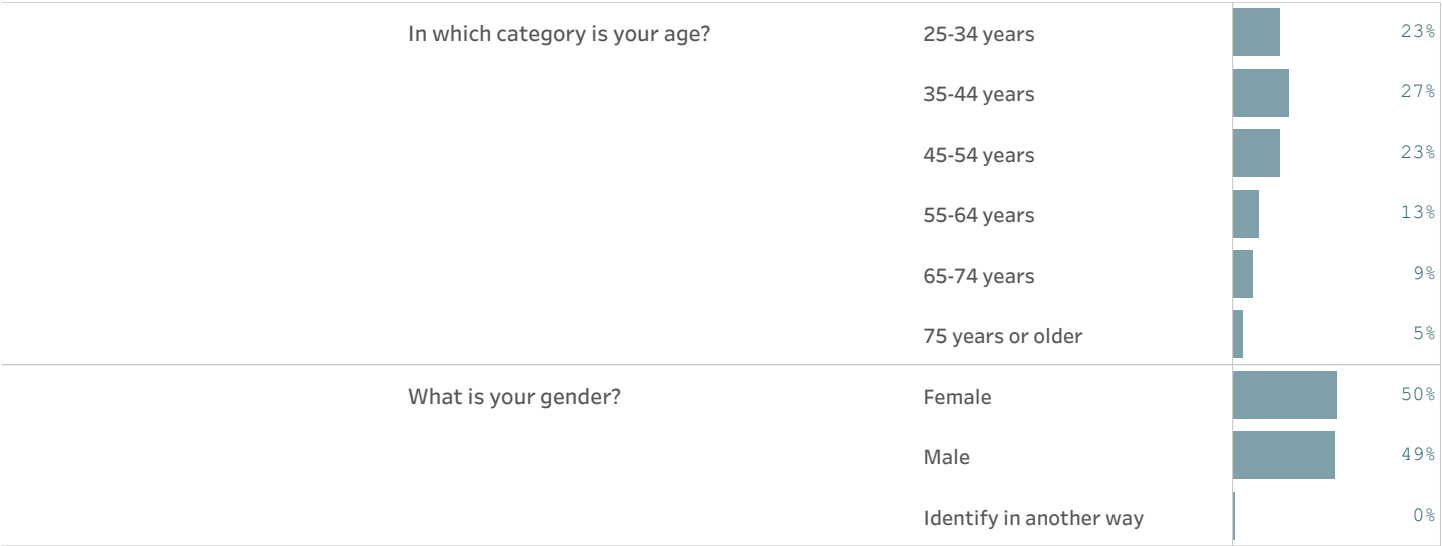
<b>Please indicate your level of support for the Town pursuing each of the following potential projects or initiatives:</b>	A Town-sponsored annual fireworks display on July 3 or 4	Somewhat oppose		7%
		Strongly oppose		4%
	A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into BOULDER County	Strongly support		34%
		Somewhat support		19%
		Somewhat oppose		9%
		Strongly oppose		38%
	A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into WELD County	Strongly support		25%
		Somewhat support		15%
		Somewhat oppose		12%
		Strongly oppose		48%
	A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into BROOMFIELD County	Strongly support		8%
		Somewhat support		18%
		Somewhat oppose		19%
		Strongly oppose		55%
	A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into ITS OWN county	Strongly support		8%
		Somewhat support		19%
Somewhat oppose			11%	
Strongly oppose			62%	
To what extent would you support or oppose ending Erie's current moratorium on retail marijuana businesses and instead establish strict zoning guidelines and regulations to permit Recreational and Medicinal Cannabis retail stores in specified locations within the Town of Erie?	Strongly support		29%	
	Somewhat support		30%	
	Somewhat oppose		7%	
	Strongly oppose		34%	
If Cannabis retail stores were permitted within the Town of Erie, to what extent would you support or oppose the adoption of an additional local excise tax on the sale of cannabis products similar to those taxes currently imposed in neighboring communities? (e.g., Boulder, Lafayette, Louisville 5% excise tax, Longmont 3%..	Strongly support		70%	
	Somewhat support		20%	
	Somewhat oppose		1%	
	Strongly oppose		9%	
<b>If the Town coordinated with haulers and/or directly offered each of the following services, how likely or unlikely would you be to participate in each?</b>	Garbage collection	Very likely		62%
		Somewhat likely		24%
		Somewhat unlikely		4%
		Very unlikely		10%
	Curbside composting	Very likely		45%

<b>If the Town coordinated with haulers and/or directly offered each of the following services, how likely or unlikely would you be to participate in each?</b>	Curbside composting	Somewhat likely		20%
		Somewhat unlikely		13%
		Very unlikely		22%
	Curbside single-stream recycling	Very likely		65%
		Somewhat likely		20%
		Somewhat unlikely		5%
		Very unlikely		10%
How important, if at all, do you think it is for the Town of Erie to focus on the overall sustainability goals outlined in the Sustainability Master Plan in the next two years?	Essential		39%	
	Very important		36%	
	Somewhat important		16%	
	Not at all important		9%	
Which of the following sustainability-related activities, if any, do you and your household regularly participate in? (Please mark all that apply.)	Water conservation (e.g., low-flow water fixtures, water ..		75%	
	Waste reduction via composting/recycling		88%	
	Energy/gas efficiency upgrades and conservation		63%	
	Solar energy to power your home		24%	
	Sustainable transportation (e.g. carpooling, driving an electric v..		42%	
	Indoor air quality improvement measures (e.g., indoor air plant..		49%	
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day		91%
		Once a day		6%
		A few times a week		2%
		Every few weeks		0%
		Less often or never		1%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day		92%
		Once a day		2%
		A few times a week		2%
		Every few weeks		1%
		Less often or never		2%
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day		52%
		Once a day		17%
		A few times a week		12%
		Every few weeks		3%

<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Visit social media sites	Less often or never		15%
	Use or check email	Several times a day		87%
Once a day			8%	
A few times a week			4%	
Every few weeks			0%	
Less often or never			1%	
Share your opinions online		Several times a day		8%
	Once a day		4%	
	A few times a week		14%	
	Every few weeks		19%	
	Less often or never		55%	
Shop online	Several times a day		14%	
	Once a day		9%	
	A few times a week		47%	
	Every few weeks		24%	
	Less often or never		6%	
Please rate your overall health.	Excellent		38%	
	Very good		47%	
	Good		13%	
	Fair		1%	
	Poor		0%	
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		11%	
	Somewhat positive		29%	
	Neutral		44%	
	Somewhat negative		13%	
	Very negative		3%	
How many years have you lived in Erie?	Less than 2 years		21%	
	2-5 years		33%	
	6-10 years		16%	
	11-20 years		22%	
	More than 20 years		9%	



Which best describes the building you live in?	One family house detached from any other houses	89%
	Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..	11%
	Mobile home	0%
	Other	0%
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent	13%
	Own	87%
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	4%
	\$500 to \$999	6%
	\$1,000 to \$1,499	7%
	\$1,500 to \$1,999	17%
	\$2,000 to \$2,499	28%
	\$2,500 to \$2,999	19%
	\$3,000 to \$3,499	11%
	\$3,500 or more	7%
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No	49%
	Yes	51%
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No	83%
	Yes	17%
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	1%
	\$25,000 to \$49,999	6%
	\$50,000 to \$74,999	9%
	\$75,000 to \$99,999	11%
	\$100,000 to \$149,999	26%
	\$150,000 or more	48%
Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	90%
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	10%
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaskan Native	2%
	Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander	2%
	Black or African American	2%
	White	94%
	Other	3%



## Full trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Erie. 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 **LAST** and **CURRENT** surveys is greater than **xxbyyearmoe** 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.

		2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Erie.</b>	Erie as a place to live	89%	90%	92%	90%	91%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	91%	92%	94%	93%	92%
	Erie as a place to raise children	93%	93%	94%	92%	92%
	Erie as a place to work	22%	25%	31%	29%	39%
	Erie as a place to visit		33%	40%	38%	43%
	Erie as a place to retire	60%	65%	64%	63%	67%
	The overall quality of life	85%	86%	88%	85%	89%
	Sense of community	67%	64%	70%	69%	71%
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health		54%	59%	62%	68%
	Overall quality of the transportation system					47%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas		54%	54%	51%	57%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure					68%
	Overall feeling of safety		94%	94%	94%	91%
	Overall quality of natural environment	61%	73%	69%	71%	75%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities					83%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities		67%	67%	70%	80%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts		53%	61%	58%	46%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community					66%
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Erie to someone who asks	90%	88%	90%	87%	90%
	Remain in Erie for the next five years	88%	87%	90%	88%	86%
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	98%	97%	97%	98%	98%

<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In Erie's downtown/commercial area during the day	92%	91%	95%	94%	97%
	From property crime	85%				82%
	From violent crime	94%				96%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster					89%
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Erie community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome					76%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds					45%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds					66%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents					57%
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	20%	28%	42%	38%	63%
	Variety of business and service establishments					33%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area		16%	34%	31%	47%
	Employment opportunities	5%	7%	11%	11%	18%
	Shopping opportunities	3%	6%	13%	12%	19%
	Cost of living		39%	35%	34%	28%
	Overall image or reputation	54%	63%	74%	71%	74%
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	78%	74%	68%	64%	60%
	Ease of public parking		77%	71%	66%	59%
	Ease of travel by car	81%	85%	80%	77%	80%
	Ease of travel by public transportation		28%	23%	19%	15%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	68%	72%	74%	71%	73%
	Ease of walking	70%	77%	79%	72%	77%
	Well-planned residential growth					46%
	Well-planned commercial growth					25%
	Well-designed neighborhoods					64%
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community					54%
	Public places where people want to spend time					63%
	Variety of housing options	61%	61%	52%	48%	43%
	Availability of affordable quality housing	59%	48%	33%	30%	21%

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Overall quality of new development	67%	47%	53%	49%	58%
	Overall appearance	59%	73%	76%	75%	75%
	Cleanliness	70%	82%	84%	83%	87%
	Water resources					35%
	Air quality	62%	78%	76%	70%	66%
	Availability of paths and walking trails	74%	80%	81%	81%	85%
	Fitness opportunities					81%
	Recreational opportunities	71%	77%	75%	75%	72%
	Availability of affordable quality food	15%	24%	42%	46%	57%
	Availability of affordable quality health care	34%	37%	42%	55%	66%
	Availability of preventive health services					64%
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care					33%
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	21%	33%	38%	45%	37%
	Community support for the arts					40%
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	39%	56%	54%	59%	51%
	K-12 education	79%	76%	80%	86%	82%
	Adult educational opportunities					33%
	Sense of civic/community pride					65%
	Neighborliness of residents		71%	72%	72%	72%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	51%	52%	62%	63%	67%
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals		73%	79%	79%	65%	
Opportunities to volunteer	53%	48%	59%	56%	60%	
Opportunities to participate in community matters	59%	54%	60%	66%	58%	
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diver..		63%	67%	56%	61%	
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the Town of Erie for help or information	52%	53%	48%	45%	50%
	Contacted Erie elected officials to express your opinion		19%	17%	15%	17%
	Attended a local public meeting	24%	25%	22%	25%	25%
	Watched a local public meeting	26%	19%	14%	17%	24%

<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	28%	27%	27%	30%	23%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate		23%	25%	23%	17%
	Voted in your most recent local election	94%				88%
	Used public transportation instead of driving		11%	13%	13%	11%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone		40%	43%	41%	47%
	Walked or biked instead of driving		64%	67%	62%	70%
	<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.</b>	Public information services	69%	66%	75%	72%
Economic development	28%	29%	40%	39%	46%	
Traffic enforcement	65%	70%	67%	71%	64%	
Traffic signal timing	64%	60%	52%	56%	59%	
Street repair	56%	50%	51%	53%	51%	
Street cleaning	65%	62%	66%	65%	71%	
Street lighting	63%	63%	64%	62%	73%	
Snow removal	52%	54%	51%	55%	50%	
Sidewalk maintenance	60%	59%	59%	61%	66%	
Bus or transit services	40%	34%	33%	29%	24%	
Land use, planning and zoning	38%	35%	37%	33%	36%	
Code enforcement	39%	42%	46%	51%	43%	
Affordable high-speed internet access					52%	
Garbage collection	87%	83%	82%	82%	82%	
Drinking water	69%	79%	79%	82%	81%	
Sewer services	85%	84%	83%	85%	87%	
Storm water management	79%	68%	74%	75%	80%	
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	85%	80%	80%	82%	86%	
Utility billing		74%	69%	74%	75%	
Police/Sheriff services	84%	84%	86%	88%	86%	
Crime prevention	79%	83%	83%	83%	82%	
Animal control	56%	61%	63%	65%	80%	

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.</b>	Ambulance or emergency medical services	91%	89%	92%	89%	93%
	Fire services	95%	92%	95%	93%	94%
	Fire prevention and education	77%	80%	83%	82%	75%
	Emergency preparedness	51%	52%	56%	59%	62%
	Preservation of natural areas	57%	55%	51%	54%	63%
	Erie open space					71%
	Recycling	88%	79%	75%	77%	70%
	Yard waste pick-up	52%	52%	46%	47%	43%
	Town parks	86%	84%	85%	86%	83%
	Recreation programs or classes	89%	83%	84%	82%	79%
	Recreation centers or facilities	88%	89%	87%	87%	83%
	Health services	40%	42%	45%	63%	74%
	Public library services	94%	89%	92%	90%	90%
	Overall customer service by Erie employees	88%	77%	82%	83%	84%
<b>Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Erie	57%	51%	53%	48%	49%
	The overall direction that Erie is taking	50%	45%	49%	48%	53%
	The job Erie government does at welcoming resident involvement	48%	52%	58%	57%	59%
	Overall confidence in Erie government		41%	51%	45%	48%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community		46%	52%	50%	58%
	Being honest		51%	58%	53%	56%
	Being open and transparent to the public					55%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community					52%
	Treating all residents fairly		58%	65%	60%	69%
	Treating residents with respect					73%
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	The Town of Erie	76%	74%	79%	81%	75%
	The Federal Government	37%	35%	39%	34%	44%
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming year.</b>	Overall economic health		93%	92%	88%	93%
	Overall quality of the transportation system					74%

<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	86%	86%	84%	90%	
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure				90%	
	Overall feeling of safety	85%	86%	82%	85%	
	Overall quality of natural environment	85%	87%	83%	82%	
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities				81%	
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	63%	63%	60%	65%	
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	68%	69%	62%	64%	
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	78%	79%	72%	62%	
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home				99%	
	Access the internet from your cell phone				96%	
	Visit social media sites				81%	
	Use or check email				99%	
	Share your opinions online				26%	
	Shop online				70%	
	Please rate your overall health.	80%	78%	79%	86%	
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your fa..	30%	39%	42%	43%	40%



## Methods (open participation)

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCST™), the Town of Erie conducted a survey of 3,000 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from May 21, 2021 to July 16, 2021. The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents’ opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the Town of Erie. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all Town residents and became available on July 2, 2021. The survey remained open for two weeks and there were 470 responses.





























The open participation survey data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were statistically weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2010 Census and 2017 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the Town of Erie. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.\* The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the following table.

































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

































		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	11%	22%	22%
	35-54	65%	50%	50%
	55+	24%	28%	28%
Area	Northeast	24%	16%	16%
	Northwest	19%	18%	18%
	Southeast	31%	42%	42%
	Southwest	26%	25%	25%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	92%	92%	90%
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispana..	8%	8%	10%
Housing tenure	Own	97%	87%	87%
	Rent	3%	13%	13%
Housing type	Attached	3%	9%	9%
	Detached	97%	91%	91%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	17%	16%	17%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	83%	84%	83%
Sex	Female	63%	51%	51%
	Male	37%	49%	49%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	8%	12%	12%
	Female 35-54	41%	24%	24%
	Female 55+	14%	15%	15%
	Male 18-34	3%	10%	10%
	Male 35-54	25%	26%	26%
	Male 55+	9%	13%	13%

## Open participation survey results





























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

In which area of Erie do you live? (Refer to map above.)	1 = Northeast (blue)		15%	
	2 = Northwest (pink)		18%	
	3 = Southeast (green)		41%	
	4 = Southwest (orange)		25%	
	Unsure/I don't live in Erie		1%	
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Erie.</b>	Erie as a place to live	Excellent		40%
		Good		52%
		Fair		7%
		Poor		1%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		47%	
	Good		44%	
	Fair		8%	
	Poor		1%	
Erie as a place to raise children	Excellent		49%	
	Good		45%	
	Fair		4%	
	Poor		1%	
Erie as a place to work	Excellent		10%	
	Good		25%	
	Fair		33%	
	Poor		33%	
Erie as a place to visit	Excellent		6%	
	Good		36%	
	Fair		47%	
	Poor		12%	
Erie as a place to retire	Excellent		18%	
	Good		37%	
	Fair		30%	

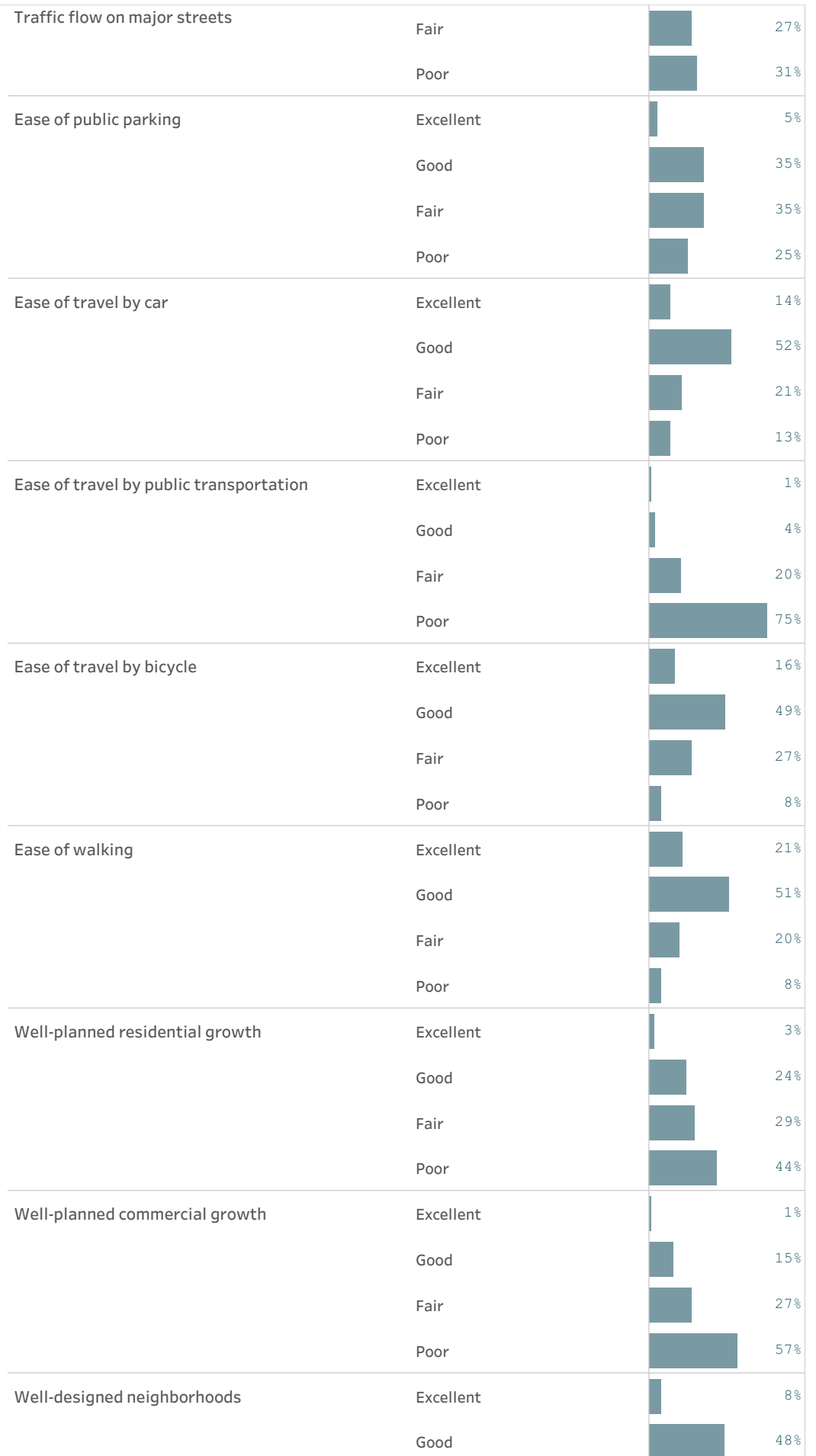
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Erie.</b>	Erie as a place to retire	Poor		15%
	The overall quality of life	Excellent		32%
		Good		52%
		Fair		14%
		Poor		2%
Sense of community	Excellent		21%	
	Good		49%	
	Fair		26%	
	Poor		4%	
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Excellent		11%
		Good		49%
		Fair		27%
		Poor		12%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		4%
		Good		33%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		26%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		4%
		Good		39%
		Fair		37%
		Poor		21%
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		9%	
	Good		50%	
	Fair		26%	
	Poor		15%	
Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		36%	
	Good		53%	
	Fair		11%	
	Poor		1%	
Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		17%	
	Good		52%	
	Fair		26%	

<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Erie as a whole.</b>	Overall quality of natural environment	Poor		4%	
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		28%	
		Good		49%	
		Fair		21%	
		Poor		2%	
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		20%	
		Good		54%	
		Fair		23%	
		Poor		3%	
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		6%	
		Good		36%	
		Fair		39%	
		Poor		19%	
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		12%	
		Good		48%	
		Fair		32%	
		Poor		7%	
	<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Erie to someone who asks	Very likely		45%
			Somewhat likely		37%
			Somewhat unlikely		11%
Very unlikely				7%	
Remain in Erie for the next five years		Very likely		62%	
		Somewhat likely		26%	
		Somewhat unlikely		7%	
		Very unlikely		5%	
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		86%	
		Somewhat safe		11%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		2%	
		Somewhat unsafe		1%	
		Very unsafe		0%	
	In Erie's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		81%	
		Somewhat safe		14%	




























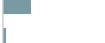



<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In Erie's downtown/commercial area during the day	Neither safe nor unsafe		4%
		Somewhat unsafe		1%
		Very unsafe		0%
	From property crime	Very safe		29%
		Somewhat safe		43%
		Neither safe nor unsafe		15%
		Somewhat unsafe		12%
		Very unsafe		2%
	From violent crime	Very safe		67%
		Somewhat safe		26%
		Neither safe nor unsafe		6%
		Somewhat unsafe		1%
		Very unsafe		0%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		46%
		Somewhat safe		42%
Neither safe nor unsafe			9%	
Somewhat unsafe			2%	
Very unsafe			1%	
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Erie community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		20%
		Good		51%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		7%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		9%
		Good		33%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		25%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		16%
		Good		39%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		12%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		8%
		Good		38%

<b>Please rate the job you feel the Erie community does at each of the following.</b>	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Fair		37%
		Poor		17%
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		15%
		Good		39%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		12%
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		2%
		Good		19%
		Fair		48%
		Poor		31%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		7%
		Good		36%
		Fair		43%
		Poor		14%
Employment opportunities	Excellent		1%	
	Good		8%	
	Fair		37%	
	Poor		53%	
Shopping opportunities	Excellent		0%	
	Good		9%	
	Fair		38%	
	Poor		53%	
Cost of living	Excellent		1%	
	Good		20%	
	Fair		50%	
	Poor		29%	
Overall image or reputation	Excellent		13%	
	Good		56%	
	Fair		25%	
	Poor		6%	
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		7%
		Good		35%

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

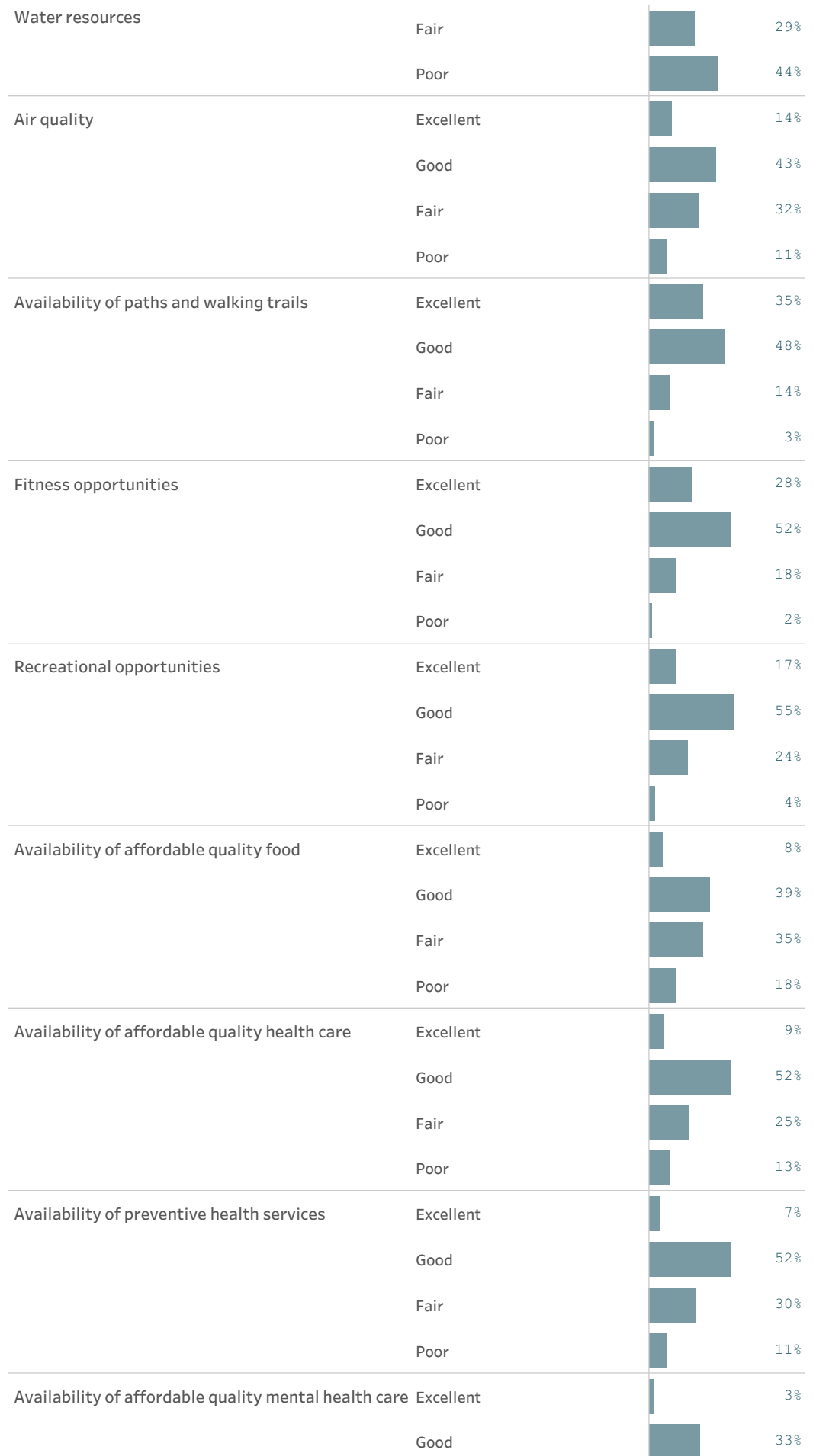


Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.

Well-designed neighborhoods	Fair		34%
	Poor		10%
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent		5%
	Good		46%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		14%
Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent		10%
	Good		42%
	Fair		37%
	Poor		12%
Variety of housing options	Excellent		4%
	Good		22%
	Fair		41%
	Poor		33%
Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		4%
	Good		10%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		57%
Overall quality of new development	Excellent		6%
	Good		37%
	Fair		42%
	Poor		15%
Overall appearance	Excellent		17%
	Good		54%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		5%
Cleanliness	Excellent		32%
	Good		53%
	Fair		14%
	Poor		1%
Water resources	Excellent		2%
	Good		24%
































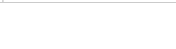


































Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.



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Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Fair		27%
	Poor		37%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		5%
	Good		31%
	Fair		44%
	Poor		20%
Community support for the arts	Excellent		3%
	Good		29%
	Fair		47%
	Poor		20%
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		9%
	Good		29%
	Fair		39%
	Poor		23%
K-12 education	Excellent		29%
	Good		58%
	Fair		11%
	Poor		2%
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		3%
	Good		24%
	Fair		37%
	Poor		36%
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		11%
	Good		51%
	Fair		31%
	Poor		6%
Neighborliness of residents	Excellent		21%
	Good		52%
	Fair		22%
	Poor		4%
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		13%
	Good		54%

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Erie community.</b>	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Fair		29%
		Poor		5%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		15%
		Good		50%
		Fair		31%
		Poor		4%
	Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		7%
		Good		47%
		Fair		37%
		Poor		9%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		12%
		Good		39%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		16%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		10%
		Good		43%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		14%
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the Town of Erie for help or information	No		44%
		Yes		56%
	Contacted Erie elected officials to express your opinion	No		72%
		Yes		28%
	Attended a local public meeting	No		65%
		Yes		35%
	Watched a local public meeting	No		61%
		Yes		39%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		64%
		Yes		36%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		74%
		Yes		26%
	Voted in your most recent local election	No		9%
		Yes		91%

<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Used public transportation instead of driving	No		90%
		Yes		10%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		50%
		Yes		50%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No		27%
Yes			73%	
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.</b>	Public information services	Excellent		10%
		Good		46%
		Fair		32%
		Poor		13%
	Economic development	Excellent		4%
		Good		33%
		Fair		39%
		Poor		23%
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent		12%
		Good		53%
		Fair		21%
		Poor		15%
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent		6%
		Good		45%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		19%
	Street repair	Excellent		2%
		Good		38%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		24%
Street cleaning	Excellent		9%	
	Good		54%	
	Fair		26%	
	Poor		11%	
Street lighting	Excellent		14%	
	Good		56%	

































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

































Street lighting	Fair		21%
	Poor		9%
Snow removal	Excellent		7%
	Good		37%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		26%
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		10%
	Good		42%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		14%
Bus or transit services	Excellent		3%
	Good		8%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		66%
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		3%
	Good		19%
	Fair		39%
	Poor		38%
Code enforcement	Excellent		7%
	Good		30%
	Fair		38%
	Poor		24%
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		12%
	Good		27%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		32%
Garbage collection	Excellent		22%
	Good		57%
	Fair		16%
	Poor		5%
Drinking water	Excellent		27%
	Good		55%

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

































Drinking water	Fair		15%
	Poor		2%
Sewer services	Excellent		22%
	Good		64%
	Fair		13%
	Poor		1%
Storm water management	Excellent		17%
	Good		62%
	Fair		17%
	Poor		4%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		18%
	Good		62%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		2%
Utility billing	Excellent		16%
	Good		48%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		7%
Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		33%
	Good		53%
	Fair		12%
	Poor		3%
Crime prevention	Excellent		19%
	Good		57%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		5%
Animal control	Excellent		19%
	Good		54%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		7%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		31%
	Good		53%

































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

Ambulance or emergency medical services	Fair		14%
	Poor		2%
Fire services	Excellent		38%
	Good		57%
	Fair		5%
	Poor		0%
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		27%
	Good		48%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		5%
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		12%
	Good		43%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		20%
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		11%
	Good		41%
	Fair		31%
	Poor		18%
Erie open space	Excellent		15%
	Good		43%
	Fair		32%
	Poor		10%
Recycling	Excellent		15%
	Good		38%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		18%
Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		7%
	Good		27%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		41%
Town parks	Excellent		26%
	Good		52%

































<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Erie.</b>	Town parks	Fair		20%
		Poor		2%
	Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		26%
		Good		52%
		Fair		17%
		Poor		5%
	Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		30%
		Good		50%
Fair			17%	
Poor			3%	
Health services	Excellent		13%	
	Good		53%	
	Fair		27%	
	Poor		8%	
Public library services	Excellent		51%	
	Good		42%	
	Fair		7%	
	Poor		0%	
Overall customer service by Erie employees	Excellent		27%	
	Good		57%	
	Fair		14%	
	Poor		3%	
<b>Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Erie	Excellent		5%
		Good		36%
		Fair		37%
		Poor		22%
	The overall direction that Erie is taking	Excellent		10%
		Good		31%
		Fair		32%
		Poor		27%
	The job Erie government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		12%
		Good		36%



<b>Please rate the following categories of Erie government performance.</b>	The job Erie government does at welcoming resident involvement	Fair		28%
		Poor		24%
	Overall confidence in Erie government	Excellent		8%
		Good		30%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		26%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		9%
		Good		36%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		25%
	Being honest	Excellent		9%
		Good		37%
		Fair		32%
		Poor		23%
	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		9%
		Good		35%
		Fair		29%
		Poor		26%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		11%
		Good		31%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		26%
	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		14%
		Good		40%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		20%
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent		17%
		Good		44%
		Fair		29%
		Poor		10%
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	The Town of Erie	Excellent		11%
		Good		56%































<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	The Town of Erie	Fair		26%
		Poor		7%
	The Federal Government	Excellent		3%
		Good		36%
		Fair		39%
		Poor		22%
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Essential		57%
		Very important		36%
		Somewhat important		6%
		Not at all important		1%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		28%
		Very important		43%
		Somewhat important		28%
		Not at all important		2%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		52%
		Very important		41%
		Somewhat important		7%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		55%
Very important			36%	
Somewhat important			9%	
Not at all important			0%	
Overall feeling of safety	Essential		45%	
	Very important		41%	
	Somewhat important		13%	
	Not at all important		1%	
Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		36%	
	Very important		44%	
	Somewhat important		17%	
	Not at all important		3%	
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		22%	
	Very important		56%	
	Somewhat important		21%	

































<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Erie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Not at all important		1%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		14%
		Very important		44%
		Somewhat important		38%
		Not at all important		4%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		15%
		Very important		45%
		Somewhat important		35%
		Not at all important		6%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		17%
		Very important		49%
		Somewhat important		32%
		Not at all important		3%
<b>Please rate the Erie community on each of the following:</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		12%
		Good		49%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		9%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		8%
		Good		27%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		29%
	Valuing residents with diverse backgrounds and perspectives	Excellent		10%
		Good		40%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		18%
	Demonstrating respect for residents of different cultures and belief systems	Excellent		8%
Good			45%	
Fair			31%	
Poor			15%	
Treating all residents equitably	Excellent		11%	
	Good		42%	
	Fair		32%	

<b>Please rate the Erie community on each of the following:</b>	Treating all residents equitably	Poor		15%
	Providing a safe and secure environment for all residents	Excellent		23%
		Good		50%
		Fair		21%
		Poor		5%
	Providing equal employment opportunities for all residents	Excellent		14%
		Good		35%
		Fair		31%
		Poor		20%
	Providing equal access to housing for all residents	Excellent		10%
		Good		26%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		38%
	Making all residents feel welcome in business establishments	Excellent		19%
		Good		49%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		8%
	Providing a safe space for residents to have differences in opinions	Excellent		8%
		Good		36%
		Fair		35%
Poor			21%	
How familiar, if at all, would you say you are with the Erie Unified Development Code (UDC)?	Very familiar		8%	
	Somewhat familiar		27%	
	Not familiar		65%	
<b>How much of a priority, if at all, do you think each of the following topics should be for the Town to focus on when updating the UDC?</b>	Building development and design standards	High priority		50%
		Medium priority		43%
		Not a priority		6%
	Parks and open space priorities	High priority		60%
		Medium priority		35%
		Not a priority		5%
	Consistency and standards for signage	High priority		16%
		Medium priority		52%

































<b>How much of a priority, if at all, do you think each of the following topics should be for the Town to focus on when updating the UDC?</b>	Consistency and standards for signage	Not a priority		32%
	The review process for building permits	High priority		43%
		Medium priority		46%
		Not a priority		10%
	Strategic planning for transportation, transit, and the movement of people around and through town	High priority		74%
		Medium priority		23%
		Not a priority		3%
	How familiar, if at all, would you say you are with what a Home Rule Charter is for a city or town?	Very familiar		15%
		Somewhat familiar		37%
Not familiar			48%	
Home Rule is a form of government based on a charter written by residents and is based on the idea that the residents in the community know best how to solve local issues. The Town of Erie is currently a statutory town, meaning its charter is based only on what is allowed by state statute. The Town of Erie is considering adopting a Home Rule ..	The Town of Erie should continue functioning as a statu..		18%	
	Town residents should elect a Home Rule Charter Commission..		37%	
	I don't have a preference.		9%	
	I don't know/I need more information to make a decision.		36%	
What type of internet service do you purchase, if any? (Select all that apply.)	DSL		21%	
	High-speed cable		77%	
	Satellite		2%	
	Fixed-antennae wireless		2%	
	Mobile wireless (e.g. smartphone, mobile hotspot)		30%	
	None		0%	
If you do not currently have internet service, have you attempted, in the past, to acquire service at this address but were unable to locate a providing company?	Yes		0%	
	No		4%	
	N/A – I currently have internet service		95%	
<b>Please indicate your level of support for the Town pursuing each of the following potential projects or initiatives:</b>	Town of Erie Environmental Center with education center, recycling and other sustainability-related features	Strongly support		43%
		Somewhat support		34%
		Somewhath oppose		16%
		Strongly oppose		7%
	Town outdoor swimming pool	Strongly support		51%
		Somewhat support		33%
		Somewhath oppose		12%
		Strongly oppose		5%
	Town indoor, all-seasons multi-sport facility	Strongly support		41%

































Please indicate your level of support for the Town pursuing each of the following potential projects or initiatives:	Project/Initiative	Support Level	
		Level	Percentage
Town indoor, all-seasons multi-sport facility		Somewhat support	45%
		Somewhath oppose	10%
		Strongly oppose	4%
Town bicycling parks and events		Strongly support	34%
		Somewhat support	50%
		Somewhath oppose	14%
		Strongly oppose	2%
Adding more public art in the Town of Erie		Strongly support	36%
		Somewhat support	45%
		Somewhath oppose	14%
		Strongly oppose	5%
Investigating routes and regulations for allowing golf carts as a means of transport within Town limits		Strongly support	19%
		Somewhat support	30%
		Somewhath oppose	24%
		Strongly oppose	27%
A Town-sponsored annual fireworks display on July 3 or 4		Strongly support	61%
		Somewhat support	31%
		Somewhath oppose	4%
		Strongly oppose	5%
A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into BOULDER County		Strongly support	37%
		Somewhat support	14%
		Somewhath oppose	7%
		Strongly oppose	42%
A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into WELD County		Strongly support	29%
		Somewhat support	12%
		Somewhath oppose	11%
		Strongly oppose	48%
A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into BROOMFIELD County		Strongly support	5%
		Somewhat support	14%
		Somewhath oppose	18%
		Strongly oppose	63%
A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into ITS OWN county		Strongly support	7%

<b>Please indicate your level of support for the Town pursuing each of the following potential projects or initiatives:</b>	A County unification strategy to incorporate the entire town into ITS OWN county	Somewhat support		15%
		Somewhath oppose		17%
		Strongly oppose		61%
	To what extent would you support or oppose ending Erie's current moratorium on retail marijuana businesses and instead establish strict zoning guidelines and regulations to permit Recreational and Medicinal Cannabis retail stores in specified locations within the Town of Erie?	Strongly support		36%
		Somewhat support		26%
		Somewhat oppose		9%
		Strongly oppose		30%
	If Cannabis retail stores were permitted within the Town of Erie, to what extent would you support or oppose the adoption of an additional local excise tax on the sale of cannabis products similar to those taxes currently imposed in neighboring communities? (e.g., Boulder, Lafayette, Louisville 5% excise tax, Longmont 3% excise tax).	Strongly support		70%
		Somewhat support		16%
		Somewhat oppose		3%
		Strongly oppose		11%
<b>If the Town coordinated with haulers and/or directly offered each of the following services, how likely or unlikely would you be to participate in each?</b>	Garbage collection	Very likely		51%
		Somewhat likely		28%
		Somewhat unlikely		5%
		Very unlikely		16%
	Curbside composting	Very likely		40%
		Somewhat likely		29%
		Somewhat unlikely		10%
		Very unlikely		22%
	Curbside single-stream recycling	Very likely		58%
		Somewhat likely		24%
		Somewhat unlikely		2%
		Very unlikely		15%
How important, if at all, do you think it is for the Town of Erie to focus on the overall sustainability goals outlined in the Sustainability Master Plan in the next two years?	Essential		37%	
	Very important		34%	
	Somewhat important		16%	
	Not at all important		13%	
Which of the following sustainability-related activities, if any, do you and your household regularly participate in? (Please mark all that apply.)	Water conservation (e.g., low-flow water fixtures, water ..		76%	
	Waste reduction via composting/recycling		82%	
	Energy/gas efficiency upgrades and conservation		68%	
	Solar energy to power your home		31%	
	Sustainable transportation (e.g. carpooling, driving an electric v..		40%	

	regularly participate in? (Please mark all that apply.)	Indoor air quality improvement measures (e.g., indoor air plant..		54%
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day		91%
		Once a day		4%
		A few times a week		3%
		Every few weeks		1%
		Less often or never		1%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day		93%
		Once a day		3%
		A few times a week		3%
		Every few weeks		0%
		Less often or never		0%
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day		68%
		Once a day		14%
		A few times a week		9%
		Every few weeks		3%
		Less often or never		6%
	Use or check email	Several times a day		92%
		Once a day		6%
		A few times a week		2%
	Share your opinions online	Several times a day		8%
		Once a day		9%
A few times a week			18%	
Every few weeks			20%	
Less often or never			45%	
Shop online	Several times a day		17%	
	Once a day		11%	
	A few times a week		45%	
	Every few weeks		25%	
	Less often or never		2%	
Please rate your overall health.	Excellent		31%	
	Very good		47%	
	Good		19%	



	Please rate your overall health.	Fair		3%
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Very positive		13%
		Somewhat positive		32%
		Neutral		35%
		Somewhat negative		16%
		Very negative		3%
	How many years have you lived in Erie?	Less than 2 years		18%
		2-5 years		33%
		6-10 years		16%
		11-20 years		26%
		More than 20 years		8%
	Which best describes the building you live in?	One family house detached from any other houses		91%
		Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..		9%
	Do you rent or own your home?	Rent		13%
		Own		87%
<b>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)?</b>	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%
		\$500 to \$999		4%
		\$1,000 to \$1,499		6%
		\$1,500 to \$1,999		17%
		\$2,000 to \$2,499		27%
		\$2,500 to \$2,999		26%
		\$3,000 to \$3,499		10%
		\$3,500 or more		8%
	Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No		40%
		Yes		60%
	Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No		81%
		Yes		19%
	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		0%
		\$25,000 to \$49,999		4%
		\$50,000 to \$74,999		10%
		\$75,000 to \$99,999		17%
		\$100,000 to \$149,999		25%

	(Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	\$150,000 or more		45%
<b>Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?</b>	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		3%
		Black or African American		0%
		White		93%
		Other		5%
	In which category is your age?	18-24 years		1%
		25-34 years		22%
		35-44 years		22%
		45-54 years		28%
		55-64 years		14%
		65-74 years		12%
		75 years or older		1%
	What is your gender?	Female		51%
		Male		49%
		Identify in another way		0%
	How did you hear about this survey? (Select all that apply.)	The Town's website		9%
		The Town's social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,...		33%
		Received an email from the Town		35%
		In a Town newsletter or utility bill		7%
		Received a postcard or letter from the Town		2%
		Nextdoor		5%
		In my Facebook feed		29%
		Saw it on a video of a public meeting or at a meeting I atten..		1%
		Saw it on the Town's cable channel		0%
		Saw it in a newspaper article or ad (hard copy or online)		0%
		Heard about it from a family member, friend or neighborhood		10%
		Heard about it from a business or social organization in my co..		2%
		Polco's weekly email		0%
Other		1%		