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National Benchmarks

This table contains the comparisons of Garner's results to those from communities nationwide. The first column shows Garner's rating compared to the benchmark: results are noted as "higher" or "lower" if the average rating given by Garner residents is at least 10 points above or below the benchmark, and "similar" if it is within 10 points. The second column shows Garner's "percent positive," which is the combination of the most positive response options (e.g., excellent/good). The third column shows Garner's ranking in comparison to other communities where a similar question was asked, and the fourth column shows the number of communities that asked that question. The fifth column shows the percentile for Garner's result (the percent of communities that had a lower rating).

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile	
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.	Garner as a place to live	Similar	86%	209	386	44%
		The overall quality of life in Garner	Similar	84%	204	400	48%
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Garner to someone who asks	Similar	88%	129	341	62%
		Remain in Garner for the next five years	Similar	88%	74	342	78%
	Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Overall image or reputation of Garner	Similar	67%	221	377	40%
Governance	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the Town of Garner (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information	Similar	38%	290	345	16%
		Contacted Garner elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	Similar	22%	54	328	83%
		Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	Similar	19%	184	330	44%
		Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	Similar	23%	159	324	51%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Public information services	Similar	69%	153	354	56%
	Overall customer service by Garner employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	Similar	75%	192	381	48%	

Governance

Please rate the following categories of Garner government performance.

The value of services for the taxes paid to Garner	Similar	54%	159	393	58%
The overall direction that Garner is taking	Similar	57%	144	361	59%
The job Garner government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	55%	163	357	54%
Overall confidence in Garner government	Similar	65%	94	331	71%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	57%	125	334	62%
Being honest	Similar	65%	98	328	70%
Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	59%	99	333	70%
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	50%	137	333	59%
Treating all residents fairly	Similar	72%	81	334	76%
Treating residents with respect	Similar	76%	101	326	69%

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

The Town of Garner	Similar	74%	167	380	55%
The Federal Government	Similar	28%	258	315	18%

Economy

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

Garner as a place to work	Similar	62%	228	384	39%
Garner as a place to visit	Lower	49%	252	347	27%

Economy

<p>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.</p>	Overall economic health of Garner	Similar	60%	199	342	41%	
	<p>Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.</p>	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Garner	Similar	66%	198	338	41%
		Variety of business and service establishments in Garner	Similar	50%	207	327	37%
		Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	36%	239	324	26%
		Employment opportunities	Similar	41%	243	357	31%
		Shopping opportunities	Similar	53%	130	341	62%
		Cost of living in Garner	Higher	47%	46	334	86%
<p>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.</p>	Economic development	Similar	58%	179	337	47%	
<p>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</p>	Overall economic health of Garner	Similar	88%	190	326	41%	
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?	Similar	24%	138	325	57%	

Mobility

<p>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.</p>	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Garner	Lower	35%	269	335	19%	
	<p>Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.</p>	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	54%	153	364	57%
		Ease of public parking	Similar	68%	108	328	67%
	Ease of travel by car in Garner	Similar	74%	164	350	53%	

Mobility

<p>Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.</p>	Ease of travel by public transportation in Garner	Similar	33%	195	328	40%
	Ease of travel by bicycle in Garner	Much lower	23%	333	353	5%
	Ease of walking in Garner	Lower	42%	325	357	8%
<p>Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.</p>	Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	Similar	20%	124	313	60%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	47%	157	322	51%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Much lower	37%	303	325	7%
<p>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.</p>	Traffic enforcement	Similar	53%	256	375	31%
	Traffic signal timing	Similar	61%	109	331	67%
	Street repair	Similar	57%	102	382	73%
	Street cleaning	Similar	67%	126	344	63%
	Street lighting	Similar	66%	136	365	62%
	Snow removal	Similar	63%	152	297	48%
	Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	67%	78	339	77%
	Bus or transit services	Similar	39%	196	322	39%

Mobility	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Garner	Similar	75%	64	323	80%
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	87%	180	352	49%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall design or layout of Garner's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Similar	44%	266	335	20%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Well-planned residential growth	Similar	40%	187	326	42%
		Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	46%	173	326	47%
		Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	46%	213	326	34%
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community		Similar	62%	147	321	54%	
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	50%	221	328	32%	
	Variety of housing options	Higher	66%	60	341	82%	
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Higher	41%	49	363	86%	
	Overall quality of new development in Garner	Similar	52%	149	344	56%	
	Overall appearance of Garner	Similar	63%	229	355	34%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Land use, planning, and zoning	Similar	45%	212	349	39%
		Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Similar	45%	151	368	58%

Community Design	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of Garner's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Higher	88%	15	326	95%
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Garner (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Similar	76%	124	327	62%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Affordable high-speed internet access	Higher	72%	27	322	91%
		Garbage collection	Similar	88%	49	357	86%
		Drinking water	Similar	83%	107	352	69%
		Sewer services	Similar	85%	114	341	66%
		Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Similar	79%	121	358	65%
		Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	77%	160	307	48%
		Utility billing	Similar	73%	147	325	54%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Garner (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Similar	88%	241	323	25%
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety in Garner	Similar	73%	229	370	37%
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	95%	169	352	51%
		In Garner's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	94%	164	335	51%
		From property crime	Similar	82%	95	333	71%

Safety	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From violent crime	Similar	88%	119	333	64%
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	91%	50	324	84%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	83%	203	398	48%
		Crime prevention	Similar	72%	196	368	45%
		Animal control	Similar	74%	150	349	56%
		Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	90%	151	363	58%
		Fire services	Similar	90%	226	374	39%
		Fire prevention and education	Similar	88%	105	343	69%
		Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Similar	74%	102	344	70%
		Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety in Garner	Similar	87%	230	326
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	78%	172	333	48%
		Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	62%	246	353
		Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	Similar	69%	229	331	31%
		Recreational opportunities	Similar	66%	249	345	27%

Parks and Recreation

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

Town parks	Similar	78%	155	358	56%
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	80%	138	343	59%
Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	76%	100	335	70%

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

Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	84%	30	324	91%
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Community Connection

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

Garner as a place to raise children	Similar	78%	220	390	42%
Garner as a place to retire	Similar	76%	71	382	81%
Sense of community	Similar	74%	136	359	62%

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

Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	54%	197	329	40%
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Please rate the job you feel the Garner community does at each of the following.

Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	88%	86	331	74%
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Higher	79%	58	325	82%
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	82%	60	326	81%
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Similar	60%	105	323	67%

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

Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	58%	196	323	39%
Neighborliness of residents in Garner	Similar	68%	143	329	56%

Community Connection	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	66%	184	335	45%	
		Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	57%	250	337	26%	
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	60%	188	333	43%	
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	66%	123	349	65%	
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Garner	Similar	29%	204	332	38%	
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	22%	86	322	73%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	70%	250	326	23%	
	Education, Arts, and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	58%	224	339	34%
		Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	51%	257	352	27%
			Community support for the arts	Similar	48%	240	322	25%
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool			Similar	58%	84	339	75%	
K-12 education			Similar	55%	248	347	28%	
Adult educational opportunities			Similar	57%	173	331	47%	
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals			Similar	63%	214	334	36%	

Education, Arts, and Culture	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Public library services	Similar	79%	229	352	35%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	75%	73	326	77%
Health and Wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Garner	Similar	67%	196	336	41%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	52%	172	328	47%
		Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	62%	128	338	62%
		Availability of preventive health services	Similar	70%	92	322	71%
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	36%	139	329	58%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Health services	Similar	72%	126	321	61%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Garner	Similar	67%	251	326	23%
Please rate your overall health.		Similar	71%	180	322	44%	
Natural Environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment in Garner	Similar	80%	194	344	43%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Cleanliness of Garner	Similar	74%	204	351	42%
		Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Similar	54%	194	307	37%
	Air quality	Similar	84%	163	336	51%	

Natural Environment

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

Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Similar	62%	182	332	45%
Garner open space	Similar	58%	181	323	44%
Recycling	Similar	73%	127	362	64%
Yard waste pick-up	Similar	74%	97	326	70%

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

Overall quality of natural environment in Garner	Similar	88%	95	326	71%
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Custom Benchmarks

This table contains the comparisons of Garner's results to those from communities with a similar population and growth rate to Garner. The first column shows Garner's rating compared to the benchmark: results are noted as "higher" or "lower" if the average rating given by Garner residents is at least 10 points above or below the benchmark, and "similar" if it is within 10 points. The second column shows Garner's "percent positive," which is the combination of the most positive response options (e.g., excellent/good). The third column shows Garner's ranking in comparison to other communities where a similar question was asked, and the fourth column shows the number of communities that asked that question. The fifth column shows the percentile for Garner's result (the percent of communities that had a lower rating).

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile	
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.	Garner as a place to live	Similar	86%	10	23	60%
		The overall quality of life in Garner	Similar	84%	10	24	62%
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Garner to someone who asks	Similar	88%	7	22	72%
		Remain in Garner for the next five years	Similar	88%	4	21	85%
	Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Overall image or reputation of Garner	Similar	67%	12	22	50%
Governance	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the Town of Garner (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information	Similar	38%	16	22	31%
		Contacted Garner elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion	Similar	22%	3	22	90%
		Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	Similar	19%	14	22	40%
		Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	Similar	23%	9	21	61%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Public information services	Similar	69%	8	21	66%
		Overall customer service by Garner employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	Similar	75%	13	22	45%
	Please rate the following categories of Garner government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Garner	Similar	54%	9	22	63%
		The overall direction that Garner is taking	Similar	57%	9	23	65%

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Garner government performance.	The job Garner government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	55%	10	22	59%	
		Overall confidence in Garner government	Similar	65%	5	21	80%	
		Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	57%	7	21	71%	
		Being honest	Similar	65%	6	22	77%	
		Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	59%	6	20	75%	
		Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	50%	6	20	75%	
		Treating all residents fairly	Similar	72%	4	21	85%	
		Treating residents with respect	Similar	76%	5	20	80%	
		Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The Town of Garner	Similar	74%	9	22	63%
			The Federal Government	Similar	28%	13	19	36%
Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.	Garner as a place to work	Similar	62%	10	23	60%	
		Garner as a place to visit	Similar	49%	13	21	42%	
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall economic health of Garner	Similar	60%	12	21	47%	
	Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments in Garner	Similar	66%	11	23	56%	
		Variety of business and service establishments in Garner	Similar	50%	13	20	40%	
		Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	36%	17	21	23%	
		Employment opportunities	Similar	41%	13	23	47%	

Economy	Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Shopping opportunities	Similar	53%	8	22	68%
		Cost of living in Garner	Higher	47%	4	21	85%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Economic development	Similar	58%	10	21	57%
		Overall economic health of Garner	Similar	88%	13	21	42%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?	Similar	24%	9	21	61%
Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Garner	Similar	35%	16	20	25%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Similar	54%	7	23	73%
		Ease of public parking	Similar	68%	6	22	77%
		Ease of travel by car in Garner	Similar	74%	8	22	68%
		Ease of travel by public transportation in Garner	Similar	33%	7	20	70%
		Ease of travel by bicycle in Garner	Much lower	23%	22	22	4%
		Ease of walking in Garner	Lower	42%	22	23	8%
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving	Similar	20%	5	21	80%
		Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Similar	47%	12	21	47%
		Walked or biked instead of driving	Lower	37%	20	21	9%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Traffic enforcement	Similar	53%	18	23	26%	
	Traffic signal timing	Similar	61%	4	22	86%	

Mobility

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

Street repair	Higher	57%	5	23	82%
Street cleaning	Similar	67%	5	22	81%
Street lighting	Similar	66%	5	22	81%
Snow removal	Similar	63%	7	14	57%
Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	67%	5	21	80%
Bus or transit services	Similar	39%	11	20	50%

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

Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Garner	Similar	75%	5	20	80%
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Community Design

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

Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	87%	9	22	63%
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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.

Overall design or layout of Garner's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Similar	44%	17	21	23%
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Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.

Well-planned residential growth	Similar	40%	11	20	50%
Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	46%	10	20	55%
Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	46%	12	20	45%
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Similar	62%	6	20	75%
Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	50%	11	21	52%
Variety of housing options	Similar	66%	6	22	77%
Availability of affordable quality housing	Higher	41%	2	21	95%
Overall quality of new development in Garner	Similar	52%	13	23	47%

Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Overall appearance of Garner	Similar	63%	12	22	50%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Land use, planning, and zoning	Similar	45%	12	21	47%	
		Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Similar	45%	12	23	52%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of Garner's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	Similar	88%	4	21	85%	
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Garner (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Similar	76%	8	20	65%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Affordable high-speed internet access	Higher	72%	3	20	90%	
		Garbage collection	Similar	88%	2	22	95%	
		Drinking water	Higher	83%	7	21	71%	
		Sewer services	Similar	85%	6	22	77%	
		Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	Similar	79%	9	20	60%	
		Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	77%	10	22	59%	
		Utility billing	Similar	73%	10	21	57%	
		Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Garner (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	Similar	88%	16	20	25%
		Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety in Garner	Similar	73%	13	22
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day		Similar	95%	8	22	68%	
	In Garner's downtown/commercial area during the day		Similar	94%	9	21	61%	
	From property crime		Similar	82%	4	20	85%	

Safety	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From violent crime	Similar	88%	6	20	75%
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	91%	4	20	85%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	83%	13	23	47%
		Crime prevention	Similar	72%	12	22	50%
		Animal control	Similar	74%	11	23	56%
		Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	90%	9	21	61%
		Fire services	Similar	90%	13	21	42%
		Fire prevention and education	Similar	88%	6	21	76%
		Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Similar	74%	6	22	77%
		Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety in Garner	Similar	87%	18	21
Natural Environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment in Garner	Similar	80%	8	21	66%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Cleanliness of Garner	Similar	74%	12	22	50%
		Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	Similar	54%	12	19	42%
		Air quality	Similar	84%	9	21	61%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	Similar	62%	7	21	71%
		Garner open space	Similar	58%	9	21	61%
		Recycling	Similar	73%	7	22	72%

Natural Environment	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Yard waste pick-up	Higher	74%	3	20	90%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment in Garner	Similar	88%	11	21	52%
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	78%	10	20	55%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	62%	13	21	42%
		Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	Similar	69%	15	22	36%
		Recreational opportunities	Similar	66%	14	22	40%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Town parks	Similar	78%	8	21	66%
		Recreation programs or classes	Similar	80%	9	22	63%
		Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	76%	8	22	68%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	84%	3	20	90%	
Health and Wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Garner	Similar	67%	10	21	57%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	52%	11	21	52%
		Availability of affordable quality health care	Similar	62%	7	21	71%
		Availability of preventive health services	Similar	70%	7	21	71%
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Similar	36%	8	21	66%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Health services	Similar	72%	7	21	71%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities in Garner	Similar	67%	16	21	28%

Health and Wellness		Please rate your overall health.	Similar	71%	11	21	52%
Education, Arts, and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	58%	10	21	57%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	51%	12	22	50%
		Community support for the arts	Similar	48%	11	20	50%
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Higher	58%	4	21	85%
		K-12 education	Similar	55%	15	21	33%
		Adult educational opportunities	Similar	57%	8	21	66%
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	63%	11	21	52%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Public library services	Similar	79%	12	22	50%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	75%	7	21	71%
	Community Connection	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.	Garner as a place to raise children	Similar	78%	13	23
		Garner as a place to retire	Similar	76%	5	23	82%
		Sense of community	Similar	74%	8	22	68%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.		Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	54%	9	20	60%
Please rate the job you feel the Garner community does at each of the following.		Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	88%	5	20	80%
		Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	79%	4	20	85%
		Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	82%	3	20	90%

Community Connection

Please rate the job you feel the Garner community does at each of the following.	Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.)	Similar	60%	7	20	70%
Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	58%	9	20	60%
	Neighborhoodness of residents in Garner	Similar	68%	6	21	76%
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	66%	12	22	50%
	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	57%	11	22	54%
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	60%	10	22	59%
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	66%	5	22	81%
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Garner	Similar	29%	12	22	50%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	22%	4	21	85%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	70%	15	21	33%

Full Trends

This table contains the trends over time for the Town of Garner. 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 2024 and 2026 surveys is greater than 9 percentage points, the change is statistically significant.

		2024	2026	
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.	Garner as a place to live	80%	86%
		The overall quality of life	83%	84%
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Garner to someone who asks	84%	88%
		Remain in Garner for the next five years	85%	88%
	Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Overall image or reputation	59%	67%
Governance	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the Town of Garner for help or information	39%	38%
		Contacted Garner elected officials to express your opinion	19%	22%
		Attended a local public meeting	12%	19%
		Watched a local public meeting	32%	23%

		2024	2026
Governance			
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Public information services	61%	69%
	Overall customer service by Garner employees	80%	75%
Please rate the following categories of Garner government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Garner	52%	54%
	The overall direction that Garner is taking	59%	57%
	The job Garner government does at welcoming resident involvement	51%	55%
	Overall confidence in Garner government	48%	65% H
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	57%	57%
	Being honest	66%	65%
	Being open and transparent to the public	54%	59%
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	47%	50%
	Treating all residents fairly	69%	72%

		2024	2026
Governance	Please rate the following categories of Garner government performance.		
	Treating residents with respect	75%	76%
	Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?		
	The Town of Garner	73%	74%
	The Federal Government	39%	28% L
Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.		
	Garner as a place to work	60%	62%
	Garner as a place to visit	45%	49%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.		
	Overall economic health	65%	60%
	Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.		
	Overall quality of business and service establishments	61%	66%
	Variety of business and service establishments	55%	50%
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	31%	36%	
Employment opportunities	37%	41%	
Shopping opportunities	65%	53% L	

		2024	2026
Economy	Please rate each of the following in the Garner community.		
	Cost of living	56%	47%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.		
	Economic development	54%	58%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	83%	88%
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?	34%	24% L
Mobility	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.		
	Overall quality of the transportation system	34%	35%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.		
	Traffic flow on major streets	52%	54%
	Ease of public parking	73%	68%
	Ease of travel by car	76%	74%
	Ease of travel by public transportation	26%	33%
Ease of travel by bicycle	23%	23%	
Ease of walking	44%	42%	

		2024	2026
Mobility	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.		
	Used public transportation instead of driving	16%	20%
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	31%	47% H
	Walked or biked instead of driving	47%	37% L
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.		
	Traffic enforcement	57%	53%
	Traffic signal timing	55%	61%
	Street repair	55%	57%
	Street cleaning	70%	67%
	Street lighting	71%	66%
	Snow removal	72%	63%
	Sidewalk maintenance	62%	67%
	Bus or transit services	35%	39%

		2024	2026
Mobility	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.		
	Overall quality of the transportation system	78%	75%
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.	87%	87%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live		
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.		
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	54%	44% L
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.		
	Well-planned residential growth	42%	40%
	Well-planned commercial growth	49%	46%
	Well-designed neighborhoods	55%	46%
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	63%	62%
	Public places where people want to spend time	52%	50%
	Variety of housing options	59%	66%
	Availability of affordable quality housing	39%	41%
	Overall quality of new development	49%	52%

		2024	2026
Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.		
	Overall appearance	58%	63%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.		
	Land use, planning and zoning	41%	45%
	Code enforcement	43%	45%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	76%	88% H
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.		
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	72%	76%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.		
	Affordable high-speed internet access	74%	72%
	Garbage collection	89%	88%
	Drinking water	78%	83%
	Sewer services	81%	85%
Storm water management	82%	79%	
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	78%	77%	

		2024	2026
Utilities	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.		
	Utility billing	67%	73%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.		
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	87%	88%
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.		
	Overall feeling of safety	70%	73%
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:		
	In your neighborhood during the day	95%	95%
	In Garner's downtown/commercial area during the day	89%	94%
	From property crime	71%	82% H
	From violent crime	76%	88% H
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	88%	91%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.			
Police/Sheriff services	86%	83%	
Crime prevention	61%	72% H	
Animal control	55%	74% H	

		2024	2026	
Safety	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Ambulance or emergency medical services	84%	90%
		Fire services	89%	90%
		Fire prevention and education	79%	88% H
		Emergency preparedness	60%	74% H
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	89%	87%
Parks and Recreation	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	80%	78%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	63%	62%
		Fitness opportunities	67%	69%
		Recreational opportunities	70%	66%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Town parks	83%	78%
	Recreation programs or classes	73%	80%	

		2024	2026
Parks and Recreation	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.		
	Recreation centers or facilities	84%	76%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.		
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	80%	84%
Community Connection	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Garner.		
	Garner as a place to raise children	78%	78%
	Garner as a place to retire	71%	76%
	Sense of community	66%	74%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.		
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	53%	54%
	Please rate the job you feel the Garner community does at each of the following.		
Making all residents feel welcome	75%	88% H	
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	79%	79%	
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	73%	82% H	
Taking care of vulnerable residents	47%	60% H	
Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.			
Sense of civic/community pride	63%	58%	

		2024	2026		
Community Connection	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Neighborhoodliness of residents	68%	68%	
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	53%	66% H	
		Opportunities to volunteer	46%	57% H	
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	51%	60% H	
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	64%	66%	
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	24%	29%	
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	14%	22%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	66%	70%	
	Education, Arts, and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	53%	58%
			Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	49%
Community support for the arts		50%	48%		

		2024	2026	
Education, Arts, and Culture	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	35%	58% H
		K-12 education	44%	55% H
		Adult educational opportunities	38%	57% H
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	53%	63% H
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Public library services	89%	79% L
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	74%	75%
Health and Wellness	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	68%	67%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Availability of affordable quality food	59%	52%
		Availability of affordable quality health care	64%	62%
		Availability of preventive health services	65%	70%
		Availability of affordable quality mental health care	38%	36%

		2024	2026	
Health and Wellness	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Health services	75%	72%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	73%	67%
		Please rate your overall health.	69%	71%
Natural Environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Garner as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	76%	80%
	Please also rate each of the following in the Garner community.	Cleanliness	72%	74%
		Water resources	61%	54%
		Air quality	79%	84%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Garner.	Preservation of natural areas	62%	62%
	Garner open space	69%	58% L	
	Recycling	80%	73%	
	Yard waste pick-up	77%	74%	

		2024	2026
Natural Environment	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Garner community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.		
	Overall quality of natural environment	82%	88%