# 2018 City of Columbia Community Survey Findings

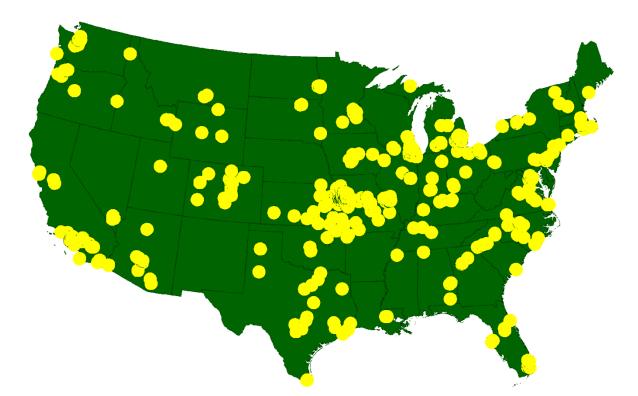


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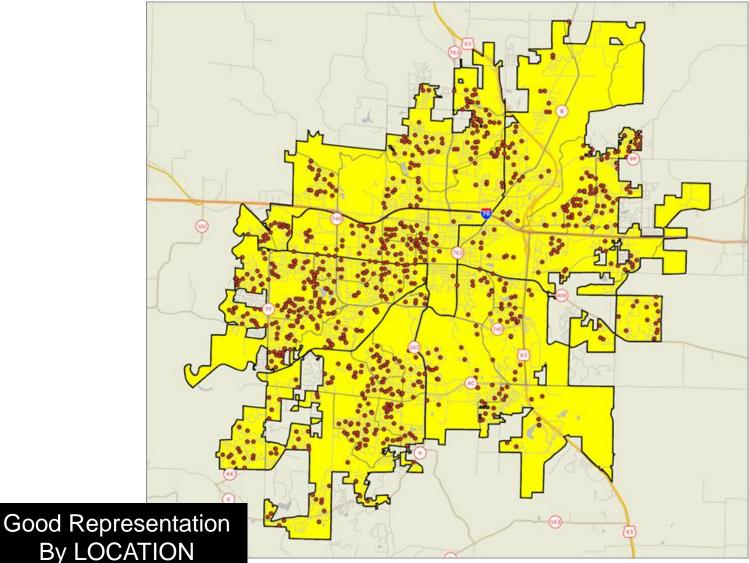
- Assist the City in its on-going effort to identify and respond to resident concerns
- Assessing citizen satisfaction with the delivery of major city services
- Determine priorities for the community and measuring strategic performance
- Track the City's performance over time

# **Survey Methodology**

#### • Survey Description:

- survey was 7 pages long, took 15-20 minutes to complete
- Included a cover letter encouraging residents to complete the survey via mail or online
- Sample size:
  - 941 completed surveys
- Method of Administration:
  - by mail, phone and online
  - randomly selected sample of households in the City with an oversampling in 3 neighborhoods
- Confidence level: 95%
- Margin of error: +/- 3.2% overall
- GIS Mapping

### **2018 City of Columbia Community Survey: Location of Respondents**



# **Bottom Line Up Front**

### Residents generally have a positive perception of the City

- 79% are satisfied with the overall quality of life in the City, compared to only 6% who are dissatisfied
- 75% are satisfied with the overall quality of City services, compared to only 6% who are dissatisfied
- The City is doing an equitable job of providing services throughout the City
  - Overall satisfaction with City services is the same in mos areas of the City

### Columbia is setting the standard for <u>customer service</u>

Columbia ranks 17% above the Missouri/Kansas average and 24% above the national average in overall satisfaction with customer service

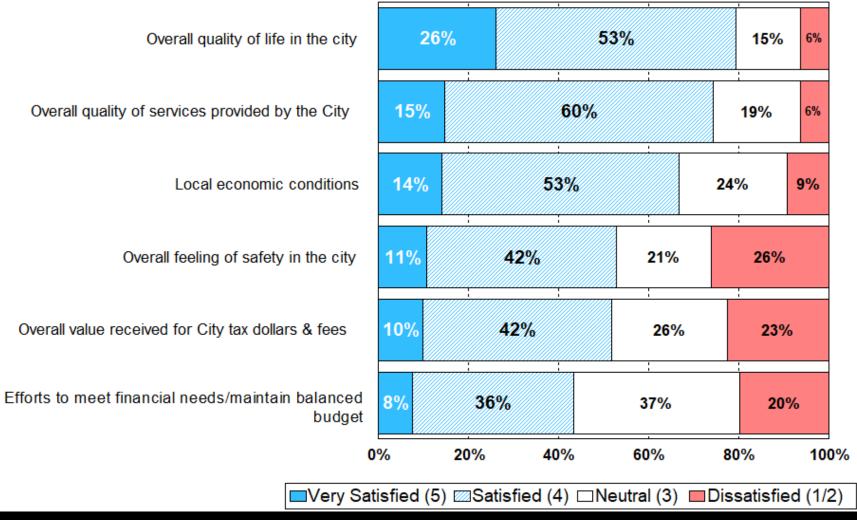
#### Top opportunities for improvement:

- Condition of City streets
- Public safety services

### What Do Residents Generally Think of the City?

### Q3. Satisfaction with Items That Influence Perception Residents Have of the City

by percentage of respondents (excluding don't knows)



79% Were Satisfied With the Overall Quality of Life in the City;

75% of the Residents Surveyed Were Satisfied With the Overall Quality of Services

### Q1. Overall Satisfaction with City Services by <u>Major Category</u>

by percentage of respondents (excluding don't knows)

Parks and recreation programs and facilities City water, electric, and sewer services Solid waste services (trash, recycling, etc.) Quality of customer service from City employees Public safety services provided by the City Public health services provided by the City The City's runoff/stormwater management system Effectiveness of City communication with public Enforcement of City codes and ordinances Public transit services (bus) Condition of City streets

45%			42%		11% 33		
26%		51	51%		6% 7%		
2	9%	47	7%	129	12% 12%		
21%	6	48%	48%		8%		
19%		48%		18%	16%		
20%	5	47%		30%	<b>4%</b>		
12%	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	44%	31% 32%		13%		
13%		42%			14%		
8%	31%		46%		16%		
8%	23%	4	8%		22%		
1%	22% 3		31%		44%		
%	20%	40% 60%		80%	10		

A majority of residents have positive ratings for all services that were rated with the exception of the Condition of Streets, Public Transit Services, and the Enforcement of City Codes and Ordinances 10

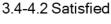
### How Well Are City Services Being Delivered in Different Areas of the City?

### Ratings of the Overall Quality of Services Provided by The City of Columbia

#### 2018 Columbia Community Survey

Shading reflects the mean rating for all respondents by CBG

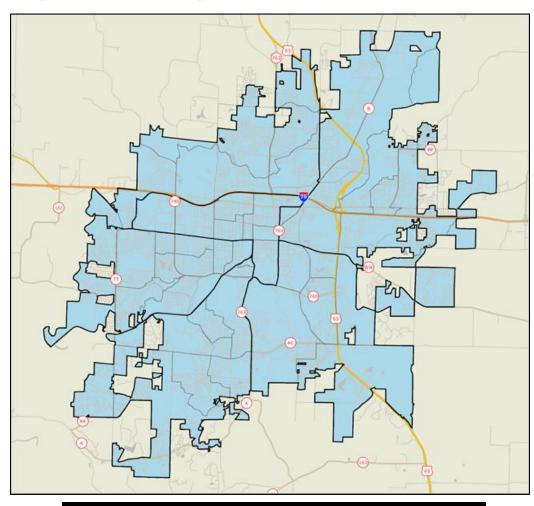




4.2-5.0 Very Satisfied

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No Response



Satisfaction is generally the same throughout the City

# How Has Satisfaction Changed from 2017 to 2018?

## Notable INCREASES from 2017-2018

- Stormwater runoff/stormwater management system
- Public safety services
- Local economic conditions
- Police efforts to prevent crime

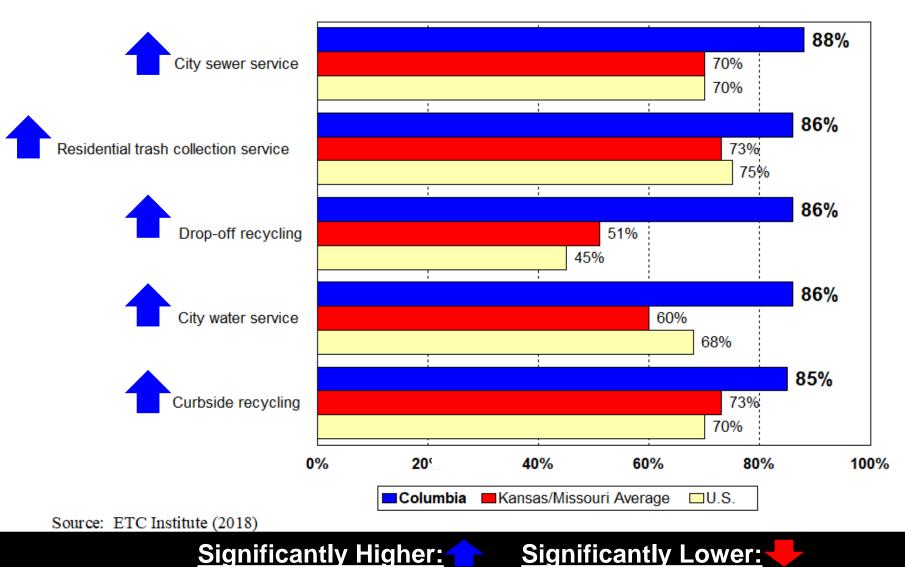
# Notable <u>DECREASES</u> from 2017-2018

- Condition of streets
- Ease of reaching the right person at the City
- Feeling of safety in downtown Columbia at night
- City maintenance/repair services for neighborhood streets

### How Does Columbia Compare to Other Communities?

#### Overall Satisfaction with Utility Services Columbia vs. Kansas/Missouri vs. the U.S.

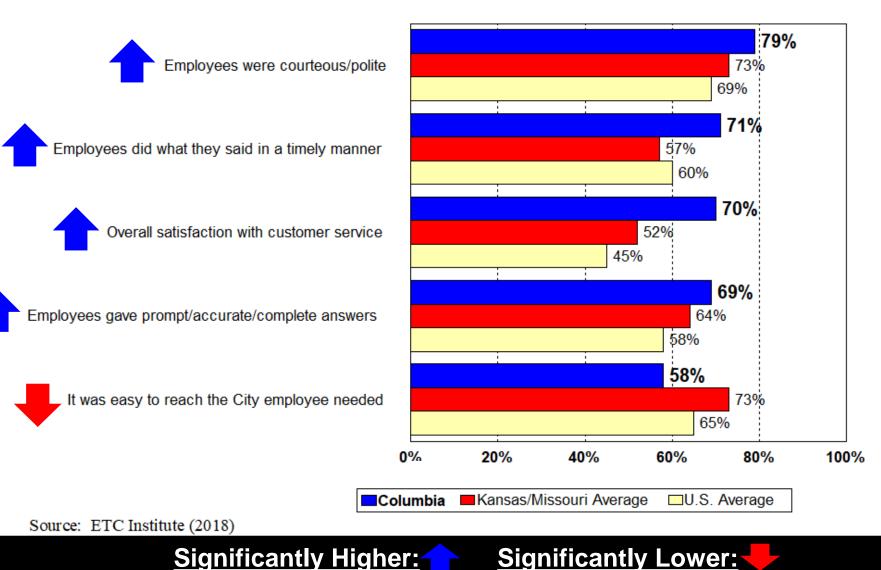
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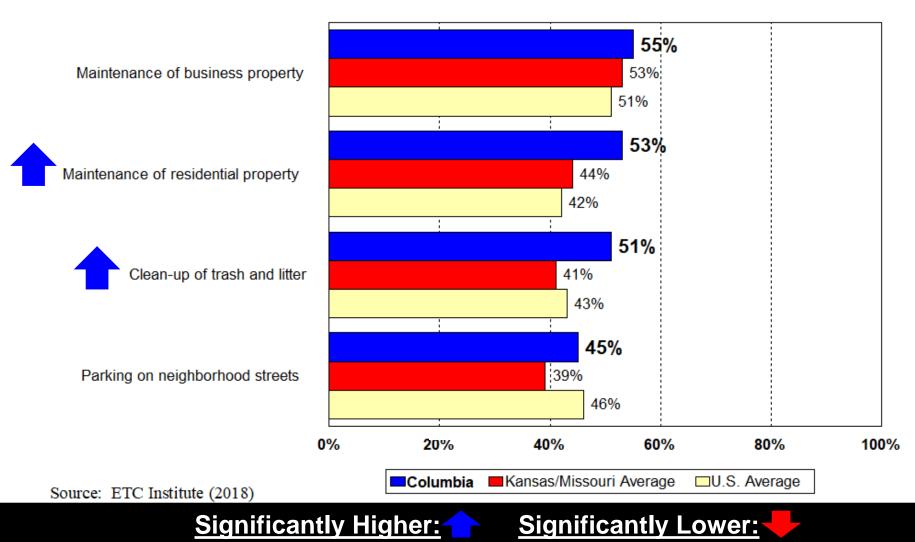
#### Overall Satisfaction with Customer Service Columbia vs. Kansas/Missouri vs. the U.S.

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale where 5 was a positive response and 1 was a negative response (excluding don't knows)



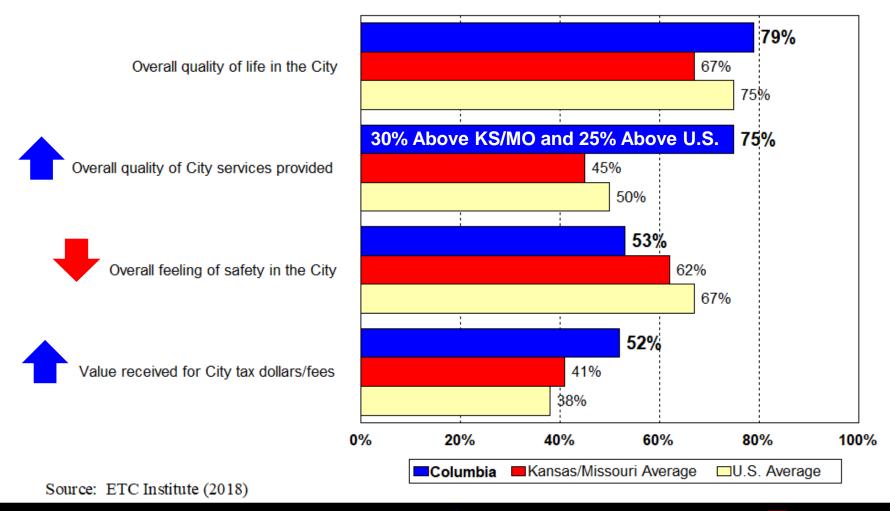
#### Overall Satisfaction with Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Services <u>Columbia vs. Kansas/Missouri vs. the U.S.</u>

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale where 5 was "very satisfied" and 1 was "very dissatisfied" (excluding don't knows)



#### Satisfaction with Items that Influence Perceptions of the Community Columbia vs. Kansas/Missouri vs. the U.S.

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale where 5 was "very satisfied" and 1 was "very dissatisfied" (excluding don't knows)

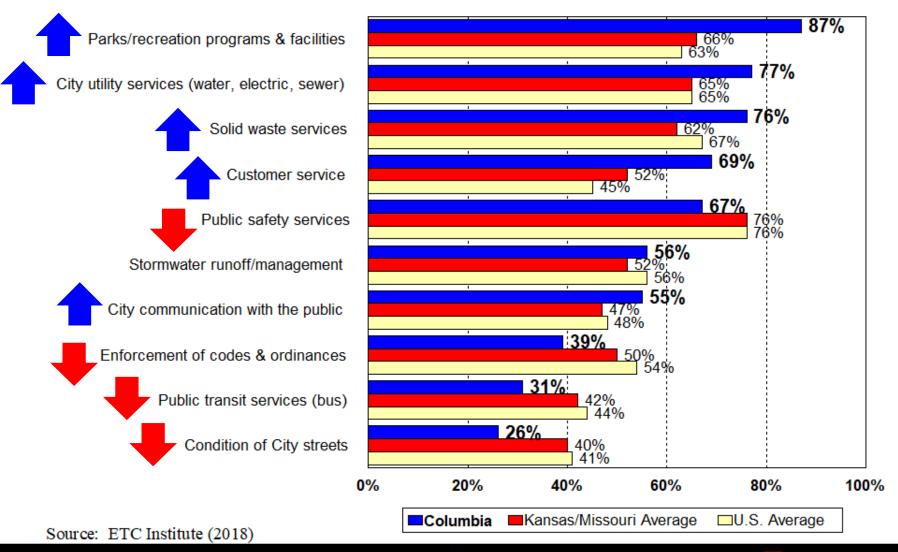


#### Significantly Higher:

#### Significantly Lower:

#### Overall Satisfaction with Major Categories of City Services Columbia vs. Kansas/Missouri vs. the U.S.

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale where 5 was "very satisfied" and 1 was "very dissatisfied" (excluding don't knows)

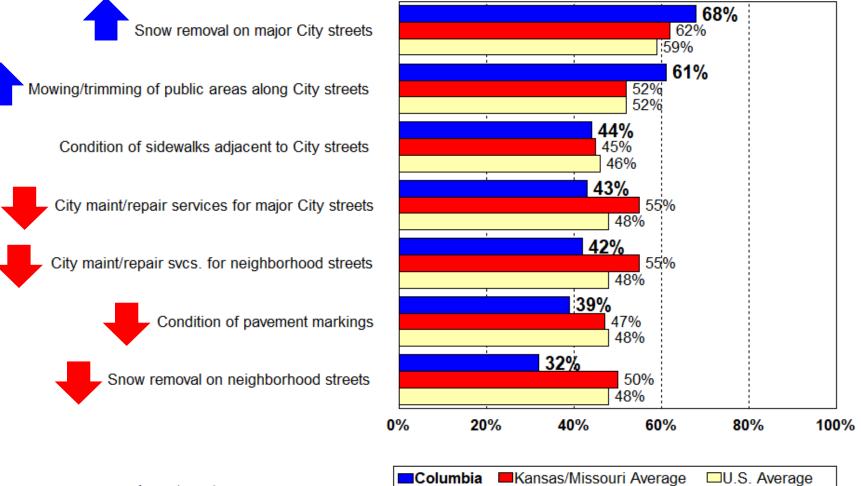


Significantly Higher:

#### Significantly Lower:

#### Overall Satisfaction with Streets and Sidewalks Columbia vs. Kansas/Missouri vs. the U.S.

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale where 5 was "very satisfied" and 1 was "very dissatisfied" (excluding don't knows)



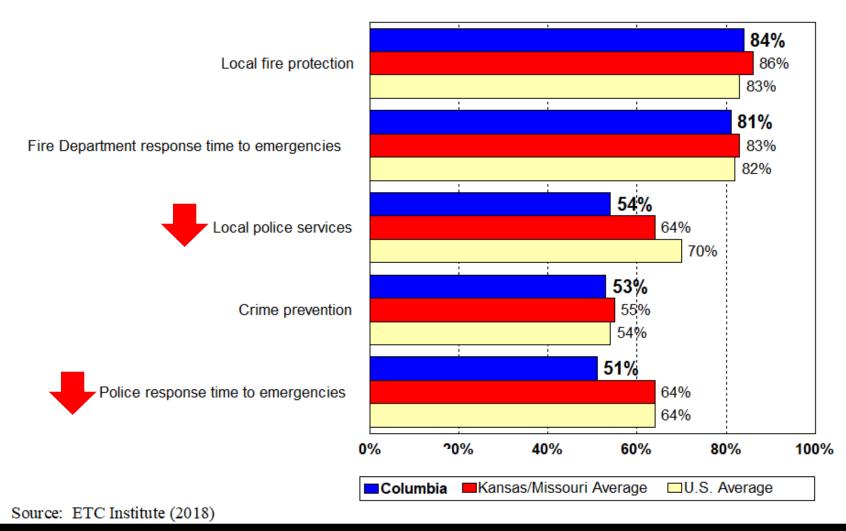
Source: ETC Institute (2018)

Significantly Higher:

Significantly Lower:

#### Overall Satisfaction with Public Safety Services <u>Columbia vs. Kansas/Missouri vs. the U.S.</u>

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale where 5 was "very satisfied" and 1 was "very dissatisfied" (excluding don't knows)



Significantly Higher:

# What Do Residents Think Are the City's Top Priorities?

#### Importance-Satisfaction Rating City of Columbia, Missouri

#### **Major Categories of City Services**

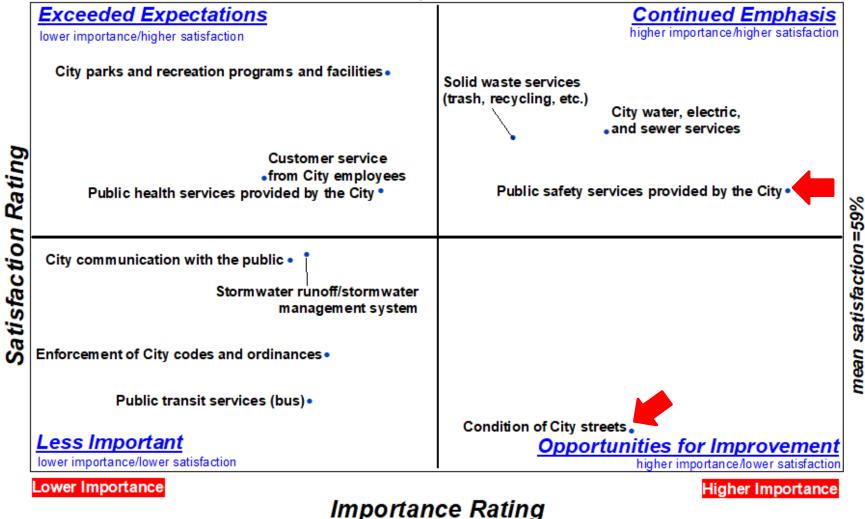
Category of Service	Most Important %	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction %	Satisfaction Rank	Importance- Satisfaction Rating	I-S Rating Rank
Very High Priority (IS >.20)						
Condition of City streets	63%	2	26%	11	0.4625	1 🛑
Public safety services provided by the City	86%	1	67%	5	0.2822	2 🛑
High Priority (IS .1020)						
City water, electric, and sewer services	59%	3	77%	2	0.1350	3
Solid waste services (trash, recycling, etc.)	45%	4	76%	3	0.1080	4
Enforcement of City codes and ordinances	18%	7	39%	9	0.1068	5
Public transit services (bus)	15%	8	31%	10	0.1028	6
Medium Priority (IS <.10)						
Public health services provided by the City	26%	6	67%	6	0.0842	7
The City's runoff/stormwater management system	15%	9	56%	7	0.0638	8
Effectiveness of City communication with public	12%	10	55%	8	0.0545	9
Parks and recreation programs and facilities	26%	5	87%	1	0.0343	10
Quality of customer service from City employees	8%	11	69%	4	0.0254	11

#### **Overall Priorities:**

#### 2018 City of Columbia Community Survey Importance-Satisfaction Assessment Matrix -Major Categories of City Services-

(points on the graph show deviations from the mean importance and satisfaction ratings given by respondents to the survey)

#### mean importance=34%







#### Q24. Residents' Perceptions of Neighborhood Problems

by percentage of respondents (excluding don't knows)

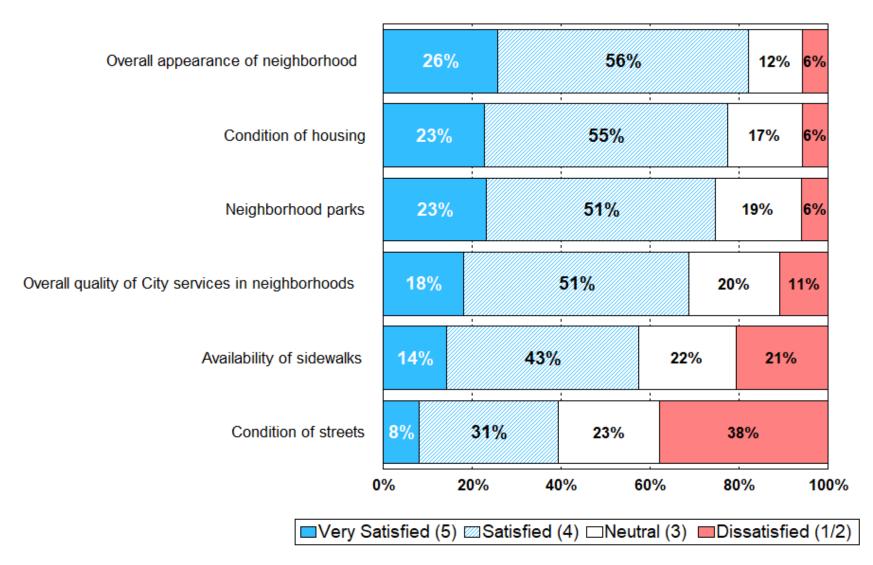
Graffiti		92%			6%		
ndoned cars or vehicles		88%			0%		
Overgrown lots	·	80%	·	15%	4%		
Flooding		82%		12	<mark>% 4%</mark> 2%		
Roaming/loose animals		73%		20%	5% <mark>3%</mark>		
d or run-down buildings		- 1	11% 6%**				
op for food/other items		78%		14%	6% <mark>2%</mark>		
of recreational activities		78%	- 1	13%	<b>7%</b> 3%		
Unemployment		70%		20%	<b>8%</b> <sup>3%</sup>		
Homelessness	•	80%	•	10%	7% 4%		
en racial/ethnic groups		76%		13%	7% 4%		
Lack of cultural activities		70%		18%	9% 3%		
d children or teenagers	· · · · ·	24%	24% 9% 5%				
viding quality education		75%		11% 9	% 5%		
ck of affordable housing	59%		20%	13%	8%		
Crime, drugs, or violence	46%		30%	16%	8%		
rdable, quality child care	5	57%	18%	13%	11%		
on neighborhood streets	32%	33%	219	6	14%		
(	0% 20%	40% 6	60%	80%	100%		
■Not a problem (1)   M	Minor problem (2)	□Moderate problem	n (3) 🗖 Maj	or proble	em (4)		

Abandoned cars or veh Overgrow Flo Roaming/loose ani Abandoned or run-down build Lack of good places to shop for food/other it Lack of recreational acti Unemploy Homeless Tension between racial/ethnic gro Lack of cultural acti Unsupervised children or teena Public schools not providing guality educa Lack of affordable ho Crime, drugs, or vio Lack of affordable, quality child Speeding on neighborhood str

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### Q25. Satisfaction with Neighborhoods

by percentage of respondents (excluding don't knows)



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