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THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY™

# Sioux Falls, SD

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## About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the "livability" of Sioux Falls. 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 352 residents of the City of Sioux Falls collected from September 12, 2025 to October 4th, 2025. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 5%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Sioux Falls.

### How the results are reported

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

### Comparisons to benchmarks

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 500 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Community Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community in the last five years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. In each tab, Sioux Falls'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 Sioux Falls residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Sioux Falls'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 Sioux Falls's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

### Trends over time

Trend data for Sioux Falls represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines.[1] Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents' opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than seven percentage points between the 2023 and 2025 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

**1.** In 2020, The NCS survey was updated to include new and refreshed items. Consequently, some of the trends may be impacted due to wordin..

# Methods

## Selecting survey recipients

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

## Conducting the survey

The 3,000 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on September 12th, 2025 and data collection for 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. Both mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online, as well as QR codes to further encourage participation. All follow-up mailings asked those who had not completed the survey to do so, and those who had already done so to refrain from completing the survey again.

About 5% 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 2,860 households that received the invitations to participate, 352 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 12%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.[2]

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a "level of confidence" and accompanying "confidence interval" (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents' opinions are relied on to estimate all residents' opinions. The margin of error for the City of Sioux Falls survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (352 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 Sioux Falls. The open-participation survey was identical to the random sample survey, with two small updates; it asked a question to confirm the respondent was a resident of Sioux Falls 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 October 10th, 2025. 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 2023 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Sioux Falls. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.[3] The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

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

| | | Unweighted | Weighted | Target [4] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Age** | 18-34 | **11%** | **33%** | **33%** |
| | 35-54 | **25%** | **34%** | **33%** |
| | 55+ | **64%** | **33%** | **33%** |
| **Area** | Central (1) | **20%** | **20%** | **20%** |
| | Northeast (2) | **18%** | **20%** | **20%** |
| | Northwest (3) | **19%** | **21%** | **21%** |
| | Southeast (4) | **25%** | **20%** | **20%** |
| | Southwest (5) | **19%** | **19%** | **19%** |
| **Hispanic origin** | No | **98%** | **95%** | **95%** |
| | Yes | **2%** | **5%** | **5%** |
| **Housing tenure** | Own | **76%** | **60%** | **60%** |
| | Rent | **24%** | **40%** | **40%** |
| **Housing type** | Attached | **35%** | **46%** | **46%** |
| | Detached | **65%** | **54%** | **54%** |
| **Race & Hispanic origin** | Not white alone | **6%** | **18%** | **18%** |
| | White alone, not Hispanic or Latino | **94%** | **82%** | **82%** |
| **Sex** | Man | **50%** | **50%** | **50%** |
| | Woman | **50%** | **50%** | **50%** |
| **Sex/age** | Man 18-34 | **8%** | **17%** | **17%** |
| | Man 35-54 | **12%** | **17%** | **17%** |
| | Man 55+ | **30%** | **16%** | **16%** |
| | Woman 18-34 | **3%** | **16%** | **16%** |
| | Woman 35-54 | **12%** | **16%** | **16%** |
| | Woman 55+ | **34%** | **18%** | **18%** |

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

## Survey Validity

See the Polco Knowledge Base article on survey validity at https://blog.polco.us/polco-knowledgebase/margin-of-error-and-confidence-level-in-survey-results

**2.** See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/
**3.** Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf
**4.** Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey

# Key Findings

## Community Strengths:

**Residents continue to value Sioux Falls' parks and recreation amenities.**

- City parks received excellent or good reviews from almost 9 in 10 residents.
- Most community members also valued the availability of paths and walking trails (87%), a rating higher than the national benchmark.
- While roughly 7 in 10 residents positively reviewed the community's fitness/recreational opportunities, programs, and facilities, these measures experienced significant declines since 2023.

**Community members feel safe across Sioux Falls.**

- About 9 in 10 residents felt safe in their neighborhood during the day, while 8 in 10 felt safe in Sioux Falls' downtown/commercial area during the day.
- Fire services continued to receive very strong ratings, with most residents offering positive reviews (89%).

**Business and commercial amenities stand out as strong assets.**

- About 8 in 10 residents positively rated the overall quality of business and service establishments.
- Over half of community members value the city's well-planned commercial growth, a rating higher than the national benchmark.
- Sioux Falls' variety of business establishments was rated higher than the national benchmark (72%).
- About three-quarters positively rated the vibrancy of downtown/commercial areas (76%), also higher than benchmark communities.
- While several of these items were higher than the national benchmark and highly regarded overall, some experienced a significant decrease from 2023 results.

## Focus Areas

**Affordability and housing remains a concern for residents.**

- About 2 in 10 residents gave positive marks to availability of affordable quality housing although this is similar to national ratings.
- About half of respondents were satisfied with the variety of housing options (50%).
- Only about a quarter of community members rated the availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool as excellent or good, lower than the national benchmark.
- Availability of affordable quality mental health care is also an area for growth with 46% of residents rating it positively. However, this is similar to national ratings.

**Mobility and transportation results may indicate room for growth.**

- Only about half positively rated the overall transportation system (48%), a significant decline from 2023.
- Positive ratings for ease of public transportation use dropped from 29% in 2023 to 20% in 2025.
- Positively, street repair saw a significant increase from 32% in 2023 to 39% in 2025.

**Key inclusivity measures have declined since 2023.**

- While about half of residents felt positively about the community's connection and engagement, several inclusivity-related measures showed significant decreases since 2023, including:
- Making all residents feel welcome (from 74% in 2023 to 63% in 2025)
- Attracting people from diverse backgrounds (from 68% to 57%)
- Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds (60% to 48%)
- Taking care of vulnerable residents (from 49% to 38%)

## Other Notable Results (Custom Questions)

- Participants were asked several questions about what City actions on several topics they would support or oppose. Overall, these participants reported that they would support:
  - Building a new community pool on the south side of town using existing tax revenues (58%)
  - Using City tax dollars to make improvements to the Sioux Falls regional airport (72%)
  - Allowing homes to be rented as short-term rentals (such as Airbnb or VRBO; 52%)
  - Continue investing in green space within street medians (72%); and
  - Prioritizing taxpayer resources to attract new industries and support economic development (73%)
- Alternatively, residents stated that they would oppose allowing residents to leave garbage containers in the public right-of-way (54%), and reducing the number of licensed garbage haulers over time (63%).
- 7 in 10 participants indicated that tax dollars should be used to make childcare affordable (44% yes for all families; 26% yes for low income families).
- Residents showed strong support for investments in homelessness services, as about 8 in 10 agreed with funding partner organizations to provide services in the community and a similar share supported funding City staff to expand supportive services (approximately 76%).

## Areas of Greatest Change

Of the survey's 123 evaluative questions repeated from the previous iteration, 87 were statistically similar to 2023, while 2 increased and 34 decreased since then.

*Increases*

- Street repair (+7%)
- Affordable high-speed internet access (+7%)

*Decreases*

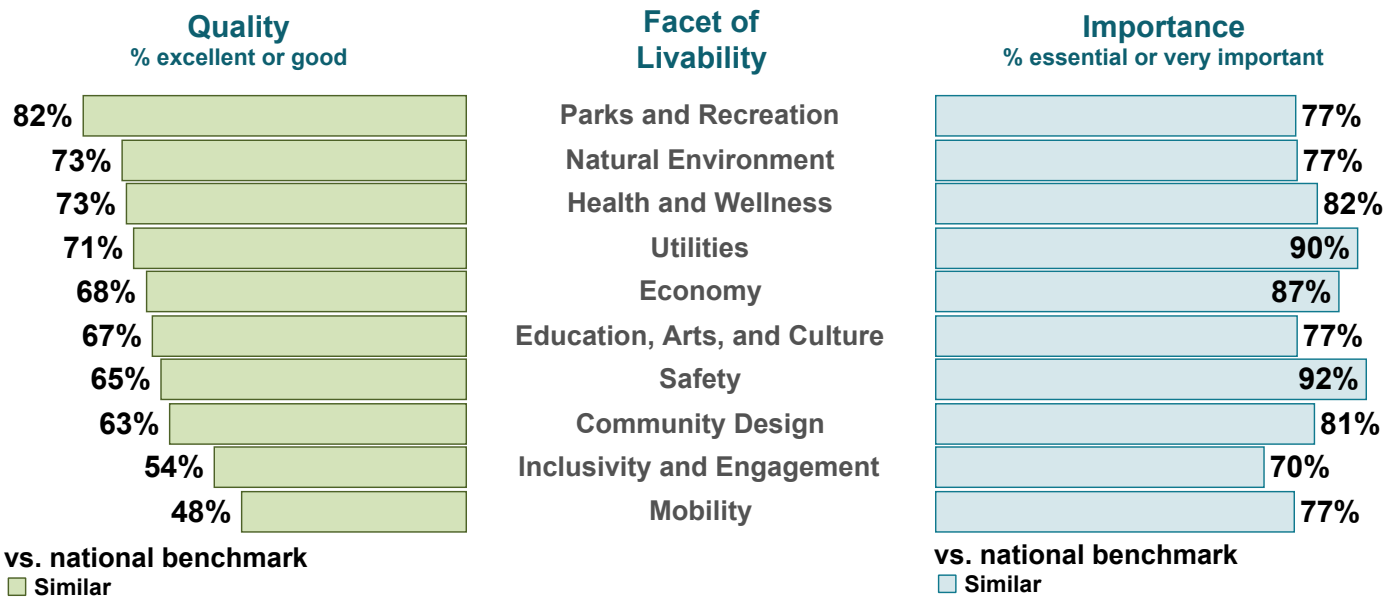
- Overall health and wellness opportunities in Sioux Falls (-14%)
- Recreation programs or classes (-14%)
- Local government treating residents with respect (-13%)

# Facets of livability

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

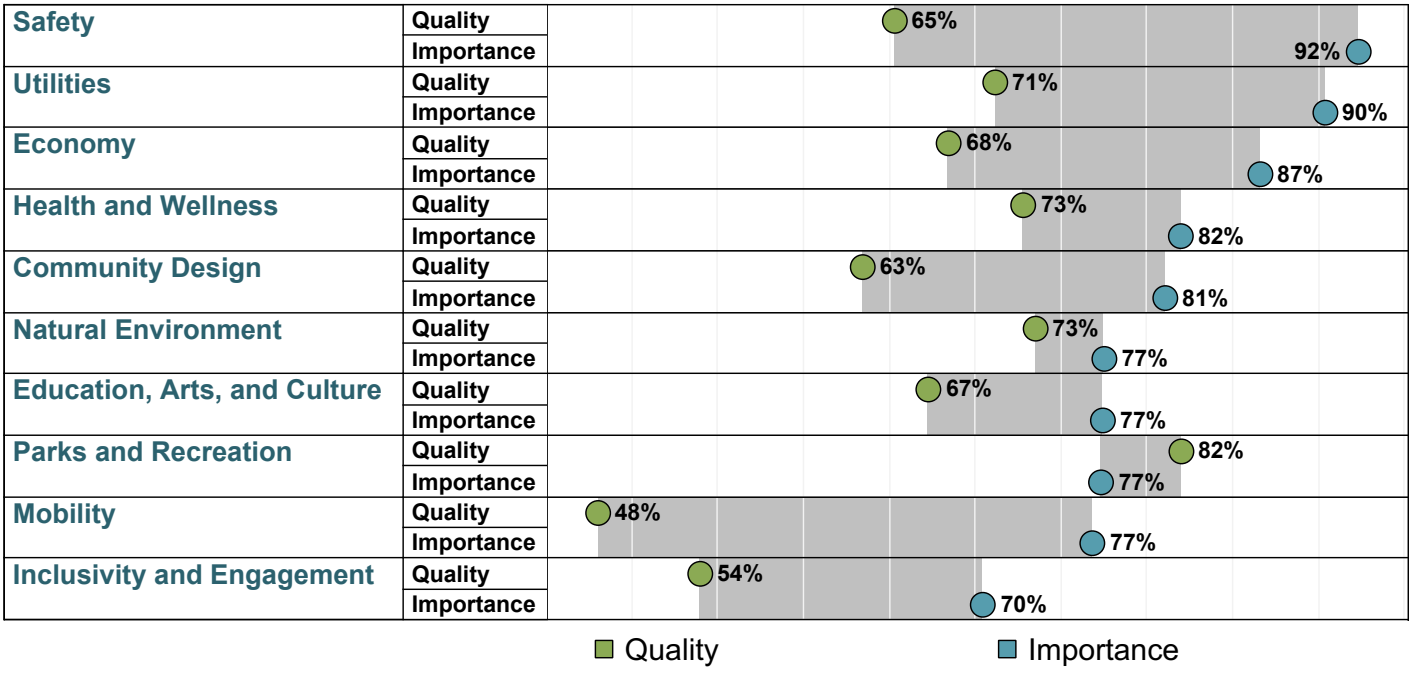
## Quality and Importance by the Numbers

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




## Quality/Importance Gap Analysis

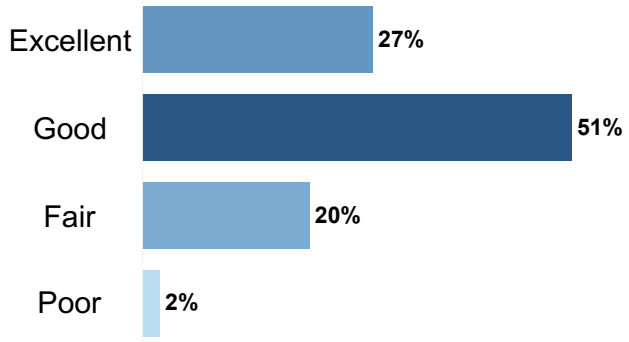
The gap analysis chart below shows the same data as above; however, this chart more clearly illustrates the comparative differences in quality and importance ratings for each facet, as well as the absolute ratings for each.



## Quality of Life

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

**The overall quality of life in Sioux Falls, 2025**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[8] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sioux Falls as a place to live | 91% | 90% | 86% | 83% | Similar |
| The overall quality of life | 86% | 86% | 83% | 78% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Recommend living in Sioux Falls to someone who asks | 91% | 90% | 90% | 88% | Similar |
| Remain in Sioux Falls for the next five years | 88% | 90% | 86% | 87% | Similar |

**Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.**
**(% excellent or good)**

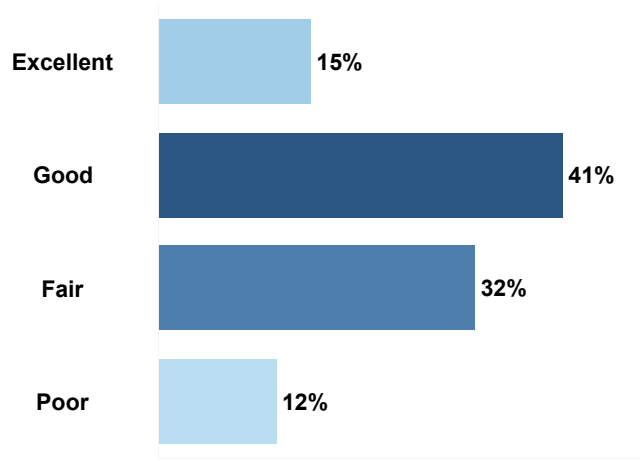
| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall image or reputation | 83% | 81% | 83% | 76% | Similar |

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

## Governance

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

**Overall confidence in Sioux Falls government, 2025**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[9] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Public information services | 82% | 74% | 72% | 61% ↘ | Similar |
| Overall customer service by Sioux Falls employees | 76% | 83% | 77% | 73% | Similar |

**Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance.**
**(% excellent or good)**

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The value of services for the taxes paid to Sioux Falls | 62% | 63% | 54% | 49% | Similar |
| The overall direction that Sioux Falls is taking | 77% | 73% | 66% | 59% | Similar |
| The job Sioux Falls government does at welcoming resident involvement | 62% | 63% | 58% | 54% | Similar |
| Overall confidence in Sioux Falls government | 65% | 64% | 61% | 56% | Similar |
| Generally acting in the best interest of the community | 67% | 66% | 63% | 56% ↘ | Similar |
| Being honest | 63% | 64% | 60% | 54% | Similar |
| Being open and transparent to the public | | 60% | 53% | 49% | Similar |
| Informing residents about issues facing the community | | 65% | 55% | 54% | Similar |

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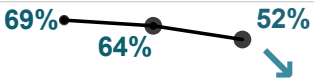
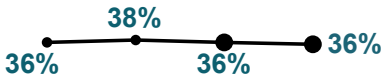
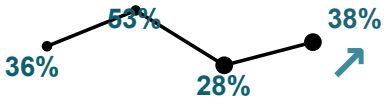
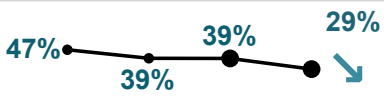
|---|---|---|
| Treating all residents fairly | | Similar |
| Treating residents with respect |  | Similar |

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

| | 2019 2021 2023 2025 | |
|---|---|---|
| Attended a local public meeting | | Similar |
| Contacted Sioux Falls elected officials to express your opinion | | Similar |
| Contacted the City of Sioux Falls for help or information |  | Lower |
| Watched a local public meeting |  | Higher |

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

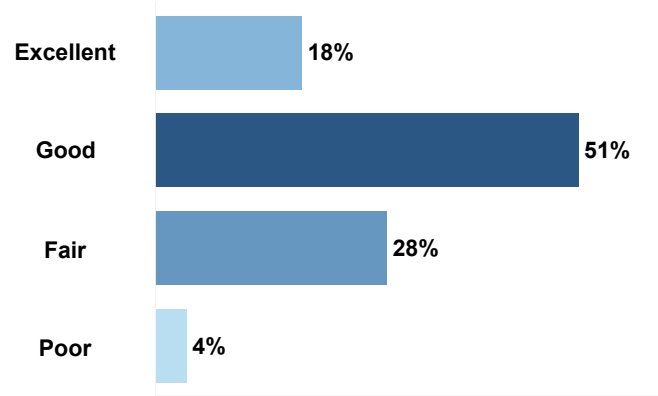
| | 2019 2021 2023 2025 | |
|---|---|---|
| The City of Sioux Falls | | Similar |
| The Federal Government |  | Similar |

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

## 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 Sioux Falls, 2025**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[10] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall economic health | 82% | 85% | 80% | 68% ↘ | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sioux Falls as a place to work | 81% | 87% | 82% | 72% ↘ | Similar |
| Sioux Falls as a place to visit | 72% | 67% | 66% | 67% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Economic development | 79% | 83% | 73% | 70% | Higher |

**Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.**
**(% excellent or good)**

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall quality of business and service establishments | 81% | 88% | 90% | 82% ↘ | Similar |
| Variety of business and service establishments | 83% | 80% | | 72% ↘ | Higher |

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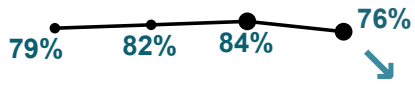
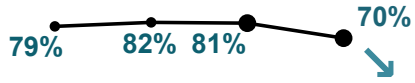
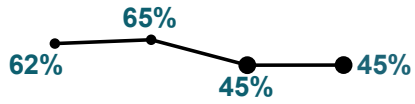
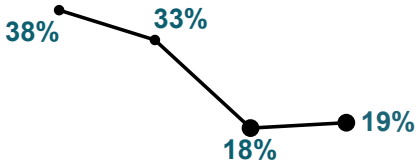
|---|---|---|
| Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area |  | Higher |
| Employment opportunities |  | Higher |
| Shopping opportunities | | Higher |
| Cost of living |  | Similar |

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

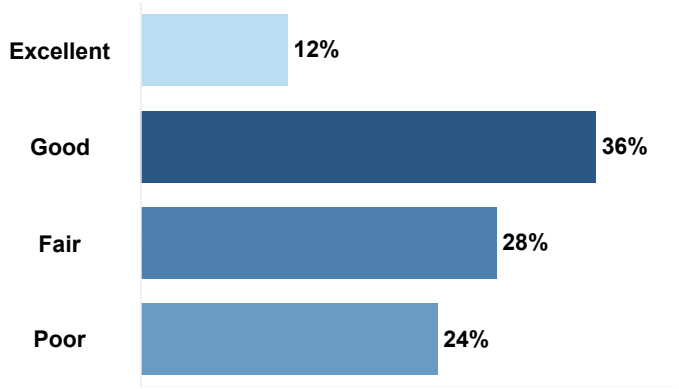
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2019 2021 2023 2025 | |
| What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be: |  | Similar |

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

## 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 Sioux Falls, 2025**



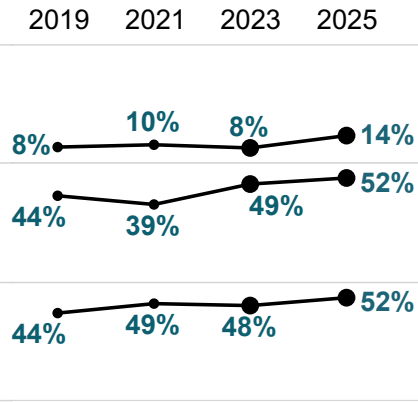

**Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.**
**(% excellent or good)**

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[11] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall quality of the transportation system | 66% | | 55% | 48% ↘ | Similar |

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

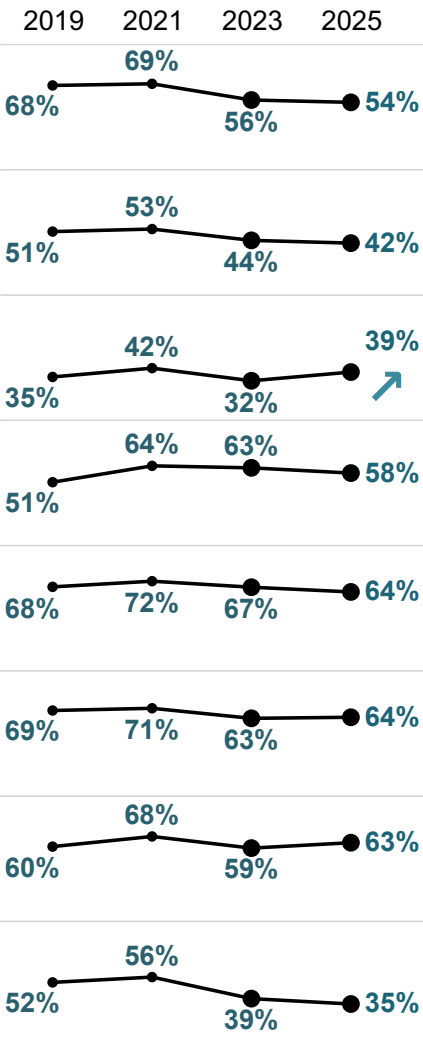
| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Traffic flow on major streets | 52% | 56% | 38% | 43% | Similar |
| Ease of public parking | 49% | 59% | 52% | 49% | Similar |
| Ease of travel by car | 77% | 79% | 74% | 66% ↘ | Similar |
| Ease of travel by public transportation | 37% | 42% | 29% | 20% ↘ | Similar |
| Ease of travel by bicycle | 60% | 60% | 55% | 49% | Similar |
| Ease of walking | 71% | 73% | 61% | 58% | Similar |

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




| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Used public transportation instead of driving | | Similar |
| Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | | Similar |
| Walked or biked instead of driving | | Similar |

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




| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Traffic enforcement | | Similar |
| Traffic signal timing | | Similar |
| Street repair | | Similar |
| Street cleaning | | Similar |
| Street lighting | | Similar |
| Snow removal | | Similar |
| Sidewalk maintenance | | Similar |
| Bus or transit services | | Similar |

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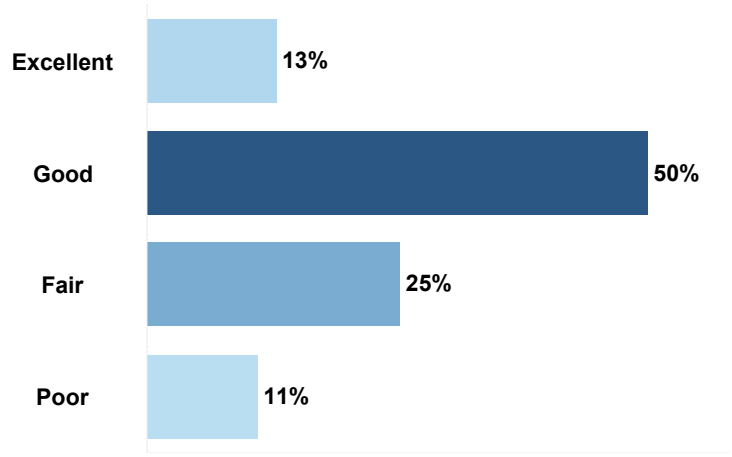
## Community Design

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

**Overall design or layout of Sioux Falls's residential and commercial areas, 2025**




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

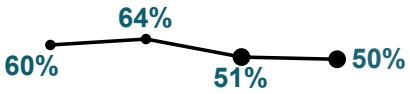
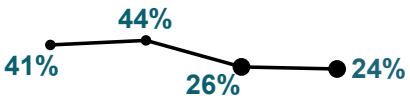
| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[12] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas | 69% | 70% | 65% | 63% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Your neighborhood as a place to live | 87% | 84% | 77% | 79% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Well-planned residential growth | 71% | | 56% | 57% | Similar |
| Well-planned commercial growth | 75% | | 66% | 61% | Higher |
| Well-designed neighborhoods | 68% | | 60% | 59% | Similar |
| Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community | 78% | | 68% | 63% | Similar |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Public places where people want to spend time | | Similar |
| Variety of housing options |  | Similar |
| Availability of affordable quality housing |  | Similar |
| Overall quality of new development | | Similar |
| Overall appearance | | Similar |

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

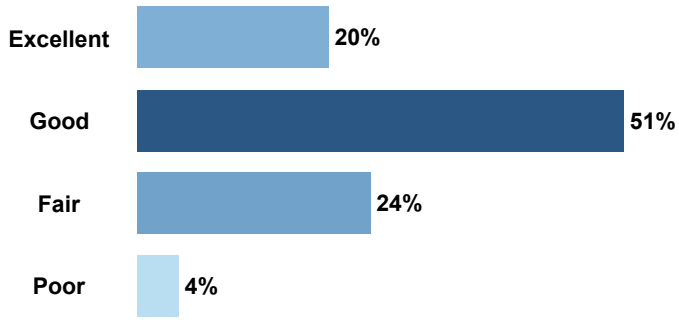
| | 2019 2021 2023 2025 | |
|---|---|---|
| Land use, planning and zoning | | Similar |
| Code enforcement | | Similar |

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

## 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 Sioux Falls, 2025**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[13] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall quality of the utility infrastructure | | 82% | 76% | 71% | Similar |

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

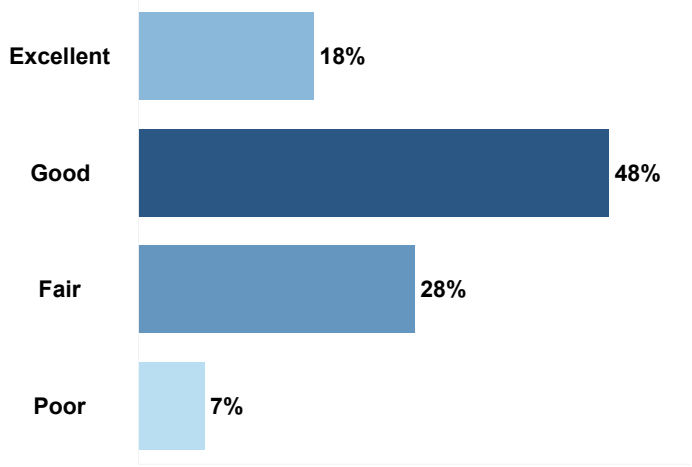
| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Affordable high-speed internet access | | 64% | 54% | 62% ↗ | Similar |
| Garbage collection | 87% | 87% | 83% | 87% | Similar |
| Drinking water | 86% | | 83% | 81% | Similar |
| Sewer services | 87% | 87% | 87% | 85% | Similar |
| Storm water management | 66% | 76% | 80% | 77% | Similar |
| Power (electric and/or gas) utility | 85% | 88% | 83% | 85% | Similar |
| Utility billing | 78% | 80% | 69% | 72% | Similar |

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

## Safety

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

**Overall feeling of safety in Sioux Falls, 2025**



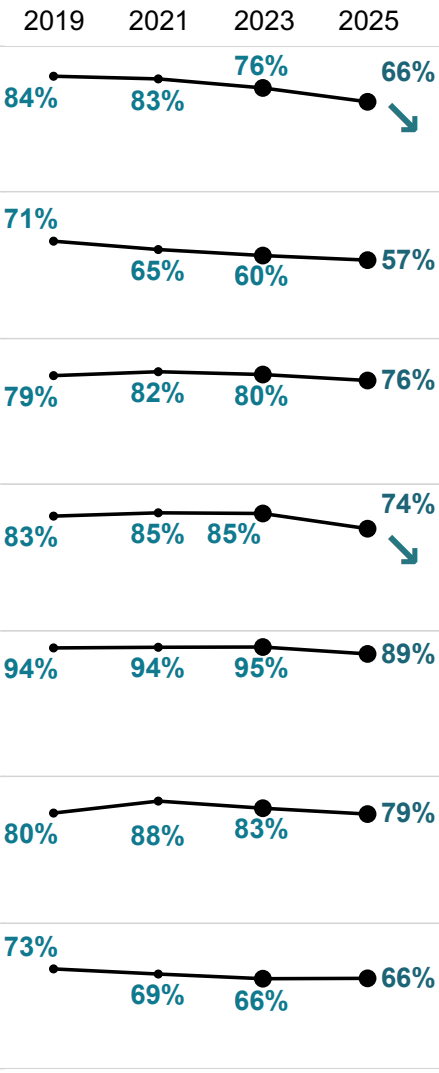

**Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.**
**(% excellent or good)**

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[14] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall feeling of safety | 80% | 67% | 67% | 65% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In your neighborhood during the day | 97% | 93% | 94% | 92% | Similar |
| In Sioux Falls's downtown/commercial area during the day | 88% | 90% | 87% | 82% | Similar |
| From property crime | | 72% | 69% | 66% | Similar |
| From violent crime | | 75% | 79% | 74% | Similar |
| From fire, flood, or other natural disaster | | 84% | 88% | 80% ↘ | Similar |

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

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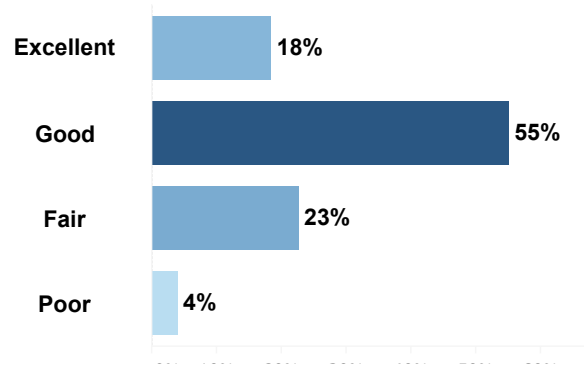
## Natural Environment

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 Sioux Falls, 2024**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[15] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall quality of natural environment | 80% | 77% | 78% | 73% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleanliness | 81% | 77% | 78% | 73% | Similar |
| Water resources | 53% | 45% | | 43% | Lower |
| Air quality | 86% | 83% | 73% | 76% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Preservation of natural areas | 68% | 67% | 59% | 54% | Similar |
| Sioux Falls open space | 67% | 64% | 64% | 58% | Similar |
| Recycling | 81% | 69% | 67% | 57% ↘ | Similar |
| Yard waste pick-up | 74% | 70% | 64% | 66% | Similar |

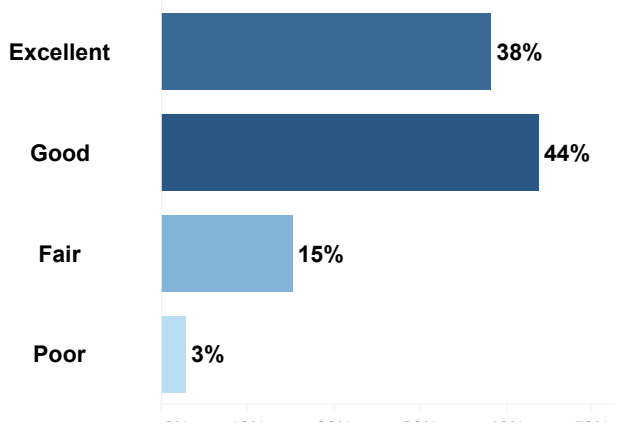
**15**. Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

## Parks and Recreation

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

- National Recreation and Park Association

**Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2025**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[16] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities | | 85% | 83% | 82% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Availability of paths and walking trails | 76% | 83% | 82% | 87% | Higher |
| Fitness opportunities | 85% | 86% | 84% | 74% ↘ | Similar |
| Recreational opportunities | 78% | 79% | 77% | 70% ↘ | Similar |

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

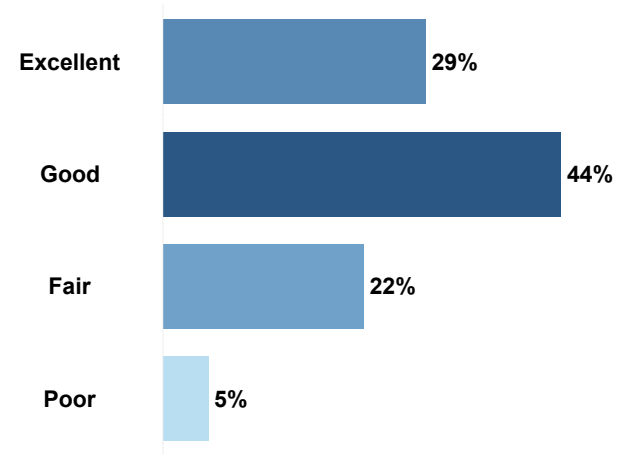
| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| City parks | 88% | 88% | 87% | 86% | Similar |
| Recreation programs or classes | 86% | 80% | 83% | 69% ↘ | Similar |
| Recreation centers or facilities | 84% | 81% | 76% | 67% ↘ | Similar |

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

## Health and Wellness

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

**Overall health and wellness opportunities in Sioux Falls, 2025**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[17] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall health and wellness opportunities | 84% | 84% | 86% | 73% ↘ | Similar |

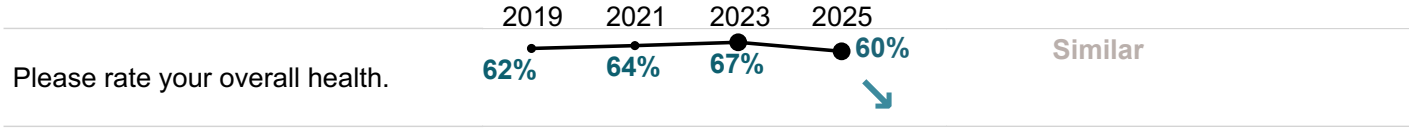
**Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.**
**(% excellent or good)**

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Availability of affordable quality food | 76% | 80% | 59% | 60% | Similar |
| Availability of affordable quality health care | 72% | 73% | 64% | 61% | Similar |
| Availability of preventive health services | 80% | 80% | 71% | 62% ↘ | Similar |
| Availability of affordable quality mental health care | 63% | 63% | 52% | 46% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Health services | 86% | 85% | 81% | 69% ↘ | Similar |

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

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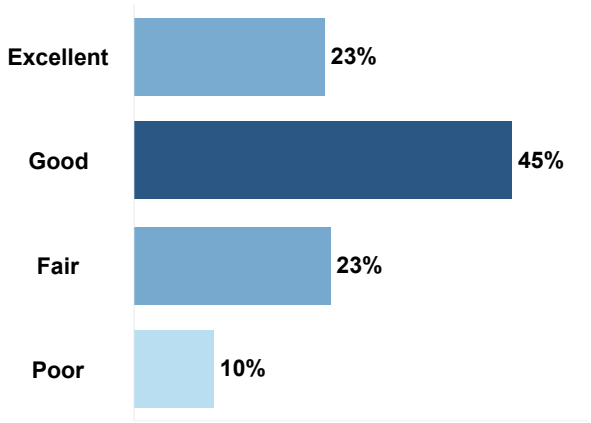
## Education, Arts, and Culture

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

**Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2025**



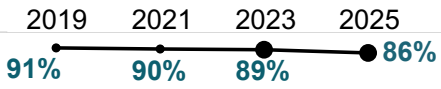

**Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.**
**(% excellent or good)**

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[18] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts | 83% | 76% | 72% | 67% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities | 75% | 77% | 75% | 71% | Higher |
| Community support for the arts | 72% | 73% | | 66% ↘ | Similar |
| Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool | 54% | 60% | 37% | 26% ↘ | Lower |
| K-12 education | 83% | 80% | 68% | 66% | Similar |
| Adult educational opportunities | 75% | 71% | 62% | 56% | Similar |
| Opportunities to attend special events and festivals | 71% | 73% | 78% | 70% ↘ | Similar |

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

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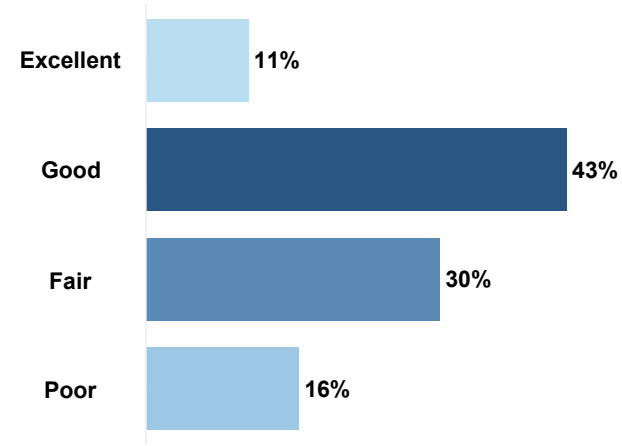
|---|---|---|
| Public library services | | Similar |

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

## Inclusivity and Engagement

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

**Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2025**




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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | vs. national benchmark[19] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Residents' connection and engagement with their community | | 65% | 55% | 54% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sioux Falls as a place to raise children | 88% | 86% | 81% | 81% | Similar |
| Sioux Falls as a place to retire | 71% | 69% | 66% | 68% | Similar |
| Sense of community | 67% | 65% | 63% | 57% | Similar |

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

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Making all residents feel welcome | | 75% | 74% | 63% ↘ | Similar |
| Attracting people from diverse backgrounds | | 71% | 68% | 57% ↘ | Similar |
| Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds | | 63% | 60% | 48% ↘ | Lower |

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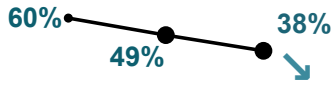
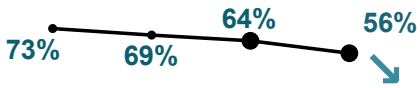
|---|---|---|
| Taking care of vulnerable residents |  | Similar |

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

| | 2019 2021 2023 2025 | |
|---|---|---|
| Sense of civic/community pride | | Similar |
| Neighborliness of residents | | Similar |
| Opportunities to participate in social events and activities | | Similar |
| Opportunities to volunteer | | Similar |
| Opportunities to participate in community matters |  | Similar |
| Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | | Lower |

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

| | 2019 2021 2023 2025 | |
|---|---|---|
| Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate | | Similar |

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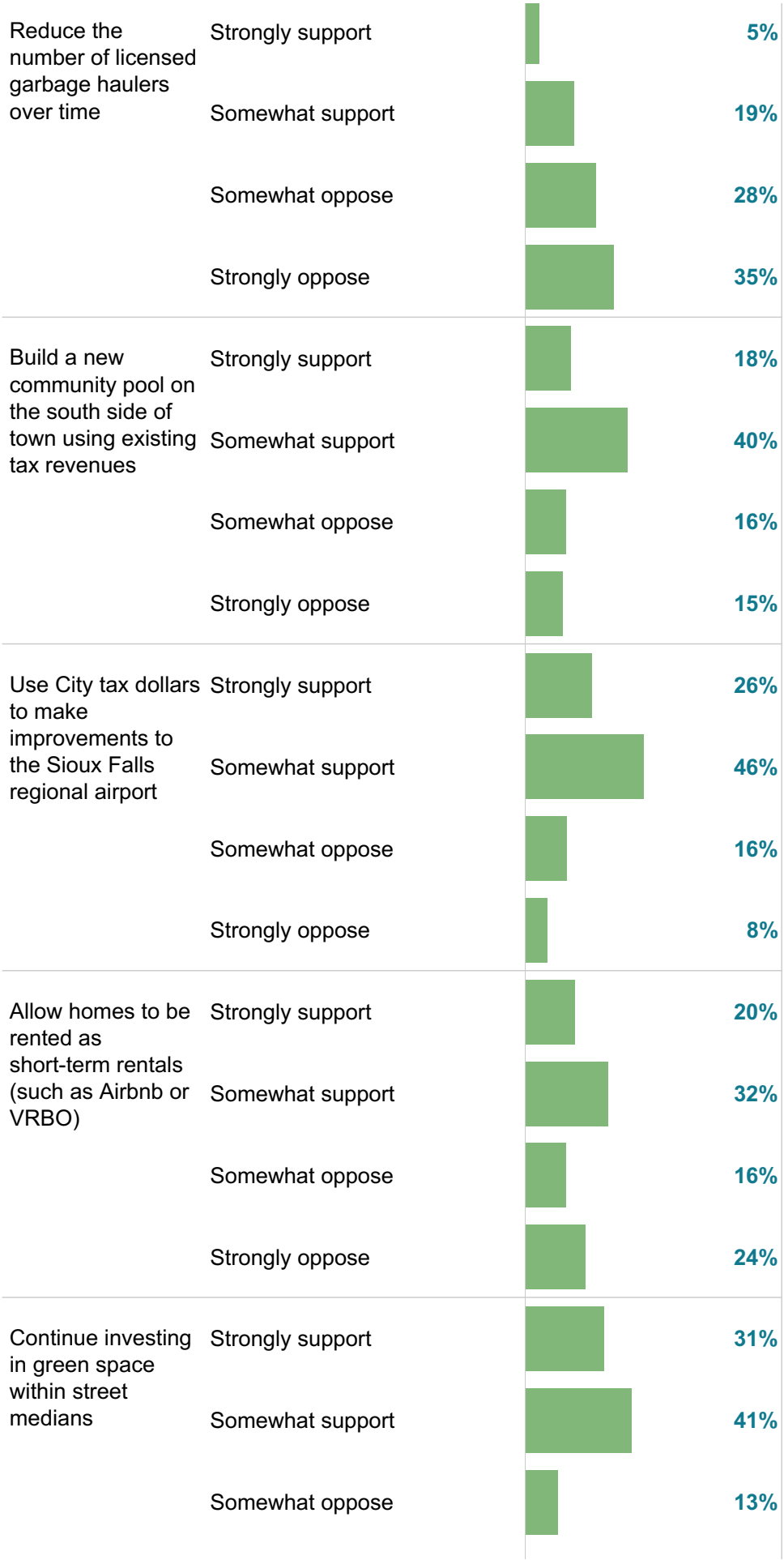
## Custom questions

Below are the complete set of responses to each custom question on the survey. By default, “don’t know” responses are excluded.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | How often, if ever, do you recycle at home? | Always | 63% |
| | | Often | 22% |
| | | Sometimes | 8% |
| | | Rarely | 2% |
| | | Never | 6% |
| | Thinking about the times that you do not recycle, please indicate your primary reasons for not recycling. (Select all that apply.) | Don't know what's recyclable | 30% |
| | | Don't have a recycling bin | 27% |
| | | Takes too much time/effort | 27% |
| | | Don't have the option to recycle | 11% |
| | | Don't believe it matters or helps the environment | 9% |
| | | Other | 28% |
| **How much do you support or oppose the City of Sioux Falls taking each of the following actions?** | Allow residents to leave garbage containers in the public right-of-way | Strongly support | 11% |
| | | Somewhat support | 20% |
| | | Somewhat oppose | 23% |
| | | Strongly oppose | 31% |


Reduce the number of licensed garbage haulers over time
Strongly support 5%
Somewhat support 19%
Somewhat oppose 28%
Strongly oppose 35%
Build a new community pool on the south side of town using existing tax revenues
Strongly support 18%
Somewhat support 40%
Somewhat oppose 16%
Strongly oppose 15%
Use City tax dollars to make improvements to the Sioux Falls regional airport
Strongly support 26%
Somewhat support 46%
Somewhat oppose 16%
Strongly oppose 8%
Allow homes to be rented as short-term rentals (such as Airbnb or VRBO)
Strongly support 20%
Somewhat support 32%
Somewhat oppose 16%
Strongly oppose 24%
Continue investing in green space within street medians
Strongly support 31%
Somewhat support 41%
Somewhat oppose 13%

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Strongly oppose | 7% |
| | Prioritize taxpayer resources to attract new industries and support economic development | Strongly support | 32% |
| | | Somewhat support | 41% |
| | | Somewhat oppose | 13% |
| | | Strongly oppose | 6% |
| | Should City tax dollars be used to make childcare more affordable for families? | Yes, for all families | 44% |
| | | Yes, for low income families | 26% |
| | | No | 17% |
| | | No opinion/Don't know | 12% |
| **How much would you support or oppose the City making annual investments in each of the following areas to address homelessness?** | Funding for partner organizations to provide homeless services in the community | Strongly agree | 43% |
| | | Somewhat agree | 38% |
| | | Somewhat disagree | 11% |
| | | Strongly disagree | 7% |
| | Funding for City of Sioux Falls staff to help develop and expand supportive services for unhoused individuals in the community | Strongly agree | 36% |
| | | Somewhat agree | 42% |
| | | Somewhat disagree | 14% |
| | | Strongly disagree | 8% |

## National Benchmark Tables

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

| | | | | % positive | Rank | Number of communities | Percentile |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quality of Life | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Sioux Falls as a place to live | Similar | 83% | 195 | 369 | 45% |
| | | The overall quality of life in Sioux Falls | Similar | 78% | 205 | 383 | 45% |
| | **Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.** | Recommend living in Sioux Falls to someone who asks | Similar | 88% | 128 | 332 | 61% |
| | | Remain in Sioux Falls for the next five years | Similar | 87% | 97 | 335 | 71% |
| | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Overall image or reputation of Sioux Falls | Similar | 76% | 148 | 362 | 57% |
| Governance | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Contacted the City of Sioux Falls (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information | Lower | 36% | 303 | 338 | 10% |
| | | Contacted Sioux Falls elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion | Similar | 15% | 191 | 321 | 40% |
| | | Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.) | Similar | 14% | 276 | 323 | 14% |
| | | Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting | Higher | 38% | 25 | 317 | 92% |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Public information services | Similar | 61% | 213 | 337 | 36% |
| | | Overall customer service by Sioux Falls employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.) | Similar | 73% | 249 | 364 | 29% |

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| Governance | **Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance.** | The value of services for the taxes paid to Sioux Falls | Similar | 49% | 193 | 374 | 47% |
| | | The overall direction that Sioux Falls is taking | Similar | 59% | 116 | 351 | 66% |
| | | The job Sioux Falls government does at welcoming resident involvement | Similar | 54% | 127 | 343 | 63% |
| | | Overall confidence in Sioux Falls government | Similar | 56% | 117 | 325 | 64% |
| | | Generally acting in the best interest of the community | Similar | 56% | 137 | 329 | 58% |
| | | Being honest | Similar | 54% | 171 | 320 | 46% |
| | | Being open and transparent to the public | Similar | 49% | 158 | 322 | 51% |
| | | Informing residents about issues facing the community | Similar | 54% | 102 | 321 | 68% |
| | | Treating all residents fairly | Similar | 44% | 257 | 327 | 21% |
| | | Treating residents with respect | Similar | 52% | 257 | 319 | 19% |
| | **Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?** | The City of Sioux Falls | Similar | 67% | 196 | 363 | 44% |
| | | The Federal Government | Similar | 29% | 251 | 311 | 19% |
| Economy | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Sioux Falls as a place to work | Similar | 72% | 96 | 368 | 73% |
| | | Sioux Falls as a place to visit | Similar | 67% | 151 | 337 | 54% |

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| **Economy** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall economic health of Sioux Falls | Similar | 68% | 133 | 333 | 60% |
| | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Overall quality of business and service establishments in Sioux Falls | Similar | 82% | 64 | 332 | 80% |
| | | Variety of business and service establishments in Sioux Falls | Higher | 72% | 49 | 318 | 84% |
| | | Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area | Higher | 76% | 31 | 317 | 90% |
| | | Employment opportunities | Higher | 70% | 20 | 345 | 94% |
| | | Shopping opportunities | Higher | 73% | 49 | 333 | 85% |
| | | Cost of living in Sioux Falls | Similar | 45% | 82 | 326 | 75% |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Economic development | Higher | 70% | 52 | 328 | 84% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall economic health of Sioux Falls | Similar | 87% | 239 | 319 | 25% |
| | | 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 | 19% | 202 | 319 | 36% |
| **Mobility** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Sioux Falls | Similar | 48% | 187 | 327 | 42% |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Traffic flow on major streets | Similar | 43% | 221 | 352 | 35% |
| | | Ease of public parking | Similar | 49% | 217 | 321 | 32% |
| | | Ease of travel by car in Sioux Falls | Similar | 66% | 215 | 341 | 36% |

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| **Mobility** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Ease of travel by public transportation in Sioux Falls | Similar | 20% | 237 | 322 | 26% |
| | | Ease of travel by bicycle in Sioux Falls | Similar | 49% | 188 | 340 | 44% |
| | | Ease of walking in Sioux Falls | Similar | 58% | 210 | 342 | 37% |
| | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving | Similar | 14% | 165 | 309 | 46% |
| | | Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | Similar | 52% | 82 | 317 | 74% |
| | | Walked or biked instead of driving | Similar | 52% | 215 | 318 | 32% |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Traffic enforcement | Similar | 54% | 237 | 359 | 32% |
| | | Traffic signal timing | Similar | 42% | 290 | 323 | 10% |
| | | Street repair | Similar | 39% | 249 | 367 | 31% |
| | | Street cleaning | Similar | 58% | 211 | 334 | 36% |
| | | Street lighting | Similar | 64% | 159 | 348 | 52% |
| | | Snow removal | Similar | 64% | 154 | 287 | 45% |
| | | Sidewalk maintenance | Similar | 63% | 127 | 328 | 61% |
| | | Bus or transit services | Similar | 35% | 212 | 316 | 33% |

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| **Mobility** | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Sioux Falls | Similar | 77% | 114 | 316 | 64% |
| **Community Design** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Your neighborhood as a place to live | Similar | 79% | 226 | 345 | 34% |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall design or layout of Sioux Falls's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.) | Similar | 63% | 146 | 328 | 55% |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Well-planned residential growth | Similar | 57% | 86 | 319 | 73% |
| | | Well-planned commercial growth | Higher | 61% | 26 | 318 | 92% |
| | | Well-designed neighborhoods | Similar | 59% | 149 | 318 | 53% |
| | | Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community | Similar | 63% | 111 | 315 | 65% |
| | | Public places where people want to spend time | Similar | 66% | 104 | 321 | 67% |
| | | Variety of housing options | Similar | 50% | 132 | 333 | 60% |
| | | Availability of affordable quality housing | Similar | 24% | 183 | 349 | 47% |
| | | Overall quality of new development in Sioux Falls | Similar | 62% | 82 | 335 | 75% |
| | | Overall appearance of Sioux Falls | Similar | 76% | 132 | 341 | 60% |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Land use, planning, and zoning | Similar | 52% | 95 | 340 | 72% |
| | | Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.) | Similar | 41% | 200 | 352 | 41% |

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| **Community Design** | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall design or layout of Sioux Falls's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.) | Similar | 81% | 101 | 319 | 68% |
| **Utilities** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Sioux Falls (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband) | Similar | 71% | 122 | 317 | 61% |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Affordable high-speed internet access | Similar | 62% | 112 | 314 | 64% |
| | | Garbage collection | Similar | 87% | 178 | 342 | 47% |
| | | Drinking water | Similar | 81% | 103 | 340 | 69% |
| | | Sewer services | Similar | 85% | 126 | 331 | 61% |
| | | Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.) | Similar | 77% | 142 | 344 | 58% |
| | | Power (electric and/or gas) utility | Similar | 85% | 78 | 300 | 74% |
| | | Utility billing | Similar | 72% | 117 | 317 | 63% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Sioux Falls (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband) | Similar | 90% | 146 | 316 | 54% |
| **Safety** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall feeling of safety in Sioux Falls | Similar | 65% | 252 | 354 | 27% |
| | **Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:** | In your neighborhood during the day | Similar | 92% | 198 | 340 | 41% |
| | | In Sioux Falls's downtown/commercial area during the day | Similar | 82% | 253 | 327 | 22% |
| | | From property crime | Similar | 66% | 242 | 325 | 25% |

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| **Safety** | **Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:** | From violent crime | Similar | 74% | 249 | 325 | 23% |
| | | From fire, flood, or other natural disaster | Similar | 80% | 177 | 317 | 44% |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Police/Sheriff services | Similar | 66% | 287 | 380 | 21% |
| | | Crime prevention | Lower | 57% | 274 | 357 | 20% |
| | | Animal control | Similar | 76% | 136 | 336 | 58% |
| | | Ambulance or emergency medical services | Similar | 74% | 291 | 347 | 13% |
| | | Fire services | Similar | 89% | 218 | 361 | 38% |
| | | Fire prevention and education | Similar | 79% | 150 | 332 | 54% |
| | | Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations) | Similar | 66% | 188 | 332 | 42% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall feeling of safety in Sioux Falls | Similar | 92% | 134 | 319 | 58% |
| **Parks and Recreation** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities | Similar | 82% | 121 | 323 | 62% |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Availability of paths and walking trails | Higher | 87% | 71 | 343 | 79% |
| | | Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.) | Similar | 74% | 130 | 323 | 59% |
| | | Recreational opportunities | Similar | 70% | 137 | 338 | 59% |

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| **Parks and Recreation** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | City parks | Similar | 86% | 82 | 349 | 76% |
| | | Recreation programs or classes | Similar | 69% | 158 | 334 | 52% |
| | | Recreation centers or facilities | Similar | 67% | 162 | 326 | 50% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities | Similar | 77% | 240 | 317 | 24% |
| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Sioux Falls as a place to raise children | Similar | 81% | 173 | 373 | 52% |
| | | Sioux Falls as a place to retire | Similar | 68% | 120 | 366 | 66% |
| | | Sense of community | Similar | 57% | 246 | 349 | 28% |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Residents' connection and engagement with their community | Similar | 54% | 195 | 320 | 39% |
| | **Please rate the job you feel the Sioux Falls community does at each of the following.** | Making all residents feel welcome | Similar | 63% | 238 | 321 | 26% |
| | | Attracting people from diverse backgrounds | Similar | 57% | 203 | 319 | 36% |
| | | Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds | Lower | 48% | 284 | 320 | 11% |
| | | Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.) | Similar | 38% | 253 | 316 | 20% |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Sense of civic/community pride | Similar | 60% | 183 | 316 | 42% |
| | | Neighborliness of residents in Sioux Falls | Similar | 58% | 207 | 321 | 35% |

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| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Opportunities to participate in social events and activities | Similar | 67% | 102 | 328 | 69% |
| | | Opportunities to volunteer | Similar | 77% | 57 | 328 | 82% |
| | | Opportunities to participate in community matters | Similar | 56% | 169 | 324 | 48% |
| | | Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | Lower | 46% | 304 | 339 | 10% |
| | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Sioux Falls | Higher | 47% | 42 | 325 | 87% |
| | | Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate | Similar | 24% | 43 | 316 | 86% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Residents' connection and engagement with their community | Similar | 70% | 100 | 319 | 68% |
| **Education, Arts, and Culture** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts | Similar | 67% | 135 | 331 | 59% |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities | Higher | 71% | 64 | 341 | 81% |
| | | Community support for the arts | Similar | 66% | 95 | 315 | 70% |
| | | Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool | Lower | 26% | 274 | 330 | 17% |
| | | K-12 education | Similar | 66% | 160 | 337 | 52% |
| | | Adult educational opportunities | Similar | 56% | 129 | 324 | 60% |
| | | Opportunities to attend special events and festivals | Similar | 70% | 106 | 324 | 67% |

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| **Education, Arts, and Culture** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Public library services | Similar | 86% | 175 | 342 | 48% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts | Similar | 77% | 86 | 319 | 73% |
| **Health and Wellness** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall health and wellness opportunities in Sioux Falls | Similar | 73% | 132 | 329 | 60% |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Availability of affordable quality food | Similar | 60% | 150 | 319 | 53% |
| | | Availability of affordable quality health care | Similar | 61% | 113 | 329 | 65% |
| | | Availability of preventive health services | Similar | 62% | 129 | 316 | 59% |
| | | Availability of affordable quality mental health care | Similar | 46% | 119 | 320 | 63% |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Health services | Similar | 69% | 117 | 314 | 62% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall health and wellness opportunities in Sioux Falls | Similar | 82% | 59 | 319 | 81% |
| | | Please rate your overall health. | Similar | 60% | 257 | 316 | 18% |
| **Natural Environment** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of natural environment in Sioux Falls | Similar | 73% | 221 | 337 | 34% |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Cleanliness of Sioux Falls | Similar | 73% | 188 | 338 | 44% |
| | | Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.) | Lower | 43% | 241 | 300 | 20% |
| | | Air quality | Similar | 76% | 209 | 330 | 36% |

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| **Natural Environment** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts) | Similar | 54% | 215 | 325 | 33% |
| | | Sioux Falls open space | Similar | 58% | 184 | 316 | 42% |
| | | Recycling | Similar | 57% | 241 | 349 | 30% |
| | | Yard waste pick-up | Similar | 66% | 191 | 313 | 38% |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of natural environment in Sioux Falls | Similar | 77% | 269 | 319 | 15% |

## Full Trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Sioux Falls. 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 2023 and 2025 surveys is greater than seven 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.

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| Governance | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Watched a local public meeting | 59% | 57% | 49% | 36% | 36% | 36% | 53% | 28% | 38% H |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Public information services | 70% | 72% | 77% | 77% | 76% | 82% | 74% | 72% | 61% L |
| | **Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance.** | Generally acting in the best interest of the community | | | | 64% | 62% | 67% | 66% | 63% | 56% L |
| | | Treating all residents fairly | | | | 55% | 58% | 58% | 64% | 56% | 44% L |
| | | Treating residents with respect | | | | | | | 69% | 64% | 52% L |
| | **Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?** | The Federal Government | 44% | 49% | 48% | 45% | 50% | 47% | 39% | 39% | 29% L |
| Economy | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Sioux Falls as a place to work | 68% | 73% | 78% | 81% | 82% | 81% | 87% | 82% | 72% L |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall economic health | | | | 82% | 82% | 82% | 85% | 80% | 68% L |
| | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Overall quality of business and service establishments | | 82% | 82% | 79% | 81% | 81% | 88% | 90% | 82% L |
| | | Variety of business and service establishments | | | | | | | 83% | 80% | 72% L |
| | | Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area | | | | 69% | 74% | 79% | 82% | 84% | 76% L |
| | | Employment opportunities | 56% | 53% | 63% | 72% | 76% | 79% | 82% | 81% | 70% L |
| Mobility | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of the transportation system | | | | | | | 66% | 55% | 48% L |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Ease of travel by car | 63% | 62% | 67% | 69% | 72% | 77% | 79% | 74% | 66% L |

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| **Mobility** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Ease of travel by public transportation | | | | 45% | 42% | 37% | 42% | 29% | 20% L |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Street repair | 25% | 32% | 45% | 37% | 28% | 35% | 42% | 32% | 39% H |
| **Utilities** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Affordable high-speed internet access | | | | | | | 64% | 54% | 62% H |
| **Safety** | **Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:** | From fire, flood, or other natural disaster | | | | | | | 84% | 88% | 80% L |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Police/Sheriff services | 78% | 83% | 83% | 83% | 89% | 84% | 83% | 76% | 66% L |
| | | Ambulance or emergency medical services | 87% | 91% | 91% | 92% | 84% | 83% | 85% | 85% | 74% L |
| **Parks and Recreation** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Fitness opportunities | | | | 80% | 84% | 85% | 86% | 84% | 74% L |
| | | Recreational opportunities | 66% | 71% | 69% | 73% | 75% | 78% | 79% | 77% | 70% L |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Recreation programs or classes | 81% | 76% | 88% | 78% | 80% | 86% | 80% | 83% | 69% L |
| | | Recreation centers or facilities | | 76% | 86% | 76% | 81% | 84% | 81% | 76% | 67% L |
| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please rate the job you feel the Sioux Falls community does at each of the following.** | Making all residents feel welcome | | | | | | | 75% | 74% | 63% L |
| | | Attracting people from diverse backgrounds | | | | | | | 71% | 68% | 57% L |
| | | Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds | | | | | | | 63% | 60% | 48% L |
| | | Taking care of vulnerable residents | | | | | | | 60% | 49% | 38% L |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Opportunities to participate in community matters | | 64% | 70% | 68% | 72% | 73% | 69% | 64% | 56% L |
| | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Volunteered your time to some group/activity | 57% | 61% | 62% | 54% | 55% | 55% | 43% | 56% | 47% L |

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| **Education, Arts, and Culture** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Community support for the arts | | | | | | | 72% | 73% | 66% L |
| | | Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool | 44% | 50% | 52% | 57% | 57% | 54% | 60% | 37% | 26% L |
| | | Opportunities to attend special events and festivals | | | | 69% | 66% | 71% | 73% | 78% | 70% L |
| **Health and Wellness** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall health and wellness opportunities | | | | 85% | 88% | 84% | 84% | 86% | 73% L |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Availability of preventive health services | | 73% | 73% | 76% | 80% | 80% | 80% | 71% | 62% L |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Health services | 78% | 82% | 83% | 85% | 84% | 86% | 85% | 81% | 69% L |
| | | Please rate your overall health. | | | | 61% | 63% | 62% | 64% | 67% | 60% L |
| **Natural Environment** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Recycling | 64% | 78% | 83% | 82% | 83% | 81% | 69% | 67% | 57% L |

## Complete Set of Frequencies

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

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| **Community Design** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | **Your neighborhood as a place to live** | Excellent | **39%** N=133 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=140 |
| | | | Fair | **16%** N=56 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=15 |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas** | Excellent | **13%** N=45 |
| | | | Good | **50%** N=174 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=88 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=38 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Well-planned residential growth** | Excellent | **15%** N=48 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=130 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=85 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=52 |
| | | **Well-planned commercial growth** | Excellent | **18%** N=54 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=130 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=83 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=35 |
| | | **Well-designed neighborhoods** | Excellent | **13%** N=42 |
| | | | Good | **46%** N=147 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=87 |
| | | | Poor | **14%** N=45 |
| | | **Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community** | Excellent | **22%** N=66 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=119 |
| | | | Fair | **30%** N=90 |

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| **Community Design** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | | Poor | 7% N=20 |
| | | **Public places where people want to spend time** | Excellent | 21% N=69 |
| | | | Good | 45% N=149 |
| | | | Fair | 26% N=86 |
| | | | Poor | 8% N=27 |
| | | **Variety of housing options** | Excellent | 11% N=37 |
| | | | Good | 39% N=126 |
| | | | Fair | 29% N=95 |
| | | | Poor | 21% N=69 |
| | | **Availability of affordable quality housing** | Excellent | 4% N=12 |
| | | | Good | 20% N=64 |
| | | | Fair | 37% N=117 |
| | | | Poor | 38% N=121 |
| | | **Overall quality of new development** | Excellent | 10% N=32 |
| | | | Good | 51% N=159 |
| | | | Fair | 29% N=92 |
| | | | Poor | 9% N=27 |
| | | **Overall appearance** | Excellent | 25% N=85 |
| | | | Good | 51% N=176 |
| | | | Fair | 21% N=72 |
| | | | Poor | 3% N=12 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Land use, planning and zoning** | Excellent | 9% N=22 |
| | | | Good | 43% N=109 |
| | | | Fair | 33% N=84 |
| | | | Poor | 16% N=40 |
| | | **Code enforcement** | Excellent | 5% N=13 |

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| **Community Design** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Code enforcement** | Good | **36%** N=96 |
| | | | Fair | **38%** N=102 |
| | | | Poor | **21%** N=54 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas** | Essential | **35%** N=117 |
| | | | Very important | **46%** N=157 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **17%** N=56 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=8 |
| **Custom** | | **How often, if ever, do you recycle at home?** | Always | **63%** N=218 |
| | | | Often | **22%** N=76 |
| | | | Sometimes | **8%** N=27 |
| | | | Rarely | **2%** N=6 |
| | | | Never | **6%** N=20 |
| | | **Thinking about the times that you do not recycle, please indicate your primary reasons for not recycling. (Select all that apply.)** | Takes too much time/effort | **27%** N=35 |
| | | | Don't know what's recyclable | **30%** N=39 |
| | | | Don't have a recycling bin | **27%** N=35 |
| | | | Don't have the option to recycle | **11%** N=14 |
| | | | Don't believe it matters or helps the environment | **9%** N=11 |
| | | | Other | **28%** N=36 |
| | **How much do you support or oppose the City of Sioux Falls taking each of the following actions?** | **Allow residents to leave garbage containers in the public right-of-way** | Strongly support | **11%** N=38 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **20%** N=69 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **23%** N=81 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **31%** N=106 |
| | | | Don't Know | **15%** N=53 |
| | | **Reduce the number of licensed garbage haulers over time** | Strongly support | **5%** N=18 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **19%** N=65 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **28%** N=96 |

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| **Custom** | **How much do you support or oppose the City of Sioux Falls taking each of the following actions?** | **Reduce the number of licensed garbage haulers over time** | Strongly oppose | **35%** N=120 |
| | | | Don't Know | **13%** N=45 |
| | | **Build a new community pool on the south side of town using existing tax revenues** | Strongly support | **18%** N=61 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **40%** N=138 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **16%** N=55 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **15%** N=50 |
| | | | Don't Know | **12%** N=41 |
| | | **Use City tax dollars to make improvements to the Sioux Falls regional airport** | Strongly support | **26%** N=89 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **46%** N=161 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **16%** N=56 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **8%** N=29 |
| | | | Don't Know | **3%** N=12 |
| | | **Allow homes to be rented as short-term rentals (such as Airbnb or VRBO)** | Strongly support | **20%** N=68 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **32%** N=112 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **16%** N=55 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **24%** N=83 |
| | | | Don't Know | **9%** N=30 |
| | | **Continue investing in green space within street medians** | Strongly support | **31%** N=107 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **41%** N=143 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **13%** N=44 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **7%** N=23 |
| | | | Don't Know | **8%** N=29 |
| | | **Prioritize taxpayer resources to attract new industries and support economic development** | Strongly support | **32%** N=111 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **41%** N=144 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **13%** N=44 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **6%** N=22 |

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| **Custom** | | | Don't Know | 7% N=25 |
| | | **Should City tax dollars be used to make childcare more affordable for families?** | Yes, for all families | 44% N=153 |
| | | | Yes, for low income families | 26% N=91 |
| | | | No | 17% N=60 |
| | | | No opinion/Don't know | 12% N=42 |
| | **How much would you support or oppose the City making annual investments in each of the following areas to address homelessness?** | **Funding for partner organizations to provide homeless services in the community** | Strongly agree | 43% N=146 |
| | | | Somewhat agree | 38% N=130 |
| | | | Somewhat disagree | 11% N=39 |
| | | | Strongly disagree | 7% N=23 |
| | | **Funding for City of Sioux Falls staff to help develop and expand supportive services for unhoused individuals in the community** | Strongly agree | 36% N=123 |
| | | | Somewhat agree | 42% N=143 |
| | | | Somewhat disagree | 14% N=47 |
| | | | Strongly disagree | 8% N=26 |
| **Demographic** | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | **Voted in your most recent local election** | No | 24% N=82 |
| | | | Yes | 76% N=266 |
| | **In general, how many times do you:** | **Access the internet from your home** | Several times a day | 66% N=224 |
| | | | Once a day | 11% N=36 |
| | | | A few times a week | 12% N=40 |
| | | | Every few weeks | 2% N=8 |
| | | | Less often or never | 9% N=31 |
| | | **Access the internet from your cell phone** | Several times a day | 83% N=282 |
| | | | Once a day | 8% N=26 |
| | | | A few times a week | 5% N=16 |
| | | | Every few weeks | 1% N=2 |
| | | | Less often or never | 4% N=15 |
| | | **Visit social media sites** | Several times a day | 63% N=216 |

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| **Demographic** | **In general, how many times do you:** | **Visit social media sites** | Once a day | **14%** N=48 |
| | | | A few times a week | **6%** N=20 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **2%** N=6 |
| | | | Less often or never | **15%** N=51 |
| | | **Use or check email** | Several times a day | **67%** N=229 |
| | | | Once a day | **20%** N=67 |
| | | | A few times a week | **10%** N=33 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **1%** N=4 |
| | | | Less often or never | **3%** N=9 |
| | | **Share your opinions online** | Several times a day | **8%** N=27 |
| | | | Once a day | **3%** N=9 |
| | | | A few times a week | **10%** N=33 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **13%** N=43 |
| | | | Less often or never | **66%** N=217 |
| | | **Shop online** | Several times a day | **8%** N=27 |
| | | | Once a day | **5%** N=17 |
| | | | A few times a week | **39%** N=134 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **32%** N=110 |
| | | | Less often or never | **16%** N=55 |
| | | **How many years have you lived in Sioux Falls?** | Less than 2 years | **6%** N=22 |
| | | | 2-5 years | **12%** N=41 |
| | | | 6-10 years | **14%** N=49 |
| | | | 11-20 years | **16%** N=56 |
| | | | More than 20 years | **52%** N=179 |
| | | **Which best describes the building you live in?** | Single-family detached home | **52%** N=179 |
| | | | Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you) | **12%** N=41 |

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| **Demographic** | **Which best describes the building you live in?** | Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you) | **30%** N=104 |
| | | Mobile home | **2%** N=8 |
| | | Other | **4%** N=15 |
| | **Do you rent or own your home?** | Rent | **40%** N=138 |
| | | Own | **60%** N=207 |
| | **About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?** | Less than $300 | **1%** N=3 |
| | | $300 to $599 | **7%** N=23 |
| | | $600 to $999 | **22%** N=73 |
| | | $1,000 to $1,499 | **27%** N=92 |
| | | $1,500 to $2,499 | **26%** N=88 |
| | | $2,500 to $3,999 | **12%** N=39 |
| | | $4,000 to $6,999 | **3%** N=11 |
| | | $7,000 to $9,999 | **1%** N=3 |
| | | $10,000 or more | **1%** N=4 |
| | **Do any children 17 or under live in your household?** | No | **74%** N=257 |
| | | Yes | **26%** N=90 |
| | **Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?** | No | **71%** N=248 |
| | | Yes | **29%** N=99 |
| | **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 | **10%** N=33 |
| | | $25,000 to $49,999 | **16%** N=55 |
| | | $50,000 to $74,999 | **16%** N=54 |
| | | $75,000 to $99,999 | **11%** N=38 |
| | | $100,000 to $149,999 | **29%** N=96 |
| | | $150,000 to $199,999 | **7%** N=25 |
| | | $200,000 to $299,999 | **7%** N=22 |
| | | $300,000 or more | **3%** N=11 |

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| **Demographic** | | **Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?** | No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin | **95%** N=327 |
| | | | Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin | **5%** N=18 |
| | | **In which category is your age?** | 18-24 years | **6%** N=23 |
| | | | 25-34 years | **27%** N=93 |
| | | | 35-44 years | **16%** N=56 |
| | | | 45-54 years | **18%** N=61 |
| | | | 55-64 years | **8%** N=26 |
| | | | 65-74 years | **13%** N=47 |
| | | | 75 years or older | **12%** N=43 |
| | | **What is your gender?** | Woman | **50%** N=173 |
| | | | Man | **50%** N=174 |
| | | | Identify in another way | **0%** N=1 |
| **Economy** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | **Sioux Falls as a place to work** | Excellent | **31%** N=105 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=135 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=80 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=15 |
| | | **Sioux Falls as a place to visit** | Excellent | **22%** N=75 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=154 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=87 |
| | | | Poor | **8%** N=27 |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall economic health** | Excellent | **18%** N=60 |
| | | | Good | **51%** N=173 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=94 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=13 |
| | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Overall quality of business and service establishments** | Excellent | **28%** N=96 |
| | | | Good | **54%** N=187 |

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| **Economy** | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Overall quality of business and service establishments** | Fair | 16% N=54 |
| | | | Poor | 3% N=9 |
| | | **Variety of business and service establishments** | Excellent | 30% N=107 |
| | | | Good | 42% N=146 |
| | | | Fair | 21% N=73 |
| | | | Poor | 7% N=25 |
| | | **Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area** | Excellent | 33% N=111 |
| | | | Good | 44% N=149 |
| | | | Fair | 20% N=67 |
| | | | Poor | 4% N=13 |
| | | **Employment opportunities** | Excellent | 23% N=76 |
| | | | Good | 47% N=154 |
| | | | Fair | 21% N=69 |
| | | | Poor | 10% N=31 |
| | | **Shopping opportunities** | Excellent | 25% N=87 |
| | | | Good | 48% N=167 |
| | | | Fair | 22% N=77 |
| | | | Poor | 5% N=16 |
| | | **Cost of living** | Excellent | 9% N=30 |
| | | | Good | 36% N=126 |
| | | | Fair | 36% N=127 |
| | | | Poor | 19% N=66 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Economic development** | Excellent | 16% N=48 |
| | | | Good | 55% N=168 |
| | | | Fair | 26% N=80 |
| | | | Poor | 3% N=11 |

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| **Economy** | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall economic health** | Essential | **41%** N=139 |
| | | | Very important | **46%** N=157 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **13%** N=45 |
| | | | Not at all important | **0%** N=1 |
| | | **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 | **5%** N=18 |
| | | | Somewhat positive | **14%** N=48 |
| | | | Neutral | **36%** N=126 |
| | | | Somewhat negative | **34%** N=118 |
| | | | Very negative | **11%** N=38 |
| **Education, Arts, and Culture** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts** | Excellent | **23%** N=77 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=153 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=79 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=33 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities** | Excellent | **29%** N=94 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=134 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=82 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=13 |
| | | **Community support for the arts** | Excellent | **26%** N=81 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=124 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=82 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=23 |
| | | **Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool** | Excellent | **4%** N=8 |
| | | | Good | **22%** N=46 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=69 |
| | | | Poor | **40%** N=82 |
| | | **K-12 education** | Excellent | **23%** N=57 |

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| **Education, Arts, and Culture** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **K-12 education** | Good | **42%** N=104 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=68 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=17 |
| | | **Adult educational opportunities** | Excellent | **16%** N=46 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=110 |
| | | | Fair | **33%** N=92 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=32 |
| | | **Opportunities to attend special events and festivals** | Excellent | **28%** N=91 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=140 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=82 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=15 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Public library services** | Excellent | **43%** N=130 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=127 |
| | | | Fair | **12%** N=35 |
| | | | Poor | **2%** N=7 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts** | Essential | **32%** N=109 |
| | | | Very important | **46%** N=158 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **19%** N=66 |
| | | | Not at all important | **3%** N=12 |
| **Governance** | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | **Contacted the City of Sioux Falls for help or information** | No | **64%** N=225 |
| | | | Yes | **36%** N=124 |
| | | **Contacted Sioux Falls elected officials to express your opinion** | No | **85%** N=297 |
| | | | Yes | **15%** N=52 |
| | | **Attended a local public meeting** | No | **86%** N=300 |
| | | | Yes | **14%** N=47 |
| | | **Watched a local public meeting** | No | **62%** N=215 |

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| Governance | or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months. | Watched a local public meeting | Yes | 38% N=133 |
| | Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls. | Public information services | Excellent | 10% N=31 |
| | | | Good | 51% N=155 |
| | | | Fair | 33% N=101 |
| | | | Poor | 6% N=18 |
| | | Overall customer service by Sioux Falls employees | Excellent | 24% N=72 |
| | | | Good | 49% N=148 |
| | | | Fair | 20% N=61 |
| | | | Poor | 6% N=19 |
| | Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance. | The value of services for the taxes paid to Sioux Falls | Excellent | 12% N=37 |
| | | | Good | 36% N=111 |
| | | | Fair | 36% N=108 |
| | | | Poor | 16% N=49 |
| | | The overall direction that Sioux Falls is taking | Excellent | 18% N=59 |
| | | | Good | 41% N=134 |
| | | | Fair | 30% N=98 |
| | | | Poor | 11% N=35 |
| | | The job Sioux Falls government does at welcoming resident involvement | Excellent | 15% N=42 |
| | | | Good | 39% N=110 |
| | | | Fair | 35% N=101 |
| | | | Poor | 11% N=31 |
| | | Overall confidence in Sioux Falls government | Excellent | 15% N=50 |
| | | | Good | 41% N=132 |
| | | | Fair | 32% N=104 |
| | | | Poor | 12% N=38 |
| | | Generally acting in the best interest of the community | Excellent | 14% N=46 |

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| **Governance** | **Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance.** | **Generally acting in the best interest of the community** | Good | **41%** N=131 |
| | | | Fair | **35%** N=111 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=31 |
| | | **Being honest** | Excellent | **14%** N=42 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=122 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=94 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=45 |
| | | **Being open and transparent to the public** | Excellent | **12%** N=36 |
| | | | Good | **37%** N=113 |
| | | | Fair | **37%** N=111 |
| | | | Poor | **14%** N=41 |
| | | **Informing residents about issues facing the community** | Excellent | **14%** N=45 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=126 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=108 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=39 |
| | | **Treating all residents fairly** | Excellent | **13%** N=38 |
| | | | Good | **31%** N=93 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=92 |
| | | | Poor | **26%** N=77 |
| | | **Treating residents with respect** | Excellent | **16%** N=50 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=111 |
| | | | Fair | **30%** N=93 |
| | | | Poor | **18%** N=56 |
| | **Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?** | **The City of Sioux Falls** | Excellent | **15%** N=51 |
| | | | Good | **52%** N=175 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=96 |

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| **Governance** | **Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?** | **The City of Sioux Falls** | Poor | **4%** N=15 |
| | | **The Federal Government** | Excellent | **4%** N=13 |
| | | | Good | **25%** N=81 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=112 |
| | | | Poor | **37%** N=119 |
| **Health and Wellness** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall health and wellness opportunities** | Excellent | **29%** N=99 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=149 |
| | | | Fair | **22%** N=76 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=17 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Availability of affordable quality food** | Excellent | **14%** N=50 |
| | | | Good | **46%** N=158 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=88 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=52 |
| | | **Availability of affordable quality health care** | Excellent | **25%** N=83 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=120 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=75 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=55 |
| | | **Availability of preventive health services** | Excellent | **23%** N=78 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=133 |
| | | | Fair | **22%** N=75 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=55 |
| | | **Availability of affordable quality mental health care** | Excellent | **13%** N=35 |
| | | | Good | **33%** N=90 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=73 |
| | | | Poor | **27%** N=74 |
| | | **Health services** | Excellent | **25%** N=76 |

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| **Health and Wellness** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Health services** | Good | **45%** N=138 |
| | | | Fair | **22%** N=68 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=27 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall health and wellness opportunities** | Essential | **34%** N=116 |
| | | | Very important | **48%** N=164 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **16%** N=56 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=5 |
| | | **Please rate your overall health.** | Excellent | **20%** N=70 |
| | | | Very good | **39%** N=136 |
| | | | Good | **30%** N=104 |
| | | | Fair | **9%** N=29 |
| | | | Poor | **1%** N=5 |
| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | **Sioux Falls as a place to raise children** | Excellent | **36%** N=111 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=139 |
| | | | Fair | **17%** N=51 |
| | | | Poor | **2%** N=8 |
| | | **Sioux Falls as a place to retire** | Excellent | **31%** N=94 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=109 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=76 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=20 |
| | | **Sense of community** | Excellent | **15%** N=52 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=146 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=96 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=55 |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Residents' connection and engagement with their community** | Excellent | **11%** N=35 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=145 |

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| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | | **Residents' connection and engagement with their community** | Fair | **30%** N=101 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=52 |
| | **Please rate the job you feel the Sioux Falls community does at each of the following.** | **Making all residents feel welcome** | Excellent | **18%** N=59 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=151 |
| | | | Fair | **22%** N=73 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=51 |
| | | **Attracting people from diverse backgrounds** | Excellent | **17%** N=52 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=127 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=73 |
| | | | Poor | **19%** N=61 |
| | | **Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds** | Excellent | **14%** N=45 |
| | | | Good | **35%** N=114 |
| | | | Fair | **33%** N=108 |
| | | | Poor | **19%** N=62 |
| | | **Taking care of vulnerable residents** | Excellent | **10%** N=32 |
| | | | Good | **29%** N=93 |
| | | | Fair | **35%** N=114 |
| | | | Poor | **27%** N=87 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Sense of civic/community pride** | Excellent | **13%** N=42 |
| | | | Good | **46%** N=149 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=98 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=32 |
| | | **Neighborliness of residents** | Excellent | **12%** N=42 |
| | | | Good | **46%** N=154 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=105 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=34 |

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| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Opportunities to participate in social events and activities** | Excellent | 20% N=64 |
| | | | Good | 47% N=153 |
| | | | Fair | 30% N=96 |
| | | | Poor | 3% N=11 |
| | | **Opportunities to volunteer** | Excellent | 31% N=94 |
| | | | Good | 46% N=142 |
| | | | Fair | 21% N=63 |
| | | | Poor | 3% N=8 |
| | | **Opportunities to participate in community matters** | Excellent | 20% N=58 |
| | | | Good | 36% N=106 |
| | | | Fair | 36% N=106 |
| | | | Poor | 8% N=24 |
| | | **Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds** | Excellent | 9% N=28 |
| | | | Good | 37% N=116 |
| | | | Fair | 33% N=102 |
| | | | Poor | 21% N=67 |
| | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | **Volunteered your time to some group/activity** | No | 53% N=183 |
| | | | Yes | 47% N=165 |
| | | **Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate** | No | 76% N=263 |
| | | | Yes | 24% N=85 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Residents' connection and engagement with their community** | Essential | 25% N=84 |
| | | | Very important | 46% N=158 |
| | | | Somewhat important | 27% N=94 |
| | | | Not at all important | 2% N=8 |
| **Mobility** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall quality of the transportation system** | Excellent | 12% N=38 |
| | | | Good | 36% N=119 |

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| **Mobility** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall quality of the transportation system** | Fair | **28%** N=93 |
| | | | Poor | **24%** N=78 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Traffic flow on major streets** | Excellent | **4%** N=14 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=136 |
| | | | Fair | **36%** N=127 |
| | | | Poor | **21%** N=73 |
| | | **Ease of public parking** | Excellent | **11%** N=37 |
| | | | Good | **38%** N=131 |
| | | | Fair | **35%** N=121 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=53 |
| | | **Ease of travel by car** | Excellent | **17%** N=59 |
| | | | Good | **48%** N=167 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=99 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=20 |
| | | **Ease of travel by public transportation** | Excellent | **3%** N=5 |
| | | | Good | **18%** N=36 |
| | | | Fair | **33%** N=68 |
| | | | Poor | **46%** N=94 |
| | | **Ease of travel by bicycle** | Excellent | **10%** N=24 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=99 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=79 |
| | | | Poor | **20%** N=51 |
| | | **Ease of walking** | Excellent | **15%** N=49 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=140 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=79 |
| | | | Poor | **18%** N=58 |

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| | Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months. | Used public transportation instead of driving | No | 86% N=297 |
| | | | Yes | 14% N=49 |
| | | Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | No | 48% N=166 |
| | | | Yes | 52% N=183 |
| | | Walked or biked instead of driving | No | 48% N=167 |
| | | | Yes | 52% N=182 |
| | Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls. | Traffic enforcement | Excellent | 11% N=36 |
| | | | Good | 44% N=144 |
| | | | Fair | 27% N=90 |
| | | | Poor | 18% N=61 |
| | | Traffic signal timing | Excellent | 7% N=25 |
| | | | Good | 35% N=119 |
| | | | Fair | 32% N=109 |
| | | | Poor | 26% N=90 |
| | | Street repair | Excellent | 5% N=18 |
| | | | Good | 34% N=116 |
| | | | Fair | 31% N=108 |
| | | | Poor | 29% N=101 |
| | | Street cleaning | Excellent | 13% N=44 |
| | | | Good | 45% N=154 |
| | | | Fair | 33% N=113 |
| | | | Poor | 8% N=28 |
| | | Street lighting | Excellent | 16% N=56 |
| | | | Good | 47% N=163 |
| | | | Fair | 27% N=92 |
| | | | Poor | 10% N=33 |

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| **Mobility** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Snow removal** | Excellent | **19%** N=63 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=149 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=91 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=31 |
| | | **Sidewalk maintenance** | Excellent | **14%** N=47 |
| | | | Good | **49%** N=160 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=80 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=39 |
| | | **Bus or transit services** | Excellent | **8%** N=16 |
| | | | Good | **26%** N=50 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=55 |
| | | | Poor | **37%** N=71 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall quality of the transportation system** | Essential | **33%** N=115 |
| | | | Very important | **44%** N=151 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **20%** N=67 |
| | | | Not at all important | **4%** N=13 |
| **Natural Environment** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall quality of natural environment** | Excellent | **18%** N=64 |
| | | | Good | **55%** N=191 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=78 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=14 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Cleanliness** | Excellent | **24%** N=82 |
| | | | Good | **49%** N=172 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=79 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=16 |
| | | **Water resources** | Excellent | **8%** N=25 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=113 |

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| **Natural Environment** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Water resources** | Fair | **37%** N=117 |
| | | | Poor | **20%** N=63 |
| | | **Air quality** | Excellent | **24%** N=83 |
| | | | Good | **52%** N=177 |
| | | | Fair | **18%** N=62 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=20 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Preservation of natural areas** | Excellent | **15%** N=42 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=111 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=91 |
| | | | Poor | **13%** N=38 |
| | | **Sioux Falls open space** | Excellent | **16%** N=46 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=123 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=98 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=26 |
| | | **Recycling** | Excellent | **18%** N=53 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=118 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=100 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=28 |
| | | **Yard waste pick-up** | Excellent | **19%** N=54 |
| | | | Good | **47%** N=133 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=81 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=15 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall quality of natural environment** | Essential | **30%** N=104 |
| | | | Very important | **47%** N=163 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **22%** N=75 |
| | | | Not at all important | **1%** N=2 |

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| **Parks and Recreation** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities** | Excellent | **38%** N=130 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=148 |
| | | | Fair | **15%** N=52 |
| | | | Poor | **3%** N=10 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Availability of paths and walking trails** | Excellent | **39%** N=122 |
| | | | Good | **48%** N=152 |
| | | | Fair | **12%** N=40 |
| | | | Poor | **1%** N=3 |
| | | **Fitness opportunities** | Excellent | **33%** N=110 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=136 |
| | | | Fair | **19%** N=63 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=22 |
| | | **Recreational opportunities** | Excellent | **28%** N=94 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=144 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=85 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=17 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **City parks** | Excellent | **41%** N=131 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=145 |
| | | | Fair | **13%** N=41 |
| | | | Poor | **1%** N=4 |
| | | **Recreation programs or classes** | Excellent | **22%** N=61 |
| | | | Good | **47%** N=133 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=75 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=12 |
| | | **Recreation centers or facilities** | Excellent | **21%** N=63 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=132 |

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| **Parks and Recreation** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Recreation centers or facilities** | Fair | **28%** N=81 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=17 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities** | Essential | **26%** N=90 |
| | | | Very important | **51%** N=174 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **21%** N=72 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=6 |
| **Quality of Life** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | **Sioux Falls as a place to live** | Excellent | **36%** N=127 |
| | | | Good | **47%** N=164 |
| | | | Fair | **15%** N=53 |
| | | | Poor | **2%** N=7 |
| | | **The overall quality of life** | Excellent | **27%** N=96 |
| | | | Good | **51%** N=178 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=69 |
| | | | Poor | **2%** N=7 |
| | **Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.** | **Recommend living in Sioux Falls to someone who asks** | Very likely | **43%** N=147 |
| | | | Somewhat likely | **45%** N=155 |
| | | | Somewhat unlikely | **9%** N=30 |
| | | | Very unlikely | **3%** N=10 |
| | | **Remain in Sioux Falls for the next five years** | Very likely | **61%** N=209 |
| | | | Somewhat likely | **26%** N=91 |
| | | | Somewhat unlikely | **10%** N=36 |
| | | | Very unlikely | **3%** N=9 |
| | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | **Overall image or reputation** | Excellent | **26%** N=89 |
| | | | Good | **51%** N=177 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=70 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=13 |

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| **Safety** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall feeling of safety** | Excellent | **18%** N=62 |
| | | | Good | **48%** N=167 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=98 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=24 |
| | **Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:** | **In your neighborhood during the day** | Very safe | **69%** N=239 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **22%** N=77 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **7%** N=24 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **1%** N=4 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **0%** N=1 |
| | | **In Sioux Falls's downtown/commercial area during the day** | Very safe | **45%** N=155 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **37%** N=128 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **10%** N=33 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **7%** N=25 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **1%** N=4 |
| | | **From property crime** | Very safe | **24%** N=82 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **43%** N=147 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **16%** N=57 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **14%** N=47 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **4%** N=13 |
| | | **From violent crime** | Very safe | **34%** N=117 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **40%** N=139 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **11%** N=38 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **12%** N=40 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **3%** N=11 |
| | | **From fire, flood, or other natural disaster** | Very safe | **43%** N=149 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **37%** N=128 |

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| **Safety** | **Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:** | **From fire, flood, or other natural disaster** | Neither safe nor unsafe | 13% N=44 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | 6% N=22 |
| | | | Very unsafe | 1% N=3 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Police services** | Excellent | 26% N=80 |
| | | | Good | 40% N=126 |
| | | | Fair | 24% N=75 |
| | | | Poor | 10% N=32 |
| | | **Crime prevention** | Excellent | 12% N=37 |
| | | | Good | 45% N=138 |
| | | | Fair | 26% N=79 |
| | | | Poor | 17% N=54 |
| | | **Animal control** | Excellent | 23% N=65 |
| | | | Good | 53% N=150 |
| | | | Fair | 17% N=49 |
| | | | Poor | 7% N=20 |
| | | **Ambulance or emergency medical services** | Excellent | 27% N=73 |
| | | | Good | 47% N=125 |
| | | | Fair | 19% N=51 |
| | | | Poor | 7% N=18 |
| | | **Fire services** | Excellent | 41% N=115 |
| | | | Good | 49% N=138 |
| | | | Fair | 11% N=30 |
| | | **Fire prevention and education** | Excellent | 28% N=70 |
| | | | Good | 51% N=128 |
| | | | Fair | 20% N=50 |
| | | | Poor | 1% N=2 |

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| **Safety** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Emergency preparedness** | Excellent | **18%** N=44 |
| | | | Good | **48%** N=116 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=58 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=24 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall feeling of safety** | Essential | **55%** N=191 |
| | | | Very important | **37%** N=129 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **6%** N=21 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=6 |
| **Utilities** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | **Overall quality of the utility infrastructure** | Excellent | **20%** N=68 |
| | | | Good | **51%** N=174 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=83 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=15 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Affordable high-speed internet access** | Excellent | **18%** N=58 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=143 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=78 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=48 |
| | | **Garbage collection** | Excellent | **26%** N=87 |
| | | | Good | **60%** N=200 |
| | | | Fair | **11%** N=37 |
| | | | Poor | **2%** N=8 |
| | | **Drinking water** | Excellent | **34%** N=117 |
| | | | Good | **47%** N=163 |
| | | | Fair | **14%** N=49 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=17 |
| | | **Sewer services** | Excellent | **31%** N=100 |
| | | | Good | **54%** N=176 |

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| **Utilities** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | **Sewer services** | Fair | **13%** N=43 |
| | | | Poor | **1%** N=4 |
| | | **Storm water management** | Excellent | **26%** N=83 |
| | | | Good | **51%** N=165 |
| | | | Fair | **19%** N=63 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=13 |
| | | **Power (electric and/or gas) utility** | Excellent | **30%** N=101 |
| | | | Good | **55%** N=188 |
| | | | Fair | **12%** N=41 |
| | | | Poor | **3%** N=12 |
| | | **Utility billing** | Excellent | **22%** N=74 |
| | | | Good | **50%** N=167 |
| | | | Fair | **22%** N=73 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=21 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | **Overall quality of the utility infrastructure** | Essential | **48%** N=166 |
| | | | Very important | **42%** N=144 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **9%** N=32 |
| | | | Not at all important | **0%** N=1 |

## Methods (Open Participation)

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), the City of Sioux Falls conducted a survey of 3,000 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from September 12th, 2025 to October 24th, 2025. 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 Sioux Falls. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all Sioux Falls residents and became available on October 10th. The survey remained open for two weeks and there were 825 responses.

The open participation survey data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were statistically weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Sioux Falls. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.[21] The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the following table.

| | | Unweighted | Weighted | Target[20] |
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| Age | 18-34 | 16% | 33% | 33% |
| | 35-54 | 37% | 33% | 33% |
| | 55+ | 47% | 33% | 33% |
| Area | Central (1) | 26% | 20% | 20% |
| | Northeast (2) | 17% | 20% | 20% |
| | Northwest (3) | 16% | 21% | 21% |
| | Southeast (4) | 28% | 20% | 20% |
| | Southwest (5) | 14% | 19% | 19% |
| Hispanic | No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish or.. | 98% | 95% | 95% |
| | Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Lati.. | 2% | 5% | 5% |
| Housing type | Attached | 28% | 46% | 46% |
| | Detached | 72% | 54% | 54% |
| Race/ethnicity | Not white alone | 8% | 18% | 18% |
| | White alone, not Hispanic or Latino | 92% | 82% | 82% |
| Sex | Man | 43% | 50% | 50% |
| | Woman | 57% | 50% | 50% |
| Sex/age | Man 18-34 | 7% | 17% | 17% |
| | Man 35-54 | 17% | 17% | 17% |

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| | Man 55+ | 19% | 16% | 16% |
| | Woman 18-34 | 8% | 16% | 16% |
| | Woman 35-54 | 21% | 16% | 16% |
| | Woman 55+ | 27% | 18% | 18% |
| Tenure | Own | 79% | 60% | 60% |
| | Rent | 21% | 40% | 40% |

**20.** Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf
**21**. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2023 American Community Survey.

# 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.

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| **Quality of Life** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Sioux Falls as a place to live | Excellent | **25%** N=202 |
| | | | Good | **49%** N=406 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=163 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=51 |
| | | The overall quality of life | Excellent | **20%** N=166 |
| | | | Good | **46%** N=377 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=212 |
| | | | Poor | **8%** N=64 |
| | **Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.** | Recommend living in Sioux Falls to someone who asks | Very likely | **34%** N=278 |
| | | | Somewhat likely | **37%** N=299 |
| | | | Somewhat unlikely | **16%** N=126 |
| | | | Very unlikely | **13%** N=103 |
| | | Remain in Sioux Falls for the next five years | Very likely | **52%** N=417 |
| | | | Somewhat likely | **24%** N=192 |
| | | | Somewhat unlikely | **10%** N=78 |
| | | | Very unlikely | **14%** N=110 |
| | | Overall image or reputation | Excellent | **21%** N=167 |

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| **Quality of Life** | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Overall image or reputation | Good | **44%** N=357 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=191 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=98 |
| **Governance** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Public information services | Excellent | **8%** N=61 |
| | | | Good | **49%** N=363 |
| | | | Fair | **30%** N=221 |
| | | | Poor | **13%** N=96 |
| | | Overall customer service by Sioux Falls employees | Excellent | **24%** N=179 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=318 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=167 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=75 |
| | **Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance.** | The value of services for the taxes paid to Sioux Falls | Excellent | **12%** N=96 |
| | | | Good | **34%** N=265 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=214 |
| | | | Poor | **26%** N=200 |
| | | The overall direction that Sioux Falls is taking | Excellent | **15%** N=118 |
| | | | Good | **37%** N=291 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=207 |
| | | | Poor | **22%** N=176 |
| | | The job Sioux Falls government does at welcoming resident involvement | Excellent | **11%** N=81 |

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| **Governance** | **Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance.** | The job Sioux Falls government does at welcoming resident involvement | Good | **32%** N=230 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=211 |
| | | | Poor | **27%** N=197 |
| | | Overall confidence in Sioux Falls government | Excellent | **14%** N=109 |
| | | | Good | **32%** N=257 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=209 |
| | | | Poor | **28%** N=218 |
| | | Generally acting in the best interest of the community | Excellent | **15%** N=116 |
| | | | Good | **32%** N=250 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=218 |
| | | | Poor | **26%** N=201 |
| | | Being honest | Excellent | **14%** N=105 |
| | | | Good | **30%** N=230 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=193 |
| | | | Poor | **30%** N=230 |
| | | Being open and transparent to the public | Excellent | **15%** N=110 |
| | | | Good | **25%** N=187 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=221 |
| | | | Poor | **31%** N=238 |
| | | Informing residents about issues facing the community | Excellent | **14%** N=109 |

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| **Governance** | **Please rate the following categories of Sioux Falls government performance.** | Informing residents about issues facing the community | Good | **31%** N=239 |
| | | | Fair | **30%** N=231 |
| | | | Poor | **26%** N=200 |
| | | Treating all residents fairly | Excellent | **12%** N=92 |
| | | | Good | **26%** N=196 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=185 |
| | | | Poor | **38%** N=284 |
| | | Treating residents with respect | Excellent | **15%** N=114 |
| | | | Good | **33%** N=256 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=209 |
| | | | Poor | **25%** N=192 |
| | **Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?** | The City of Sioux Falls | Excellent | **18%** N=143 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=340 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=197 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=117 |
| | | The Federal Government | Excellent | **6%** N=48 |
| | | | Good | **20%** N=157 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=220 |
| | | | Poor | **46%** N=356 |
| **Economy** | | Sioux Falls as a place to work | Excellent | **23%** N=187 |

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| **Economy** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Sioux Falls as a place to work | Good | **39%** N=314 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=211 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=85 |
| | | Sioux Falls as a place to visit | Excellent | **20%** N=163 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=325 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=222 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=95 |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall economic health | Excellent | **17%** N=135 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=343 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=229 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=92 |
| | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Overall quality of business and service establishments | Excellent | **25%** N=206 |
| | | | Good | **47%** N=383 |
| | | | Fair | **22%** N=183 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=43 |
| | | Variety of business and service establishments | Excellent | **23%** N=191 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=333 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=193 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=98 |
| | | Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area | Excellent | **31%** N=248 |

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| **Economy** | **Please rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area | Good | **40%** N=323 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=162 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=70 |
| | | Employment opportunities | Excellent | **17%** N=132 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=307 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=216 |
| | | | Poor | **17%** N=131 |
| | | Shopping opportunities | Excellent | **22%** N=178 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=347 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=223 |
| | | | Poor | **8%** N=63 |
| | | Cost of living | Excellent | **7%** N=57 |
| | | | Good | **27%** N=219 |
| | | | Fair | **38%** N=306 |
| | | | Poor | **28%** N=231 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Economic development | Excellent | **16%** N=118 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=334 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=199 |
| | | | Poor | **14%** N=109 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you** | Overall economic health | Essential | **43%** N=340 |

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| **Economy** | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall economic health | Very important | **41%** N=326 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **15%** N=120 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=12 |
| | | 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=27 |
| | | | Somewhat positive | **11%** N=88 |
| | | | Neutral | **27%** N=216 |
| | | | Somewhat negative | **40%** N=320 |
| | | | Very negative | **19%** N=155 |
| **Mobility** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of the transportation system | Excellent | **6%** N=46 |
| | | | Good | **28%** N=223 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=260 |
| | | | Poor | **34%** N=274 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Traffic flow on major streets | Excellent | **4%** N=33 |
| | | | Good | **25%** N=204 |
| | | | Fair | **37%** N=304 |
| | | | Poor | **34%** N=282 |
| | | Ease of public parking | Excellent | **12%** N=94 |
| | | | Good | **33%** N=266 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=274 |
| | | | Poor | **22%** N=181 |

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| **Mobility** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Ease of travel by car | Excellent | **16%** N=132 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=364 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=215 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=101 |
| | | Ease of travel by public transportation | Excellent | **3%** N=14 |
| | | | Good | **12%** N=60 |
| | | | Fair | **21%** N=108 |
| | | | Poor | **64%** N=320 |
| | | Ease of travel by bicycle | Excellent | **9%** N=50 |
| | | | Good | **27%** N=159 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=186 |
| | | | Poor | **33%** N=191 |
| | | Ease of walking | Excellent | **14%** N=107 |
| | | | Good | **32%** N=243 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=207 |
| | | | Poor | **27%** N=209 |
| | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Used public transportation instead of driving | No | **85%** N=697 |
| | | | Yes | **15%** N=118 |
| | | Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone | No | **47%** N=383 |
| | | | Yes | **53%** N=432 |

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| **Mobility** | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Walked or biked instead of driving | No | **47%** N=383 |
| | | | Yes | **53%** N=433 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Traffic enforcement | Excellent | **9%** N=67 |
| | | | Good | **38%** N=293 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=204 |
| | | | Poor | **28%** N=217 |
| | | Traffic signal timing | Excellent | **6%** N=47 |
| | | | Good | **26%** N=208 |
| | | | Fair | **35%** N=279 |
| | | | Poor | **34%** N=273 |
| | | Street repair | Excellent | **6%** N=50 |
| | | | Good | **32%** N=257 |
| | | | Fair | **33%** N=267 |
| | | | Poor | **29%** N=239 |
| | | Street cleaning | Excellent | **17%** N=131 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=342 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=202 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=118 |
| | | Street lighting | Excellent | **15%** N=120 |
| | | | Good | **50%** N=404 |

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| **Mobility** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Street lighting | Fair | **25%** N=201 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=85 |
| | | Snow removal | Excellent | **18%** N=148 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=323 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=219 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=117 |
| | | Sidewalk maintenance | Excellent | **11%** N=87 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=347 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=256 |
| | | | Poor | **13%** N=102 |
| | | Bus or transit services | Excellent | **6%** N=30 |
| | | | Good | **19%** N=92 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=132 |
| | | | Poor | **48%** N=234 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of the transportation system | Essential | **37%** N=298 |
| | | | Very important | **42%** N=335 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **19%** N=153 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=15 |
| **Community Design** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Your neighborhood as a place to live | Excellent | **34%** N=274 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=333 |

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| **Community Design** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Your neighborhood as a place to live | Fair | **19%** N=157 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=53 |
| | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas | Excellent | **9%** N=75 |
| | | | Good | **37%** N=304 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=236 |
| | | | Poor | **24%** N=198 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Well-planned residential growth | Excellent | **10%** N=77 |
| | | | Good | **30%** N=228 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=194 |
| | | | Poor | **34%** N=259 |
| | | Well-planned commercial growth | Excellent | **11%** N=79 |
| | | | Good | **35%** N=262 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=212 |
| | | | Poor | **26%** N=190 |
| | | Well-designed neighborhoods | Excellent | **9%** N=66 |
| | | | Good | **33%** N=258 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=239 |
| | | | Poor | **27%** N=213 |
| | | Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community | Excellent | **13%** N=101 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=325 |

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| **Community Design** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community | Fair | **26%** N=201 |
| | | | Poor | **18%** N=136 |
| | | Public places where people want to spend time | Excellent | **19%** N=151 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=312 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=214 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=128 |
| | | Variety of housing options | Excellent | **8%** N=65 |
| | | | Good | **27%** N=218 |
| | | | Fair | **30%** N=236 |
| | | | Poor | **35%** N=279 |
| | | Availability of affordable quality housing | Excellent | **3%** N=25 |
| | | | Good | **12%** N=94 |
| | | | Fair | **30%** N=223 |
| | | | Poor | **55%** N=413 |
| | | Overall quality of new development | Excellent | **11%** N=84 |
| | | | Good | **35%** N=268 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=261 |
| | | | Poor | **21%** N=161 |
| | | Overall appearance | Excellent | **19%** N=158 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=355 |

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| **Community Design** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Overall appearance | Fair | **29%** N=233 |
| | | | Poor | **8%** N=67 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Land use, planning and zoning | Excellent | **7%** N=45 |
| | | | Good | **30%** N=205 |
| | | | Fair | **34%** N=229 |
| | | | Poor | **29%** N=200 |
| | | Code enforcement | Excellent | **7%** N=45 |
| | | | Good | **32%** N=209 |
| | | | Fair | **35%** N=229 |
| | | | Poor | **27%** N=179 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas | Essential | **37%** N=298 |
| | | | Very important | **40%** N=326 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **21%** N=170 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=18 |
| **Utilities** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of the utility infrastructure | Excellent | **20%** N=156 |
| | | | Good | **47%** N=370 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=183 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=87 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Affordable high-speed internet access | Excellent | **18%** N=141 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=318 |

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| **Utilities** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Affordable high-speed internet access | Fair | **24%** N=188 |
| | | | Poor | **18%** N=140 |
| | | Garbage collection | Excellent | **31%** N=245 |
| | | | Good | **47%** N=374 |
| | | | Fair | **16%** N=127 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=41 |
| | | Drinking water | Excellent | **34%** N=271 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=350 |
| | | | Fair | **16%** N=129 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=57 |
| | | Sewer services | Excellent | **33%** N=248 |
| | | | Good | **48%** N=368 |
| | | | Fair | **15%** N=117 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=29 |
| | | Storm water management | Excellent | **23%** N=176 |
| | | | Good | **46%** N=347 |
| | | | Fair | **21%** N=160 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=71 |
| | | Power (electric and/or gas) utility | Excellent | **26%** N=203 |
| | | | Good | **49%** N=384 |

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| **Utilities** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Power (electric and/or gas) utility | Fair | **19%** N=151 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=50 |
| | | Utility billing | Excellent | **19%** N=147 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=342 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=194 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=82 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of the utility infrastructure | Essential | **50%** N=409 |
| | | | Very important | **36%** N=295 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **12%** N=94 |
| | | | Not at all important | **1%** N=12 |
| **Safety** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall feeling of safety | Excellent | **16%** N=132 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=366 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=184 |
| | | | Poor | **16%** N=134 |
| | **Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:** | In your neighborhood during the day | Very safe | **62%** N=508 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **25%** N=207 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **5%** N=40 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **6%** N=49 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **1%** N=11 |
| | | In Sioux Falls's downtown/ commercial area during the day | Very safe | **47%** N=384 |

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| **Safety** | **Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:** | In Sioux Falls's downtown/commercial area during the day | Somewhat safe | **30%** N=242 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **8%** N=65 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **9%** N=75 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **6%** N=45 |
| | | From property crime | Very safe | **25%** N=204 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **36%** N=292 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **14%** N=117 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **16%** N=131 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **9%** N=76 |
| | | From violent crime | Very safe | **35%** N=282 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **34%** N=276 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **13%** N=104 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **11%** N=92 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **7%** N=58 |
| | | From fire, flood, or other natural disaster | Very safe | **39%** N=320 |
| | | | Somewhat safe | **35%** N=283 |
| | | | Neither safe nor unsafe | **15%** N=126 |
| | | | Somewhat unsafe | **8%** N=66 |
| | | | Very unsafe | **3%** N=21 |
| | | Police/Sheriff services | Excellent | **27%** N=211 |

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| **Safety** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Police/Sheriff services | Good | **39%** N=299 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=153 |
| | | | Poor | **14%** N=111 |
| | | Crime prevention | Excellent | **13%** N=100 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=306 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=187 |
| | | | Poor | **23%** N=177 |
| | | Animal control | Excellent | **21%** N=140 |
| | | | Good | **52%** N=351 |
| | | | Fair | **18%** N=121 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=64 |
| | | Ambulance or emergency medical services | Excellent | **30%** N=197 |
| | | | Good | **49%** N=325 |
| | | | Fair | **17%** N=109 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=28 |
| | | Fire services | Excellent | **46%** N=309 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=290 |
| | | | Fair | **10%** N=68 |
| | | | Poor | **1%** N=5 |
| | | Fire prevention and education | Excellent | **29%** N=176 |

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| **Safety** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Fire prevention and education | Good | **46%** N=277 |
| | | | Fair | **18%** N=108 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=44 |
| | | Emergency preparedness | Excellent | **19%** N=120 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=276 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=154 |
| | | | Poor | **13%** N=83 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall feeling of safety | Essential | **52%** N=421 |
| | | | Very important | **34%** N=275 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **13%** N=105 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=14 |
| **Natural environment** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of natural environment | Excellent | **16%** N=133 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=342 |
| | | | Fair | **30%** N=240 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=97 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Cleanliness | Excellent | **22%** N=182 |
| | | | Good | **46%** N=376 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=185 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=71 |
| | | Water resources | Excellent | **5%** N=39 |

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| **Natural environment** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Water resources | Good | **29%** N=226 |
| | | | Fair | **33%** N=258 |
| | | | Poor | **33%** N=254 |
| | | Air quality | Excellent | **21%** N=175 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=357 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=201 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=80 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Preservation of natural areas | Excellent | **14%** N=104 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=260 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=197 |
| | | | Poor | **22%** N=160 |
| | | Sioux Falls open space | Excellent | **14%** N=103 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=281 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=202 |
| | | | Poor | **20%** N=143 |
| | | Recycling | Excellent | **12%** N=91 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=334 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=184 |
| | | | Poor | **23%** N=177 |
| | | Yard waste pick-up | Excellent | **15%** N=101 |

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| **Natural environment** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Yard waste pick-up | Good | **43%** N=281 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=178 |
| | | | Poor | **15%** N=97 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of natural environment | Essential | **35%** N=284 |
| | | | Very important | **42%** N=341 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **22%** N=176 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=13 |
| **Parks and Recreation** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities | Excellent | **32%** N=266 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=323 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=167 |
| | | | Poor | **8%** N=62 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Availability of paths and walking trails | Excellent | **36%** N=285 |
| | | | Good | **37%** N=291 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=161 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=56 |
| | | Fitness opportunities | Excellent | **30%** N=235 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=340 |
| | | | Fair | **20%** N=161 |
| | | | Poor | **7%** N=54 |
| | | Recreational opportunities | Excellent | **21%** N=171 |

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| **Parks and Recreation** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Recreational opportunities | Good | **46%** N=364 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=190 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=71 |
| | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | City parks | Excellent | **36%** N=286 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=331 |
| | | | Fair | **17%** N=139 |
| | | | Poor | **6%** N=46 |
| | | Recreation programs or classes | Excellent | **23%** N=154 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=287 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=159 |
| | | | Poor | **12%** N=79 |
| | | Recreation centers or facilities | Excellent | **19%** N=131 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=320 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=161 |
| | | | Poor | **14%** N=96 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities | Essential | **27%** N=220 |
| | | | Very important | **44%** N=356 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **27%** N=220 |
| | | | Not at all important | **2%** N=13 |
| **Health and wellness** | | Overall health and wellness opportunities | Excellent | **26%** N=208 |

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| **Health and wellness** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall health and wellness opportunities | Good | **42%** N=337 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=196 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=69 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Availability of affordable quality food | Excellent | **10%** N=85 |
| | | | Good | **35%** N=285 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=263 |
| | | | Poor | **22%** N=180 |
| | | Availability of affordable quality health care | Excellent | **20%** N=162 |
| | | | Good | **30%** N=235 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=212 |
| | | | Poor | **23%** N=184 |
| | | Availability of preventive health services | Excellent | **23%** N=180 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=286 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=182 |
| | | | Poor | **17%** N=137 |
| | | Availability of affordable quality mental health care | Excellent | **12%** N=77 |
| | | | Good | **28%** N=183 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=182 |
| | | | Poor | **31%** N=202 |
| | | Health services | Excellent | **23%** N=170 |

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| **Health and wellness** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Health services | Good | **42%** N=316 |
| | | | Fair | **24%** N=183 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=81 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall health and wellness opportunities | Essential | **26%** N=208 |
| | | | Very important | **43%** N=350 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **27%** N=220 |
| | | | Not at all important | **4%** N=30 |
| | | Please rate your overall health. | Excellent | **23%** N=183 |
| | | | Very good | **45%** N=363 |
| | | | Good | **24%** N=193 |
| | | | Fair | **5%** N=42 |
| | | | Poor | **2%** N=18 |
| **Education, Arts and Culture** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts | Excellent | **18%** N=147 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=338 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=215 |
| | | | Poor | **14%** N=111 |
| | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities | Excellent | **24%** N=190 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=317 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=207 |
| | | | Poor | **10%** N=82 |

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| **Education, Arts and Culture** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Community support for the arts | Excellent | **21%** N=160 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=322 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=176 |
| | | | Poor | **14%** N=108 |
| | | Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool | Excellent | **2%** N=10 |
| | | | Good | **11%** N=61 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=155 |
| | | | Poor | **59%** N=329 |
| | | K-12 education | Excellent | **19%** N=120 |
| | | | Good | **37%** N=230 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=193 |
| | | | Poor | **13%** N=83 |
| | | Adult educational opportunities | Excellent | **10%** N=69 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=262 |
| | | | Fair | **31%** N=206 |
| | | | Poor | **20%** N=136 |
| | | Opportunities to attend special events and festivals | Excellent | **24%** N=195 |
| | | | Good | **45%** N=362 |
| | | | Fair | **23%** N=182 |
| | | | Poor | **8%** N=68 |

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| **Education, Arts and Culture** | **Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Sioux Falls.** | Public library services | Excellent | **43%** N=314 |
| | | | Good | **39%** N=287 |
| | | | Fair | **15%** N=108 |
| | | | Poor | **4%** N=26 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts | Essential | **31%** N=253 |
| | | | Very important | **38%** N=303 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **26%** N=211 |
| | | | Not at all important | **5%** N=38 |
| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Sioux Falls.** | Sioux Falls as a place to raise children | Excellent | **29%** N=208 |
| | | | Good | **42%** N=303 |
| | | | Fair | **19%** N=138 |
| | | | Poor | **9%** N=67 |
| | | Sioux Falls as a place to retire | Excellent | **20%** N=140 |
| | | | Good | **41%** N=286 |
| | | | Fair | **22%** N=151 |
| | | | Poor | **17%** N=119 |
| | | Sense of community | Excellent | **14%** N=110 |
| | | | Good | **33%** N=264 |
| | | | Fair | **36%** N=290 |
| | | | Poor | **18%** N=142 |

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| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Sioux Falls as a whole.** | Residents' connection and engagement with their community | Excellent | **8%** N=67 |
| | | | Good | **34%** N=274 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=254 |
| | | | Poor | **26%** N=209 |
| | **Please rate the job you feel the Sioux Falls community does at each of the following.** | Making all residents feel welcome | Excellent | **14%** N=112 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=288 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=211 |
| | | | Poor | **23%** N=187 |
| | | Attracting people from diverse backgrounds | Excellent | **14%** N=110 |
| | | | Good | **36%** N=274 |
| | | | Fair | **25%** N=187 |
| | | | Poor | **25%** N=190 |
| | | Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds | Excellent | **14%** N=106 |
| | | | Good | **28%** N=213 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=206 |
| | | | Poor | **32%** N=242 |
| | | Taking care of vulnerable residents | Excellent | **9%** N=72 |
| | | | Good | **24%** N=187 |
| | | | Fair | **26%** N=204 |
| | | | Poor | **42%** N=330 |

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| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Sense of civic/community pride | Excellent | **13%** N=101 |
| | | | Good | **38%** N=296 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=248 |
| | | | Poor | **17%** N=134 |
| | | Neighborliness of residents | Excellent | **13%** N=104 |
| | | | Good | **38%** N=306 |
| | | | Fair | **29%** N=233 |
| | | | Poor | **20%** N=163 |
| | | Opportunities to participate in social events and activities | Excellent | **17%** N=138 |
| | | | Good | **44%** N=347 |
| | | | Fair | **28%** N=224 |
| | | | Poor | **11%** N=88 |
| | | Opportunities to volunteer | Excellent | **32%** N=238 |
| | | | Good | **43%** N=321 |
| | | | Fair | **21%** N=156 |
| | | | Poor | **5%** N=40 |
| | | Opportunities to participate in community matters | Excellent | **16%** N=118 |
| | | | Good | **40%** N=295 |
| | | | Fair | **27%** N=204 |
| | | | Poor | **17%** N=127 |

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| **Inclusivity and Engagement** | **Please also rate each of the following in the Sioux Falls community.** | Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds | Excellent | **10%** N=72 |
| | | | Good | **26%** N=199 |
| | | | Fair | **32%** N=244 |
| | | | Poor | **32%** N=241 |
| | **Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Sioux Falls community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.** | Residents' connection and engagement with their community | Essential | **30%** N=245 |
| | | | Very important | **39%** N=312 |
| | | | Somewhat important | **27%** N=219 |
| | | | Not at all important | **4%** N=32 |
| **Participation** | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Contacted the City of Sioux Falls for help or information | No | **52%** N=428 |
| | | | Yes | **48%** N=390 |
| | | Contacted Sioux Falls elected officials to express your opinion | No | **71%** N=576 |
| | | | Yes | **29%** N=239 |
| | | Attended a local public meeting | No | **73%** N=598 |
| | | | Yes | **27%** N=221 |
| | | Watched a local public meeting | No | **42%** N=343 |
| | | | Yes | **58%** N=474 |
| | | Volunteered your time to some group/activity | No | **42%** N=345 |
| | | | Yes | **58%** N=471 |
| | | Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate | No | **68%** N=554 |
| | | | Yes | **32%** N=265 |

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| **Participation** | **Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.** | Voted in your most recent local election | No | **11%** N=91 |
| | | | Yes | **89%** N=724 |
| | **In general, how many times do you:** | Access the internet from your home | Several times a day | **77%** N=625 |
| | | | Once a day | **8%** N=65 |
| | | | A few times a week | **8%** N=62 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **3%** N=28 |
| | | | Less often or never | **4%** N=33 |
| | | Access the internet from your cell phone | Several times a day | **87%** N=703 |
| | | | Once a day | **8%** N=67 |
| | | | A few times a week | **2%** N=17 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **1%** N=5 |
| | | | Less often or never | **2%** N=17 |
| | | Visit social media sites | Several times a day | **60%** N=483 |
| | | | Once a day | **16%** N=127 |
| | | | A few times a week | **7%** N=56 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **3%** N=23 |
| | | | Less often or never | **14%** N=115 |
| | | Use or check email | Several times a day | **74%** N=597 |
| | | | Once a day | **19%** N=156 |
| | | | A few times a week | **6%** N=45 |

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| **Participation** | **In general, how many times do you:** | Use or check email | Every few weeks | **1%** N=10 |
| | | | Less often or never | **0%** N=3 |
| | | Share your opinions online | Several times a day | **9%** N=74 |
| | | | Once a day | **5%** N=37 |
| | | | A few times a week | **15%** N=116 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **17%** N=138 |
| | | | Less often or never | **54%** N=425 |
| | | Shop online | Several times a day | **7%** N=58 |
| | | | Once a day | **6%** N=45 |
| | | | A few times a week | **35%** N=270 |
| | | | Every few weeks | **36%** N=278 |
| | | | Less often or never | **17%** N=131 |
| **Custom** | | How often, if ever, do you recycle at home? | Always | **74%** N=600 |
| | | | Often | **15%** N=118 |
| | | | Sometimes | **5%** N=41 |
| | | | Rarely | **3%** N=22 |
| | | | Never | **3%** N=27 |
| | | Thinking about the times that you do not recycle, please indicate your primary reasons for not recycling. (Select all that apply.) | Takes too much time/e.. | **28%** N=56 |
| | | | Don't know what's recycl.. | **38%** N=76 |
| | | | Don't have a recycling bin | **26%** N=52 |

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| **Custom** | | Thinking about the times that you do not recycle, please indicate your primary reasons for not recycling. (Select all that apply.) | Don't have the option to.. | **20%** N=40 |
| | | | Don't believe it matters or .. | **12%** N=24 |
| | | | Other | **20%** N=41 |
| | **How much do you support or oppose the City of Sioux Falls taking each of the following actions?** | Allow residents to leave garbage containers in the public right-of-way | Strongly support | **12%** N=96 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **20%** N=161 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **19%** N=157 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **31%** N=256 |
| | | | Don't Know | **18%** N=145 |
| | | Reduce the number of licensed garbage haulers over time | Strongly support | **7%** N=54 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **14%** N=113 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **26%** N=213 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **33%** N=267 |
| | | | Don't Know | **20%** N=160 |
| | | Build a new community pool on the south side of town using existing tax revenues | Strongly support | **20%** N=160 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **38%** N=304 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **14%** N=116 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **19%** N=155 |
| | | | Don't Know | **9%** N=76 |
| | | Use City tax dollars to make improvements to the Sioux Falls regional airport | Strongly support | **32%** N=260 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **37%** N=298 |

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| **Custom** | **How much do you support or oppose the City of Sioux Falls taking each of the following actions?** | Use City tax dollars to make improvements to the Sioux Falls regional airport | Somewhat oppose | **16%** N=128 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **12%** N=96 |
| | | | Don't Know | **3%** N=23 |
| | | Allow homes to be rented as short-term rentals (such as Airbnb or VRBO) | Strongly support | **13%** N=107 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **30%** N=241 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **21%** N=173 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **30%** N=243 |
| | | | Don't Know | **6%** N=45 |
| | | Continue investing in green space within street medians | Strongly support | **42%** N=339 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **35%** N=284 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **10%** N=79 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **9%** N=73 |
| | | | Don't Know | **5%** N=40 |
| | | Prioritize taxpayer resources to attract new industries and support economic development | Strongly support | **33%** N=270 |
| | | | Somewhat support | **39%** N=315 |
| | | | Somewhat oppose | **13%** N=105 |
| | | | Strongly oppose | **10%** N=78 |
| | | | Don't Know | **5%** N=44 |
| | | Should City tax dollars be used to make childcare more affordable for families? | Yes, for all families | **44%** N=362 |
| | | | Yes, for low income famil.. | **26%** N=215 |

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| **Custom** | | Should City tax dollars be used to make childcare more affordable for families? | No | **20%** N=164 |
| | | | No opinion/ Don't.. | **9%** N=74 |
| | **How much would you support or oppose the City making annual investments in each of the following areas to address homelessness?** | Funding for partner organizations to provide homeless services in the community | Strongly agree | **51%** N=415 |
| | | | Somewhat agree | **34%** N=277 |
| | | | Somewhat disagree | **8%** N=66 |
| | | | Strongly disagree | **8%** N=62 |
| | | Funding for City of Sioux Falls staff to help develop and expand supportive services for unhoused individuals in the community | Strongly agree | **49%** N=395 |
| | | | Somewhat agree | **32%** N=261 |
| | | | Somewhat disagree | **11%** N=88 |
| | | | Strongly disagree | **8%** N=67 |
| **Demographic** | | How many years have you lived in Sioux Falls? | Less than 2 years | **4%** N=33 |
| | | | 2-5 years | **14%** N=117 |
| | | | 6-10 years | **18%** N=145 |
| | | | 11-20 years | **18%** N=146 |
| | | | More than 20 years | **46%** N=371 |
| | | Which best describes the building you live in? | Single-family detached ho.. | **53%** N=434 |
| | | | Townhouse or duplex (m.. | **15%** N=122 |
| | | | Condominium or apartment.. | **28%** N=231 |
| | | | Mobile home | **2%** N=16 |
| | | | Other | **1%** N=11 |

## Demographic

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| Do you rent or own your home? | Rent | 40% N=324 |
| | Own | 60% N=485 |
| 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=24 |
| | $300 to $599 | 6% N=48 |
| | $600 to $999 | 16% N=125 |
| | $1,000 to $1,499 | 31% N=245 |
| | $1,500 to $2,499 | 31% N=246 |
| | $2,500 to $3,999 | 9% N=69 |
| | $4,000 to $6,999 | 3% N=26 |
| | $7,000 to $9,999 | 1% N=4 |
| | $10,000 or more | 0% N=3 |
| Do any children 17 or under live in your household? | No | 76% N=619 |
| | Yes | 24% N=192 |
| Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older? | No | 77% N=629 |
| | Yes | 23% N=184 |
| 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 | 6% N=45 |
| | $25,000 to $49,999 | 15% N=114 |
| | $50,000 to $74,999 | 21% N=161 |
| | $75,000 to $99,999 | 17% N=128 |
| | $100,000 to $149,999 | 23% N=177 |

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| **Demographic** | 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.) | $150,000 to $199,999 | **12%** N=90 |
| | | $200,000 to $299,999 | **5%** N=37 |
| | | $300,000 or more | **3%** N=23 |
| | Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin? | No, not of Hispanic, La.. | **95%** N=762 |
| | | Yes, I consider my.. | **5%** N=42 |
| | In which category is your age? | 18-24 years | **4%** N=32 |
| | | 25-34 years | **30%** N=241 |
| | | 35-44 years | **18%** N=149 |
| | | 45-54 years | **16%** N=127 |
| | | 55-64 years | **13%** N=108 |
| | | 65-74 years | **14%** N=112 |
| | | 75 years or older | **5%** N=40 |
| | What is your gender? | Woman | **49%** N=389 |
| | | Man | **49%** N=391 |
| | | Identify in another way | **2%** N=20 |
| | If you identify in another way, how would you describe your gender? | Genderqueer/ gender fluid | **18%** N=3 |
| | | Non-binary | **7%** N=1 |
| | | Transgender woman | **30%** N=6 |
| | | Two-spirit | **16%** N=3 |
| | | Identify in another way | **29%** N=6 |