

Hutchinson, MN

The National Community Survey

Report of Results
2023

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About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Hutchinson. 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 761 residents of the City of Hutchinson collected from July 14, 2023 to August 25. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 4% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2023 survey was 26%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Hutchinson.

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

The survey was administered after 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 or during the pandemic. This may impact how your City’s 2023 ratings compare to other communities’ ratings from the past five years.



Trends over time

Trend data for Hutchinson 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 six percentage points between the 2019 and 2023 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

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

Methods

Selecting survey recipients

All households within the City of Hutchinson were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Hutchinson was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Hutchinson households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file. Addresses located outside of the City of Hutchinson boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. 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 July 14, 2023 and the survey remained open for six weeks. The first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. The third mailing was a postcard reminding the household to participate in the survey. 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 and Spanish. All mailings contained paragraphs in both languages instructing participants on how to complete the survey in their preferred language.

About 4% of the 3,000 mailed invitations or surveys were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 2,885 households that received the invitations to participate, 761 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 26%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR’s response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.*

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents’ opinions are relied on to estimate all residents’ opinions. The margin of error for the City of Hutchinson survey is no greater than plus or minus four percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (761 completed surveys).

In addition to the randomly selected “probability sample” of households, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the City of Hutchinson. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a question asking if the respondent lives in the city, and a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on August 11, 2023. 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 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Hutchinson. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, and housing tenure. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.* The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

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

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	7%	28%	28%
	35-54	22%	31%	31%
	55+	71%	41%	41%
Hispanic origin	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish ..	99%	99%	97%
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, La..	1%	1%	3%
Housing tenure	Own	80%	68%	68%
	Rent	20%	32%	32%
Housing type	Attached	34%	44%	44%
	Detached	66%	56%	56%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	4%	6%	5%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	96%	94%	95%
Sex	Man	41%	47%	47%
	Woman	59%	53%	53%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	3%	13%	13%
	Man 35-54	8%	16%	16%
	Man 55+	29%	18%	18%
	Woman 18-34	4%	15%	15%
	Woman 35-54	13%	15%	15%
	Woman 55+	42%	23%	23%

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.

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 the reports. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Contact

The City of Hutchinson funded this research. Please contact Matt Jaunich of the City of Hutchinson at MJaunich@hutchinsonmn.gov if you have any questions about the survey.

Study Limitations

All public opinion research is subject to unmeasured error. While the methodologies employed for this survey were designed to minimize this error as much as possible, these other sources of potential error should be acknowledged, and can include non-response error, coverage error, recall bias and social desirability bias. Non-response error arises when those who were selected to participate in the survey did not do so, and may have different opinions or experiences that survey responders. For general resident surveys, where the results are meant to be generalized to the entire adult population living in households, the mailing lists based on the Delivery Sequence File from the United States Post Office may exclude certain types of housing units, such as those in multi-family buildings where mail is addressed to a named resident at the address rather than to a specific unit or where residents only receive their mail at a post office box and the geographic location of a residence cannot be determined, there may be a coverage error, although for most locations, this is minimal. Respondents may not perfectly remember their experiences in the past year (such as participation in social or civic events), and for some survey items they may answer in ways they think cast their responses in a more favorable light (recall bias and social desirability bias).

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://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/>

* Pasek, J. (2010). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>

* Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey

Key Findings

While the economy remains a top priority for residents, perceptions of local businesses are on the rise.

As in 2019, the overall economic health of Hutchinson remained among the highest priorities for residents, and 7 in 10 residents continued to rate the local economy as excellent or good. Some individual areas of the economy saw strong gains since 2019 survey results: in particular, ratings for the overall quality of business and service establishments increased by almost 20% (from 56% to 74% excellent or good). Shopping opportunities trended upward by 13%, and the vibrancy of the downtown/commercial area increased by 10%, both receiving favorable marks from about half of survey respondents. All other survey items pertaining to the local economy held steady with previous results. Three-quarters of residents praised Hutchinson as a place to work, while roughly 6 in 10 positively rated Hutchinson as a place to visit and the city's employment opportunities. All items within this facet were on par with benchmark comparison communities across the nation.

Residents highlight the city's overall design and ease of mobility as a community strength.

About 7 in 10 survey participants favorably reviewed the overall design or layout of Hutchinson's residential and commercial areas, holding steady with 2019 results and peer comparison communities. The city also received high marks for its well-designed neighborhoods (68% excellent or good) and public places where people want to spend time (71%). With regard to navigating throughout the city, a higher-than-average proportion of residents applauded the availability of paths and walking trails (88%), the ease of walking (84%) and the ease of travel by bicycle (78%) in Hutchinson. About 8 in 10 residents also provided positive assessments for the ease of travel by car, and 7 in 10 highly rated the ease of public parking. While most items pertaining to mobility in Hutchinson remained stable with prior survey results, notable increases were seen for both street repair (from 26% in 2019 to 43% in 2023) and street cleaning (58% to 68%).

As the city continues to grow, most residents agreed that its growth is being well managed. Three-quarters were pleased with the preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community, scoring higher than the benchmark comparisons. At least two-thirds of residents offered excellent or good ratings to well-planned residential growth, and 60% did the same for well-planned commercial growth, both exceeding national averages. In addition, the overall quality of new development garnered positive reviews from 6 in 10, in line with comparison communities.

Hutchinson residents appreciate the city's natural environment and offer insight into their own sustainability practices.

The overall quality of the natural environment in Hutchinson was rated positively by 84% of respondents. The city received high marks for cleanliness (85% positive), yard waste pick-up services (83% excellent or good, higher than benchmark comparisons), recycling services (78%), and air quality (77%). Around three-quarters of residents also favorably rated the preservation of natural areas as well as Hutchinson open space, both of which saw noticeable upward trends from 2019 survey results.

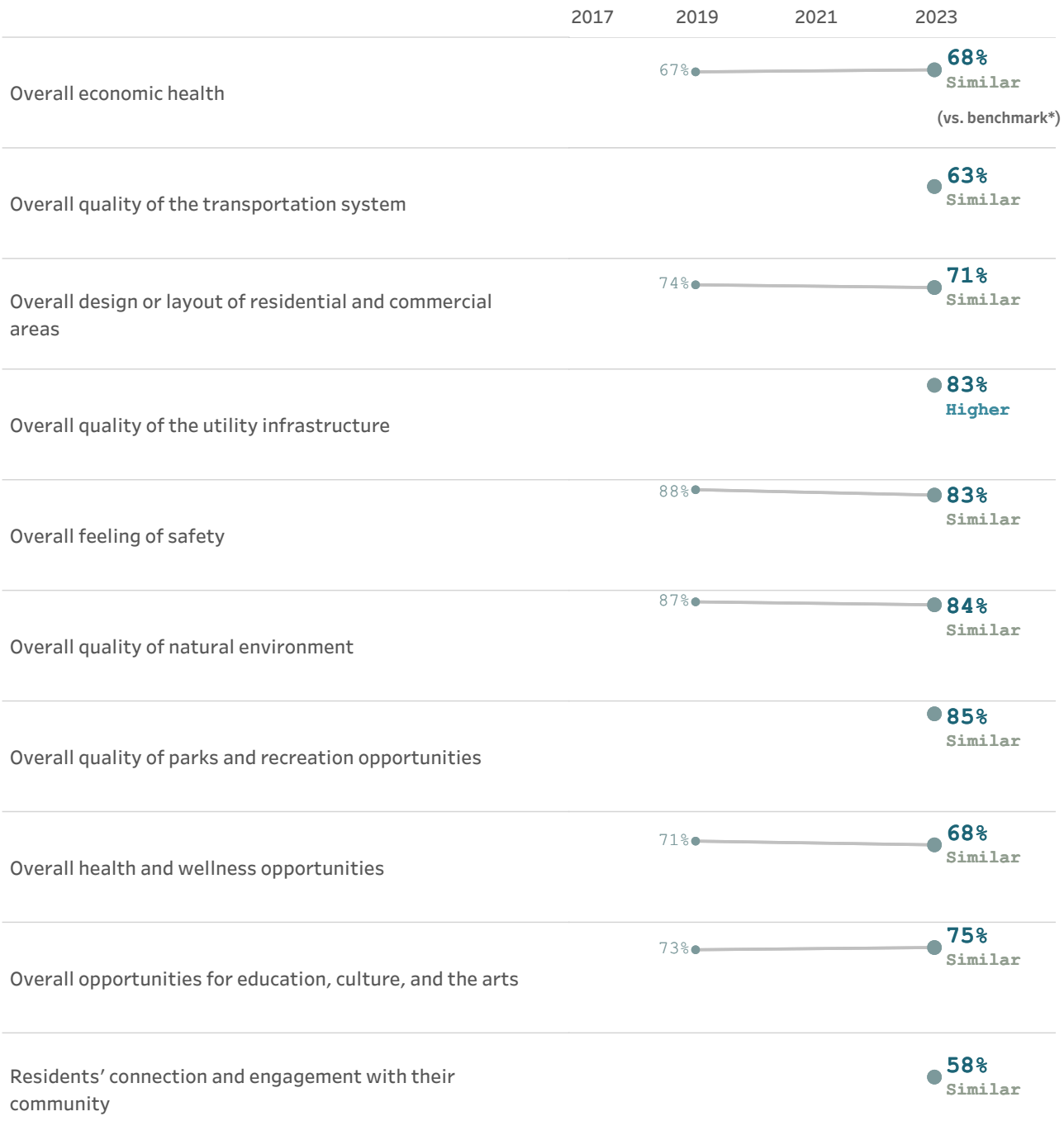
A custom question included in the survey sought to evaluate how frequently Hutchinson residents perform certain actions related to sustainability. Virtually all residents (97%) indicated that they often or almost always turn off lights and appliances when not in use, and 93% reported similarly frequent usage of recycling collection services. At least 8 in 10 said they regularly set the thermostat lower in the winter and higher in the summer, while 7 in 10 often or almost always utilize source separated compost collection services.

Facets of livability

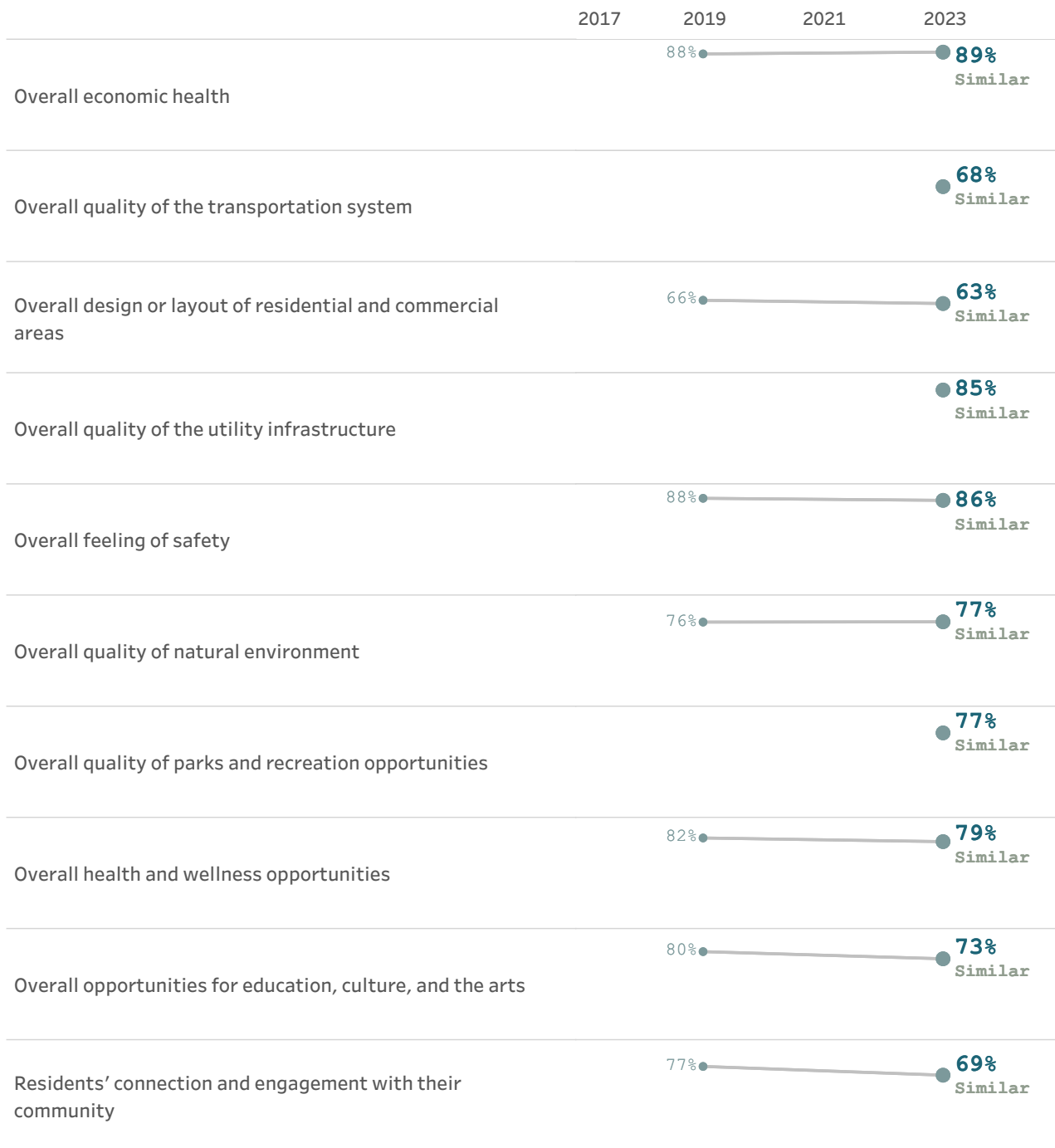
Resident perceptions of quality and importance for each of the facets of community livability provide an overview of community strengths and challenges that are useful for planning, budgeting and performance evaluation.

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 Hutchinson as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



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



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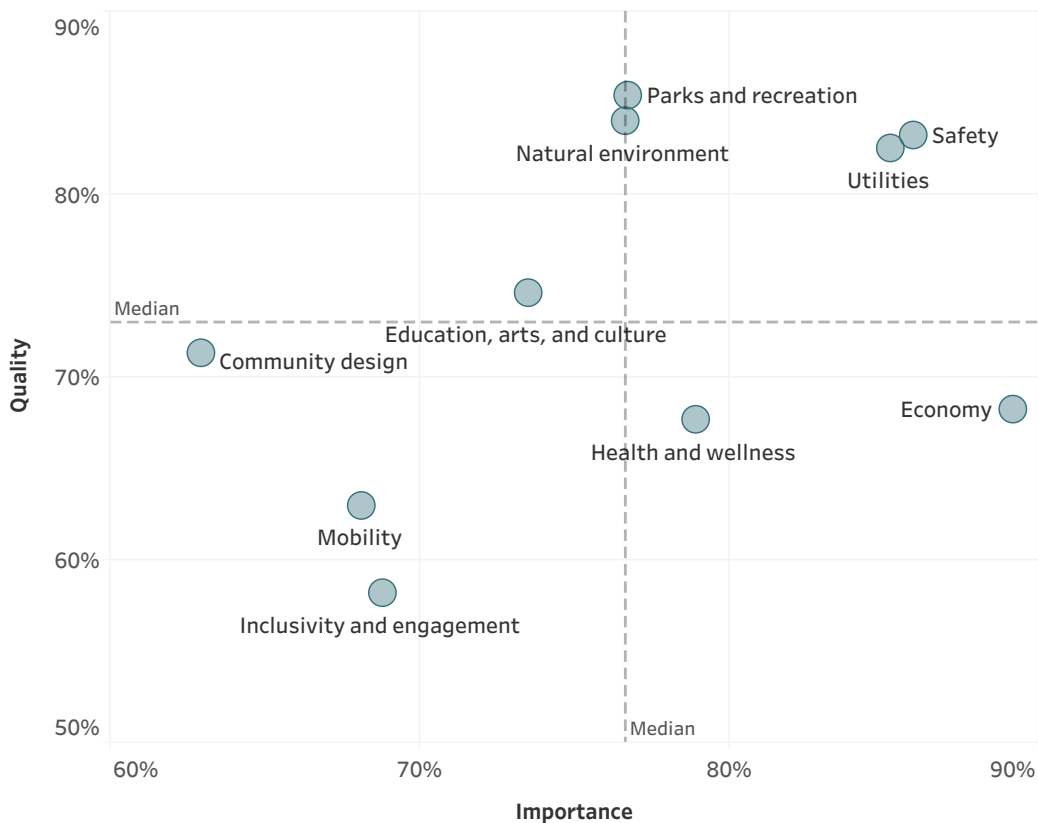
Balancing performance and importance

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

To help guide 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 73% or more of respondents were considered of “higher quality” and those with ratings lower than 73% were considered to be of “lower quality.” Services were classified as “more important” if they were rated as essential or very important by 77% or more of respondents. Services were rated as “less important” if they received a rating of less than 77%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

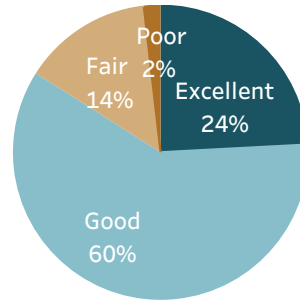
The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings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



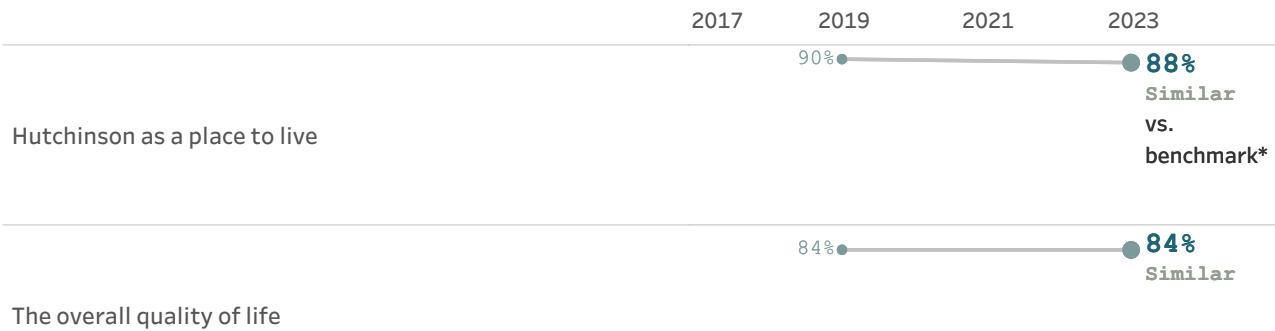
Quality of life

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

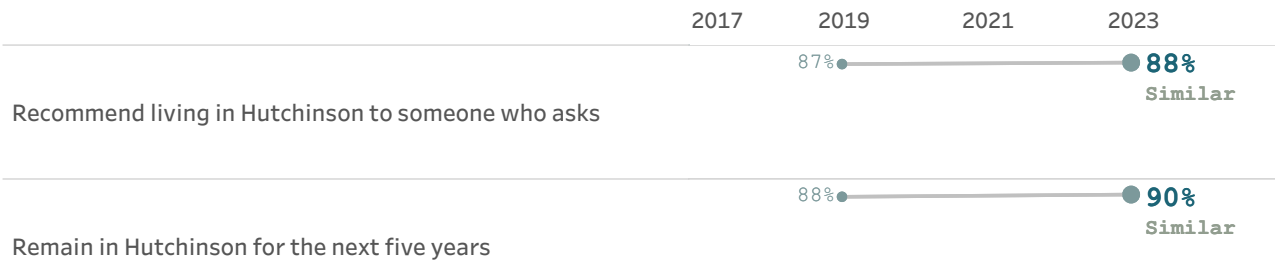
The overall quality of life in Hutchinson, 2023



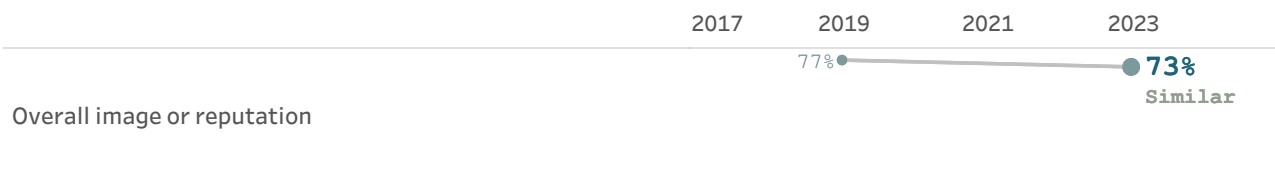
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hutchinson.
(% excellent or good)



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 Hutchinson community.
(% excellent or good)

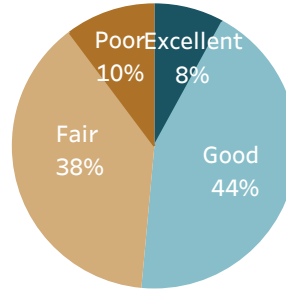


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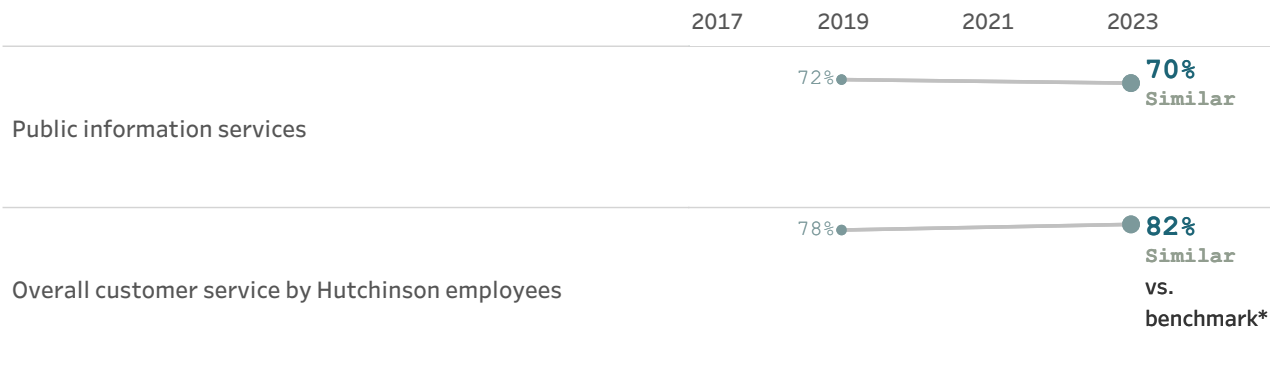
Governance

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.

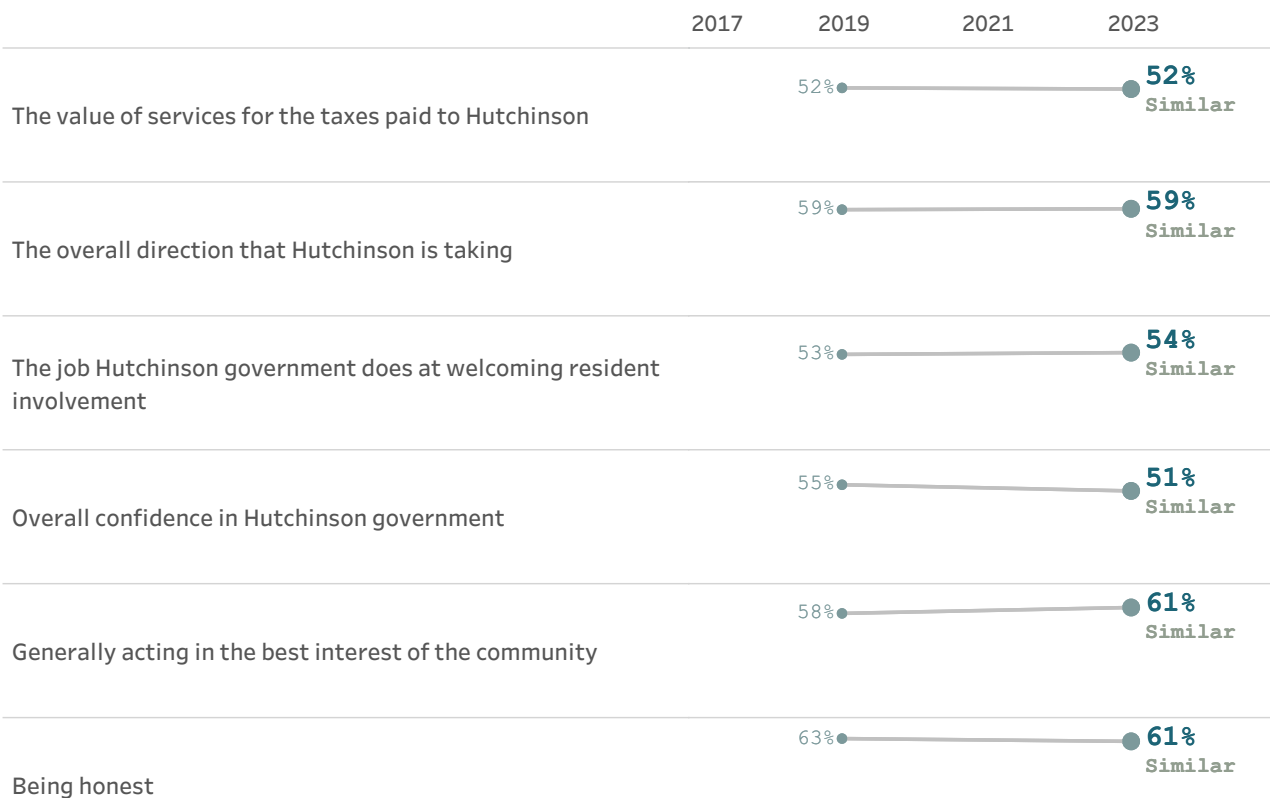
Overall confidence in Hutchinson government, 2023

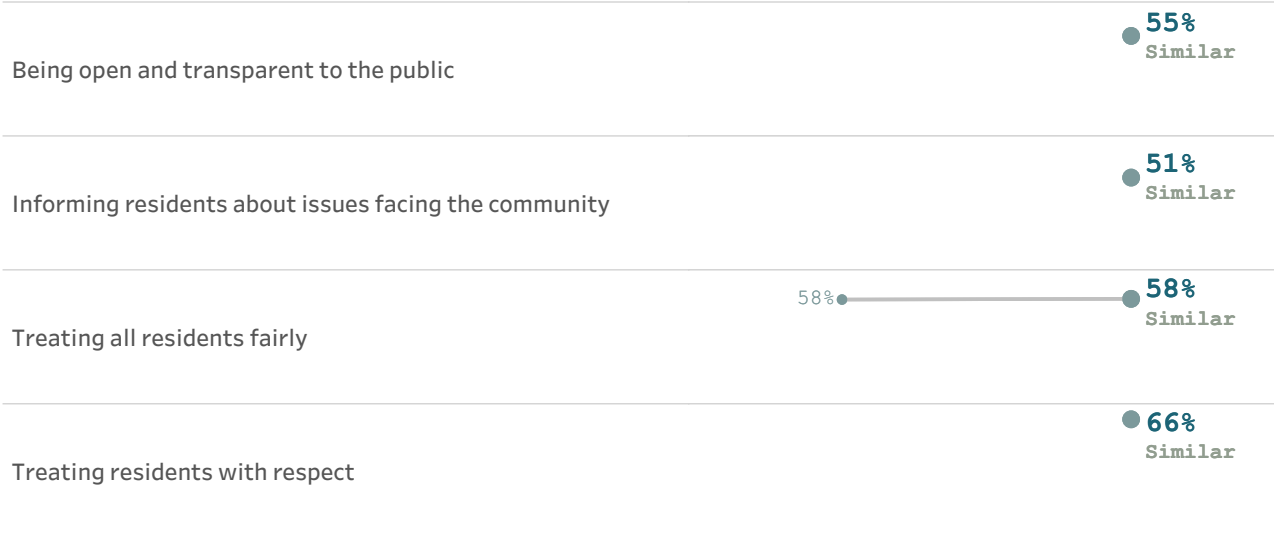


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.
(% excellent or good)

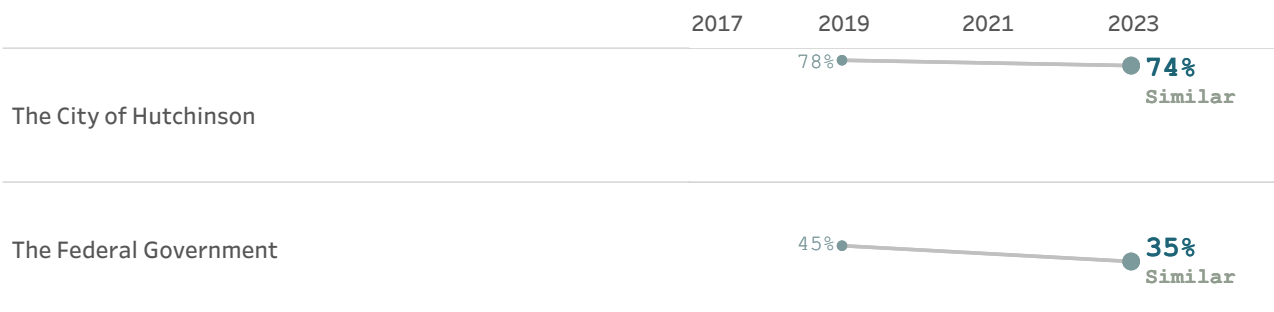


Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.
(% excellent or good)





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

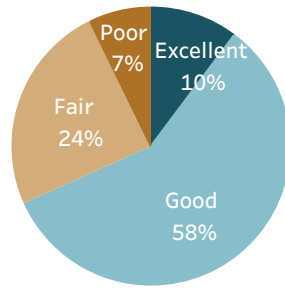


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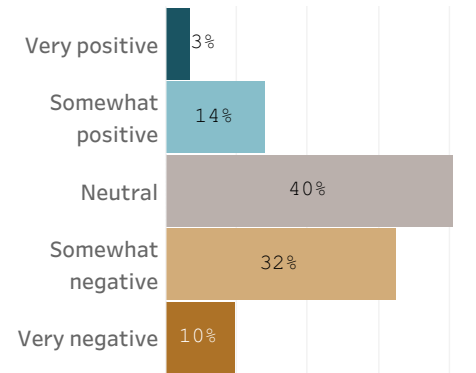
Economy

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

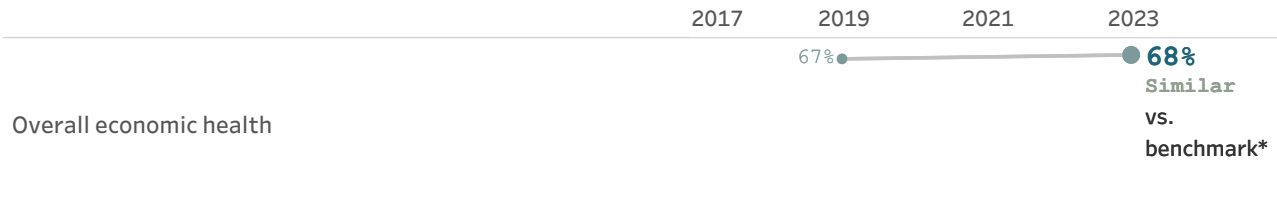
Overall economic health of Hutchinson, 2023



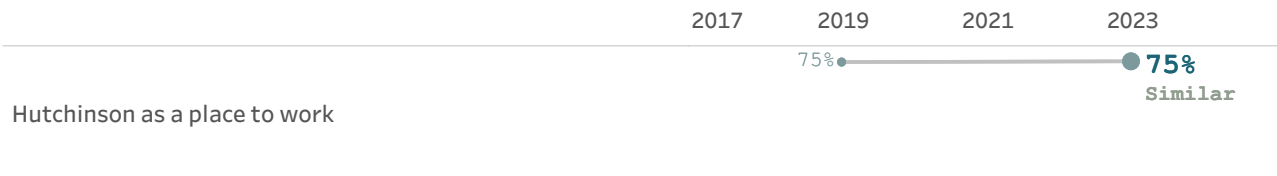
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:



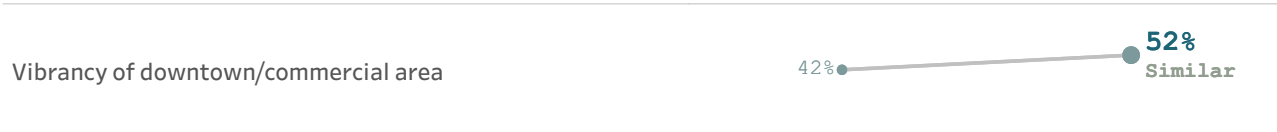
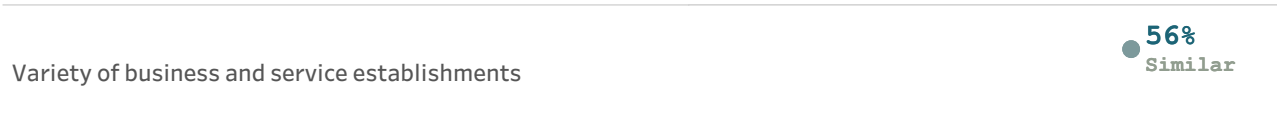
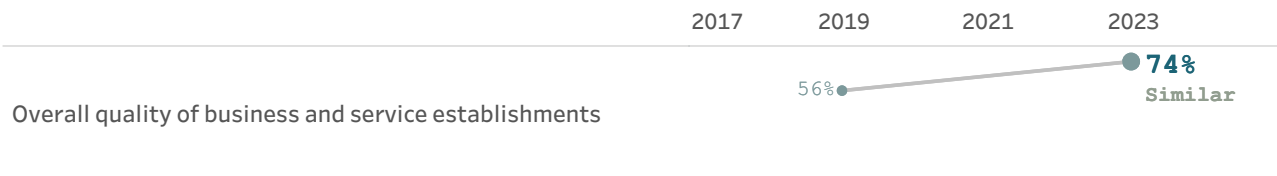
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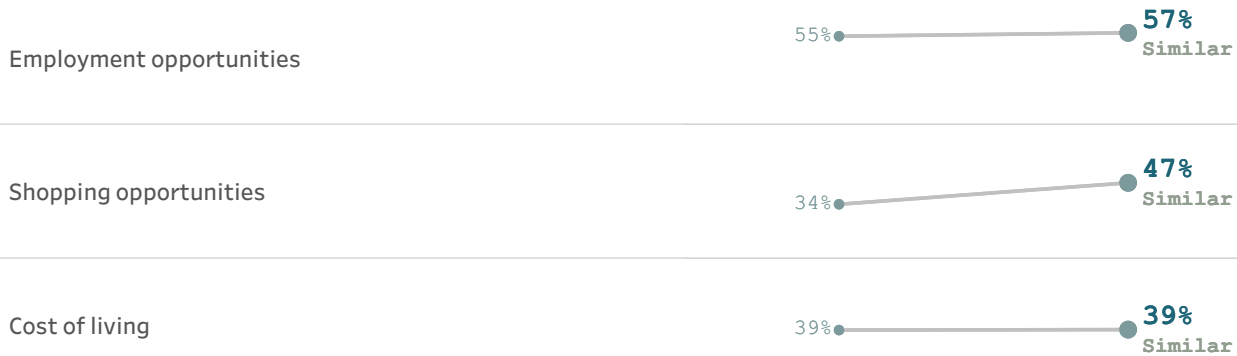


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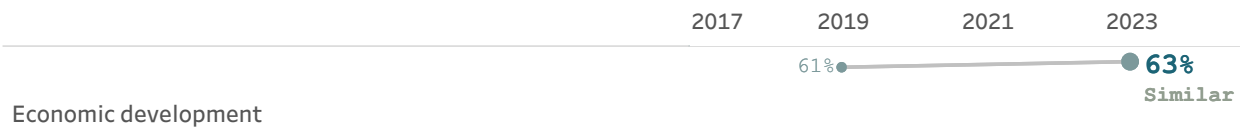


Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community. (% excellent or good)

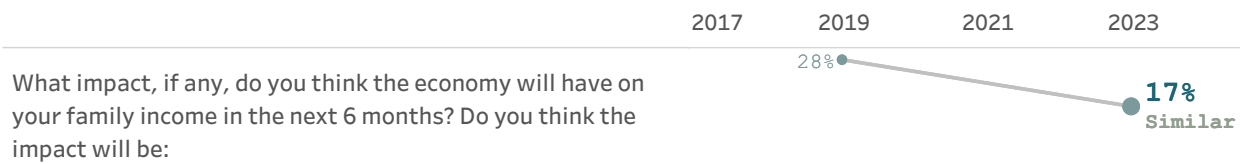




**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.
(% excellent or good)**



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

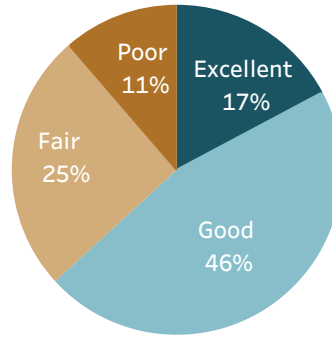


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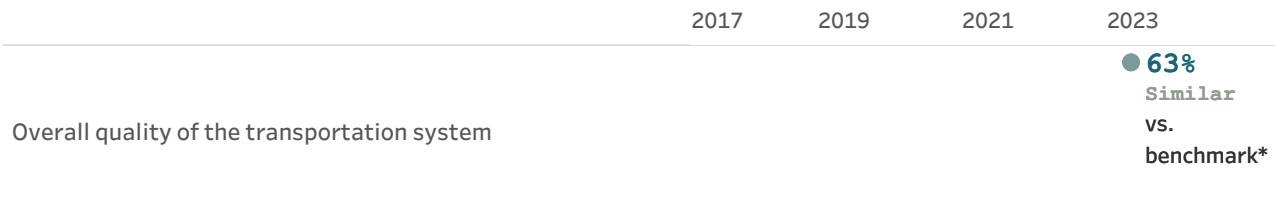
Mobility

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

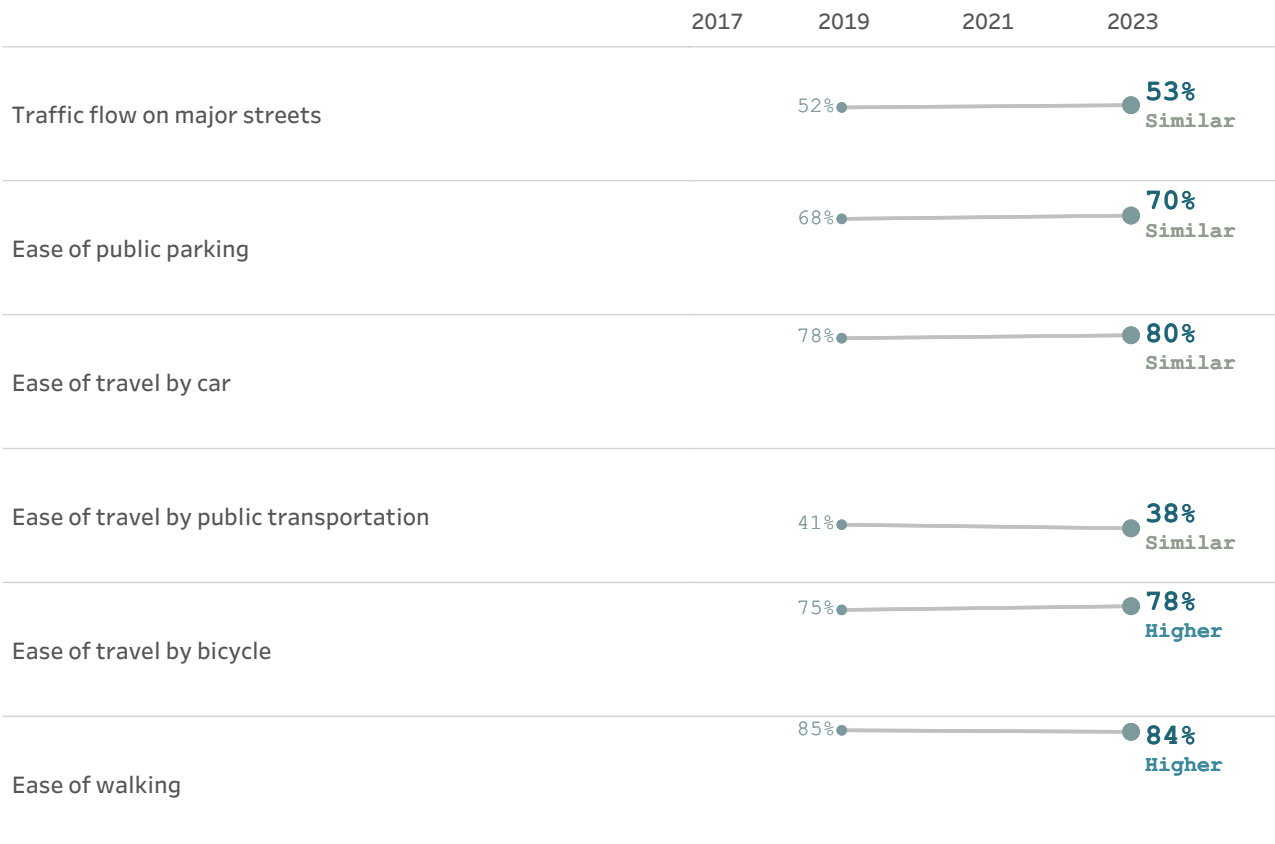
Overall quality of the transportation system in Hutchinson, 2023



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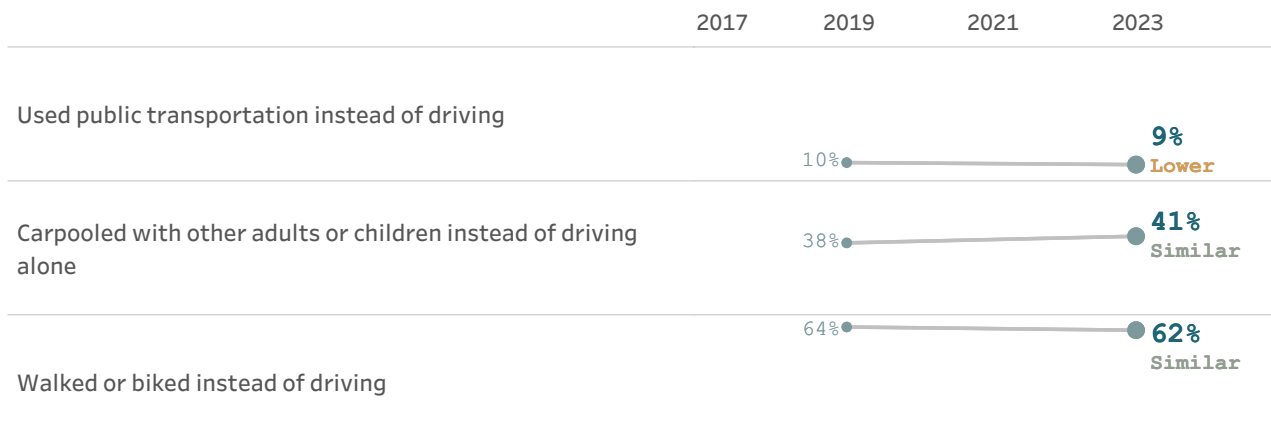


Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community. (% excellent or good)



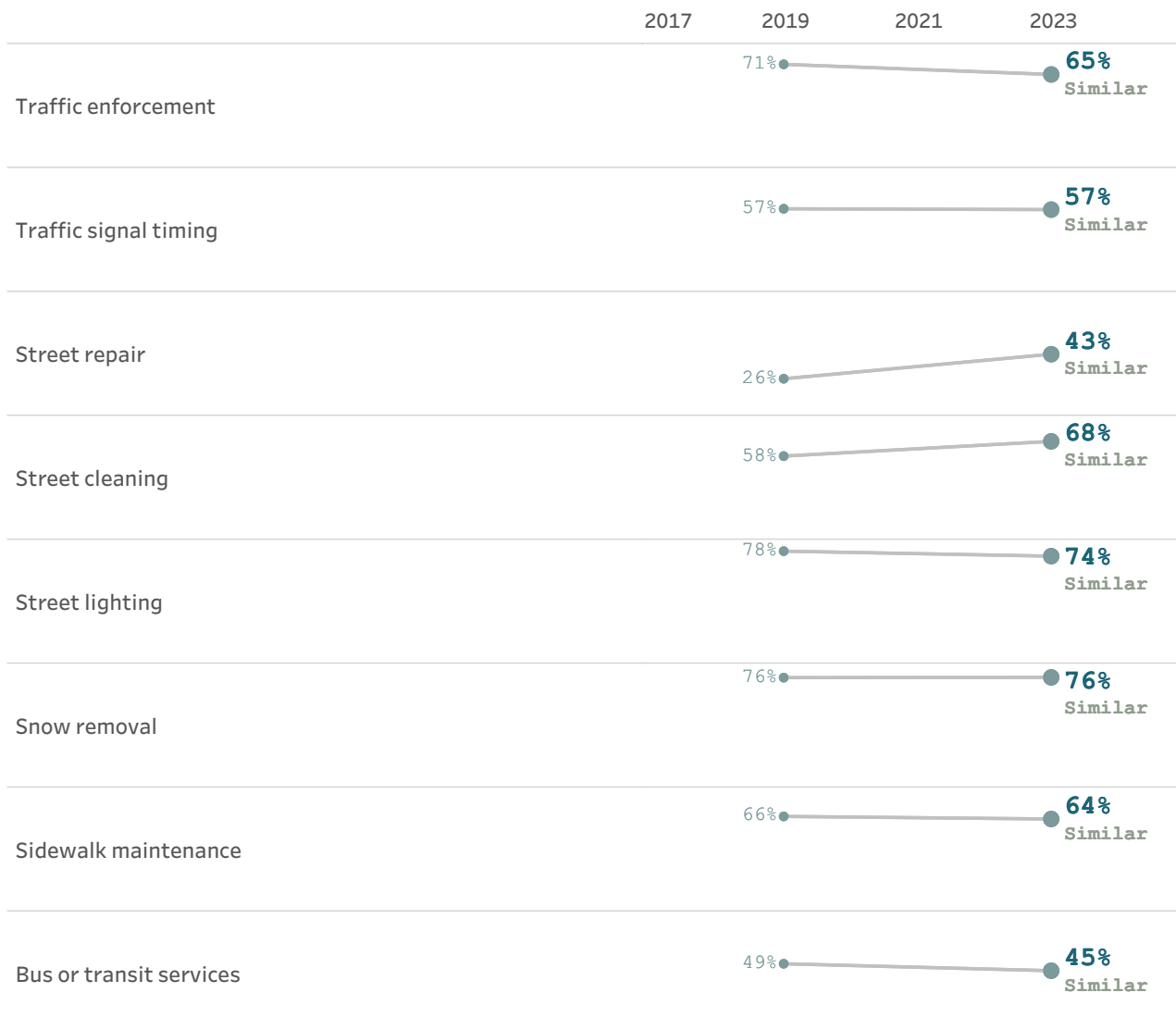
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

(% yes)



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

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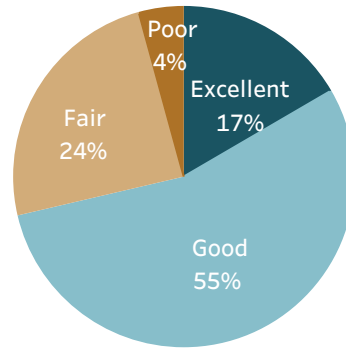


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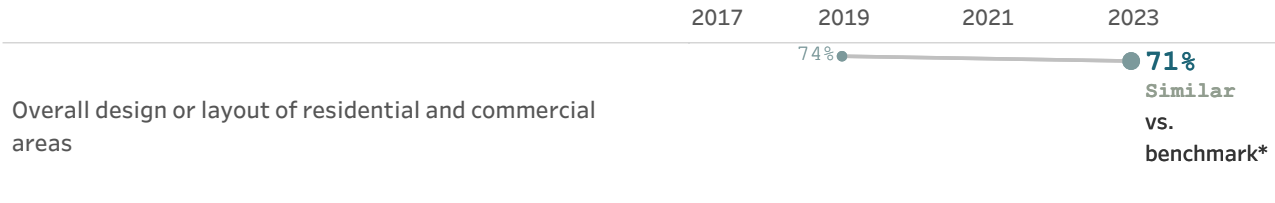
Overall design or layout of Hutchinson's residential and commercial areas, 2023

Community design

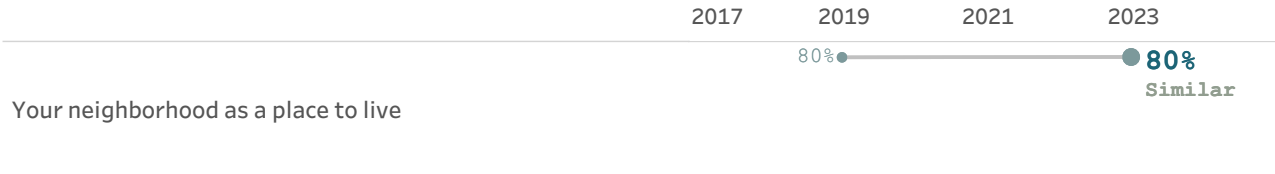
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and providing access to parks and other green spaces.



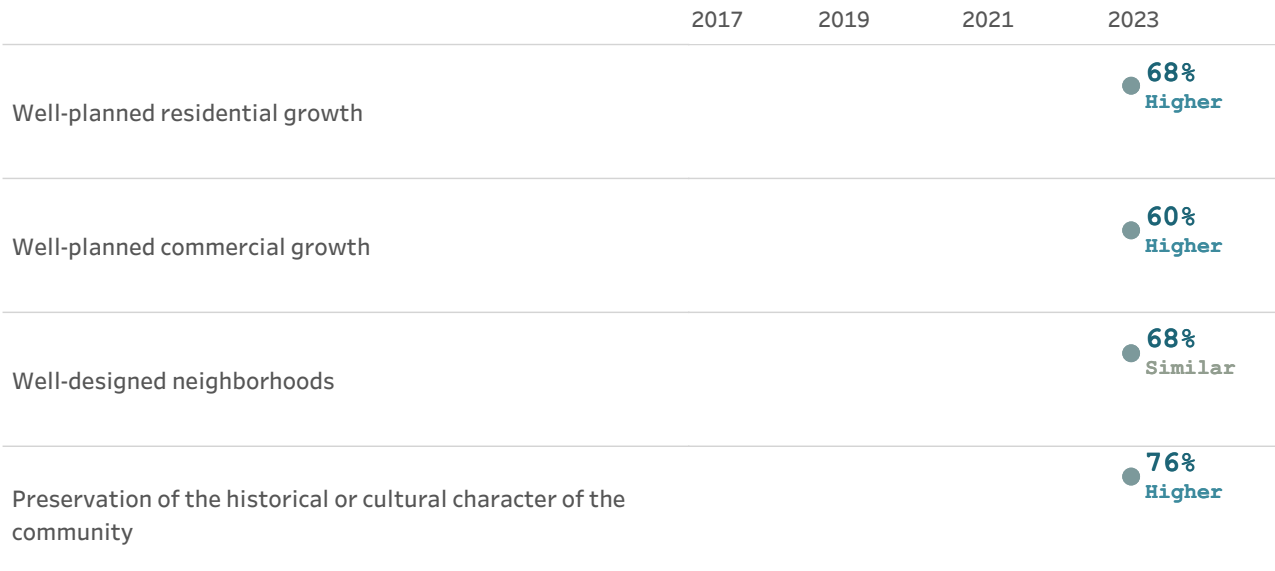
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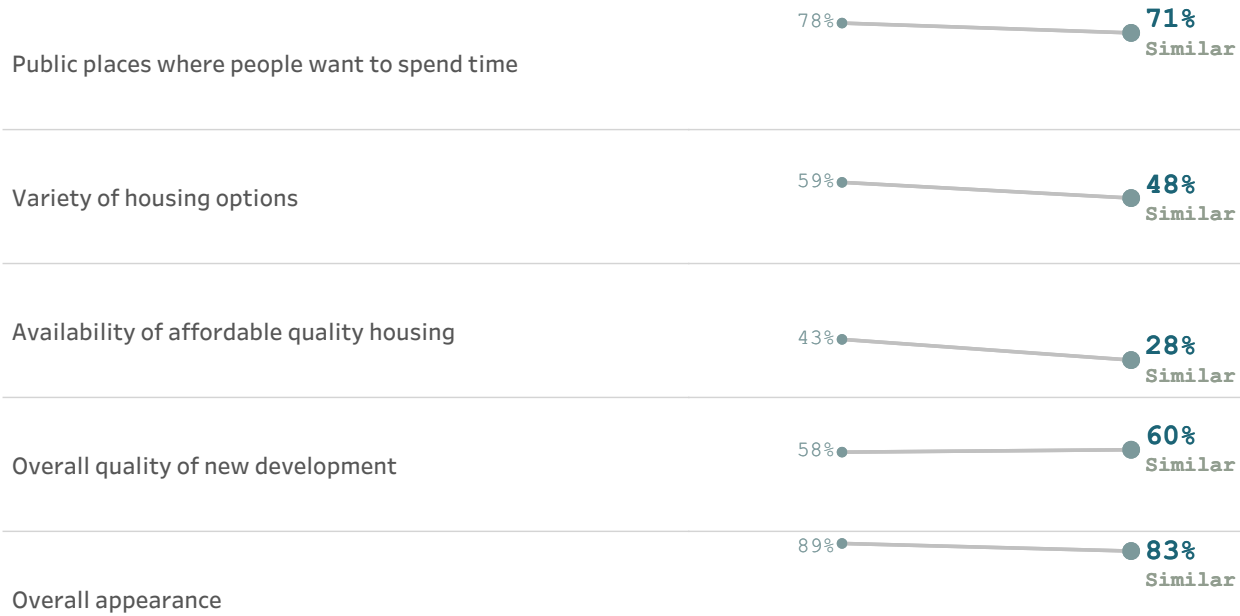


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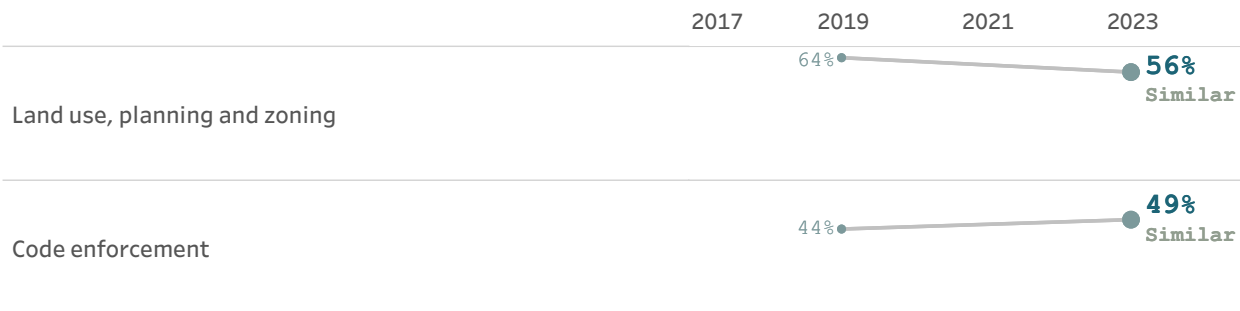


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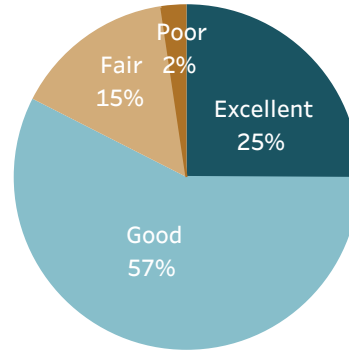


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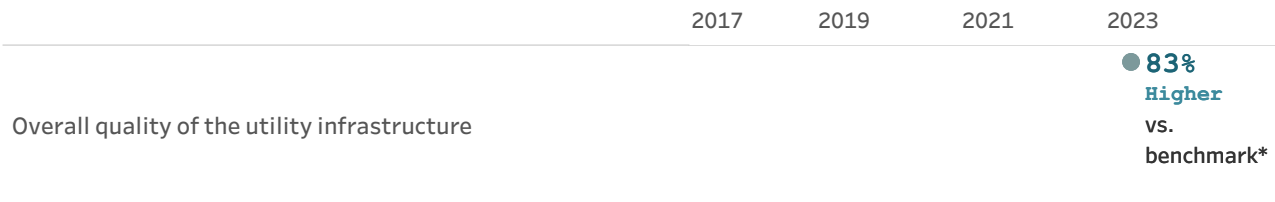
Utilities

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.

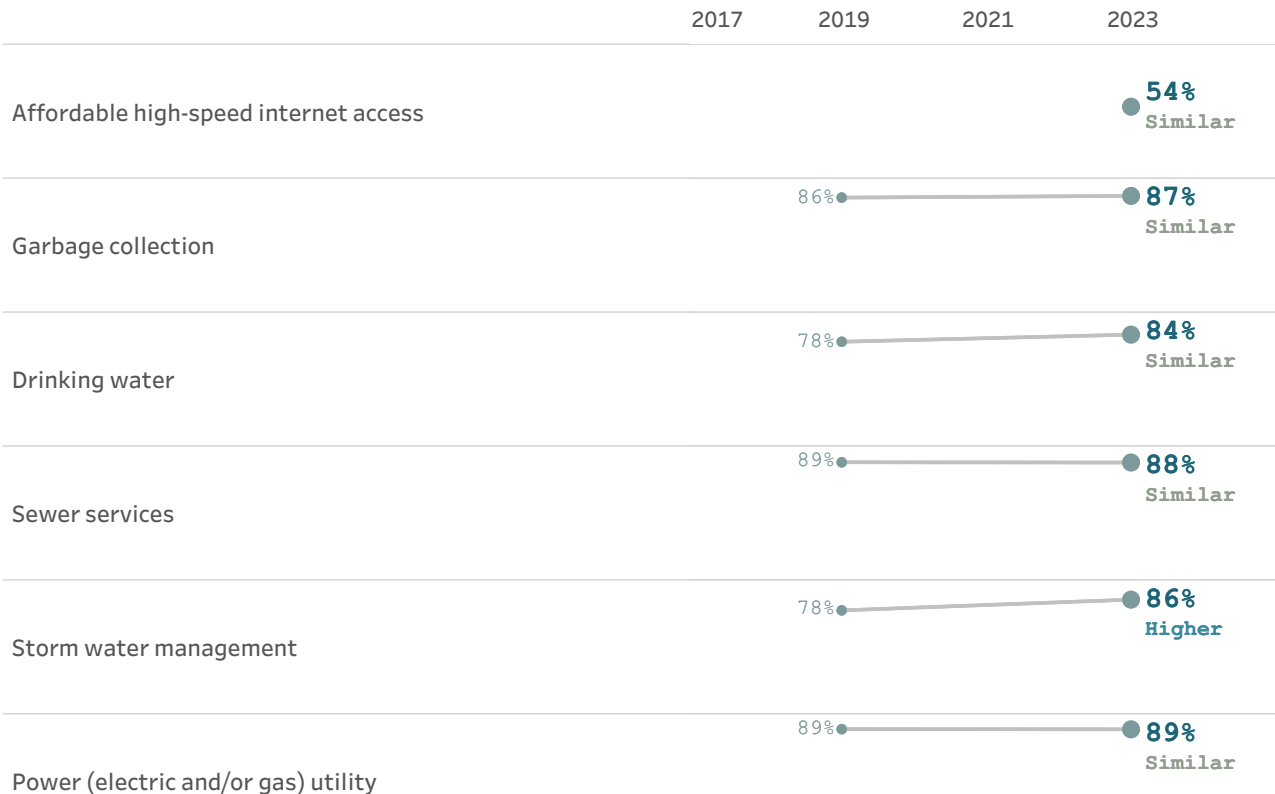
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hutchinson, 2023



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



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



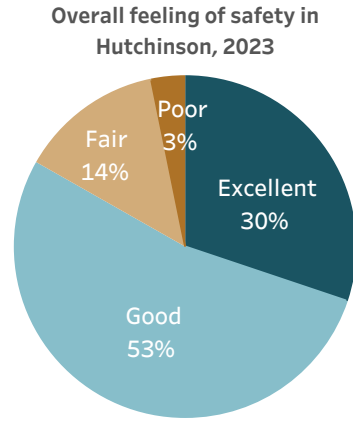
Utility billing



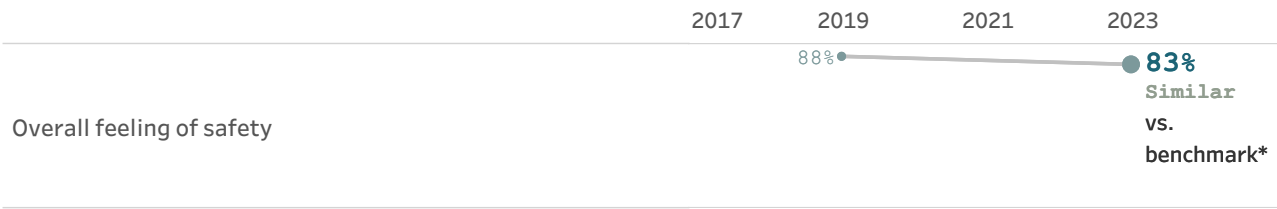
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Safety

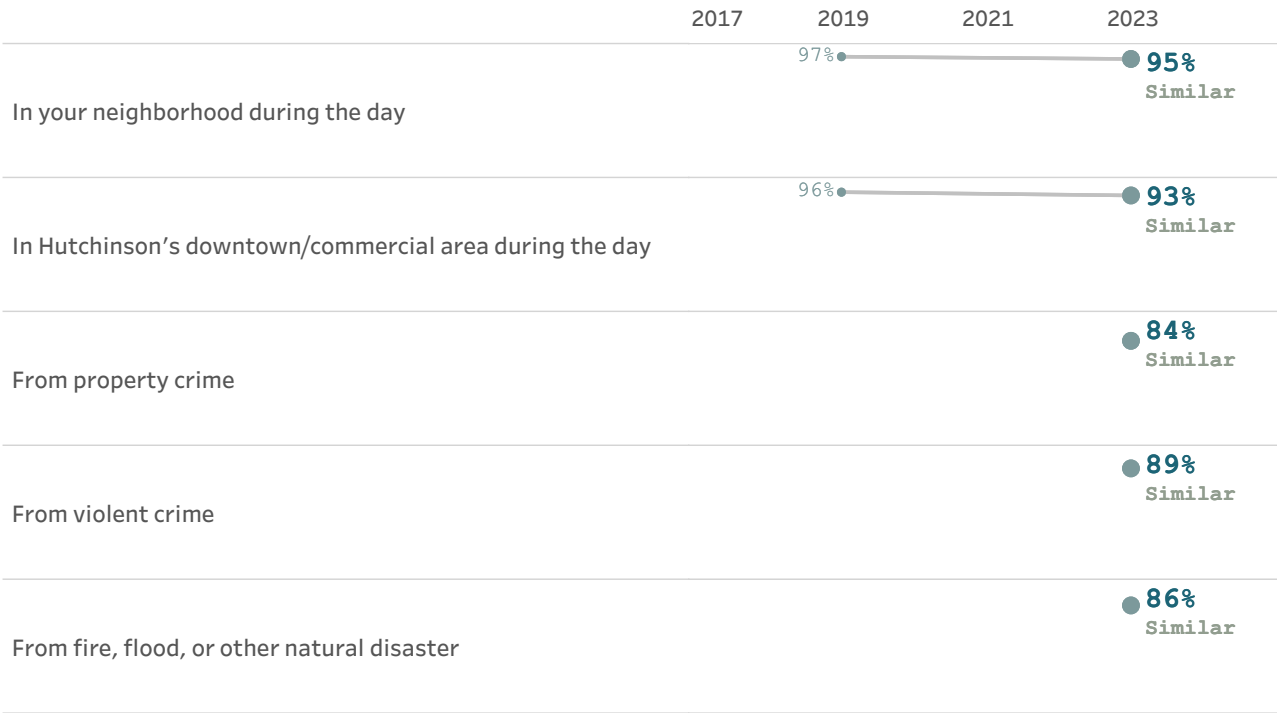
Public safety is often the most important task facing local governments. All residents should feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and in the greater community, and providing robust safety-related services is essential to residents' quality of life.



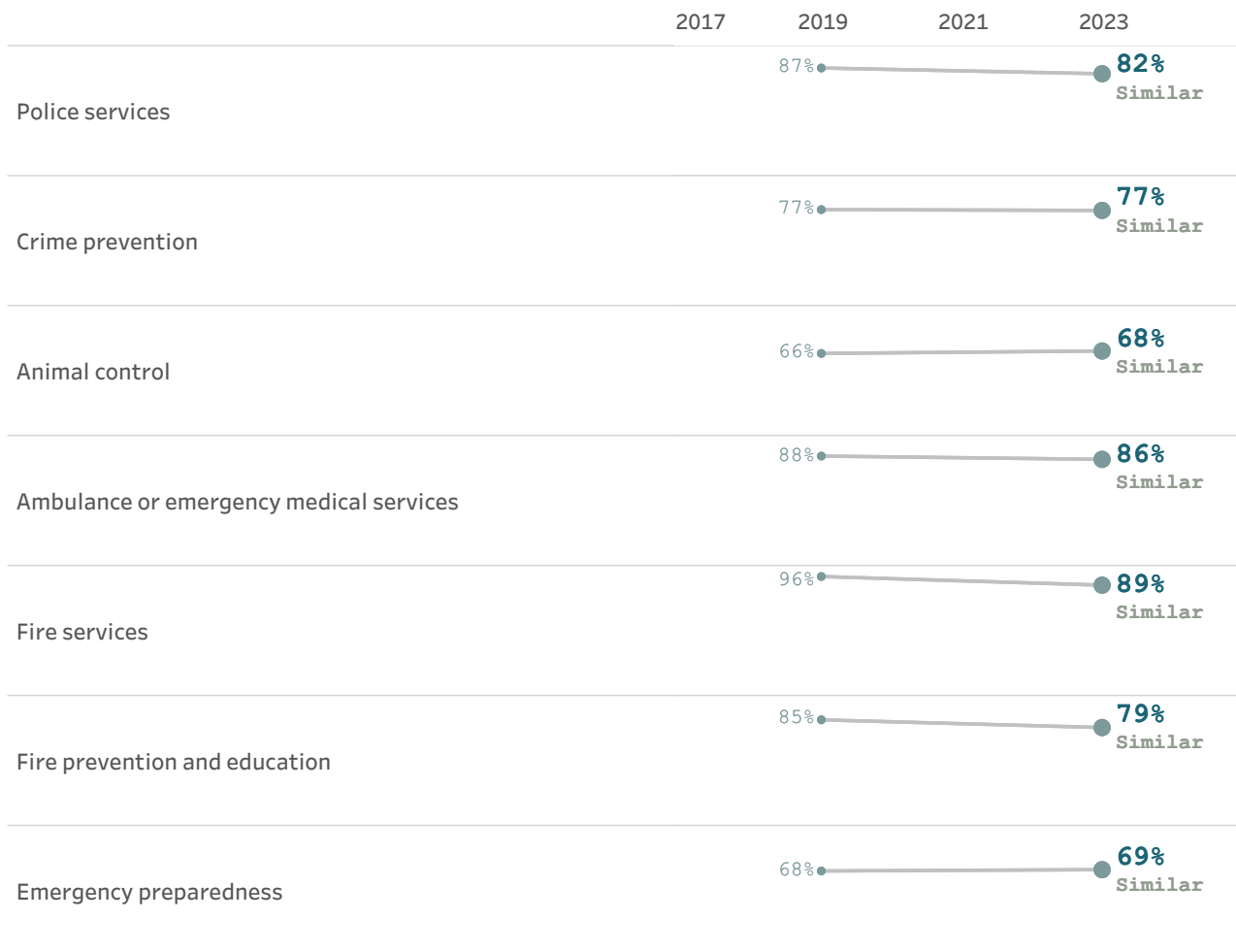
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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



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

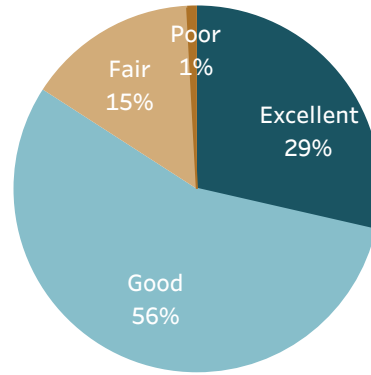


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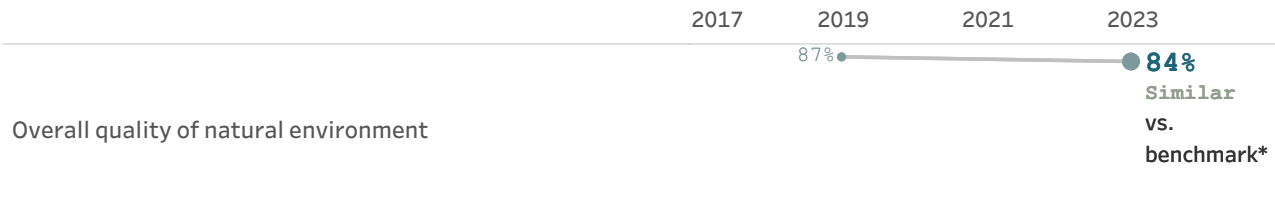
Natural environment

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

Overall quality of natural environment in Hutchinson, 2023



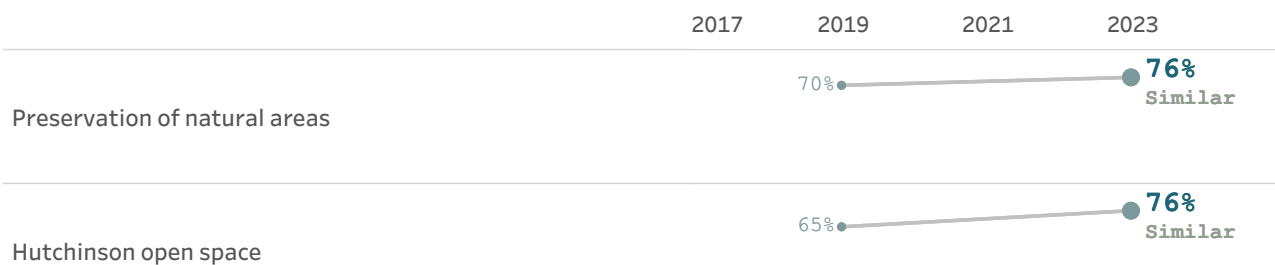
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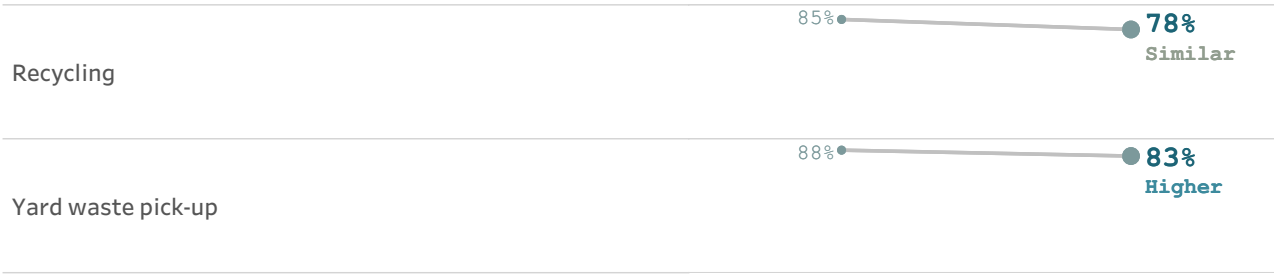


Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community. (% excellent or good)



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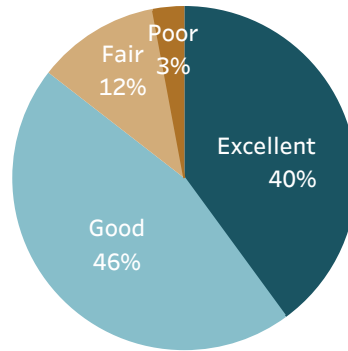


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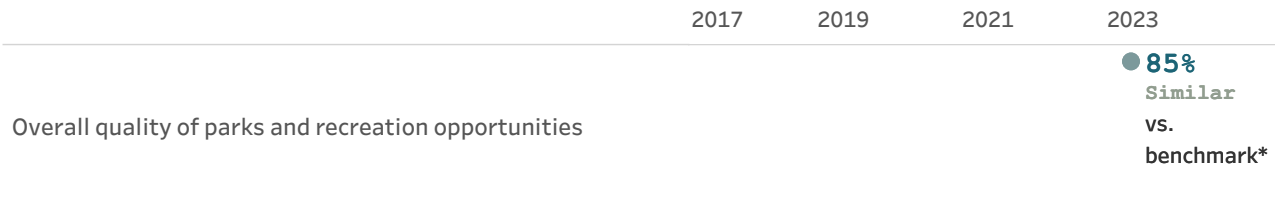
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2023

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 Hutchinson as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



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



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



Recreation programs or classes

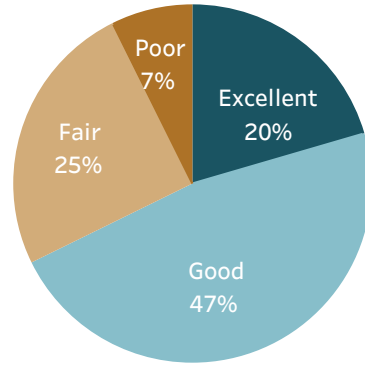


Recreation centers or facilities



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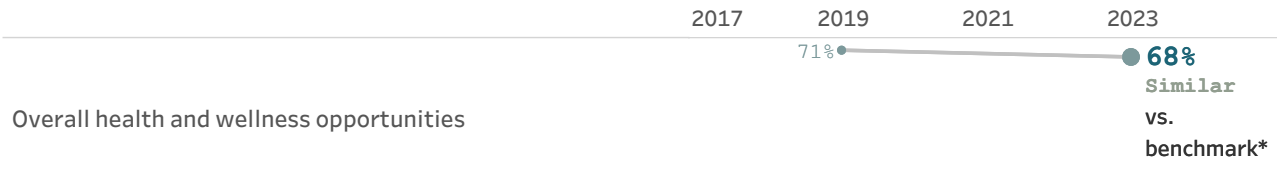
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hutchinson, 2023



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.

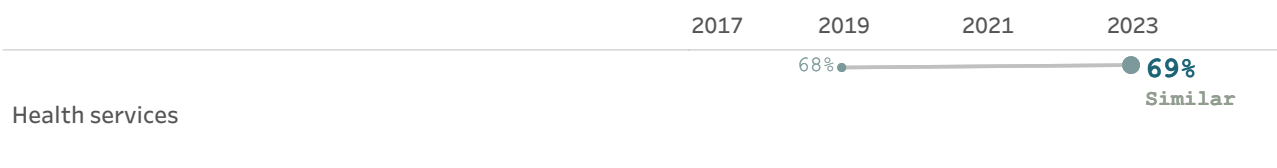
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Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.
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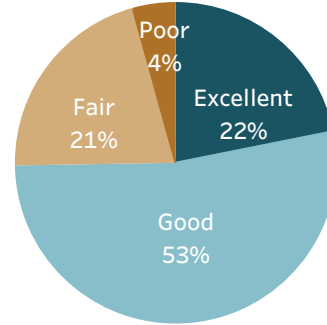
Please rate your overall health.
(% excellent or very good)



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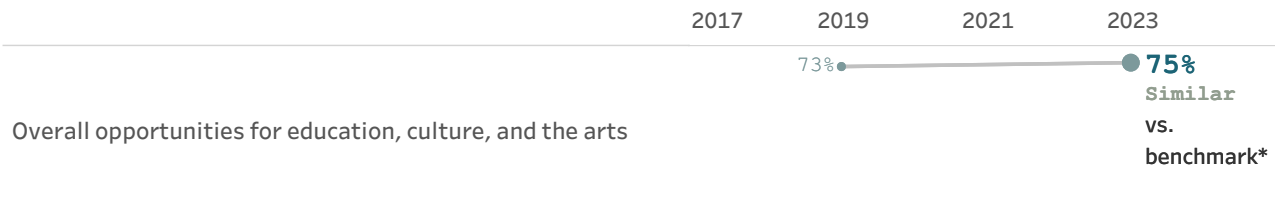
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2023



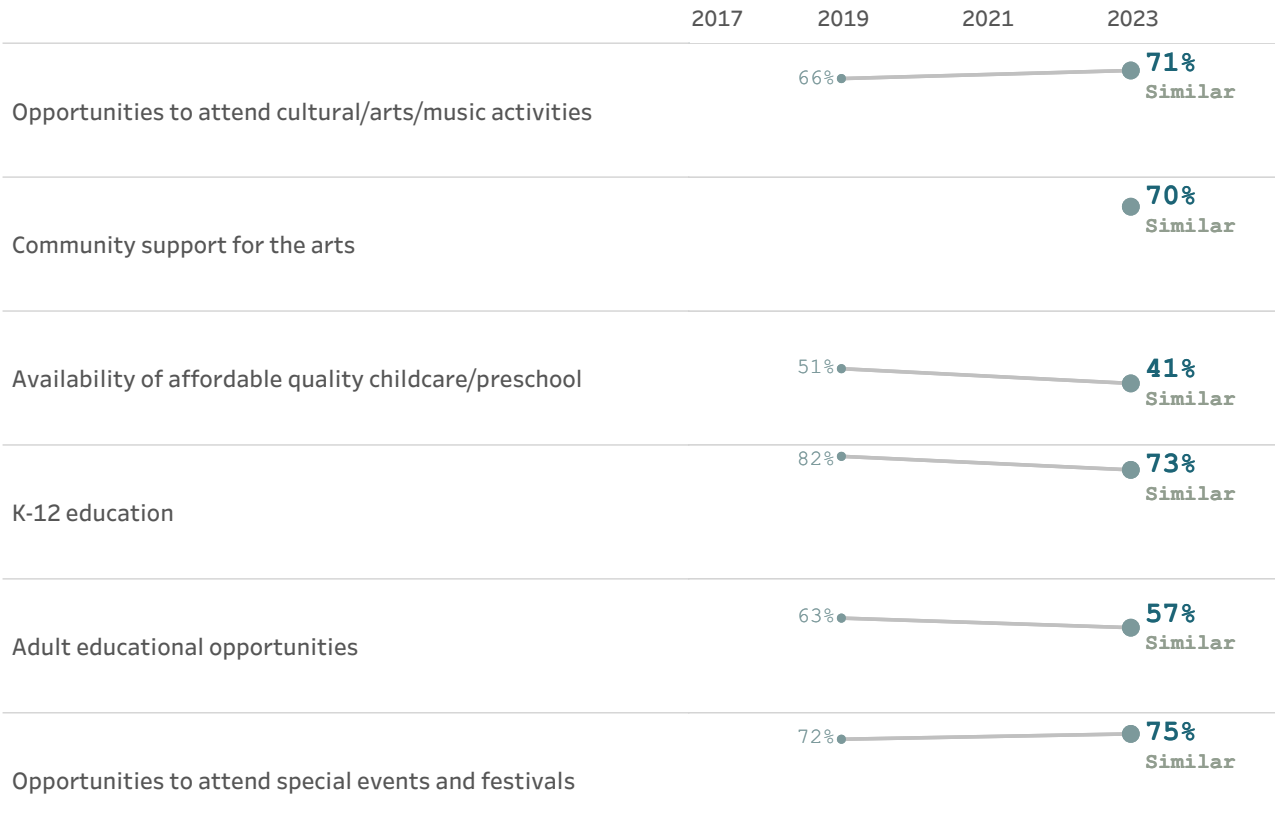
Education, arts, and culture

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.

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(% excellent or good)

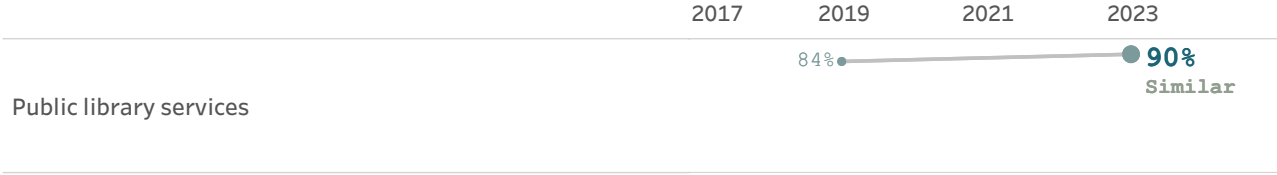


Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.
(% excellent or good)



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

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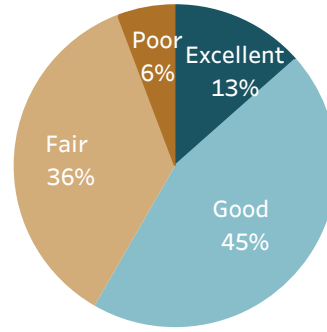


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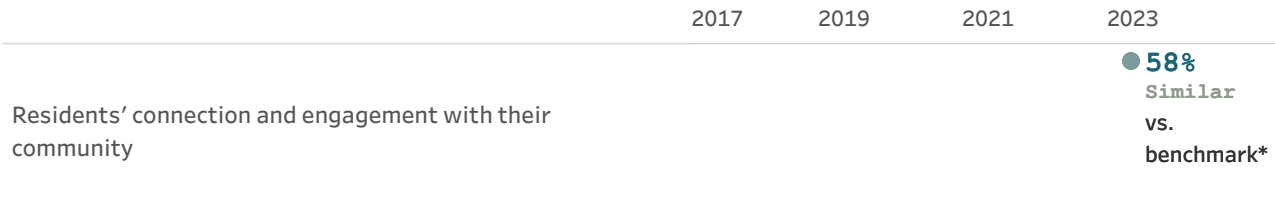
Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2023

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.



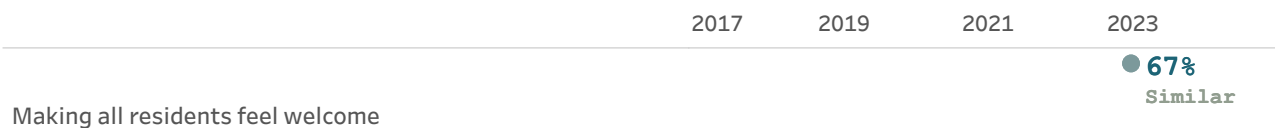
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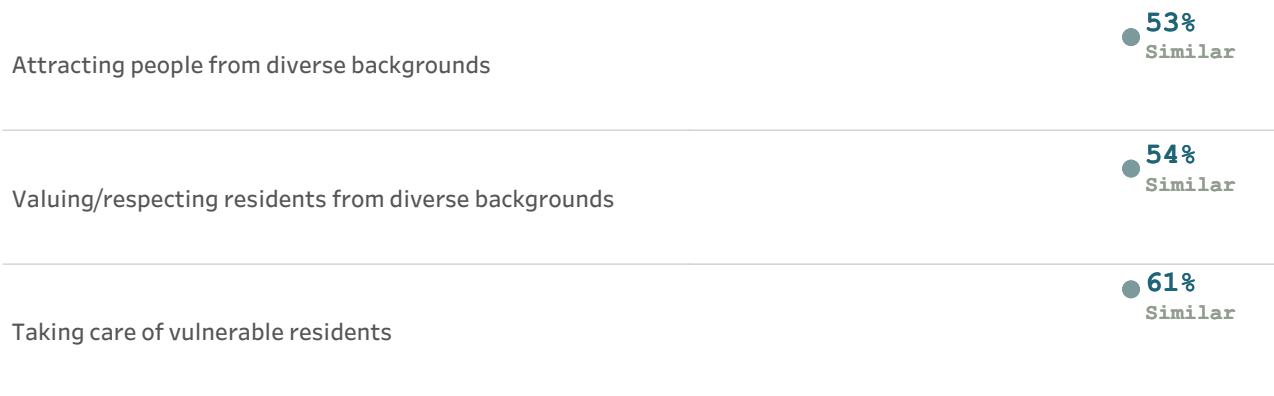


Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hutchinson.
(% excellent or good)



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





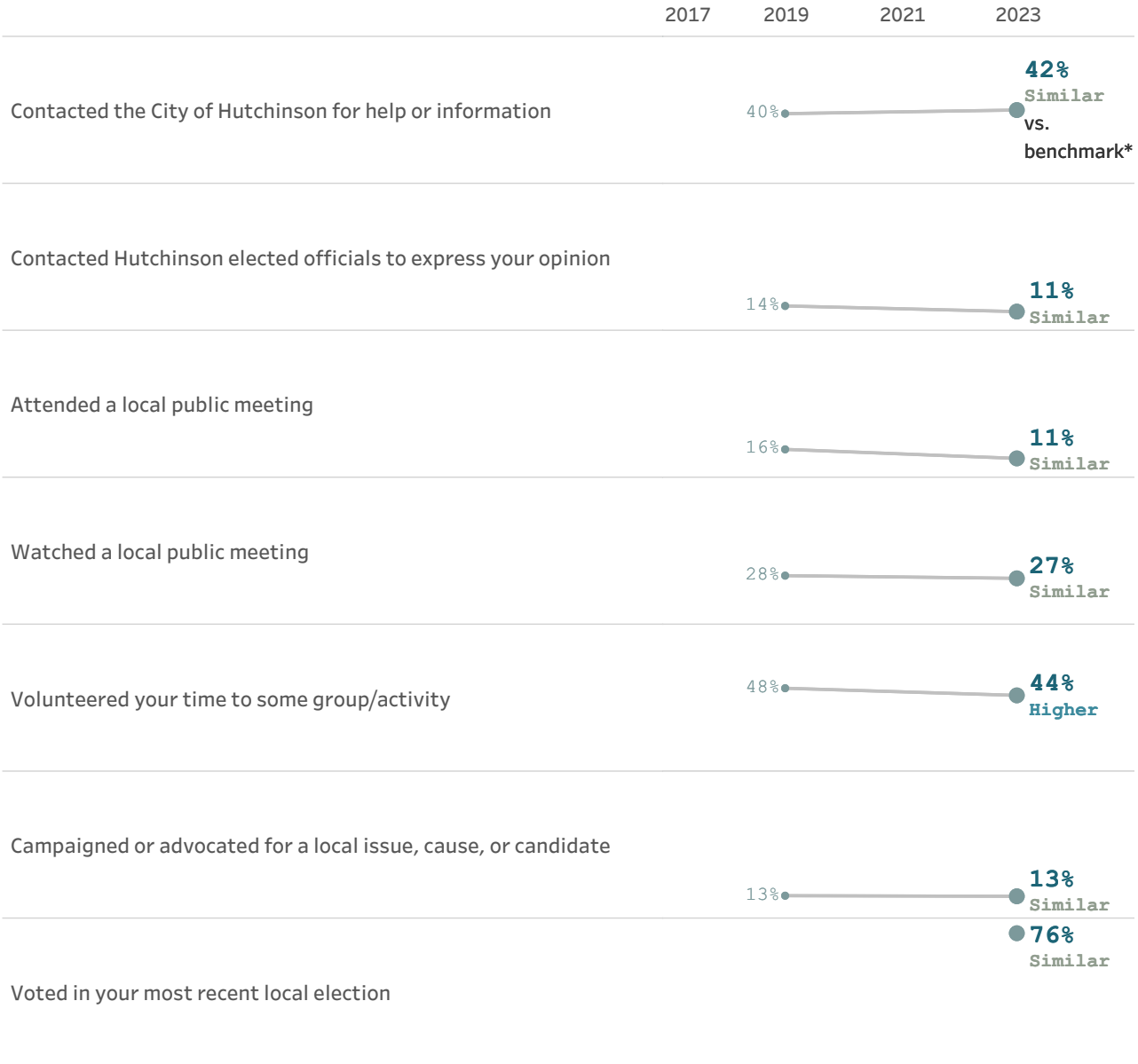
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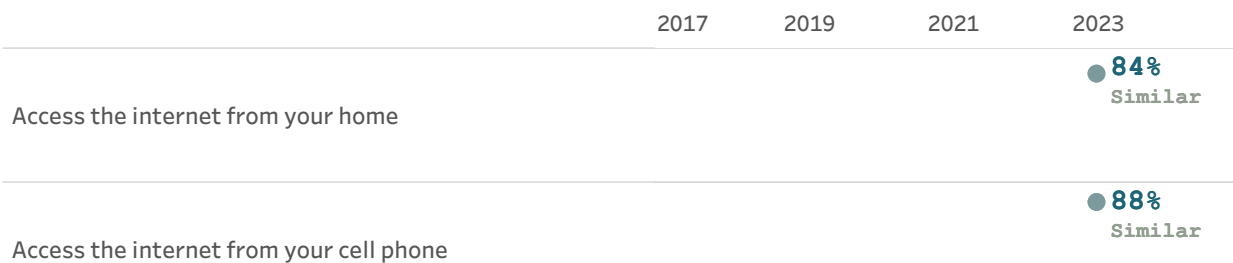
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Residents' participation levels

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



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



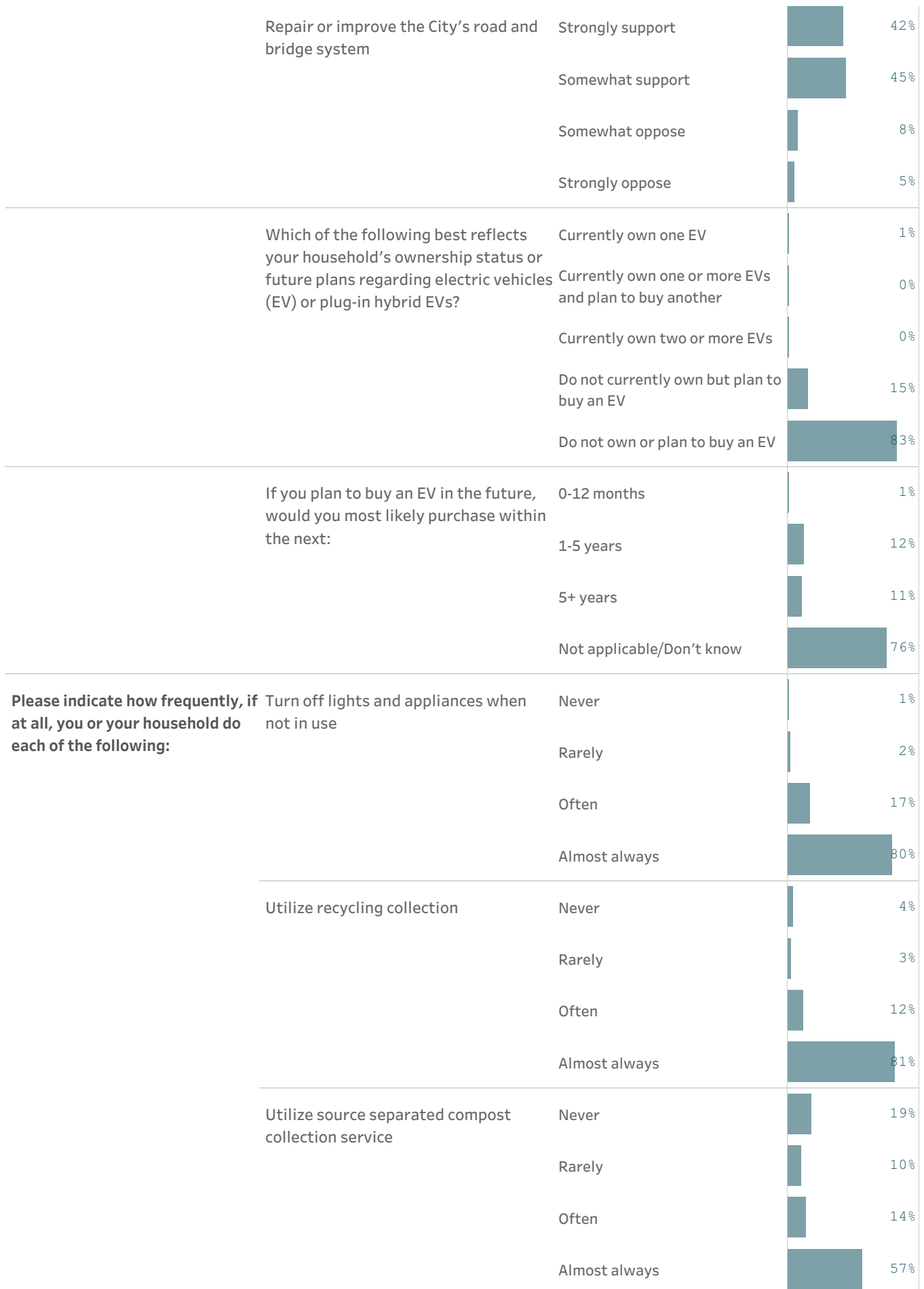
Visit social media sites	● 75% Similar
Use or check email	● 91% Similar
Share your opinions online	● 21% Similar
Shop online	● 36% Lower

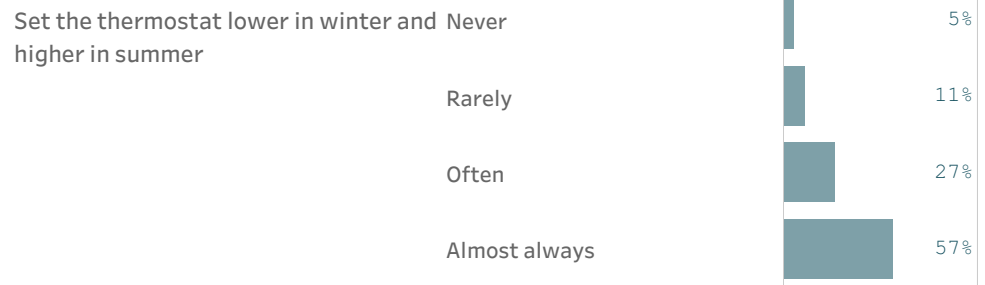
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Custom questions

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			% positive	
<p>Currently, the City spends about \$4 million a year on street repair and maintenance. In order to fund additional street repair and still maintain the current levels of all City-provided services and programs, additional tax revenue would be needed. How much of a property tax increase would you support or oppose if the revenue generated would be dedicated to fixing, repairing, and upgrading city streets and its related infrastructure?</p>	<p>A \$1 million tax increase (about an additional \$140 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)</p>	Strongly support		14%
		Somewhat support		20%
		Somewhat oppose		26%
		Strongly oppose		40%
	<p>A \$500,000 tax increase (about an additional \$70 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)</p>	Strongly support		26%
		Somewhat support		26%
		Somewhat oppose		22%
		Strongly oppose		25%
	<p>A \$250,000 tax increase (about an additional \$35 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)</p>	Strongly support		38%
		Somewhat support		32%
		Somewhat oppose		13%
		Strongly oppose		16%
<p>The City’s ½ cent sales tax generates about \$1.8 million a year in revenue and is set to expire in 2026. The City is considering renewing this sales tax. Any renewing of the sales tax would require the approval of local voters, as well as the state legislature. The tax would be used to fund large projects within the City. As before, the tax would sunset after the projects are complete. If the sales tax were to be renewed, how much would you support or oppose using the funds collected for each of the following purposes?</p>	<p>Upgrade or expand recreational facilities (e.g., Rec Center, Burich Arena, Senior Center, etc.)</p>	Strongly support		30%
		Somewhat support		42%
		Somewhat oppose		14%
		Strongly oppose		14%
	<p>Upgrade water, wastewater or stormwater facilities (likely minimizing increases to user rates)</p>	Strongly support		44%
		Somewhat support		41%
		Somewhat oppose		9%
		Strongly oppose		6%





National benchmark tables

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

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hutchinson.	Hutchinson as a place to live	Similar	88%	196	354	44
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	80%	205	316	35
	Hutchinson as a place to raise children	Similar	84%	180	358	50
	Hutchinson as a place to work	Similar	75%	122	350	65
	Hutchinson as a place to visit	Similar	64%	149	314	52
	Hutchinson as a place to retire	Similar	68%	152	355	57
	The overall quality of life	Similar	84%	207	372	44
	Sense of community	Similar	64%	161	323	50
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole.	Overall economic health	Similar	68%	163	308	47
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	63%	65	252	74
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	71%	77	301	74
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Higher	83%	40	243	83
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	83%	163	343	52
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	84%	123	310	60
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	85%	88	249	65
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	68%	179	303	41
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	75%	87	305	71
	Residents’ connection and engagement with their community	Similar	58%	96	246	61
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Hutchinson to someone who asks	Similar	88%	128	308	58

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Remain in Hutchinson for the next five years	Similar	90%	48	306	84
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	95%	148	325	54
	In Hutchinson's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	93%	103	315	67
	From property crime	Similar	84%	71	254	72
	From violent crime	Similar	89%	91	254	64
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	86%	76	245	69
Please rate the job you feel the Hutchinson community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	67%	130	251	48
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	53%	160	248	35
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	54%	183	249	26
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	61%	82	245	66
Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	74%	140	310	55
	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	56%	134	246	45
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	52%	139	290	52
	Employment opportunities	Similar	57%	92	321	71
	Shopping opportunities	Similar	47%	182	313	42
	Cost of living	Similar	39%	175	301	42
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	73%	182	349	48
Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	53%	149	324	54
	Ease of public parking	Similar	70%	82	290	72
	Ease of travel by car	Similar	80%	98	318	69
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Similar	38%	123	292	58
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Higher	78%	39	318	88
	Ease of walking	Higher	84%	49	321	85
	Well-planned residential growth	Higher	68%	39	247	84
	Well-planned commercial growth	Higher	60%	46	247	81
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	68%	75	245	69

Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.					
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Higher	76%	26	244	89	
Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	71%	75	296	75	
Variety of housing options	Similar	48%	121	308	61	
Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	28%	168	329	49	
Overall quality of new development	Similar	60%	81	319	74	
Overall appearance	Similar	83%	93	328	71	
Cleanliness	Similar	85%	108	325	67	
Water resources	Similar	65%	106	227	53	
Air quality	Similar	77%	184	297	38	
Availability of paths and walking trails	Higher	88%	43	321	86	
Fitness opportunities	Similar	81%	73	298	75	
Recreational opportunities	Similar	73%	130	315	59	
Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	62%	124	295	58	
Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	58%	164	302	46	
Availability of preventive health services	Similar	62%	146	289	49	
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	48%	96	293	67	
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	71%	71	311	77	
Community support for the arts	Similar	70%	75	244	69	
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	41%	159	304	48	
K-12 education	Similar	73%	146	306	52	
Adult educational opportunities	Similar	57%	134	297	55	
Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	67%	105	245	57	
Neighborliness of residents	Similar	59%	181	297	39	
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	65%	128	306	58	
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	75%	75	300	75	
Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	74%	95	301	68	

Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	65%	118	302	61
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	48%	256	319	20
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Hutchinson for help or information	Similar	42%	218	324	33
	Contacted Hutchinson elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	11%	249	294	15
	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	11%	272	298	9
	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	27%	110	287	62
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Higher	44%	46	301	85
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	13%	240	291	17
	Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	76%	129	244	47
	Used public transportation instead of driving	Lower	9%	194	276	30
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	41%	163	293	44
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Similar	62%	109	295	63
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.	Public information services	Similar	70%	140	310	55
	Economic development	Similar	63%	107	305	65
	Traffic enforcement	Similar	65%	148	344	57
	Traffic signal timing	Similar	57%	143	302	52
	Street repair	Similar	43%	201	343	41
	Street cleaning	Similar	68%	138	311	55
	Street lighting	Similar	74%	71	332	78
	Snow removal	Similar	76%	78	260	70
	Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	64%	116	311	63
	Bus or transit services	Similar	45%	141	282	50
	Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	56%	52	313	83
	Code enforcement	Similar	49%	158	336	53
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	54%	103	241	57
Garbage collection	Similar	87%	125	322	61	






















Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.	Drinking water	Similar	84%	85	309	72
	Sewer services	Similar	88%	78	307	74
	Storm water management	Higher	86%	32	318	90
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	89%	27	267	90
	Utility billing	Similar	78%	36	286	87
	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	82%	182	365	50
	Crime prevention	Similar	77%	130	342	62
	Animal control	Similar	68%	181	319	43
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	86%	214	313	31
	Fire services	Similar	89%	232	332	30
	Fire prevention and education	Similar	79%	162	306	47
	Emergency preparedness	Similar	69%	126	308	59
	Preservation of natural areas	Similar	76%	48	296	84
	Hutchinson open space	Similar	76%	59	294	80
	Recycling	Similar	78%	89	326	73
	Yard waste pick-up	Higher	83%	65	289	77
	City parks	Similar	89%	58	321	82
	Recreation programs or classes	Similar	76%	95	316	70
	Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	76%	107	304	65
	Health services	Similar	69%	143	282	49
	Public library services	Similar	90%	106	318	66
	Overall customer service by Hutchinson employees	Similar	82%	165	351	53
	Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Hutchinson	Similar	52%	192	356
The overall direction that Hutchinson is taking		Similar	59%	133	335	60
The job Hutchinson government does at welcoming resident involvement		Similar	54%	135	332	59
Overall confidence in Hutchinson government		Similar	51%	147	304	51

Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	61%	112	308	63
	Being honest	Similar	61%	121	299	59
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	55%	115	251	54
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	51%	114	256	55
	Treating all residents fairly	Similar	58%	153	305	50
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	66%	129	248	48
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Hutchinson	Similar	74%	155	351	56
	The Federal Government	Similar	35%	230	291	21
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Similar	89%	185	284	34
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	68%	194	243	20
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	63%	264	285	7
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	85%	213	243	12
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	86%	213	285	25
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	77%	238	285	16
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	77%	190	244	22
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	79%	86	285	70
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	73%	159	284	44
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	69%	201	284	29
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Similar	84%	236	243	3
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	88%	228	245	7
	Visit social media sites	Similar	75%	204	244	16
	Use or check email	Similar	91%	231	245	6
	Share your opinions online	Similar	21%	222	245	9
	Shop online	Lower	36%	241	244	1
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	55%	254	291	13
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Similar	17%	190	293	35






















Complete set of frequencies














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Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hutchinson.				
	Hutchinson as a place to live	Excellent		32% N=241
		Good		56% N=422
		Fair		11% N=82
		Poor		1% N=9
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		36% N=271
		Good		44% N=332
		Fair		18% N=134
		Poor		2% N=14
	Hutchinson as a place to raise children	Excellent		35% N=221
		Good		49% N=315
		Fair		15% N=95
		Poor		1% N=8
	Hutchinson as a place to work	Excellent		22% N=147
		Good		53% N=348
		Fair		20% N=131
		Poor		5% N=33
	Hutchinson as a place to visit	Excellent		21% N=152
		Good		44% N=317
		Fair		28% N=207






















Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hutchinson.	Hutchinson as a place to visit	Poor		7% N=51
	Hutchinson as a place to retire	Excellent		26% N=165
		Good		42% N=270
		Fair		24% N=156
		Poor		7% N=46
The overall quality of life	Excellent		24% N=182	
	Good		60% N=450	
	Fair		14% N=107	
	Poor		2% N=14	
Sense of community	Excellent		18% N=129	
	Good		46% N=338	
	Fair		29% N=210	
	Poor		8% N=55	
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole.	Overall economic health	Excellent		10% N=71
		Good		58% N=403
		Fair		24% N=170
		Poor		7% N=50
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		17% N=127
Good			46% N=340	
Fair			25% N=189	
Poor			11% N=84	






















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





















Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		17% N=123
	Good		55% N=408
	Fair		24% N=182
	Poor		4% N=32
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		25% N=185
	Good		57% N=423
	Fair		15% N=112
	Poor		2% N=17
Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		30% N=226
	Good		53% N=397
	Fair		14% N=102
	Poor		3% N=24
Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		29% N=215
	Good		56% N=417
	Fair		15% N=113
	Poor		1% N=6
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		40% N=299
	Good		46% N=341
	Fair		12% N=86
	Poor		3% N=22
Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		20% N=151

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Good		47% N=349
		Fair		25% N=184
		Poor		7% N=54
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		22% N=155
		Good		53% N=375
		Fair		21% N=148
		Poor		4% N=30
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		13% N=96
		Good		45% N=319
Fair			36% N=256	
Poor			6% N=41	
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Hutchinson to someone who asks	Very likely		44% N=330
		Somewhat likely		44% N=326
		Somewhat unlikely		7% N=52
		Very unlikely		5% N=36
	Remain in Hutchinson for the next five years	Very likely		64% N=471
		Somewhat likely		26% N=192
		Somewhat unlikely		6% N=44
		Very unlikely		4% N=33
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		79% N=592
		Somewhat safe		16% N=124

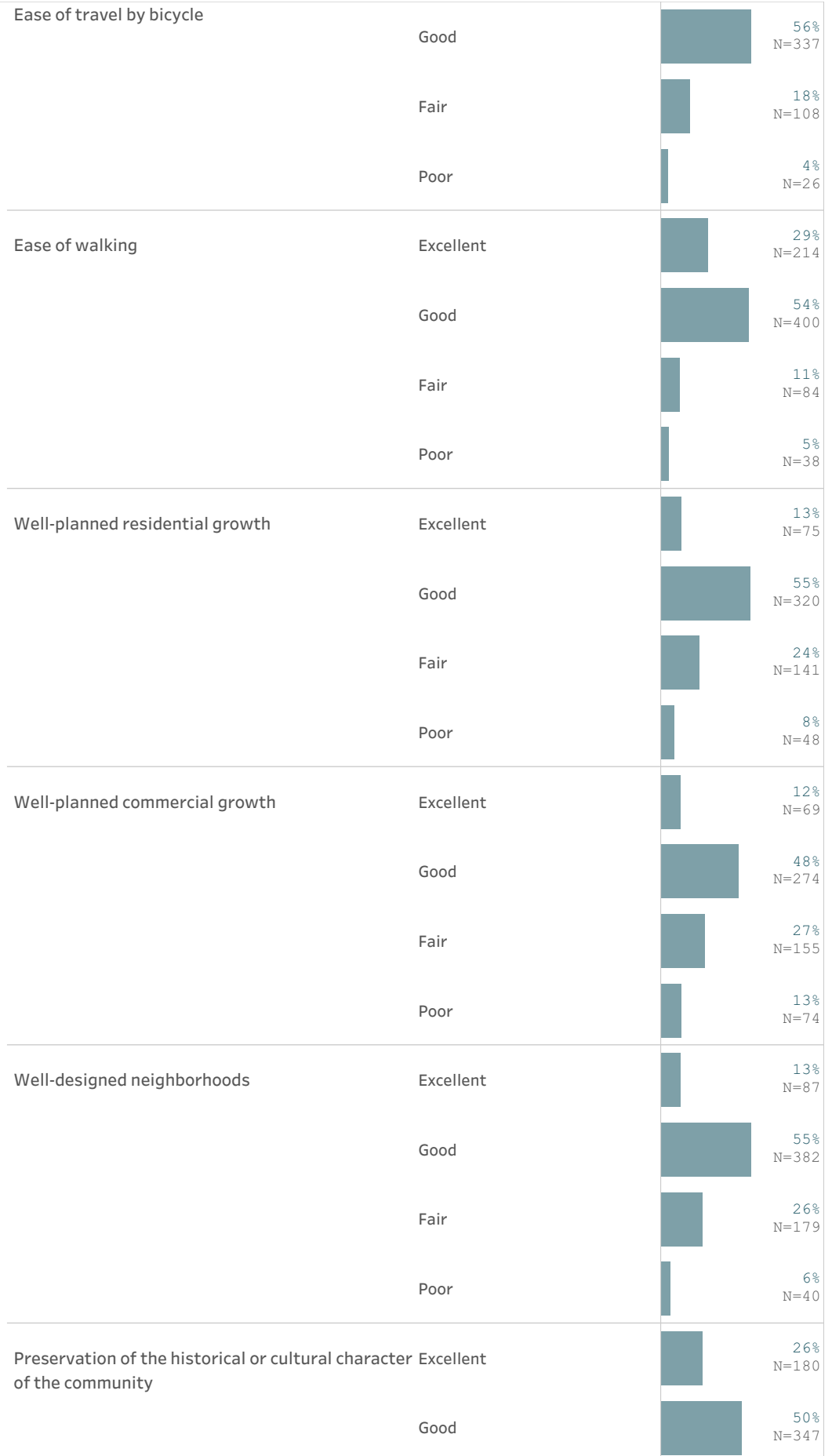
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Neither safe nor unsafe	2% N=12
		Somewhat unsafe	1% N=7
		Very unsafe	2% N=19
	In Hutchinson's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe	74% N=555
		Somewhat safe	19% N=146
		Neither safe nor unsafe	4% N=27
		Somewhat unsafe	1% N=9
		Very unsafe	2% N=17
	From property crime	Very safe	41% N=307
		Somewhat safe	42% N=316
		Neither safe nor unsafe	10% N=72
		Somewhat unsafe	4% N=31
		Very unsafe	3% N=19
	From violent crime	Very safe	59% N=443
		Somewhat safe	30% N=222
		Neither safe nor unsafe	7% N=54
		Somewhat unsafe	2% N=12
		Very unsafe	2% N=18
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe	53% N=388
		Somewhat safe	34% N=250
		Neither safe nor unsafe	11% N=80





















Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Somewhat unsafe		1% N=10
		Very unsafe		2% N=11
Please rate the job you feel the Hutchinson community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		23% N=168
		Good		44% N=314
		Fair		26% N=188
		Poor		7% N=52
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		16% N=105
		Good		36% N=234
		Fair		31% N=197
		Poor		17% N=109
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		19% N=120
		Good		35% N=226
		Fair		29% N=188
		Poor		17% N=107
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		20% N=130
		Good		42% N=280
		Fair		28% N=189
		Poor		10% N=69
Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		17% N=130
		Good		56% N=422
		Fair		22% N=168

Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.			
Overall quality of business and service establishments	Poor		4% N=28
Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		15% N=116
	Good		41% N=306
	Fair		34% N=260
	Poor		10% N=72
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		14% N=103
	Good		38% N=281
	Fair		35% N=264
	Poor		13% N=99
Employment opportunities	Excellent		12% N=82
	Good		45% N=298
	Fair		34% N=228
	Poor		9% N=57
Shopping opportunities	Excellent		12% N=87
	Good		35% N=267
	Fair		37% N=283
	Poor		16% N=119
Cost of living	Excellent		7% N=49
	Good		32% N=239
	Fair		36% N=269
	Poor		25% N=183

















Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Overall image or reputation	Excellent		20% N=143
		Good		53% N=387
		Fair		23% N=167
		Poor		5% N=33
Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		10% N=75
		Good		44% N=325
		Fair		32% N=237
		Poor		15% N=110
Ease of public parking	Excellent		19% N=144	
	Good		51% N=376	
	Fair		23% N=174	
	Poor		7% N=50	
Ease of travel by car	Excellent		26% N=190	
	Good		54% N=405	
	Fair		18% N=131	
	Poor		3% N=19	
Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent		9% N=44	
	Good		29% N=138	
	Fair		31% N=148	
	Poor		30% N=143	
Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent		22% N=135	

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













































Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.			
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Fair		22% N=152
	Poor		2% N=17
Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent		22% N=162
	Good		48% N=348
	Fair		23% N=164
	Poor		7% N=48
Variety of housing options	Excellent		12% N=85
	Good		36% N=255
	Fair		36% N=253
	Poor		16% N=116
Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		6% N=37
	Good		22% N=148
	Fair		39% N=259
	Poor		33% N=220
Overall quality of new development	Excellent		13% N=83
	Good		47% N=299
	Fair		33% N=214
	Poor		7% N=44
Overall appearance	Excellent		26% N=194
	Good		58% N=434
	Fair		16% N=118






















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








Overall appearance	Poor		1% N=8
Cleanliness	Excellent		31% N=234
	Good		54% N=403
	Fair		13% N=101
	Poor		2% N=15
Water resources	Excellent		20% N=144
	Good		46% N=338
	Fair		23% N=170
	Poor		11% N=82
Air quality	Excellent		22% N=165
	Good		55% N=411
	Fair		20% N=146
	Poor		3% N=22
Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		46% N=338
	Good		43% N=314
	Fair		10% N=73
	Poor		2% N=14
Fitness opportunities	Excellent		34% N=243
	Good		47% N=340
	Fair		16% N=112
	Poor		3% N=25






















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

Recreational opportunities	Excellent		25% N=179
	Good		48% N=352
	Fair		23% N=164
	Poor		5% N=34
Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		17% N=127
	Good		46% N=341
	Fair		32% N=240
	Poor		5% N=41
Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		16% N=113
	Good		42% N=305
	Fair		27% N=199
	Poor		15% N=110
Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		15% N=109
	Good		47% N=332
	Fair		27% N=194
	Poor		11% N=75
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		13% N=73
	Good		35% N=198
	Fair		30% N=166
	Poor		22% N=121
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		20% N=142






















Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.				
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Good		51%	N=361
	Fair		24%	N=169
	Poor		5%	N=33
Community support for the arts	Excellent		18%	N=123
	Good		51%	N=348
	Fair		25%	N=172
	Poor		5%	N=33
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		11%	N=46
	Good		31%	N=134
	Fair		34%	N=146
	Poor		25%	N=108
K-12 education	Excellent		24%	N=138
	Good		49%	N=277
	Fair		20%	N=116
	Poor		7%	N=38
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		12%	N=68
	Good		45%	N=263
	Fair		34%	N=196
	Poor		9%	N=54
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		13%	N=94
	Good		54%	N=372


Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.				
Sense of civic/community pride	Fair		26%	N=178
	Poor		7%	N=50
Neighborliness of residents	Excellent		14%	N=104
	Good		45%	N=330
	Fair		33%	N=242
	Poor		8%	N=55
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		15%	N=106
	Good		50%	N=360
	Fair		29%	N=207
	Poor		6%	N=40
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		23%	N=170
	Good		52%	N=381
	Fair		21%	N=152
	Poor		4%	N=27
Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		24%	N=156
	Good		50%	N=319
	Fair		21%	N=138
	Poor		5%	N=30
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		15%	N=96
	Good		50%	N=307
	Fair		29%	N=177






















Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Poor		6% N=39
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		14% N=83
		Good		34% N=206
		Fair		32% N=194
		Poor		20% N=121
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Hutchinson for help or information	No		58% N=433
		Yes		42% N=317
	Contacted Hutchinson elected officials to express your opinion	No		89% N=670
		Yes		11% N=84
	Attended a local public meeting	No		89% N=673
		Yes		11% N=84
	Watched a local public meeting	No		73% N=553
		Yes		27% N=201
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		57% N=428
		Yes		43% N=329
	Campaigning or advocating for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		87% N=658
		Yes		13% N=97
	Voted in your most recent local election	No		24% N=184
		Yes		76% N=571
Used public transportation instead of driving	No		91% N=688	
	Yes		9% N=68	

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		59% N=444
		Yes		41% N=314
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No		38% N=283
		Yes		62% N=471
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.	Public information services	Excellent		13% N=85
		Good		57% N=362
		Fair		24% N=154
		Poor		5% N=34
	Economic development	Excellent		10% N=59
		Good		53% N=310
		Fair		28% N=160
		Poor		9% N=51
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent		15% N=100
		Good		50% N=337
		Fair		24% N=165
		Poor		11% N=75
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent		9% N=63
		Good		48% N=353
		Fair		29% N=213
		Poor		14% N=102
	Street repair	Excellent		7% N=50






















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

Street repair	Good		36% N=264
	Fair		36% N=266
	Poor		22% N=161
Street cleaning	Excellent		18% N=132
	Good		50% N=364
	Fair		27% N=195
	Poor		5% N=39
Street lighting	Excellent		19% N=138
	Good		56% N=414
	Fair		21% N=156
	Poor		5% N=35
Snow removal	Excellent		27% N=199
	Good		49% N=361
	Fair		16% N=121
	Poor		7% N=55
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		13% N=91
	Good		51% N=347
	Fair		26% N=182
	Poor		10% N=67
Bus or transit services	Excellent		11% N=51
	Good		33% N=146






















Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.			
Bus or transit services	Fair		34% N=149
	Poor		21% N=95
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		10% N=52
	Good		46% N=232
	Fair		36% N=184
	Poor		8% N=39
Code enforcement	Excellent		7% N=37
	Good		42% N=215
	Fair		32% N=162
	Poor		19% N=99
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		14% N=97
	Good		40% N=285
	Fair		30% N=214
	Poor		15% N=109
Garbage collection	Excellent		33% N=246
	Good		54% N=400
	Fair		9% N=69
	Poor		3% N=24
Drinking water	Excellent		33% N=242
	Good		51% N=377
	Fair		12% N=86

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.			
Drinking water	Poor		5% N=34
	Excellent		33% N=232
Sewer services	Good		55% N=391
	Fair		11% N=74
	Poor		1% N=8
	Excellent		31% N=215
Storm water management	Good		55% N=373
	Fair		13% N=86
	Poor		1% N=10
	Excellent		37% N=272
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Good		52% N=385
	Fair		10% N=74
	Poor		1% N=7
	Excellent		32% N=234
Utility billing	Good		47% N=344
	Fair		18% N=135
	Poor		3% N=23
	Excellent		31% N=215
Police/Sheriff services	Good		51% N=350
	Fair		14% N=96
	Poor		4% N=26






















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









Crime prevention	Excellent		25% N=164
	Good		51% N=334
	Fair		19% N=121
	Poor		5% N=30
Animal control	Excellent		18% N=104
	Good		50% N=295
	Fair		24% N=139
	Poor		8% N=47
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		33% N=213
	Good		52% N=336
	Fair		11% N=67
	Poor		4% N=24
Fire services	Excellent		39% N=244
	Good		50% N=311
	Fair		8% N=51
	Poor		3% N=18
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		27% N=149
	Good		52% N=283
	Fair		17% N=91
	Poor		4% N=23
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		23% N=123

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






















Emergency preparedness	Good		47% N=253
	Fair		22% N=121
	Poor		8% N=45
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		26% N=161
	Good		50% N=316
	Fair		22% N=139
	Poor		2% N=11
Hutchinson open space	Excellent		24% N=147
	Good		53% N=322
	Fair		20% N=124
	Poor		3% N=21
Recycling	Excellent		30% N=219
	Good		48% N=344
	Fair		18% N=127
	Poor		4% N=29
Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		38% N=263
	Good		46% N=318
	Fair		13% N=90
	Poor		3% N=24
City parks	Excellent		42% N=309
	Good		47% N=344






















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

City parks	Fair		10% N=73
	Poor		1% N=11
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		26% N=161
	Good		51% N=321
	Fair		21% N=135
	Poor		2% N=12
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		22% N=145
	Good		54% N=351
	Fair		20% N=128
	Poor		4% N=27
Health services	Excellent		16% N=115
	Good		53% N=377
	Fair		21% N=150
	Poor		9% N=65
Public library services	Excellent		47% N=310
	Good		43% N=287
	Fair		10% N=65
	Poor		0% N=2
Overall customer service by Hutchinson employees	Excellent		28% N=193
	Good		54% N=371
	Fair		15% N=102






















Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.	Overall customer service by Hutchinson employees	Poor		4% N=25
		Excellent		9% N=57
Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Hutchinson	Good		43% N=288
		Fair		33% N=222
		Poor		15% N=101
		Excellent		11% N=72
The overall direction that Hutchinson is taking		Good		48% N=319
		Fair		34% N=223
		Poor		7% N=46
		Excellent		10% N=57
The job Hutchinson government does at welcoming resident involvement		Good		44% N=249
		Fair		36% N=204
		Poor		10% N=56
		Excellent		8% N=53
Overall confidence in Hutchinson government		Good		44% N=288
		Fair		38% N=253
		Poor		10% N=67
		Excellent		13% N=86
Generally acting in the best interest of the community		Good		48% N=322
		Fair		31% N=205
		Poor		8% N=54

Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.
















Being honest	Excellent		12% N=76
	Good		49% N=297
	Fair		32% N=193
	Poor		7% N=44
Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		12% N=71
	Good		44% N=272
	Fair		32% N=196
	Poor		13% N=79
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		10% N=65
	Good		41% N=270
	Fair		34% N=225
	Poor		14% N=92
Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		15% N=85
	Good		44% N=256
	Fair		29% N=167
	Poor		13% N=77
Treating residents with respect	Excellent		17% N=108
	Good		49% N=305
	Fair		27% N=171
	Poor		7% N=45
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Hutchinson		18% N=131

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Hutchinson	Good		56% N=406
		Fair		22% N=159
		Poor		4% N=28
	The Federal Government	Excellent		4% N=31
		Good		31% N=210
		Fair		30% N=206
Poor			35% N=240	
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Essential		43% N=320
		Very important		46% N=340
		Somewhat important		10% N=77
		Not at all important		0% N=3
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		23% N=174
		Very important		45% N=338
		Somewhat important		28% N=214
		Not at all important		3% N=26
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		18% N=133
		Very important		45% N=340
		Somewhat important		33% N=248
		Not at all important		4% N=30
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		38% N=286	
	Very important		47% N=356	

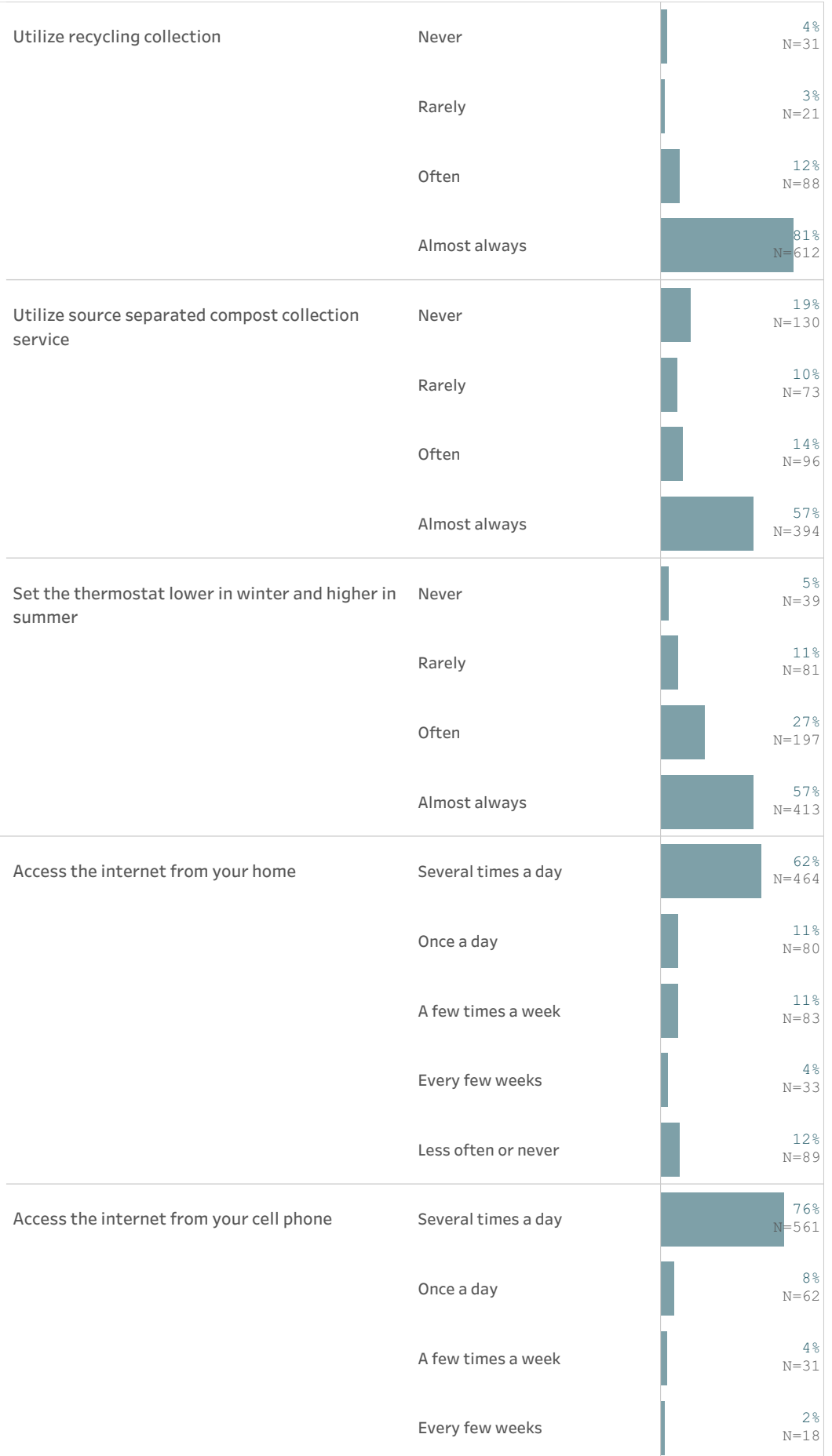
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.






















Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Somewhat important		14% N=103
	Not at all important		1% N=9
Overall feeling of safety	Essential		49% N=373
	Very important		37% N=276
	Somewhat important		13% N=99
	Not at all important		1% N=7
Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		34% N=255
	Very important		43% N=319
	Somewhat important		20% N=147
	Not at all important		4% N=29
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		29% N=214
	Very important		48% N=361
	Somewhat important		20% N=149
	Not at all important		3% N=25
Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		35% N=267
	Very important		43% N=327
	Somewhat important		18% N=135
	Not at all important		3% N=24
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		31% N=235
	Very important		42% N=319
	Somewhat important		21% N=161






















<p>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</p>	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Not at all important		5% N=40
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		20% N=147
		Very important		49% N=368
		Somewhat important		27% N=201
		Not at all important		4% N=32
<p>Currently, the City spends about \$4 million a year on street repair and maintenance. In order to fund additional street repair and still maintain the current levels of all City-provided services and programs, additional tax revenue would be needed. How much of a property tax increase would you support or oppose if the revenue generated would be dedicated to fixing, repairing, and upgrading city streets and its related infrastructure?</p>	A \$1 million tax increase (about an additional \$140 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)	Strongly support		14% N=95
		Somewhat support		20% N=133
		Somewhat oppose		26% N=171
		Strongly oppose		40% N=263
	A \$500,000 tax increase (about an additional \$70 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)	Strongly support		26% N=175
		Somewhat support		26% N=173
		Somewhat oppose		22% N=146
		Strongly oppose		25% N=167
	A \$250,000 tax increase (about an additional \$35 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)	Strongly support		38% N=249
		Somewhat support		32% N=210
		Somewhat oppose		13% N=88
		Strongly oppose		16% N=108
<p>The City's ½ cent sales tax generates about \$1.8 million a year in revenue and is set to expire in 2026. The City is considering renewing this sales tax. Any renewing of the sales tax would require the approval of local voters, as well as the state legislature. The tax would be used to fund large projects within the City. As before, the tax would sunset after the projects are complete. If the sales tax were to be renewed, how much would you support or oppose using the funds collected for each of the following purposes?</p>	Upgrade or expand recreational facilities (e.g., Rec Center, Burich Arena, Senior Center, etc.)	Strongly support		30% N=211
		Somewhat support		42% N=295
		Somewhat oppose		14% N=101
		Strongly oppose		14% N=99






















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		Somewhat support		41% N=295
		Somewhat oppose		9% N=61
		Strongly oppose		6% N=42
	<p>Repair or improve the City's road and bridge system</p>	Strongly support		42% N=302
		Somewhat support		45% N=322
		Somewhat oppose		8% N=61
		Strongly oppose		5% N=35
	<p>Which of the following best reflects your household's ownership status or future plans regarding electric vehicles (EV) or plug-in hybrid EVs?</p>	Currently own one EV		1% N=6
		Currently own one or more EVs and plan to buy another		0% N=1
		Currently own two or more EVs		0% N=2
		Do not currently own but plan to buy an EV		15% N=107
		Do not own or plan to buy an EV		83% N=576
	<p>If you plan to buy an EV in the future, would you most likely purchase within the next:</p>	0-12 months		1% N=3
		1-5 years		12% N=43
		5+ years		11% N=39
		Not applicable/Don't know		76% N=264
<p>Please indicate how frequently, if at all, you or your household do each of the following:</p>	<p>Turn off lights and appliances when not in use</p>	Never		1% N=6
		Rarely		2% N=19
		Often		17% N=130
		Almost always		80% N=599

Please indicate how frequently, if at all, you or your household do each of the following:



In general, how many times do you:			
Access the internet from your cell phone	Less often or never		10% N=71
	Several times a day		57% N=419
Visit social media sites	Once a day		12% N=91
	A few times a week		6% N=42
	Every few weeks		2% N=18
	Less often or never		23% N=171
	Several times a day		64% N=475
Use or check email	Once a day		20% N=153
	A few times a week		7% N=54
	Every few weeks		3% N=24
	Less often or never		5% N=40
	Several times a day		10% N=71
Share your opinions online	Once a day		1% N=9
	A few times a week		10% N=73
	Every few weeks		14% N=103
	Less often or never		65% N=474
	Several times a day		8% N=56
Shop online	Once a day		5% N=39
	A few times a week		23% N=168
	Every few weeks		37% N=270
	Less often or never		27% N=198

Please rate your overall health.	Excellent		15% N=112
	Very good		40% N=302
	Good		34% N=258
	Fair		9% N=68
	Poor		1% N=10
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Very positive		3% N=25
	Somewhat positive		14% N=105
	Neutral		40% N=303
	Somewhat negative		32% N=244
	Very negative		10% N=73
How many years have you lived in Hutchinson?	Less than 2 years		8% N=60
	2-5 years		19% N=142
	6-10 years		14% N=107
	11-20 years		14% N=104
	More than 20 years		45% N=341
Which best describes the building you live in?	Single-family detached home		54% N=408
	Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you)		15% N=112
	Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)		25% N=192
	Mobile home		3% N=19
	Other		3% N=24
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent		32% N=241

Do you rent or own your home?	Own		68% N=512
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than \$300		3% N=25
	\$300 to \$599		15% N=111
	\$600 to \$999		26% N=189
	\$1,000 to \$1,499		30% N=217
	\$1,500 to \$2,499		18% N=135
	\$2,500 to \$3,999		5% N=38
	\$4,000 to \$6,999		2% N=13
	\$7,000 to \$9,999		0% N=1
	\$10,000 or more		0% N=2
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No		76% N=572
	Yes		24% N=182
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No		66% N=499
	Yes		34% N=256
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		11% N=80
	\$25,000 to \$49,999		22% N=163
	\$50,000 to \$74,999		24% N=174
	\$75,000 to \$99,999		15% N=111
	\$100,000 to \$149,999		15% N=109
	\$150,000 to \$199,999		9% N=62
	\$200,000 to \$299,999		4% N=28

year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	\$300,000 or more	1% N=4
Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	99% N=738
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	1% N=8
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaska Native	0% N=3
	Asian	1% N=9
	Black or African American	1% N=10
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0% N=2
	White	96% N=716
	A race not listed	2% N=16
In which category is your age?	18-24 years	4% N=32
	25-34 years	23% N=177
	35-44 years	15% N=113
	45-54 years	16% N=124
	55-64 years	9% N=71
	65-74 years	16% N=117
	75 years or older	16% N=121
What is your gender?	Woman	53% N=396
	Man	46% N=349
	Identify in another way	1% N=6
If you identify in another way, how would you describe your gender?	Agender/I don't identify with any gender	89% N=5
	Two-spirit	11% N=1

Full trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Hutchinson. The combined “percent positive” responses for each survey year are presented (e.g., excellent/good or yes). If an item was not included during an administration of the survey, no percentage will be shown in the table. If the difference between the 2019 and 2023 surveys is greater than six percentage points, the change is statistically significant.

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

		2007	2011	2015	2019	2023
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hutchinson.	Hutchinson as a place to live	82%	87%	84%	90%	88%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	81%	84%	77%	80%	80%
	Hutchinson as a place to raise children	80%	81%	83%	84%	84%
	Hutchinson as a place to work	66%	50%	67%	75%	75%
	Hutchinson as a place to visit			57%	65%	64%
	Hutchinson as a place to retire	57%	62%	60%	68%	68%
	The overall quality of life	79%	78%	79%	84%	84%
	Sense of community	60%	64%	58%	60%	64%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole.	Overall economic health			57%	67%	68%
	Overall quality of the transportation system					63%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas			70%	74%	71%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure					83%
	Overall feeling of safety			82%	88%	83%
	Overall quality of natural environment			87%	87%	84%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities					85%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities			73%	71%	68%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts			66%	73%	75%

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	58%
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Hutchinson to someone who asks	83% 86% 87% 88%
	Remain in Hutchinson for the next five years	79% 84% 88% 90%
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	95% 97% 95% 97% 95%
	In Hutchinson's downtown/commercial area during the day	95% 96% 95% 96% 93%
	From property crime	59% 75% 84%
	From violent crime	75% 87% 89%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	86%
Please rate the job you feel the Hutchinson community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	67%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	53%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	54%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	61%
Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	59% 56% 74%
	Variety of business and service establishments	56%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	41% 42% 52%
	Employment opportunities	44% 20% 48% 55% 57%
	Shopping opportunities	34% 43% 41% 34% 47%
	Cost of living	39% 39% 39%
	Overall image or reputation	72% 73% 69% 77% 73%
Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Traffic flow on major streets	56% 49% 52% 53%
	Ease of public parking	56% 68% 70%
	Ease of travel by car	67% 72% 74% 78% 80%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	42% 41% 38%

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

Ease of travel by bicycle	61%	72%	73%	75%	78%
Ease of walking	70%	78%	83%	85%	84%
Well-planned residential growth					68%
Well-planned commercial growth					60%
Well-designed neighborhoods					68%
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community					76%
Public places where people want to spend time			67%	78%	71%
Variety of housing options			54%	59%	48%
Availability of affordable quality housing	42%	55%	46%	43%	28%
Overall quality of new development	65%	54%	48%	58%	60%
Overall appearance	81%	84%	83%	89%	83%
Cleanliness			80%	86%	85%
Water resources					65%
Air quality	72%	70%	80%	79%	77%
Availability of paths and walking trails			85%	84%	88%
Fitness opportunities			77%	82%	81%
Recreational opportunities	57%	64%	64%	72%	73%
Availability of affordable quality food			61%	73%	62%
Availability of affordable quality health care	56%	55%	62%	59%	58%
Availability of preventive health services			63%	63%	62%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care			53%	58%	48%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	39%	42%	59%	66%	71%
Community support for the arts					70%

Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	48%	57%	57%	51%	41%
	K-12 education	61%	69%	68%	82%	73%
	Adult educational opportunities			58%	63%	57%
	Sense of civic/community pride					67%
	Neighborliness of residents			52%	58%	59%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities			57%	63%	65%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals			64%	72%	75%
	Opportunities to volunteer			71%	74%	74%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters			57%	65%	65%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	41%	49%	38%	50%	48%
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Hutchinson for help or information	60%	53%	40%	40%
Contacted Hutchinson elected officials to express your opinion				15%	14%	11%
Attended a local public meeting		27%	23%	14%	16%	11%
Watched a local public meeting		61%	55%	33%	28%	27%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity		63%	65%	49%	48%	44%
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate				16%	13%	13%
Voted in your most recent local election		73%	77%			76%
Used public transportation instead of driving				9%	10%	9%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone				39%	38%	41%
Walked or biked instead of driving				65%	64%	62%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.		Public information services	65%	73%	69%	72%
	Economic development	55%	46%	52%	61%	63%
	Traffic enforcement	65%	65%	61%	71%	65%

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

Traffic signal timing	50%	57%	46%	57%	57%
Street repair	51%	26%	32%	26%	43%
Street cleaning	67%	62%	63%	58%	68%
Street lighting	60%	69%	68%	78%	74%
Snow removal	73%	61%	68%	76%	76%
Sidewalk maintenance	67%	63%	55%	66%	64%
Bus or transit services	65%	60%	47%	49%	45%
Land use, planning and zoning	52%	54%	53%	64%	56%
Code enforcement	57%	50%	38%	44%	49%
Affordable high-speed internet access					54%
Garbage collection	87%	89%	88%	86%	87%
Drinking water	53%	75%	79%	78%	84%
Sewer services	75%	81%	83%	89%	88%
Storm water management	73%	76%	76%	78%	86%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility			82%	89%	89%
Utility billing			73%	80%	78%
Police services	76%	84%	78%	87%	82%
Crime prevention	67%	77%	70%	77%	77%
Animal control	65%	61%	55%	66%	68%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	89%	92%	90%	88%	86%
Fire services	93%	96%	94%	96%	89%
Fire prevention and education	83%	87%	80%	85%	79%
Emergency preparedness			58%	68%	69%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.	Preservation of natural areas	63% 70% 76%
	Hutchinson open space	65% 65% 76%
	Recycling	88% 87% 89% 85% 78%
	Yard waste pick-up	80% 83% 85% 88% 83%
	City parks	85% 88% 88% 88% 89%
	Recreation programs or classes	78% 80% 74% 78% 76%
	Recreation centers or facilities	72% 73% 61% 78% 76%
	Health services	72% 69% 69% 68% 69%
	Public library services	87% 89% 83% 84% 90%
	Overall customer service by Hutchinson employees	73% 82% 71% 78% 82%
Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Hutchinson	43% 41% 43% 52% 52%
	The overall direction that Hutchinson is taking	49% 47% 49% 59% 59%
	The job Hutchinson government does at welcoming resident involvement	53% 42% 44% 53% 54%
	Overall confidence in Hutchinson government	41% 55% 51%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	43% 58% 61%
	Being honest	47% 63% 61%
	Being open and transparent to the public	55%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	51%
	Treating all residents fairly	43% 58% 58%
	Treating residents with respect	66%
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Hutchinson	72% 72% 70% 78% 74%
	The Federal Government	41% 43% 36% 45% 35%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	88% 88% 89%

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system	68%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	66% 66% 63%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	85%
	Overall feeling of safety	85% 88% 86%
	Overall quality of natural environment	74% 76% 77%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	77%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	77% 82% 79%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	81% 80% 73%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	81% 77% 69%
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	84%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	88%
	Visit social media sites	75%
	Use or check email	91%
	Share your opinions online	21%
	Shop online	36%
	Please rate your overall health.	54% 58% 55%
	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:	20% 11% 21% 28% 17%

Methods (open participation)



















As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), the City of Hutchinson conducted a survey of 761 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from July 14, 2023 to August 25, 2023. The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents' opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the City of Hutchinson. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a question at the beginning asking if the respondent lives in the city and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on August 11, 2023. The survey remained open for two weeks and there were 74 responses.






















The open participation survey data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. Due to limited response, the results were not statistically weighted.

Open participation survey results











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

















	Do you live within the City limits of Hutchinson	Yes		95% N=70
		No		5% N=4
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Hutchinson.	Hutchinson as a place to live	Excellent		28% N=21
		Good		54% N=40
		Fair		16% N=12
		Poor		1% N=1
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		43% N=30
		Good		39% N=27
		Fair		13% N=9
		Poor		6% N=4
	Hutchinson as a place to raise children	Excellent		35% N=24
		Good		48% N=33
		Fair		14% N=10
		Poor		3% N=2
Hutchinson as a place to work	Excellent		20% N=13	
	Good		47% N=31	
	Fair		27% N=18	
	Poor		6% N=4	






















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






















Hutchinson as a place to visit	Excellent		15% N=11	
	Good		36% N=26	
	Fair		36% N=26	
	Poor		13% N=9	
Hutchinson as a place to retire	Excellent		19% N=12	
	Good		38% N=24	
	Fair		30% N=19	
	Poor		13% N=8	
The overall quality of life in Hutchinson	Excellent		19% N=14	
	Good		59% N=43	
	Fair		19% N=14	
	Poor		3% N=2	
Sense of community	Excellent		11% N=8	
	Good		45% N=33	
	Fair		30% N=22	
	Poor		15% N=11	
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole.	Overall economic health of Hutchinson	Excellent		9% N=6
		Good		53% N=37
		Fair		34% N=24
		Poor		4% N=3
	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Hutchinson	Excellent		8% N=6






















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

Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Hutchinson	Good		46% N=34
	Fair		31% N=23
	Poor		15% N=11
Overall design or layout of Hutchinson's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Excellent		11% N=8
	Good		53% N=39
	Fair		33% N=24
	Poor		3% N=2
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hutchinson (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Excellent		33% N=23
	Good		43% N=30
	Fair		19% N=13
	Poor		6% N=4
Overall feeling of safety in Hutchinson	Excellent		28% N=21
	Good		55% N=41
	Fair		16% N=12
Overall quality of natural environment in Hutchinson	Excellent		31% N=23
	Good		49% N=36
	Fair		19% N=14
	Poor		1% N=1
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		47% N=34
	Good		36% N=26
	Fair		16% N=12

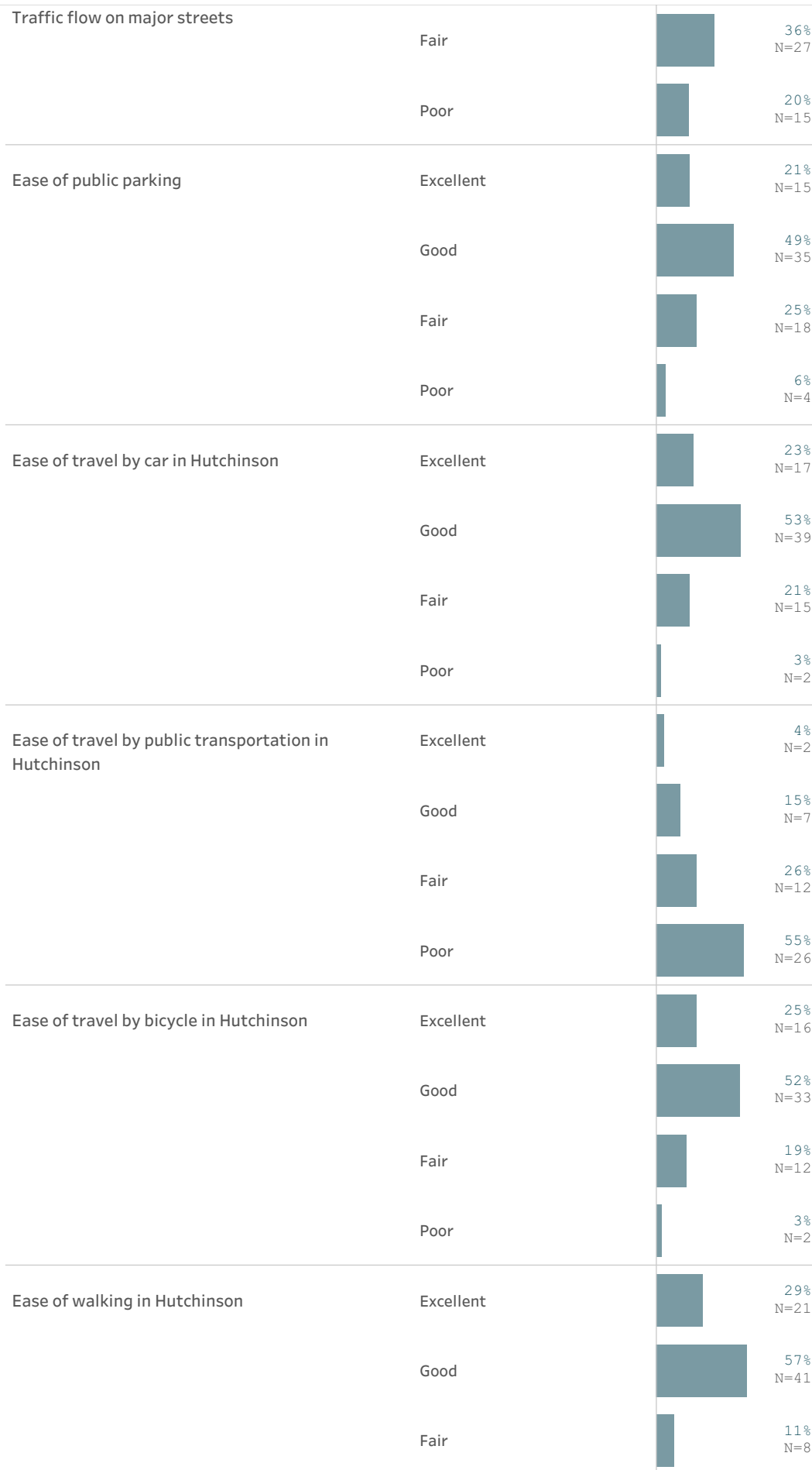
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Hutchinson as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Poor		1% N=1
	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hutchinson	Excellent		18% N=13
		Good		42% N=31
		Fair		33% N=24
		Poor		7% N=5
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		15% N=11	
	Good		50% N=36	
	Fair		28% N=20	
	Poor		7% N=5	
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		4% N=3	
	Good		45% N=33	
	Fair		36% N=26	
	Poor		15% N=11	
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Hutchinson to someone who asks	Very likely		43% N=30
		Somewhat likely		41% N=29
		Somewhat unlikely		13% N=9
		Very unlikely		3% N=2
	Remain in Hutchinson for the next five years	Very likely		63% N=45
Somewhat likely			25% N=18	
Somewhat unlikely			6% N=4	
Very unlikely			6% N=4	

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		77% N=57
		Somewhat safe		20% N=15
		Neither safe nor unsafe		3% N=2
	In Hutchinson's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		80% N=59
		Somewhat safe		18% N=13
		Neither safe nor unsafe		3% N=2
	From property crime	Very safe		36% N=26
		Somewhat safe		47% N=34
		Neither safe nor unsafe		12% N=9
		Somewhat unsafe		5% N=4
	From violent crime	Very safe		56% N=41
		Somewhat safe		34% N=25
		Neither safe nor unsafe		8% N=6
		Somewhat unsafe		1% N=1
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		64% N=47
		Somewhat safe		30% N=22
		Neither safe nor unsafe		7% N=5
Please rate the job you feel the Hutchinson community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		10% N=7
		Good		38% N=27
		Fair		33% N=24
		Poor		19% N=14

Please rate the job you feel the Hutchinson community does at each of the following.			
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		10% N=7
	Good		18% N=12
	Fair		33% N=22
	Poor		39% N=26
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		10% N=7
	Good		25% N=17
	Fair		33% N=22
	Poor		31% N=21
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Excellent		13% N=9
	Good		29% N=20
	Fair		37% N=26
	Poor		21% N=15
Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Hutchinson	Excellent	
		Good	
		Fair	
		Poor	
Variety of business and service establishments in Hutchinson	Excellent		7% N=5
	Good		39% N=29
	Fair		38% N=28
	Poor		16% N=12
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		14% N=10

Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Good		36% N=26
		Fair		36% N=26
		Poor		15% N=11
	Employment opportunities	Excellent		5% N=3
		Good		42% N=27
		Fair		42% N=27
		Poor		11% N=7
	Shopping opportunities	Excellent		5% N=4
		Good		26% N=19
		Fair		42% N=31
		Poor		26% N=19
	Cost of living in Hutchinson	Excellent		7% N=5
		Good		27% N=20
		Fair		42% N=31
		Poor		24% N=18
	Overall image or reputation of Hutchinson	Excellent		15% N=11
		Good		54% N=40
		Fair		27% N=20
		Poor		4% N=3
Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		5% N=4
		Good		38% N=28






















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Ease of walking in Hutchinson	Poor		3% N=2
Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		14% N=9
	Good		49% N=31
	Fair		25% N=16
	Poor		11% N=7
Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		12% N=7
	Good		38% N=23
	Fair		35% N=21
	Poor		15% N=9
Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent		7% N=5
	Good		61% N=42
	Fair		29% N=20
	Poor		3% N=2
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent		25% N=16
	Good		52% N=34
	Fair		18% N=12
	Poor		5% N=3
Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent		15% N=11
	Good		44% N=32
	Fair		31% N=22
	Poor		10% N=7














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







Variety of housing options	Excellent		4% N=3
	Good		40% N=28
	Fair		33% N=23
	Poor		23% N=16
Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		4% N=3
	Good		25% N=17
	Fair		26% N=18
	Poor		44% N=30
Overall quality of new development in Hutchinson	Excellent		11% N=7
	Good		41% N=25
	Fair		39% N=24
	Poor		8% N=5
Overall appearance of Hutchinson	Excellent		24% N=17
	Good		58% N=42
	Fair		17% N=12
	Poor		1% N=1
Cleanliness of Hutchinson	Excellent		36% N=27
	Good		45% N=33
	Fair		19% N=14
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Excellent		20% N=14
	Good		36% N=25






















Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.			
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Fair		31% N=22
	Poor		13% N=9
Air quality	Excellent		29% N=21
	Good		48% N=35
	Fair		21% N=15
	Poor		3% N=2
Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		51% N=37
	Good		33% N=24
	Fair		15% N=11
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	Excellent		30% N=22
	Good		48% N=35
	Fair		19% N=14
	Poor		3% N=2
Recreational opportunities	Excellent		23% N=17
	Good		47% N=34
	Fair		29% N=21
	Poor		1% N=1
Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		12% N=9
	Good		42% N=31
	Fair		31% N=23
	Poor		15% N=11

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






















Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		15% N=11
	Good		41% N=30
	Fair		29% N=21
	Poor		15% N=11
Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		15% N=11
	Good		44% N=32
	Fair		28% N=20
	Poor		13% N=9
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		7% N=4
	Good		35% N=20
	Fair		35% N=20
	Poor		23% N=13
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		18% N=13
	Good		42% N=30
	Fair		35% N=25
	Poor		6% N=4
Community support for the arts	Excellent		16% N=11
	Good		50% N=35
	Fair		27% N=19
	Poor		7% N=5
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		4% N=2

Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.				
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Good		24%	N=12
	Fair		37%	N=19
	Poor		35%	N=18
K-12 education	Excellent		27%	N=17
	Good		51%	N=32
	Fair		17%	N=11
	Poor		5%	N=3
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		11%	N=7
	Good		41%	N=25
	Fair		39%	N=24
	Poor		8%	N=5
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		10%	N=7
	Good		53%	N=37
	Fair		30%	N=21
	Poor		7%	N=5
Neighborliness of residents in Hutchinson	Excellent		7%	N=5
	Good		41%	N=29
	Fair		40%	N=28
	Poor		11%	N=8
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		14%	N=10
	Good		49%	N=34






















Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Fair		27% N=19
		Poor		10% N=7
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		26% N=19
		Good		44% N=32
		Fair		22% N=16
		Poor		8% N=6
	Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		27% N=17
		Good		40% N=25
		Fair		31% N=19
		Poor		2% N=1
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		16% N=10
		Good		43% N=27
		Fair		33% N=21
		Poor		8% N=5
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		10% N=6
		Good		22% N=14
		Fair		29% N=18
		Poor		40% N=25
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Hutchinson (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information	No		55% N=40
		Yes		45% N=33
	Contacted Hutchinson elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	No		77% N=56

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted Hutchinson elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	Yes		23% N=17
	Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	No		77% N=56
Yes			23% N=17	
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	No		56% N=40	
	Yes		44% N=32	
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Hutchinson	No		39% N=29	
	Yes		61% N=45	
Campaigning or advocating for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		77% N=57	
	Yes		23% N=17	
Voted in your most recent local election	No		9% N=7	
	Yes		91% N=67	
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	No		95% N=70	
	Yes		5% N=4	
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		53% N=39	
	Yes		47% N=35	
Walked or biked instead of driving	No		50% N=37	
	Yes		50% N=37	
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.	Public information services	Excellent		3% N=2
		Good		55% N=38
		Fair		33% N=23
		Poor		9% N=6

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






















Economic development	Excellent		8% N=5
	Good		45% N=29
	Fair		40% N=26
	Poor		8% N=5
Traffic enforcement	Excellent		10% N=7
	Good		42% N=28
	Fair		30% N=20
	Poor		18% N=12
Traffic signal timing	Excellent		4% N=3
	Good		44% N=32
	Fair		41% N=30
	Poor		11% N=8
Street repair	Excellent		8% N=6
	Good		34% N=25
	Fair		28% N=21
	Poor		30% N=22
Street cleaning	Excellent		25% N=18
	Good		37% N=27
	Fair		29% N=21
	Poor		10% N=7
Street lighting	Excellent		20% N=15


















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

Street lighting	Good		54% N=40
	Fair		23% N=17
	Poor		3% N=2
Snow removal	Excellent		21% N=15
	Good		51% N=37
	Fair		18% N=13
	Poor		11% N=8
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		10% N=7
	Good		54% N=38
	Fair		31% N=22
	Poor		4% N=3
Bus or transit services	Excellent		10% N=4
	Good		21% N=9
	Fair		31% N=13
	Poor		38% N=16
Land use, planning, and zoning	Excellent		14% N=7
	Good		33% N=16
	Fair		47% N=23
	Poor		6% N=3
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Excellent		7% N=4
	Good		40% N=24






















Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.			
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Fair		28% N=17
	Poor		25% N=15
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		14% N=10
	Good		36% N=25
	Fair		34% N=24
	Poor		16% N=11
Garbage collection	Excellent		32% N=23
	Good		54% N=39
	Fair		14% N=10
Drinking water	Excellent		34% N=25
	Good		51% N=37
	Fair		8% N=6
	Poor		7% N=5
Sewer services	Excellent		33% N=24
	Good		54% N=39
	Fair		13% N=9
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Excellent		27% N=19
	Good		63% N=45
	Fair		8% N=6
	Poor		1% N=1
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		37% N=27















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

Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Good		47% N=34
	Fair		15% N=11
	Poor		1% N=1
Utility billing	Excellent		30% N=21
	Good		46% N=32
	Fair		20% N=14
	Poor		3% N=2
Police services	Excellent		29% N=20
	Good		52% N=36
	Fair		16% N=11
	Poor		3% N=2
Crime prevention	Excellent		20% N=13
	Good		58% N=38
	Fair		17% N=11
	Poor		5% N=3
Animal control	Excellent		17% N=10
	Good		48% N=29
	Fair		28% N=17
	Poor		7% N=4
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		36% N=23
	Good		53% N=34






















Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.			
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Fair		9% N=6
	Poor		2% N=1
Fire services	Excellent		44% N=28
	Good		48% N=31
	Fair		8% N=5
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		27% N=16
	Good		46% N=27
	Fair		27% N=16
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Excellent		21% N=12
	Good		39% N=22
	Fair		27% N=15
	Poor		13% N=7
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Excellent		21% N=14
	Good		50% N=33
	Fair		26% N=17
	Poor		3% N=2
Hutchinson open space	Excellent		22% N=14
	Good		46% N=30
	Fair		32% N=21
Recycling	Excellent		28% N=20
	Good		45% N=32






















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

Recycling	Fair		20% N=14
	Poor		7% N=5
Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		41% N=29
	Good		39% N=27
	Fair		19% N=13
	Poor		1% N=1
City parks	Excellent		40% N=29
	Good		44% N=32
	Fair		16% N=12
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		15% N=10
	Good		55% N=36
	Fair		26% N=17
	Poor		3% N=2
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		13% N=9
	Good		56% N=40
	Fair		25% N=18
	Poor		7% N=5
Health services	Excellent		13% N=9
	Good		46% N=33
	Fair		27% N=19
	Poor		14% N=10






















Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Hutchinson.	Public library services	Excellent		38% N=27
		Good		54% N=38
		Fair		8% N=6
	Overall customer service by Hutchinson employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	Excellent		23% N=16
		Good		59% N=42
		Fair		17% N=12
Poor			1% N=1	
Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Hutchinson	Excellent		7% N=5
		Good		37% N=25
		Fair		43% N=29
		Poor		13% N=9
	The overall direction that Hutchinson is taking	Excellent		6% N=4
		Good		45% N=30
		Fair		42% N=28
		Poor		7% N=5
	The job Hutchinson government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		8% N=5
		Good		32% N=19
		Fair		40% N=24
		Poor		20% N=12
Overall confidence in Hutchinson government	Excellent		6% N=4	
	Good		41% N=28	

Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.






















Overall confidence in Hutchinson government	Fair		41% N=28
	Poor		13% N=9
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		10% N=7
	Good		46% N=33
	Fair		32% N=23
	Poor		13% N=9
Being honest	Excellent		10% N=6
	Good		47% N=29
	Fair		35% N=22
	Poor		8% N=5
Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		8% N=5
	Good		42% N=27
	Fair		40% N=26
	Poor		11% N=7
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		9% N=6
	Good		32% N=22
	Fair		43% N=30
	Poor		16% N=11
Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		14% N=8
	Good		29% N=17
	Fair		34% N=20

Please rate the following categories of Hutchinson government performance.	Treating all residents fairly	Poor		22% N=13
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent		15% N=9
		Good		39% N=24
		Fair		33% N=20
		Poor		13% N=8
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Hutchinson	Excellent		14% N=10
		Good		63% N=45
		Fair		21% N=15
		Poor		3% N=2
	The Federal Government	Excellent		3% N=2
		Good		38% N=28
		Fair		26% N=19
		Poor		33% N=24
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health of Hutchinson	Essential		42% N=30
		Very important		50% N=36
		Somewhat important		8% N=6
	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Hutchinson	Essential		16% N=12
		Very important		44% N=32
		Somewhat important		33% N=24
		Not at all important		7% N=5
	Overall design or layout of Hutchinson's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Essential		7% N=5

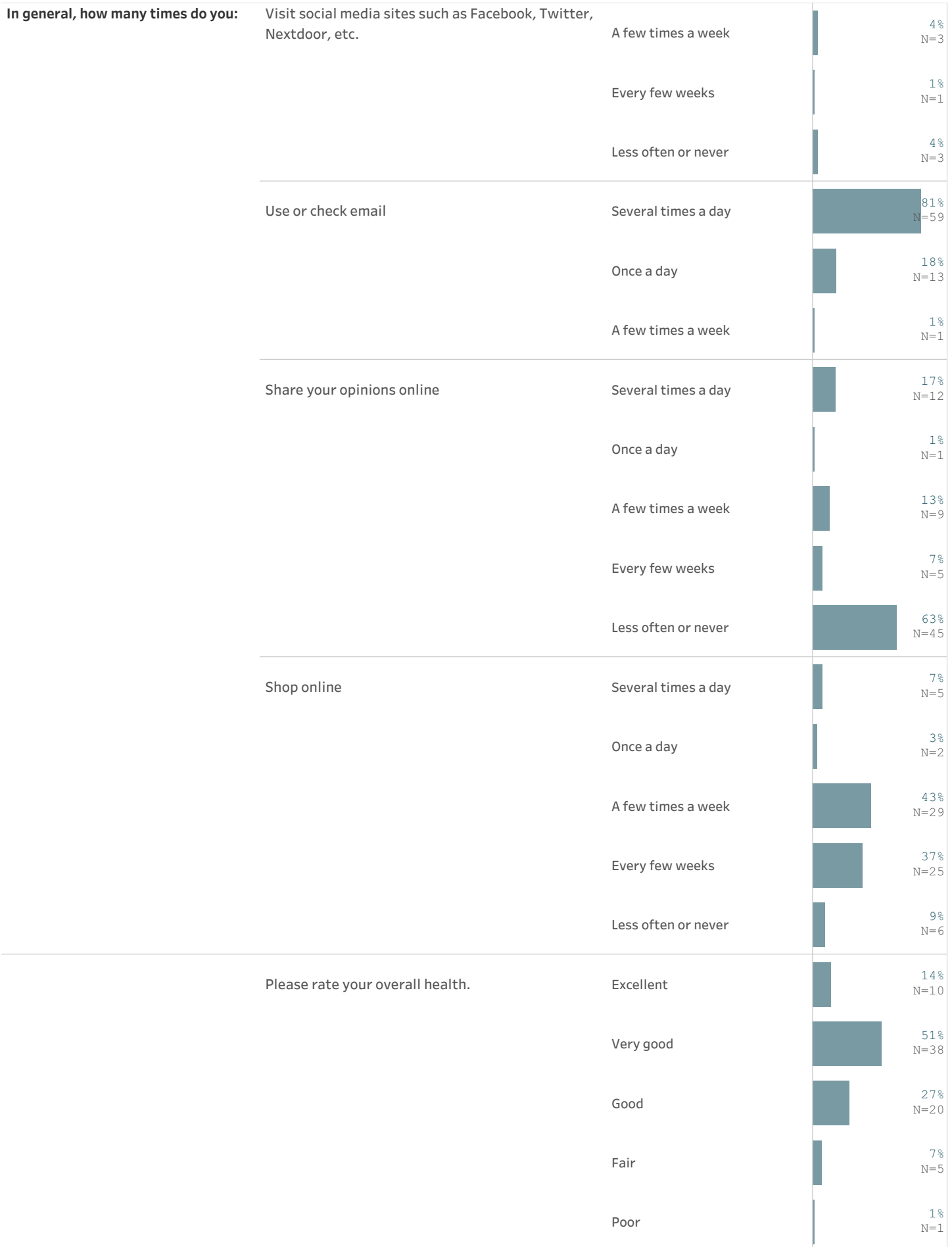
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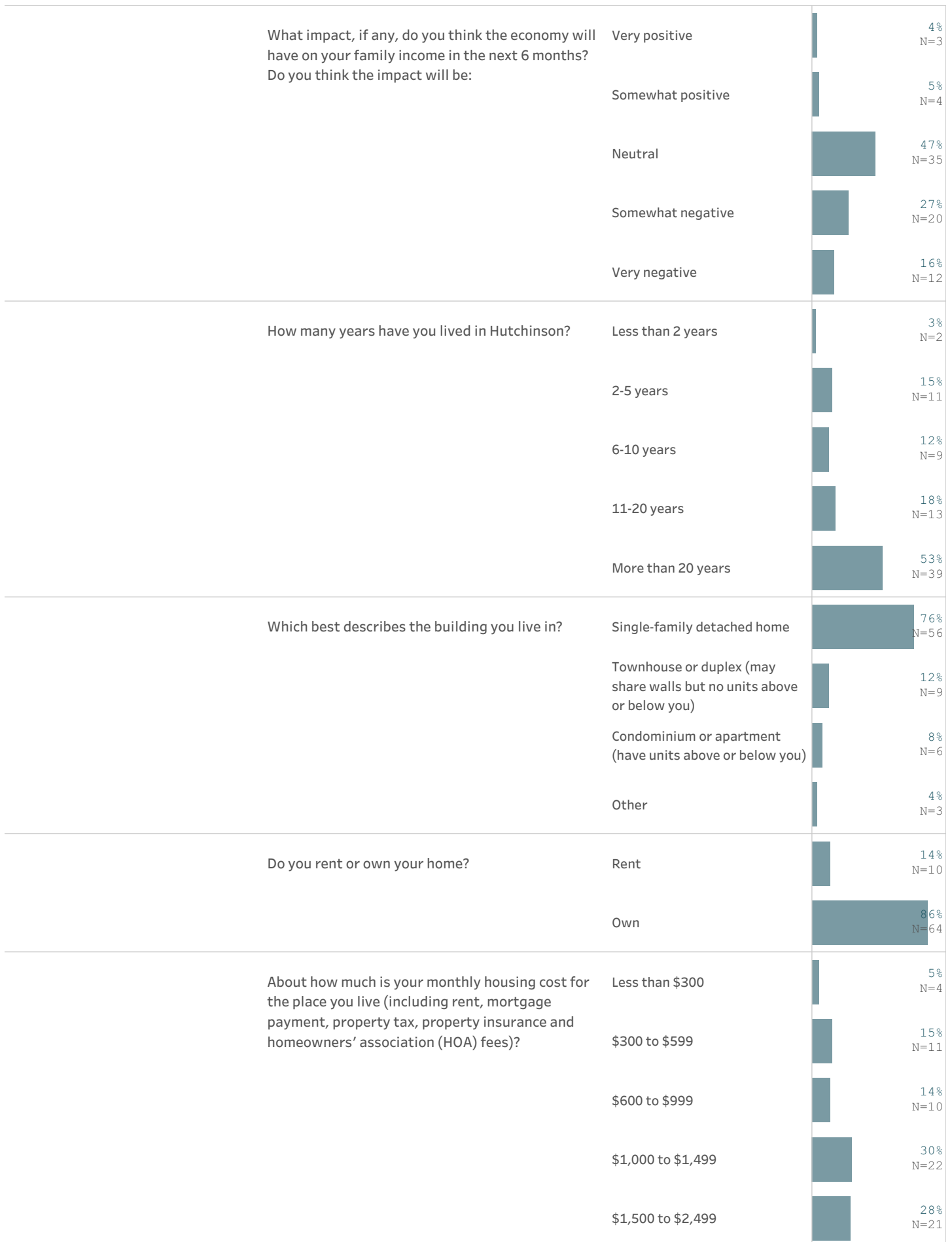
Overall design or layout of Hutchinson's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Very important		44% N=32
	Somewhat important		44% N=32
	Not at all important		5% N=4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Hutchinson (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Essential		39% N=28
	Very important		39% N=28
	Somewhat important		21% N=15
	Not at all important		1% N=1
Overall feeling of safety in Hutchinson	Essential		45% N=32
	Very important		41% N=29
	Somewhat important		14% N=10
Overall quality of natural environment in Hutchinson	Essential		22% N=16
	Very important		53% N=39
	Somewhat important		25% N=18
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		16% N=12
	Very important		59% N=44
	Somewhat important		24% N=18
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Hutchinson	Essential		29% N=21
	Very important		51% N=37
	Somewhat important		19% N=14
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		24% N=17
	Very important		47% N=34

<p>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Hutchinson community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</p>	<p>Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts</p>	Somewhat important		28% N=20
		Not at all important		1% N=1
<p>Residents' connection and engagement with their community</p>		Essential		22% N=16
		Very important		46% N=33
		Somewhat important		29% N=21
		Not at all important		3% N=2
<p>Currently, the City spends about \$4 million a year on street repair and maintenance. In order to fund additional street repair and still maintain the current levels of all City-provided services and programs, additional tax revenue would be needed. How much of a property tax increase would you support or oppose if the revenue generated would be dedicated to fixing, repairing, and upgrading city streets and its related infrastructure?</p>	<p>A \$1 million tax increase (about an additional \$140 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)</p>	Strongly support		19% N=13
		Somewhat support		28% N=19
		Somewhat oppose		15% N=10
		Strongly oppose		38% N=26
	<p>A \$500,000 tax increase (about an additional \$70 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)</p>	Strongly support		37% N=25
		Somewhat support		22% N=15
		Somewhat oppose		9% N=6
		Strongly oppose		32% N=22
	<p>A \$250,000 tax increase (about an additional \$35 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000)</p>	Strongly support		46% N=32
		Somewhat support		19% N=13
		Somewhat oppose		10% N=7
		Strongly oppose		25% N=17
<p>The City's ½ cent sales tax generates about \$1.8 million a year in revenue and is set to expire in 2026. The City is considering renewing this sales tax. Any renewing of the sales tax would require the approval of local voters, as well as the state legislature. The tax would be used to fund large projects within the City. As before, the tax would sunset after the projects are complete. If the sales tax were to be renewed, how much would you support or oppose using the funds collected for each of the following purposes?</p>	<p>Upgrade or expand recreational facilities (e.g., Rec Center, Burich Arena, Senior Center, etc.)</p>	Strongly support		34% N=24
		Somewhat support		37% N=26
		Somewhat oppose		13% N=9

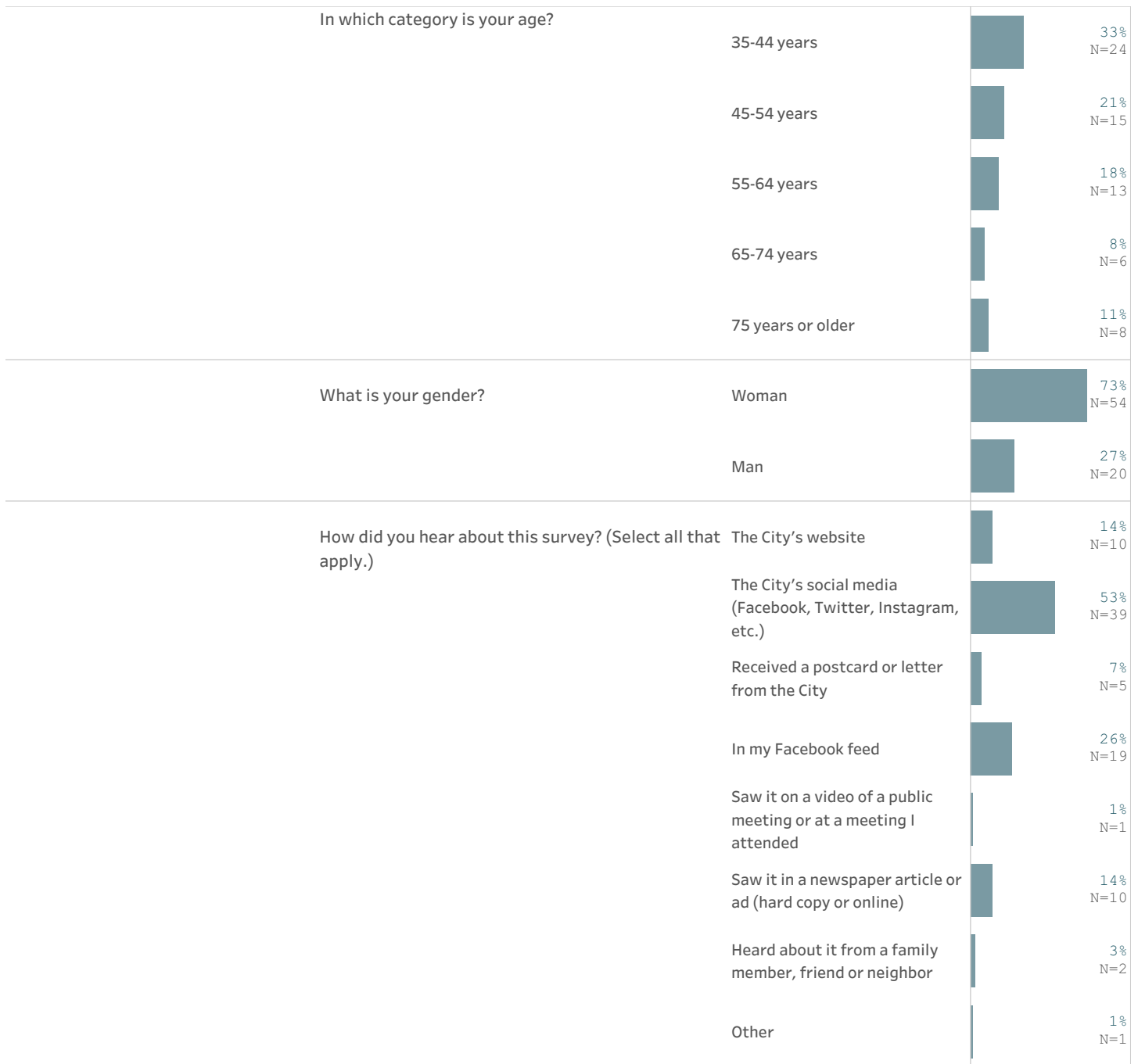
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	Upgrade water, wastewater or stormwater facilities (likely minimizing increases to user rates)	Strongly support		41% N=28
		Somewhat support		45% N=31
		Somewhat oppose		7% N=5
		Strongly oppose		7% N=5
Repair or improve the City's road and bridge system	Strongly support		46% N=33	
	Somewhat support		37% N=26	
	Somewhat oppose		13% N=9	
	Strongly oppose		4% N=3	
Which of the following best reflects your household's ownership status or future plans regarding electric vehicles (EV) or plug-in hybrid EVs?	Currently own one EV		1% N=1	
	Do not currently own but plan to buy an EV		14% N=10	
	Do not own or plan to buy an EV		84% N=58	
If you plan to buy an EV in the future, would you most likely purchase within the next:	1-5 years		9% N=7	
	5+ years		7% N=5	
	Not applicable/Don't know		84% N=62	
Please indicate how frequently, if at all, you or your household do each of the following:	Turn off lights and appliances when not in use	Rarely		3% N=2
		Often		16% N=12
		Almost always		81% N=59
Utilize recycling collection	Never		1% N=1	
	Rarely		3% N=2	
	Often		9% N=6	

Please indicate how frequently, if at all, you or your household do each of the following:	Utilize recycling collection	Almost always	87% N=60
	Utilize source separated compost collection service	Never	22% N=15
		Rarely	10% N=7
		Often	12% N=8
		Almost always	57% N=39
Set the thermostat lower in winter and higher in summer	Never	4% N=3	
	Rarely	15% N=11	
	Often	32% N=23	
	Almost always	48% N=34	
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer	Several times a day	77% N=57
		Once a day	8% N=6
		A few times a week	8% N=6
		Every few weeks	3% N=2
		Less often or never	4% N=3
Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day	91% N=67	
	Once a day	4% N=3	
	A few times a week	1% N=1	
	Every few weeks	1% N=1	
	Less often or never	3% N=2	
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.	Several times a day	84% N=62	
	Once a day	7% N=5	





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)?	\$2,500 to \$3,999	5% N=4
	\$4,000 to \$6,999	1% N=1
	\$10,000 or more	1% N=1
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No	65% N=48
	Yes	35% N=26
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No	72% N=53
	Yes	28% N=21
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Less than \$25,000	4% N=3
	\$25,000 to \$49,999	10% N=7
	\$50,000 to \$74,999	24% N=17
	\$75,000 to \$99,999	15% N=11
	\$100,000 to \$149,999	26% N=19
	\$150,000 to \$199,999	15% N=11
	\$200,000 to \$299,999	4% N=3
	\$300,000 or more	1% N=1
Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	100% N=74
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaska Native	1% N=1
	Black or African American	1% N=1
	White	96% N=69
	A race not listed	1% N=1
In which category is your age?	25-34 years	10% N=7



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

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

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

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

6. Please rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.

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

7. Please also rate each of the following in the Hutchinson community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. Currently, the City spends about \$4 million a year on street repair and maintenance. In order to fund additional street repair and still maintain the current levels of all City-provided services and programs, additional tax revenue would be needed. How much of a property tax increase would you support or oppose if the revenue generated would be dedicated to fixing, repairing, and upgrading city streets and its related infrastructure?

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don’t know</u>
A \$1 million tax increase (about an additional \$140 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000).....	1	2	3	4	5
A \$500,000 tax increase (about an additional \$70 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000).....	1	2	3	4	5
A \$250,000 tax increase (about an additional \$35 per year in property taxes on a home valued at \$230,000).....	1	2	3	4	5

14. The City’s ½ cent sales tax generates about \$1.8 million a year in revenue and is set to expire in 2026. The City is considering renewing this sales tax. Any renewing of the sales tax would require the approval of local voters, as well as the state legislature. The tax would be used to fund large projects within the City. As before, the tax would sunset after the projects are complete. If the sales tax were to be renewed, how much would you support or oppose using the funds collected for each of the following purposes?

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don’t know</u>
Upgrade or expand recreational facilities (e.g., Rec Center, Burich Arena, Senior Center, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Upgrade water, wastewater or stormwater facilities (likely minimizing increases to user rates)	1	2	3	4	5
Repair or improve the City’s road and bridge system	1	2	3	4	5

15. Which of the following best reflects your household’s ownership status or future plans regarding electric vehicles (EV) or plug-in hybrid EVs?

- Currently own one EV
- Currently own one or more EVs and plan to buy another
- Currently own two or more EVs
- Do not currently own but plan to buy an EV
- Do not own or plan to buy an EV
- Don’t know

16. If you plan to buy an EV in the future, would you most likely purchase within the next:

- 0-12 months
- 1-5 years
- 5+ years
- Not applicable/Don’t know

17. Please indicate how frequently, if at all, you or your household do each of the following:

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Almost always</u>	<u>Don’t know</u>
Turn off lights and appliances when not in use	1	2	3	4	5
Utilize recycling collection.....	1	2	3	4	5
Utilize source separated compost collection service.....	1	2	3	4	5
Set the thermostat lower in winter and higher in summer	1	2	3	4	5

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

D1. In general, how many times do you:	Several <u>times a day</u>	Once <u>a day</u>	A few times <u>a week</u>	Every <u>few weeks</u>	Less often <u>or never</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access the internet from your cell phone.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use or check email.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Share your opinions online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shop online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

D2. Please rate your overall health.

- Excellent
 Very good
 Good
 Fair
 Poor

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

- Very positive
 Somewhat positive
 Neutral
 Somewhat negative
 Very negative

D4. How many years have you lived in Hutchinson?

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

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

- Single-family detached home
 Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you)
 Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)
 Mobile home
 Other

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

- Rent
 Own

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

- Less than \$300 \$2,500 to \$3,999
 \$300 to \$599 \$4,000 to \$6,999
 \$600 to \$999 \$7,000 to \$9,999
 \$1,000 to \$1,499 \$10,000 or more
 \$1,500 to \$2,499

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

- No Yes

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

- No Yes

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

- Less than \$25,000 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$150,000 to \$199,999
 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$200,000 to \$299,999
 \$75,000 to \$99,999 \$300,000 or more

D11. Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?

- No Yes

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

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White
 A race not listed

D13. In which category is your age?

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

D14. What is your gender?

- Woman
 Man
 Identify in another way → go to D14a

D14a. If you identify in another way, how would you describe your gender?

- Agender/I don't identify with any gender
 Genderqueer/gender fluid
 Non-binary
 Transgender man
 Transgender woman
 Two-spirit
 Identify in another way

Thank you!

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