

Garner, NC

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 Garner. 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 NCS was developed by the experts from National Research Center at Polco in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and has been administered in hundreds of communities across the United States.

Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations, and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS focuses on the livability of Garner by categorizing survey questions into the ten main “facets” of community livability shown below, in addition to ratings for quality of life and local governance. These facets have been identified through years of extensive survey research as those that are most impactful to residents’ quality of life.

- Economy
- Mobility
- Community Design
- Utilities
- Safety
- Natural Environment
- Parks and Recreation
- Health and Wellness
- Education, Arts, and Culture
- Community Connection

The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 227 residents of the Town of Garner collected from January 2, 2026 to February 23, 2026. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 6% for all respondents. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Garner.

Reporting Results

For the most part, the percentages presented in this report represent the “percent positive.” Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (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 a “don’t know” response is shown in the full set of responses included in the “Complete Data” section; however, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the main report of results.



Benchmark Comparisons

Polco's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 400 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The NCS. The comparison evaluations include surveys from the past five years. If a jurisdiction has conducted multiple efforts in the past five years, only the most recent survey is included in the benchmark database. Polco 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, Garner'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 Garner residents. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Garner'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 Garner's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

In addition to these national benchmarks, comparisons were also made to a smaller cohort of communities that align more closely to the demographics in Garner. This cohort included other communities with a similar population and growth rate to Garner. Comparisons to these communities can be found throughout the report and in the Custom Benchmarks tab.

Trends over time

Trend data for Garner represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines.¹ Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents' opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than 9 percentage points between the 2024 and 2026 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

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

Methods

Selecting Survey Recipients

All households within the Town of Garner were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Garner was purchased from Polco's mailing vendor, based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service.

Since some of the zip codes that serve Garner 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 Garner boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. Each address identified as being within Town boundaries was further identified as being within one of four subareas. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units.

Conducting the Random Sample Survey

The 3,000 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on January 2, 2026 and data collection for the survey remained open for eight weeks. The first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey online. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing was a reminder postcard giving the household one last opportunity to participate in the survey. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online, as well as QR codes to further encourage participation.

The survey was available in English and Spanish. All mailings contained paragraphs in both languages instructing participants on how to access the survey in their preferred language.

About 4% of the 3,000 mailed invitations were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 2,870 households that received the invitations to participate, 227 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 8%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.¹

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates 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 quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results based on the total number of responses received. This is because *some* residents' opinions are relied on to estimate *all* residents' opinions. The margin of error for the Town of Garner survey is no greater than plus or minus 6 percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (227 completed surveys).

Conducting the Open Participation Survey

In addition to the randomly selected "probability sample" of households, a link to an online open-participation survey was publicized by the Town of Garner. The open-participation survey was identical to the random sample survey, with two small updates; it asked a question to confirm the respondent was a resident of Garner and also a question about where they heard about the survey.

The open-participation survey was open to all town residents and became available on January 30. The survey remained open for three weeks and 756 responses were received. The data presented in the following report excludes the open participation survey data, but the online report includes a tab which provides the complete open participation results.

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 survey datasets were analyzed using all or some of a combination of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), R, Python, and Tableau.

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2020 Census and 2024 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the Town of Garner. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, and housing tenure. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.² The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

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

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target ⁴
Age	18-34	11%	31%	32%
	35-54	30%	34%	34%
	55+	59%	35%	34%
Hispanic origin	No	94%	89%	89%
	Yes	6%	11%	11%
Housing tenure	Own	90%	63%	63%
	Rent	10%	37%	37%
Housing type	Attached	14%	33%	33%
	Detached	86%	67%	67%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	28%	44%	44%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	72%	56%	56%
Sex	Man	42%	49%	49%
	Woman	58%	51%	51%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	4%	17%	17%
	Man 35-54	13%	17%	17%
	Man 55+	25%	15%	15%
	Woman 18-34	7%	14%	14%
	Woman 35-54	17%	17%	17%
	Woman 55+	33%	20%	20%

Study Limitations

All public opinion research is subject to unmeasured error. While the methodologies employed for this survey were designed to minimize this error as much as possible, these other sources of potential error should be acknowledged, and can include non-response error, coverage error, recall bias, and social desirability bias.

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

Survey Validity

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

Contact

The Town of Garner funded this research. Please contact Rick Mercier of the Town of Garner at GarnerPIO@garnernc.gov if you have any questions about the survey.

1. See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at <https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/>
2. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>
3. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2024 American Community Survey

Key Findings

Community Strengths

Residents continue to give positive reviews of many quality-of-life related items, with over three quarters providing excellent or good marks to:

- Garner as a place to live (86% excellent or good)
- Overall quality of life (84% excellent or good)
- Garner as a place to raise children (78% excellent or good)
- Garner as a place to retire (76% excellent or good)
- Sense of community (74% excellent or good)

The vast majority of residents continue to feel safe in Garner, with numerous items seeing statistically significant increases from the 2024 survey results:

- From property crime (88% very or somewhat safe; +11%)
- From violent crime (84% very or somewhat safe; +12%)
- Crime prevention services (72% excellent or good; +11%)
- Fire prevention and education services (88% excellent or good; +9%)
- Emergency preparedness (74% excellent or good; +14%)

Although some measures related to affordability received positive evaluations from fewer than half of all respondents, many items did score higher than comparison benchmarks, including:

- Cost of living (higher than national and custom benchmarks)
- Availability of affordable quality housing (higher than national and custom benchmarks)
- Variety of housing options (higher than national benchmarks)
- Availability of affordable quality childcare (higher than custom benchmarks)
- Affordable high-speed internet access (higher than national and custom benchmarks)

Residents reported increased satisfaction with their ability to participate in Garner, with each of the following showing statistically significant increases from 2024::

- Opportunities to participate in social events and activities (66% excellent or good; +13%)
- Opportunities to attend special events and festivals (63% excellent or good; +10%)
- Opportunities to participate in community matters (60% excellent or good; +9%)
- Opportunities to volunteer (57% excellent or good; +11%)

Focus Areas

The overall quality of the transportation system continued to score below national benchmarks, as well as:

- Ease of walking (42% excellent or good)
- Ease of travel by bicycle (23% excellent or good)

Areas of Greatest Change

Of the evaluative questions included on both the 2024 and 2026 survey iterations, 100 were statistically similar to previous results. Upward trends were seen in 17 items, while 6 ratings decreased since 2024. The most significant of those trends are listed below.

Increases

- Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool
- Animal control
- Overall confidence in Garner government
- Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)
- Opportunities to participate in social events and activities
- Emergency preparedness

Decreases

- Shopping opportunities
- [Rating of services provided by] the Federal Government
- Garner open space
- Public library services
- Overall design or layout of Garner's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)
- What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?

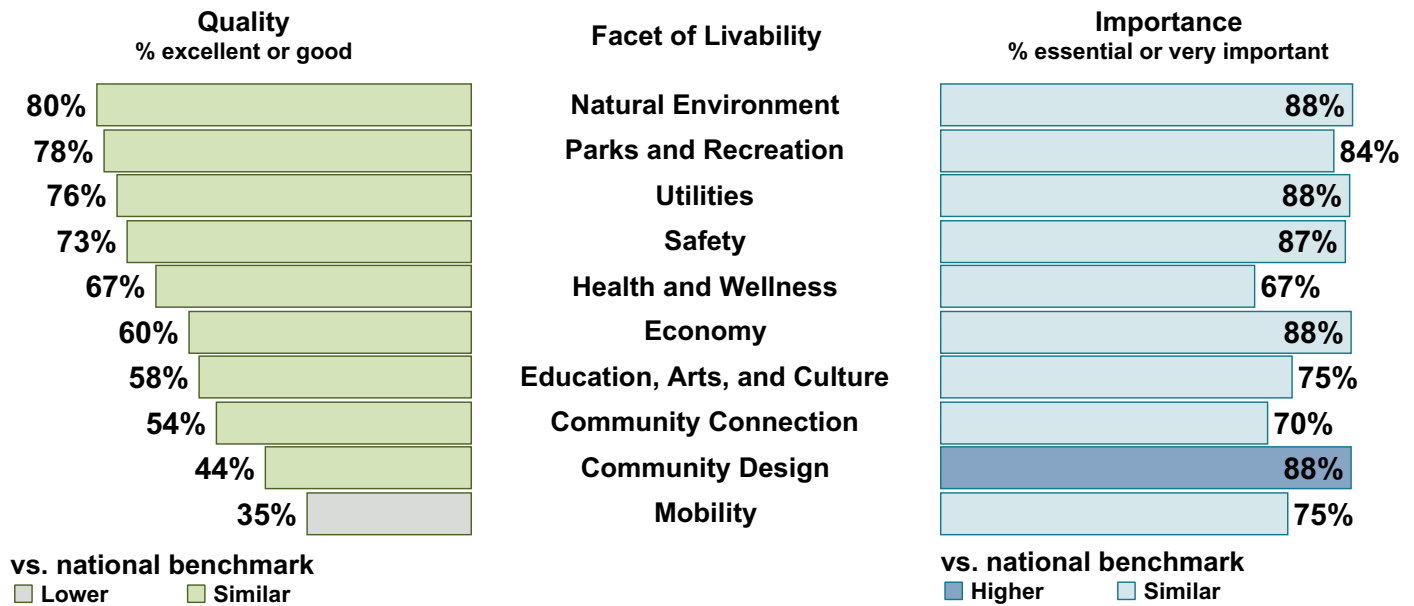
Facets of Livability



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

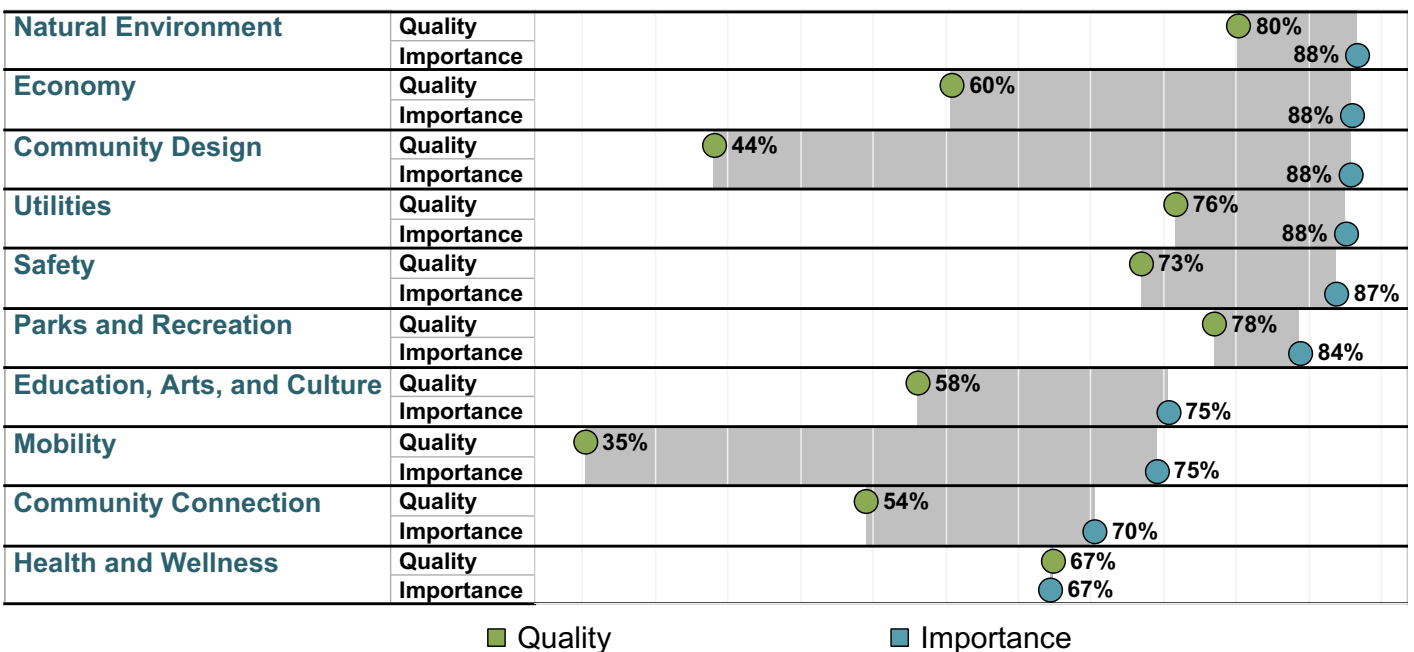
Quality and Importance by the Numbers

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



Quality/Importance Gap Analysis

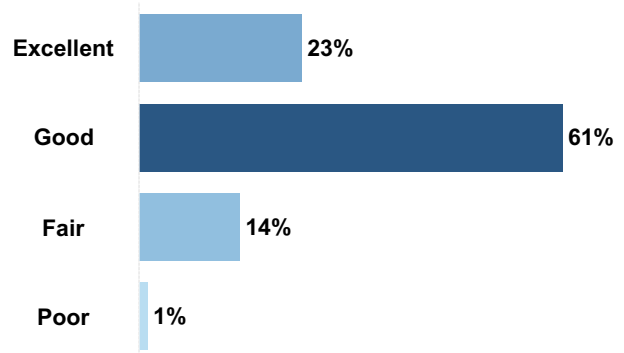
The gap analysis chart below shows the same data as above; however, this chart more clearly illustrates the comparative differences in quality and importance ratings for each facet, as well as the absolute ratings for each.



Quality of Life

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

The overall quality of life in Garner, 2025



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

	2024	2026	vs. national benchmark ⁸	vs. custom benchmark ⁹
Garner as a place to live	80%	86%	Similar	Similar
The overall quality of life	83%	84%	Similar	Similar

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

	2024	2026	vs. national benchmark ⁸	vs. custom benchmark ⁹
Recommend living in Garner to someone who asks	84%	88%	Similar	Similar
Remain in Garner for the next five years	85%	88%	Similar	Similar

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

	2024	2026	vs. national benchmark ⁸	vs. custom benchmark ⁹
Overall image or reputation	59%	67%	Similar	Similar

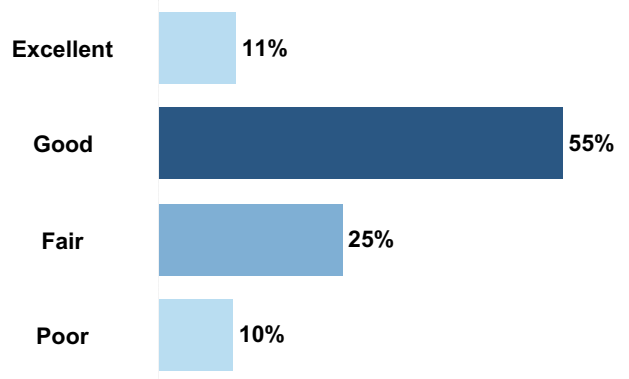
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Governance

Strong local governments deliver results that meet residents' needs, use resources effectively, and respond to both current and future community priorities.

Overall confidence in Garner government, 2025

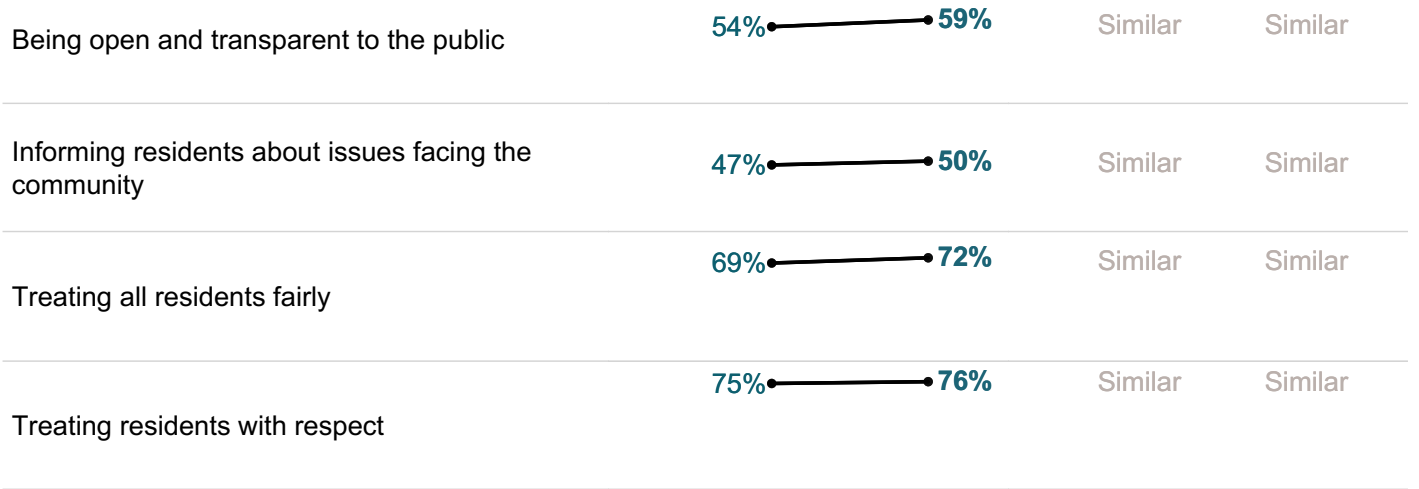


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner. (% excellent or good)

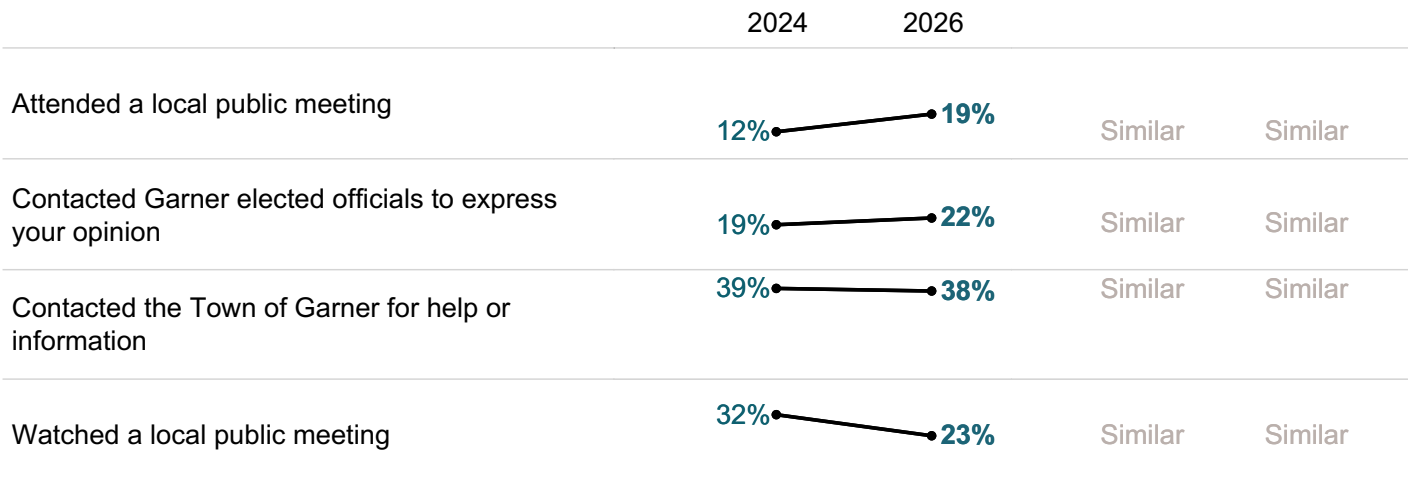
	2024	2026	vs. national benchmark ¹⁰	vs. custom benchmark ¹¹
Public information services	61%	69%	Similar	Similar
Overall customer service by Garner employees	80%	75%	Similar	Similar

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

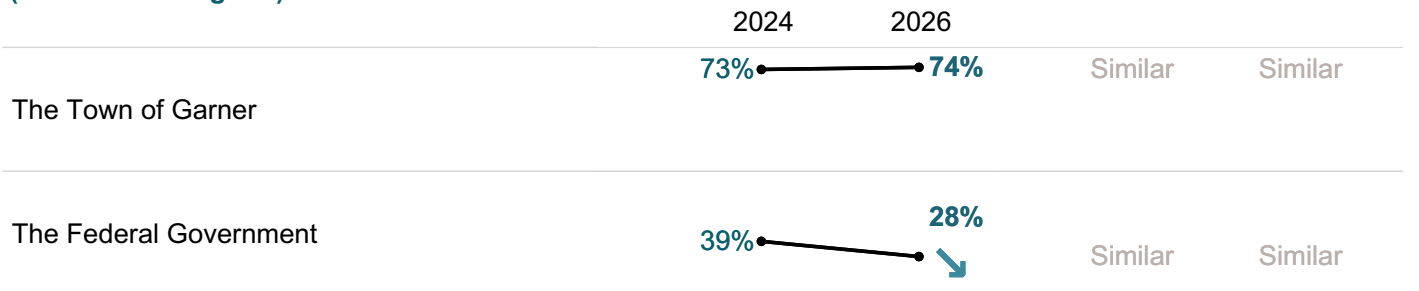
	2024	2026		
The value of services for the taxes paid to Garner	52%	54%	Similar	Similar
The overall direction that Garner is taking	59%	57%	Similar	Similar
The job Garner government does at welcoming resident involvement	51%	55%	Similar	Similar
Overall confidence in Garner government	48%	65%	Similar	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	57%	57%	Similar	Similar
Being honest	66%	65%	Similar	Similar



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



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



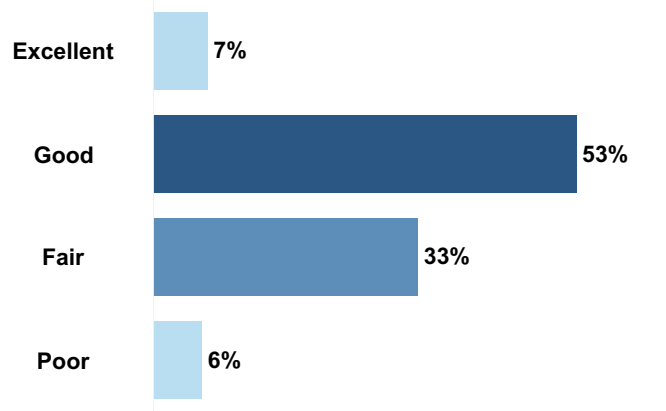
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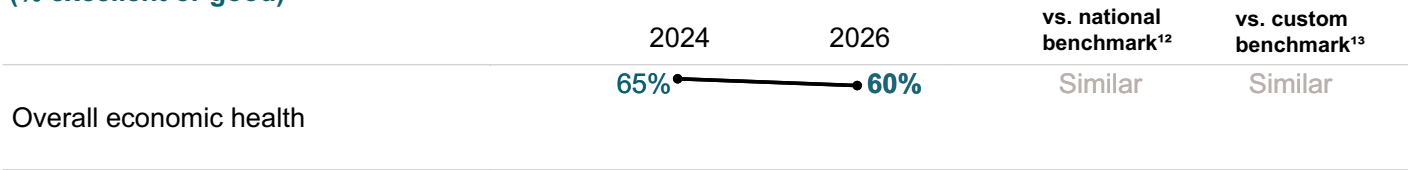
Economy

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.

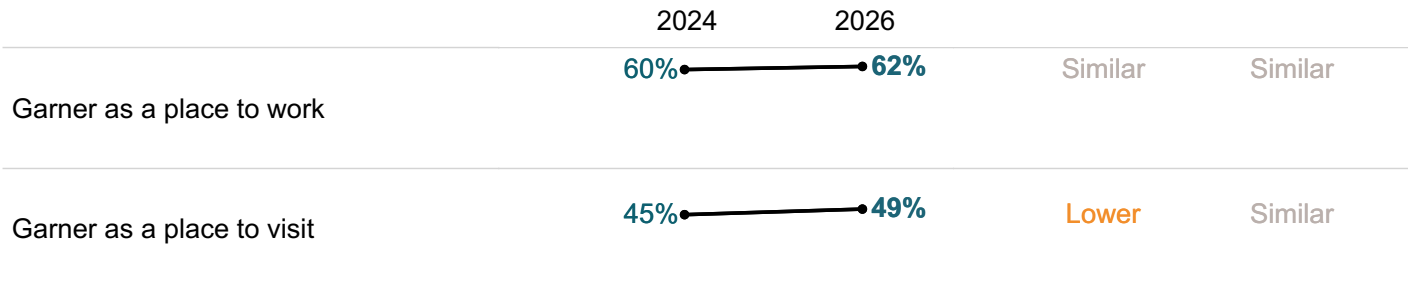
Overall economic health of Garner, 2025



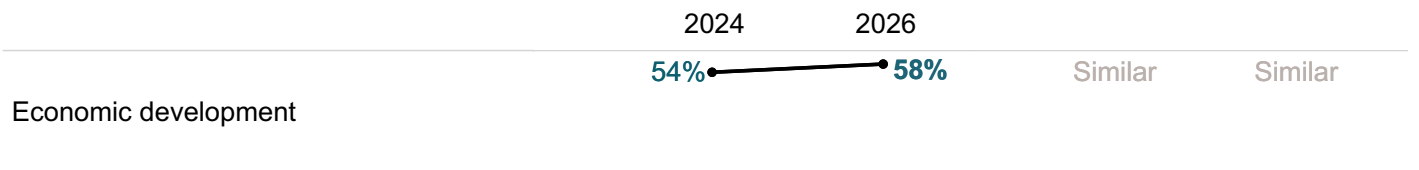
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



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



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



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

	2022	2024	2026		
Overall quality of business and service establishments		61%	66%	Similar	Similar
Variety of business and service establishments		55%	50%	Similar	Similar
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area		31%	36%	Similar	Similar
Employment opportunities		37%	41%	Similar	Similar
Shopping opportunities		65%	53%	Similar	Similar
Cost of living		56%	47%	Higher	Higher

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)

	2024	2026		
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?	34%	24%	Similar	Similar

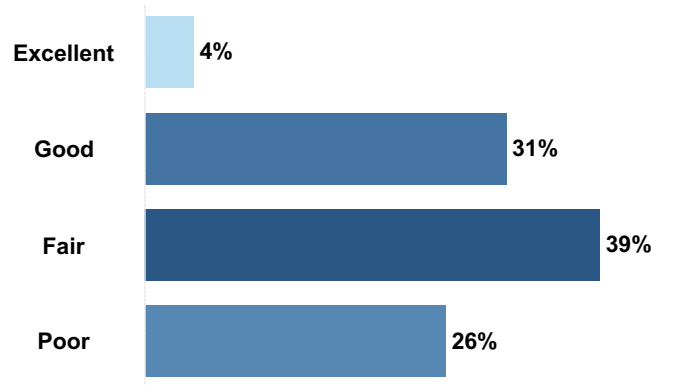
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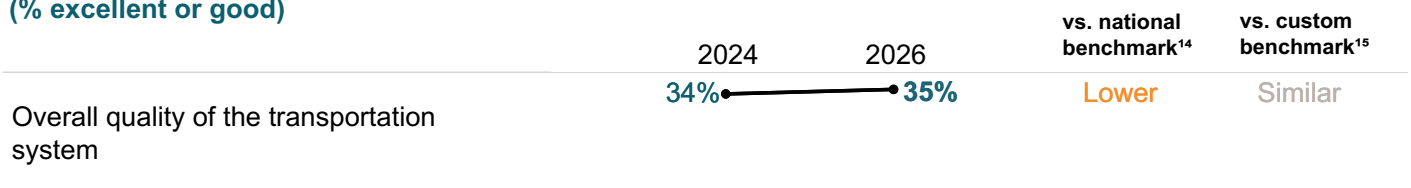
Overall quality of the transportation system in Garner, 2025

Mobility

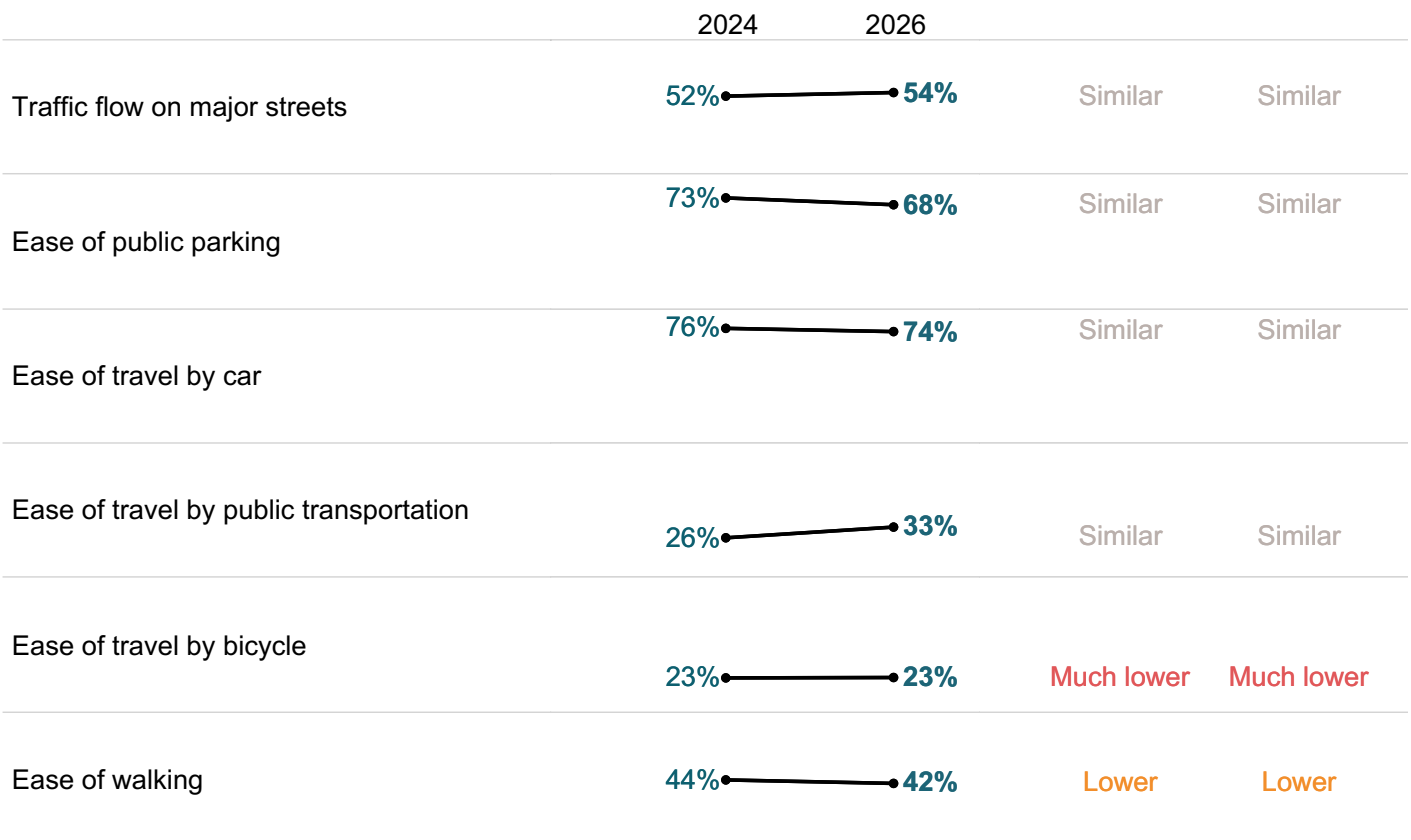
The ability of residents to move about their community with ease plays an important role in the overall quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and spends time there.



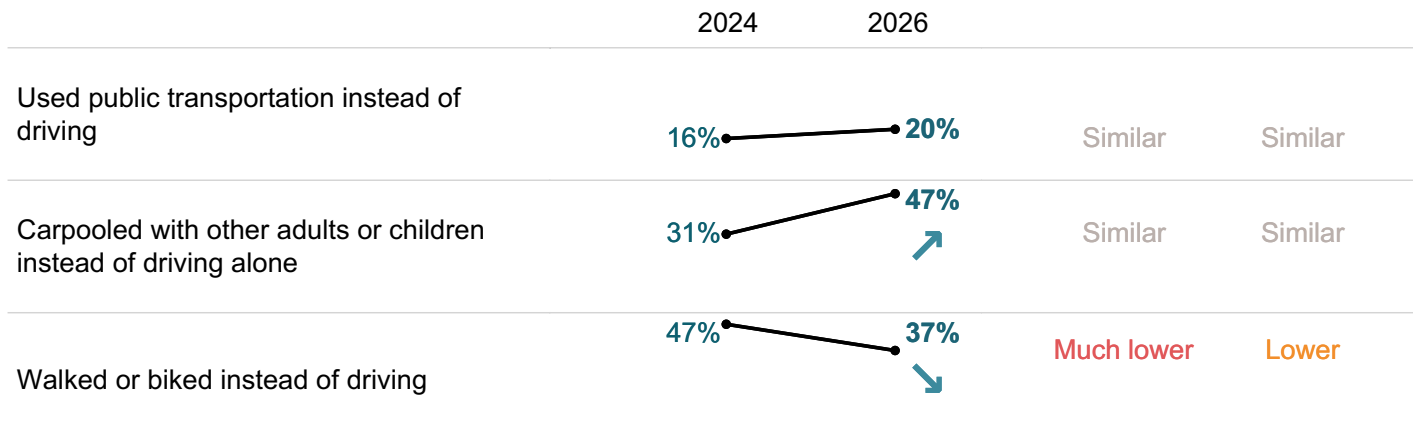
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(% excellent or good)



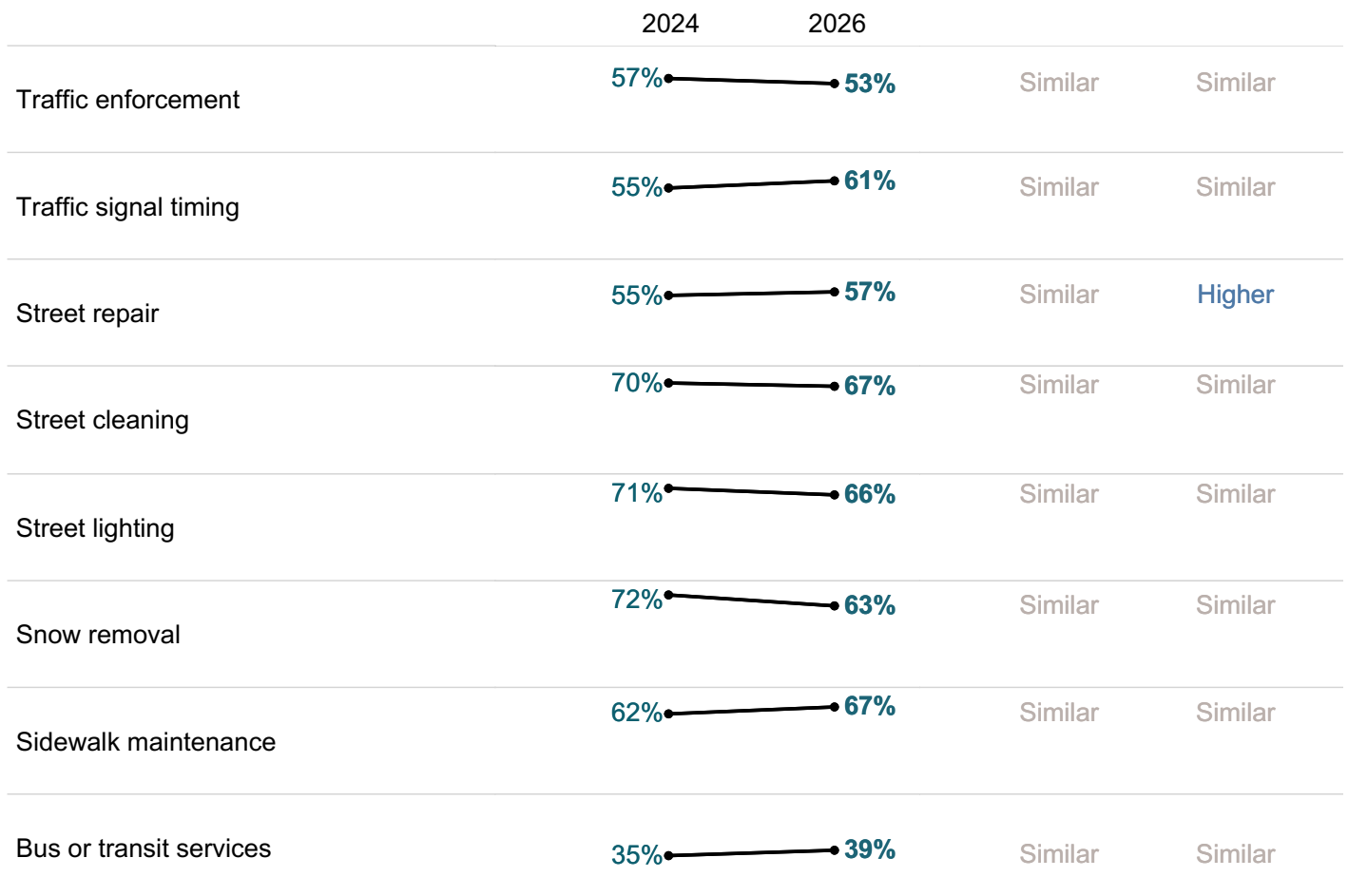
Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.
(% excellent or good)



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 Garner.
 (% excellent or good)



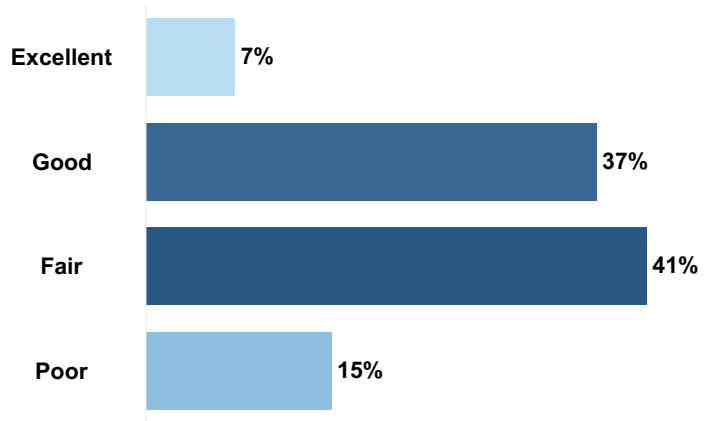
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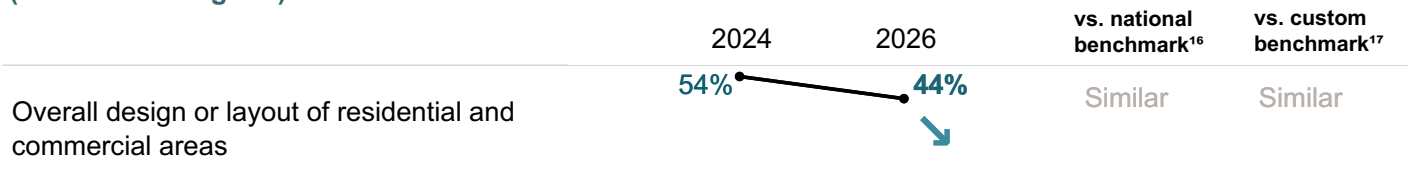
Overall design or layout of Garner's residential and commercial areas, 2025

Community Design

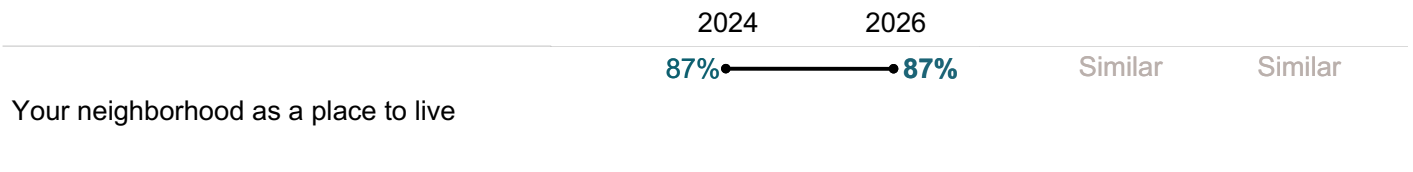
A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and supporting development that suits residents' needs.



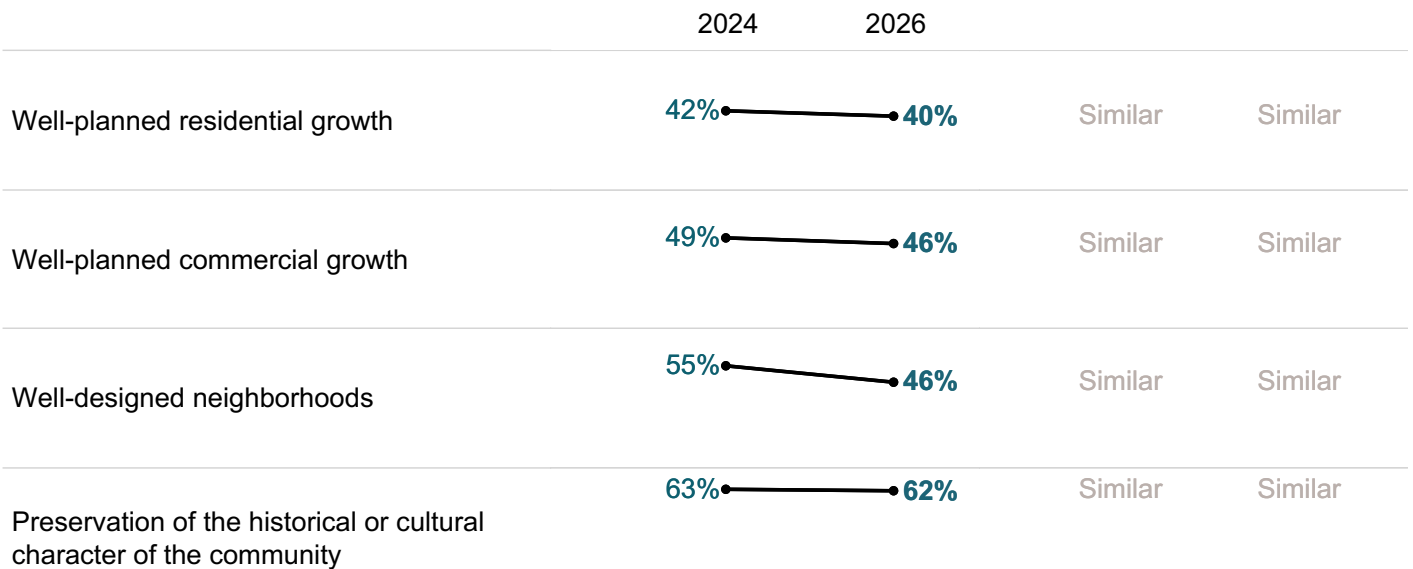
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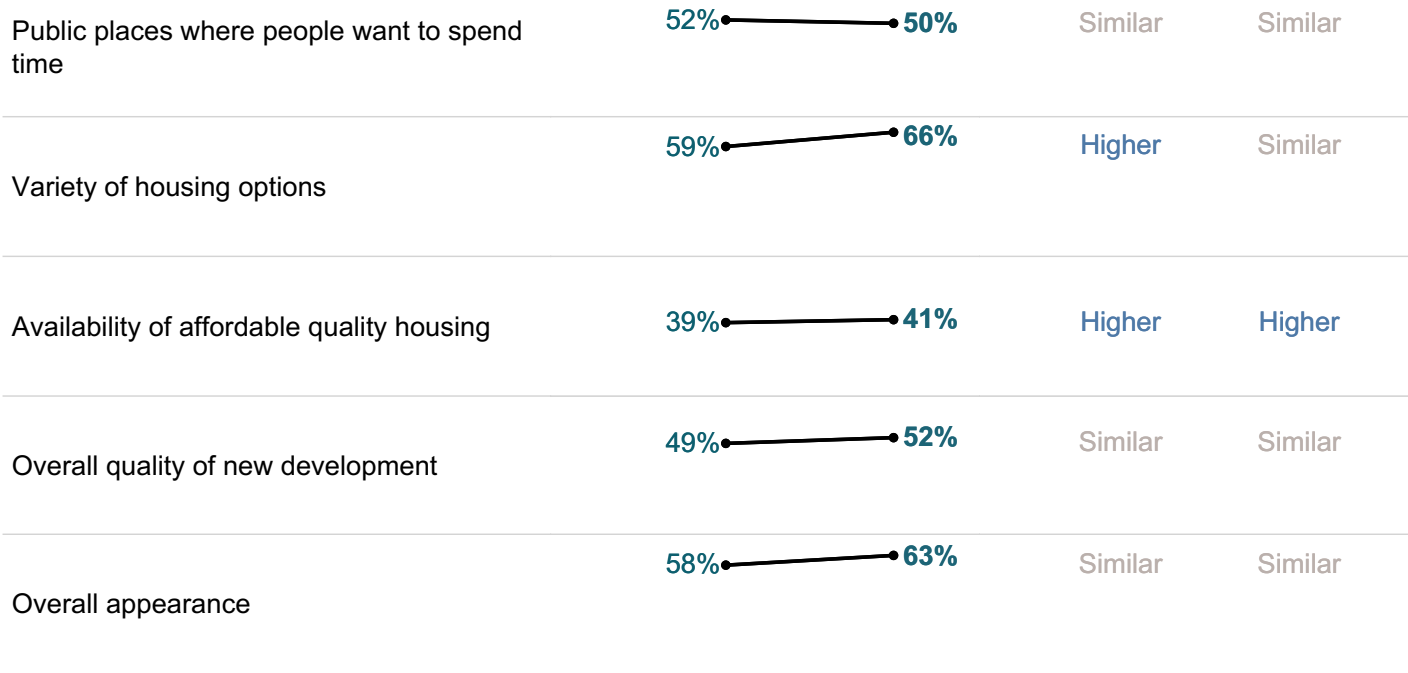


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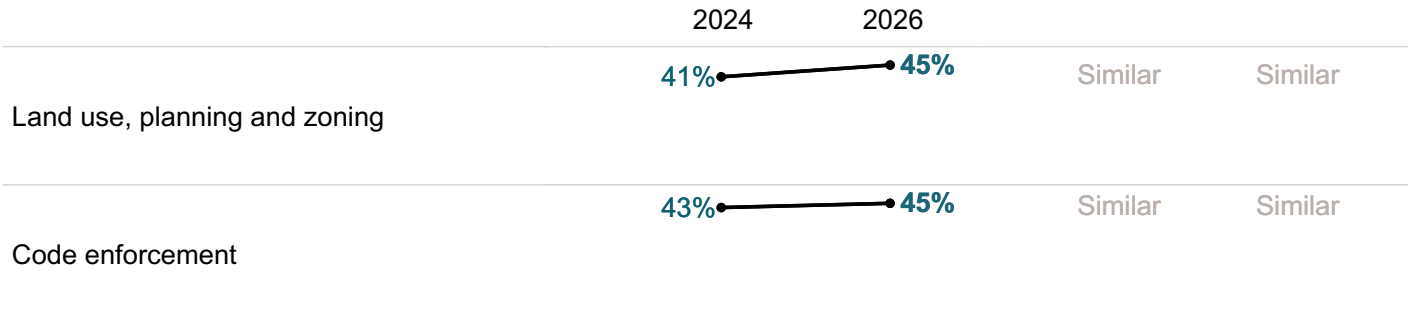


Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.
(% excellent or good)





**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.
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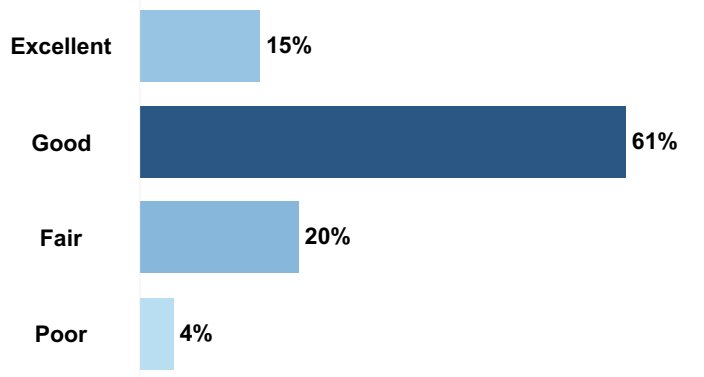
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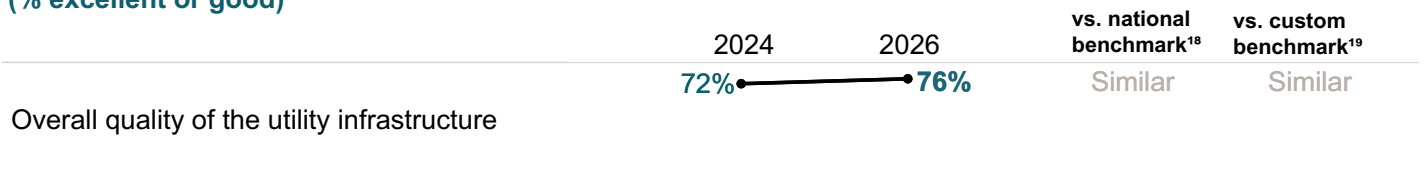
Utilities

Access to essential services like water, gas, electricity, and internet is crucial for safeguarding the physical health, economic stability, and overall well-being of the communities they support.

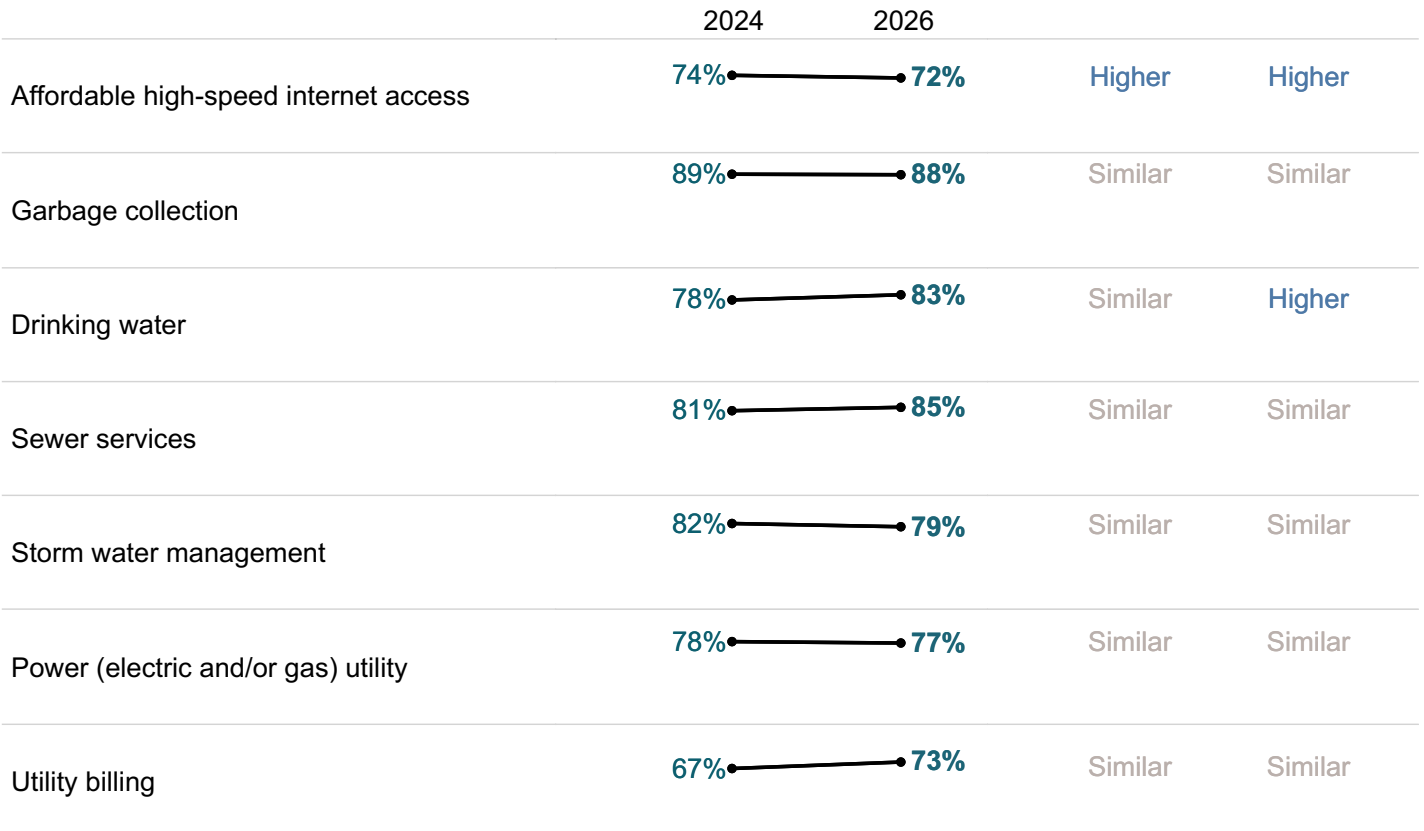
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Garner, 2025



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(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.
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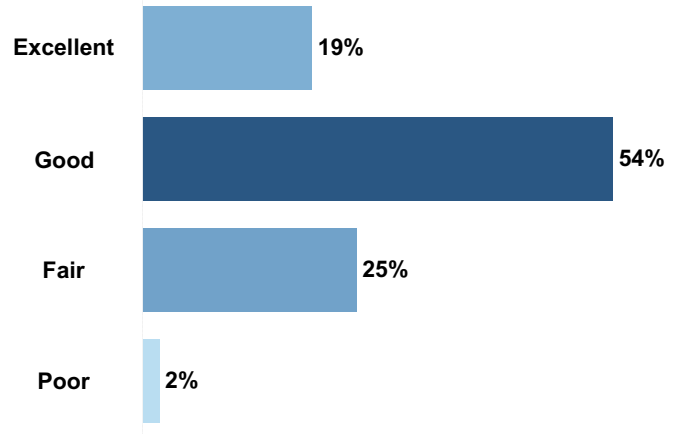
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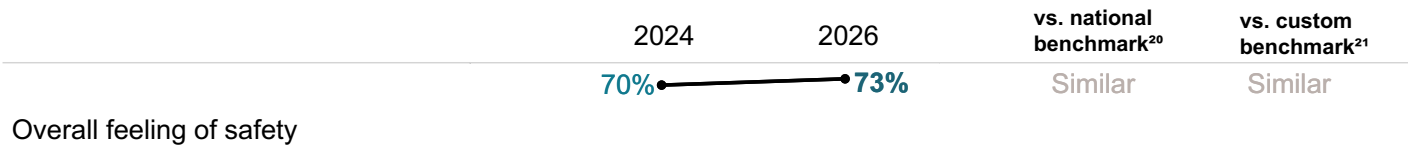
Safety

Public safety is one of the most important responsibilities of local governments, as every resident deserves to feel safe and secure both in their neighborhoods and across the wider community. The provision of strong, reliable safety services is essential to ensuring a high quality of life.

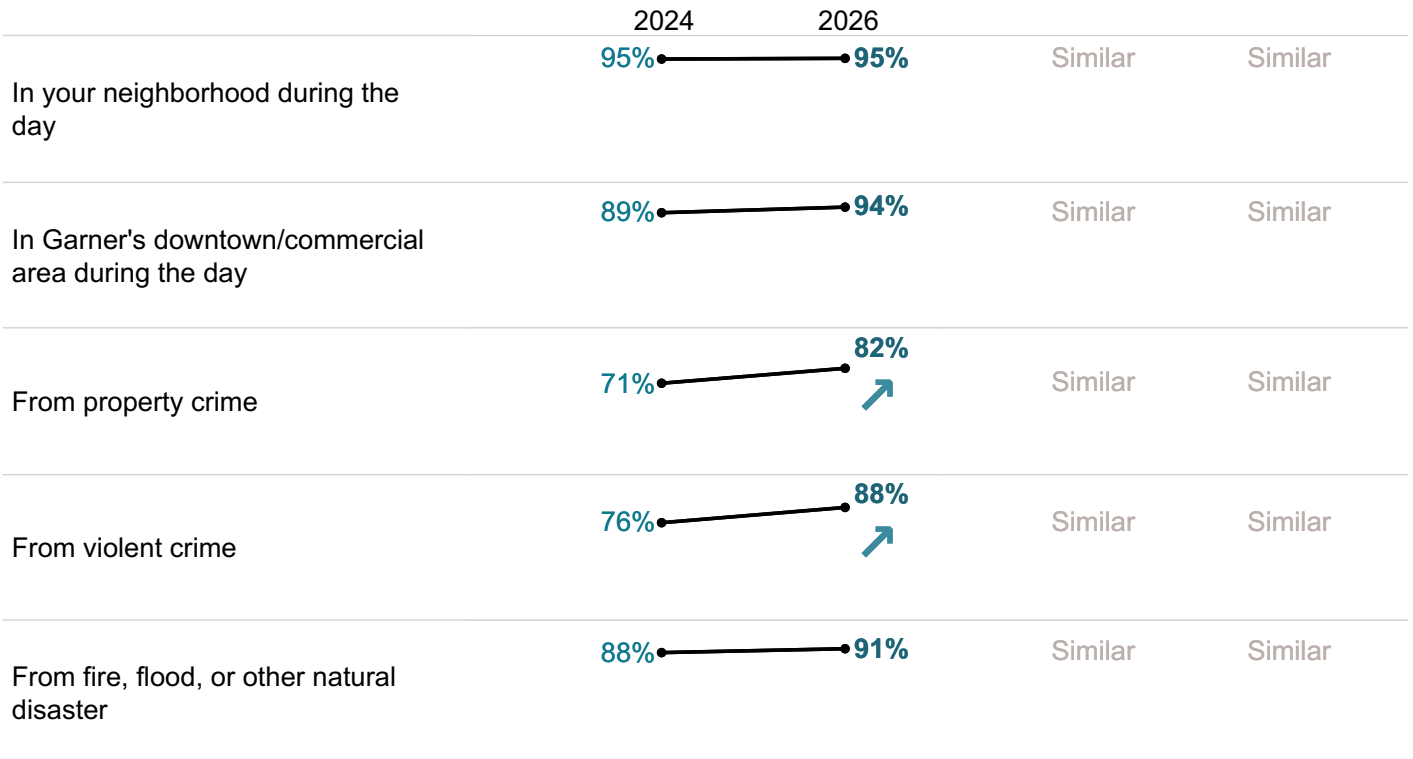
Overall feeling of safety in Garner, 2025



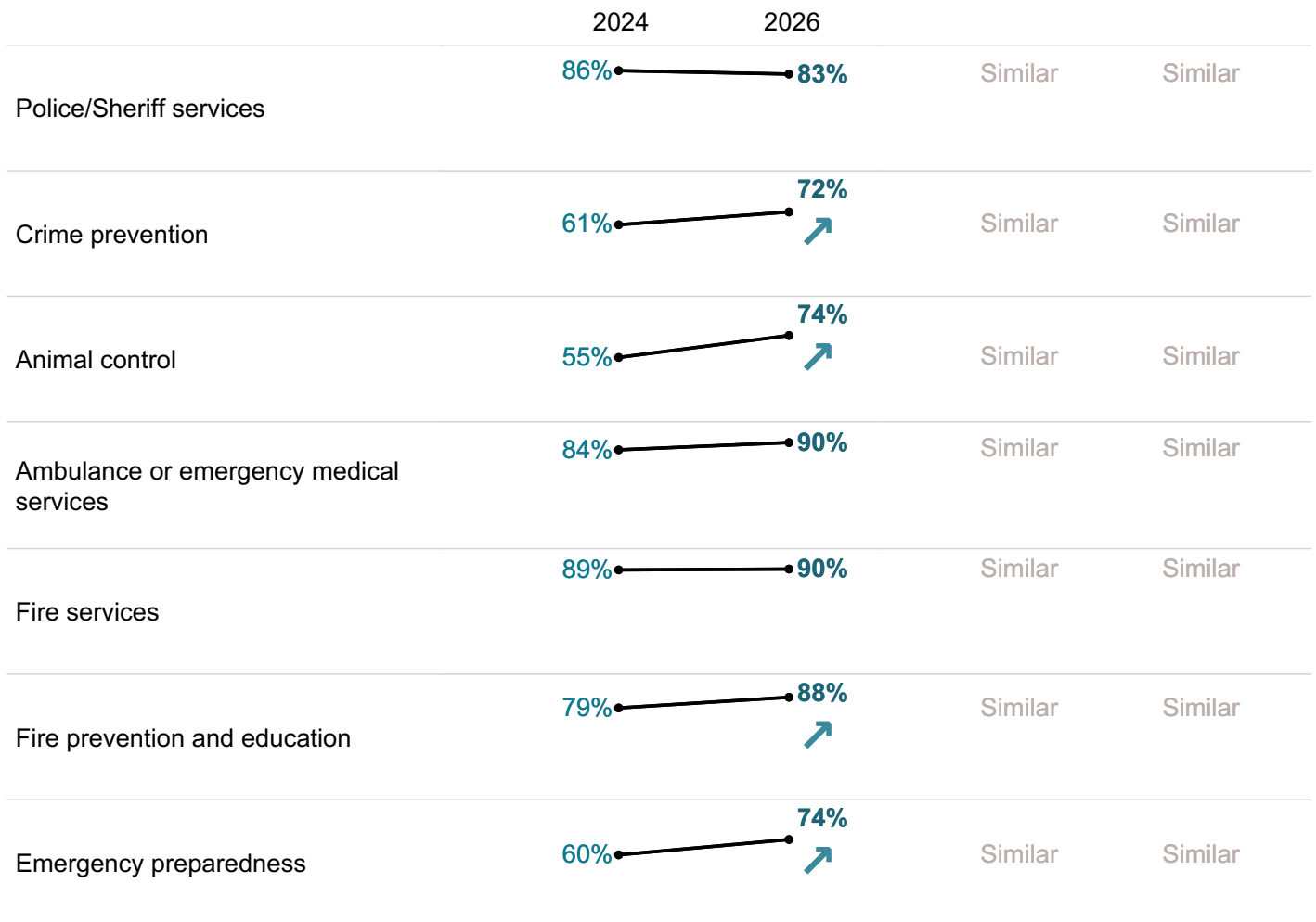
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



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



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



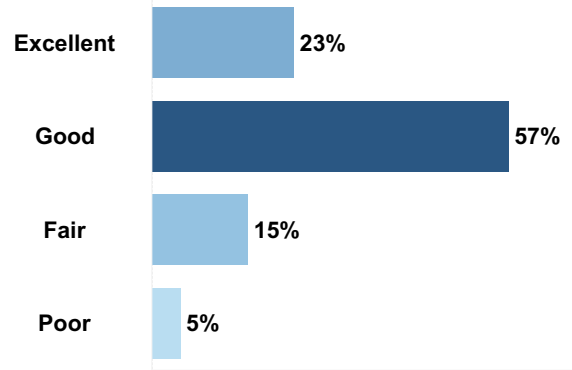
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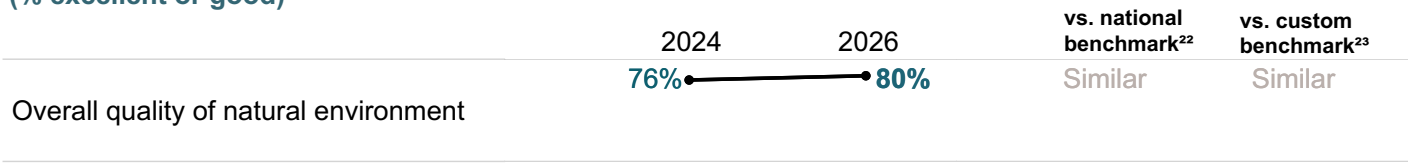
Overall quality of natural environment in Garner, 2025

Natural Environment

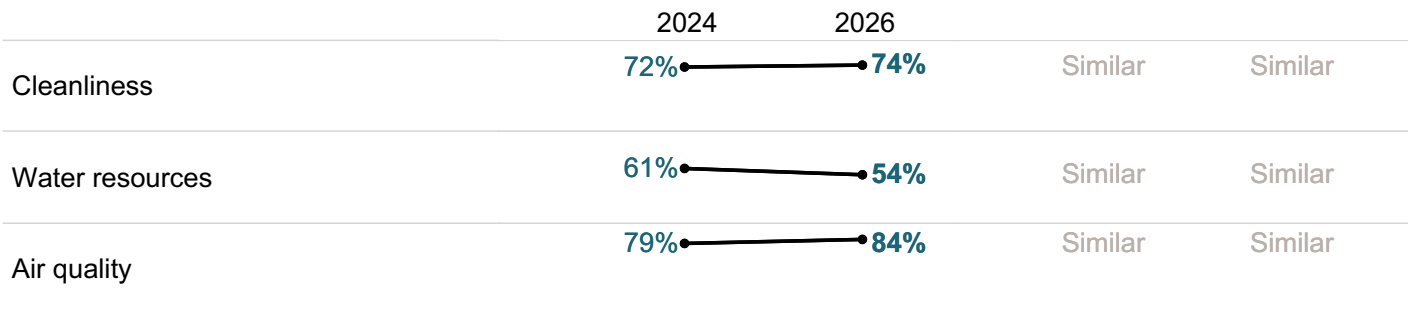
The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life. The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents.



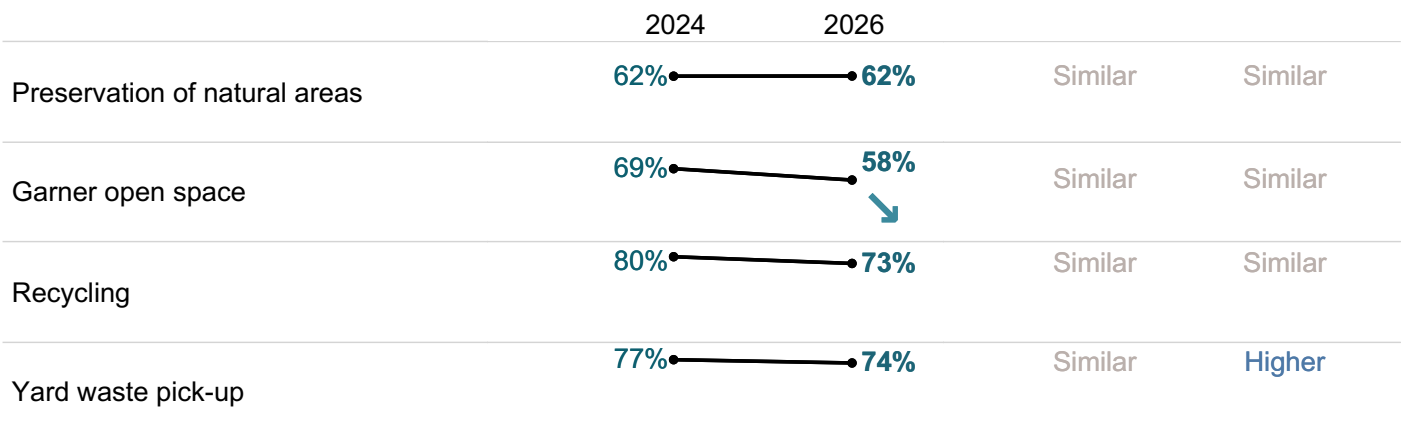
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



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



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.
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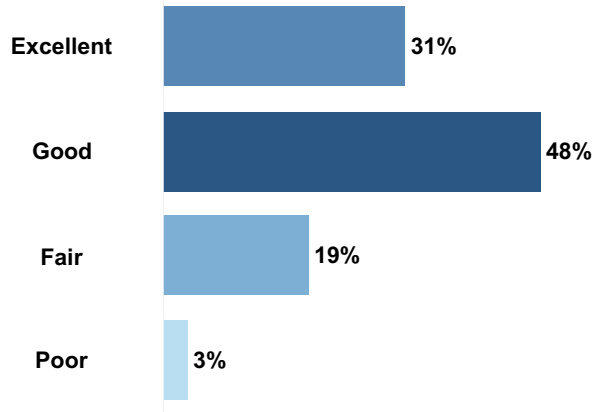
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Parks and Recreation

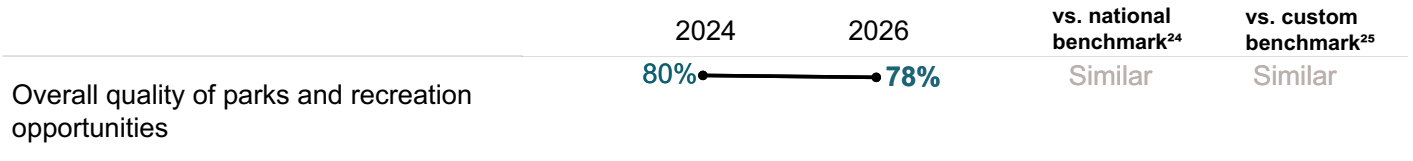
"There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation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

- National Recreation and Park Association

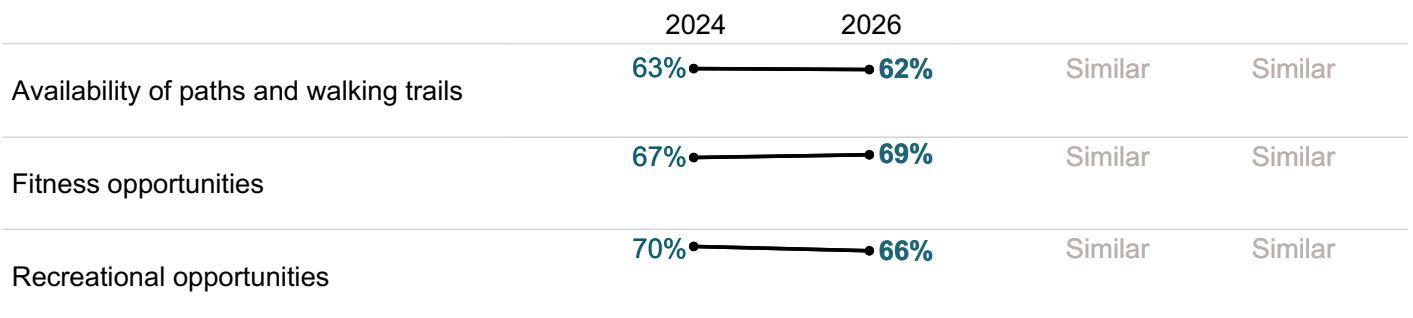
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2025



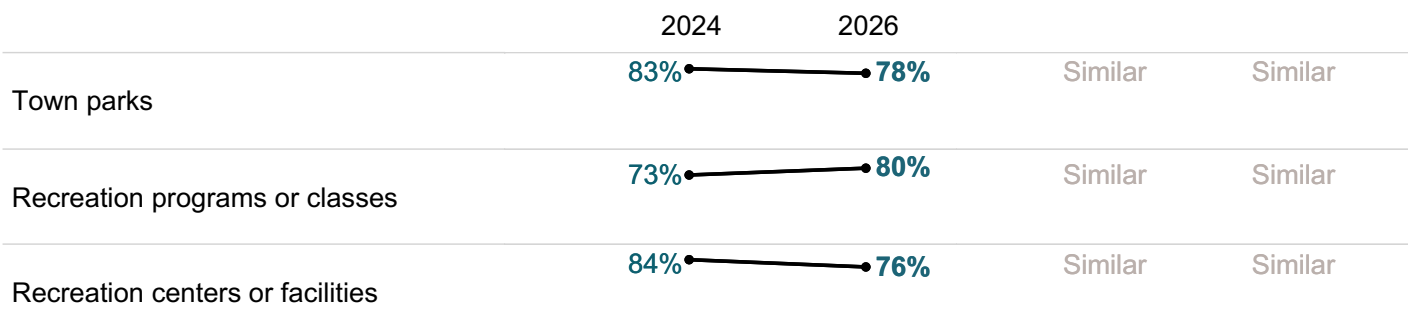
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.
(% excellent or good)



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



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.
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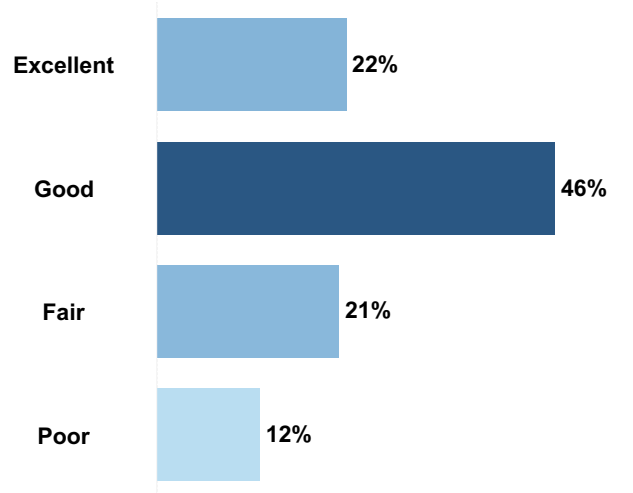
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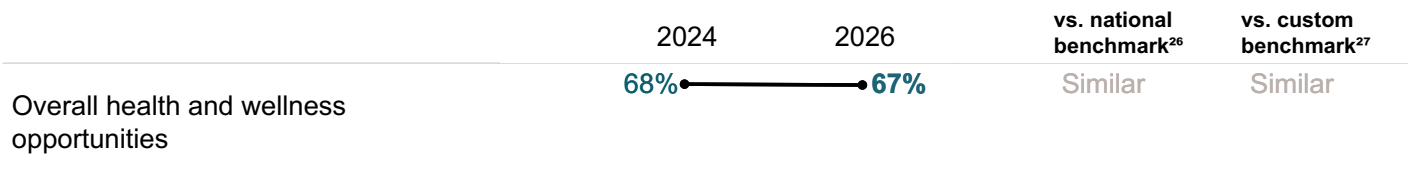
Health and Wellness

The features and amenities of a community directly influence residents' health and well-being, shaping their overall quality of life.

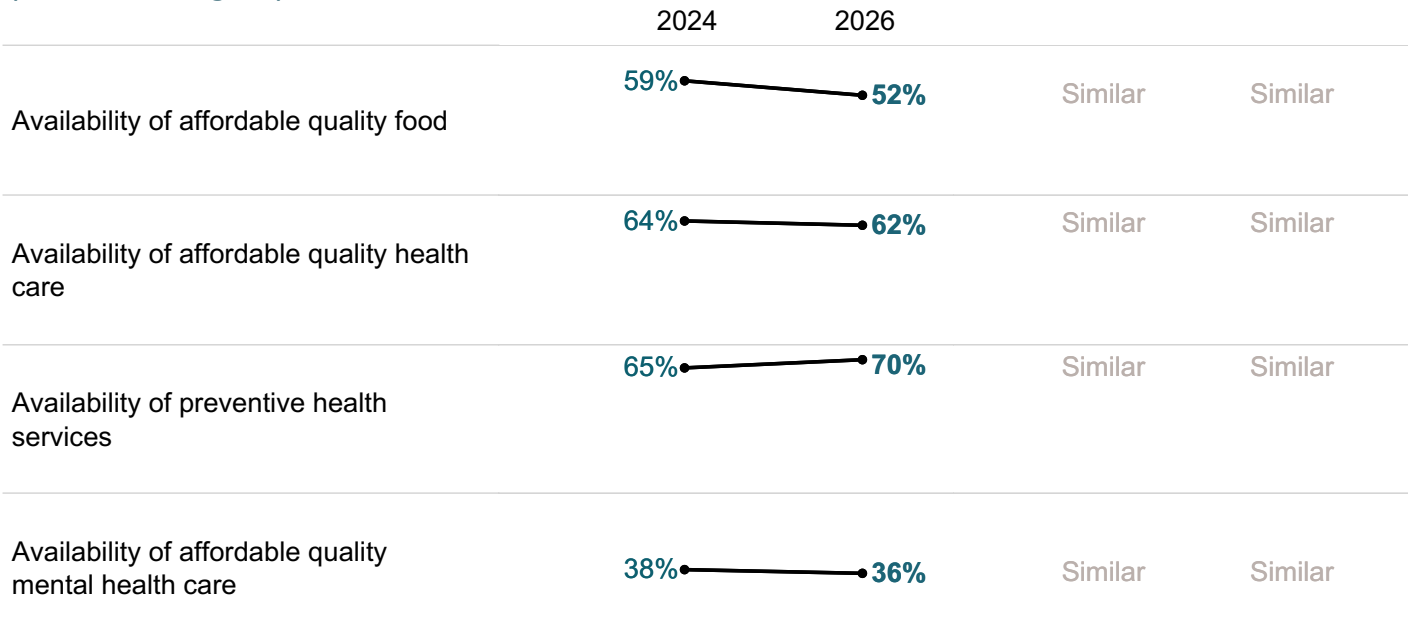
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Garner, 2025



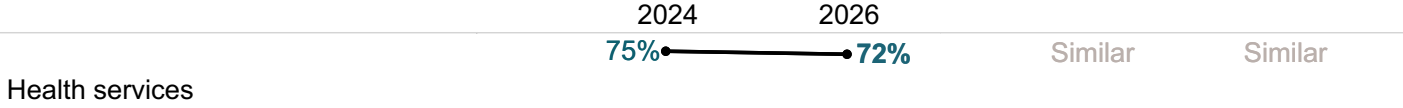
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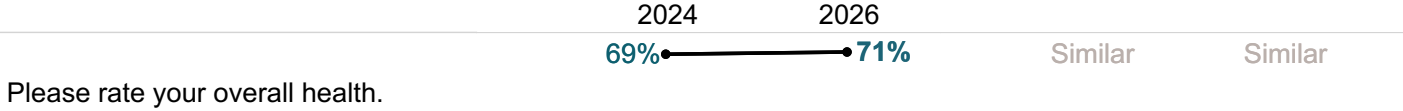
Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.
(% excellent or good)



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



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



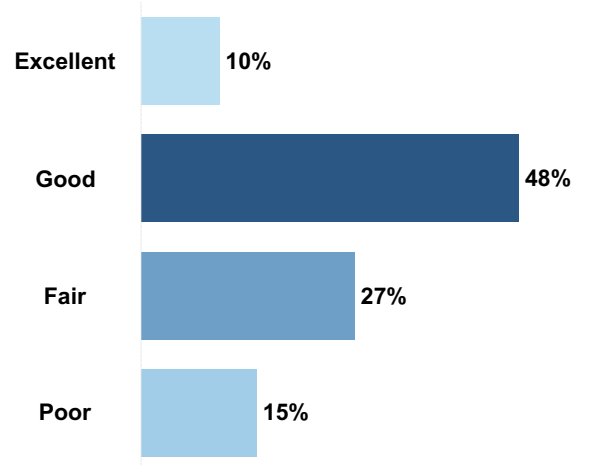
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Education, Arts, and Culture

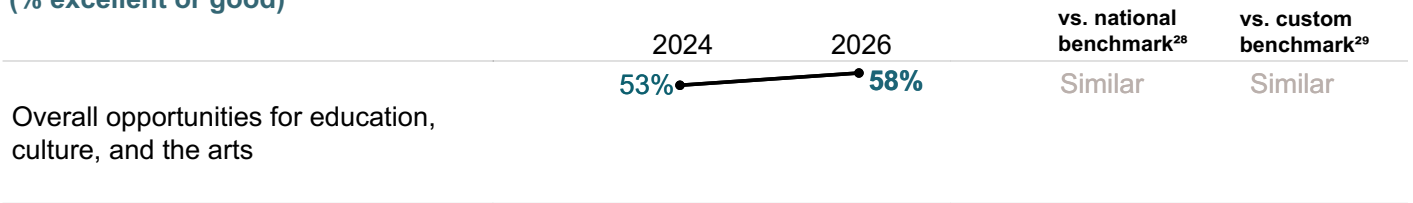
Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.

Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2025



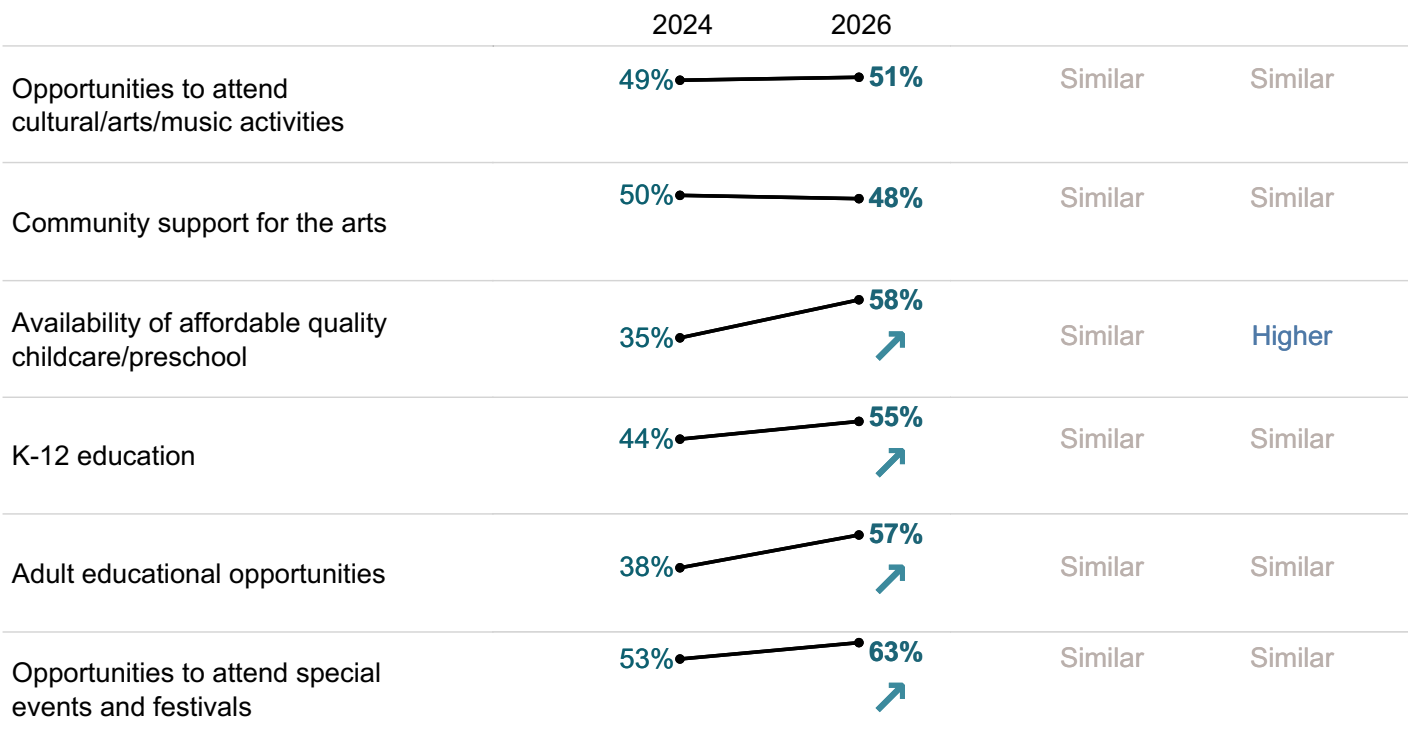
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.

(% excellent or good)

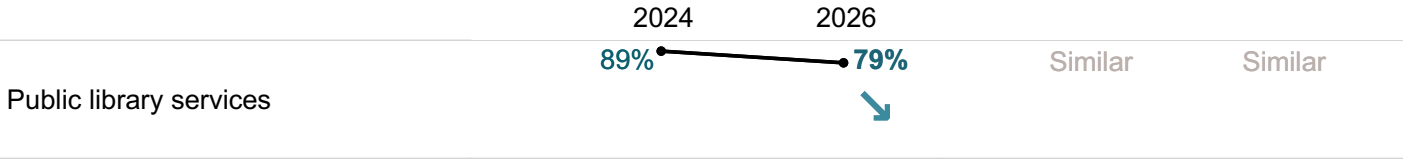


Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.

(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.
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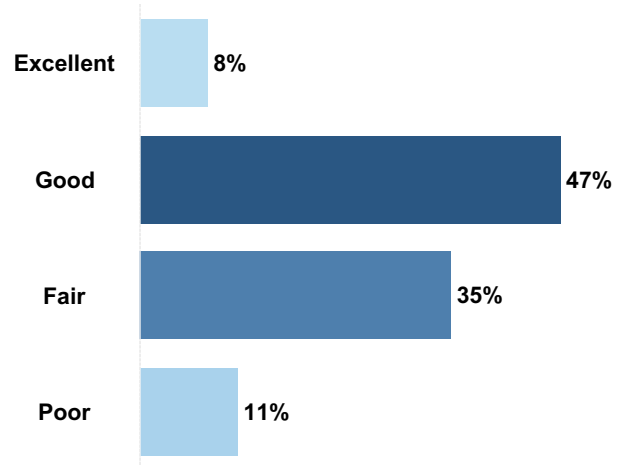
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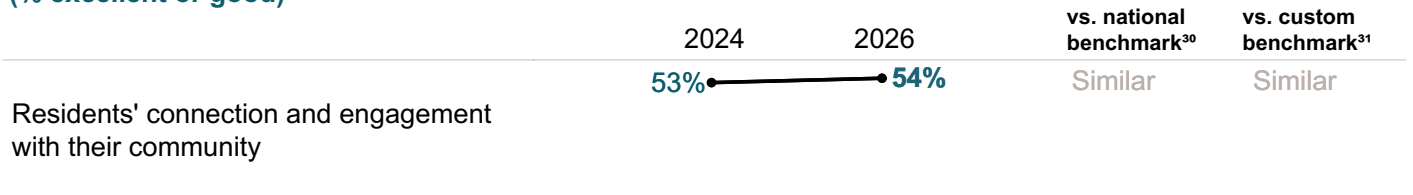
Community Connection

Community connection reflects residents' sense of belonging. When residents feel welcomed and encouraged to participate, they are more likely to feel engaged and connected to their community.

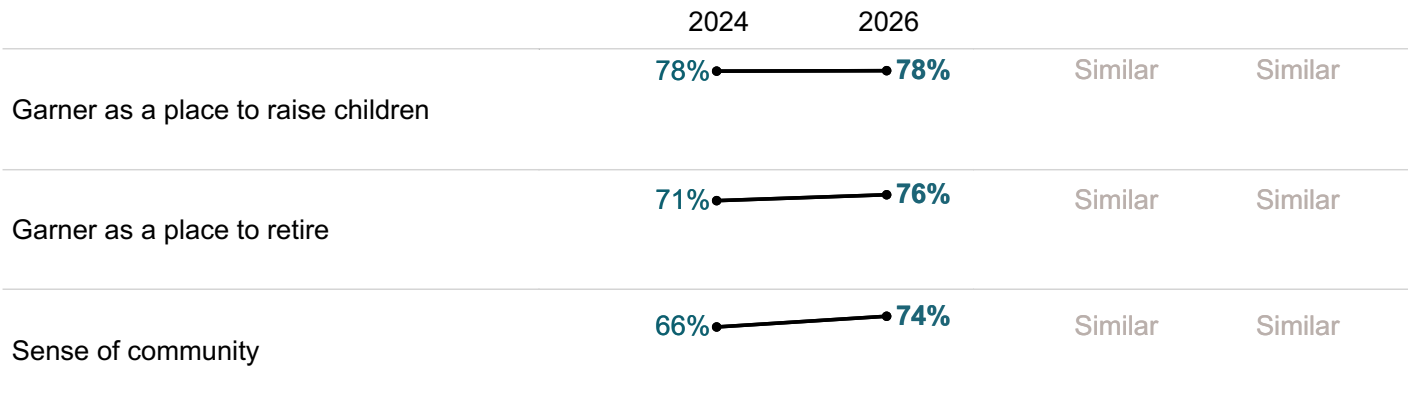
Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2025



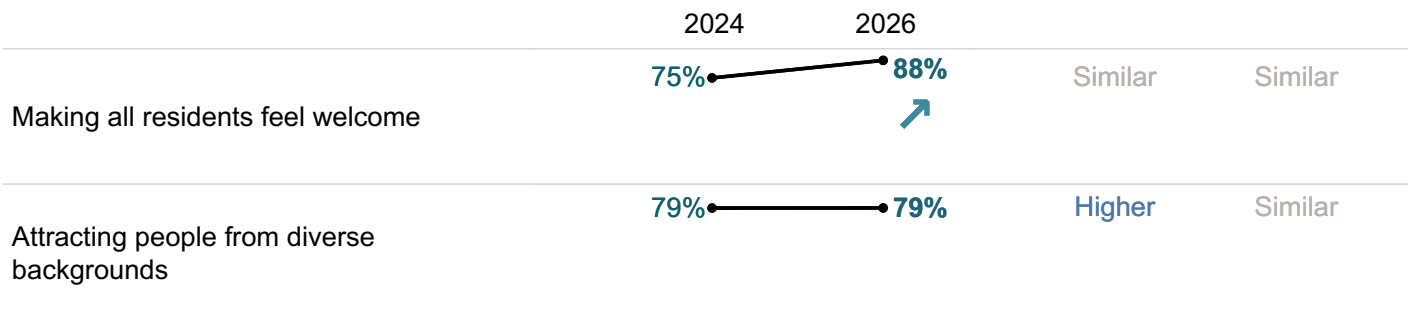
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.
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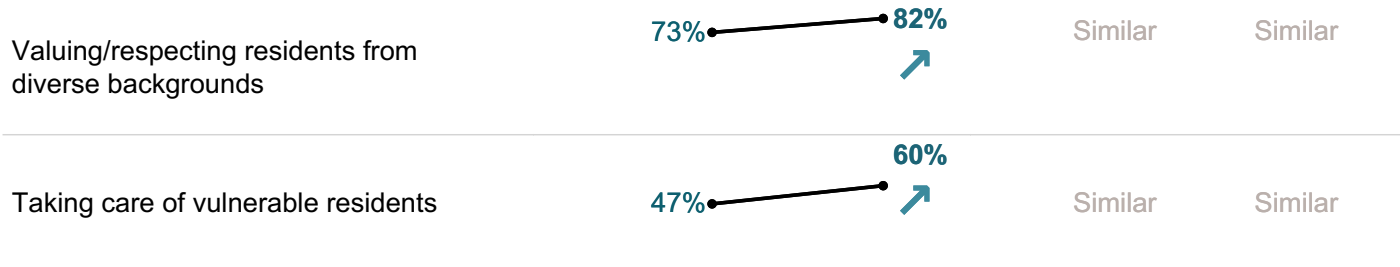


Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.
(% excellent or good)

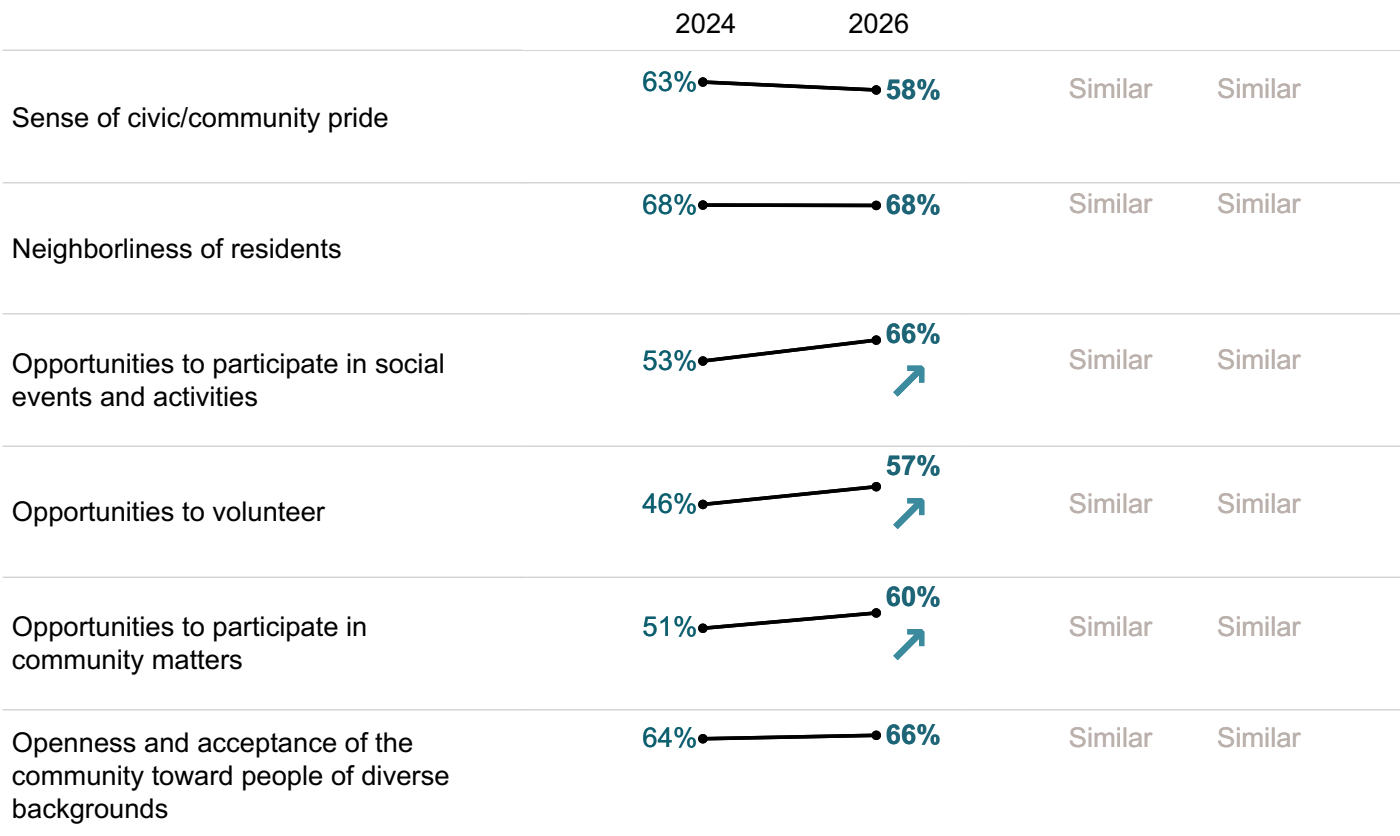


Please rate the job you feel the Garner community does at each of the following.
(% excellent or good)

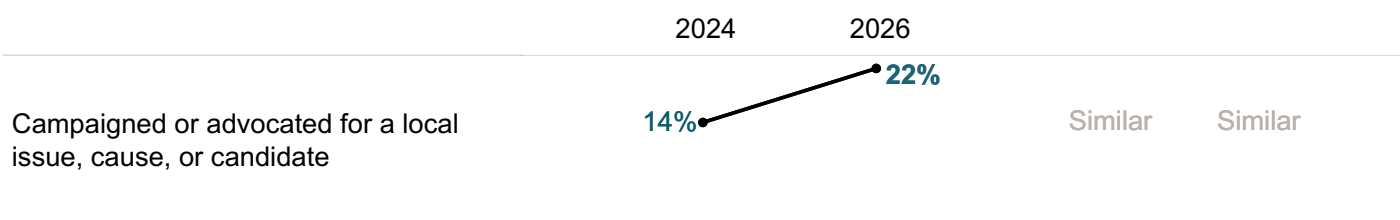




**Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.
(% excellent or good)**



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



























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Custom Questions

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

How difficult, if at all, is it for you to afford each of the following in your current housing situation?	Property taxes or homeowners' association fees	Very difficult		12%
		Moderately difficult		16%
		Somewhat difficult		29%
		Not at all difficult		43%
Maintenance and repairs		Very difficult		10%
		Moderately difficult		17%
		Somewhat difficult		28%
		Not at all difficult		44%
Utilities (electricity, gas, water, internet, etc.)		Very difficult		8%
		Moderately difficult		15%
		Somewhat difficult		26%
		Not at all difficult		51%
Rent or mortgage payments		Very difficult		6%
		Moderately difficult		24%
		Somewhat difficult		26%
		Not at all difficult		44%
Adequate food/nutrition		Very difficult		5%
		Moderately difficult		10%
		Somewhat difficult		23%
		Not at all difficult		62%

Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about affordable housing in Garner.		Statement	
		Response	Percentage
Housing costs are manageable for me/my family	Strongly agree		34%
	Somewhat agree		41%
	Somewhat disagree		17%
	Strongly disagree		8%
Housing costs in Garner are too high for young people and/or families	Strongly agree		33%
	Somewhat agree		44%
	Somewhat disagree		17%
	Strongly disagree		6%
I cannot afford to move or purchase a home due to high costs	Strongly agree		27%
	Somewhat agree		42%
	Somewhat disagree		13%
	Strongly disagree		18%
Housing costs in Garner are too high for senior citizens to stay in their homes	Strongly agree		24%
	Somewhat agree		42%
	Somewhat disagree		24%
	Strongly disagree		10%
Housing costs in Garner are too high to stay here in retirement	Strongly agree		18%
	Somewhat agree		38%
	Somewhat disagree		32%
	Strongly disagree		12%
Housing costs in Garner are too high for veterans	Strongly agree		16%
	Somewhat agree		45%
	Somewhat disagree		30%
	Strongly disagree		9%

Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about affordable housing in Garner.	Garner has a variety of housing options available for all income levels	Strongly agree		13%
		Somewhat agree		51%
		Somewhat disagree		27%
		Strongly disagree		9%
	I cannot afford to stay in my home due to increasing costs	Strongly agree		8%
		Somewhat agree		15%
		Somewhat disagree		26%
		Strongly disagree		51%
To what extent are you satisfied with the Spring and Fall solid waste pick-up services in Garner?		Very satisfied		64%
		Somewhat satisfied		34%
		Somewhat dissatisfied		1%
		Very dissatisfied		1%
How comfortable are you with the Town using artificial intelligence (AI) tools to provide customer responses and improve services?		Very comfortable		15%
		Somewhat comfortable		37%
		Somewhat uncomfortable		18%
		Very uncomfortable		31%