

# Savage, MN

## The National Community Survey

Report of Results  
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## About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Savage. 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 687 residents of the City of Savage collected from July 15th, 2022 to September 2nd, 2022. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 4% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2022 survey was 19%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Savage. The full description of methods used to garner these opinions can be found in the *Methods* section of this report.

### How the results are reported

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

### Comparisons to benchmarks

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

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



## Trends over time

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

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

## Methods

### Selecting survey recipients

All households within the City of Savage were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Savage was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Savage 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 Savage 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 3 areas. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units (defined as those with a unit number) sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units.

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

### Conducting the survey

The 2,800 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on July 15th, 2022 and the survey remained open for 7 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. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online. All follow-up mailings asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from completing the survey again.

The survey was available in English, Spanish & Somali. All mailings contained paragraphs in all languages instructing participants on how to complete the survey in their preferred language.

About 1% of the 2,800 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 2,767 households that received the invitations to participate, 512 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 19%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR’s response rate #2\* for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents’ opinions are relied on to estimate all residents’ opinions. The margin of error for the City of Savage survey is no greater than plus or minus four percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (512 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 Savage. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on August 19th, 2022. The survey remained open for 2 weeks. The open participation survey received 175 responses, for a grand total of 687 overall. The data presented in the following tabs represent opinions from both the scientific (probability) and non-scientific open participation (non-probability) surveys. Data from these surveys were compared in order to determine whether it was appropriate to combine, or blend both data sets together; in the case of Savage, characteristics of respondents to both the non-probability survey were similar to the probability survey, in both respondent trait and opinion, indicating the two data sets could be blended.

## Analyzing the data

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

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2010 Census and 2020 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Savage. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.\* The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

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

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	7%	26%	28%
	35-54	34%	43%	42%
	55+	59%	31%	30%
Area	Burnsville/Eagan/Savage	48%	47%	47%
	Prior Lake/Savage	46%	48%	48%
	Shakopee	6%	5%	6%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	98%	96%	96%
	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	2%	5%	4%
Housing tenure	Own	95%	85%	85%
	Rent	5%	15%	15%
Housing type	Attached	25%	30%	30%
	Detached	75%	70%	70%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	9%	21%	20%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	91%	81%	80%
Sex	Man	43%	50%	51%
	Woman	57%	50%	49%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	3%	13%	14%
	Man 35-54	15%	22%	22%
	Man 55+	25%	15%	15%
	Woman 18-34	4%	14%	14%
	Woman 35-54	19%	20%	20%
	Woman 55+	34%	16%	16%

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

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## Contact

The City of Savage funded this research. Please contact Emily Ginderson of the City of Savage at [EGunderson@cityofsavage.com](mailto:EGunderson@cityofsavage.com) if you have any questions about the survey.

## Survey Validity

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

\* See AAPOR’s Standard Definitions for more information at

<https://www.aapor.org/Publications-Media/AAPOR-Journals/Standard-Definitions.aspx>

\* Pasek, J. (2010). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from

<https://web.stanford.edu/group/iriss/cgi-bin/anesrake/resources/RakingDescription.pdf>

\* Targets come from the 2010 Census and 2020 American Community Survey

## Highlights

### **Residents continue to experience a high quality of life, and feel welcome in the community.**

All items relating to the quality of life in Savage received universally high marks and were largely similar to the previous iteration of the NCS. About 9 in 10 survey participants gave an excellent or good rating to Savage as a place to live, the overall quality of life in the city, and Savage as a place to raise children. A similar proportion of residents also reported that they would recommend living in Savage to someone who asks and also planned to remain in Savage for the next five years. These items were all similar to the national benchmarks, and on par with previous ratings.

Additionally, positive marks were given to many aspects of inclusivity in Savage, adding to the quality of life. About 8 in 10 responded that the community did an excellent or good job at making residents feel welcome, attracting people of diverse backgrounds, valuing/ respecting residents from diverse backgrounds, and taking care of vulnerable residents. Making residents feel welcome was similar to the benchmark, while all others were higher.

### **Aspects of the economy have seen improvement, and residents point to possible areas of focus.**

Residents praised the overall economic health of Savage, with about 9 in 10 rating it as excellent or good, which was higher than the national average. Along with this, a number of aspects related to the economy saw improvement from Savage's 2020 iteration of The NCS. Such items included employment opportunities (20% increase to 58%), Savage as a place to work (7% increase to 70% excellent or good), variety of business and service establishments (7% increase to 68%), and economic development (5% increase to 73%). Other items in this facet garnered support from about half of residents, including Savage as a place to visit, shopping opportunities, and the cost of living.

While the vibrancy of downtown/commercial area also saw improvement (7% increase to 35%), it remained lower than the national benchmark, pointing to a possible area of growth for the City. Along with the standard economy questions on The NCS, residents were also asked what they would like the City to improve on in the next few years; of which about 13% pointed to economic development, including downtown revitalization. The City also asked how many times they visited Downtown Savage for various reasons. Respondents reported the most common reasons they visited downtown were for dining, shopping, and to visit the farmers market.

### **Mobility is a priority for residents, and praise street related services.**

The overall quality of the transportation in Savage received excellent or good ratings from about two-thirds of residents, and many items in this facet received higher-than-average ratings. About 8 in 10 offered high marks for the ease of travel by car, public parking, street cleaning, and snow removal; each higher than the national benchmarks. Better than average ratings were also given to street lighting (79%), sidewalk maintenance (76%), and street repair (65%).

When asked about what the City should focus on in the coming years, 17% of residents wrote in aspects of improvement related to mobility; a higher proportion than other categories identified within this question. These responses included increased bike/walking lanes and paths, traffic and street improvements, public transportation, and overall connectivity. Independently, many of these items garnered a majority of positive responses from respondents, including the availability of paths and walking trails (79%), ease of walking (75% excellent or good), and ease of travel by bicycle (60%).

### **Safety remains strong in Savage.**

Overall feelings of safety, along with safety-related services, continue to contribute to the high quality of life experienced in Savage. All items relating to safety in Savage received positive marks, and tended to be on par with national benchmarks. About 8 in 10 respondents gave excellent or good ratings to the overall feeling of safety in the city, and indicated feeling safe in most aspects of the community. This was highlighted by nearly all residents reporting feeling very or somewhat safe in their neighborhood (96%), and from fire, flood and other natural disasters (90%). A high proportion also felt safe in Savage's downtown (86%), from violent crime (85%), as well as property crime (76%).

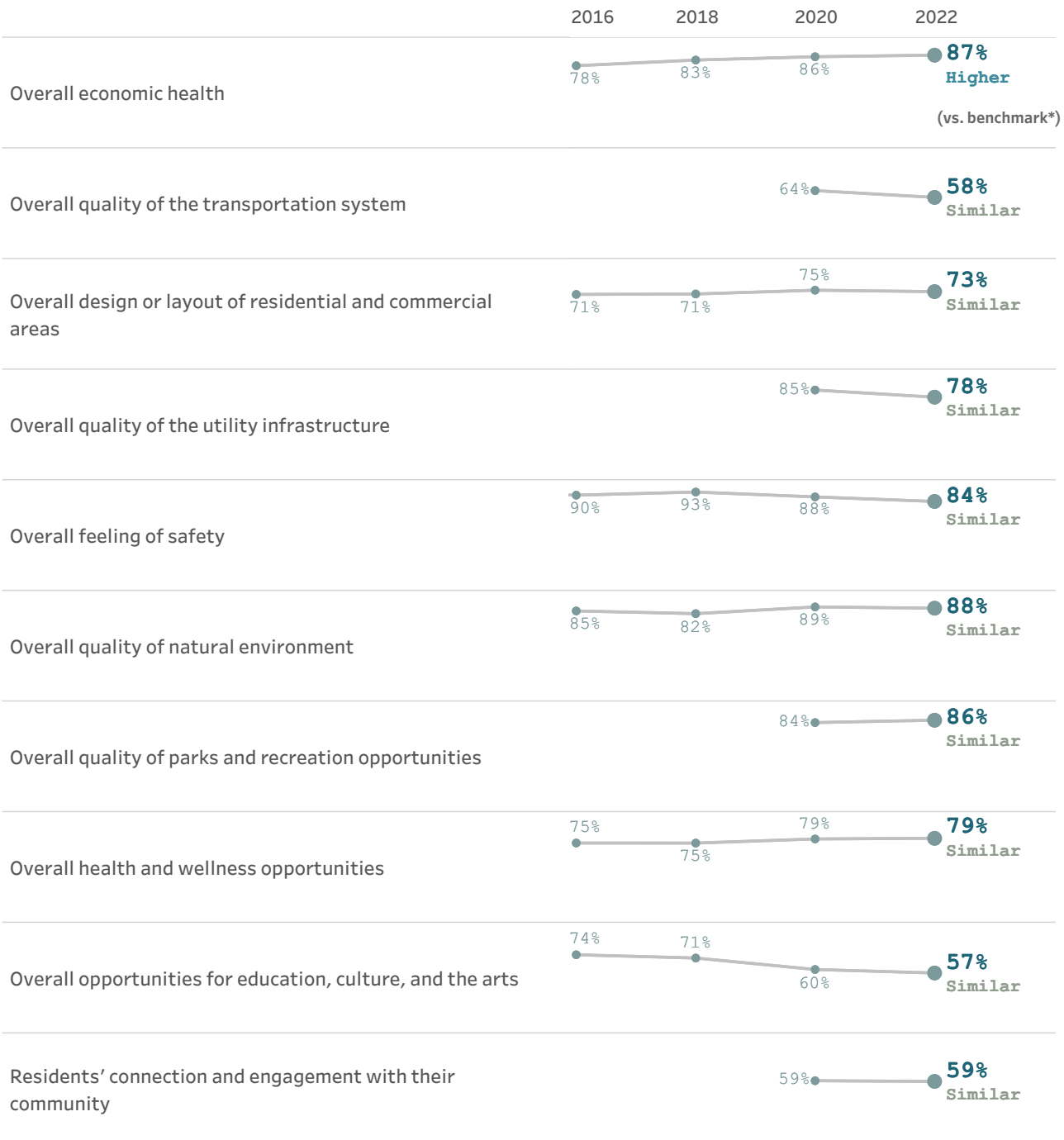
Additionally, safety related services also garnered support from a strong majority of residents. About 9 in 10 gave excellent or good ratings to fire services, ambulance/EMS services, police services, and fire prevention and education. A slightly lower proportion, about 8 in 10, gave similar marks to animal control, crime prevention, and emergency preparedness. Emergency preparedness was higher than the national average, while others were similar.

## Facets of livability

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

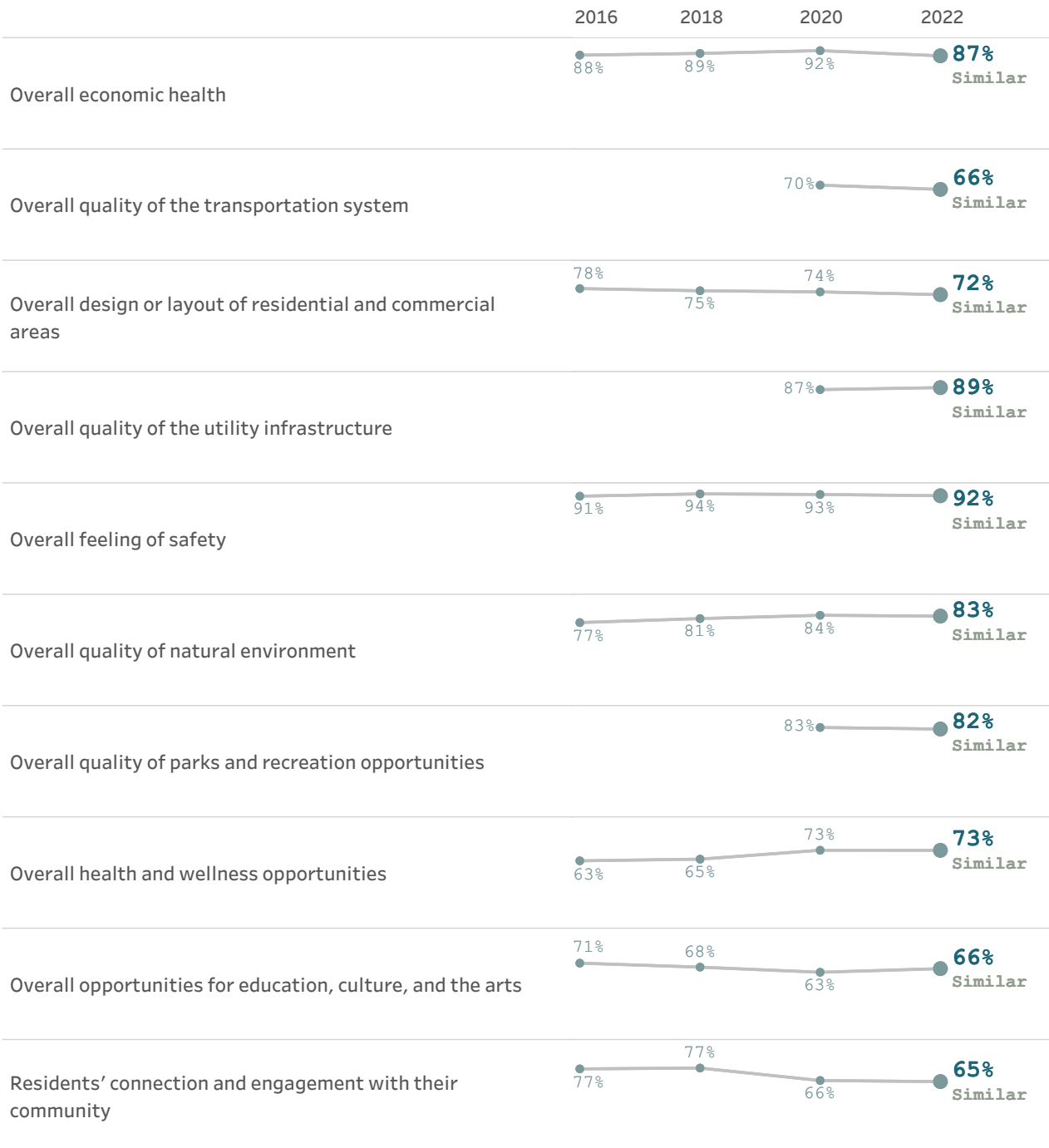
The charts below show the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local ratings were lower, similar, or higher than communities across the country (the national benchmark).

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





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



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

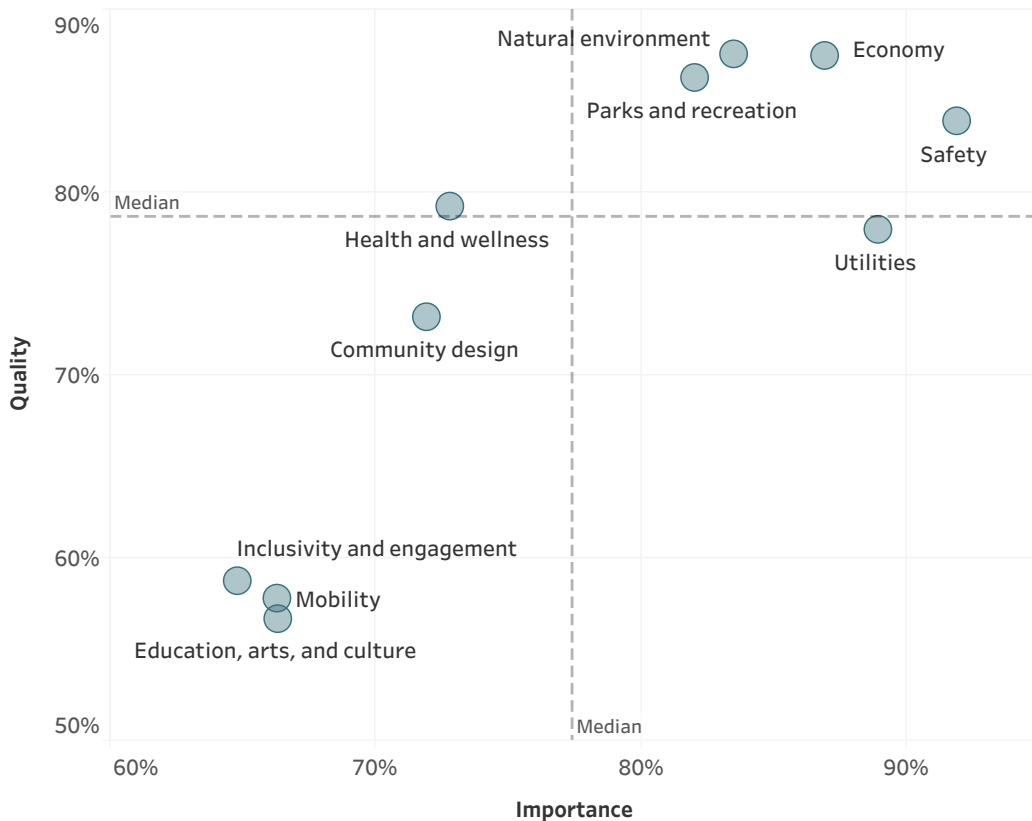
## Balancing performance and importance

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

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

Services receiving quality ratings of excellent or good by 79% or more of respondents were considered of “higher quality” and those with ratings lower than 79% were considered to be of “lower quality.” Services were classified as “more important” if they were rated as essential or very important by 77% or more of respondents. Services were rated as “less important” if they received a rating of less than 77%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

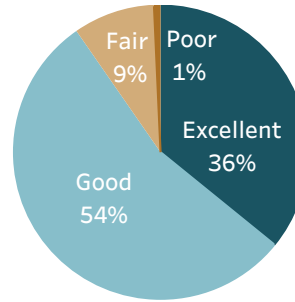
The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings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



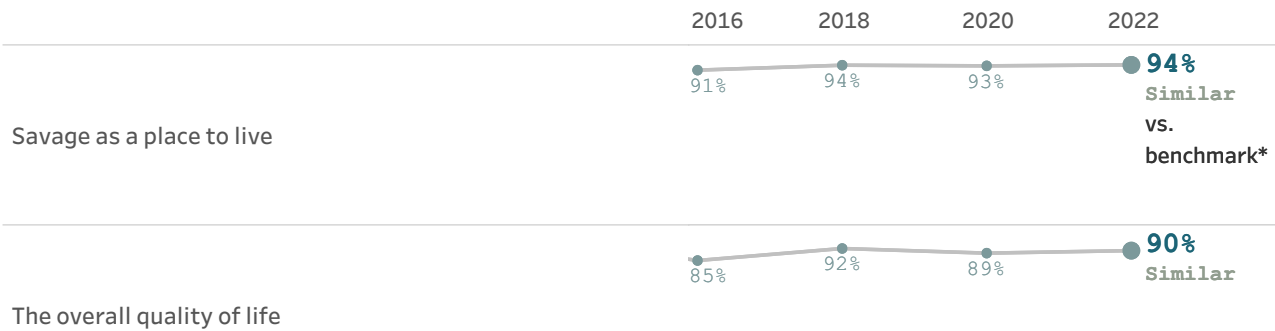
## Quality of life

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

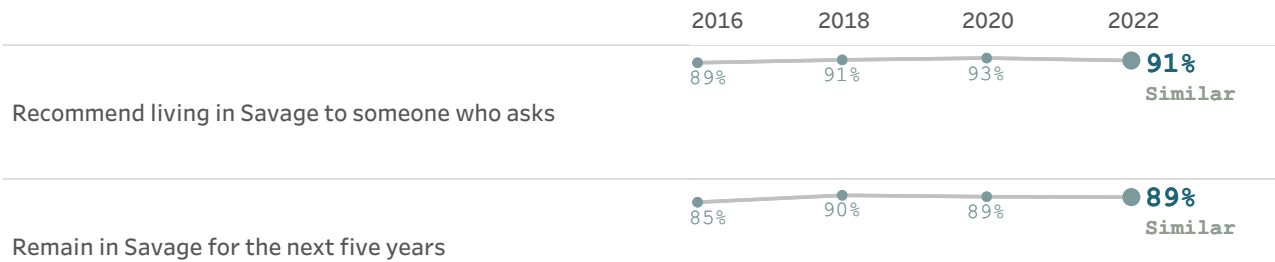
The overall quality of life in Savage, 2022



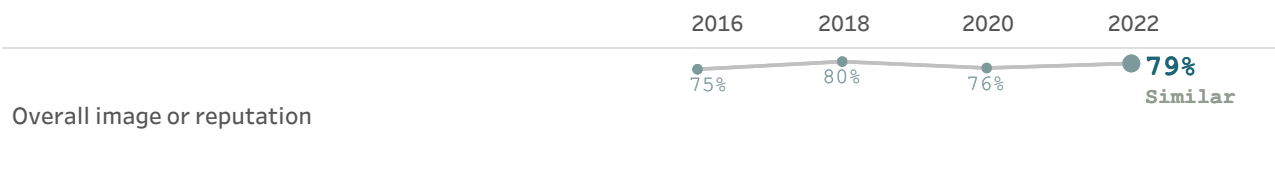
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage.  
(% excellent or good)



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



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

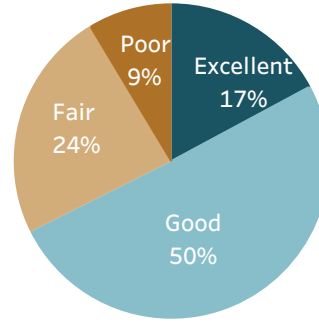


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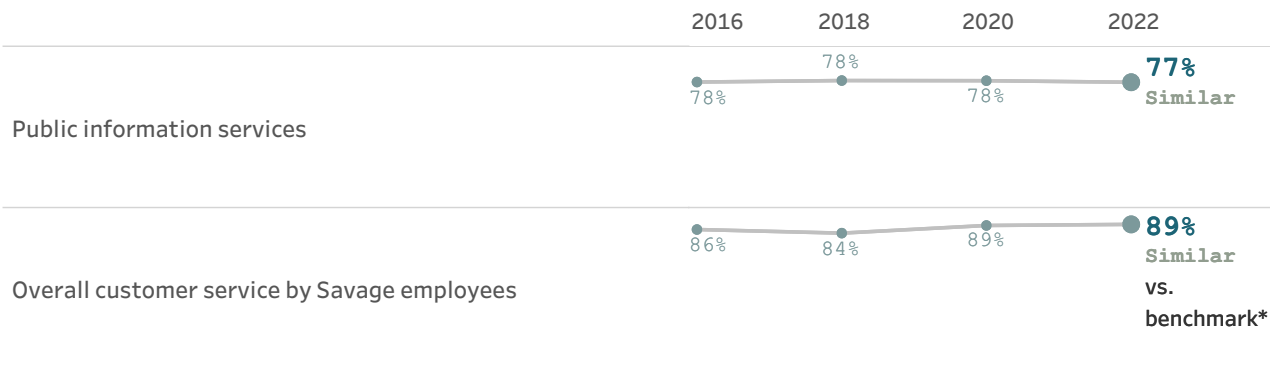
## Governance

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

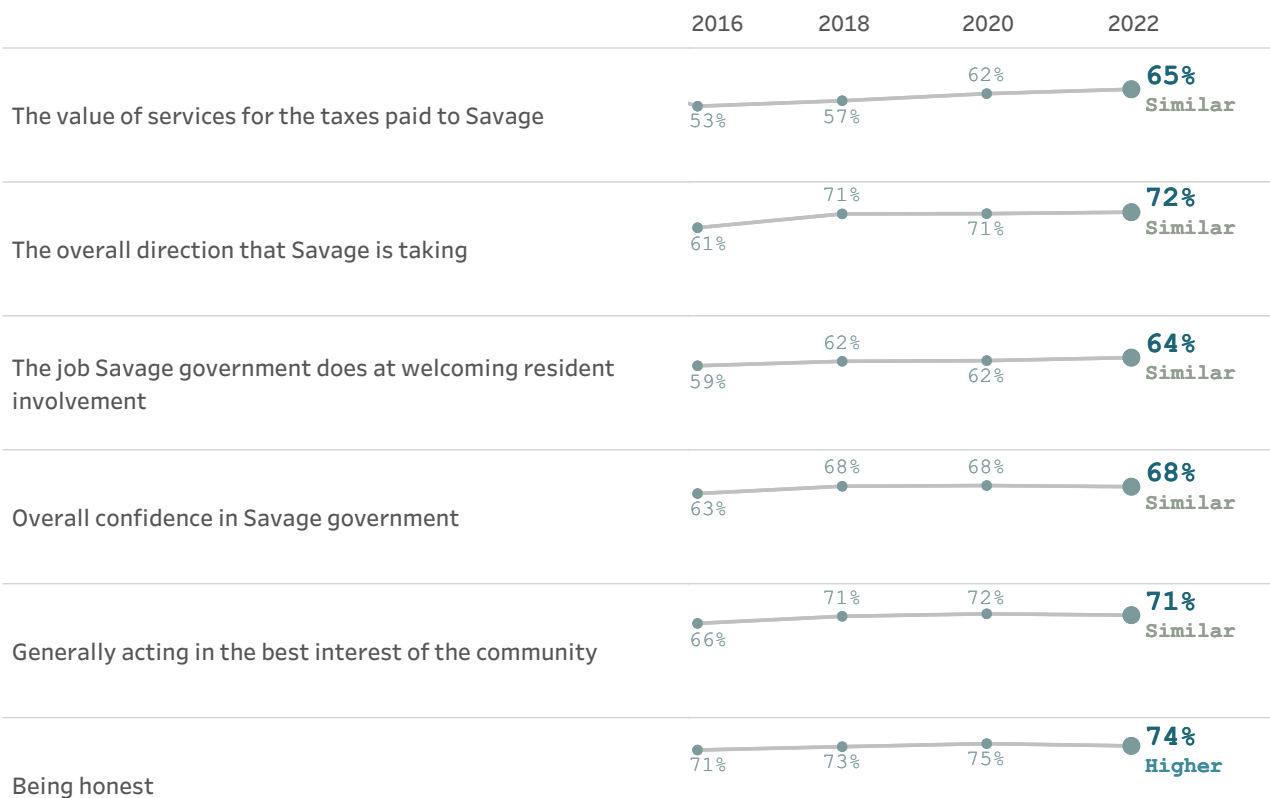
Overall confidence in Savage government, 2022

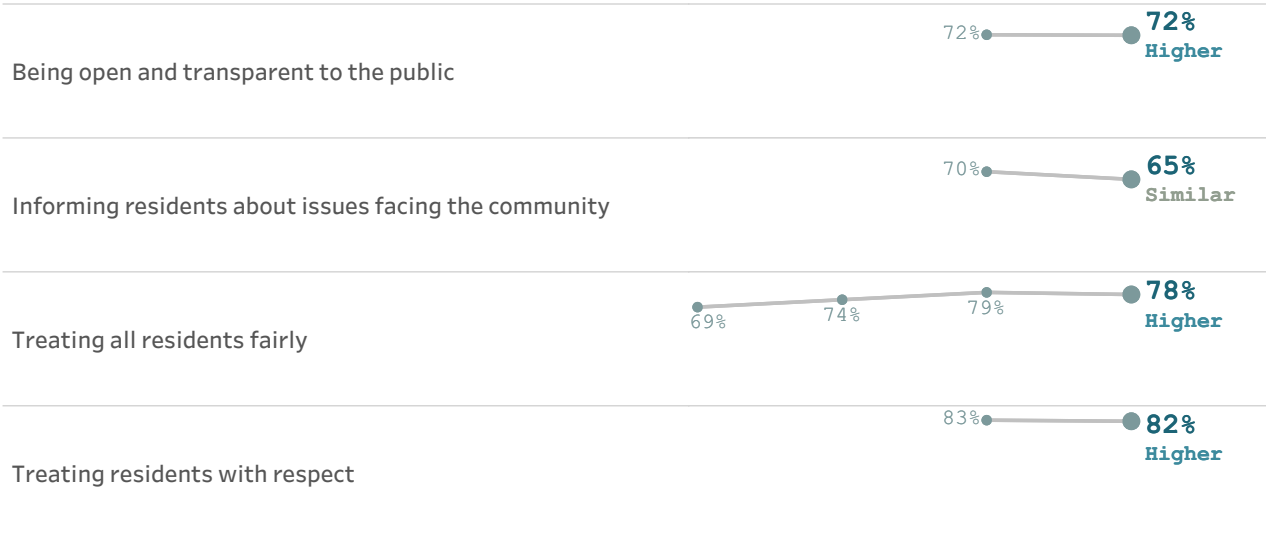


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.  
(% excellent or good)

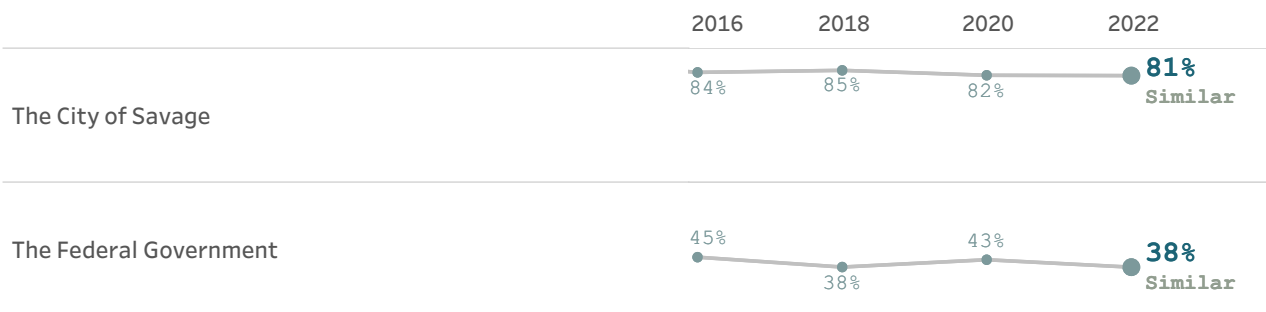


Please rate the following categories of Savage government performance.  
(% excellent or good)





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

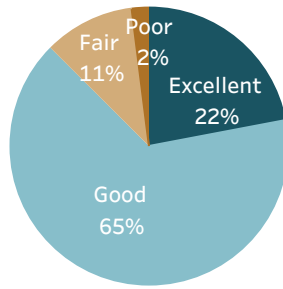


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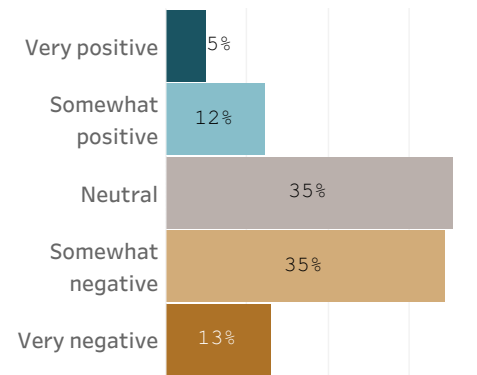
## Economy

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

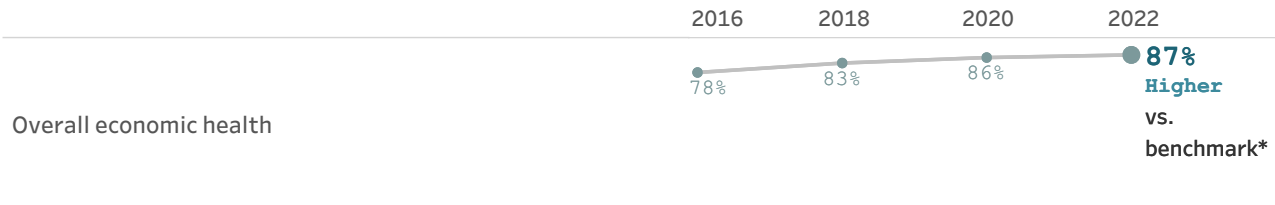
Overall economic health of Savage, 2022



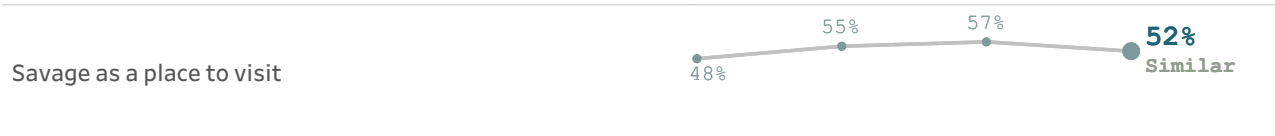
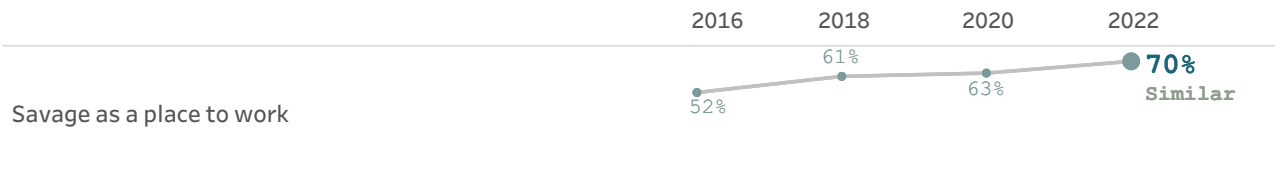
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:



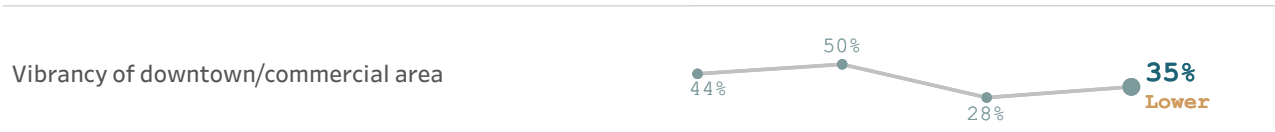
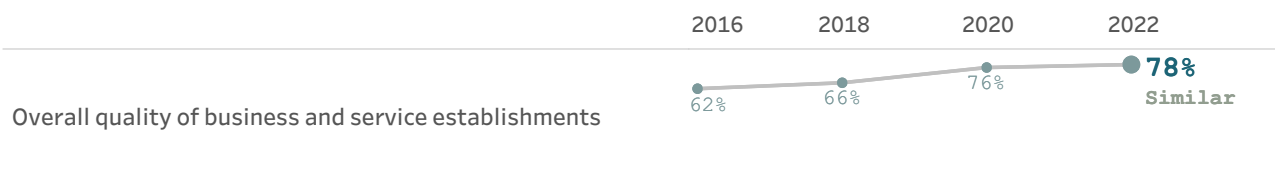
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole. (% excellent or good)

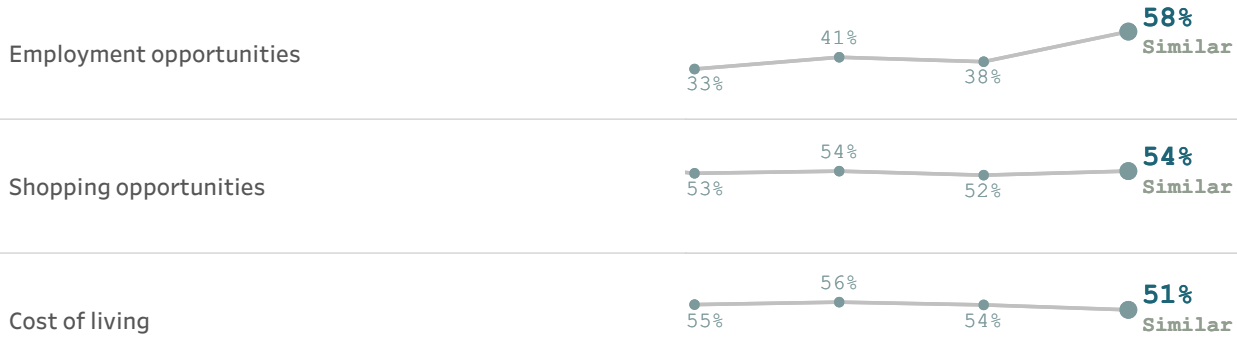


Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage. (% excellent or good)

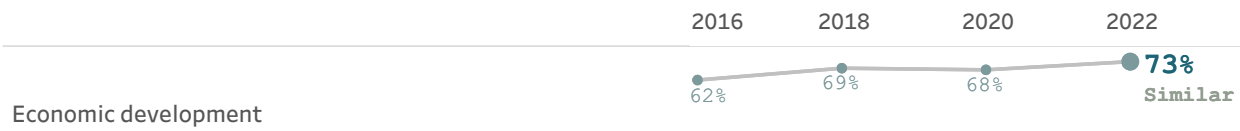


Please rate each of the following in the Savage community. (% excellent or good)





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



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

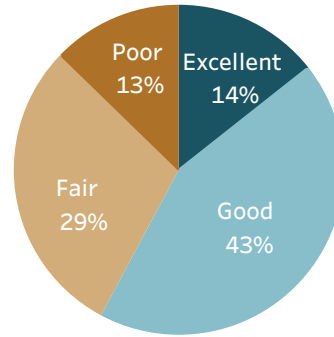


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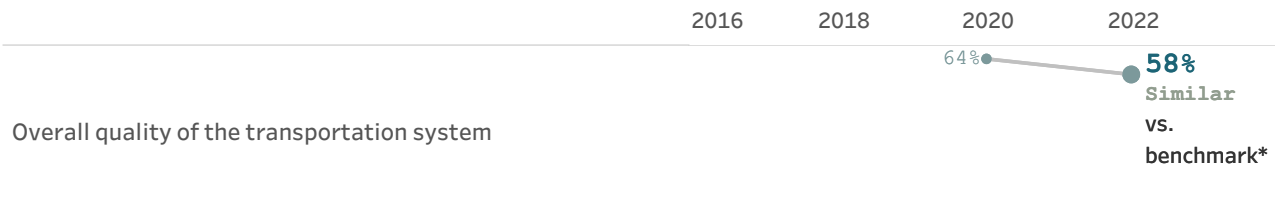
Overall quality of the transportation system in Savage, 2022

## Mobility

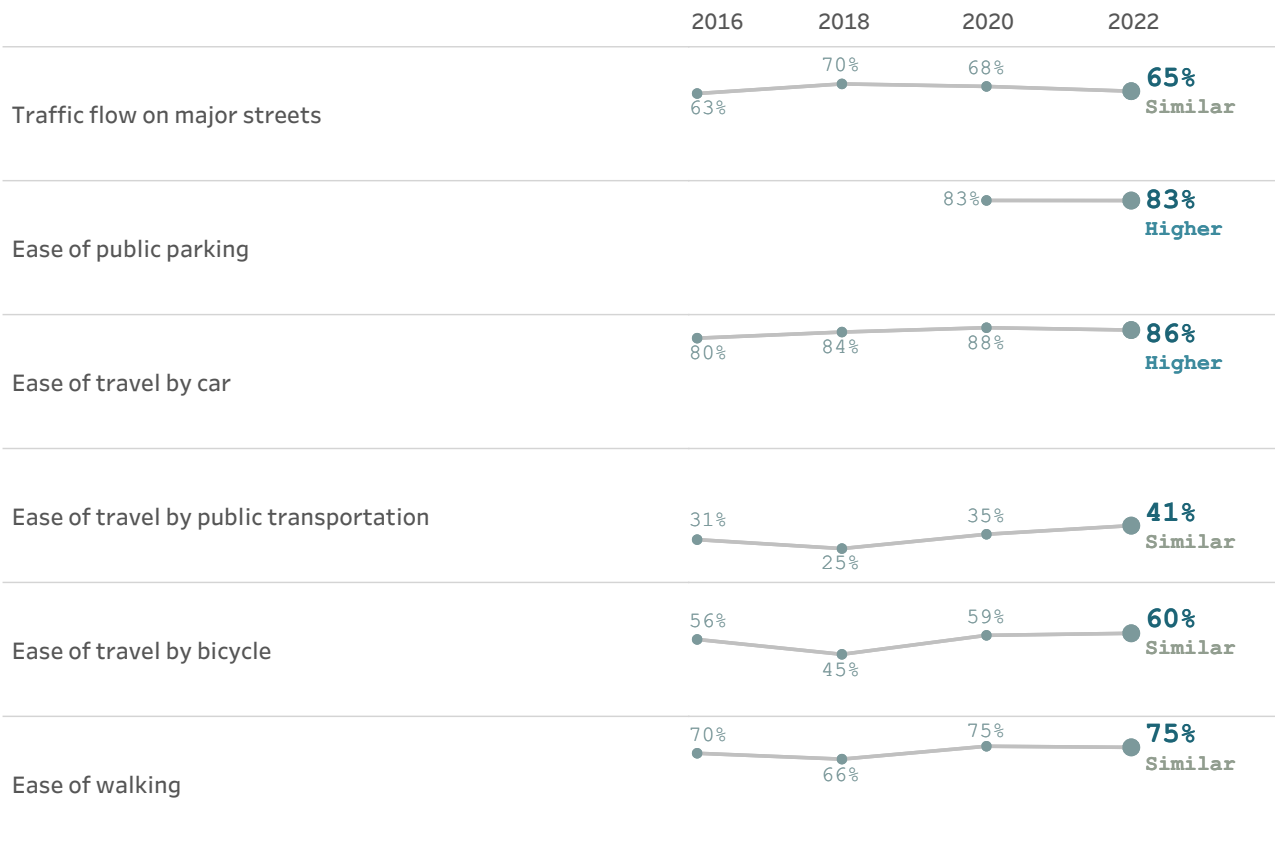
The ease with which residents can move about their communities, whether for commuting, leisure, or recreation, plays a major role in the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in the community.



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



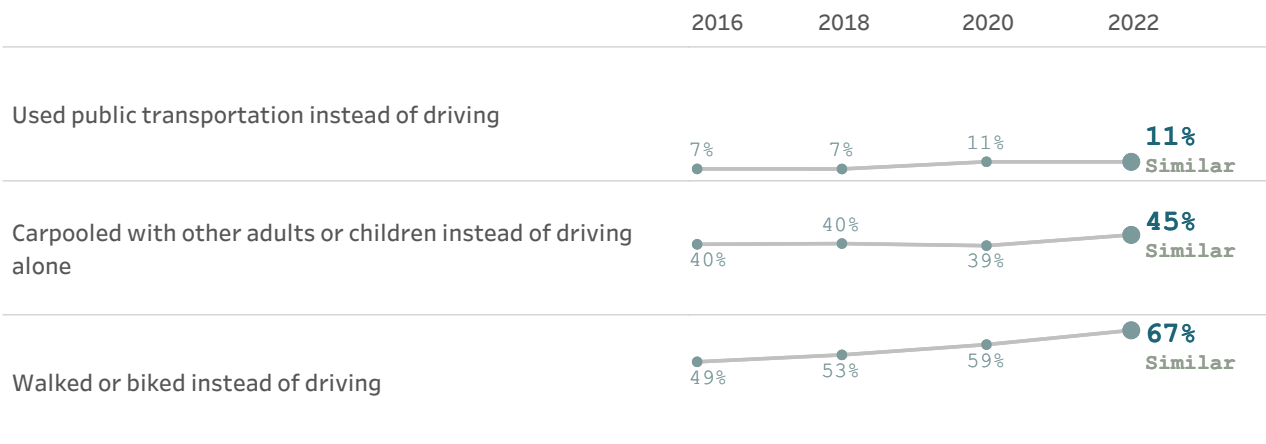
Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.  
(% excellent or good)





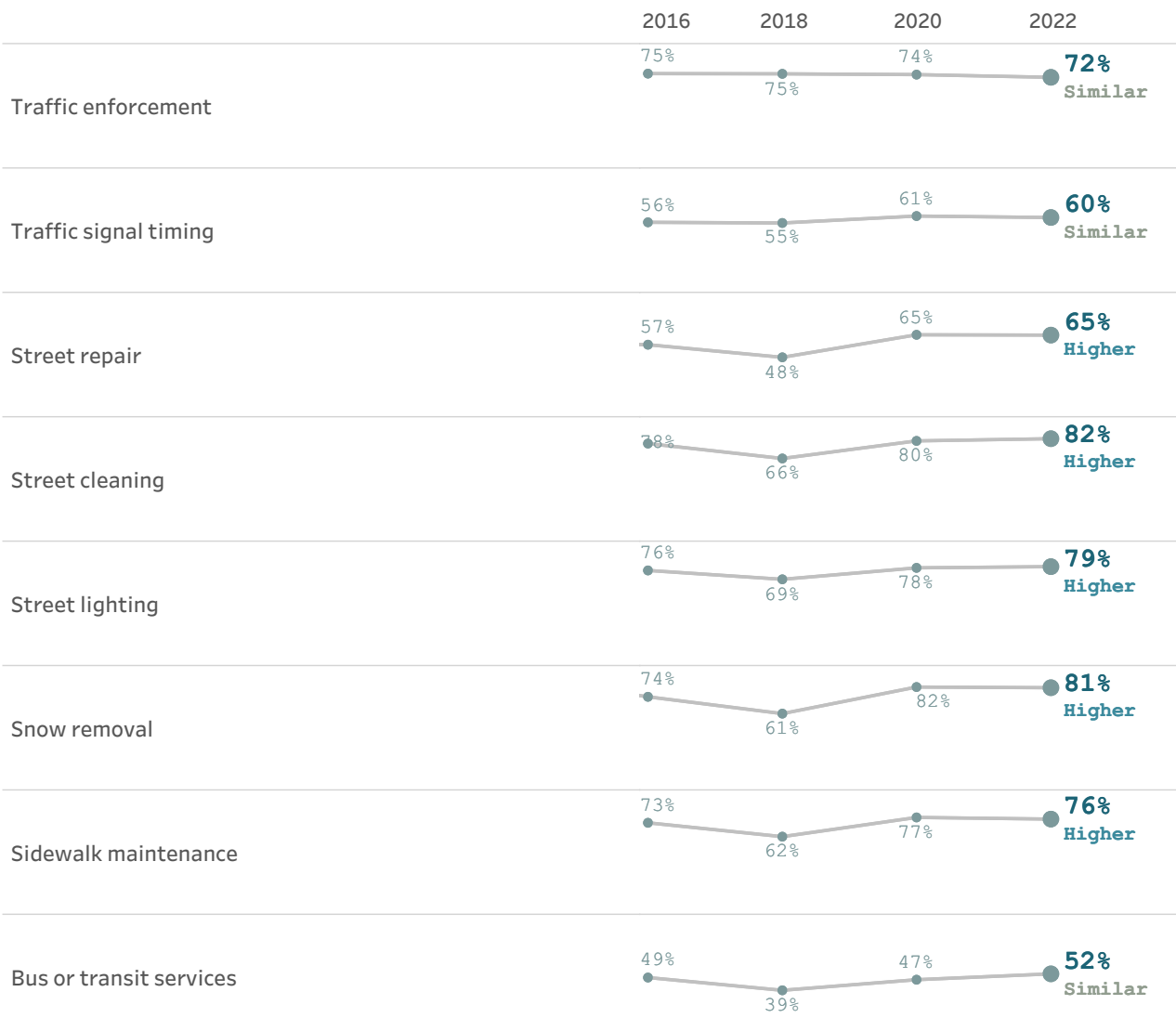
**Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.**

(% yes)



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

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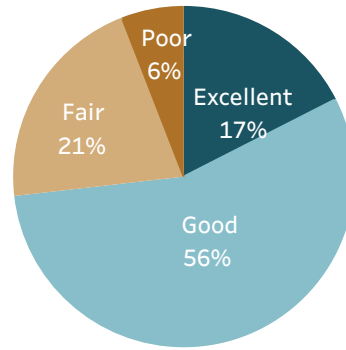


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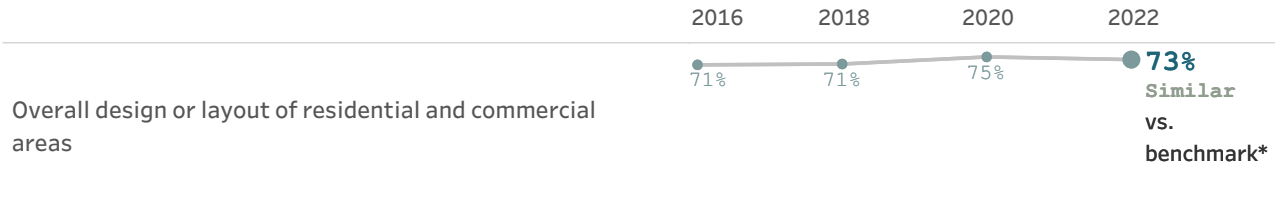
Overall design or layout of Savage's residential and commercial areas, 2022

## Community design

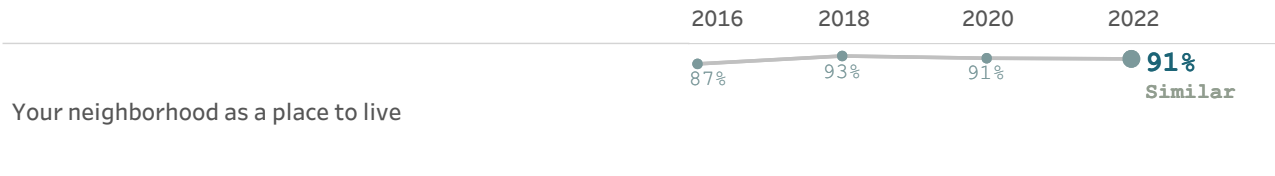
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and providing access to parks and other green spaces.



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

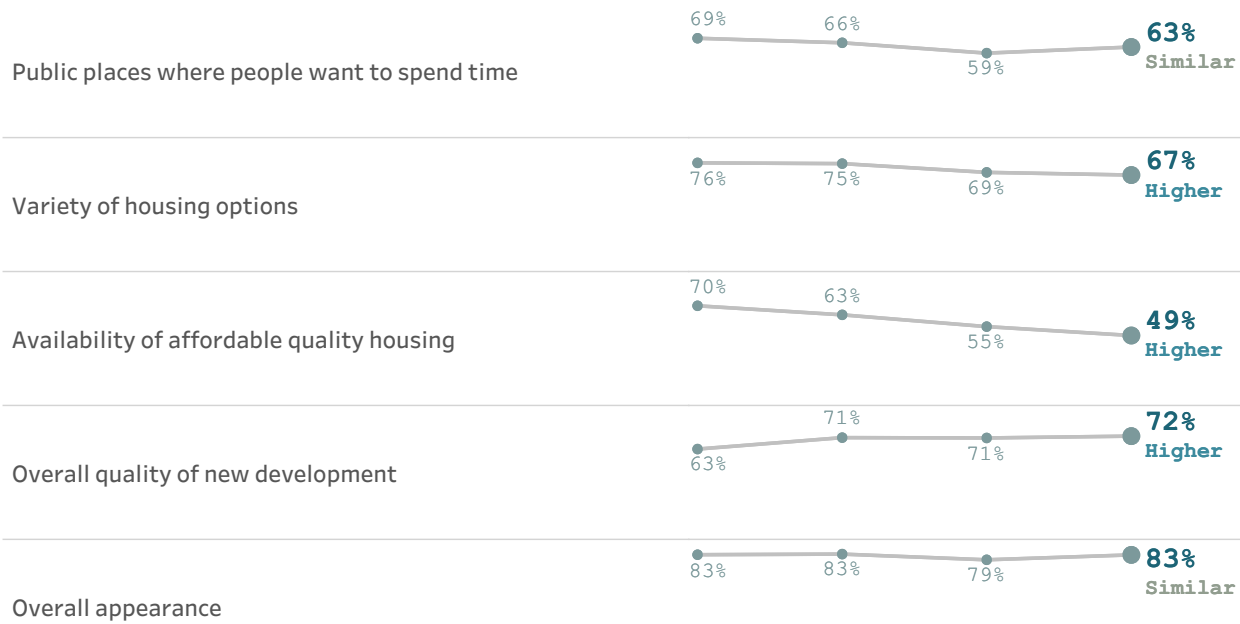


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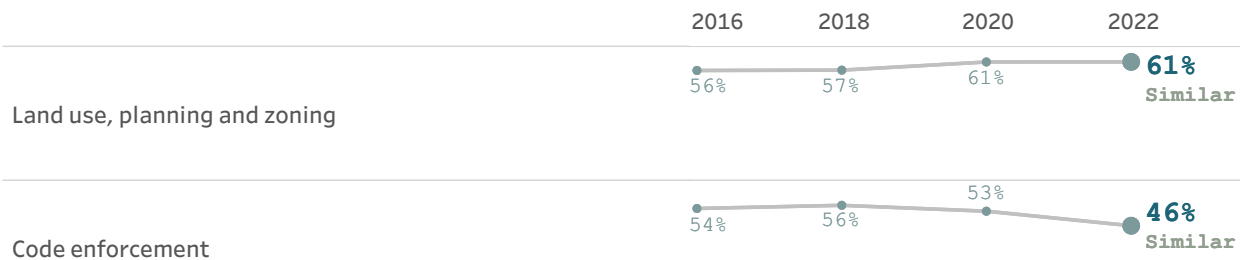


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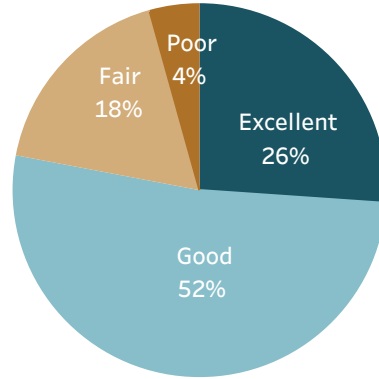


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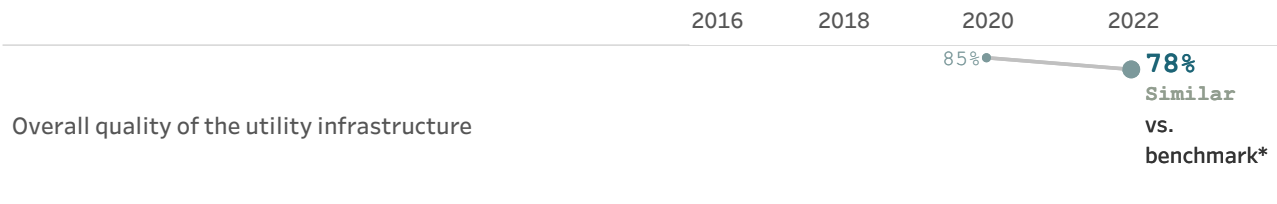
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Savage, 2022



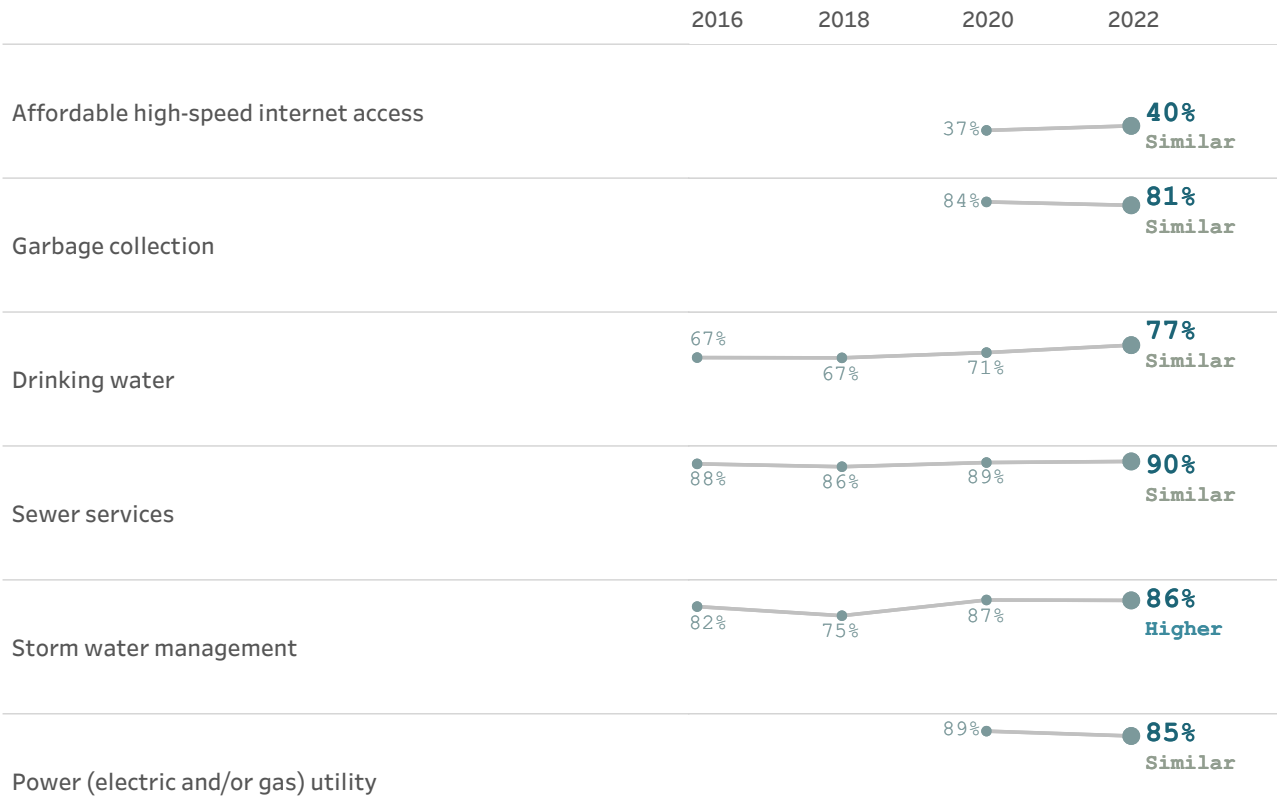
## Utilities

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

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



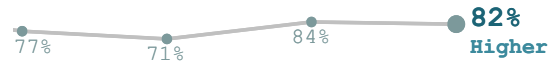
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Utility billing

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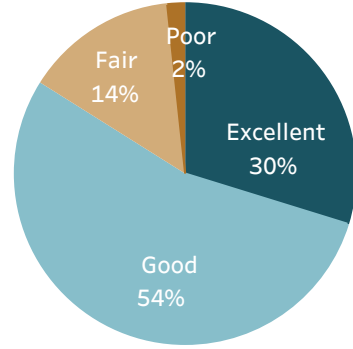


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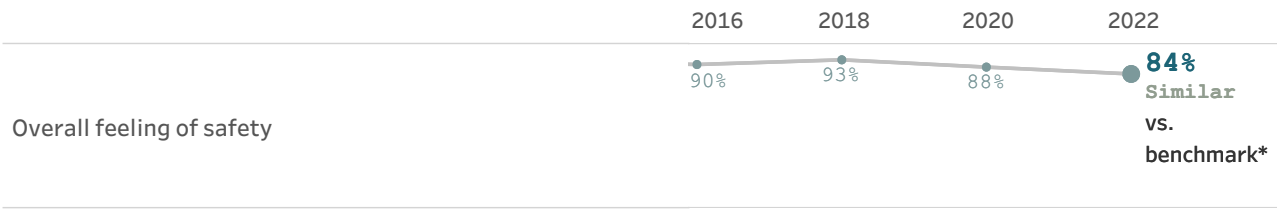
## Safety

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

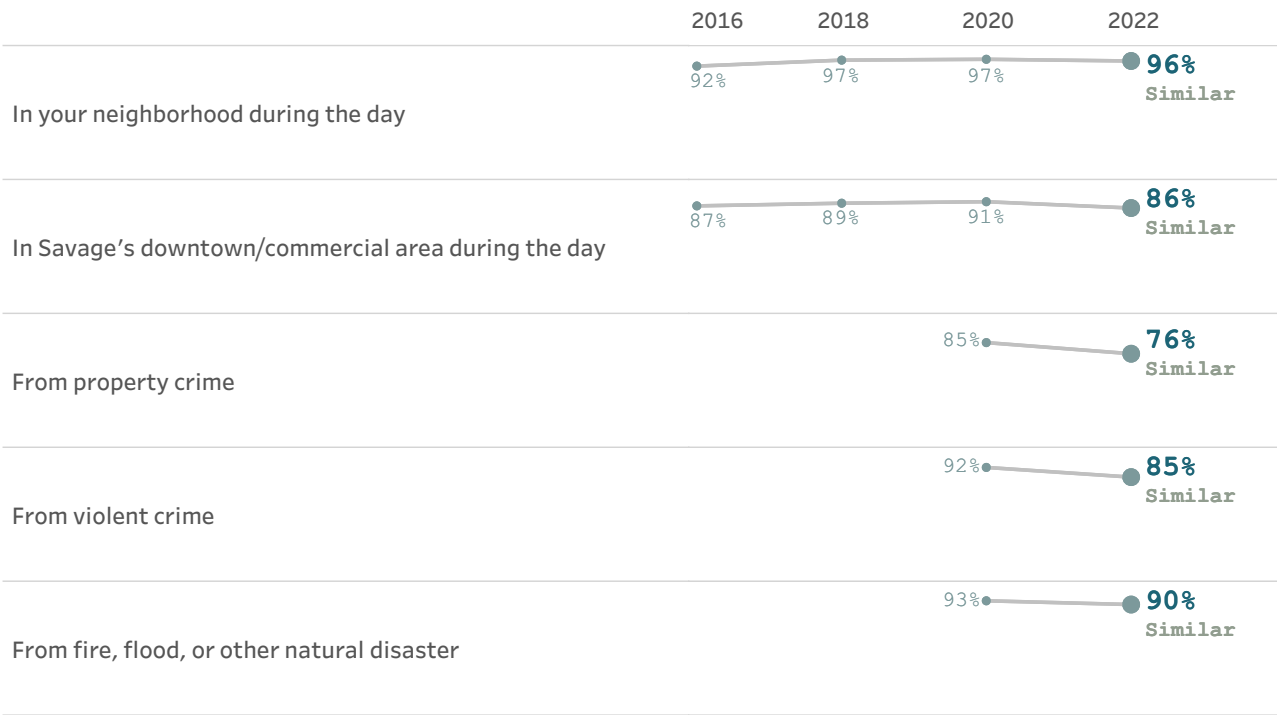
Overall feeling of safety in Savage, 2022



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



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



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

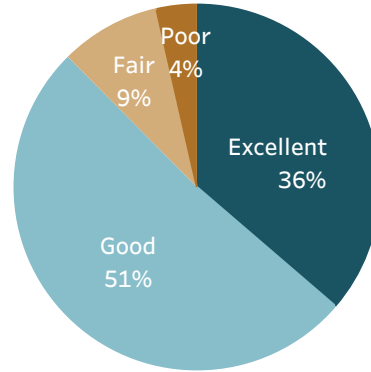


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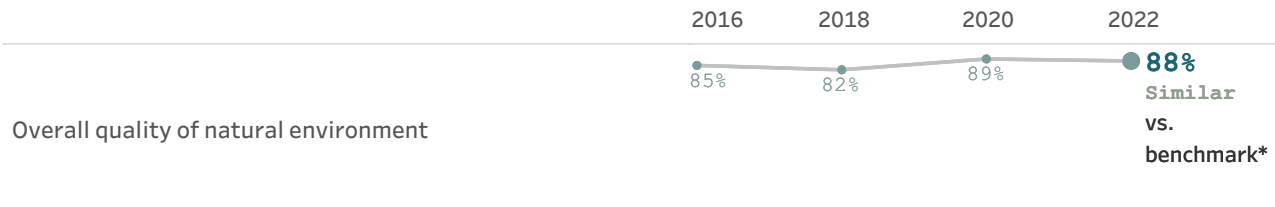
Overall quality of natural environment in Savage, 2022

## Natural environment

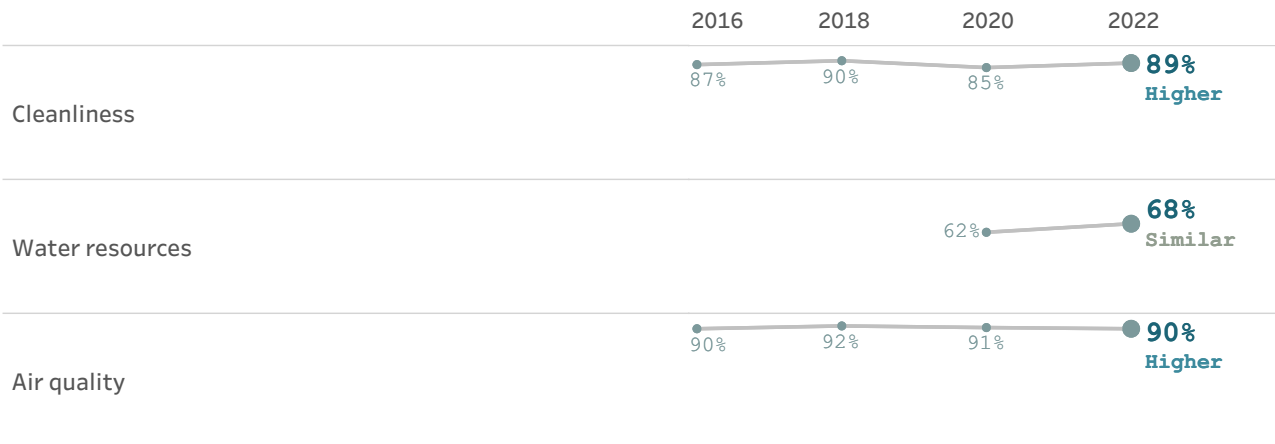
The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents. The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life.



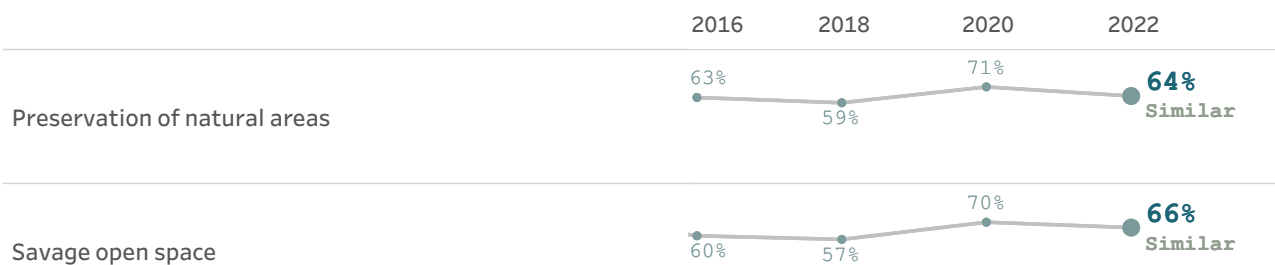
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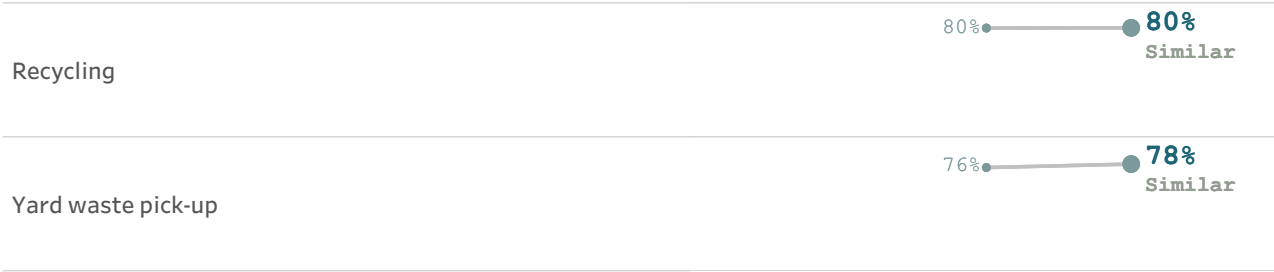
Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.  
(% excellent or good)



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







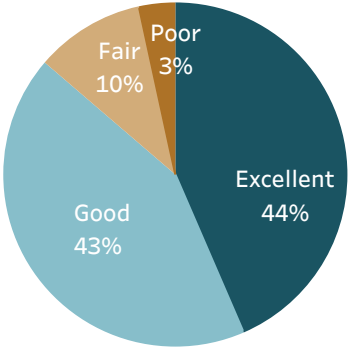
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Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2022

Parks and recreation

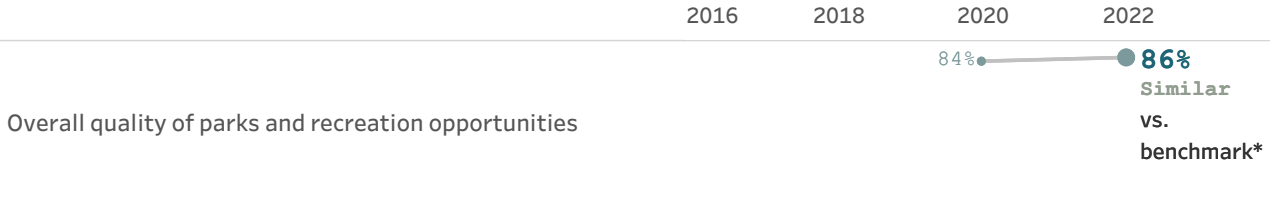
“There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation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

- National Recreation and Park Association



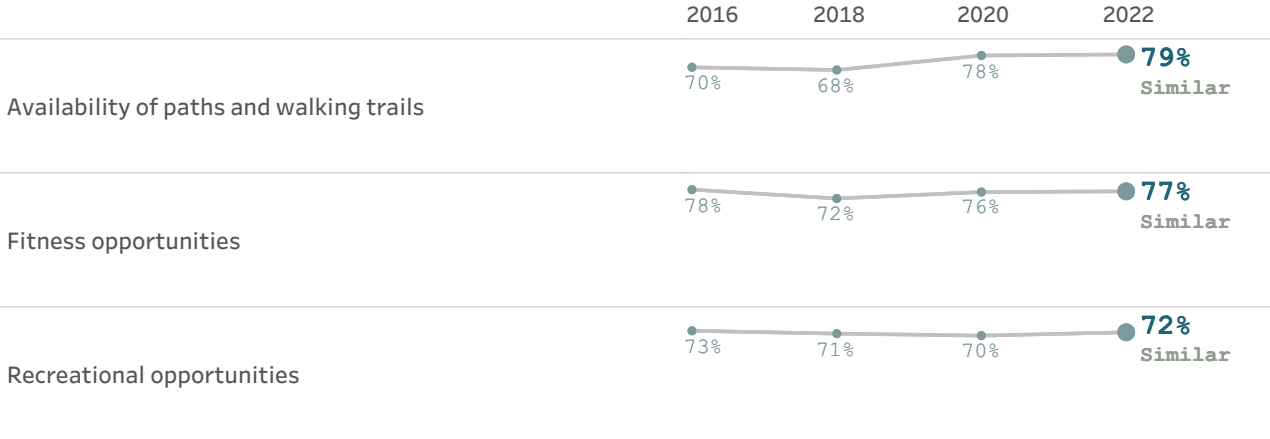
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(% excellent or good)



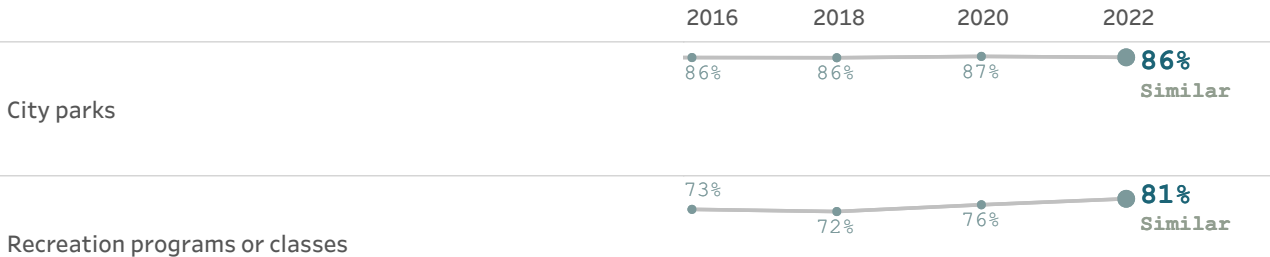
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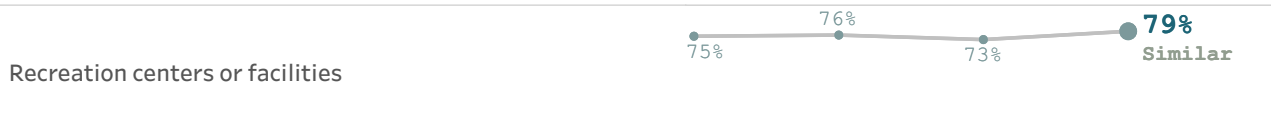
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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.

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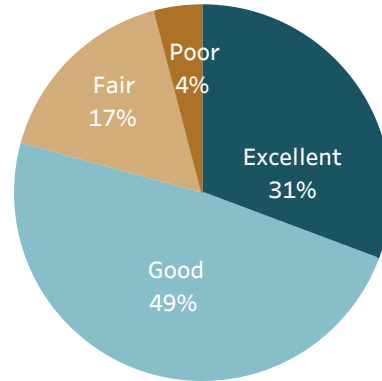


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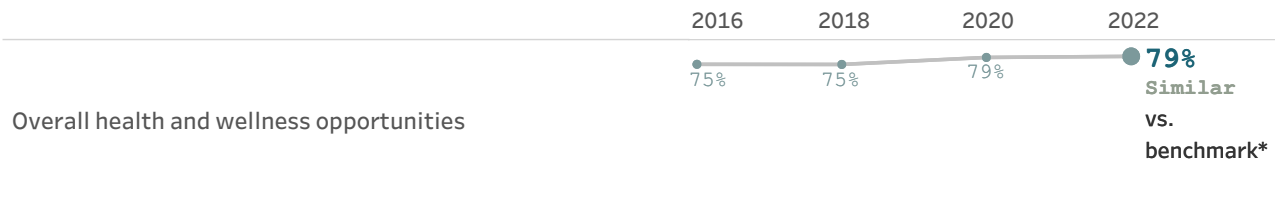
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Savage, 2022

## Health and wellness

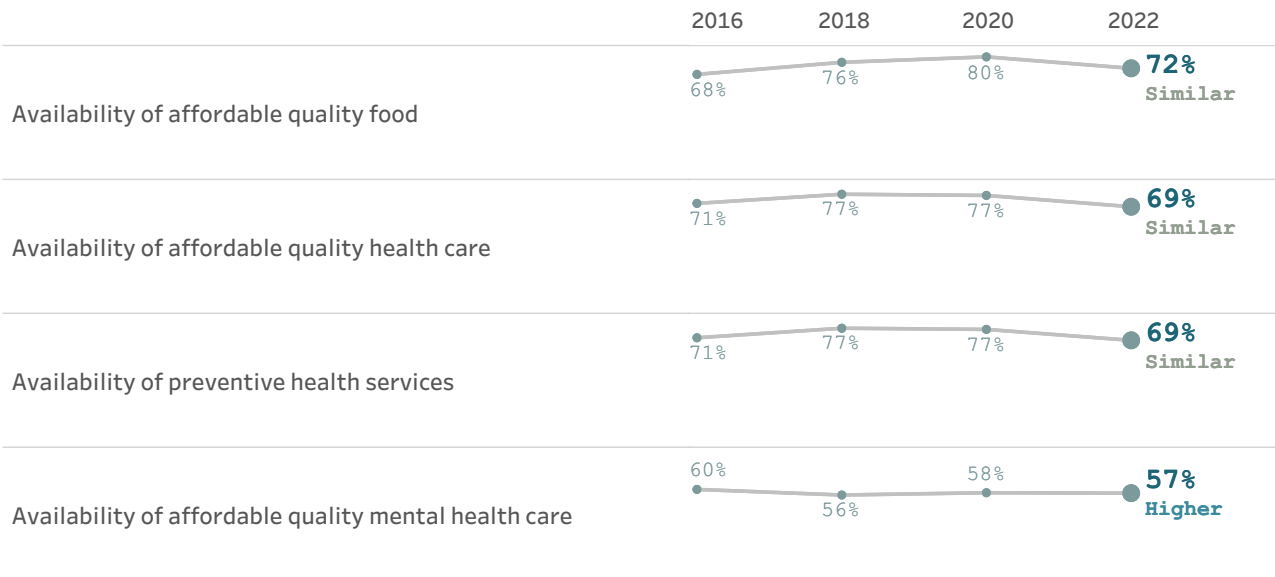
The characteristics of and amenities available in the communities in which people live has a direct impact on the health and wellness of residents, and thus, on their quality of life overall.



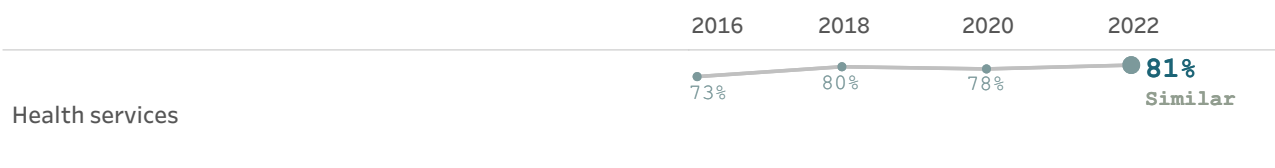
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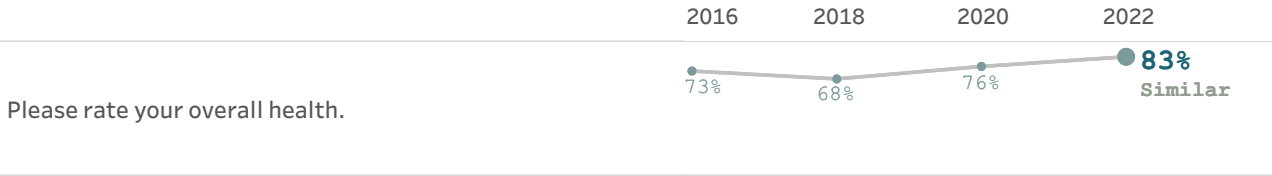
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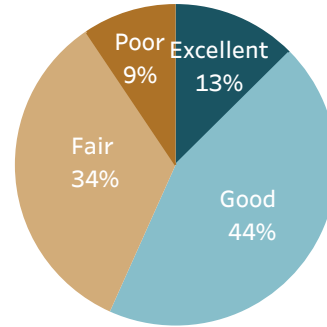


Please rate your overall health.  
(% excellent or very good)



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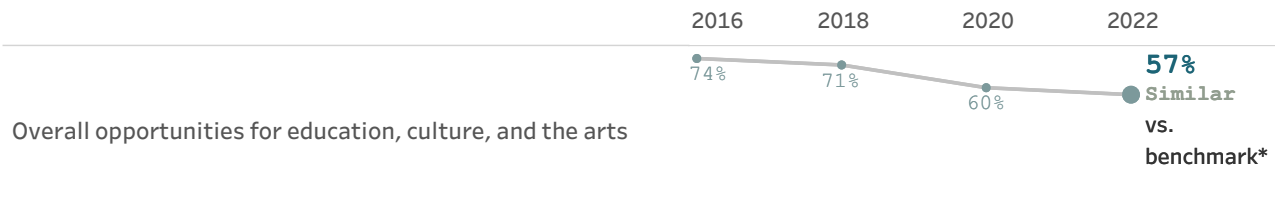
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2022



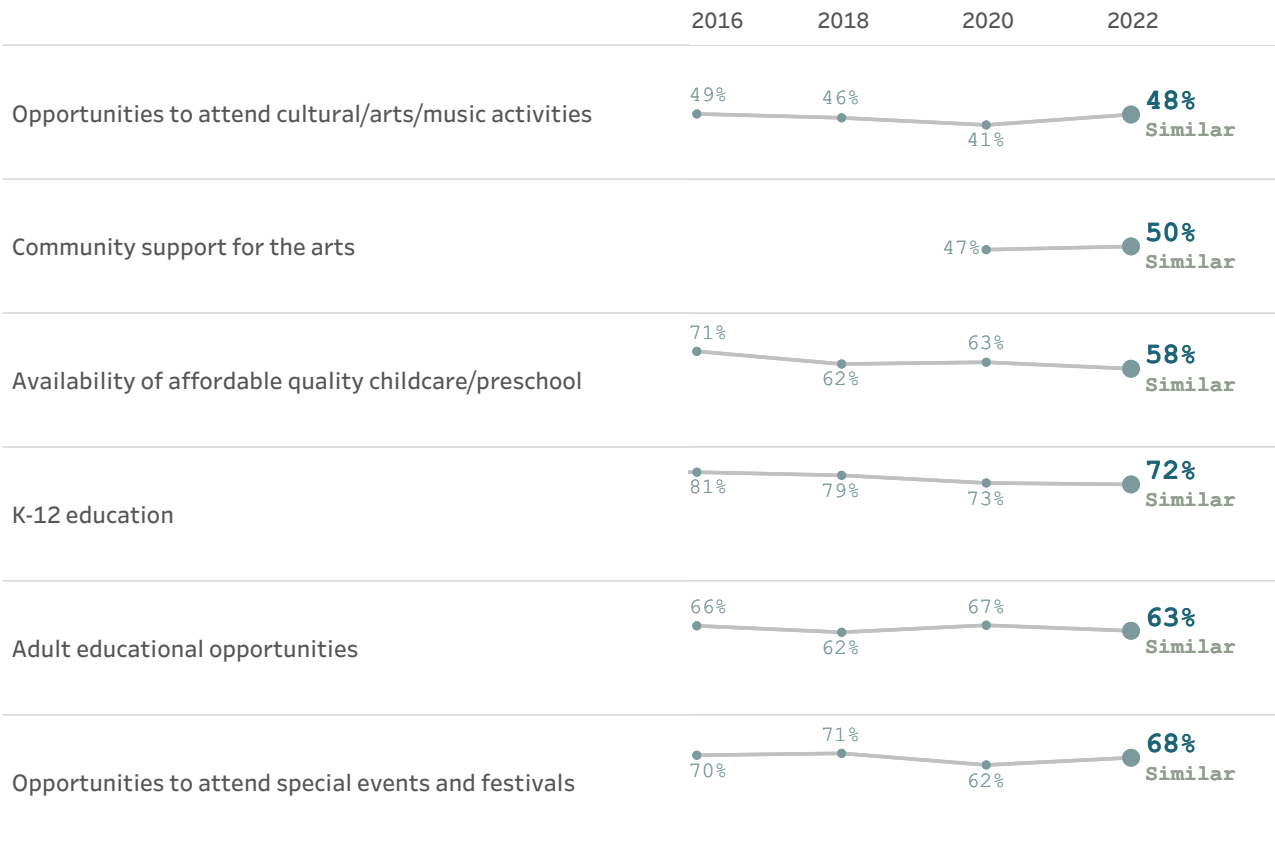
## Education, arts, and culture

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

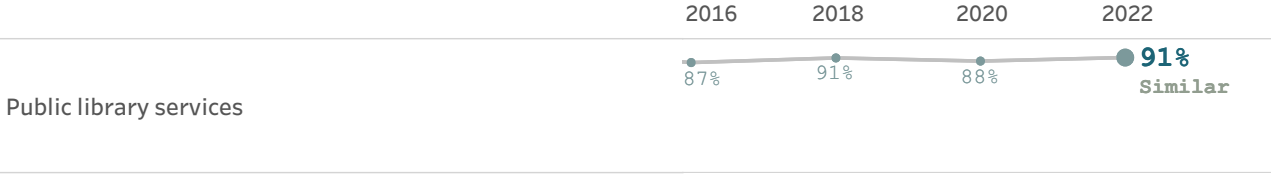
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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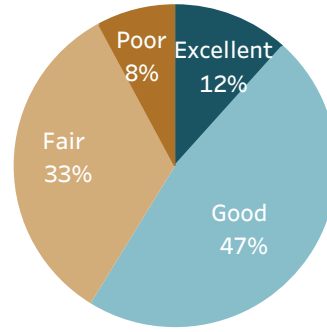


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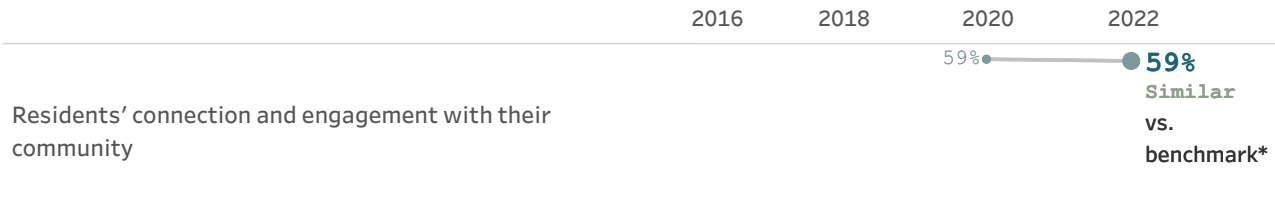
Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2022

## Inclusivity and engagement

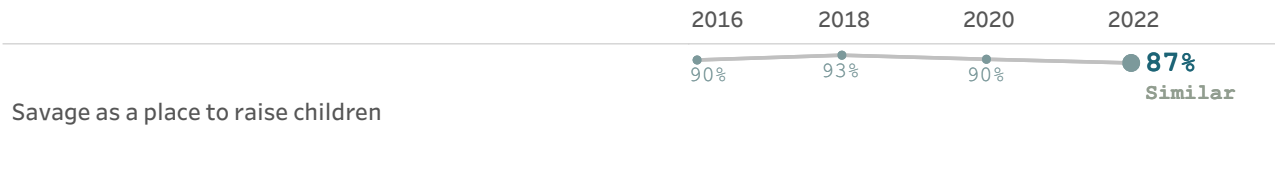
Inclusivity refers to a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging; residents who feel invited to participate within their communities feel more included, involved, and engaged than those who do not.



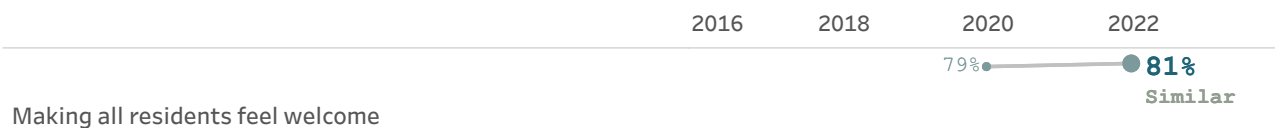
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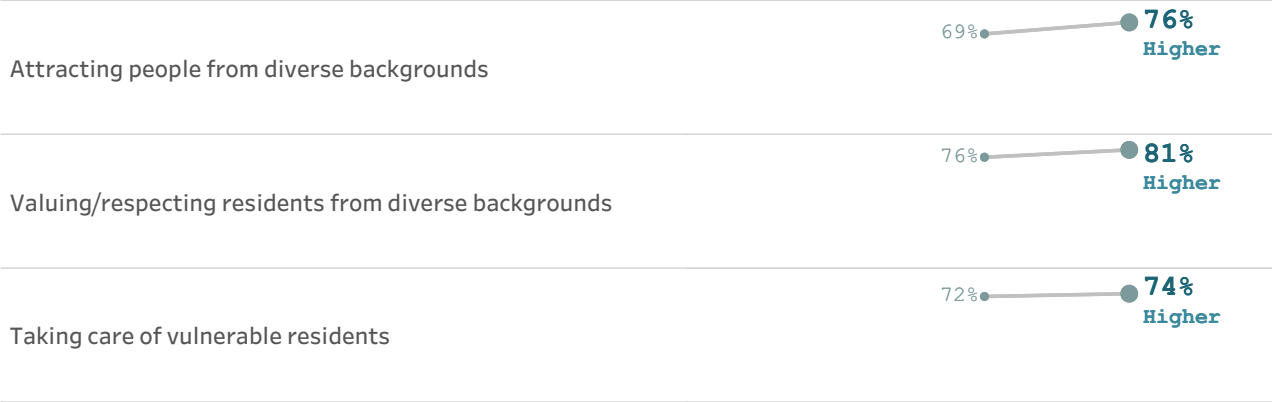
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage. (% excellent or good)



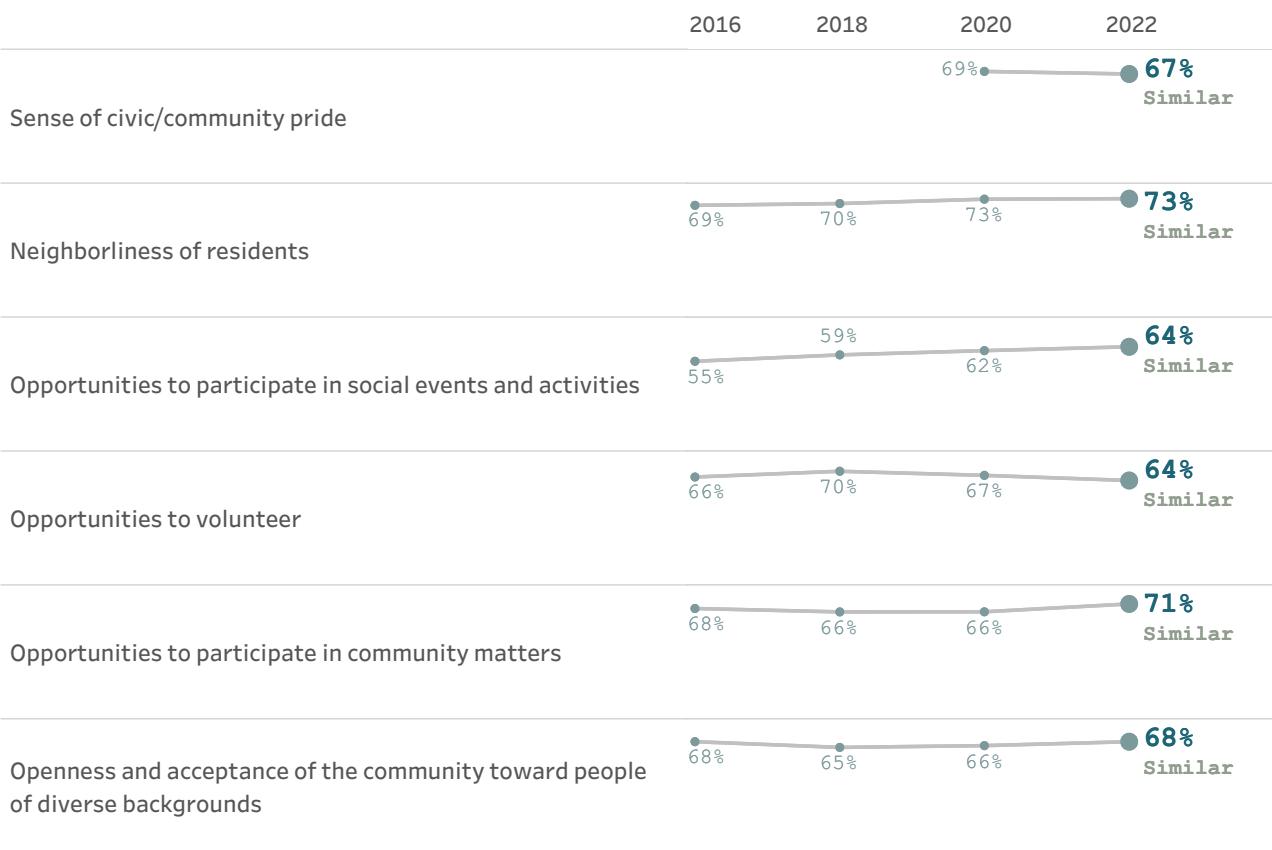
Please rate the job you feel the Savage community does at each of the following. (% excellent or good)







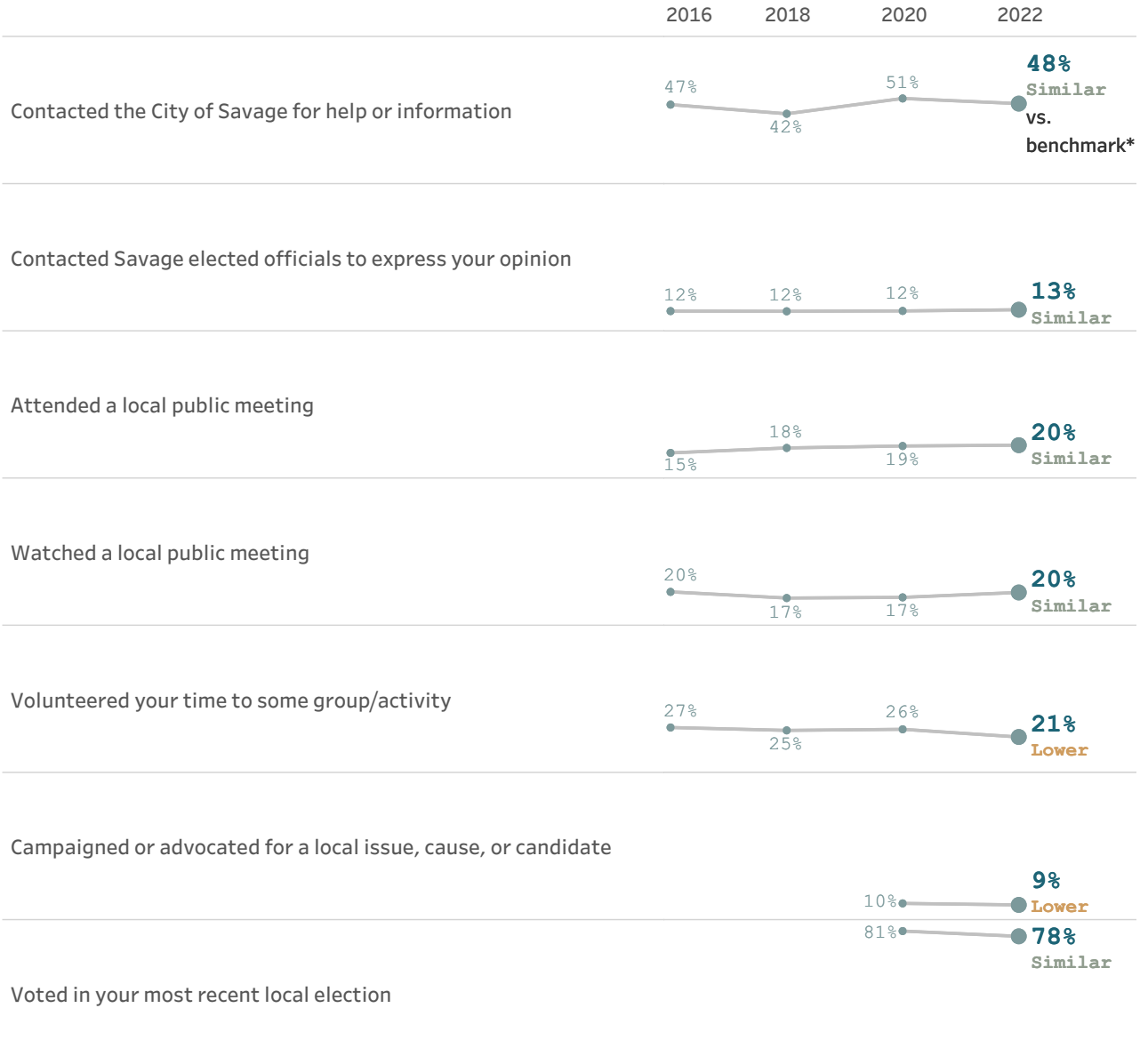
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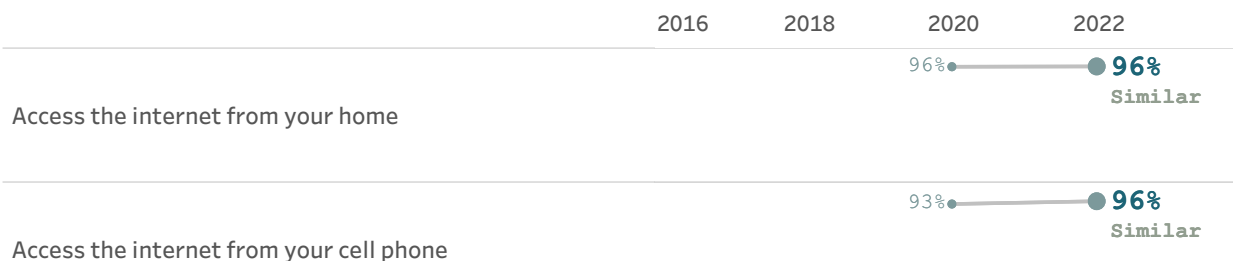
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## Residents' participation levels

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



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



85% **84%**  
Similar

Visit social media sites

98% **99%**  
Similar

Use or check email

33% **27%**  
Similar

Share your opinions online

61% **67%**  
Higher

Shop online

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## Custom questions

Below are the complete set of responses to each custom question on the survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter below.

Include "don't know"  
No

Reason	Frequency	Percentage
In the past 12 months, how many times, if at all, have you or another household member visited Downtown Savage for the following reasons?	2 times a week or more	11%
	2-4 times a month	16%
	Once a month or less	25%
	Not at all	48%
Dining	2 times a week or more	6%
	2-4 times a month	25%
	Once a month or less	45%
	Not at all	24%
Attending school or classes	2 times a week or more	6%
	2-4 times a month	3%
	Once a month or less	3%
	Not at all	88%
Attending Church	2 times a week or more	3%
	2-4 times a month	8%
	Once a month or less	7%
	Not at all	83%
Access public transportation	2-4 times a month	2%
	Once a month or less	4%
	Not at all	94%
Visit the farmers market	2 times a week or more	1%
	2-4 times a month	19%
	Once a month or less	32%
	Not at all	48%
Just driving through	2 times a week or more	37%
	2-4 times a month	33%

Once a month or less 18%

Not at all 12%

Which of the following community events, if any, have you attended in the last two years? Please select all that apply.

Dan Patch Days 56%

Movies in the Outfield 6%

Doggy Palooza 5%

Halloween Bash 9%

Farmers Market 57%

Arbor Day Celebration 6%

Night to Unite 40%

Flashlight Egg Scramble 8%

Holiday Tree Lighting 11%

Music in the Park 19%

Other 8%

None of these 13%

Considering your experiences at Savage community events, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

I felt more connected to the community of Savage

Strongly agree 20%

Somewhat agree 60%

Somewhat disagree 11%

Strongly disagree 9%

I made a meaningful connection with other residents

Strongly agree 19%

Somewhat agree 46%

Somewhat disagree 21%

Strongly disagree 14%

I learned about a new local business during an event

Strongly agree 14%

Somewhat agree 44%

Somewhat disagree 23%

Strongly disagree 19%

I learned about a new artist during an event

Strongly agree 7%

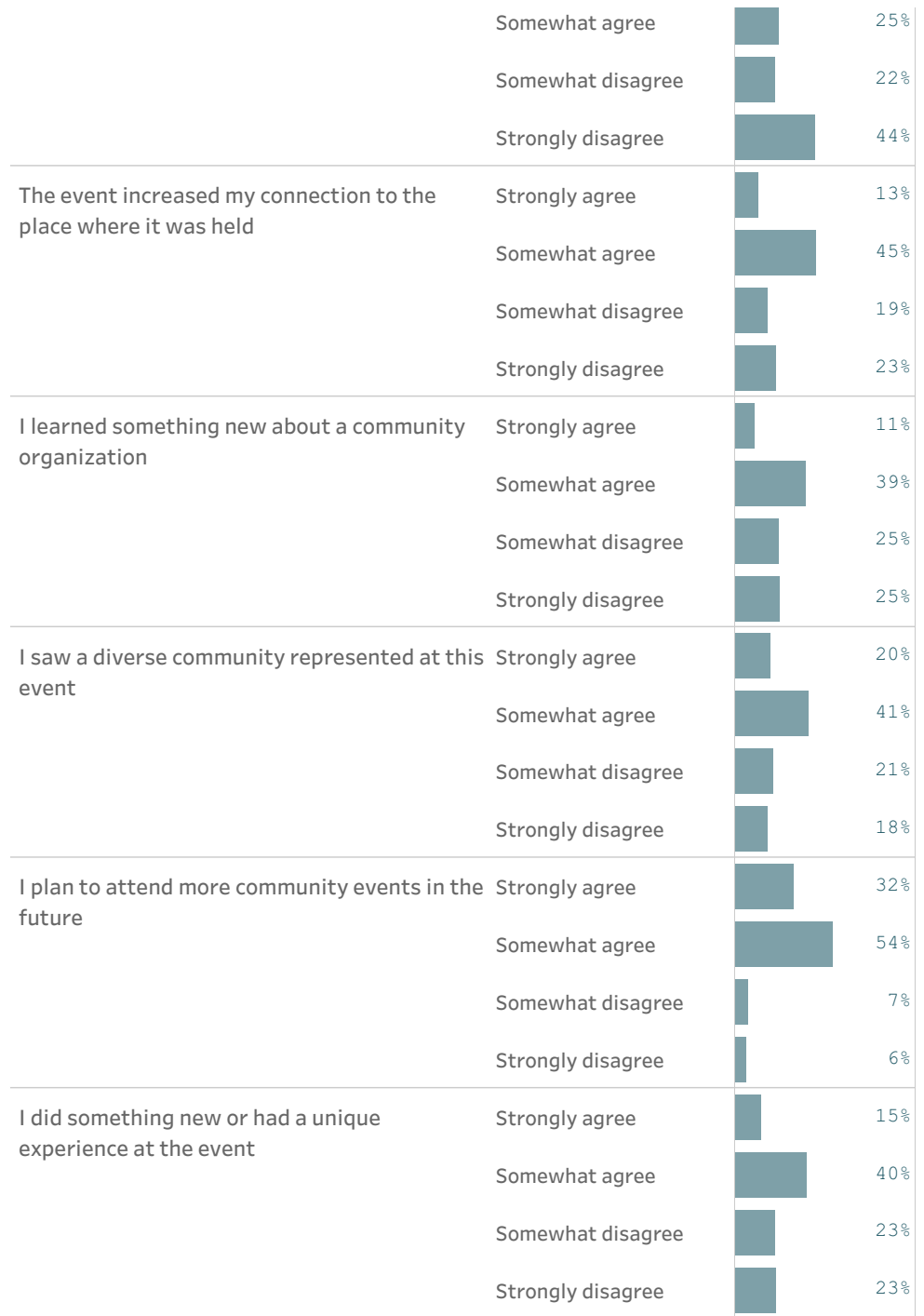
Somewhat agree 24%

Somewhat disagree 31%

Strongly disagree 38%

I extended my visit in downtown because of an event

Strongly agree 9%



## Open-ended questions

Savage included 1 open-ended question on their survey. The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported below with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment.

### Thinking about the next few years, what is one thing you would like the City to improve on?

Mobility (streets, public transit, traffic, bike/walking paths)	17%
Economic development (Jobs, growth, downtown revitalization)	13%
Parks and recreation, preservation of green space, environment	12%
Government (Spending, taxes, communication, education, code enforcement)	12%
Safety	9%
Other	8%
Community design, managing growth, housing	7%
Internet (Providers, access)	7%
Community engagement, Diversity and inclusion	6%
Utility infrastructure (Waste management, drinking water, snow removal)	6%
Nothing/Don't know	4%

## National benchmark tables

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

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage.</b>	Savage as a place to live	Similar	94%	117	351	66
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	91%	83	303	72
	Savage as a place to raise children	Similar	87%	142	355	60
	Savage as a place to work	Similar	70%	131	346	62
	Savage as a place to visit	Similar	52%	212	304	30
	Savage as a place to retire	Similar	65%	188	351	46
	The overall quality of life	Similar	90%	102	377	73
	Sense of community	Similar	65%	153	303	49
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quali..</b>	The overall quality of life in Savage	Similar	90%	102	377	73
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Higher	87%	60	291	79
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	58%	78	182	57
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	73%	72	284	75
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	78%	43	178	76
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	84%	169	341	50
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	88%	95	293	67
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	86%	57	183	69



<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	79%	91	286	68
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	57%	193	288	33
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	59%	84	179	53
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health of Savage	Higher	87%	60	291	79
	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Savage	Similar	58%	78	182	57
	Overall design or layout of Savage's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Similar	73%	72	284	75
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Savage (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Similar	78%	43	178	76
	Overall feeling of safety in Savage	Similar	84%	169	341	50
	Overall quality of natural environment in Savage	Similar	88%	95	293	67
	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Savage	Similar	79%	91	286	68
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Savage to someone who asks	Similar	91%	110	295	63
	Remain in Savage for the next five years	Similar	89%	57	292	80
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	96%	89	322	72
	In Savage's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	86%	206	306	33
	From property crime	Similar	76%	96	187	49
	From violent crime	Similar	85%	93	187	50
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	90%	25	177	86
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Savage community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	81%	28	185	85
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Higher	76%	25	182	86
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Higher	81%	24	183	87
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Higher	74%	18	179	90
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Savage community do..</b>	Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Higher	74%	18	179	90

<b>Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	78%	77	292	73
	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	68%	71	179	60
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Lower	35%	224	273	18
	Employment opportunities	Similar	58%	89	307	71
	Shopping opportunities	Similar	54%	155	298	48
	Cost of living	Similar	51%	72	285	75
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	79%	164	346	52
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Savage	Similar	78%	77	292	73
	Variety of business and service establishments in Savage	Similar	68%	71	179	60
	Cost of living in Savage	Similar	51%	72	285	75
	Overall image or reputation of Savage	Similar	79%	164	346	52
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	65%	85	319	73
	Ease of public parking	Higher	83%	19	267	93
	Ease of travel by car	Higher	86%	27	306	91
	Ease of travel by public transportation	Similar	41%	120	267	55
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Similar	60%	118	308	62
	Ease of walking	Similar	75%	90	309	71
	Well-planned residential growth	Higher	72%	17	181	91
	Well-planned commercial growth	Higher	60%	32	181	82
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	74%	34	178	81
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Similar	75%	34	178	81
Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	63%	133	279	52	

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

Variety of housing options	Higher	67%	39	291	86
Availability of affordable quality housing	Higher	49%	58	313	81
Overall quality of new development	Higher	72%	39	303	87
Overall appearance	Similar	83%	95	325	71
Cleanliness	Higher	89%	52	314	83
Water resources	Similar	68%	67	164	59
Air quality	Higher	90%	37	278	87
Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	79%	105	310	66
Fitness opportunities	Similar	77%	105	279	62
Recreational opportunities	Similar	72%	123	300	59
Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	72%	56	273	79
Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	69%	79	282	72
Availability of preventive health services	Similar	69%	70	268	74
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Higher	57%	40	269	85
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	48%	201	296	32
Community support for the arts	Similar	50%	113	178	37
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	58%	75	280	73
K-12 education	Similar	72%	149	283	47
Adult educational opportunities	Similar	63%	100	276	64
Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	67%	81	178	55
Neighborliness of residents	Similar	73%	55	281	80
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	64%	116	288	60

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	68%	131	286	54
	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	64%	173	284	39
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	71%	78	286	73
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	68%	60	303	80
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Ease of travel by car in Savage	Higher	86%	27	306	91
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Savage	Similar	41%	120	267	55
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Savage	Similar	60%	118	308	62
	Ease of walking in Savage	Similar	75%	90	309	71
	Overall quality of new development in Savage	Higher	72%	39	303	87
	Overall appearance of Savage	Similar	83%	95	325	71
	Cleanliness of Savage	Higher	89%	52	314	83
	Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Similar	68%	67	164	59
	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	Similar	77%	105	279	62
	Neighborliness of residents in Savage	Similar	73%	55	281	80
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the City of Savage for help or information	Similar	48%	133	321	58
	Contacted Savage elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	13%	207	279	26
	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	20%	125	282	56
	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	20%	183	263	30
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Lower	21%	236	285	17
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Lower	9%	264	274	4
	Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	78%	80	180	56
	Used public transportation instead of driving	Similar	11%	151	255	41

<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	45%	90	276	67
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Similar	67%	71	280	75
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the City of Savage (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information	Similar	48%	133	321	58
	Contacted Savage elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	Similar	13%	207	279	26
	Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HO..	Similar	20%	125	282	56
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	Similar	20%	183	263	30
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Savage	Lower	21%	236	285	17
	Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	Similar	11%	151	255	41
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>	Public information services	Similar	77%	68	299	77
	Economic development	Similar	73%	51	292	82
	Traffic enforcement	Similar	72%	123	340	64
	Traffic signal timing	Similar	60%	91	284	68
	Street repair	Higher	65%	50	335	85
	Street cleaning	Higher	82%	37	298	87
	Street lighting	Higher	79%	22	327	93
	Snow removal	Higher	81%	30	251	88
	Sidewalk maintenance	Higher	76%	20	294	93
	Bus or transit services	Similar	52%	131	264	50
	Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	61%	72	300	76
	Code enforcement	Similar	46%	180	333	46
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	40%	151	175	14
	Garbage collection	Similar	81%	185	316	41

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

Drinking water	Similar	77%	134	296	55
Sewer services	Similar	90%	40	299	86
Storm water management	Higher	86%	24	312	92
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	85%	42	239	82
Utility billing	Higher	82%	10	265	96
Police/Sheriff services	Similar	89%	87	367	76
Crime prevention	Similar	84%	93	339	72
Animal control	Similar	85%	40	310	87
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	92%	99	305	67
Fire services	Similar	95%	86	330	74
Fire prevention and education	Similar	88%	34	295	88
Emergency preparedness	Higher	81%	27	294	91
Preservation of natural areas	Similar	64%	118	277	57
Savage open space	Similar	66%	107	269	60
Recycling	Similar	80%	96	319	70
Yard waste pick-up	Similar	78%	119	275	57
City parks	Similar	86%	88	312	72
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	81%	75	305	75
Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	79%	86	289	70
Health services	Similar	81%	58	263	78
Public library services	Similar	91%	75	310	76
Overall customer service by Savage employees	Similar	89%	30	355	91

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>	Land use, planning, and zoning	Similar	61%	72	300	76
	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Similar	46%	180	333	46
	Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Higher	86%	24	312	92
	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Higher	81%	27	294	91
	Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Similar	64%	118	277	57
	Overall customer service by Savage employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	Similar	89%	30	355	91
<b>Please rate the following categories of Savage government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Savage	Similar	65%	78	359	78
	The overall direction that Savage is taking	Similar	72%	52	324	84
	The job Savage government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	64%	49	322	85
	Overall confidence in Savage government	Similar	68%	41	289	86
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	71%	46	293	84
	Being honest	Higher	74%	25	284	91
	Being open and transparent to the public	Higher	72%	19	184	90
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	65%	33	189	83
	Treating all residents fairly	Higher	78%	11	290	96
	Treating residents with respect	Higher	82%	13	181	93
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	The City of Savage	Similar	81%	78	351	78
	The Federal Government	Similar	38%	154	273	43
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Similar	87%	191	265	28
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	66%	147	177	17
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	72%	209	265	21
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	89%	77	176	56

<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	92%	40	265	85
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	83%	97	265	63
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	82%	57	177	68
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	73%	178	265	32
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	66%	226	265	14
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	65%	211	265	20
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health of Savage	Similar	87%	191	265	28
	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Savage	Similar	66%	147	177	17
	Overall design or layout of Savage's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Similar	72%	209	265	21
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Savage (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Similar	89%	77	176	56
	Overall feeling of safety in Savage	Similar	92%	40	265	85
	Overall quality of natural environment in Savage	Similar	83%	97	265	63
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Savage	Similar	73%	178	265	32
	Access the internet from your home	Similar	96%	60	177	66
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	96%	42	177	76
	Visit social media sites	Similar	84%	21	176	88
	Use or check email	Similar	99%	38	177	79
	Share your opinions online	Similar	27%	124	177	30
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Shop online	Higher	67%	19	177	89
	Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer	Similar	96%	60	177	66
	Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.	Similar	84%	21	176	88
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	83%	20	275	93



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

Lower

17%


























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## Complete set of frequencies

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	In which area of Savage do you live?	Area 1		47% N=81
		Area 2		48% N=84
		Area 3		6% N=10
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage.</b>	Savage as a place to live	Excellent		44% N=300
		Good		50% N=338
		Fair		6% N=42
		Poor		0% N=1
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		48% N=326
		Good		42% N=286
		Fair		8% N=55
		Poor		1% N=7
	Savage as a place to raise children	Excellent		43% N=258
		Good		44% N=261
		Fair		9% N=55
		Poor		3% N=20
Savage as a place to work	Excellent		25% N=89	
	Good		45% N=161	
	Fair		25% N=88	
	Poor		5% N=18	
Savage as a place to visit	Excellent		15% N=95	
	Good		37% N=231	
	Fair		37% N=230	
	Poor		11% N=72	
Savage as a place to retire	Excellent		27% N=140	
	Good		38% N=201	





























<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage.</b>	Savage as a place to retire	Fair		26% N=135
		Poor		10% N=50
	The overall quality of life	Excellent		27% N=184
		Good		42% N=285
Fair			5% N=36	
Poor			0% N=2	
Sense of community	Excellent		17% N=115	
	Good		47% N=315	
	Fair		28% N=186	
	Poor		7% N=48	
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage.</b>	The overall quality of life in Savage	Excellent		9% N=60
		Good		13% N=85
		Fair		4% N=24
		Poor		0% N=3
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health	Excellent		17% N=100
		Good		49% N=293
		Fair		7% N=42
		Poor		2% N=9
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		12% N=76
		Good		32% N=209
		Fair		21% N=138
		Poor		9% N=55
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		12% N=81
		Good		44% N=297
		Fair		15% N=103
		Poor		4% N=25
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		20% N=128	
	Good		39% N=255	

<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Fair		12% N=79
		Poor		3% N=18
	Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		23% N=154
		Good		42% N=285
		Fair		9% N=59
		Poor		1% N=9
	Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		27% N=184
		Good		39% N=262
		Fair		7% N=48
		Poor		2% N=11
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		44% N=289
		Good		43% N=285
		Fair		10% N=69
		Poor		3% N=23
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		24% N=147
		Good		36% N=221
		Fair		12% N=76
		Poor		2% N=13
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		13% N=77
		Good		44% N=272
		Fair		34% N=209
		Poor		9% N=58
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		12% N=73
		Good		47% N=297
		Fair		33% N=211
		Poor		8% N=49
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health of Savage	Excellent		5% N=32
		Good		17% N=100





























<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health of Savage	Fair		4% N=21
		Poor		0% N=3
	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Savage	Excellent		3% N=16
		Good		11% N=72
		Fair		8% N=52
		Poor		4% N=27
	Overall design or layout of Savage's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Excellent		6% N=38
		Good		12% N=82
		Fair		6% N=39
		Poor		2% N=15
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Savage (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Excellent		6% N=42
		Good		13% N=82
		Fair		5% N=36
		Poor		1% N=10
	Overall feeling of safety in Savage	Excellent		7% N=49
		Good		12% N=84
		Fair		6% N=39
		Poor		0% N=2
	Overall quality of natural environment in Savage	Excellent		9% N=61
		Good		13% N=85
		Fair		2% N=12
		Poor		2% N=13
	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Savage	Excellent		7% N=42
		Good		13% N=77
		Fair		4% N=26
		Poor		2% N=12
<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Savage to someone who asks	Very likely		51% N=348
		Somewhat likely		39% N=266

<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Savage to someone who asks	Somewhat unlikely		7% N=44
		Very unlikely		3% N=19
	Remain in Savage for the next five years	Very likely		66% N=442
		Somewhat likely		23% N=155
Somewhat unlikely			5% N=34	
Very unlikely			6% N=43	
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		82% N=562
		Somewhat safe		14% N=94
		Neither safe nor unsafe		2% N=11
		Somewhat unsafe		2% N=12
		Very unsafe		1% N=4
	In Savage's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		53% N=330
		Somewhat safe		33% N=207
		Neither safe nor unsafe		10% N=61
		Somewhat unsafe		4% N=23
		Very unsafe		1% N=7
	From property crime	Very safe		32% N=215
		Somewhat safe		44% N=294
		Neither safe nor unsafe		13% N=84
		Somewhat unsafe		10% N=70
		Very unsafe		1% N=6
	From violent crime	Very safe		54% N=365
		Somewhat safe		30% N=202
		Neither safe nor unsafe		9% N=62
		Somewhat unsafe		6% N=37
		Very unsafe		1% N=5
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		58% N=393	
	Somewhat safe		31% N=211	







<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Neither safe nor unsafe		9% N=59
		Somewhat unsafe		1% N=7
		Very unsafe		0% N=3
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Savage community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		29% N=184
		Good		52% N=326
		Fair		16% N=100
		Poor		3% N=21
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		27% N=155
		Good		49% N=279
		Fair		15% N=86
		Poor		9% N=49
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		29% N=166
		Good		52% N=293
		Fair		13% N=73
		Poor		6% N=36
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		21% N=89
		Good		35% N=152
		Fair		13% N=55
		Poor		7% N=29
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Savage community does at each of the following.</b>	Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Excellent		9% N=40
		Good		9% N=41
		Fair		5% N=21
		Poor		2% N=8
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		18% N=124
		Good		41% N=277
		Fair		13% N=87
		Poor		2% N=13
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		16% N=110

<b>Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Variety of business and service establishments	Good		36% N=248
		Fair		17% N=115
		Poor		5% N=35
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		6% N=36	
	Good		29% N=188	
	Fair		36% N=231	
	Poor		28% N=181	
Employment opportunities	Excellent		13% N=51	
	Good		45% N=181	
	Fair		30% N=120	
	Poor		12% N=48	
Shopping opportunities	Excellent		14% N=97	
	Good		40% N=270	
	Fair		32% N=214	
	Poor		14% N=95	
Cost of living	Excellent		7% N=47	
	Good		31% N=210	
	Fair		29% N=193	
	Poor		8% N=53	
Overall image or reputation	Excellent		15% N=98	
	Good		44% N=296	
	Fair		14% N=92	
	Poor		2% N=12	
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Savage	Excellent		6% N=39
		Good		13% N=87
		Fair		6% N=42
		Poor		1% N=5
	Variety of business and service establishments in Savage	Excellent		3% N=19































<b>Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Variety of business and service establishments in Savage	Good		12% N=83
		Fair		8% N=56
		Poor		2% N=14
	Cost of living in Savage	Excellent		2% N=16
Good			11% N=71	
Fair			10% N=66	
Poor			2% N=16	
Overall image or reputation of Savage	Excellent		7% N=47	
	Good		13% N=85	
	Fair		5% N=30	
	Poor		1% N=9	
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		15% N=105
		Good		50% N=339
		Fair		22% N=150
		Poor		13% N=89
Ease of public parking	Excellent		27% N=177	
	Good		55% N=360	
	Fair		14% N=90	
	Poor		3% N=22	
Ease of travel by car	Excellent		30% N=201	
	Good		34% N=232	
	Fair		8% N=57	
	Poor		2% N=13	
Ease of travel by public transportation	Excellent		7% N=21	
	Good		26% N=77	
	Fair		17% N=52	
	Poor		20% N=60	
Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent		11% N=57	

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





























Ease of travel by bicycle	Good		36% N=182
	Fair		18% N=94
	Poor		8% N=39
Ease of walking	Excellent		21% N=141
	Good		34% N=225
	Fair		14% N=92
	Poor		4% N=28
Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		19% N=106
	Good		54% N=301
	Fair		18% N=99
	Poor		10% N=56
Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		15% N=76
	Good		45% N=233
	Fair		27% N=137
	Poor		13% N=68
Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent		20% N=130
	Good		54% N=358
	Fair		20% N=134
	Poor		6% N=41
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent		23% N=124
	Good		52% N=274
	Fair		18% N=93
	Poor		8% N=40
Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent		22% N=143
	Good		41% N=266
	Fair		28% N=180
	Poor		9% N=58
Variety of housing options	Excellent		20% N=128





























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





























Variety of housing options	Good		47% N=295
	Fair		25% N=158
	Poor		8% N=47
Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		14% N=72
	Good		34% N=170
	Fair		34% N=166
	Poor		18% N=87
Overall quality of new development	Excellent		15% N=89
	Good		39% N=234
	Fair		15% N=88
	Poor		5% N=29
Overall appearance	Excellent		22% N=153
	Good		40% N=275
	Fair		10% N=68
	Poor		1% N=10
Cleanliness	Excellent		31% N=209
	Good		36% N=244
	Fair		6% N=41
	Poor		2% N=11
Water resources	Excellent		19% N=120
	Good		33% N=214
	Fair		15% N=100
	Poor		7% N=48
Air quality	Excellent		44% N=284
	Good		46% N=296
	Fair		9% N=57
	Poor		1% N=5
Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		35% N=234























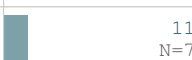





Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.

Availability of paths and walking trails	Good		44% N=295
	Fair		15% N=102
	Poor		6% N=41
Fitness opportunities	Excellent		25% N=161
	Good		32% N=204
	Fair		14% N=88
	Poor		3% N=19
Recreational opportunities	Excellent		26% N=166
	Good		46% N=287
	Fair		22% N=136
	Poor		6% N=39
Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		27% N=180
	Good		45% N=297
	Fair		23% N=154
	Poor		5% N=30
Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		25% N=141
	Good		45% N=256
	Fair		25% N=142
	Poor		6% N=34
Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		27% N=155
	Good		42% N=238
	Fair		25% N=144
	Poor		5% N=29
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		19% N=71
	Good		39% N=147
	Fair		30% N=115
	Poor		13% N=48
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		10% N=57





























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Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Good		39%	N=231
	Fair		35%	N=209
	Poor		17%	N=99
Community support for the arts	Excellent		11%	N=54
	Good		39%	N=193
	Fair		37%	N=183
	Poor		13%	N=67
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		18%	N=62
	Good		41%	N=145
	Fair		30%	N=107
	Poor		11%	N=40
K-12 education	Excellent		26%	N=126
	Good		46%	N=225
	Fair		21%	N=104
	Poor		7%	N=33
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		14%	N=60
	Good		49%	N=211
	Fair		30%	N=128
	Poor		8%	N=34
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		14%	N=82
	Good		53%	N=316
	Fair		26%	N=152
	Poor		7%	N=43
Neighborliness of residents	Excellent		18%	N=116
	Good		38%	N=254
	Fair		15%	N=98
	Poor		3%	N=22
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		18%	N=112

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Good		46% N=289
		Fair		30% N=185
		Poor		6% N=40
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		19% N=118
		Good		49% N=313
		Fair		27% N=169
		Poor		6% N=36
	Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		17% N=78
		Good		47% N=212
		Fair		31% N=138
		Poor		5% N=24
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		19% N=102
		Good		51% N=269
		Fair		21% N=109
		Poor		9% N=45
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		21% N=110
		Good		47% N=240
		Fair		24% N=123
		Poor		8% N=40
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Ease of travel by car in Savage	Excellent		9% N=64
		Good		13% N=85
		Fair		3% N=20
		Poor		1% N=5
	Ease of travel by public transportation in Savage	Excellent		1% N=4
		Good		7% N=22
		Fair		9% N=27
		Poor		12% N=37
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Savage	Excellent		3% N=15





























Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.				
Ease of travel by bicycle in Savage	Good		11%	N=54
	Fair		11%	N=55
	Poor		3%	N=15
Ease of walking in Savage	Excellent		6%	N=37
	Good		13%	N=87
	Fair		4%	N=28
	Poor		3%	N=18
Overall quality of new development in Savage	Excellent		5%	N=27
	Good		13%	N=80
	Fair		6%	N=37
	Poor		2%	N=12
Overall appearance of Savage	Excellent		7%	N=48
	Good		13%	N=86
	Fair		5%	N=33
	Poor		1%	N=9
Cleanliness of Savage	Excellent		12%	N=82
	Good		10%	N=66
	Fair		4%	N=24
	Poor		0%	N=1
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Excellent		5%	N=33
	Good		12%	N=77
	Fair		6%	N=42
	Poor		2%	N=15
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	Excellent		6%	N=40
	Good		13%	N=81
	Fair		4%	N=24
	Poor		2%	N=15
Neighborliness of residents in Savage	Excellent		8%	N=52

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Neighborhoodliness of residents in Savage	Good		9% N=61
		Fair		6% N=43
		Poor		3% N=17
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the City of Savage for help or information	No		41% N=277
		Yes		34% N=231
	Contacted Savage elected officials to express your opinion	No		65% N=438
		Yes		9% N=64
	Attended a local public meeting	No		61% N=419
		Yes		13% N=88
	Watched a local public meeting	No		61% N=414
		Yes		14% N=94
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		61% N=408
		Yes		14% N=94
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		91% N=615
		Yes		9% N=62
	Voted in your most recent local election	No		22% N=149
		Yes		78% N=532
Used public transportation instead of driving	No		66% N=451	
	Yes		8% N=56	
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		55% N=373	
	Yes		45% N=309	
Walked or biked instead of driving	No		33% N=225	
	Yes		67% N=458	
<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the City of Savage (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information	No		11% N=78
		Yes		14% N=97
	Contacted Savage elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	No		22% N=151
		Yes		4% N=24
	Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Board)	No		19% N=127































<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HO..	Yes		7% N=48
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	No		19% N=129
		Yes		6% N=41
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Savage	No		18% N=119
		Yes		7% N=50
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	No		23% N=155	
	Yes		3% N=20	
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>	Public information services	Excellent		20% N=113
		Good		58% N=333
		Fair		19% N=107
		Poor		4% N=23
	Economic development	Excellent		15% N=77
		Good		58% N=301
		Fair		23% N=117
		Poor		4% N=23
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent		16% N=96
		Good		56% N=338
		Fair		18% N=106
		Poor		10% N=61
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent		13% N=83
		Good		47% N=312
		Fair		29% N=191
		Poor		11% N=76
Street repair	Excellent		16% N=108	
	Good		49% N=327	
	Fair		28% N=185	
	Poor		7% N=48	
Street cleaning	Excellent		27% N=175	




























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

Street cleaning	Good		55% N=356
	Fair		16% N=105
	Poor		2% N=15
Street lighting	Excellent		25% N=166
	Good		54% N=358
	Fair		18% N=121
	Poor		3% N=21
Snow removal	Excellent		34% N=217
	Good		48% N=310
	Fair		15% N=97
	Poor		4% N=24
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		25% N=152
	Good		51% N=315
	Fair		20% N=123
	Poor		4% N=26
Bus or transit services	Excellent		12% N=34
	Good		39% N=110
	Fair		23% N=65
	Poor		25% N=69
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		7% N=33
	Good		35% N=158
	Fair		17% N=75
	Poor		11% N=48
Code enforcement	Excellent		8% N=37
	Good		26% N=123
	Fair		24% N=113
	Poor		14% N=67
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		12% N=74





























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









Affordable high-speed internet access	Good		29% N=184
	Fair		29% N=189
	Poor		31% N=197
Garbage collection	Excellent		33% N=213
	Good		49% N=317
	Fair		13% N=86
	Poor		5% N=36
Drinking water	Excellent		30% N=196
	Good		47% N=312
	Fair		14% N=94
	Poor		9% N=59
Sewer services	Excellent		35% N=225
	Good		55% N=348
	Fair		9% N=58
	Poor		1% N=5
Storm water management	Excellent		23% N=146
	Good		41% N=253
	Fair		8% N=52
	Poor		1% N=8
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		34% N=226
	Good		51% N=339
	Fair		14% N=92
	Poor		1% N=7
Utility billing	Excellent		33% N=212
	Good		49% N=317
	Fair		16% N=106
	Poor		1% N=8
Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		39% N=244





























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





























Police/Sheriff services	Good		50% N=308
	Fair		9% N=58
	Poor		2% N=11
Crime prevention	Excellent		27% N=163
	Good		56% N=334
	Fair		13% N=77
	Poor		4% N=21
Animal control	Excellent		25% N=115
	Good		61% N=285
	Fair		11% N=52
	Poor		3% N=16
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		46% N=206
	Good		46% N=208
	Fair		7% N=31
	Poor		1% N=2
Fire services	Excellent		52% N=266
	Good		44% N=224
	Fair		5% N=25
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		39% N=179
	Good		49% N=225
	Fair		10% N=47
	Poor		1% N=6
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		26% N=108
	Good		39% N=166
	Fair		10% N=43
	Poor		3% N=13
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		17% N=101
	Good		32% N=189

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

Preservation of natural areas	Fair		18% N=107
	Poor		7% N=44
Savage open space	Excellent		24% N=145
	Good		42% N=247
	Fair		24% N=143
	Poor		10% N=59
Recycling	Excellent		30% N=186
	Good		50% N=305
	Fair		17% N=103
	Poor		3% N=20
Yard waste pick-up	Excellent		29% N=153
	Good		49% N=257
	Fair		17% N=90
	Poor		5% N=25
City parks	Excellent		40% N=267
	Good		46% N=307
	Fair		12% N=81
	Poor		2% N=11
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		27% N=139
	Good		54% N=281
	Fair		15% N=80
	Poor		4% N=20
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		27% N=154
	Good		51% N=291
	Fair		15% N=85
	Poor		6% N=37
Health services	Excellent		25% N=129
	Good		56% N=284

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>	Health services	Fair		15% N=74
		Poor		4% N=21
	Public library services	Excellent		50% N=290
		Good		41% N=241
Fair			8% N=50	
Poor			1% N=3	
Overall customer service by Savage employees	Excellent		30% N=187	
	Good		36% N=222	
	Fair		7% N=40	
	Poor		2% N=10	
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>	Land use, planning, and zoning	Excellent		3% N=12
		Good		16% N=70
		Fair		7% N=30
		Poor		5% N=23
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Excellent		2% N=11	
	Good		10% N=46	
	Fair		11% N=53	
	Poor		5% N=25	
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Excellent		9% N=55	
	Good		13% N=83	
	Fair		4% N=23	
	Poor		0% N=2	
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Excellent		5% N=22	
	Good		11% N=47	
	Fair		4% N=18	
	Poor		1% N=5	
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Excellent		7% N=40	
	Good		8% N=49	





























<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>	Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Fair		6% N=38
		Poor		4% N=23
	Overall customer service by Savage employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	Excellent		12% N=73
Good			11% N=64	
Fair			3% N=17	
<b>Please rate the following categories of Savage government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Savage	Excellent		16% N=99
		Good		48% N=295
		Fair		28% N=171
		Poor		7% N=44
	The overall direction that Savage is taking	Excellent		17% N=106
		Good		55% N=333
		Fair		20% N=120
		Poor		8% N=49
	The job Savage government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		16% N=85
		Good		48% N=249
		Fair		27% N=140
		Poor		9% N=46
Overall confidence in Savage government	Excellent		17% N=107	
	Good		50% N=315	
	Fair		24% N=148	
	Poor		9% N=54	
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		19% N=116	
	Good		53% N=327	
	Fair		21% N=130	
	Poor		8% N=48	
Being honest	Excellent		24% N=135	
	Good		50% N=286	
	Fair		22% N=125	





























<b>Please rate the following categories of Savage government performance.</b>	Being honest	Poor		4% N=25
	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		21% N=117
		Good		51% N=291
		Fair		21% N=119
		Poor		8% N=43
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		20% N=119	
	Good		45% N=272	
	Fair		24% N=144	
	Poor		12% N=72	
Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		28% N=146	
	Good		50% N=261	
	Fair		16% N=84	
	Poor		6% N=34	
Treating residents with respect	Excellent		31% N=176	
	Good		52% N=299	
	Fair		13% N=76	
	Poor		4% N=25	
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	The City of Savage	Excellent		28% N=188
		Good		53% N=352
		Fair		16% N=106
		Poor		3% N=18
	The Federal Government	Excellent		7% N=44
		Good		31% N=192
		Fair		37% N=234
		Poor		25% N=157
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	Essential		32% N=213
		Very important		33% N=223
		Somewhat important		9% N=59



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

Overall economic health	Not at all important		0% N=2
Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		18% N=118
	Very important		31% N=205
	Somewhat important		24% N=162
	Not at all important		2% N=15
Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		19% N=128
	Very important		34% N=233
	Somewhat important		19% N=129
	Not at all important		2% N=14
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		37% N=249
	Very important		28% N=190
	Somewhat important		9% N=59
	Not at all important		0% N=2
Overall feeling of safety	Essential		52% N=351
	Very important		18% N=121
	Somewhat important		5% N=33
	Not at all important		0% N=2
Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		32% N=217
	Very important		31% N=213
	Somewhat important		11% N=73
	Not at all important		0% N=2
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		35% N=236
	Very important		47% N=316
	Somewhat important		16% N=111
	Not at all important		2% N=11
Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		24% N=166
	Very important		31% N=213
	Somewhat important		16% N=112





























<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Not at all important		2% N=13
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		29% N=198
		Very important		37% N=253
		Somewhat important		29% N=199
		Not at all important		4% N=30
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		23% N=152	
	Very important		42% N=284	
	Somewhat important		32% N=212	
	Not at all important		4% N=25	
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health of Savage	Essential		12% N=80
		Very important		10% N=65
		Somewhat important		4% N=27
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Savage	Essential		6% N=41	
	Very important		12% N=79	
	Somewhat important		7% N=46	
	Not at all important		0% N=3	
Overall design or layout of Savage's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Essential		6% N=42	
	Very important		13% N=85	
	Somewhat important		6% N=44	
	Not at all important		0% N=3	
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Savage (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Essential		12% N=79	
	Very important		12% N=77	
	Somewhat important		2% N=13	
Overall feeling of safety in Savage	Essential		14% N=96	
	Very important		8% N=53	
	Somewhat important		3% N=20	
	Not at all important		0% N=1	
Overall quality of natural environment in Savage	Essential		9% N=64	




















<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall quality of natural environment in Savage	Very important		11% N=74
		Somewhat important		5% N=36
		Not at all important		0% N=1
	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Savage	Essential		4% N=29
		Very important		13% N=85
		Somewhat important		8% N=54
Not at all important			1% N=6	
<b>In the past 12 months, how many times, if at all, have you or another household member visited Downtown Savage for the following reasons?</b>	Shopping	2 times a week or more		11% N=72
		2-4 times a month		16% N=108
		Once a month or less		25% N=168
		Not at all		48% N=326
	Dining	2 times a week or more		6% N=41
		2-4 times a month		25% N=172
		Once a month or less		45% N=305
		Not at all		24% N=160
	Attending school or classes	2 times a week or more		6% N=39
		2-4 times a month		3% N=17
		Once a month or less		3% N=23
		Not at all		88% N=582
	Attending Church	2 times a week or more		3% N=20
		2-4 times a month		8% N=51
		Once a month or less		7% N=45
		Not at all		83% N=557
Access public transportation	2-4 times a month		2% N=14	
	Once a month or less		4% N=27	
	Not at all		94% N=611	
Visit the farmers market	2 times a week or more		1% N=5	
	2-4 times a month		19% N=126	



















<b>In the past 12 months, how many times, if at all, have you or another household member visited Downtown Savage for the following reasons?</b>	Visit the farmers market	Once a month or less		32% N=214
		Not at all		48% N=316
	Just driving through	2 times a week or more		37% N=250
		2-4 times a month		33% N=225
		Once a month or less		18% N=119
	Not at all		12% N=80	
Which of the following community events, if any, have you attended in the last two years? Please select all that apply.	Dan Patch Days		56% N=224	
	Movies in the Outfield		6% N=25	
	Doggy Palooza		5% N=22	
	Halloween Bash		9% N=35	
	Farmers Market		57% N=231	
	Arbor Day Celebration		6% N=25	
	Night to Unite		40% N=160	
	Flashlight Egg Scramble		8% N=30	
	Holiday Tree Lighting		11% N=44	
	Music in the Park		19% N=77	
	Other		8% N=34	
	None of these		13% N=51	
	<b>Considering your experiences at Savage community events, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.</b>	I felt more connected to the community of Savage	Strongly agree	
Somewhat agree				60% N=323
Somewhat disagree				11% N=61
Strongly disagree				9% N=46
I made a meaningful connection with other residents		Strongly agree		19% N=103
		Somewhat agree		46% N=248
		Somewhat disagree		21% N=110
		Strongly disagree		14% N=74
I learned about a new local business during an event		Strongly agree		14% N=64
		Somewhat agree		44% N=210

Considering your experiences at Savage community events, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Statement	Response	Percentage	
			Bar	Value
	I learned about a new local business during an event	Somewhat disagree		23% N=110
		Strongly disagree		19% N=90
	I learned about a new artist during an event	Strongly agree		7% N=25
		Somewhat agree		24% N=88
		Somewhat disagree		31% N=116
		Strongly disagree		38% N=143
	I extended my visit in downtown because of an event	Strongly agree		9% N=38
		Somewhat agree		25% N=104
		Somewhat disagree		22% N=92
		Strongly disagree		44% N=187
	The event increased my connection to the place where it was held	Strongly agree		13% N=60
		Somewhat agree		45% N=208
		Somewhat disagree		19% N=85
		Strongly disagree		23% N=106
	I learned something new about a community organization	Strongly agree		11% N=49
		Somewhat agree		39% N=178
		Somewhat disagree		25% N=111
		Strongly disagree		25% N=113
	I saw a diverse community represented at this event	Strongly agree		20% N=88
		Somewhat agree		41% N=181
		Somewhat disagree		21% N=95
		Strongly disagree		18% N=82
	I plan to attend more community events in the future	Strongly agree		32% N=165
		Somewhat agree		54% N=273
		Somewhat disagree		7% N=37
		Strongly disagree		6% N=32
	I did something new or had a unique experience at the event	Strongly agree		15% N=70
		Somewhat agree		40% N=184





























Considering your experiences at

<b>Savage community events, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.</b>	I did something new or had a unique experience at the event	Somewhat disagree		23% N=104
		Strongly disagree		23% N=105
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day		66% N=449
		Once a day		4% N=26
		A few times a week		2% N=16
		Every few weeks		0% N=3
		Less often or never		2% N=11
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day		91% N=612
		Once a day		3% N=17
		A few times a week		2% N=13
		Every few weeks		1% N=4
		Less often or never		4% N=26
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day		53% N=357
		Once a day		5% N=30
		A few times a week		4% N=25
		Every few weeks		2% N=11
		Less often or never		11% N=72
	Use or check email	Several times a day		86% N=586
		Once a day		10% N=70
		A few times a week		2% N=14
		Every few weeks		0% N=2
		Less often or never		1% N=8
	Share your opinions online	Several times a day		11% N=74
		Once a day		4% N=28
		A few times a week		12% N=79
		Every few weeks		13% N=85
		Less often or never		60% N=402
	Shop online	Several times a day		19% N=128

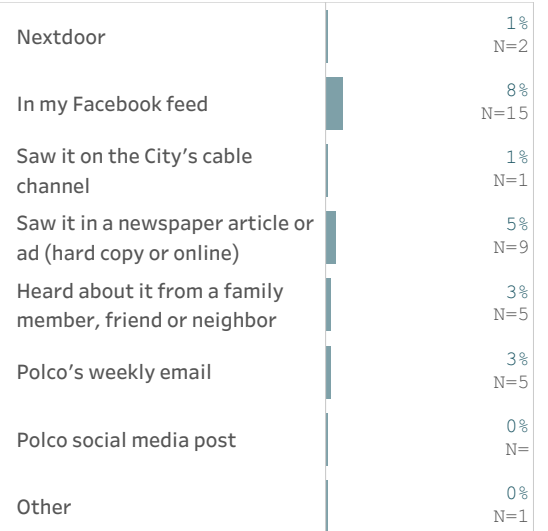
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Shop online	Once a day		8% N=54
		A few times a week		40% N=269
		Every few weeks		24% N=164
		Less often or never		9% N=57
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer	Several times a day		22% N=147
		Once a day		1% N=10
		A few times a week		1% N=6
		Every few weeks		1% N=6
		Less often or never		1% N=5
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.	Several times a day		14% N=95
		Once a day		6% N=41
		A few times a week		2% N=14
		Every few weeks		1% N=4
		Less often or never		3% N=21
<b>Please rate your overall health.</b>		Excellent		35% N=240
		Very good		48% N=328
		Good		15% N=102
		Fair		2% N=12
		Poor		0% N=2
<b>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:</b>		Very positive		5% N=34
		Somewhat positive		12% N=83
		Neutral		35% N=241
		Somewhat negative		35% N=235
		Very negative		13% N=89
<b>How many years have you lived in Savage?</b>		Less than 2 years		13% N=92
		2-5 years		27% N=184
		6-10 years		19% N=127
		11-20 years		18% N=123

How many years have you lived in Savage?	More than 20 years		23% N=158
Which best describes the building you live in?	One family house detached from any other houses		69% N=472
	Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..		30% N=205
	Other		1% N=5
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent		15% N=101
	Own		85% N=579
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than \$500		2% N=16
	\$500 to \$999		7% N=45
	\$1,000 to \$1,499		12% N=78
	\$1,500 to \$1,999		22% N=147
	\$2,000 to \$2,499		14% N=95
	\$2,500 to \$2,999		10% N=70
	\$3,000 to \$3,499		4% N=27
	\$3,500 or more		3% N=17
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than \$500		1% N=6
	\$500 to \$999		2% N=16
	\$1,000 to \$1,499		5% N=30
	\$1,500 to \$1,999		6% N=39
	\$2,000 to \$2,499		7% N=45
	\$2,500 to \$2,999		3% N=19
	\$3,000 to \$3,499		0% N=2
	\$3,500 or more		2% N=11
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No		57% N=389
	Yes		43% N=293
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No		76% N=520
	Yes		24% N=164
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	Less than \$25,000		4% N=23
	\$25,000 to \$49,999		9% N=56



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.)	\$50,000 to \$74,999		11% N=69
	\$75,000 to \$99,999		13% N=87
	\$100,000 to \$149,999		27% N=173
	\$150,000 or more		37% N=240
Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		70% N=472
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		4% N=29
Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		25% N=169
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		1% N=6
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaskan Native		1% N=5
	Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander		7% N=49
	Black or African American		4% N=29
	White		86% N=583
	Other		6% N=40
In which category is your age?	18-24 years		4% N=26
	25-34 years		22% N=153
	35-44 years		19% N=127
	45-54 years		24% N=164
	55-64 years		11% N=74
	65-74 years		12% N=79
	75 years or older		9% N=59
What is your gender?	Woman		50% N=338
	Man		49% N=334
	Identify in another way		1% N=8
How did you hear about this survey? (Select all that apply.)	The City's website		5% N=9
	The City's social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,..		31% N=54
	Received an email from the City		59% N=104
	In a City newsletter or utility bill		9% N=15
	Received a postcard or letter from the City		5% N=8

How did you hear about this survey? (Select all that apply.)



Nextdoor	1% N=2
In my Facebook feed	8% N=15
Saw it on the City's cable channel	1% N=1
Saw it in a newspaper article or ad (hard copy or online)	5% N=9
Heard about it from a family member, friend or neighbor	3% N=5
Polco's weekly email	3% N=5
Polco social media post	0% N=
Other	0% N=1

## Full trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Savage. The combined "percent positive" responses for each survey year are presented (e.g., excellent/good or yes). If an item was not included during an administration of the survey, no percentage will be shown in the table. If the difference between the 2020 and 2022 surveys is greater than five percentage points, the change is statistically significant.

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

		2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
<b>Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Savage.</b>	Savage as a place to live				91%	94%	93%	94%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live				87%	93%	91%	91%
	Savage as a place to raise children				90%	93%	90%	87%
	Savage as a place to work				52%	61%	63%	70%
	Savage as a place to visit				48%	55%	57%	52%
	Savage as a place to retire				58%	61%	66%	65%
	The overall quality of life	97%	97%	97%	85%	92%	89%	90%
	Sense of community				64%	65%	66%	65%
<b>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Savage as a whole.</b>	Overall economic health				78%	83%	86%	87%
	Overall quality of the transportation system						64%	58%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas				71%	71%	75%	73%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure						85%	78%
	Overall feeling of safety	95%	95%		90%	93%	88%	84%
	Overall quality of natural environment				85%	82%	89%	88%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities						84%	86%
	Overall health and wellness opportunities				75%	75%	79%	79%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts				74%	71%	60%	57%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community						59%	59%

<b>Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.</b>	Recommend living in Savage to someone who asks	89%	91%	93%	91%
	Remain in Savage for the next five years	85%	90%	89%	89%
<b>Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:</b>	In your neighborhood during the day	92%	97%	97%	96%
	In Savage's downtown/commercial area during the day	87%	89%	91%	86%
	From property crime			85%	76%
	From violent crime			92%	85%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster			93%	90%
<b>Please rate the job you feel the Savage community does at each of the following.</b>	Making all residents feel welcome			79%	81%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds			69%	76%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds			76%	81%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents			72%	74%
<b>Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	62%	66%	76%	78%
	Variety of business and service establishments			61%	68%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	44%	50%	28%	35%
	Employment opportunities	33%	41%	38%	58%
	Shopping opportunities	62%	71%	53%	54%
	Cost of living	55%	56%	54%	51%
	Overall image or reputation	75%	80%	76%	79%
<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Traffic flow on major streets	63%	70%	68%	65%
	Ease of public parking			83%	83%
	Ease of travel by car	80%	84%	88%	86%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	31%	25%	35%	41%
	Ease of travel by bicycle	56%	45%	59%	60%
	Ease of walking	70%	66%	75%	75%

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

Well-planned residential growth	68%	72%
Well-planned commercial growth	54%	60%
Well-designed neighborhoods	71%	74%
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	69%	75%
Public places where people want to spend time	69%	66% 59% 63%
Variety of housing options	76%	75% 69% 67%
Availability of affordable quality housing	70%	63% 55% 49%
Overall quality of new development	63%	71% 71% 72%
Overall appearance	83%	83% 79% 83%
Cleanliness	87%	90% 85% 89%
Water resources	62%	68%
Air quality	90%	92% 91% 90%
Availability of paths and walking trails	70%	68% 78% 79%
Fitness opportunities	78%	72% 76% 77%
Recreational opportunities	73%	71% 70% 72%
Availability of affordable quality food	68%	76% 80% 72%
Availability of affordable quality health care	71%	77% 77% 69%
Availability of preventive health services	71%	77% 77% 69%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	60%	56% 58% 57%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	49%	46% 41% 48%
Community support for the arts	47%	50%
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	71%	62% 63% 58%
K-12 education	91%	84% 81% 79% 73% 72%
Adult educational opportunities	66%	62% 67% 63%

<b>Please also rate each of the following in the Savage community.</b>	Sense of civic/community pride	69%	67%
	Neighborliness of residents	69%	70% 73% 73%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	55%	59% 62% 64%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	70%	71% 62% 68%
	Opportunities to volunteer	66%	70% 67% 64%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	68%	66% 66% 71%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	68%	65% 66% 68%
	<b>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</b>	Contacted the City of Savage for help or information	47%
Contacted Savage elected officials to express your opinion		12%	12% 12% 13%
Attended a local public meeting		15%	18% 19% 20%
Watched a local public meeting		20%	17% 17% 20%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity		27%	25% 26% 21%
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate		10%	9%
Voted in your most recent local election		81%	78%
Used public transportation instead of driving		7%	7% 11% 11%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone		40%	40% 39% 45%
Walked or biked instead of driving		49%	53% 59% 67%
<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>		Public information services	78%
	Economic development	62%	69% 68% 73%
	Traffic enforcement	75%	75% 74% 72%
	Traffic signal timing	56%	55% 61% 60%
	Street repair	63%	57% 48% 65% 65%
	Street cleaning	78%	66% 80% 82%
	Street lighting	76%	69% 78% 79%

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

Snow removal	89%	90%	74%	61%	82%	81%
Sidewalk maintenance			73%	62%	77%	76%
Bus or transit services			49%	39%	47%	52%
Land use, planning and zoning			56%	57%	61%	61%
Code enforcement			54%	56%	53%	46%
Affordable high-speed internet access					37%	40%
Garbage collection					84%	81%
Drinking water			67%	67%	71%	77%
Sewer services			88%	86%	89%	90%
Storm water management			82%	75%	87%	86%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	80%				89%	85%
Utility billing	94%	92%	93%	77%	71%	84%
Police/Sheriff services			99%	90%	92%	91%
Crime prevention				85%	85%	84%
Animal control	84%	87%	87%	69%	75%	79%
Ambulance or emergency medical services				89%	92%	93%
Fire services			###	95%	94%	94%
Fire prevention and education				86%	88%	86%
Emergency preparedness				71%	74%	78%
Preservation of natural areas				63%	59%	71%
Savage open space	85%	90%		60%	57%	70%
Recycling					80%	80%
Yard waste pick-up					76%	78%
City parks	86%			86%	86%	87%

<b>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Savage.</b>	Recreation programs or classes	73% 72% 76% 81%
	Recreation centers or facilities	75% 76% 73% 79%
	Health services	73% 80% 78% 81%
	Public library services	94% 97% 96% 87% 91% 88% 91%
	Overall customer service by Savage employees	86% 84% 89% 89%
<b>Please rate the following categories of Savage government performance.</b>	The value of services for the taxes paid to Savage	82% 53% 57% 62% 65%
	The overall direction that Savage is taking	61% 71% 71% 72%
	The job Savage government does at welcoming resident involvement	59% 62% 62% 64%
	Overall confidence in Savage government	63% 68% 68% 68%
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	66% 71% 72% 71%
	Being honest	71% 73% 75% 74%
	Being open and transparent to the public	72% 72%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	70% 65%
	Treating all residents fairly	69% 74% 79% 78%
Treating residents with respect	83% 82%	
<b>Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?</b>	The City of Savage	93% 84% 85% 82% 81%
	The Federal Government	45% 38% 43% 38%
<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall economic health	88% 89% 92% 87%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	70% 66%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	78% 75% 74% 72%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	87% 89%
	Overall feeling of safety	91% 94% 93% 92%
	Overall quality of natural environment	77% 81% 84% 83%
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	83% 82%



<b>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Savage community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</b>	Overall health and wellness opportunities	63% 65% 73% 73%
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	71% 68% 63% 66%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	77% 77% 66% 65%
<b>In general, how many times do you:</b>	Access the internet from your home	96% 96%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	93% 96%
	Visit social media sites	85% 84%
	Use or check email	98% 99%
	Share your opinions online	33% 27%
	Shop online	61% 67%
	Please rate your overall health.	73% 68% 76% 83%
	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:	36% 45% 18% 17%

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**6. Please rate each of the following in the Savage community.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10. Please rate the following categories of Savage government performance.**

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

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

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

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

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

**13. In the past 12 months, how many times, if at all, have you or another household member visited Downtown Savage for the following reasons?**

	<u>2 times a week or more</u>	<u>2-4 times a month</u>	<u>Once a month or less</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
Shopping.....	1	2	3	4
Dining.....	1	2	3	4
Attending school or classes .....	1	2	3	4
Attending Church.....	1	2	3	4
Access public transportation .....	1	2	3	4
Visit the farmers market.....	1	2	3	4
Just driving through.....	1	2	3	4

**14. Which of the following community events, if any, have you attended in the last two years? Please select all that apply.**

- Dan Patch Days       Halloween Bash       Night to Unite       Music in the Park
- Movies in the Outfield    Farmers Market       Flashlight Egg Scramble    Other
- Doggy Palooza       Arbor Day Celebration    Holiday Tree Lighting    None of these

**15. Considering your experiences at Savage community events, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
I felt more connected to the community of Savage .....	1	2	3	4	5
I made a meaningful connection with other residents.....	1	2	3	4	5
I learned about a new local business during an event.....	1	2	3	4	5
I learned about a new artist during an event.....	1	2	3	4	5
I extended my visit in downtown because of an event.....	1	2	3	4	5
The event increased my connection to the place where it was held .....	1	2	3	4	5
I learned something new about a community organization.....	1	2	3	4	5
I saw a diverse community represented at this event.....	1	2	3	4	5
I plan to attend more community events in the future.....	1	2	3	4	5
I did something new or had a unique experience at the event.....	1	2	3	4	5

**16. Thinking about the next few years, what is one thing you would like the City to improve on?**

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

**D1. In general, how many times do you:**

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

**D2. Please rate your overall health.**

- Excellent   
  Very good   
  Good   
  Fair   
  Poor

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

**Do you think the impact will be:**

- Very positive   
  Somewhat positive   
  Neutral   
  Somewhat negative   
  Very negative

**D4. How many years have you lived in Savage?**

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

**D5. Which best describes the building you live in?**

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

**D6. Do you rent or own your home?**

- Rent  
 Own

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

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

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

- No     Yes

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

- No     Yes

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

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

**D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?**

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

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

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

**D13. In which category is your age?**

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

**D14. What is your gender?**

- Female  
 Male  
 Identify in another way

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