

2021 State of the Basin Subjective Well-being Report

**UNDERSTANDING SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING IN THE
COLUMBIA BASIN-BOUNDARY REGION**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Personal and community well-being contribute greatly to the health, vitality, and future of our communities. Every day, people and organizations within the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region make decisions that influence the region’s future. To ensure these decisions are sound, comprehensive research on economic, social, cultural, and environmental conditions and trends is important.

As part of the State of the Basin research initiative conducted by Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College, and funded by Columbia Basin Trust, a poll of residents is periodically conducted to gain an understanding of *subjective well-being*. This is an important component of quality of life that is not otherwise measured by the State of the Basin’s suite of objective quantitative indicators of well-being. The poll includes questions regarding residents’ perceptions, experiences, and behaviours related to an array of topics.

This report presents the results of regional subjective well-being research conducted in 2021. The 2021 results are compared to 2019 poll results to explore the change in subjective well-being between the two years. This is especially notable because of the events that impacted the region over this two-year span, including the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme weather events.

This subjective well-being research examines how residents of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region perceive personal well-being, community well-being, economic well-being, and other determinants of well-being as presented through a framework of capitals. Lastly, there is an examination into the future changes that may shape our region.

Results from 2021 suggest that residents of our region have a relatively high level of satisfaction with their personal well-being (see **Personal Well-being Index**), and a moderately high sense of community (see **Community Well-being Index**). Survey respondents indicate they are worried about the respective impacts of climate change, poverty, and the COVID-19 pandemic on their communities (see **Community Impacts**). Consumers’ level of optimism with economic conditions is lower in 2021 than when last polled in 2019 (see **Consumer Confidence Index**). While respondents suggest their family finances are the same since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, they perceive jobs and employment to be worse off since that time (see **Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic Consumer Confidence**).

Of the various determinants of well-being, only one determinant shows an increased average score (indicating improved well-being) since the previous 2019 subjective well-being poll to residents – **Access to Telecommunication Services Index**. All other determinants either stayed the same or show a decrease between poll years.

The table below summarizes the results from the 2019 and 2021 polls for the measures and indexes that contribute to subjective well-being. The trend between poll years is also included.ⁱ The higher the average score, the higher the subjective well-being associated with that measure or index. While caution should be used when comparing between poll years because different residents were polled in each year, the comparison is valuable in showing the changes to subjective well-being between 2019 and 2021, including thinking about what factors may have contributed to these changes.

ⁱ It is assumed that a difference in average score between poll years of 0.1 is relatively minor and is therefore visualized as being the same result between poll years.

Summary of 2019 and 2021 subjective well-being poll average scores and trend between poll years

Measure/Index	Average Score 2019	Average Score 2021	2019-2021 Trend
Personal Well-being (Scores on scale 0-10)			
Global Life Satisfaction	8.3	8.3	↔
Personal Well-being Index	7.8	7.8	↔
Satisfaction with Physical Health	-	7.5	-
Satisfaction with Mental Health	-	8.0	-
Satisfaction with Job	7.6	7.8	↗
Satisfaction with Sense of Spirituality	7.6	7.6	↔
Satisfaction with Amount of Time to Do the Things You Like	7.2	7.1	↔
Satisfaction with Quality of Local Environment	8.4	8.0	↘
Community Well-being (Scores on scale 1-7)			
Community Well-being Index	6.0	5.7	↘
Community Reputation	6.1	5.7	↘
Change in Community Livability Index	5.5	4.8	↘
Worry about Impacts of Climate Change	-	5.5	-
Worry about Impacts of Poverty	-	5.1	-
Worry about the Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic	-	5.7	-
Economic Well-being (%)			
Consumer Confidence Index	67%	45%	↘
Determinants of Well-being (Scores on scale 1-7)			
Community Leadership & Collaboration Index	5.2	4.9	↘
Having a Say and Being Heard Index	5.0	4.7	↘
Equity & Inclusion Index	3.5	3.0	↘
Tourism Brings Positive Benefits	-	5.7	-
Spending Time with Friends & Family Index	5.6	5.5	↔
Having Friends or Family to Rely on During a Time of Need	6.5	6.5	↔
Getting Involved Index	4.0	3.2	↘
Taking Part in Sports Groups or Teams	3.1	2.7	↘
Volunteering	4.3	3.5	↘
Sense of Belonging Index	5.8	5.4	↘
Access to Health Services Index	4.4	4.3	↔
Access to Housing Index	-	3.6	-
Access to Education	5.5	5.4	↔
Access to Recreation Index	5.8	5.3	↘
Access to Arts and Cultural Experiences and Opportunities	5.3	4.6	↘
Access to Aged Care Services	4.3	4.3	↔
Access to Childcare Services	4.1	3.9	↘
Access to Roads	4.9	4.8	↔
Access to Public Transportation	4.2	4.0	↘
Access to Air Service	4.0	3.5	↘
Access to Fresh & Affordable Food Index	5.2	5.3	↔
Access to Retail Services	4.5	4.6	↔
Access to Financial & Professional Services Index	5.5	5.5	↔
Access to Telecommunication Services Index	4.8	5.0	↗
Crime & Safety Index	5.5	5.3	↘
Drug & Alcohol Use Index	3.3	3.2	↔
Landscape & Aesthetics Index	6.0	5.9	↔
Environmental Health Index	5.0	4.7	↘
Impacts of Climate Change	3.1	2.7	↘
Climate Change as a Problem	4.1	3.6	↘
Support During Emergencies	6.5	6.3	↘

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INTRODUCTION

State of the Basin research is conducted by Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College (formerly the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute) and funded by Columbia Basin Trust. The State of the Basin initiative is an indicator monitoring program that has been tracking and reporting on indicators of well-being since 2012. As part of this research, a poll of residents is periodically conducted to gain an understanding of *subjective well-being*. This is an important component of quality of life that is not otherwise measured by the State of the Basin's suite of objective quantitative indicators. The poll includes questions regarding residents' perceptions, experiences, and behaviours related to an array of important topics.

Measuring subjective well-being is an important part of measuring quality of life, alongside the more objective quantitative indicators tracked through the State of the Basin program. Every day, people and organizations within the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region make decisions that influence the region's future. To ensure these decisions are sound, comprehensive research on economic, social, cultural, and environmental conditions and trends is important. The primary goal of the State of the Basin initiative is to provide access to data that helps inform decisions that lead to greater community and regional well-being. The subjective well-being research provides insight into nuanced quality of life considerations that affect residents, communities, and the entire region.

OBJECTIVES

The State of the Basin initiative is designed to meet the following four objectives that service the overarching goal of supporting research-based decision-making in the region:

- **Inform** citizens and organizations about the people, natural environment, communities, and economy of the region by providing access to accurate, credible, and timely information;
- **Encourage** understanding of complex issues and trends over time, including into the future when possible;
- **Signal** whether conditions are similar or different within the region and in comparison to other areas to highlight and celebrate areas of achievement, and to identify significant issues, ideally before they become critical; and
- **Motivate** discussion, information sharing, strategic evidence-based decisions, and collective action.

COLUMBIA BASIN-BOUNDARY REGION

The Columbia Basin-Boundary Region is located in the southeast corner of British Columbia (BC) and includes the entire Regional Districts of Central Kootenay (RDCK), East Kootenay (RDEK), and Kootenay Boundary (RDKB). It also includes the area referred to as the Northern Basin, which encompasses the Town of Golden, City of Revelstoke, Village of Valemount, Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) Electoral Areas A and B, and a portion of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) Area H (see **Figure 1**). The 2021 Census population for the region is approximately 179,000 people.¹

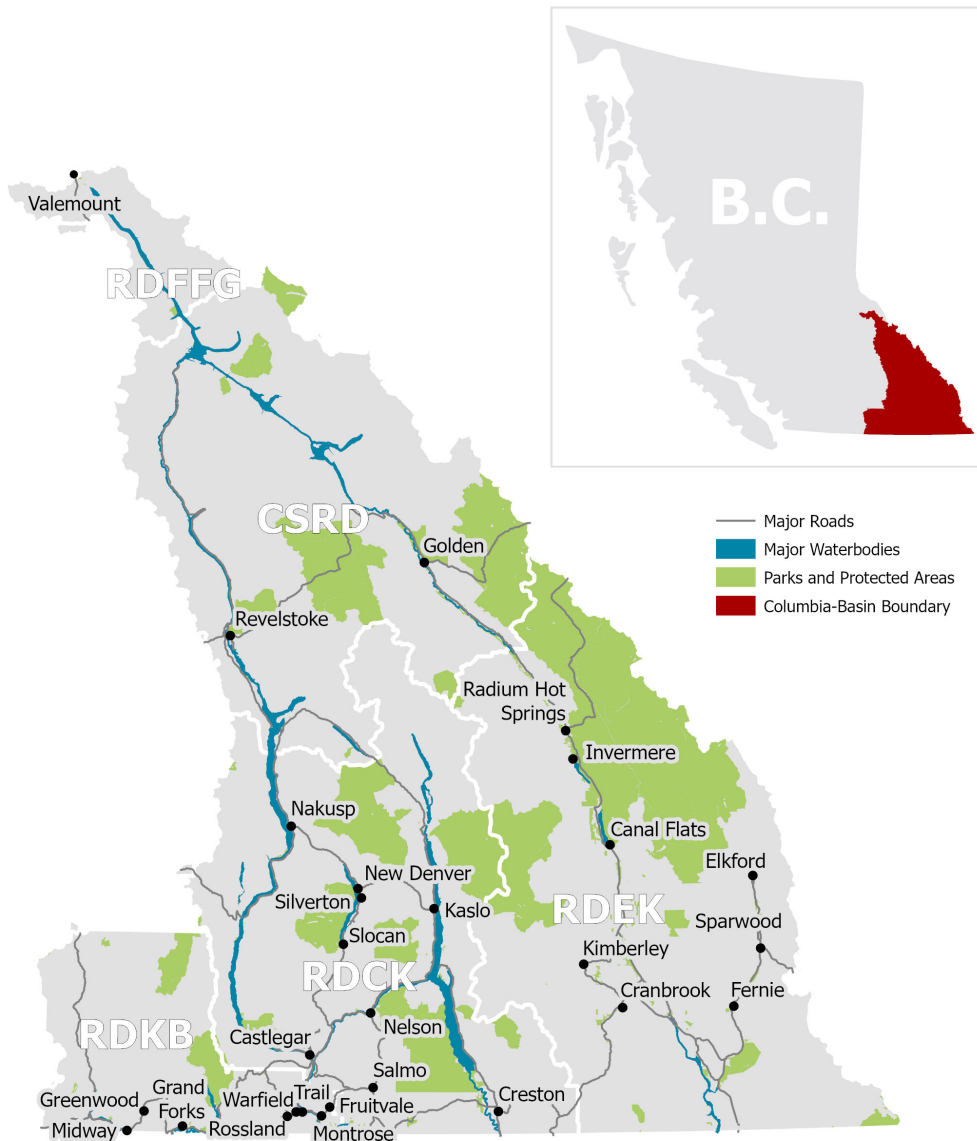


Figure 1: Study Area Map, Columbia Basin-Boundary Region, British Columbia, Canada

METHODOLOGY

The State of the Basin initiative engaged [Discovery Research](#), an independent consulting firm, to conduct a telephone poll of residents of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region in September 2021. The survey instrument included over 100 closed-ended questions (see **Appendix A**). The questionnaire was approved through the Selkirk College Research Ethics Board. Analysis followed guidelines produced by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and Schirmer et al at the University of Canberra.^{2, 3}

A statistically significant random sample of 400 residents of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region, aged 18 years or older, participated in the poll. For a sample size of 400, an estimate of population proportion has a margin of error of $\pm 4.9\%$, with 95% confidence. See **Appendix B** for the full results of the poll as received from Discovery Research. This poll was last conducted in 2019.⁴

Many indices are presented as a combination of multiple questions that encompass various aspects of personal and community well-being. For each index or aspect of well-being, descriptive statistics and a graph are provided. The black line at the top of each bar in the graph indicates the upper and lower bounds of the 95% confidence interval. Simply put, a confidence interval is a measure of how confident we can be in the results, and can be used to help identify if a difference is likely to be significant or not. If the confidence intervals of two scores do not overlap, it is highly likely there is a significant difference between the two.

The formulas used to calculate the confidence intervals were chosen to follow those used by Schirmer et al.³ Average scores are calculated for many indices in this report. Unless otherwise specified, the term ‘average’ refers to the mean score for the group of people being analyzed. For the population mean scores, the interval estimate is $\bar{x} \pm 1.96 \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$, where \bar{x} is the sample mean, s is the sample standard deviation, and n is the sample size. For population proportion, the modified Wald interval, first proposed by Agresti and Coull, is used.⁵ Here, the interval estimate is $p' \pm 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{p'(1-p')}{n+4}}$, where \hat{p} is the sample proportion, and $p' = \frac{\hat{p} \times n + 2}{n+4}$. In keeping with the methodology of Schirmer et al., the interval estimate is centered around \hat{p} instead of p' .

Analyzed results are compared to the previous results from the [2019 Subjective Well-being report](#). However, caution is recommended when comparing answers with previous subjective well-being polling years. This is because this research does not track the same individuals over time, rather there is a new sample of respondents in each year. Due to this randomness of sampling, a precise comparison between years is not possible. However, with the designed representativeness of survey respondents (see below), comparing results between poll years does provide a general trend and is therefore included.

For the analysis, all results were rescaled, as respondents who answered “not sure”, “not applicable” or skipped the question were not included in the calculation of average scores. This also helps minimize rounding errors. The rescaled sample size (n) is included alongside each average score.

SURVEY RESPONDENTS

In the random sample of 400 residents of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region, gender balance and geographic and age distribution were ensured. Of the respondents, 49.8% were male and 49.8% were female. The gender identity of non-binary was indicated by 0.5% of respondents, which is a sample size too small for specific analysis.

Sub-regional quotas were set to ensure representation of the population across the entire Columbia Basin-Boundary Region. The sample size was largest in the Central Kootenay (36.5% of respondents), followed by the East Kootenay (35.5%), Kootenay Boundary (18.5%), and Northern Basin (9.5%).

Population distribution by age was taken from the 2016 Census of Population. Results have been weighed using proportional fitting to match the age distribution of the entire population of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region (**Table 1**).

Table 1: Age Distribution of Respondents Weighted by 2016 Census of Population Results

Age	Population from 2016 Census	Unweighted Sample	Weighted Sample
18-39	28%	16%	28%
40-59	33%	30%	33%
60+	39%	54%	39%

RESULTS

PERSONAL WELL-BEING

Personal well-being, an inherently objective experience, can be broadly defined as an individual's ability to understand their potential, navigate daily life, and contribute to their community.³ Personal well-being has been analyzed through three indicators: Global Life Satisfaction (GLS), the *Personal Well-being Index* (PWI), and *Vital Signs*. The analysis also includes an in-depth examination of how the PWI changes by demographics and includes other characteristics and aspects of personal well-being. Both the GLS and PWI both use a 10-point scale, with 0 being "not at all satisfied", 5 being "neutral", and 10 being "completely satisfied".

GLOBAL LIFE SATISFACTION

The GLS is an indicator of overall personal life satisfaction (**Figure 2**). It asks the question, "How satisfied are you with your life as a whole?" The average score is 8.3 (n=392), indicating respondents feel a relatively high level of satisfaction with life as a whole. Global life satisfaction had a slightly different distribution in the 2019 poll, with a higher percentage of respondents being completely satisfied. However, the average score was the same at 8.3 (n=396).⁴

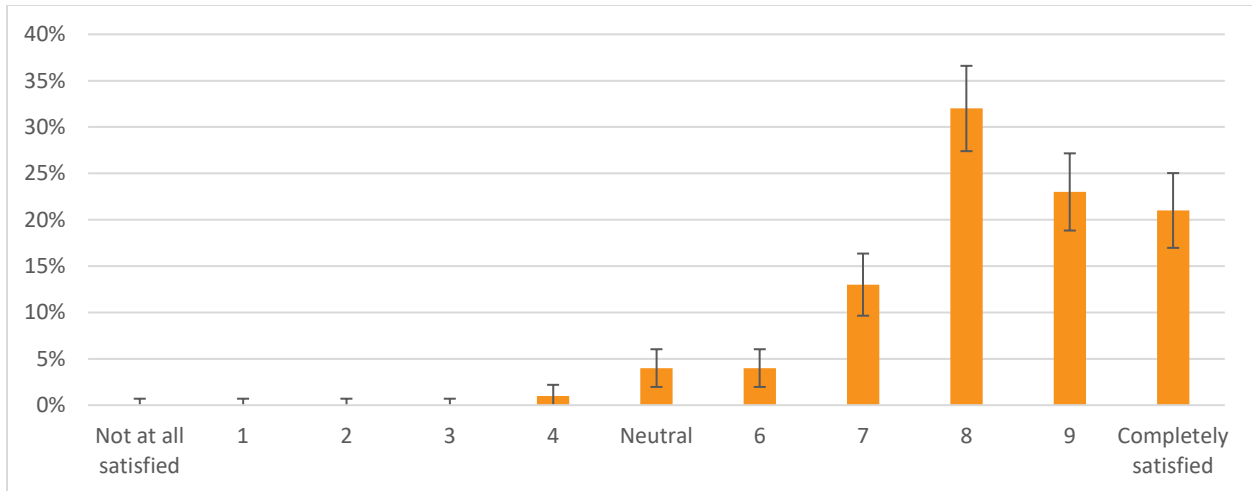


Figure 2: Global Life Satisfaction, 2021

PERSONAL WELL-BEING INDEX

The PWI includes a series of questions about how satisfied a person is with several domains of their life that contribute to their overall individual well-being (**Figure 3**). The domains include satisfaction with: (1) standard of living, (2) physical health, (3) mental health, (4) achievements in life, (5) personal relationships, (6) personal safety, (7) community connectedness, and (8) financial security.

The PWI combines responses into a single index by taking the average of the eight domain questions listed above. The average score for the 2021 PWI is 7.8 (n=397), indicating a relatively high satisfaction for personal well-being. This is the same as the average score for the 2019 PWI (n=394).⁴

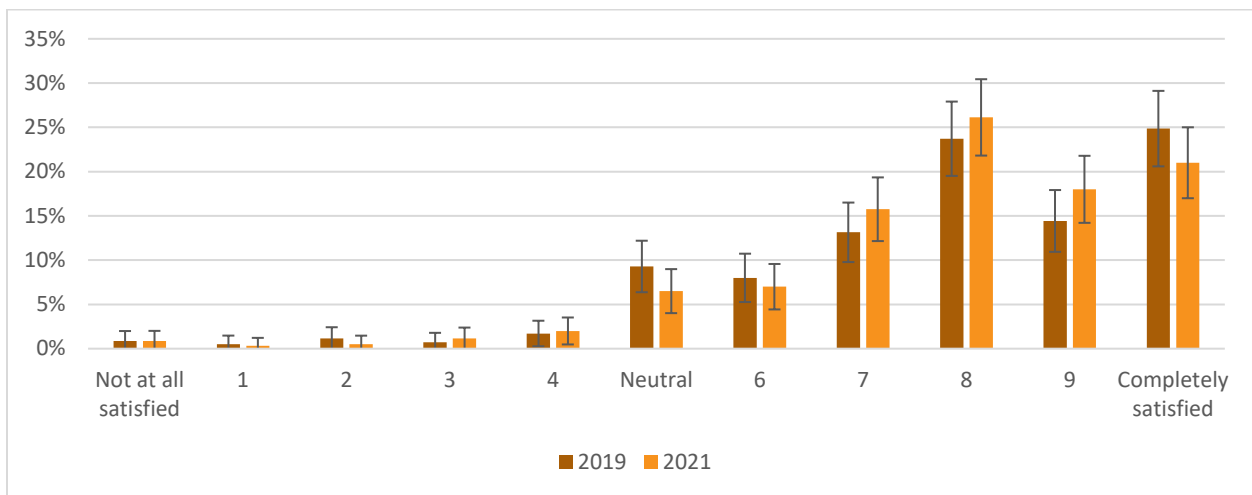


Figure 3: Personal Well-being Index, 2019 and 2021

PERSONAL WELL-BEING BY DEMOGRAPHICS

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Figure 4 shows the average PWI by sub-region in the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region. Respondents from the East Kootenay indicate a higher level of overall personal well-being with an average PWI of 7.8. The other sub-regions and the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region have average scores for the PWI ranging from 7.4 to 7.8.

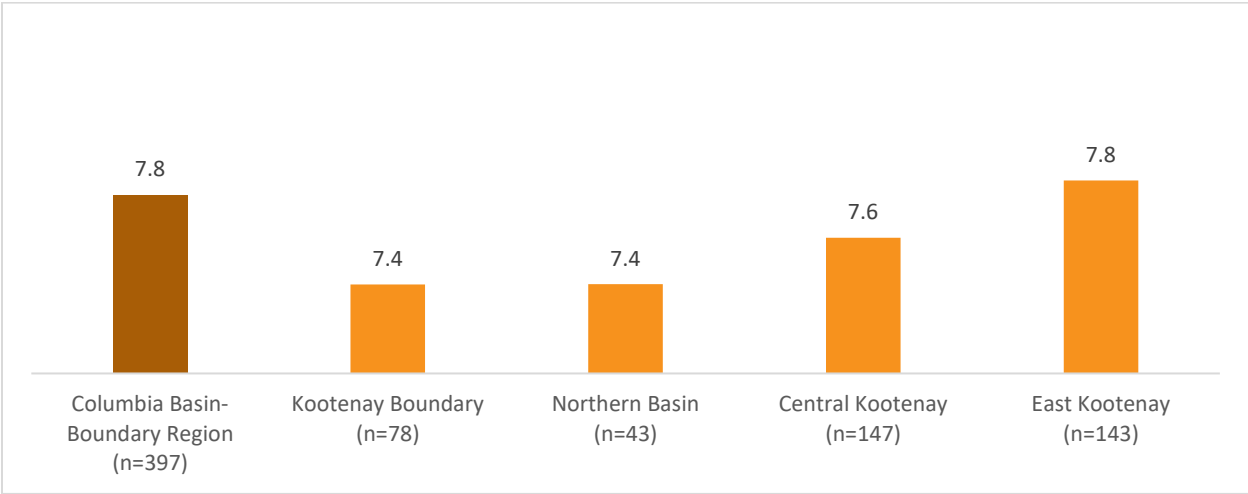


Figure 4: Personal Well-being Index Average Score by Region and Sub-Region, 2021

AGE BRACKET

According to respondents, the older you are, the more satisfied you are with personal well-being. While a relatively small difference, **Figure 5** shows that respondents aged 60 years old and older have the highest average PWI at 7.9.

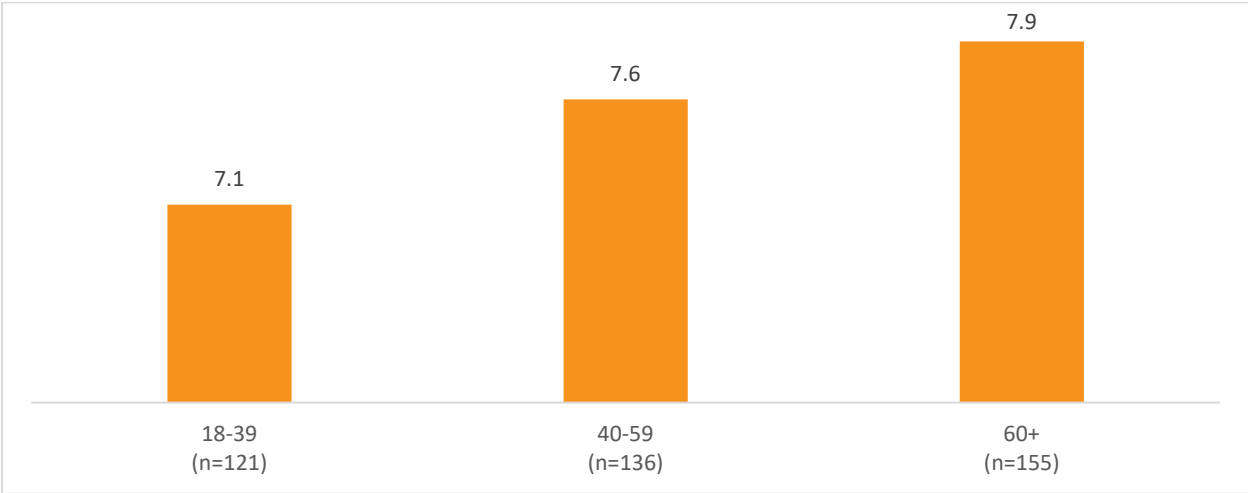


Figure 5: Personal Well-being Index Average Score by Age, 2021

GENDER IDENTITY

Respondents who identify as female have an average PWI of 7.9, while the average score for respondents who identify as male is 7.6 (**Figure 6**).ⁱⁱ This indicates females are slightly more satisfied with personal well-being than males.

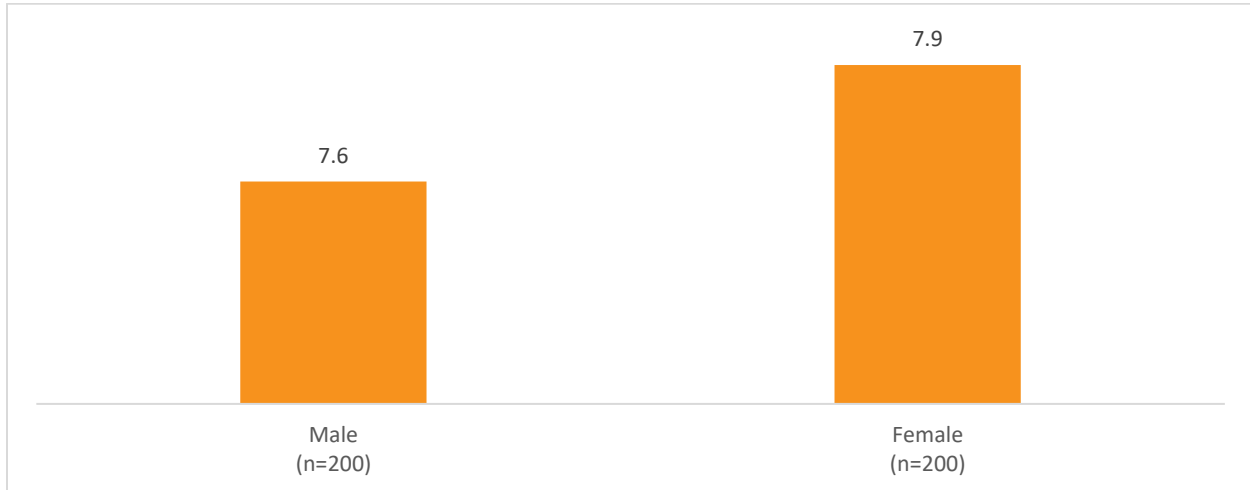


Figure 6: Personal Well-being Index Average Score by Gender, 2021

PERSONAL WELL-BEING HEALTH CHARACTERISTICS

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

For the 2021 poll, satisfaction with health was divided into two questions about physical and mental health (**Figure 7**). These questions are part of the PWI but shown here separately to bring awareness to perceptions of physical and mental health, which are especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic. The average score for satisfaction with physical health is 7.5 (n=396), while the average score for satisfaction with mental health is 8.0 (n=400).

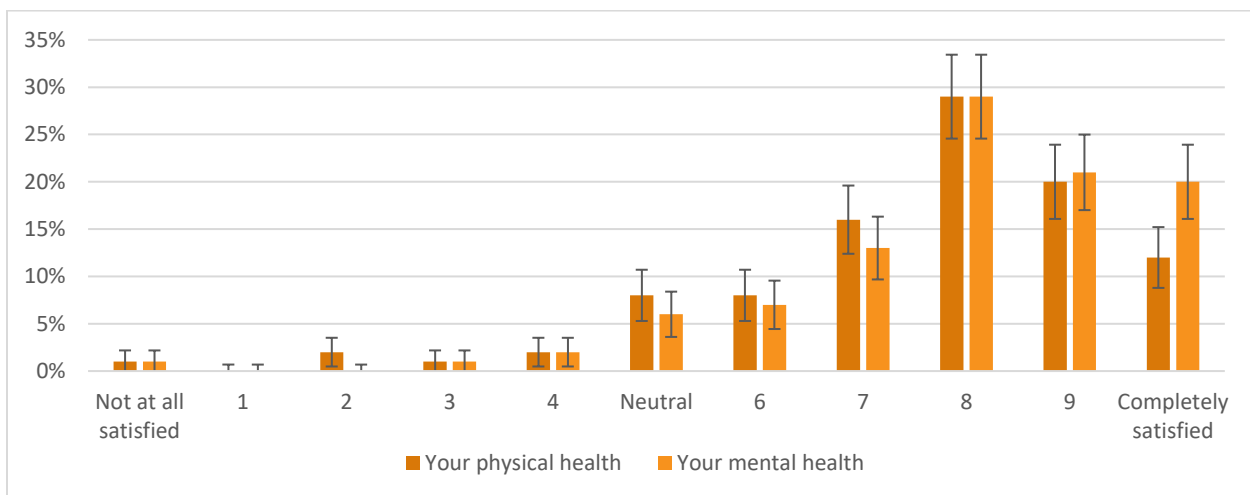


Figure 7: Satisfaction with Physical and Mental Health, 2021

ⁱⁱ While 0.5% of respondents identify as non-binary, this sample size is too small to include in this analysis.

OTHER ASPECTS OF PERSONAL WELL-BEING

Respondents were asked about their satisfaction with other domains of personal well-being. These domains, which were not used to calculate the PWI, include: their job satisfaction, their sense of spirituality, their amount of time doing what they like to do, and their perception of the quality of the local environment.

JOB SATISFACTION

The average score for an individual's satisfaction with their job is 7.8 (n=202), with 93% of respondents indicating being satisfied to some degree (**Figure 8**). This is an increase from the average score for job satisfaction of 7.6 (n=228) in the 2019 poll.⁴

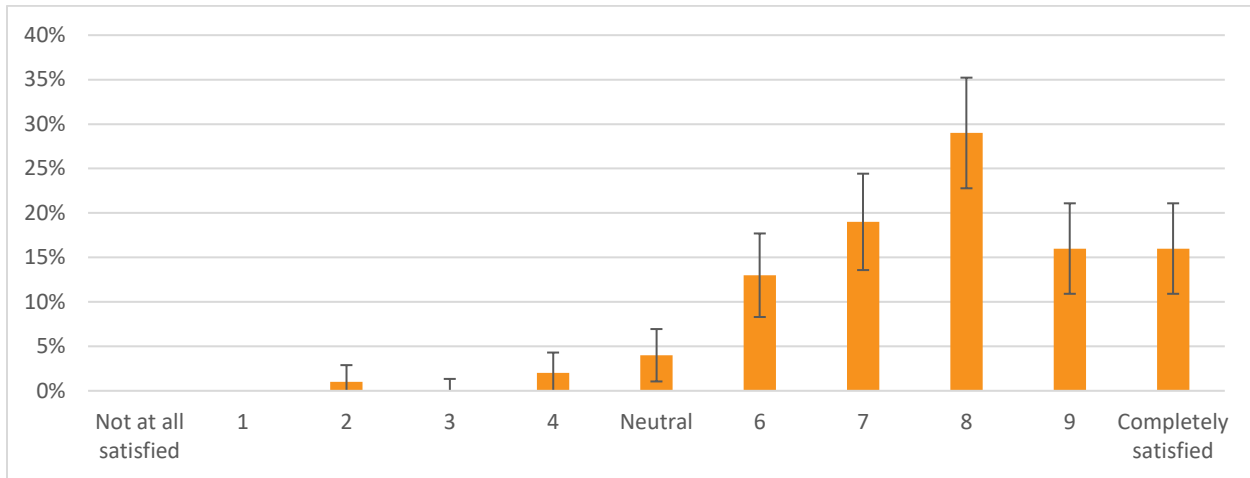


Figure 8: Satisfaction with Job, 2021

SENSE OF SPIRITUALITY

Respondents indicate they are relatively satisfied with their sense of spirituality, with an average score of 7.6 (n=376) and 76% of respondents being satisfied to some degree (**Figure 9**). This question was not applicable for 7% of respondents. The average score for sense of spirituality was the same in the 2019 poll (n=348).⁴

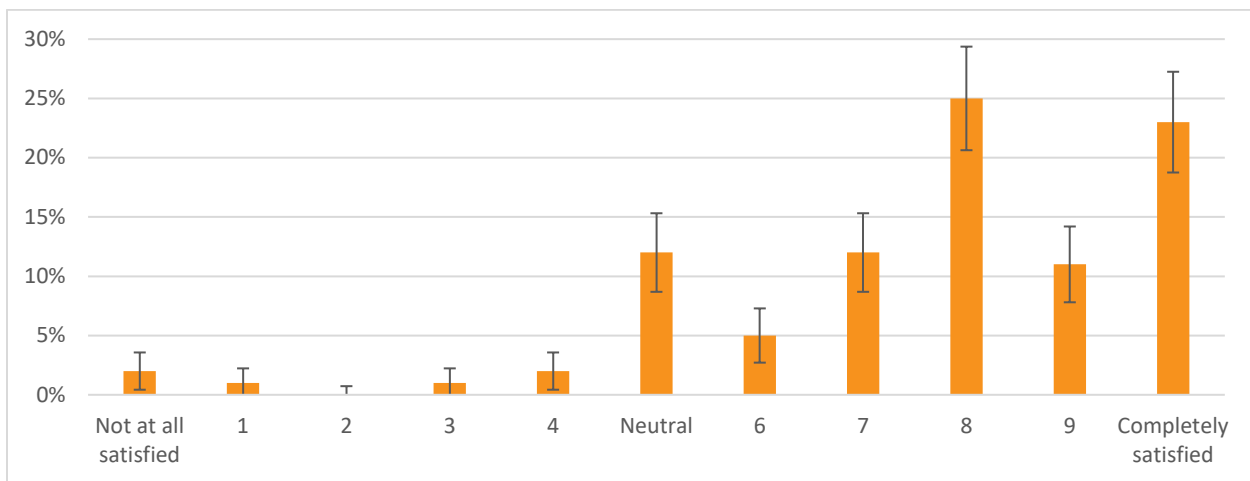


Figure 9: Satisfaction with Sense of Spirituality, 2021

AMOUNT OF TIME TO DO THE THINGS YOU LIKE

Respondents are relatively satisfied with the amount of time they have to do the things that they like doing, with an average score of 7.1 (n=392). Of all respondents, 76% are satisfied to some degree (**Figure 10**). For comparison, the average score was 7.2 (n=400) in the 2019 poll.⁴

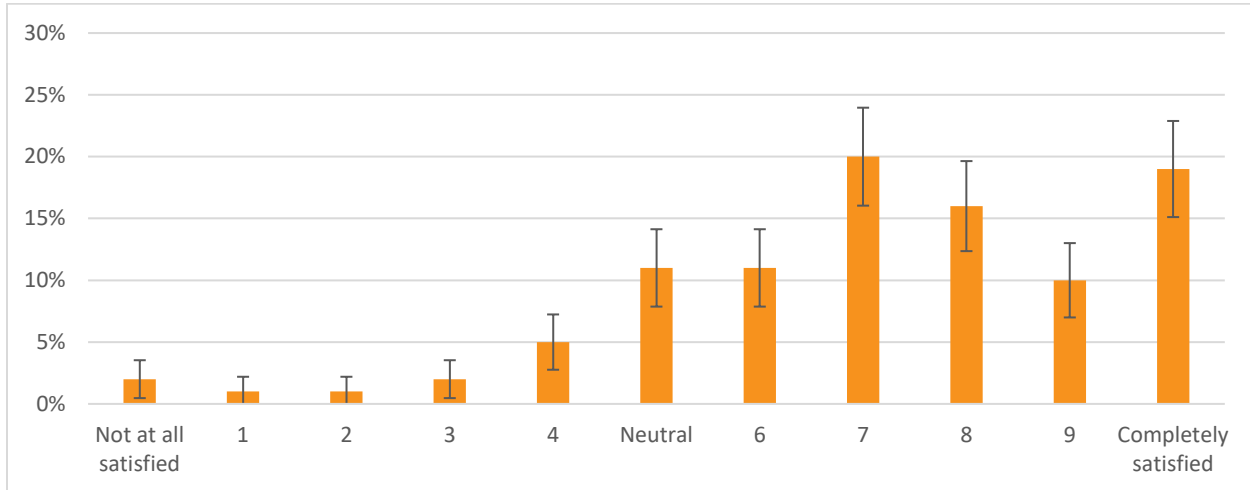


Figure 10: Satisfaction with Amount of Time to Do the Things You Like, 2021

QUALITY OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Satisfaction with the quality of their local environment was relatively high for respondents, with an average score of 8.0 (n=396), and 90% of respondents indicating being satisfied to some degree (**Figure 11**). This compares to an average score in 2019 of 8.4 (n=392).⁴

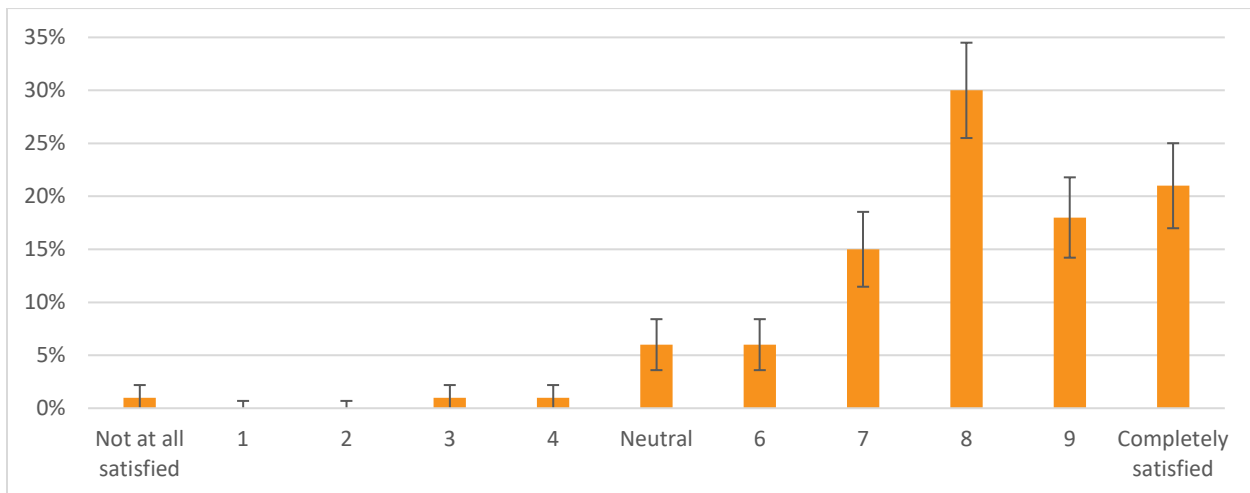


Figure 11: Satisfaction with the Quality of Your Local Environment, 2021

VITAL SIGNS

The [Community Foundations of Canada](#) leads an initiative called Vital Signs, which is a global program that engages over 85 communities in Canada and around the world.⁶ It reports on the vitality of communities by gathering data and soliciting resident surveys related to quality of life. We include

questions similar to those in the Vital Signs program to further inform our understanding of residents' personal well-being across the region.

Survey respondents were asked whether they had undertaken a variety of activities in the past 12 months through a series of eight “yes” or “no” questions (**Table 2**). Percentages exceed 100% when summed because each respondent could give multiple responses.

The percentage of respondents who use more environmentally-friendly transportation options (i.e., carpool, walk, bike) decreased from 43% in 2019, to 21% in 2021.⁴ This may have been impacted by the [poor air quality resulting from wildfire activity](#) or the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e., safety concerns with sharing spaces, or working from home and not needing to commute to work).

More respondents have taken a formal course to improve skills or prepare for a job, increasing from 20% in 2019, to 27% in 2021.⁴

Over the last two years there has been an increase in the number of respondents who provide unpaid childcare to children other than their own (up from 20% in 2019 to 24% in 2021) or unpaid support to a senior (up from 34% in 2019 to 48% in 2021).⁴

The percent of respondents who exercise regularly increased from 75% in 2019 to 79% in 2021. Similarly, the percent of respondents who donate to a charity or non-profit increased from 69% in 2019 to 73% in 2021.⁴

Table 2: 'Vital Signs' Variables Related to Quality of Life, 2019 and 2021

Over the last 12 months, have you undertaken any of the following?	Respondents who indicated 'Yes' (2019)	Respondents who indicated 'Yes' (2021)
Made an effort to 'buy local'	90%	91%
Exercised regularly	75%	79%
Donated to a non-profit or charity	69%	73%
Provided unpaid support to a senior	34%	48%
Expressed yourself through an arts or cultural activity	50%	42%
Taken a course to improve skills or prepare for a job	20%	27%
Provided unpaid childcare to a child other than your own	20%	24%
Regularly carpool, walk, bike etc. to work	43%	21%
None of above	N/A	1%

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

A healthy community is intrinsic to quality of life and relates to our environment, society, economy, and culture.⁷ Community well-being has been analyzed through the *Community Well-being Index* (CWI), and a series of other measures: community reputation, change in community livability, migration intention, and community impacts.

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING INDEX

The CWI provides a measure of respondents' sense of community.⁸ Survey respondents were asked to provide their level of agreement to five statements about community well-being, which are combined into a single index using the average responses to the five statements.³ Respondents answered on a scale from 1 to 7, with 1 being "strongly disagree" and 7 being "strongly agree". These statements are:

- a) My community is a great place to live.
- b) This community copes pretty well when faced with challenges.
- c) I feel proud to live in this community.
- d) This community has a bright future.
- e) There's good community spirit around here.

The average value for the 2021 CWI is 5.7 (n=399), indicating a moderately high sense of community well-being (**Figure 12**). This is a slight decrease from the 2019 CWI average value at 6.0 (n=393).⁴

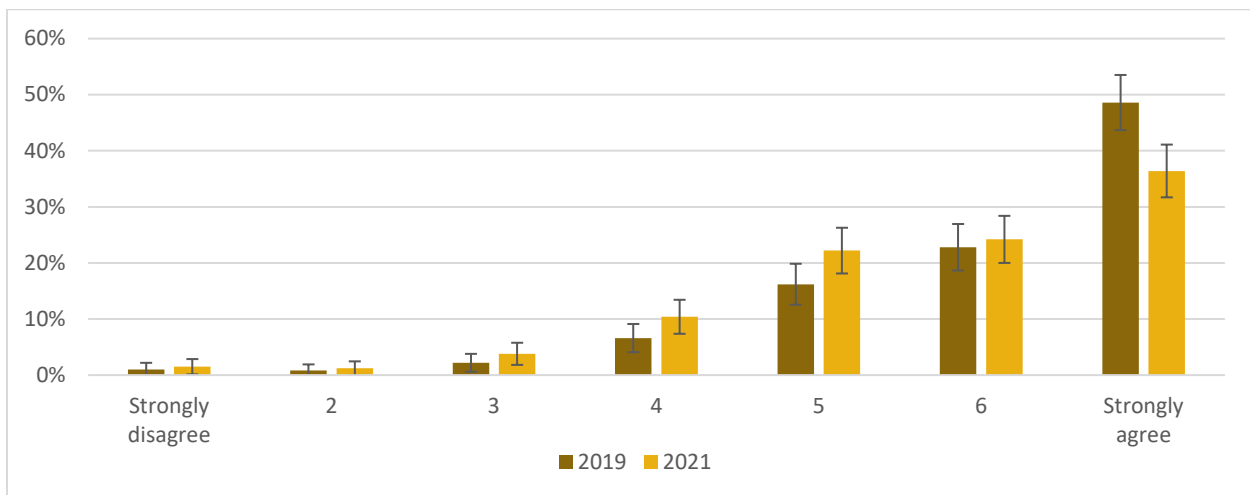


Figure 12: Community Well-being Index, 2019 and 2021

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING BY DEMOGRAPHICS

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

The average CWI is nearly identical across all sub-regions of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region, with the East Kootenay at 5.8 and the rest of the sub-regions at 5.6 or 5.7 (**Figure 13**).

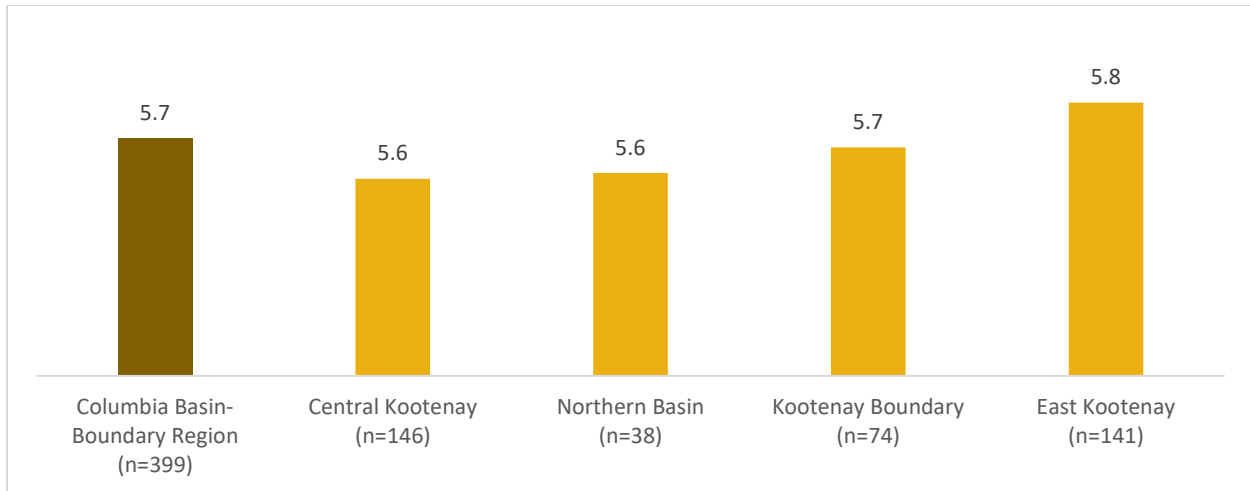


Figure 13: Community Well-being Index Average Score by Region and Sub-Region, 2021

AGE BRACKET

There is more variation in the average CWI when assessed by age bracket (**Figure 14**). Respondents aged 60 years old and older have the highest sense of community well-being, with an average CWI of 5.9.

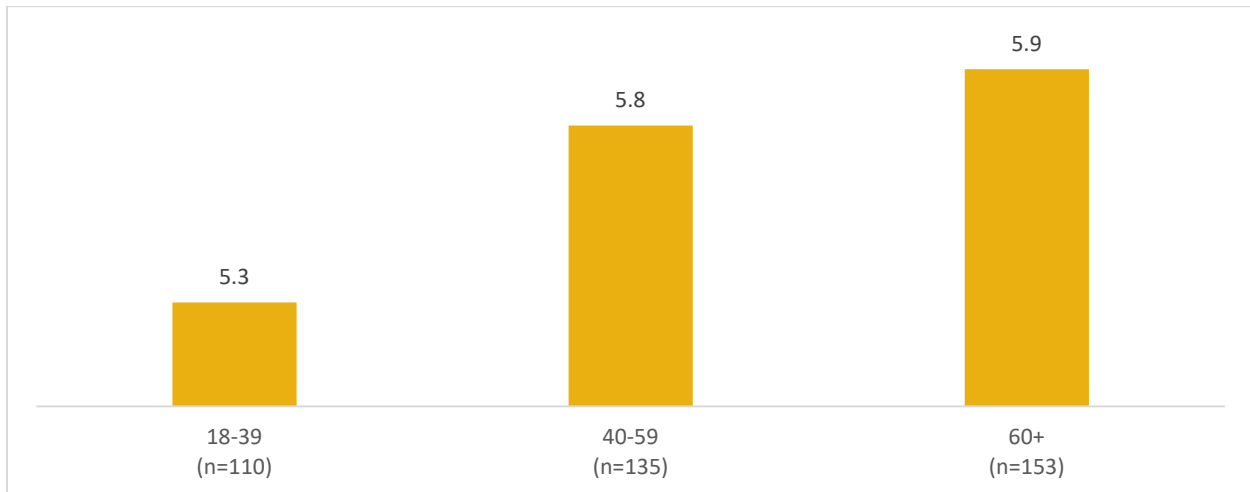


Figure 14: Community Well-being Index Average Score by Age, 2021

GENDER IDENTITY

There is little difference in the average score for the CWI between respondents who identify as male or female (**Figure 15**). Respondents who identify as female have a slightly higher average score at 5.7.ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱⁱⁱ While 0.5% of respondents identify as non-binary, this sample size is too small to include in this analysis.

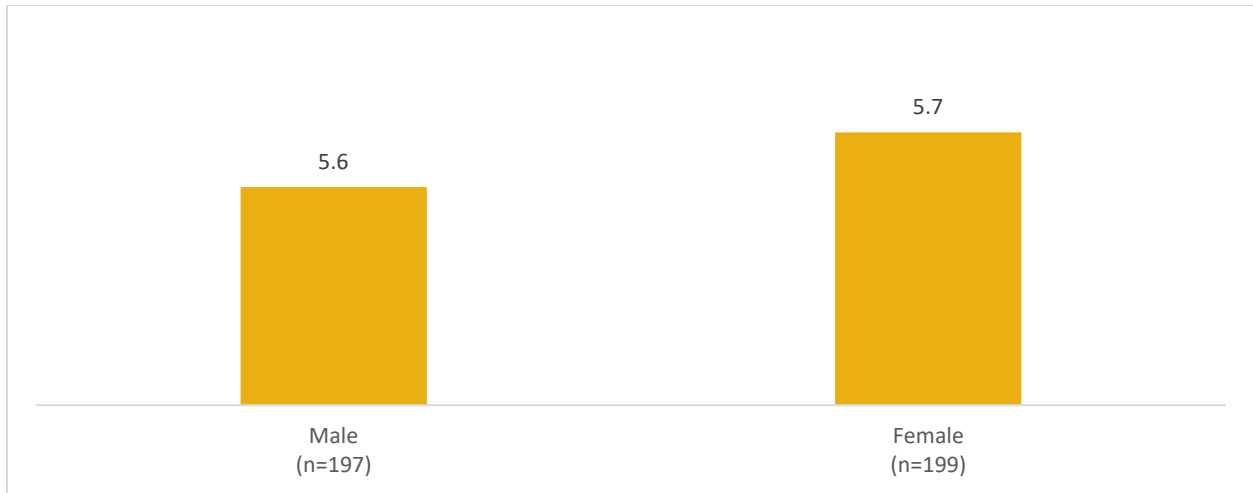


Figure 15: Community Well-being Index Average Score by Gender, 2021

COMMUNITY REPUTATION

Survey respondents were asked if they would recommend their community to others as a good place to live (Figure 16). Many respondents strongly agree (40%) and the average score is 5.7 (n=400), indicating a high regard for the reputation of their community. This compares to an average score of 6.1 (n=400) in 2019.⁴

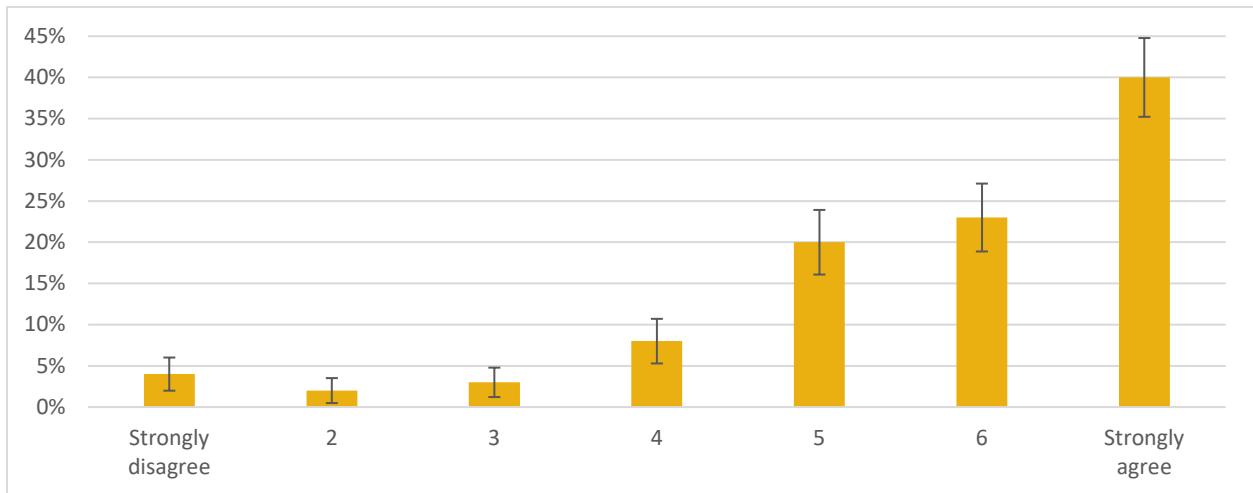


Figure 16: Would Recommend Their Community to Others as a Good Place to Live, 2021

CHANGE IN COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

A community with high livability is more likely to support the well-being of its residents and can help to attract and retain new residents.⁹ The *Change in Community Livability Index* is used to measure changes to community livability, calculated using the average scores from respondents’ responses to four statements about their community: (1) livability, (2) friendliness, (3) local economy, and (4) landscape. Survey participants were asked about these four factors using a scale from 1 to 7, with 1 being “getting worse” and 7 being “getting better”.

Figure 17 shows how the respondents’ rated the livability of their community. The average score is 4.8 (n=396). This is a decrease from 5.5 (n=394) in 2019.⁴ However, 61% of 2021 respondents provided ratings between 5 and 7, indicating they perceive their community livability to be improving.

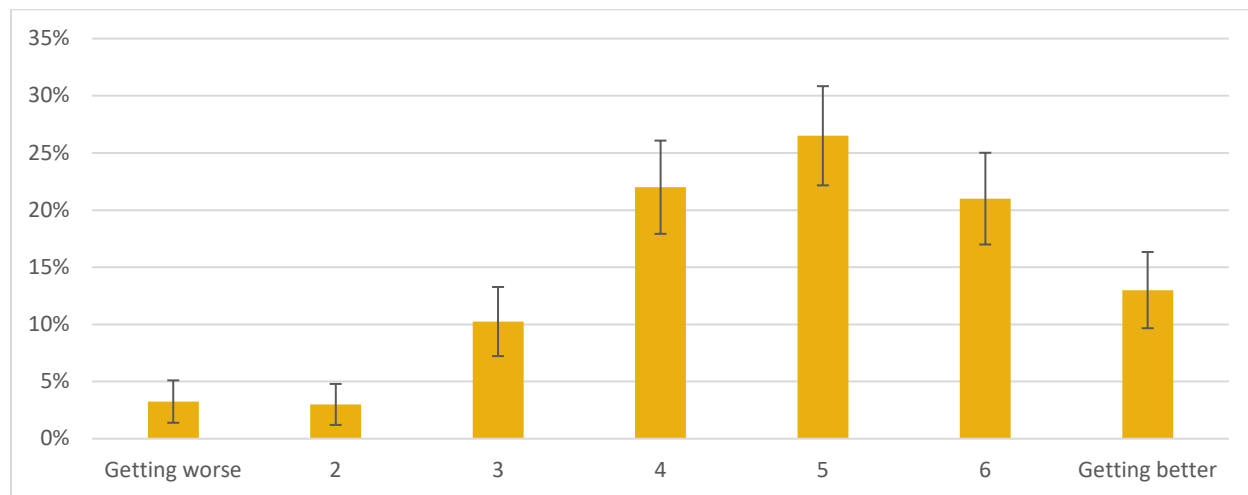


Figure 17: Change in Community Livability Index, 2021

MIGRATION INTENTION

Survey respondents were asked about whether they have moved or if they were considering moving. Intention of migration can be indicative of community well-being and livability.³

Respondents were first asked if they have moved to a new community in the last three years, of which, 9% answered “yes”. Of those 38 respondents, 52% moved from within the region and 48% moved from outside of the region.

When asked if they considered moving to a new community in the last three years but did not actually move, 27% answered “yes”. Of those 106 respondents, 22% considered moving to a new community in the region, 63% considered moving to a community outside of the region, and 15% were not sure where they wanted to move to.

Another migration intention question asked respondents if they are considering moving to a new community in the next 12 months. Of all respondents, 14% of answered “yes”. Of those 56 respondents, 21% were considering moving to a new community in the region, 65% were considering moving out of the region, and 13% were not sure where they want to move.

The 2021 results vary from the 2019 results. In 2019, 14% of respondents moved within the previous three years, 15% of respondents considered moving in the previous three years but did not move, and 9% were considering moving over the subsequent year. Visit the [2019 Subjective Well-being report](#) for more information.⁴

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Survey respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement for three statements about impacts to community well-being. These questions were new in the 2021 poll. Respondents answered on a scale from 1 to 7, with 1 being “strongly disagree” and 7 being “strongly agree”. These statements are:

- a) I am worried about the impacts of climate change,
- b) I am worried about the impacts of poverty in my community, and
- c) I am worried about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The majority of respondents (79%) indicate they are worried to some degree about the impacts of climate change (**Figure 18**). Of all respondents, 45% indicate they strongly agree with the statement “I am worried about the impacts of climate change”. The average score is 5.5 (n=400).

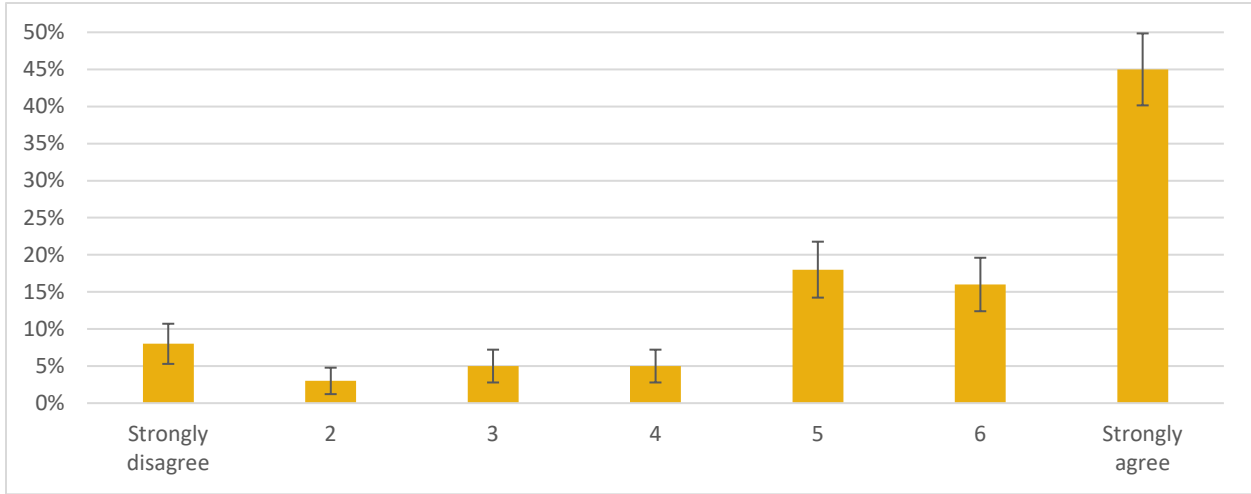


Figure 18: Worry about the Impacts of Climate Change, 2021

IMPACTS OF POVERTY

Survey respondents generally agree that they are worried about the impacts of poverty in their community, with 70% of respondents providing a rating between 5 and 7 and an average score of 5.1 (n=392) (**Figure 19**).

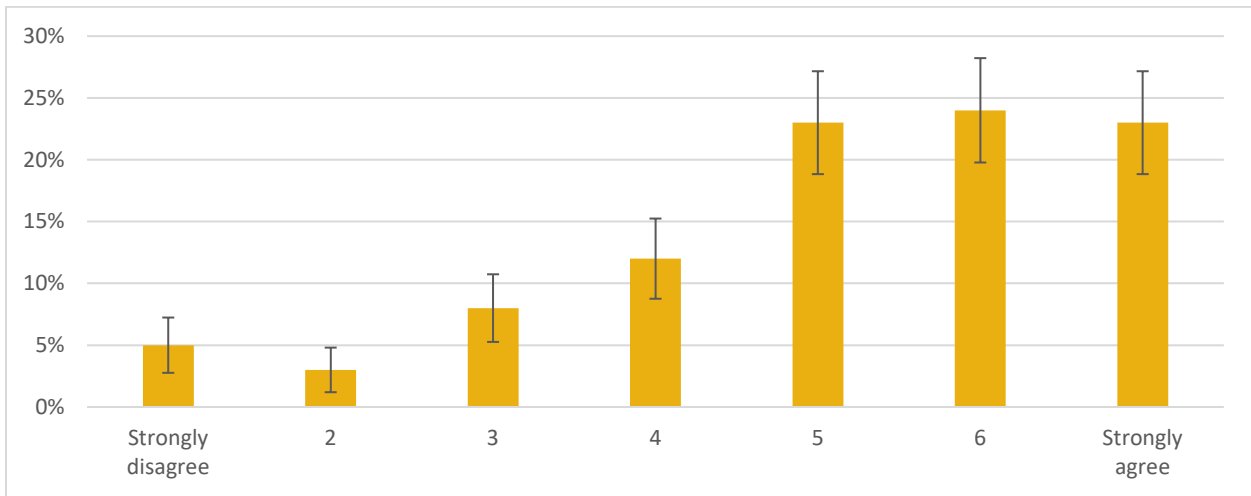


Figure 19: Worry About the Impacts of Poverty in Their Community, 2021

IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Of all respondents, 48% strongly agree that they are worried about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with an average score of 5.7 (n=396) (**Figure 20**).

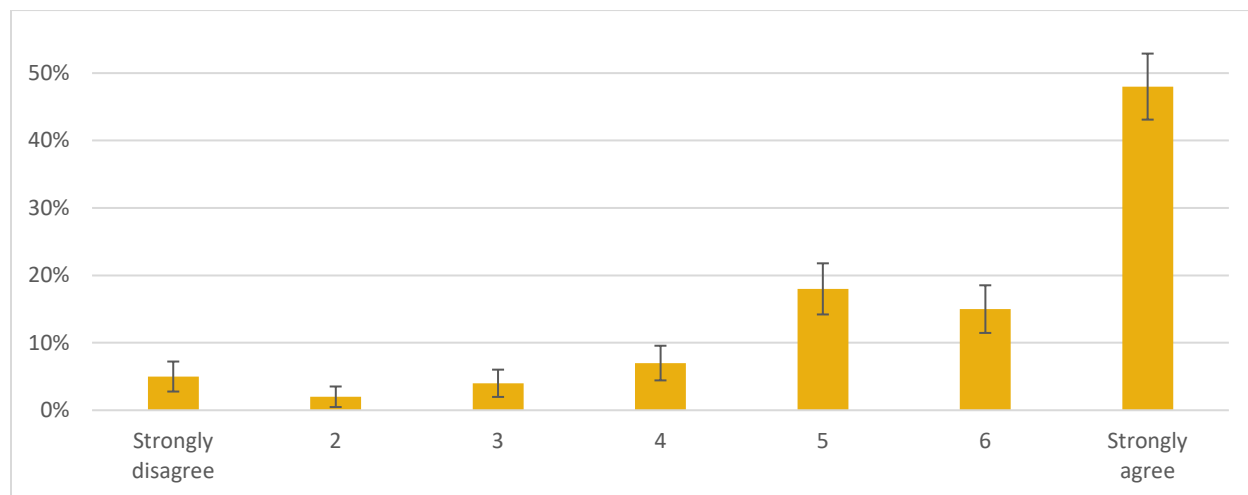


Figure 20: Worry About the Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, 2021

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Economic conditions, such as the state of personal finances and employment opportunities, can contribute to subjective well-being.¹⁰ When an individual has income to satisfy their needs and goals, it can also contribute to their overall well-being. Economic well-being is measured through the *Consumer Confidence Index* (CCI), the characteristics comprising the CCI and how they have changed over time, and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on consumer confidence.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX

The CCI is based on the Conference Board of Canada's survey of Canadian households, which aims to measure consumers' levels of optimism with respect to economic conditions.¹¹ Survey respondents were asked to provide their opinions about five economic questions:

- Considering everything, would you say your family is better off, the same or worse off financially than 6 months ago?
- Considering everything, do you think your family will be better off, the same, or worse off financially 6 months from now?
- Would you say that the job situation and overall employment is better, the same or worse off than 6 months ago?
- How do you feel the job situation and overall employment will be in this community 6 months from now – better, the same, or worse off?
- Would you say that now is a good, neutral, or bad time for the average person to make a major purchase for items such as a home, car, or other major item?

The CCI is calculated by combining the results from the questions above and dividing the sum of the percentage of positive and negative responses by the percentage of positive responses. If consumer

confidence is high, people tend to make more purchases. If consumer confidence is low, people tend to spend less and save more. Consumer confidence typically increases when the economy expands, and decreases when the economy contracts; however, there are many factors that influence the state of the economy and the perceptions that people have about it.¹¹

The CCI is 45% for 2021, a decrease of 22 percentage points from 67% in 2019 (**Figure 21**). Since the State of the Basin initiative began conducting subjective well-being research in 2014, there has been fluctuation in the results of this index.^{iv}

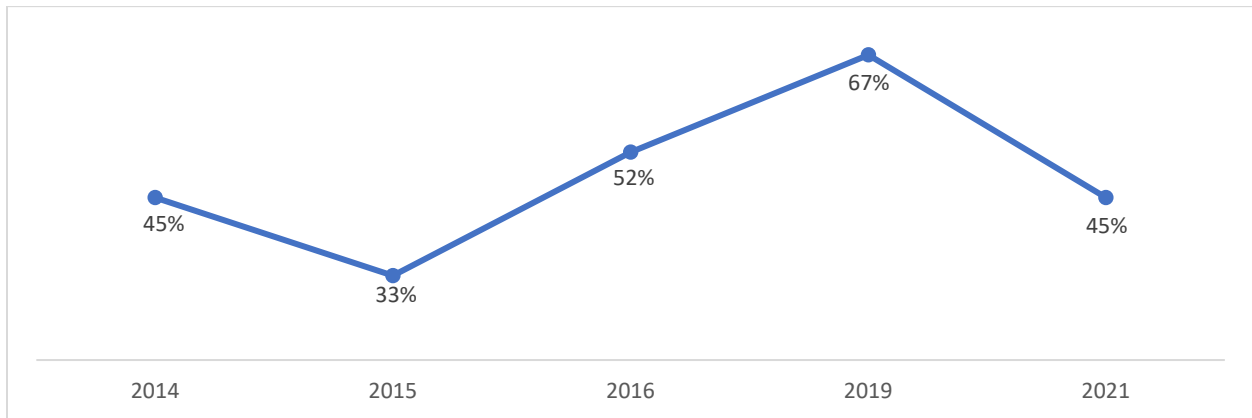


Figure 21: Consumer Confidence Index, 2014 to 2021

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE CHARACTERISTICS

FAMILY FINANCES

Respondents were asked to rate the state of their family finances six months prior to and six months after the time of polling (**Figure 22**). The majority of respondents (67%) indicate that their finances were the same as six months prior to being polled, and they would continue to be the same six months after the poll.

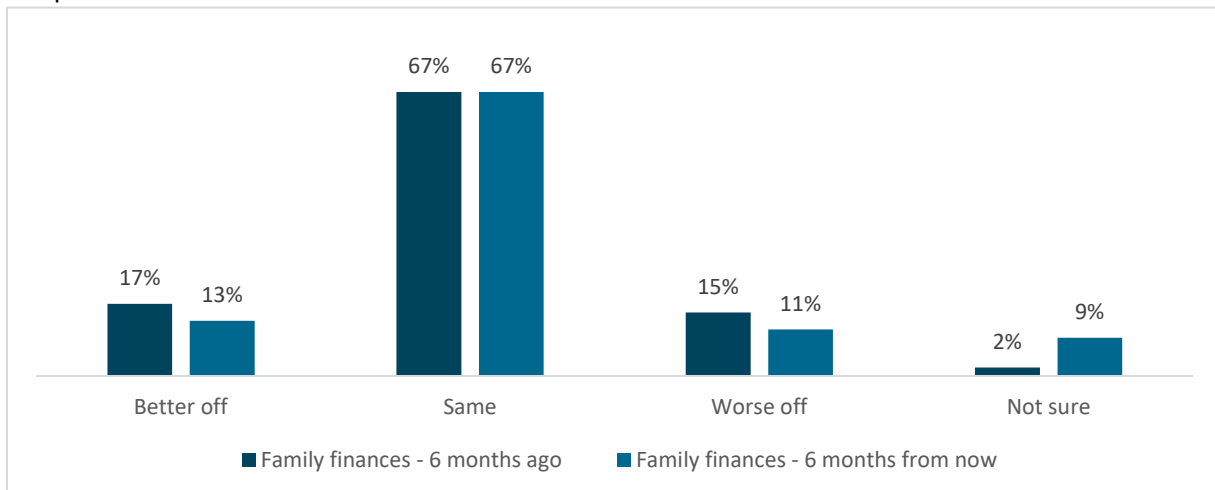


Figure 22: Status of Family Finances, 2021

^{iv} This measure has been recalculated for past years, and therefore, comparison with previously published reports is discouraged.

JOBS & EMPLOYMENT

When asked to rate the job situation and overall employment in their community, many respondents indicate it was the same as six months prior to being polled (36%) and would continue to be the same six months after the poll (44%) (**Figure 23**). Some respondents indicate that employment was worse off six months prior (32%), while others have optimism that the job situation will be better off in the near future (22%).

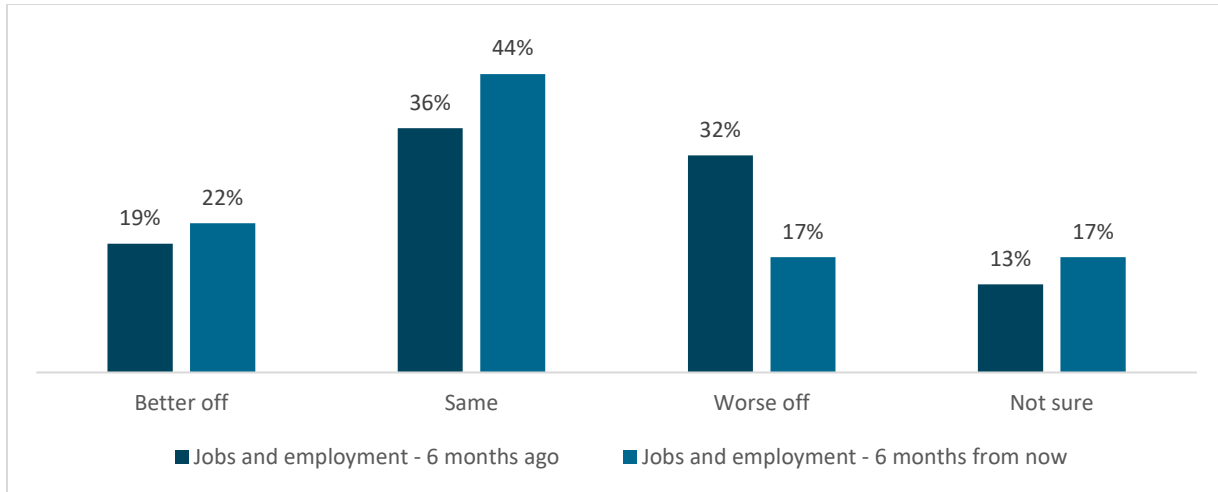


Figure 23: Status of Jobs and Employment, 2021

IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Survey respondents were also asked to rate how their family finances and the job situation and overall employment changed since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020 (**Figure 24**). Many respondents indicate their finances are the same as before COVID-19 (60%), but that employment is worse off (54%).

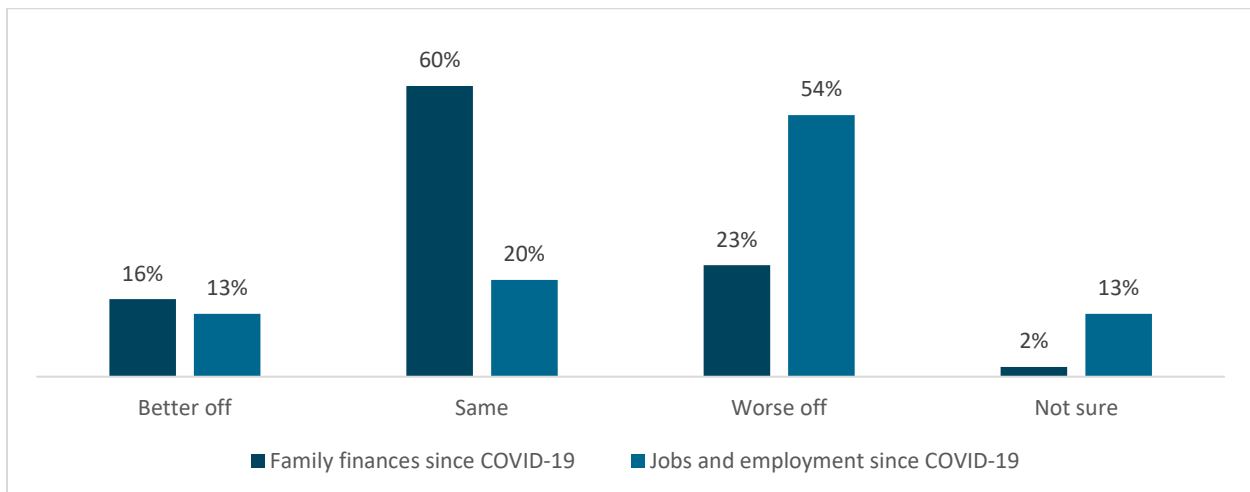


Figure 24: Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Consumer Confidence, 2021

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE CHARACTERISTICS OVER TIME

The characteristics used to calculate the CCI are shown over time to provide insight into the specific focus areas of consumer confidence: family finances, jobs and employment, and major purchases.

FAMILY FINANCES

Over the five polls conducted since 2014, most respondents indicate their family finances were the same as six months prior to being polled (**Figure 25**).

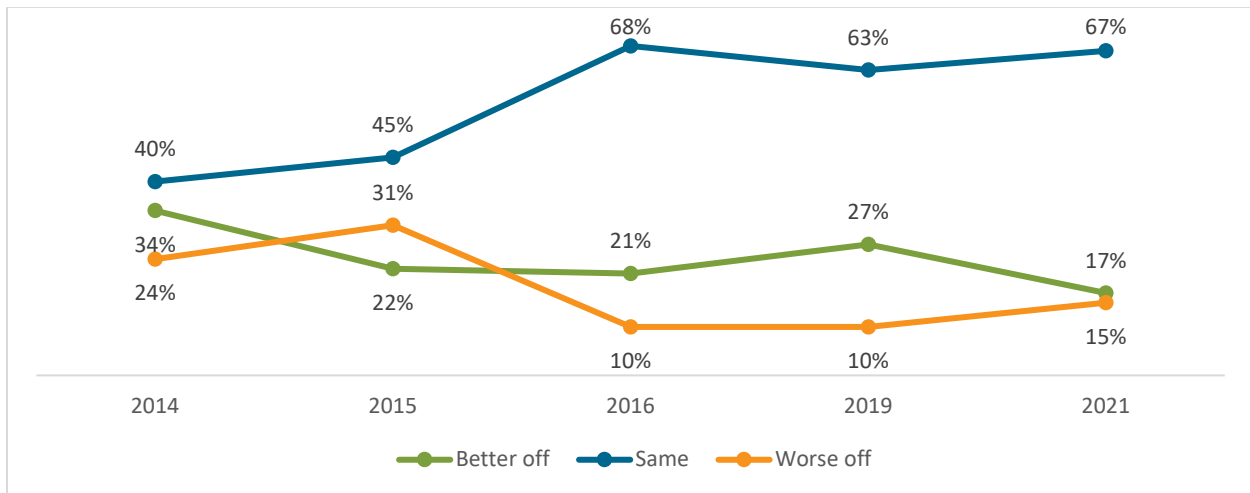


Figure 25: Family Finances in the Past Six Months, 2014 to 2021

Most respondents also indicate their finances will be the same six months after being polled (**Figure 26**).

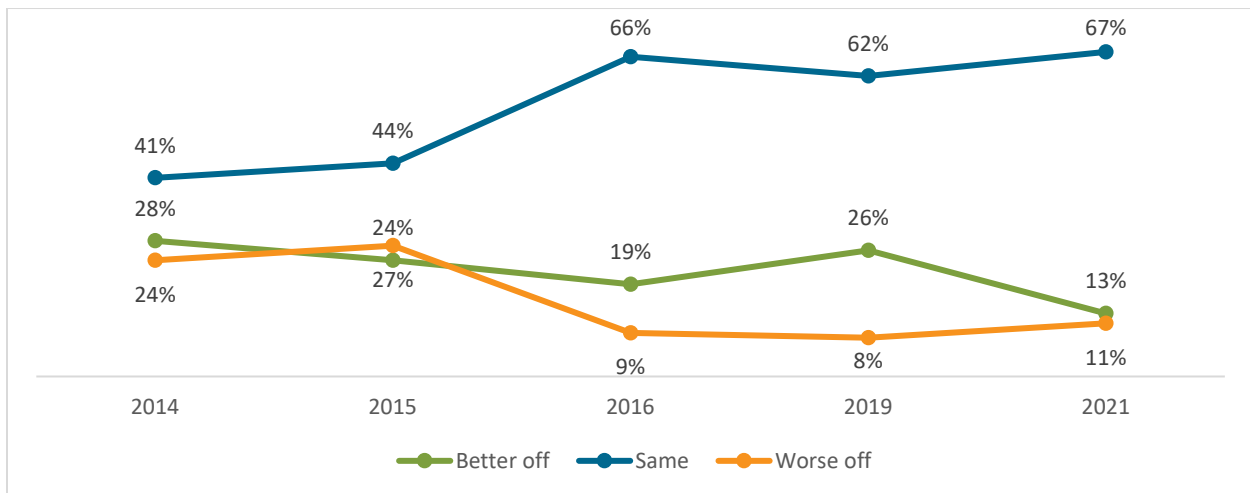


Figure 26: Family Finances in the Next Six Months, 2014 to 2021

JOBS & EMPLOYMENT

As compared to previous years with available data, 2021 saw an increase in the percent of respondents who indicate their job situation and overall employment is worse off than six months before being polled (**Figure 27**).^v

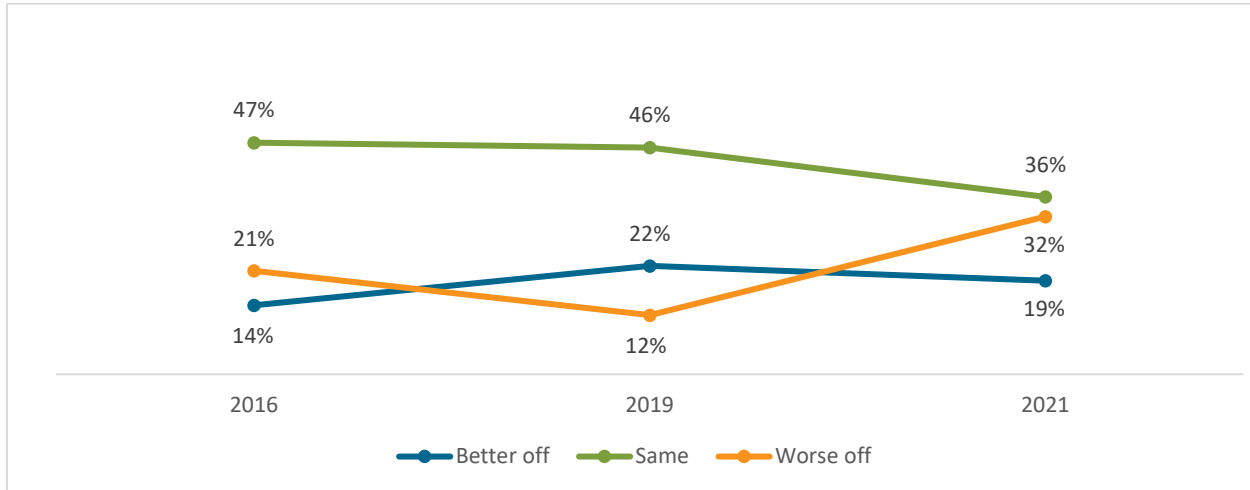


Figure 27: Jobs and Employment in the Past Six Months, 2016 to 2021

There is variability with how respondents rate the future job situation and overall employment in their community since 2014 (**Figure 28**). In 2014 and 2015, the majority of respondents thought employment would be worse off in the six months after being polled (53% and 55%, respectively). For the last three polling years, more respondents indicate that the job situation will be the same, at 51% in 2016, 43% in 2019, and 44% in 2021.

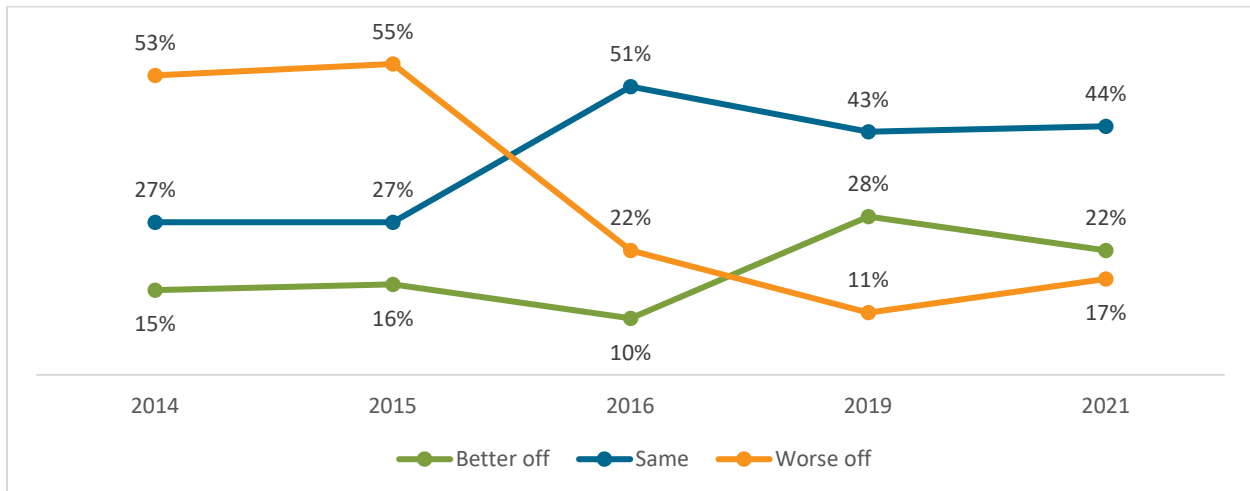


Figure 28: Jobs and Employment in the Next Six Months, 2014 to 2021

^v This question was not asked in the 2014 and 2015 polls; therefore, no data are available for those years.

MAJOR PURCHASES

Survey respondents were asked to rate, at the time of polling, how they felt about making a major purchase (**Figure 29**). Over the years polled, the highest percent response category to this question has fluctuated between thinking it is a bad time and neutral. Of the total respondents in 2021, 48% think it is a bad time for a major purchase.

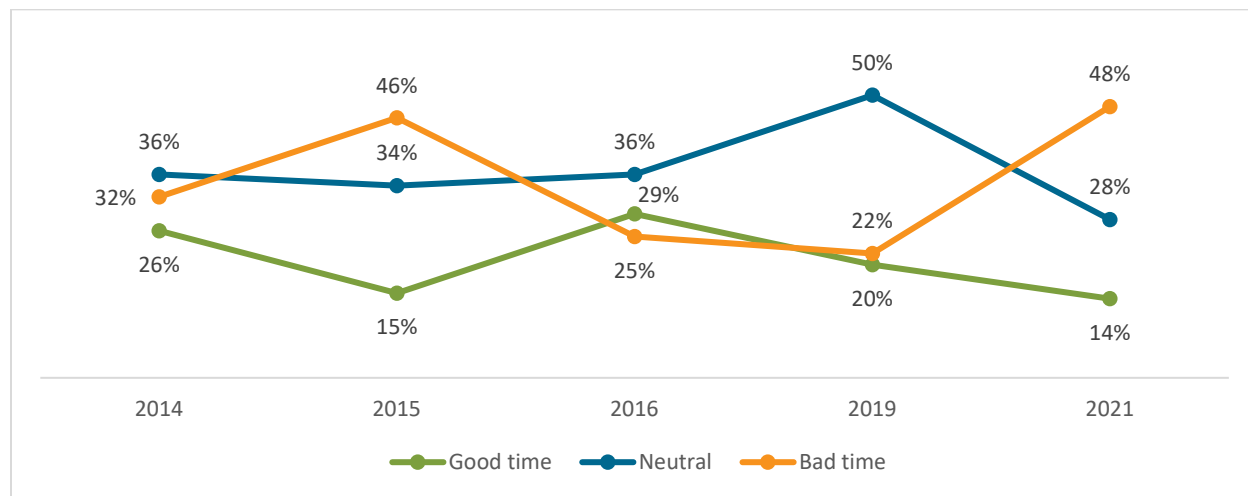


Figure 29: Making Major Purchases, 2014 to 2021

DETERMINANTS OF WELL-BEING

There are many factors that contribute to personal and community well-being. These are often referred to as “determinants of well-being”, but they are also understood by investigating the related “capital” and the positive or negative influence these variables can have on personal and community well-being.⁹ Building on the work of researchers at the University of Canberra, the State of the Basin initiative selected several survey questions related to determinants of well-being using a framework of capitals: human capital, institutional capital, social capital, physical capital, and natural capital.³ Survey results are presented as measures within each form of capital, or as indices (the average results of several measures). An additional category regarding climate change is also presented, as it is an overarching factor than impacts all forms of capital to some extent. All responses are on a scale of 1 to 7, with scale variations depending on the specific measure or index. These scale variations are “strongly disagree” to “strongly agree”, “never” to “all the time”, “very poor” to “very good”, and “big problem” to “not a problem”.

HUMAN CAPITAL

Human capital is an essential element of community health and success. With high levels of human capital—people with high levels of skills, education, and good health—a community can greatly benefit.⁹ The benefit comes as long as those people are willing to contribute their skills and resources and are connected and working together with others in the community (also see measures of Social Capital below).

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & COLLABORATION

This research includes one index of human capital, the *Community Leadership & Collaboration Index*, which is commonly understood as a key factor in determining the future success of communities (**Figure 30**).¹² Survey respondents were asked to provide their level of agreement to three statements on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 being “strongly disagree” and 7 being “strongly agree”. Responses are combined into a single index by calculating the average response to the three statements:

- a) People around here are good at getting help and ideas from other communities.
- b) Whatever the problem, someone in this community takes the lead in sorting it out.
- c) Local groups and organizations around here are good at getting things done.

With an average score of 4.9 (n=364) and 32% of respondents providing a rating of 5 out of 7, there is a moderate level of community leadership and collaboration perceived in regional communities. This compares to an average score of 5.2 (n=379) in 2019.⁴

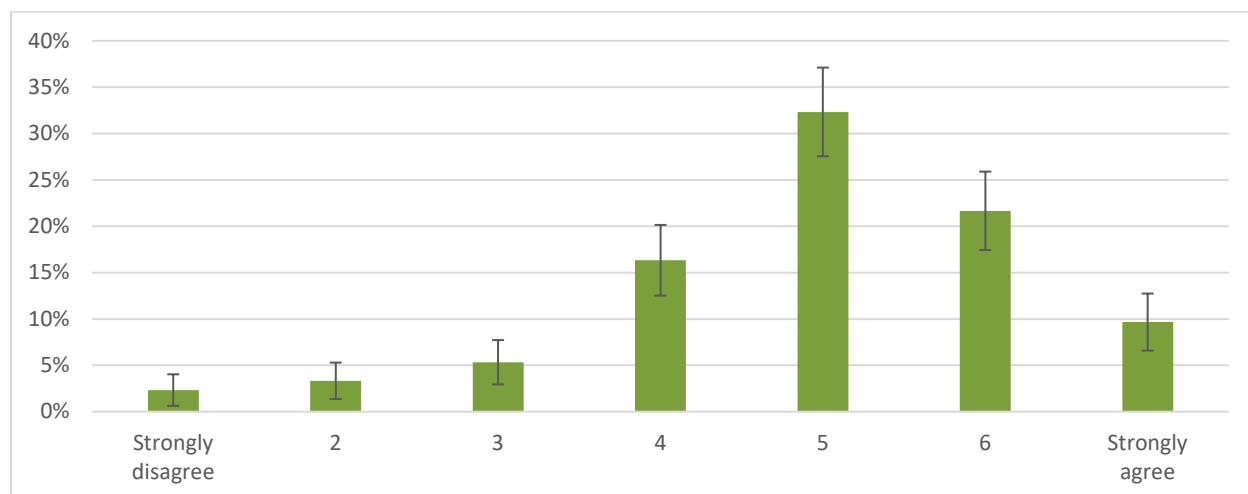


Figure 30: Community Leadership & Collaboration Index, 2021

INSTITUTIONAL CAPITAL

Institutional capital considers the quality, representativeness, fairness, and inclusiveness of local organizations, such as local government, non-profits, and other agencies, as well as the associated decision-making processes.⁹ If local institutions and processes enable constituents to be heard and listened to and allow for equitable, inclusive, and transparent decision-making, there is considered to be a high level of institutional capital.¹³ The following two indices contribute to institutional capital.

HAVING A SAY & BEING HEARD

The *Having a Say & Being Heard Index* is an indicator of institutional capital that investigates the governance and decision-making processes in a community (**Figure 31**). There is particular interest in the quality of these organizations and how representative, fair and inclusive they are.⁹ The index is calculated by taking the average answers to the following four statements:

- a) My local government is able to help our community face challenges.

- b) The people who make decisions for my community represent the whole community, not just part of it.
- c) I can get involved in local decision-making processes if I want to.
- d) Most people around here get a reasonable opportunity to participate or express themselves in community decision making.

Survey respondents indicate there are adequate opportunities to have a say and be heard, with an average score of 4.7 (n=388) and 58% of respondents providing a rating between 5 and 7. This is a slight decrease from 2019 when the average score was 5.0 (n=391).⁴

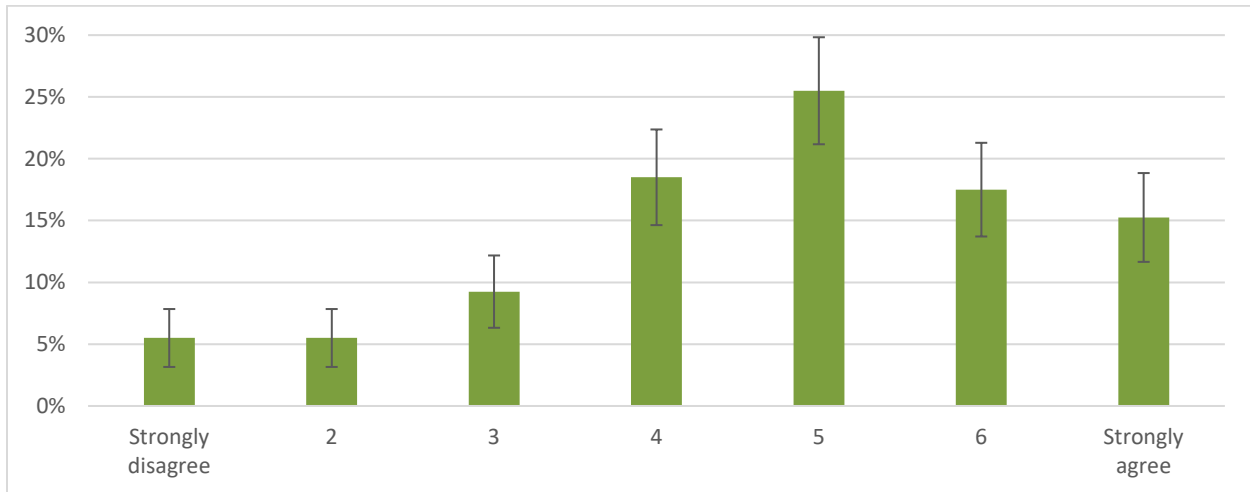


Figure 31: Having a Say & Being Heard Index, 2021

EQUITY & INCLUSION

Institutional capital refers not only to the formal organizations within a community, but also the informal, such as the unspoken rules about human interaction or about access to resources. These unspoken rules of behaviour can determine which people are included or excluded in community activities and decision-making and are often discussed as critical to the future of communities and management of rural areas.⁹

To calculate the *Equity & Inclusion Index*, survey respondents were asked to provide their level of agreement to three statements:

- a) Some groups in this community keep to themselves.
- b) Some individuals get left out in this community.
- c) There is a lot of disagreement between people in this community.

A low response (showing disagreement) to the three questions represents a high level of equity and inclusion in the community of the survey participant. Therefore, to calculate this index, the scores for all three questions were reversed, so that high scores are associated with high levels of equity and inclusion, and vice-versa. The average of the score for the three questions was calculated using a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 indicating low levels and 7 indicating high levels of institutional capital in the form of equity and inclusion.

With an average score of 3.0 (n=368), and 62% indicating they agree on some level, respondents perceive a low level of equity and inclusion in their communities (**Figure 32**). This compares to an average score of 3.5 (n=372) in 2019.⁴

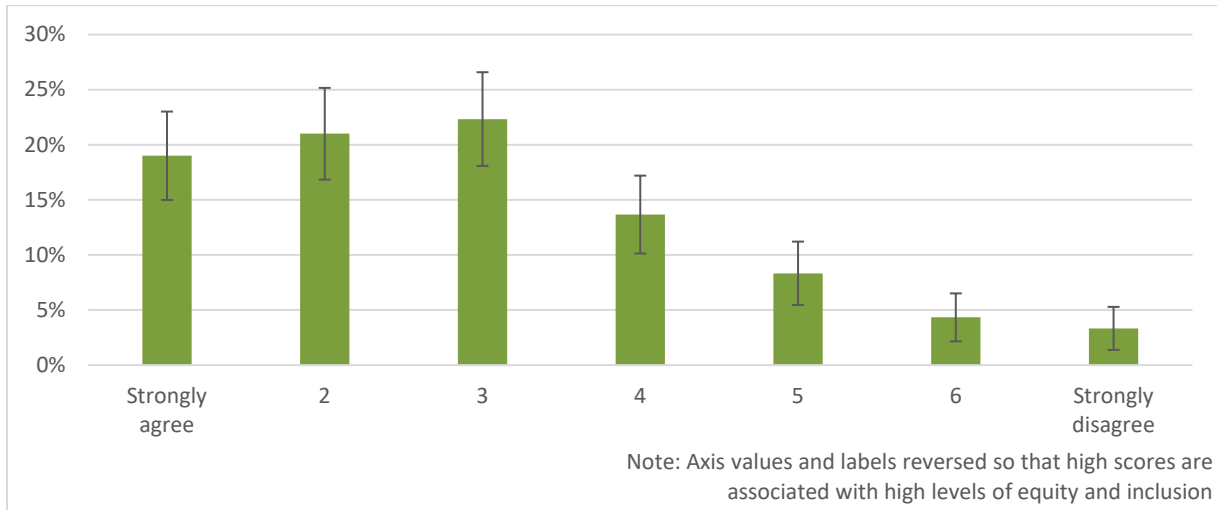


Figure 32: Equity & Inclusion Index, 2021

TOURISM

The quality of tourism offerings can contribute to the development of communities and a region, and it can be used as a measurement of institutional capital.¹⁴

As shown in **Figure 33**, 83% of respondents agree with the statement: “*Tourism brings positive benefits to my community.*” The average score is 5.7 (n=400). This question is new in 2021.

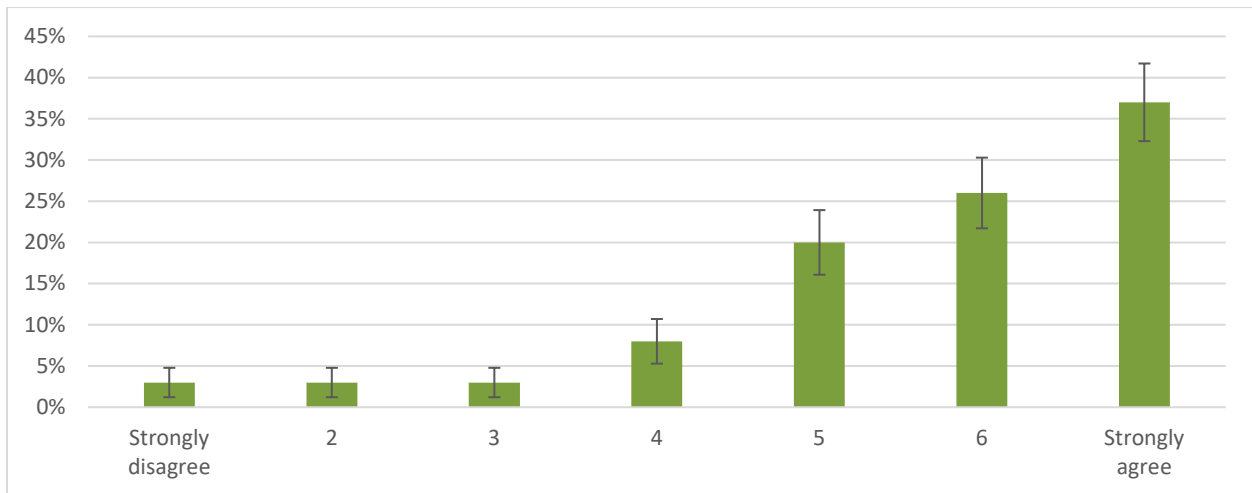


Figure 33: Tourism Brings Positive Benefits, 2021

SOCIAL CAPITAL

Social capital occurs when people act towards mutual benefit by coordinating, cooperating, establishing connections, and developing trust.⁹ Often referred to as “the glue that holds communities together”, social capital can be developed when individuals and groups unite to collaborate, support one-another,

and participate in problem solving together.⁹ Social capital can be evaluated in different ways. This research includes measures of social capital related to spending time with friends and family, having someone to rely on during a time of need, community involvement, taking part in community activities, volunteering, and social belonging.

SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

The *Spending Time with Friends & Family Index* is used to measure informal social connectedness or social cohesion (**Figure 34**). This index was calculated by taking the average responses to three statements:

- a) I make time to keep in touch with my friends.
- b) I chat with my neighbours.
- c) I spend time doing things with family members who don't live with me.

Most respondents indicate they connect with friends and family all the time (38%), with an average score of 5.5 (n=400). The results are similar to 2019 when the average score was 5.6 (n=397) and 40% of respondents answered they connect with friends and family all the time.⁴

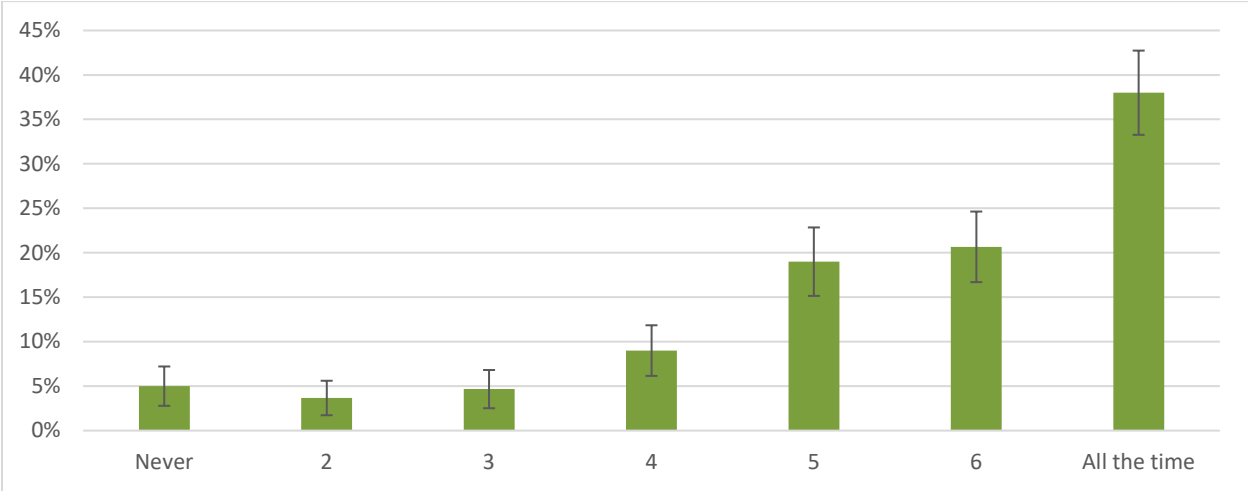


Figure 34: Spending Time with Friends & Family Index, 2021

HAVING FRIENDS OR FAMILY TO RELY ON DURING A TIME OF NEED

The bonds we share with friends and family are an important form of social capital.¹⁵ Having someone to rely on during a time of need can provide support in a variety of ways, whether for our mental and emotional health, finances, or otherwise. As shown in **Figure 35**, respondents were asked to rate the statement, “I have friends or family I can rely on during a time of need.”

The majority of survey respondents indicate they have support from friends and family all the time (73%), with an average score of 6.5 (n=404). This is an increase from 2019 when 70% of respondents answered all the time. However, the average score in 2019 was the same at 6.5 (n=392).^{4, vi}

^{vi} This measure was reported differently in the 2019 Subjective Well-being report. To allow for comparison, 2019 raw results were re-analyzed to match 2021 analysis.

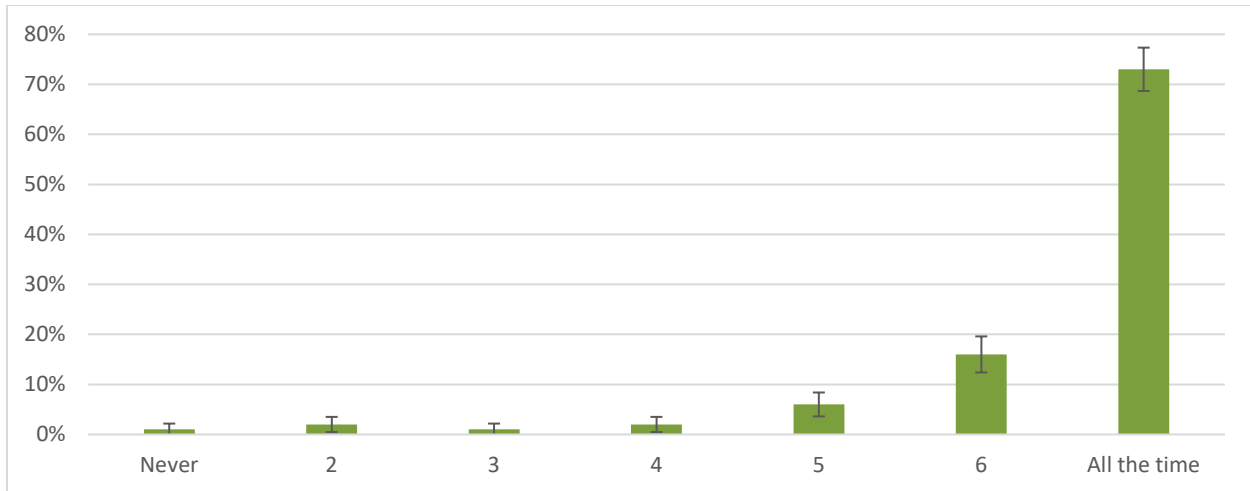


Figure 35: Having Friends or Family to Rely on During a Time of Need, 2021

GETTING INVOLVED

Another aspect of well-being and social capital is an individual’s level of “civic engagement”, or how much they get involved in community activities.⁹ Survey respondents were asked to rate four statements related to community participation:

- a) I go to arts or cultural events.
- b) I attend community events.
- c) I take part in community-based clubs or associations.
- d) I get involved with political activities.

The *Getting Involved Index* is calculated by taking the average response to these statements (**Figure 36**). Many respondents indicate they never get involved (36%), while only a few respondents (9%) indicate they participate in community activities all the time. The average score is 3.2 (n=398), indicative of low levels of community involvement. This compares to an average score of 4.0 (n=399) in the 2019 poll.⁴

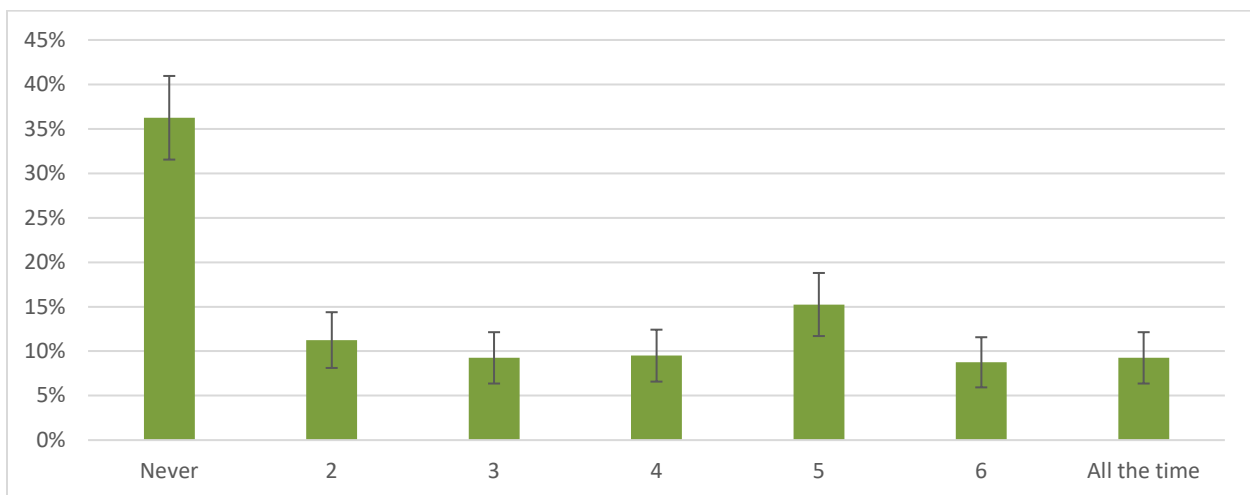


Figure 36: Getting Involved Index, 2021

TAKING PART IN SPORTS GROUPS OR TEAMS

Social capital can also be measured by involvement in sports groups or teams. Respondents were asked to rate their level of participation in sports groups or teams (**Figure 37**).

The majority of respondents (54%) indicate they never take part in sports groups or teams, with an average score of 2.7 (n=400). This compares to an average score of 3.1 (n=400) in 2019 when 42% of respondents reported “never” being involved in sports groups or teams.⁴

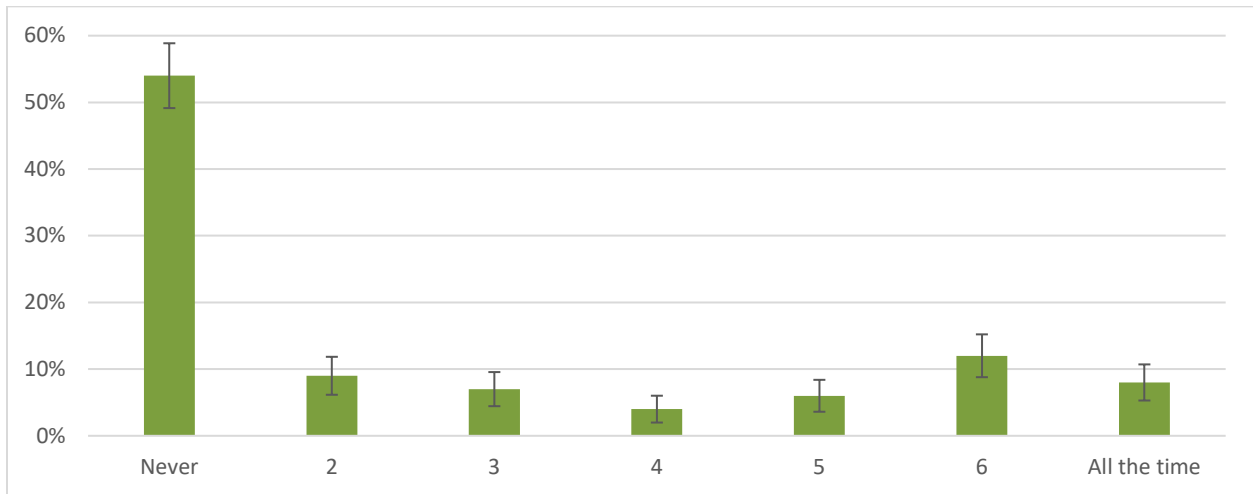


Figure 37: Taking Part in Sports Groups or Teams, 2021

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is an important measure of civic engagement and social capital. Respondents were asked to rate the frequency with which they volunteer in their local community (**Figure 38**).

Many respondents indicate they never volunteer (34%), followed by those who volunteer all the time (20%). The average score is 3.5 (n=400). This is a change from 2019 when the average score was 4.3, 18% of respondents never volunteered, and 23% volunteered all the time.⁴

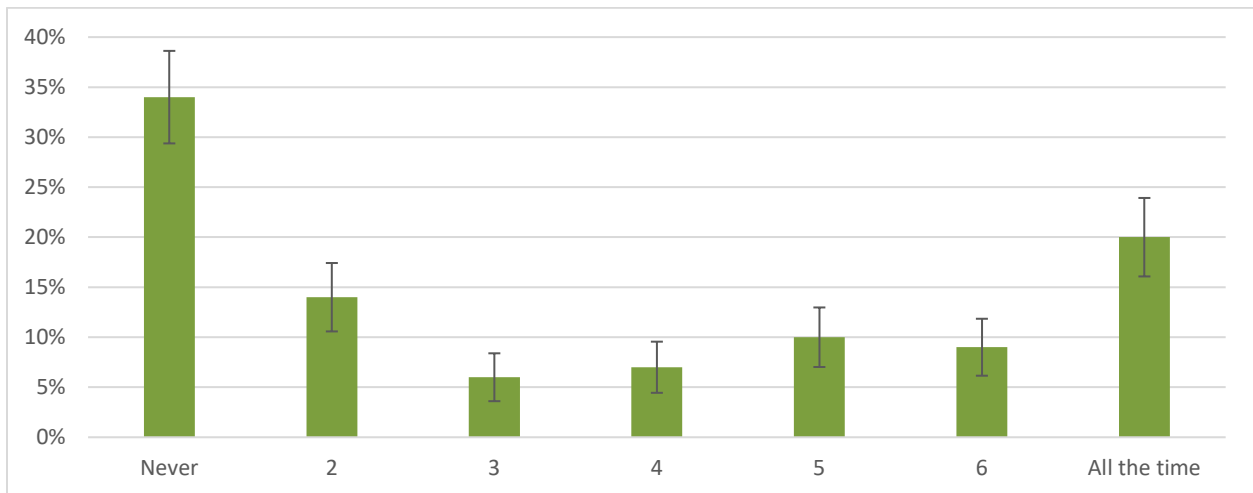


Figure 38: Volunteering in Their Local Community, 2021

SENSE OF BELONGING

An individual's sense of belonging is a connection with other people and places. It is related to the extent to which they feel welcomed and a part of their community. Survey respondents were asked to rate four statements related to their community connections:

- a) I feel welcome here.
- b) I feel part of my community.
- c) We are all 'in it together' in my community.
- d) I feel like an outsider here.

The *Sense of Belonging Index* is calculated using the average response to these four statements (**Figure 39**). A low response to "I feel like an outsider here" represents a high sense of belonging and therefore the inverse of responses to this statement were used to calculate this index.

With 35% of respondents indicating they feel a sense of belonging all the time, and an average score of 5.4 (n=385), there is a strong sense of feeling welcomed to and a part of communities across the region. However, this is a decrease from 2019 when the average score was 5.8 (n=398).⁴

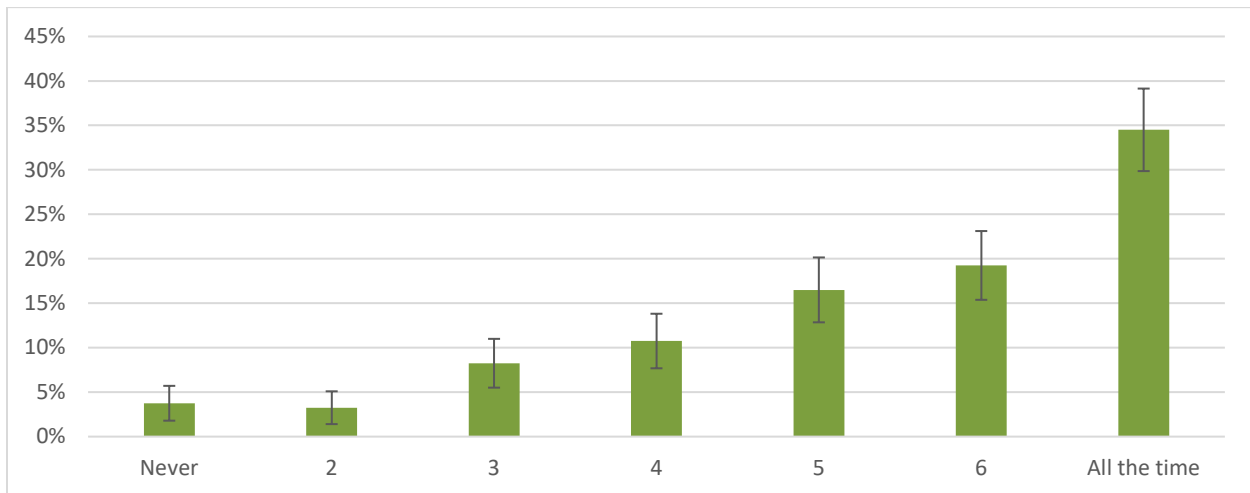


Figure 39: Sense of Belonging Index, 2021

PHYSICAL CAPITAL

Physical capital refers to the physical characteristics of a "healthy community" that influence its well-being, such as access to infrastructure and services, perceptions of crime and safety, and perceptions of landscape and aesthetics.³

ACCESS TO INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES

Opinions about the accessibility of infrastructure and services in local communities were assessed by asking survey respondents to provide a rating for a variety of statements. These statements are related to health services, housing, education, recreation, arts and culture, aged care services and childcare services, transportation infrastructure and services, fresh and affordable food, retail services, financial and professional services, and telecommunication services. For some categories an index was created using the average score of multiple statements, while a single statement was used as an indicator for

other categories. For these access to services questions, respondents answered on a 7-point scale where 1 was “very poor” access and 7 was “very good” access.

Access to Health Services

The *Access to Health Services Index* is comprised of the average responses when asked about access to three services:

- a) General health services such as a doctor or pharmacist.
- b) Mental health services such as a psychologist or psychiatrist.
- c) Specialist health services other than mental health (e.g., surgeon).

There was a high level of variability in responses to these health statements. While the average score is 4.3 (n=341), ratings between 5 and 7 account for 44% of all responses, indicative of somewhat good access to health services (**Figure 40**). In the 2019 poll, the average score for the *Access to Health Services Index* was very similar at 4.4 (n=355).^{4, vii}

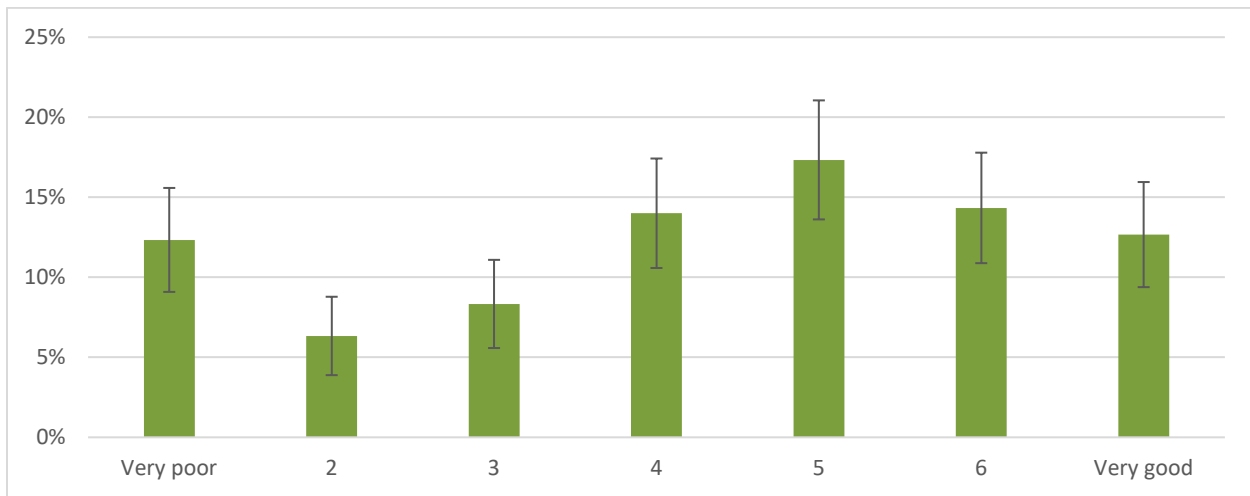


Figure 40: Access to Health Services Index, 2021

Access to Housing

The *Access to Housing Index* is comprised of the average responses rating access to housing, affordable housing, and stable housing. With an average score of 3.6 (n=324) and 44% of respondents providing ratings between 1 to 3, this is indicative of poor access to housing in our region (**Figure 41**).^{viii} See **Appendix B** for the results specific to each housing category.

^{vii} Index composition changed between 2019 and 2021 analysis to increase usefulness. To allow for comparison, 2019 raw results were re-analyzed to match 2021 analysis.

^{viii} Comparison to 2019 poll results is not possible, as additional housing questions were added in 2021.

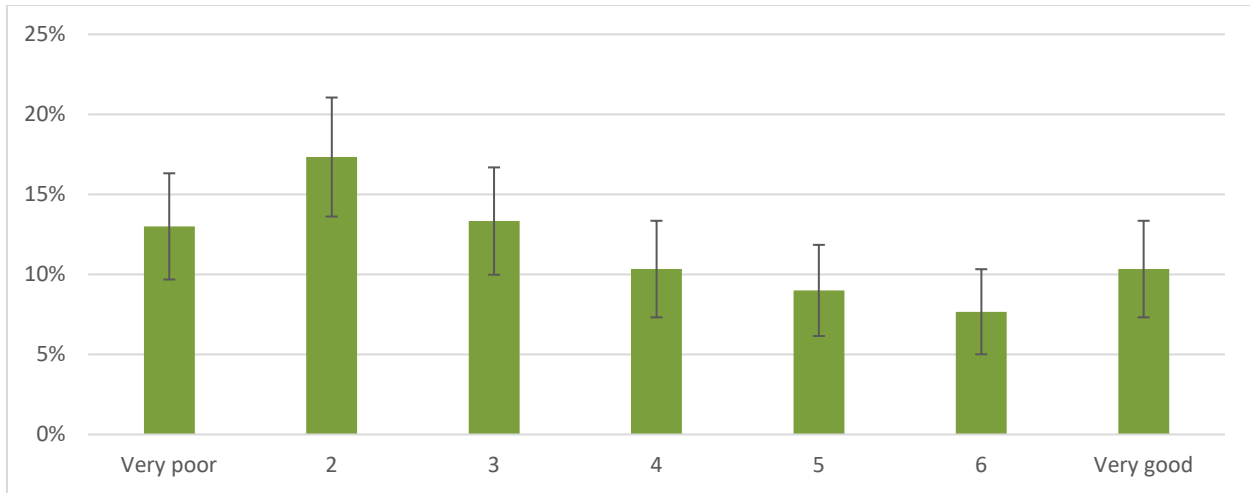


Figure 41: Access to Housing Index, 2021

Access to Education

Survey respondents were asked to rate access to education such as schools, distance education and vocational training. Of the total respondents, 59% provide ratings between 5 and 7, which is indicative of relatively good access to education. A large proportion of respondents answered “not applicable” (23%) or “don’t know” (2%). The average score is 5.4 (n=300) (**Figure 42**). This compares to an average score of 5.5 (n=324) in 2019.^{4, ix}

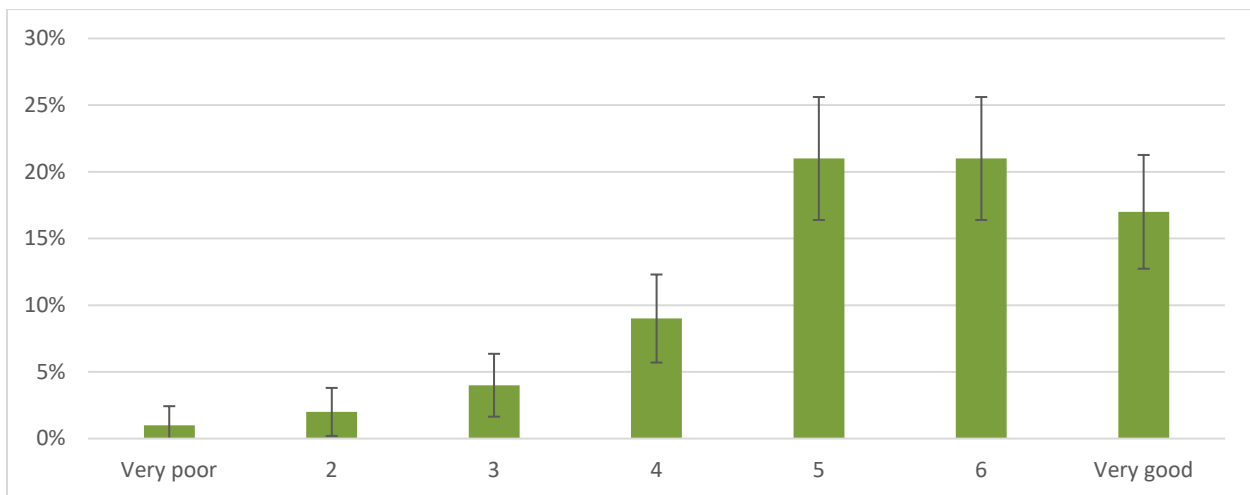


Figure 42: Access to Education, 2021

Access to Recreation

The *Access to Recreation Index* is comprised of the average responses rating access to recreational facilities and recreational experiences and opportunities. With an average score of 5.3 (n=376), and 72% of respondents providing ratings between 5 and 7, there is perceived good access to recreation in our

^{ix} This measure was separated out of an index between 2019 and 2021 analysis to increase usefulness. To allow for comparison, 2019 raw results were re-analyzed to match 2021 analysis.

region (**Figure 43**). However, the rating of access has decreased since 2019 when the average score was 5.8 (n=382).⁴

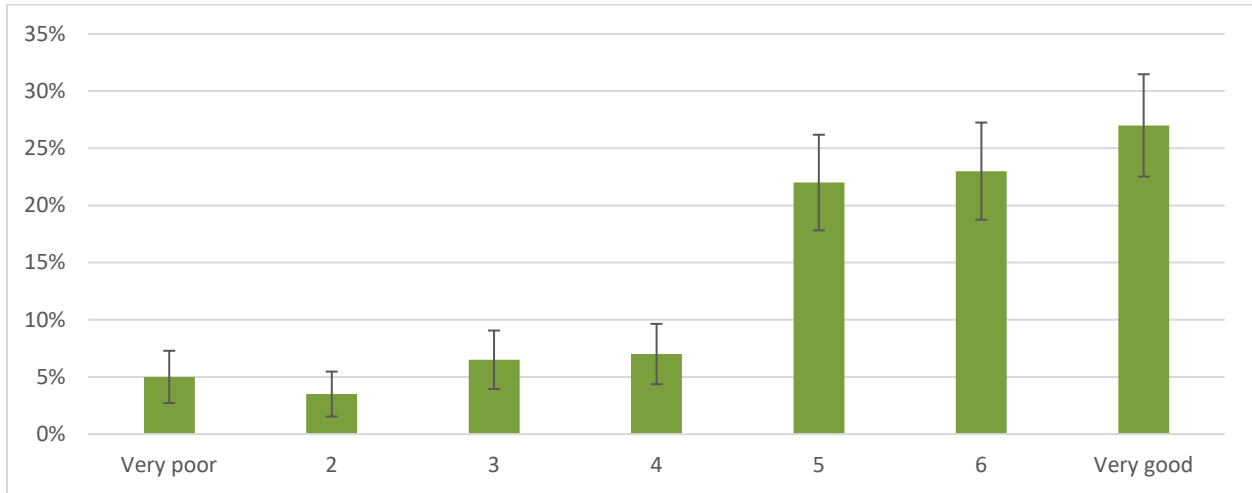


Figure 43: Access to Recreation Index, 2021

Access to Arts & Culture

Respondents were asked to rate access to arts and culture experiences and opportunities. The average score is 4.6 (n=352) and 57% of respondents provided ratings between 5 and 7, suggesting that there is moderate access to arts and culture in the region (**Figure 44**). This is a decrease from 2019 when the average score was 5.3 (n=356).⁴

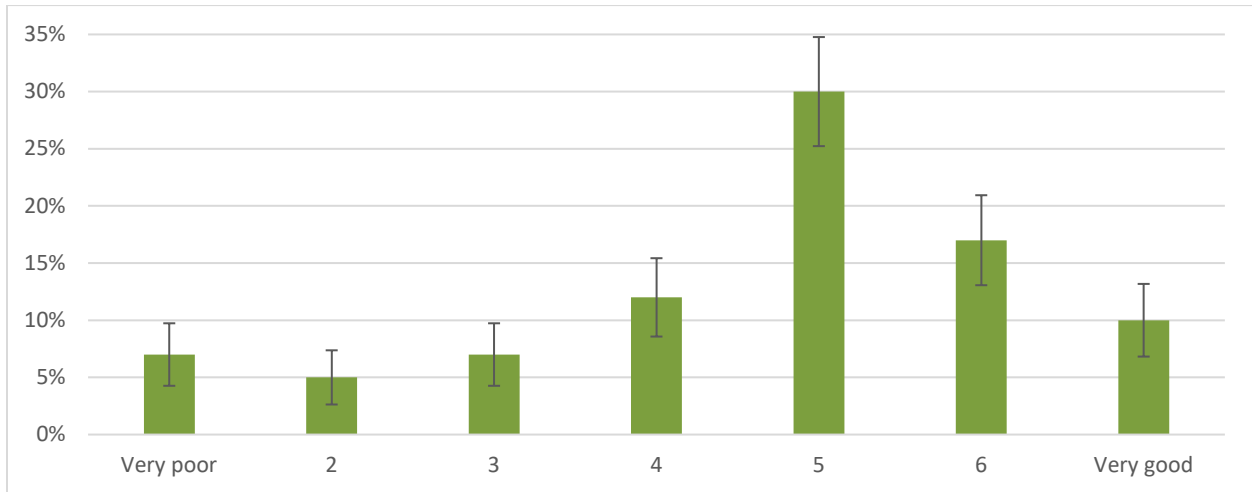


Figure 44: Access to Arts and Cultural Experiences and Opportunities, 2021

Access to Aged Care and Childcare Services

When asked to rate access to aged care services and childcare services, there is a high number of respondents who do not know (11% of respondents for both measures) or indicate this is not applicable for them (21% of respondents for aged care and 53% of respondents for childcare).

Respondents provided an average score of 4.3 (n=272) for aged care and 3.9 (n=144) for childcare services. For aged care, 34% of respondents provided a rating between 5 and 7, indicative of somewhat good access to these services. Responses for access to childcare services were evenly distributed between somewhat poor and somewhat good (**Figure 45**). This compares to an average score of 4.3 (n=308) for aged care and average score of 4.1 (n=192) for childcare in 2019.^{4, x}

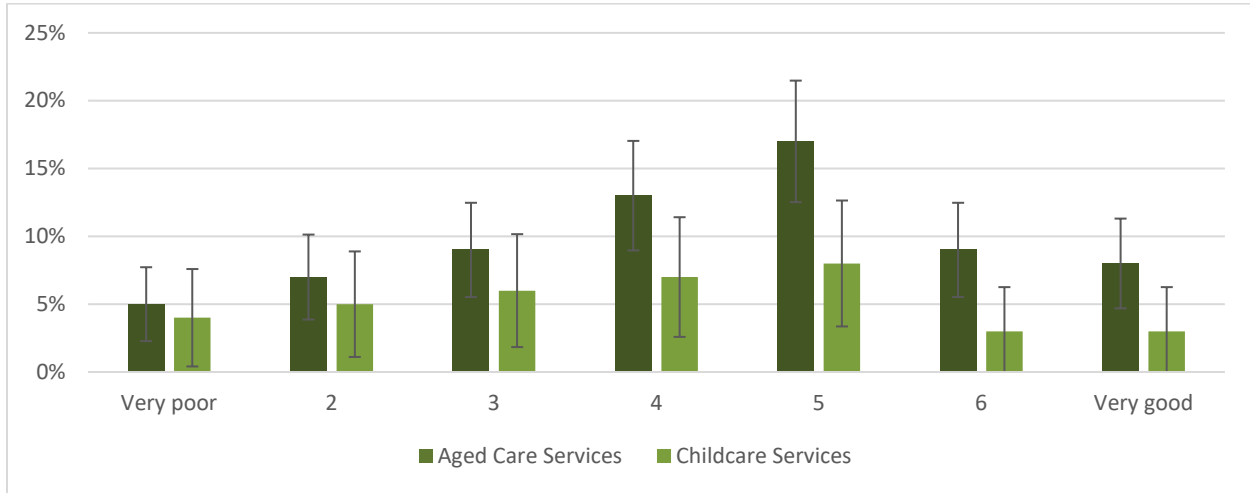


Figure 45: Access to Aged Care and Childcare Services, 2021

Access to Transportation Infrastructure and Services

Survey respondents were asked to rate access to transportation infrastructure and services: roads, public transportation, and air service. Some respondents indicated that public transportation or air service was not applicable for them (19% and 13%, respectively).

Respondents indicate decent access to roads with an average score of 4.8 (n=392). The average score for access to public transportation is 4.0 (n=300) and the average score for access to air service is 3.5 (n=344), indicative of moderate access.

When examining the distribution of ratings, respondents indicate access to roads is somewhat good, with 61% of respondents providing a rating between 5 and 7. Results for public transportation is more diverse with 34% of respondents providing a rating between 5 and 7. Conversely, 46% of respondents provide a rating between 1 and 3 for air service, suggesting access is somewhat poor (**Figure 46**).

For comparison, the 2019 results for roads had an average score of 4.9 (n=404), public transportation had an average score of 4.2 (n=336) and air service had an average score of 4.0 (n=320).^{4, x}

^x These measures were separated out of an index between 2019 and 2021 analysis to increase usefulness. To allow for comparison, 2019 raw results were re-analyzed to match 2021 analysis.

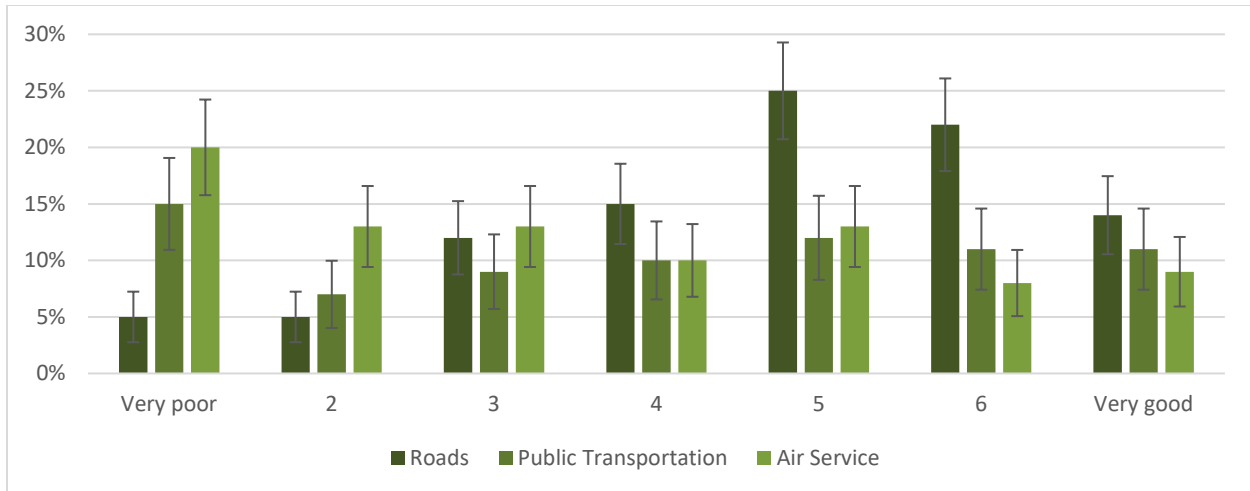


Figure 46: Access to Transportation Infrastructure and Services, 2021

Access to Fresh & Affordable Food

The *Access to Fresh & Affordable Food Index* is comprised of the ratings for access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and affordable food. For this index, the average score is 5.3 (n=392) and 70% of respondents provided a rating between 5 and 7, suggesting that access to fresh and affordable food is relatively good (**Figure 47**). The average score in 2019 was 5.2 (n=400).^{4, xi}

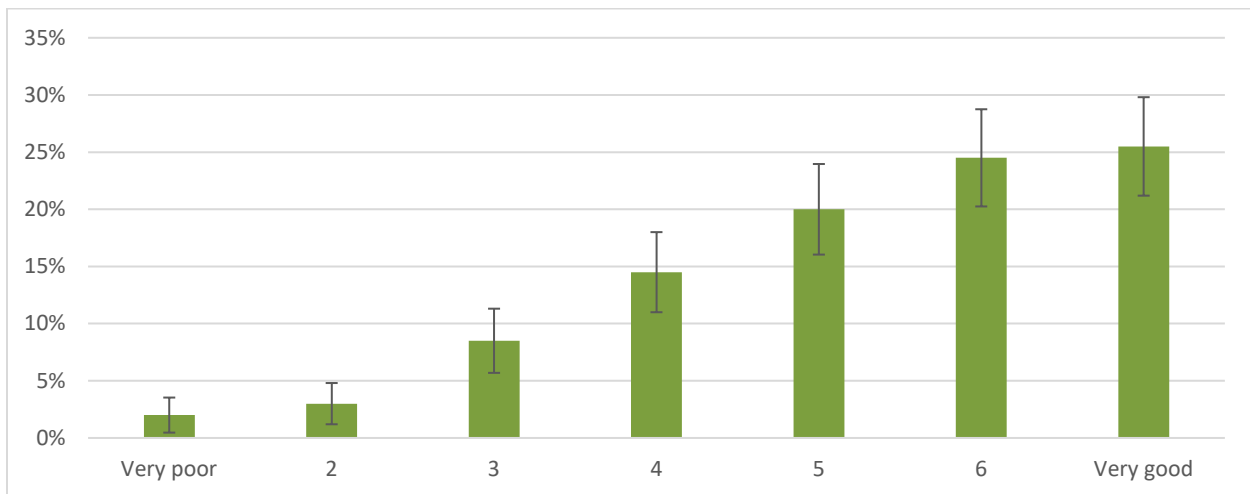


Figure 47: Access to Fresh & Affordable Food Index, 2021

Access to Retail Services

When asked to rate their access to retail shops, 50% of respondents provide a rating of between 5 and 7, indicative of somewhat good access to these services (**Figure 48**). The average score is 4.6 (n=384). For comparison, the average score in 2019 was very similar at 4.5 (n=388).^{4, xi}

^{xi} Index composition changed between 2019 and 2021 analysis to increase usefulness. To allow for comparison, 2019 raw results were re-analyzed to match 2021 analysis.

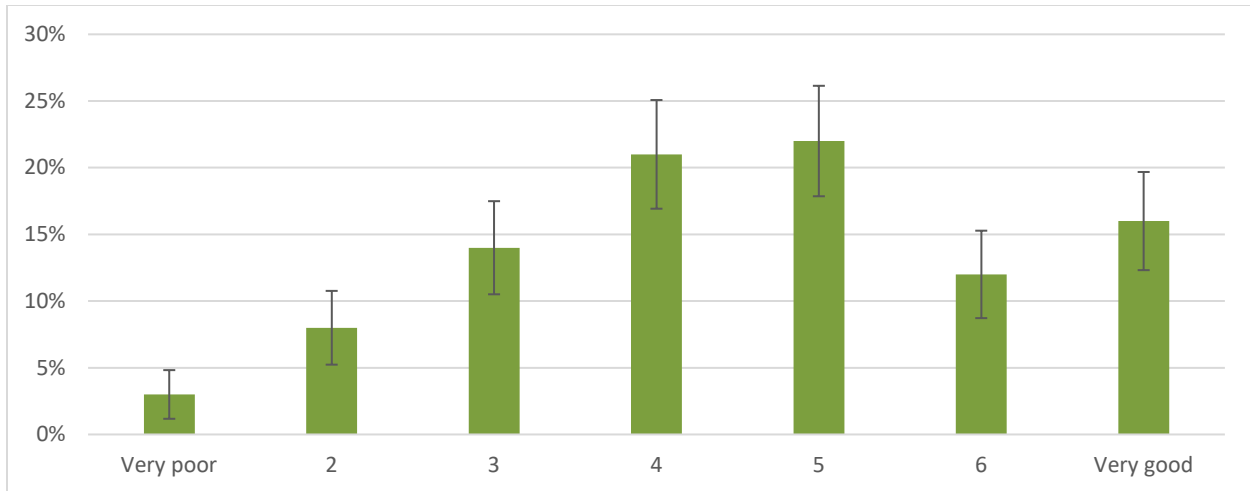


Figure 48: Access to Retail Services, 2021

Access to Financial & Professional Services

The *Access to Financial & Professional Services Index* is comprised of the ratings of three services: banking and financial services, ATMs, and professional services (i.e., accountants and lawyers). With an average score of 5.5 (n=372) and 73% of respondents providing a rating between 5 and 7, access to financial and professional services in the region is perceived to be relatively good (**Figure 49**). This access is the same as perceived in 2019 (average score 5.5; n=380).⁴

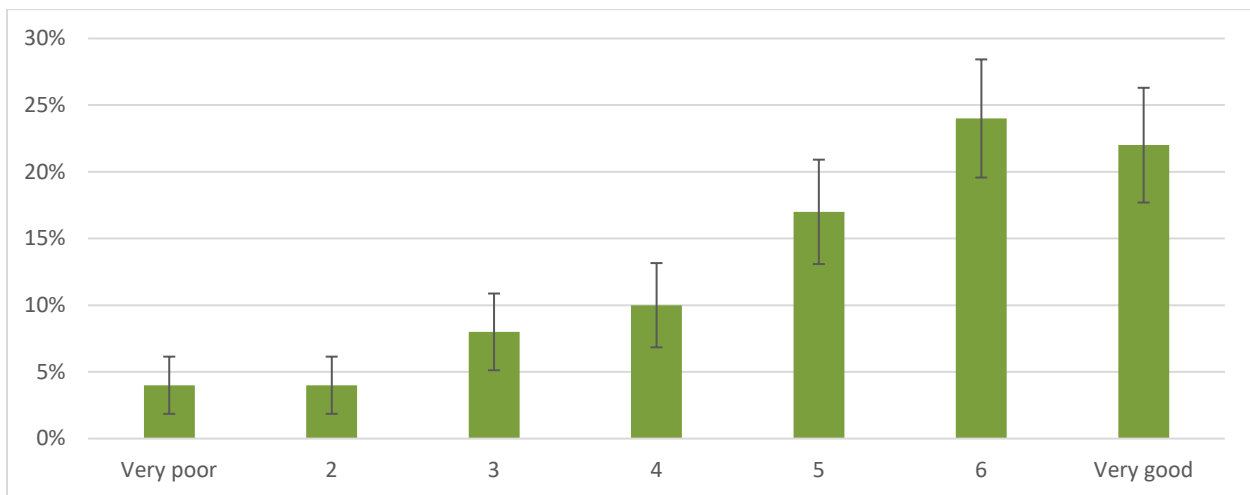


Figure 49: Access to Financial & Professional Services Index, 2021

Access to Telecommunication Services

The *Access to Telecommunication Services Index* is comprised of the ratings to two services: high speed internet and mobile phone coverage. The average score is 5.0 (n=358) with 61% of respondents providing a rating between 5 and 7. This suggests access to these services is somewhat good (**Figure 50**). This is a perceived increase in access since 2019 when the average score was 4.8 (n=334).⁴

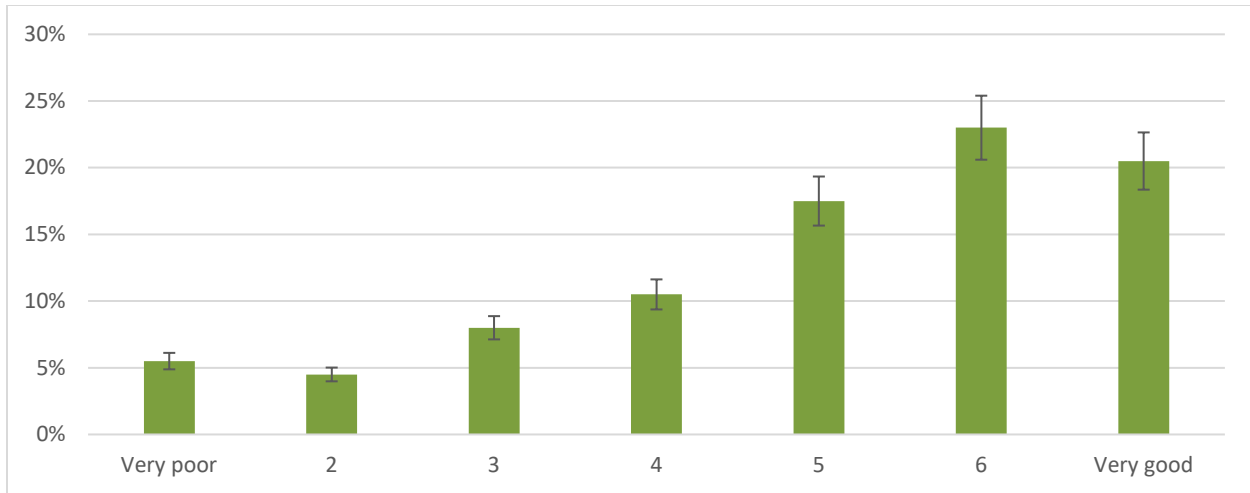


Figure 50: Access to Telecommunication Services Index, 2021

CRIME, SAFETY, & SUBSTANCE USE

Perceptions of community crime and safety also contribute to physical capital. Personal well-being can be influenced by how safe we feel, and low levels of crime are associated with higher levels of well-being.^{3,9} Survey respondents were asked about levels of crime and safety in their community, as well as how they perceive the usage of drugs and alcohol in their community. Respondents answered using a 7-point scale with 1 being “never” and 7 being “all the time”.

Crime & Safety Index

The *Crime & Safety Index* is composed of average scores for the two statements:

- a) This is a safe place to live.
- b) There is a high crime rate in this community.

A low response for the last statement (b) represents a high level of safety; therefore, results for this question were reversed when creating the index. The higher the score for this index, the higher the sense of safety perceived by respondents. The average score is 5.3 (n=388) (**Figure 51**). For comparison, the average score in 2019 was 5.5 (n=392).^{4, xii}

^{xii} Index composition changed between 2019 and 2021 analysis to increase usefulness. To allow for comparison, 2019 raw results were re-analyzed to match 2021 analysis.

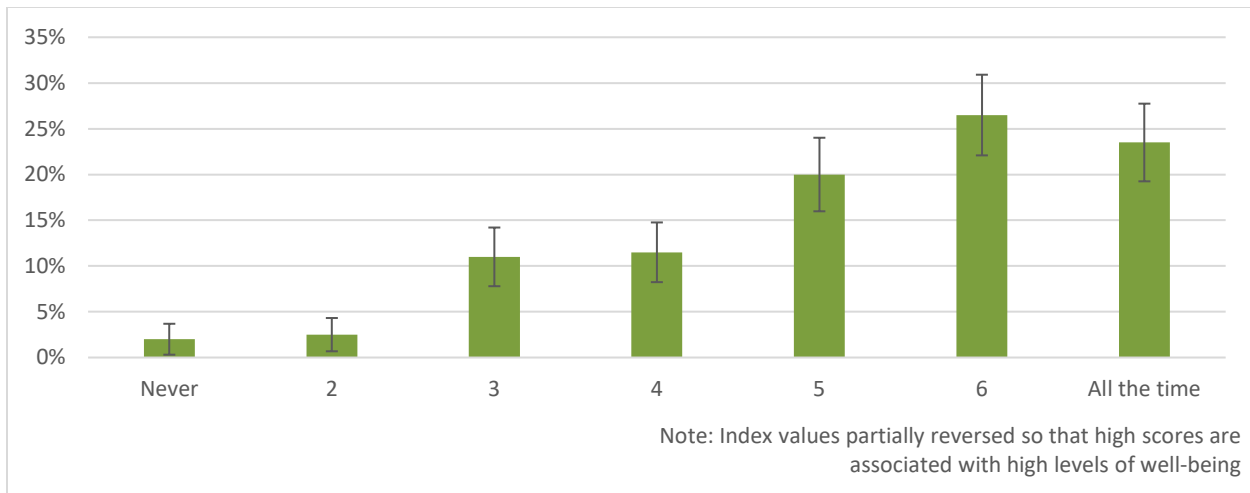


Figure 51: Crime & Safety Index, 2021

Community Drug & Alcohol Use Index

Survey respondents were asked to rate two statements related to the use of drugs and alcohol in their community:

- a) Many people in this community abuse drugs.
- b) Many people in this community drink too much.

A low response, indicating many people in the community never use alcohol or drugs, represents high community well-being from the perspective of the survey participant. Therefore, to calculate this index, the scores for both questions were reversed, so that high scores are associated with high levels of well-being, and vice-versa. The average of the scores for the two statements is calculated using a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 indicating low levels and 7 indicating high levels of community well-being due to drug and alcohol use.

The average score for the *Community Drug & Alcohol Use Index* is 3.2 (n=316) (**Figure 52**). This indicates the perception that many people in the community frequently consume too much drugs and alcohol. In 2019, this average score was similar at 3.3 (n=336).^{4, xiii}

^{xiii} Index composition changed between 2019 and 2021 analysis to increase usefulness. To allow for comparison, 2019 raw results were re-analyzed to match 2021 analysis.

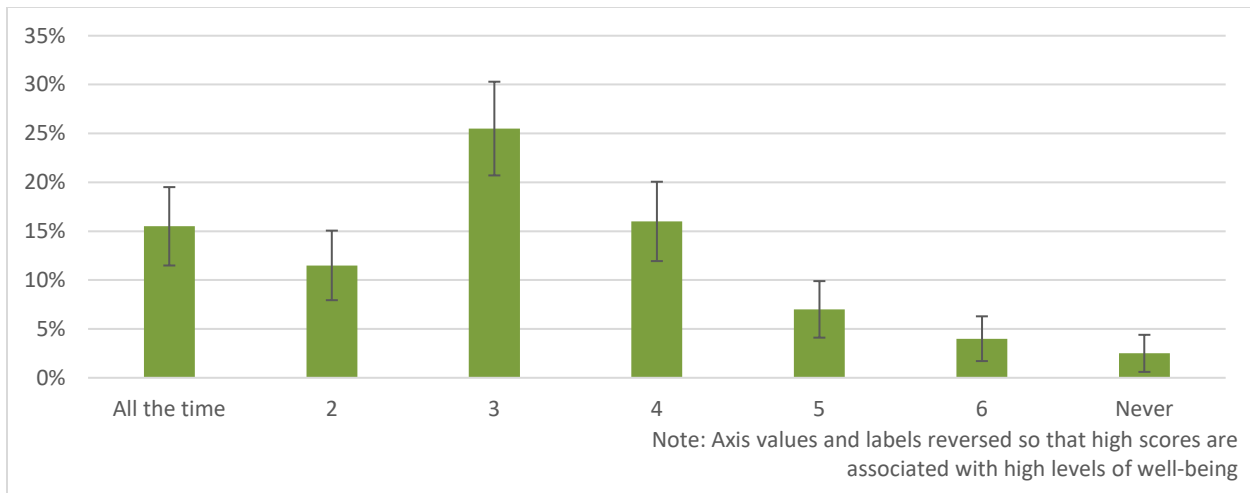


Figure 52: Community Drug & Alcohol Use Index, 2021

LANDSCAPE & AESTHETICS

Landscape and aesthetics are other indicators of well-being relating to the positive influence of spending time in attractive places. It is shown that people are happier in natural areas compared to highly urbanized areas with little green space.¹⁶ What is considered aesthetic is, of course, subjective, but research shows that people who live in visually appealing places are more likely to report higher well-being.⁹

Respondents were asked to rate three statements related to landscape and aesthetics:

- a) The environment around here is in good condition.
- b) There are attractive buildings/homes in my community.
- c) There are attractive natural places in my community such as parks and forests.

The *Landscape & Aesthetics Index* is comprised of the average ratings for the three statements above (**Figure 53**). The average score for this index is 5.9 (n=399), with 88% of respondents provided a rating between 5 and 7. This suggests that the landscape and aesthetics of communities in our region are considered to be attractive or in good condition. This is very similar to the average score in 2019 of 6.0 (n=400).⁴

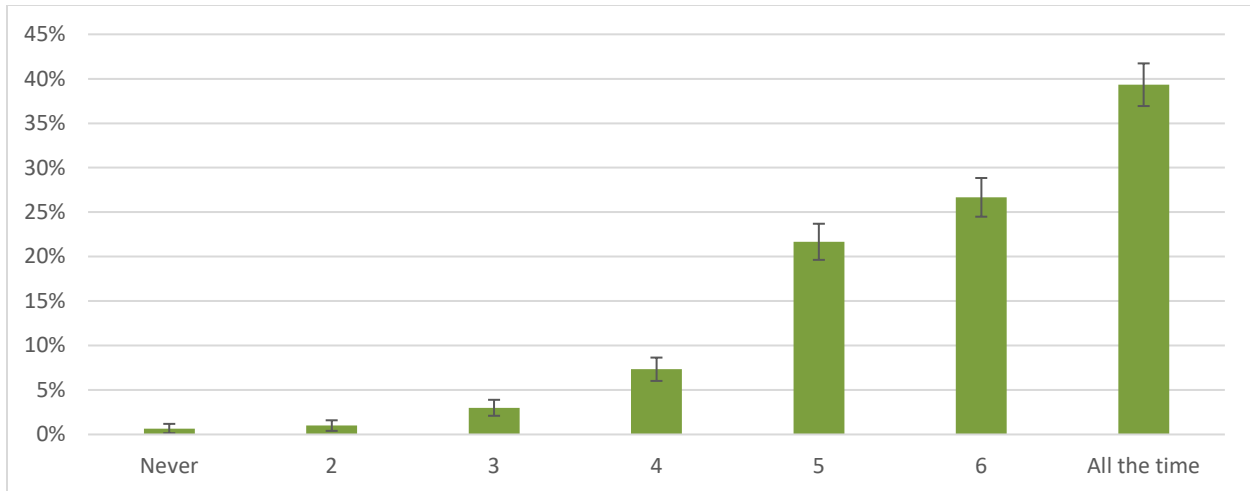


Figure 53: Landscape & Aesthetics Index, 2021

NATURAL CAPITAL

Natural capital refers to the natural assets of a community or region, including the water, soil, vegetation, wildlife, and weather. These have inherent value of their own but are also considered to provide ecosystem services for people, such as clean air, drinking water quality, food production, and natural resources.⁹ The natural capital of a region, and the planet, is the foundation for human well-being.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INDEX

Survey respondents were asked to rate how they perceive environmental health through eight variables: (1) health or quality of lakes, (2) streams and ground water; (3) drinking water quality; (4) soil structure; (5) wildlife presence; (6) invasive weeds; (7) health of forests and natural vegetation; (8) air pollution; and (9) extreme weather events. The *Environmental Health Index* is comprised of the average ratings for these eight variables (**Figure 54**). Respondents rated each variable on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 being “big problem” and 7 being “not a problem”.

With an average score of 4.7 (n=380) and 57% of respondents providing a rating between 5 and 7, it suggests that the environmental health of our region is perceived to be relatively good. This compares to a rating of 5.0 in 2019 when 62% or respondents gave a rating between 5 and 7.⁴

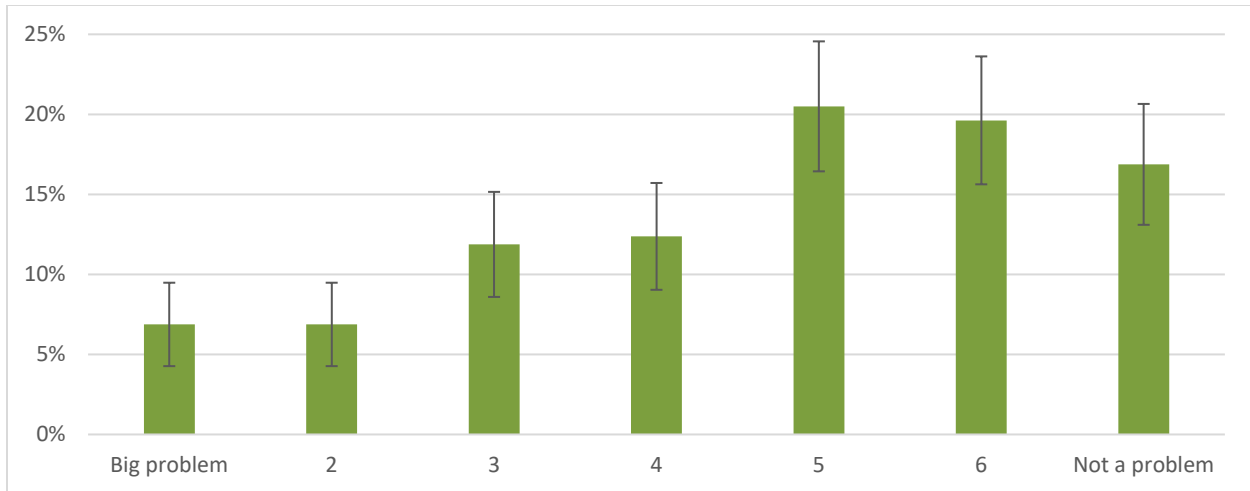


Figure 54: Environmental Health Index, 2021

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is a threat to human well-being and planetary health.¹⁷ Survey respondents were asked several questions about their perceptions of climate change, as related to subjective well-being.

As shown earlier in **Figure 18**, 79% of respondents indicate they are worried to some degree about the impacts of climate change, with 45% indicating they strongly agree with the statement *“I am worried about the impacts of climate change.”*

Survey respondents were asked to rate the statement: *“There are impacts of climate change in our region”* on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 being “never” and 7 being “all the time”. A low response indicates minimal impacts of climate change, which represents high community well-being from the perspective of the survey participant. Therefore, to calculate this measure, the scores were reversed so that high scores are associated with high levels of well-being, and vice-versa. The average score for this statement is calculated using a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 indicating there are impacts from climate change “all the time” and 7 indicating there are “never” impacts from climate change (**Figure 55**).

The average score is 2.7 (n=384) and 74% of respondents provided a rating between 1 and 3. This indicates respondents perceive impacts of climate change in their communities on a regular basis. This compares to an average score of 3.1 (n=388) in 2019.^{4, xiv} Therefore, residents perceive more impacts of climate change in 2021 compared to 2019.

^{xiv}Average score was not published in 2019 report; however, 2019 raw results were used in recent analysis to calculate average score for comparison purposes.

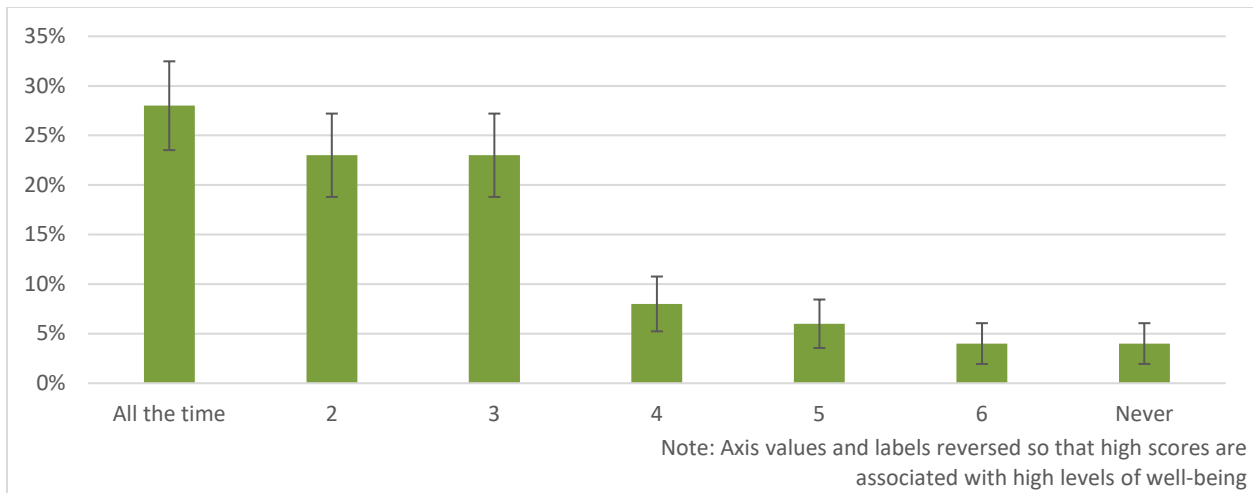


Figure 55: Impacts of Climate Change, 2021

Respondents also rated the degree to which climate change is a problem (**Figure 56**). The average score for this statement is 3.6 (n=388), and many respondents (48%) provided a rating between 1 and 3, indicating they perceive climate change to be somewhat of a big problem. This compares to an average score of 4.1 (n=388) in 2019, indicating a perceived increase in climate change as a problem.^{4, xv}

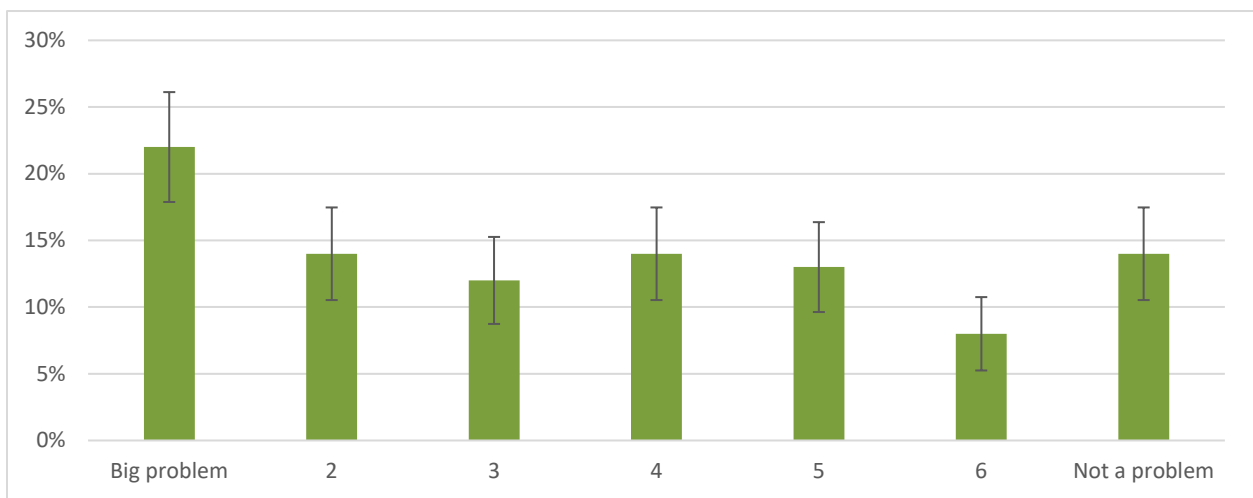


Figure 56: Climate change as a Problem, 2021

Support During Emergencies

Part of being resilient to climate change is being able to count on those around you for support during an emergency. As shown in **Figure 57**, respondents were asked to rate the statement, “I can count on my neighbours, friends, or family in times of emergency such as forest fire or flooding.” The average score is 6.3 (n=396), and 91% of respondents indicate they would have support during an emergency (ratings between 5 and 7). This compares to 6.5 (n=396) in 2019 when 94% of respondents indicated they would have support during an emergency.^{4, xv}

^{xv} Average score was not published in 2019 report; however, 2019 raw results were used in recent analysis to calculate average score for comparison purposes.

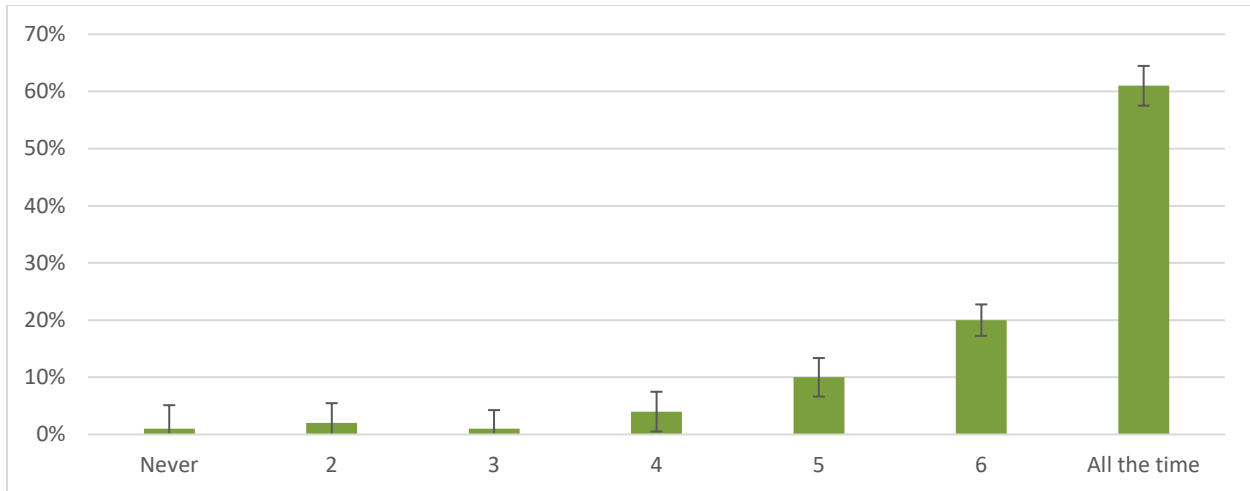


Figure 57: Being Able to Count on Neighbors, Friends or Family in Times of Emergency Such as Forest Fire or Flooding, 2021

FUTURE CHANGES

To close off the survey, respondents were asked to indicate what future changes they believe will significantly impact their community in the next 15 years (Table 3). These were the top 10 responses out of 1600 answers provided:

Table 3: Future Changes That Will Impact Your Community in the Next 15 Years, 2021

What future changes will significantly impact your community in the next 15 years?	Percentage of responses
Economic changes	64%
Social changes	52%
Environmental changes	47%
Climate change	37%
Housing – affordable, seniors	32%
Jobs, industry, employment	31%
Population growth	20%
Homelessness & poverty	18%
Other	18%
Healthcare	16%

Survey respondents were also asked what they foresee to be the one most pressing issue in their community over the next 15 years (**Table 4**). Of the 340 respondents who provided an answer, these were the top three issues:

Table 4: Single Most Pressing Community Issue Over the Next 15 Years, 2021

What do you foresee to be the one most pressing issue in your community over the next 15 years?	Percentage
Affordable housing	19%
Climate change	17%
Economy, employment	13%

CONCLUSION

Measuring the subjective well-being of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region has great value in providing information on residents’ perceptions of their quality of life and the well-being of their communities. This research provides insight related to many areas of life and compliments the objective well-being research conducted as part of the State of the Basin initiative. Comparing results of the 2021 survey with the 2019 Subjective Well-being report allows for investigating trends over time. The statistically significant random sample size of 400 residents generates a reasonable level of confidence that the results described in this report are representative of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region.

Results from the 2021 survey indicate there is a relatively high level of life satisfaction, personal well-being, and community well-being in the region. Respondents are satisfied with their jobs and quality of the local environment. With a strong sense of community, most would recommend their community as a good place to live and are not considering moving. They feel their community is attractive and say that livability is generally getting better. Most buy local, exercise regularly, and donate to charity. However, consumer confidence has decreased since last polled in 2019.

When it comes to the various determinants of well-being, respondents perceive a generally high level of capital in their communities related to factors like tourism, social connectedness, access to recreational and education amenities, and an aesthetically pleasing environment. Respondents had more mixed opinions about levels of other forms of capital, including equity and inclusion, community involvement and volunteerism, availability of housing, and access to important infrastructure like air services.

Overall, residents of the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region express a positive sentiment towards their personal and community well-being. However, the comparison to 2019 poll results shows an overarching reduction in subjective well-being between 2019 and 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic and extreme weather events are some of the factors that may have contributed to this. Future subjective well-being research will provide opportunities to explore how subjective perspectives of well-being evolve as conditions in the region continue to change.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: 2021 SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING QUESTIONNAIRE

Subjective Well-being Questionnaire 2021

Interviewer Instruction – any text written in italics is intended to provide clarification of instruction for the interviewer. This information can be relayed if the interviewee asks.

Columbia Basin-Boundary Subjective Well-Being Questionnaire, 2021

Hello, my name is _____ and I am calling on behalf of the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College. We are talking to 400 residents in an effort to gather information on well-being in the Columbia Basin-Boundary region. Findings from the combined data will be used to report publicly on trends in well-being, and also to identify priorities for future research. The Selkirk College Research Ethics Board has approved this telephone survey, which is anonymous and voluntary. Paula Vaananen is the chair of the Research Ethic Board and is available to be contacted should you have any concerns. By participating you are giving your free and informed consent. You can stop participating at any time and you may choose not to answer any question. If you decide to stop participating, you may choose if the answers you have given up to this point will be submitted or deleted from the survey. Some questions in this survey ask about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. If emotional support is needed to process anything that comes up due to questions related to the pandemic, you can contact the provincial mental health support hotline at 310-6789. This survey should take about 10-20 minutes of your time.

Just to confirm, are you over 18 years old and live in the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region? *[Describe region if necessary – southeast corner of province - Valemount in the north end down to US border, from Rock Creek to Alberta border]*

Yes

No *[THANK AND TERMINATE]*

Sampling Questions:

Geography: East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary, Northern Basin *[Ask for postal code if respondent is not sure of their specific geography so that their general location can be determined].*

Gender: Female, Male, Non-binary, or prefer not to say

Age: 18-39, 40-59, 60+

Module A. Personal Well-Being Index

The following questions ask how satisfied you feel about specific aspects of your life, on a scale from 0 to 10. Zero means you feel “not at all satisfied”, 5 means neutral, and 10 means “completely satisfied”.

A1. How satisfied are you with...

- a) your standard of living? [0-10]

- b) your physical health? [0-10]
- c) your mental health? [0-10]
- d) your sense of spirituality? [0-10]
- e) what you are achieving in life? [0-10]
- f) your personal relationships? [0-10]
- g) how safe you feel? [0-10] *[if asked – this refers to physical safety]*
- h) feeling part of your community? [0-10]
- i) your financial security? [0-10]
- j) amount of time you have to do the things that you like doing? [0-10]
- k) the quality of your local environment? [0-10]-
- l) Are you employed? [y/n] – if yes ask ka)- *(Ka is relevant only for respondents who are employed)*
 - a. with your job? [0-10]

A2. How satisfied are you with your life as a whole? [0-10] *(Zero means you feel “not at all satisfied”, 5 means neutral, and 10 means “completely satisfied”.)*

A3. The following questions ask your opinions about economic statements. Responses are limited to better, the same, or worse.

- a) Considering everything, would you say that your family is better off, the same or worse off financially than 6 months ago?
- b) Considering everything, would you say that your family is better off, the same or worse off financially than before the COVID-19 pandemic began March 2020?
- c) Considering everything, do you think that your family will be better off, the same or worse off financially six months from now?
- d) Would you say that the job situation and overall employment is better, the same or worse off than 6 months ago? *[Clarification: this refers to jobs and employment generally, and is not specific to any geographic scale]*
- e) Would you say that the job situation and overall employment is better, the same or worse off than before the COVID-19 pandemic began March 2020?
- f) How do you feel the job situation and overall employment will be in this community six months from now – better, the same or worse off? *[Clarification: this refers to jobs and employment generally, and is not specific to any geographic scale]*

A4. Would you say that now is a good, neutral/the same, or bad time for the average person to make a major purchase for items such as a home, car or other major item?

A5. Over the last 12 months, have you undertaken any of the following (yes, no)

- a) ...car pooled, ride shared, taken public transit, walked or biked to work regularly? (y/n) *[if asked, regularly means more than half of all work days]*
- b) ...expressed yourself through an arts and/or cultural activity (y/n) *[e.g., instrument playing, drawing, painting, dance, etc.]*
- c) ...taken a formal course to improve skills or prepare for a job? (y/n)
- d) ...made an effort to ‘buy local’? (y/n)
- e) ...exercised regularly? (y/n)
- f) ...donated to a non-profit or charity? (y/n)
- g) ... provided unpaid childcare to a child other than your own? (y/n)
- h) ... provided unpaid support to a senior (y/n) *[e.g., Drive to appointment, house/yard work]*

Module B. Community Well-Being and Resilience

B1. On a scale from 1 to 7 with 1 being strongly disagree and 7 being strongly agree. Please rate the following (allow don't know response):

- a) My community is a great place to live.
- b) This community copes pretty well when faced with challenges.
- c) I feel proud to live in this community.
- d) This community has a bright future.
- e) There's good community spirit around here.
- f) I would recommend this community to others as a good place to live.
- g) I am worried about the impacts of climate change.
- h) I am worried about poverty in my community.
- i) I am worried about the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

B2. On a scale from 1 to 7 with 1 being 'getting worse and 7 being getting better, please rate the following:

- a) The livability of this community is...
- b) The friendliness of this community is...
- c) The local economy is...
- d) The landscape of this community is... *[If asked – this includes visible aesthetic]*

B3. The following require only a yes or no answer.

- a) Have you moved to a new community in the last 3 years? [y/n]
 - a. If yes – did you move from inside or outside the Columbia Basin-Boundary?
 - b. If no – see B3b
- b) Have you considered moving to a new community in the last 3 years, but not actually moved [y/n]
 - a. If yes – were you considering a new community inside or outside the Columbia Basin-Boundary?
- c) Are you considering moving to a new community in the next 12 months? [y/n]
 - a. If yes – are you considering a new community inside or outside the Columbia Basin-Boundary?

B4. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being strongly disagree and 7 being strongly agree, please rate the following:

- a) People around here are good at getting help and ideas from other communities
- b) Whatever the problem, someone in this community takes the lead in sorting it out
- c) Local groups and organizations around here are good at getting things done
- d) My local government is able to help our community face challenges
- e) The people who make decisions for my community represent the whole community, not just part of it
- f) I can get involved in local decision-making processes if I want to
- g) Most people around here get a reasonable opportunity to participate or express themselves in community decision-making
- h) Tourism brings positive benefits to my community
- i) Some groups in this community keep to themselves
- j) Some individuals get left out in this community
- k) There is a lot of disagreement between people in this community

B5. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being never and 7 being all the time. Please rate the following, thinking about these since the COVID pandemic started March 2020 including adapting from in-person to virtual spaces:

- a) I make time to keep in touch with my friends
- b) I chat with my neighbours
- c) I spend time doing things with family members who don't live with me
- d) I have friends or family I can rely on during a time of need
- e) I go to arts or cultural events
- f) I attend community events
- g) I take part in community-based clubs or associations

- h) I get involved with political activities (only if asked for examples - e.g. through interest groups, public meetings)
- i) I take part in sports groups or teams
- j) I volunteer in my local community
- k) I feel welcome here
- l) I feel part of my community
- m) We are all 'in it together' in my community
- n) I can count on my neighbours, friends, or family in times of emergency, such as forest fire or flooding
- o) I feel like an outsider here

B6. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being very poor and 7 being very good, please rate your access to the following services and infrastructure. You may indicate NA or not applicable for those you feel do not apply to you. *[If you are asked if access means right in your community the answer is no, it is reasonable access from their perspective]:*

- a) general health services *[e.g. doctor, pharmacist]*
- b) mental health services *[e.g. psychologist, psychiatrist]*
- c) specialist health services (other than mental health) *[e.g. surgeon]*
- d) education *[e.g. schools, distance education, vocational training]*
- e) housing
- f) affordable housing *[if asked – affordable housing is when cost of housing is less than 30% of their income]*
- g) stable housing *[if asked – this is available year-round housing without fear of losing housing]*
- h) recreational facilities
- i) recreational experiences and opportunities
- j) arts and cultural experiences and opportunities
- k) aged care services e.g. seniors housing
- l) childcare
- m) roads *[if asked - e.g. well maintained / snow removal]*
- n) public transport
- o) air service
- p) fresh fruits and vegetables
- q) affordable food
- r) retail shops
- s) banking and financial services
- t) ATMs
- u) professional services *[e.g. accountants, lawyers]*
- v) high speed internet
- w) mobile phone coverage

B7. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being never and 7 being all the time. Please rate the following:

- a) This is a safe place to live
- b) There is a high crime rate in this community
- c) Many people in this community abuse drugs
- d) Many people in this community drink too much alcohol
- e) The environment around here is in good condition
- f) There are attractive buildings / homes in my community
- g) There are attractive natural places in my community e.g. parks, forests
- h) There are impacts of climate change in our region

B8. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being a big problem and 7 being not a problem. Please rate the following:

- a) The health or quality of our lakes, streams, and ground water
- b) drinking water quality
- c) soil structure e.g. erosion

- d) wildlife presence
- e) invasive weeds
- f) the health of our forests and natural vegetation
- g) air pollution
- h) extreme weather events
- i) climate change

B9. What future changes will significantly impact your community in the next 15 years? (Open-ended)

[DO NOT READ, CHECK ALL]

- Economic changes
- Tourism
- Jobs, Industry, Employment
- Technology
- Traffic
- Housing – affordable, seniors
- Environmental changes
- Air Pollution
- Water supply
- Water quality
- Climate Change
- Social Changes
- Population growth
- Homelessness & Poverty
- Healthcare
- Education
- Political such as changes to Democratic processes
- Crime
- Safety
- Nothing
- Not sure
- Other- Please specify: _____

B10. In as few words as possible, please describe what you foresee to be the one most pressing issue in your community over the next 15 years and why it is significant. (open-ended)

- a. Nothing
- b. Not sure

APPENDIX B: 2021 SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING TECHNICAL RESULTS

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2021 Well-Being in the Columbia Basin

Detailed Tables

- *Total*
- *Region*
- *Age*
- *Gender*

Prepared for: **Selkirk College**

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Date: **September 2021**

Banner Legend:

<i>Question</i>		<i>Banner</i>						<i>Grand Total:</i> Response percentages for all people answering Question
		Gender		Marital Status				
		Male	Female	Single/ never married	Married	Living with a partner	Divorced/ separated/ widowed	
Which newspapers have you read or looked into in the past week?	Neither Province or Sun	27%	34%	33%	28%	25%	34%	30%
	Province Only	22%	21%	22%	23%	17%	18%	21%
	Sun Only	22%	24%	17%	25%	17%	26%	23%
	Both Province and Sun	30%	21%	29%	24%	42%	22%	26%
Total	Base	250	250	119	264	24	82	500

Column Percentage:

Columns add up to 100%

Example: Out of all Females:

34% read neither Province or Sun

21% read Province only

24% read Sun only

21% read both Province and Sun

100% of Females

Base:

Number of people answering both Question & Banner

Note:

If Base < 100, interpret column percentages with caution.

If Base < 50, interpret column percentages with extreme caution.

How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Your standard of living	0 - Not at all satisfied	0%	1%	2%				1%	0%		1%	
	1	1%	3%				4%			1%	1%	
	2	0%			1%				1%	0%		
	3	1%	0%		1%			1%	1%	0%	1%	
	4	1%	3%			3%	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	
	5 - Neutral	4%	4%		3%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	
	6	6%	4%	9%	8%	3%	3%	11%	4%	7%	5%	
	7	14%	9%	18%	15%	20%	24%	8%	12%	18%	11%	
	8	32%	32%	42%	32%	24%	34%	33%	28%	34%	29%	41%
	9	19%	16%	13%	23%	22%	16%	19%	21%	15%	23%	59%
	10 - Completely Satisfied	21%	26%	17%	17%	21%	9%	23%	28%	18%	25%	
	Not sure, refused	0%	1%				1%				1%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Your physical health	0 - Not at all satisfied	1%	1%			5%		1%	2%	2%	1%	
	1	0%			1%				1%	1%		
	2	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%		3%	3%	3%	1%	
	3	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%		3%	1%	1%	2%	
	4	2%	2%		2%	1%		1%	4%	2%	2%	
	5 - Neutral	8%	9%	10%	7%	6%	2%	8%	12%	8%	8%	
	6	8%	13%	2%	6%	8%	9%	7%	9%	6%	11%	
	7	16%	23%	15%	10%	14%	13%	19%	15%	12%	20%	
	8	29%	23%	26%	38%	23%	33%	32%	22%	31%	26%	41%
	9	20%	12%	30%	21%	27%	38%	13%	12%	22%	16%	59%
	10 - Completely Satisfied	12%	15%	10%	11%	11%	5%	13%	17%	12%	13%	
	Not sure, refused	0%	1%					1%			1%	
	Not Applicable	1%		2%	1%			1%	1%	1%		
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How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Your mental health	0 - Not at all satisfied	1%	3%			2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	
	2	0%	1%		1%			1%	1%	0%	1%	
	3	1%			2%	2%	3%	1%		1%	1%	
	4	2%	1%		2%	5%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	
	5 - Neutral	6%	6%	6%	6%	4%	2%	7%	7%	6%	5%	
	6	7%	6%	10%	6%	12%	13%	8%	3%	10%	4%	41%
	7	13%	17%	9%	11%	10%	3%	20%	13%	11%	15%	
	8	29%	30%	30%	30%	24%	45%	23%	22%	33%	25%	
	9	21%	18%	19%	20%	26%	24%	18%	20%	17%	24%	59%
	10 - Completely Satisfied	20%	18%	25%	22%	16%	5%	17%	33%	18%	22%	
	Not Applicable	0%			1%			1%		1%		
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northem Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Your sense of spirituality	0 - Not at all satisfied	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	4%		3%	3%	2%	
	1	1%	2%			2%		3%		2%		
	3	1%			1%	2%		1%	1%	1%		
	4	2%	3%		1%		2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	
	5 - Neutral	12%	15%	2%	14%	8%	19%	7%	12%	14%	10%	41%
	6	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	
	7	12%	16%	6%	9%	10%	8%	14%	12%	11%	12%	59%
	8	25%	24%	46%	28%	12%	23%	31%	22%	27%	23%	
	9	11%	9%	14%	9%	18%	8%	12%	13%	8%	14%	
	10 - Completely Satisfied	23%	22%	16%	18%	36%	21%	21%	26%	16%	30%	
	Not sure, refused	1%	1%		1%	2%		2%	1%	0%	1%	
	Not Applicable	6%	3%	10%	8%	6%	11%	4%	4%	10%	2%	
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How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northem Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
What you are achieving in life	0 - Not at all satisfied	2%	4%	2%		1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	
	1	0%	0%			2%		1%	0%	1%	0%	
	2	1%	1%			6%	4%	1%	0%	3%	0%	
	3	1%			1%	3%		2%	1%	1%	1%	
	4	1%	1%		2%			3%	0%	1%	1%	
	5 - Neutral	6%	7%	12%	4%	5%	1%	5%	10%	7%	5%	
	6	6%	5%	12%	5%	8%	12%	5%	3%	7%	6%	
	7	18%	17%	20%	17%	19%	21%	18%	15%	19%	16%	
	8	30%	31%	26%	36%	17%	38%	32%	23%	26%	34%	100%
	9	15%	11%	15%	19%	18%	12%	15%	17%	16%	15%	
	10 - Completely Satisfied	17%	21%	14%	13%	18%	8%	17%	24%	15%	19%	
	Not sure, refused	1%	0%		0%	2%			2%		1%	
Not Applicable	2%	2%		2%	1%		1%	3%	2%	2%		
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How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Your personal relationships	0 - Not at all satisfied	0%	0%						0%		0%	
	1	0%	1%					1%		1%		
	4	1%	1%		2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%		
	5 - Neutral	4%	3%	7%	0%	9%		5%	5%	5%	2%	
	6	3%	3%		3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	
	7	15%	16%	10%	15%	16%	24%	15%	9%	17%	13%	
	8	24%	26%	36%	21%	22%	27%	22%	25%	24%	24%	41%
	9	20%	15%	23%	25%	16%	26%	23%	13%	21%	18%	59%
	10 - Completely Satisfied	31%	31%	22%	32%	32%	16%	28%	43%	24%	38%	
	Not sure, refused	1%	2%				2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	
	Not Applicable	1%		2%	1%			1%	1%	1%	1%	
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How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
How safe you feel (if asked - this refers to physical safety)	0 - Not at all satisfied	1%	1%	2%		1%		1%	1%	0%	1%	
	3	1%	3%		0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	
	4	1%	2%		0%	1%	1%	1%	1%		2%	
	5 - Neutral	4%	2%		3%	10%	1%	4%	6%	3%	4%	
	6	3%	4%	6%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	5%	
	7	11%	17%	2%	8%	6%	10%	10%	12%	12%	9%	41%
	8	22%	23%	28%	18%	25%	19%	27%	21%	21%	24%	
	9	25%	19%	22%	34%	20%	42%	17%	19%	26%	24%	
	10 - Completely Satisfied	32%	28%	40%	34%	32%	23%	37%	34%	35%	29%	59%
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How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Feeling part of your community	0 - Not at all satisfied	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%		2%	2%	1%	2%	
	1	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	
	2	0%	1%						1%	0%		
	3	1%	4%			1%	4%		1%	0%	3%	
	4	5%	5%	3%	3%	8%	8%	3%	4%	5%	4%	
	5 - Neutral	13%	12%	3%	19%	9%	12%	13%	14%	15%	12%	
	6	10%	13%	2%	9%	7%	15%	6%	9%	12%	7%	
	7	20%	16%	25%	24%	19%	31%	22%	11%	18%	22%	59%
	8	21%	19%	32%	21%	20%	17%	22%	24%	26%	16%	41%
	9	11%	9%	21%	7%	16%	8%	16%	9%	9%	13%	
	10 - Completely Satisfied	15%	18%	8%	14%	17%	4%	16%	23%	11%	20%	
	Not Applicable	0%	0%	2%					1%	0%	0%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Your financial security	0 - Not at all satisfied	1%	1%	2%		1%		1%	1%		1%	
	1	0%	1%				2%			1%		
	2	0%			1%				1%	0%	0%	
	3	2%	2%		2%		1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	
	4	3%	4%		2%	5%	7%	2%	1%	6%	1%	
	5 - Neutral	7%	9%	6%	5%	5%	3%	7%	9%	6%	7%	
	6	13%	11%	26%	15%	8%	24%	11%	8%	14%	13%	
	7	19%	19%	14%	19%	20%	27%	19%	12%	20%	17%	100%
	8	22%	17%	31%	24%	21%	20%	24%	21%	27%	17%	
	9	13%	11%	7%	14%	19%	10%	14%	14%	11%	15%	
	10 - Completely Satisfied	20%	24%	14%	17%	20%	5%	17%	31%	14%	25%	
	Not sure, refused	0%	1%			1%		1%	0%		1%	
Not Applicable	0%			1%			1%	0%	1%	0%		
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Amount of time you have to do the things that you like doing	0 - Not at all satisfied	2%			3%	4%	4%	2%	0%	2%	1%	
	1	1%	2%		0%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	
	2	1%	1%	2%	2%		2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	
	3	2%	1%	6%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	41%
	4	5%	4%	7%	8%	2%	8%	8%	1%	5%	5%	
	5 - Neutral	11%	13%	9%	8%	11%	11%	14%	8%	5%	16%	
	6	11%	10%	15%	13%	9%	17%	15%	4%	13%	10%	
	7	20%	20%	30%	22%	14%	28%	22%	14%	24%	17%	
	8	16%	15%	13%	12%	30%	11%	15%	22%	17%	15%	59%
	9	10%	11%	5%	9%	12%	9%	11%	9%	8%	12%	
	10 - Completely Satisfied	19%	25%	13%	20%	11%	7%	8%	38%	18%	21%	
	Not sure, refused	0%					1%		0%		0%	
Not Applicable	0%				1%			0%		0%		
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
The quality of your local environment	0 - Not at all satisfied	1%	1%	2%		3%		2%	2%		2%	
	2	0%	1%						1%		1%	
	3	1%	1%		1%				1%	1%	0%	
	4	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%		2%	2%	2%	1%	
	5 - Neutral	6%	6%	9%	6%	4%	4%	6%	7%	5%	6%	
	6	6%	9%		8%	1%	5%	6%	7%	3%	9%	
	7	15%	19%	11%	10%	17%	17%	13%	15%	18%	11%	
	8	30%	29%	32%	29%	33%	35%	30%	27%	34%	25%	59%
	9	18%	12%	32%	20%	16%	23%	19%	13%	15%	20%	41%
	10 - Completely Satisfied	21%	21%	11%	23%	25%	17%	21%	25%	21%	22%	
	Not sure, refused	1%	1%		3%			3%	0%	1%	2%	
	Not Applicable	0%			0%				0%		0%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

How satisfied are you with...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Your job	2	1%				4%		1%		1%		
	3	0%			1%			1%			1%	
	4	2%	1%		2%	4%		3%	5%	4%		
	5 - Neutral	4%	4%	6%	5%		5%	4%		7%	1%	
	6	13%	21%	4%	11%	8%	18%	11%	4%	7%	19%	41%
	7	19%	16%	22%	22%	16%	17%	23%	4%	15%	23%	
	8	29%	23%	16%	36%	32%	36%	23%	38%	40%	18%	59%
	9	16%	17%	37%	11%	15%	9%	22%	21%	16%	17%	
	10 - Completely Satisfied	16%	18%	14%	12%	21%	16%	13%	28%	10%	22%	
Total	Base	202	66	22	83	31	80	106	17	100	100	2

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
How satisfied are you with your life as a whole?	0 - Not at all satisfied	0%	0%			1%			1%	0%	0%	
	1	0%	1%					1%		1%		
	2	0%				1%		1%			1%	
	4	1%			0%	7%	4%	1%	0%	3%	0%	
	5 - Neutral	4%	3%	5%	4%	6%	1%	5%	6%	4%	5%	
	6	4%	7%	3%	3%		4%	4%	4%	6%	2%	
	7	13%	12%	17%	14%	10%	15%	17%	8%	14%	12%	
	8	32%	37%	35%	27%	29%	27%	37%	31%	25%	39%	
	9	23%	11%	31%	29%	29%	28%	18%	24%	25%	20%	100%
	10 - Completely Satisfied	21%	26%	10%	22%	16%	20%	17%	25%	21%	22%	
	Not sure, refused	0%	1%				2%			1%		
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Considering everything, would you say that your family is better off, the same or worse off financially than 6 months ago?	Better off	17%	13%	7%	24%	15%	12%	18%	19%	18%	15%	100%
	Same	67%	66%	65%	64%	74%	72%	62%	67%	68%	66%	
	Worse off	15%	18%	29%	12%	7%	14%	18%	12%	13%	17%	
	Not sure	2%	3%			3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Considering everything, would you say that your family is better off, the same, or worse off financially than before the COVID-19 pandemic began March 2020?	Better off	16%	13%	13%	22%	10%	12%	20%	14%	18%	13%	59%
	Same	60%	59%	55%	55%	72%	61%	51%	66%	61%	59%	41%
	Worse off	23%	27%	30%	23%	15%	27%	29%	16%	20%	27%	
	Not sure	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%		1%	3%	1%	2%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Considering everything, do you think that your family will be better off, the same or worse off financially 6 months from now?	Better off	13%	13%	17%	12%	14%	20%	12%	10%	11%	15%	
	Same	67%	61%	69%	69%	73%	61%	69%	69%	69%	65%	41%
	Worse off	11%	15%	14%	7%	9%	10%	13%	10%	11%	11%	
	Not sure	9%	10%		13%	5%	10%	7%	11%	10%	8%	59%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Would you say that the job situation and overall employment is better, the same or worse off than 6 months ago?	Better off	19%	17%	17%	18%	28%	24%	21%	15%	20%	19%	
	Same	36%	34%	29%	42%	29%	53%	31%	27%	41%	31%	
	Worse off	32%	31%	42%	29%	36%	19%	41%	34%	25%	39%	100%
	Not sure	13%	17%	12%	11%	7%	4%	7%	24%	14%	11%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Would you say that the job situation and overall employment is better, the same or worse off than before the COVID-19 pandemic began March 2020?	Better off	13%	11%	11%	12%	19%	14%	13%	13%	12%	13%	41%
	Same	20%	17%	15%	25%	19%	17%	25%	18%	20%	20%	
	Worse off	54%	55%	67%	52%	51%	61%	56%	48%	55%	53%	59%
	Not sure	13%	17%	7%	12%	11%	8%	7%	22%	13%	13%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
How do you feel the job situation and overall employment will be in this community 6 months from now – better, the same or worse off?	Better off	22%	17%	22%	25%	27%	17%	24%	24%	26%	18%	41%
	Same	44%	40%	62%	44%	44%	48%	47%	40%	42%	47%	
	Worse off	17%	20%	11%	13%	20%	23%	17%	13%	15%	19%	59%
	Not sure	17%	23%	5%	17%	8%	12%	12%	24%	18%	16%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Would you say that now is a good, neutral or bad time for the average person to make a major purchase for items such as a home, car or other major item?	Good time	14%	10%	29%	16%	8%	14%	17%	11%	15%	13%	
	Neutral	28%	30%	19%	24%	35%	22%	22%	37%	27%	29%	59%
	Bad time	48%	54%	23%	47%	49%	44%	57%	43%	47%	49%	41%
	Not sure	10%	6%	29%	12%	8%	20%	5%	8%	12%	9%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Over the last 12 months, have you undertaken any of the following?	Made an effort to 'buy local'	91%	90%	76%	94%	97%	87%	93%	93%	87%	95%	100%
	Exercised regularly	79%	80%	83%	71%	90%	83%	78%	76%	80%	77%	100%
	Donated to a non-profit or charity	73%	66%	78%	76%	78%	59%	78%	78%	67%	79%	100%
	Provided unpaid support to a senior	48%	44%	56%	49%	50%	58%	48%	41%	51%	45%	59%
	Expressed yourself through an arts or cultural activity	42%	50%	39%	35%	38%	37%	49%	38%	37%	46%	59%
	Taken a course to improve skills or prepare for a job	27%	31%	53%	17%	24%	45%	35%	7%	25%	28%	59%
	Provided unpaid childcare to a child other than your own	24%	21%	42%	26%	18%	33%	24%	18%	16%	32%	59%
	Regularly carpool, walk, bike etc. to work	21%	20%	22%	27%	12%	32%	31%	5%	21%	21%	
	None of above	1%	0%		2%			1%	1%	1%	0%	
Total	Responses	1620	586	171	564	299	480	582	558	767	842	11
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Column percentages exceed 100% because multiple response given

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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
My community is a great place to live	1 - Strongly Disagree	1%	2%	2%		1%	1%	2%	0%		3%	
	2	1%	1%	2%		2%	1%		1%	0%	1%	
	3	4%	7%	2%	1%	6%	10%	2%	3%	6%	3%	59%
	4	7%	9%	5%	7%	2%	14%	3%	4%	7%	6%	
	5	14%	11%	15%	19%	12%	16%	15%	12%	13%	16%	
	6	23%	19%	38%	22%	22%	21%	25%	22%	28%	17%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	50%	51%	36%	50%	55%	36%	53%	58%	45%	55%	41%
	Don't Know	0%			1%				1%	0%		
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			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
This community copes pretty well when faced with challenges	1 - Strongly Disagree	2%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	
	2	1%			1%	1%		2%	0%		1%	
	3	3%	6%		1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	
	4	15%	13%	10%	15%	19%	23%	13%	10%	16%	12%	59%
	5	32%	35%	36%	33%	22%	41%	31%	27%	33%	32%	
	6	25%	21%	33%	24%	28%	22%	26%	26%	27%	23%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	22%	20%	18%	23%	25%	7%	25%	30%	16%	27%	41%
	Don't Know	1%	1%		1%	2%			3%	2%	0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I feel proud to live in this community	2	1%	1%			1%		2%			1%	
	3	5%	8%	4%	1%	5%	8%	2%	5%	5%	4%	
	4	8%	8%	7%	9%	6%	11%	11%	4%	8%	8%	
	5	14%	13%	21%	13%	16%	28%	9%	9%	14%	15%	59%
	6	22%	16%	33%	26%	18%	23%	21%	22%	29%	15%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	50%	52%	36%	49%	54%	29%	56%	59%	43%	57%	41%
	Don't Know	1%	1%		1%		2%		1%	1%	0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
This community has a bright future	1 - Strongly Disagree	2%	4%			1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	
	2	1%		2%	1%	1%		1%	1%	0%	1%	
	3	3%	4%	6%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	5%	
	4	10%	15%	6%	8%	6%	12%	8%	10%	9%	11%	
	5	28%	20%	23%	25%	51%	31%	32%	22%	30%	26%	59%
	6	25%	21%	27%	31%	21%	29%	19%	28%	30%	21%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	28%	36%	16%	28%	17%	15%	35%	30%	22%	33%	41%
	Don't Know	4%	1%	20%	5%	1%	10%		4%	5%	3%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
There's good community spirit around here	1 - Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	2%		3%		2%	1%	1%	2%	
	2	2%	2%		1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	
	3	4%	6%		4%	3%	9%		4%	4%	3%	59%
	4	12%	10%	9%	10%	17%	10%	16%	8%	8%	16%	
	5	23%	28%	18%	21%	19%	26%	21%	23%	27%	19%	
	6	26%	16%	41%	31%	30%	30%	25%	25%	30%	23%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	32%	35%	29%	32%	25%	21%	35%	36%	28%	35%	41%
	Don't Know	0%		2%	1%				1%	0%	0%	
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			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I would recommend this community to others as a good place to live	1 - Strongly Disagree	4%	7%	3%	2%	1%	8%	1%	3%	4%	4%	
	2	2%	1%	2%	0%	6%	4%	1%	1%	3%	1%	
	3	3%	3%	4%	1%	6%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	
	4	8%	7%	12%	10%	4%	12%	7%	6%	10%	6%	
	5	20%	22%	32%	23%	7%	35%	19%	11%	25%	15%	59%
	6	23%	23%	20%	26%	18%	21%	25%	23%	27%	19%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	40%	38%	28%	36%	56%	17%	45%	51%	28%	51%	41%
	Don't Know	0%			1%				1%	0%	0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I am worried about the impacts of climate change	1 - Strongly Disagree	8%	10%	6%	8%	4%	10%	8%	7%	9%	7%	
	2	3%	0%		5%	5%	7%		3%	5%	1%	
	3	5%	4%	2%	8%	2%	8%	4%	4%	6%	4%	
	4	5%	7%	2%	5%	2%	1%	8%	5%	3%	7%	
	5	18%	16%	26%	16%	19%	17%	18%	18%	20%	15%	
	6	16%	18%	16%	15%	16%	19%	19%	13%	20%	13%	41%
	7 - Strongly Agree	45%	44%	48%	41%	51%	36%	45%	51%	36%	53%	59%
	Don't Know	1%	1%		1%		2%		1%	1%		
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I am worried about poverty in my community	1 - Strongly Disagree	5%	7%	4%	5%	2%	4%	2%	9%	6%	4%	
	2	3%	1%	2%	3%	8%	4%	2%	4%	5%	2%	
	3	8%	8%	7%	11%	3%	9%	7%	7%	11%	5%	
	4	12%	11%	5%	15%	14%	10%	11%	15%	15%	9%	59%
	5	23%	21%	29%	22%	28%	23%	27%	20%	25%	21%	
	6	24%	21%	26%	30%	20%	41%	24%	13%	22%	27%	41%
	7 - Strongly Agree	23%	30%	23%	14%	24%	10%	27%	28%	15%	30%	
	Don't Know	1%	2%	4%	1%				3%	2%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I am worried about the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic	1 - Strongly Disagree	5%	4%	6%	7%	3%	2%	5%	7%	4%	6%	41%
	2	2%	1%		2%	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	
	3	4%	5%		6%	2%	1%	7%	4%	6%	2%	59%
	4	7%	7%	4%	7%	10%	8%	6%	8%	7%	8%	
	5	18%	19%	25%	18%	10%	14%	25%	14%	24%	12%	
	6	15%	14%	24%	16%	11%	22%	9%	14%	14%	16%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	48%	48%	42%	44%	58%	49%	46%	48%	43%	53%	
	Don't Know	1%	3%		1%		4%		1%	2%		
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
The livability of this community is...	1 - Getting Worse	5%	7%	11%	2%	3%	2%	7%	5%	2%	7%	
	2	5%	7%	9%	1%	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	
	3	12%	10%	17%	13%	10%	16%	12%	9%	9%	14%	
	4	22%	31%	36%	14%	14%	39%	17%	14%	25%	18%	59%
	5	27%	20%	18%	34%	33%	29%	29%	24%	27%	27%	41%
	6	21%	16%	7%	27%	25%	12%	23%	25%	25%	17%	
	7 - Getting Better	9%	8%	3%	8%	14%		6%	17%	6%	11%	
	Don't know	0%	0%		1%				1%	0%	0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
The friendliness of this community is...	1- Getting Worse	2%	4%			1%	2%	3%		2%	2%	
	2	3%	4%		4%	2%	6%	3%	1%	3%	3%	59%
	3	7%	7%	13%	8%		8%	5%	6%	8%	5%	
	4	25%	27%	31%	26%	12%	37%	23%	17%	27%	22%	
	5	22%	21%	22%	24%	20%	21%	23%	21%	25%	19%	
	6	23%	16%	16%	26%	37%	16%	29%	24%	23%	25%	
	7 - Getting Better	18%	21%	17%	11%	27%	9%	14%	28%	13%	23%	41%
	Don't know	1%	0%		1%	1%			2%	0%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
The local economy is...	1- Getting Worse	3%	5%		1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	
	2	2%	2%		4%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	
	3	16%	18%	20%	10%	19%	22%	13%	14%	13%	18%	
	4	23%	35%	15%	17%	17%	22%	23%	24%	29%	17%	59%
	5	32%	24%	32%	34%	44%	32%	35%	29%	31%	33%	41%
	6	15%	9%	19%	20%	13%	16%	12%	17%	14%	15%	
	7 - Getting Better	6%	3%	9%	10%	2%	4%	7%	6%	5%	6%	
	Don't know	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	1%	2%	6%	3%	5%	
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Please rate the following...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
The landscape in this community is...	1- Getting Worse	3%	3%		4%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	
	2	2%	5%		1%		1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	59%
	3	6%	8%		7%	5%	8%	4%	7%	7%	6%	
	4	18%	19%	6%	20%	18%	27%	15%	14%	20%	16%	
	5	25%	24%	33%	22%	25%	30%	26%	19%	25%	24%	
	6	25%	19%	43%	27%	22%	16%	28%	29%	25%	25%	
	7 - Getting Better	19%	21%	14%	15%	27%	12%	18%	25%	16%	23%	41%
	Don't know	2%		3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Have you moved to a new community in the last 3 years?	Yes	9%	15%	8%	7%	4%	17%	6%	7%	6%	13%	
	No	91%	85%	92%	93%	96%	83%	94%	93%	94%	87%	100%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender	
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female
Did you move from inside or outside of the Columbia Basin Boundary?	Inside	52%	51%		71%	43%	53%	44%	56%	66%	45%
	Outside	48%	49%	100%	29%	57%	47%	56%	44%	34%	55%
Total	Base	38	22	3	10	3	19	8	11	13	25

Base: Respondents who moved to a new community in the past 3 years

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Have you considered moving to a new community in the last 3 years, but not actually moved?	Yes	27%	26%	37%	27%	20%	45%	27%	14%	26%	27%	
	No	73%	74%	63%	73%	80%	55%	73%	86%	74%	73%	100%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender	
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female
Were you considering a new community inside or outside of the Columbia Basin Boundary?	Inside	22%	20%	4%	34%	14%	15%	25%	35%	27%	17%
	Outside	63%	67%	46%	60%	75%	70%	55%	60%	70%	56%
	Not sure	15%	13%	50%	6%	11%	15%	21%	6%	3%	27%
Total	Base	106	39	14	39	15	49	36	21	53	53

Base: Respondents who have considered moving to a new community in the past 3 years

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Are you considering moving to a new community in the next 12 months?	Yes	14%	18%	17%	9%	14%	33%	9%	6%	13%	15%	59%
	No	86%	82%	83%	91%	86%	67%	91%	94%	87%	85%	41%
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Are you considering a new community inside or outside the Columbia Basin-Boundary?	Inside	21%	42%		8%		18%	32%	19%	32%	9%	100%
	Outside	65%	58%	23%	78%	94%	69%	59%	57%	65%	68%	
	Not sure	13%		77%	14%	6%	12%	9%	24%	3%	23%	
Total	Base	56	27	7	13	10	36	11	9	26	29	1

Base: Respondents who are considering moving to a new community in the next year

Please rate the following...

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
People around here are good at getting help and ideas from other communities	1 - Strongly Disagree	2%	4%		1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	
	2	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%	2%	9%	1%	7%	2%	
	3	6%	9%	2%	6%	3%	10%	6%	4%	7%	5%	59%
	4	20%	21%	9%	17%	29%	26%	19%	16%	22%	17%	41%
	5	32%	26%	32%	35%	39%	39%	22%	37%	38%	27%	
	6	15%	13%	39%	16%	6%	15%	20%	12%	13%	18%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	8%	8%	8%	7%	9%	4%	7%	12%	4%	12%	
	Don't Know	12%	14%	6%	14%	6%	3%	14%	17%	8%	16%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Whatever the problem, someone in this community takes the lead in sorting it out	1 - Strongly Disagree	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	
	2	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	
	3	7%	12%	5%	6%	2%	6%	9%	7%	9%	5%	59%
	4	14%	19%	9%	13%	12%	13%	18%	12%	14%	14%	41%
	5	35%	27%	24%	43%	39%	42%	34%	30%	40%	29%	
	6	21%	16%	53%	17%	22%	21%	19%	23%	18%	23%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	8%	10%	2%	6%	13%	3%	9%	12%	4%	13%	
	Don't Know	8%	9%	4%	9%	6%	10%	6%	9%	7%	9%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Local groups and organizations around here are good at getting things done	1 - Strongly Disagree	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	3%	2%	
	2	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	
	3	3%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	
	4	15%	21%	6%	14%	11%	23%	15%	10%	15%	15%	59%
	5	30%	29%	24%	27%	41%	33%	32%	26%	37%	23%	
	6	29%	23%	46%	32%	28%	19%	33%	34%	29%	30%	41%
	7 - Strongly Agree	13%	12%	6%	17%	11%	6%	8%	22%	7%	18%	
	Don't Know	5%	4%	12%	5%	1%	11%	3%	2%	6%	4%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
My local government is able to help our community face challenges	1 - Strongly Disagree	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	5%	6%	5%	4%	
	2	9%	14%	2%	9%	2%	12%	8%	8%	12%	5%	41%
	3	10%	11%	15%	9%	7%	5%	17%	7%	9%	11%	
	4	24%	27%	19%	21%	27%	38%	20%	17%	26%	22%	59%
	5	26%	23%	39%	23%	29%	30%	19%	28%	24%	28%	
	6	14%	10%	15%	18%	11%	5%	15%	19%	13%	14%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	10%	8%	3%	12%	11%	6%	11%	11%	8%	11%	
	Don't Know	3%	2%	2%	5%	6%		5%	5%	3%	4%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
The people who make decisions for my community represent the whole community, not just part of it	1 - Strongly Disagree	7%	11%	6%	4%	8%	3%	9%	9%	6%	8%	59%
	2	8%	11%	4%	6%	9%	8%	10%	7%	9%	7%	
	3	13%	17%	9%	8%	15%	21%	13%	7%	13%	13%	
	4	18%	19%	14%	23%	8%	24%	18%	14%	19%	17%	41%
	5	29%	24%	36%	33%	29%	27%	29%	31%	30%	29%	
	6	11%	9%	15%	9%	15%	10%	9%	12%	11%	10%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	8%	5%	2%	9%	12%		9%	12%	8%	7%	
	Don't Know	6%	4%	13%	8%	3%	8%	5%	7%	4%	9%	
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			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I can get involved in local decision-making processes if I want to	1 - Strongly Disagree	6%	6%		9%	4%	13%	4%	4%	9%	4%	
	2	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	
	3	6%	5%	7%	3%	9%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	100%
	4	11%	18%	3%	9%	5%	12%	14%	9%	13%	9%	
	5	21%	15%	25%	24%	27%	28%	16%	21%	21%	22%	
	6	22%	24%	15%	22%	22%	17%	24%	24%	23%	22%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	30%	27%	47%	28%	31%	22%	36%	30%	25%	35%	
	Don't Know	1%	2%		2%			2%	2%	0%	2%	
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			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Most people around here get a reasonable opportunity to participate or express themselves in community decision making	1 - Strongly Disagree	4%	4%		5%	5%	7%	4%	3%	4%	4%	
	2	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	5%	4%	2%	5%	2%	
	3	8%	11%	2%	4%	11%	9%	5%	9%	8%	7%	59%
	4	21%	27%	16%	17%	18%	15%	25%	21%	22%	19%	
	5	26%	22%	24%	34%	19%	28%	26%	25%	27%	25%	
	6	23%	18%	30%	23%	29%	32%	21%	18%	21%	25%	41%
	7 - Strongly Agree	13%	13%	17%	9%	17%	1%	16%	18%	11%	15%	
	Don't Know	3%	1%	10%	3%		3%	1%	4%	1%	4%	
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			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Tourism brings positive benefits to my community	1 - Strongly Disagree	3%	1%	2%	5%		5%	2%	1%	4%	1%	
	2	3%	3%		3%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%	
	3	3%	5%	2%	0%	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	1%	
	4	8%	11%	6%	6%	9%	4%	12%	9%	11%	6%	
	5	20%	17%	16%	18%	29%	14%	24%	20%	14%	25%	
	6	26%	27%	58%	19%	20%	31%	26%	22%	30%	22%	41%
	7 - Strongly Agree	37%	34%	16%	47%	37%	41%	30%	42%	34%	40%	59%
	Don't Know	1%	1%		1%			1%	1%	0%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Some groups in this community keep to themselves	1 - Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%		4%	3%	2%	3%	
	2	2%	2%		1%	5%		3%	3%	3%	1%	
	3	5%	9%	4%	3%	2%	3%	8%	5%	5%	5%	
	4	12%	8%	15%	14%	17%	11%	14%	13%	14%	11%	59%
	5	22%	22%	28%	24%	18%	21%	21%	24%	24%	21%	
	6	21%	15%	20%	27%	21%	28%	18%	18%	23%	19%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	24%	33%	16%	16%	28%	24%	28%	21%	21%	28%	41%
	Don't Know	10%	7%	13%	13%	6%	12%	5%	12%	9%	11%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Some individuals get left out in this community	1 - Strongly Disagree	3%	4%	4%	3%	1%		3%	5%	2%	4%	
	2	3%	2%		4%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	
	3	10%	10%	2%	9%	14%	17%	4%	9%	12%	7%	
	4	13%	14%	13%	13%	10%	11%	16%	12%	9%	16%	
	5	19%	18%	17%	19%	24%	17%	20%	21%	18%	21%	41%
	6	25%	23%	31%	28%	21%	32%	23%	22%	27%	24%	
	7 - Strongly Agree	21%	23%	18%	20%	22%	16%	25%	22%	21%	21%	59%
	Don't Know	6%	6%	16%	5%	2%	6%	4%	6%	6%	5%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
There is a lot of disagreement between people in this community	1 - Strongly Disagree	5%	3%	2%	4%	9%		7%	6%	4%	5%	
	2	8%	9%	8%	5%	11%		11%	10%	10%	6%	
	3	10%	11%	2%	8%	15%	16%	7%	9%	11%	8%	
	4	16%	20%	12%	17%	11%	12%	17%	18%	16%	17%	
	5	26%	23%	31%	28%	28%	37%	23%	21%	26%	27%	
	6	17%	18%	20%	18%	12%	15%	19%	17%	16%	17%	100%
	7 - Strongly Agree	12%	13%	5%	13%	12%	11%	15%	10%	9%	15%	
	Don't Know	7%	4%	20%	7%	2%	10%	2%	8%	8%	5%	
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			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I make time to keep in touch with my friends	1 - Never	1%	2%					1%	1%	1%		
	2	1%	2%		1%		1%	2%			2%	
	3	5%	7%		7%	1%	7%	7%	3%	7%	3%	
	4	8%	11%	2%	6%	11%	8%	8%	8%	6%	10%	
	5	23%	31%	12%	22%	17%	33%	26%	14%	25%	21%	41%
	6	22%	18%	41%	27%	14%	17%	18%	30%	27%	18%	
	7 - All the time	40%	31%	46%	38%	58%	33%	39%	45%	34%	46%	59%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I chat with my neighbors	1 - Never	3%	2%	2%	4%		5%	1%	2%	3%	2%	
	2	4%	7%	3%	1%	1%	5%	4%	2%	2%	5%	
	3	3%	6%		2%	2%	1%	6%	2%	3%	3%	
	4	9%	9%	2%	9%	10%	21%	3%	4%	11%	5%	59%
	5	16%	16%	15%	13%	24%	24%	15%	12%	20%	13%	
	6	18%	16%	35%	17%	16%	12%	16%	25%	17%	19%	
	7 - All the time	48%	43%	44%	53%	47%	31%	55%	53%	43%	53%	41%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I spend time doing things with family members who don't live with me	1 - Never	11%	14%	8%	8%	14%	8%	13%	13%	10%	13%	
	2	6%	7%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	7%	4%	7%	
	3	6%	4%	13%	7%	6%	7%	10%	2%	4%	8%	
	4	10%	13%	2%	9%	11%	17%	6%	8%	13%	8%	
	5	18%	18%	19%	19%	16%	20%	19%	15%	22%	13%	59%
	6	22%	17%	42%	23%	18%	25%	22%	19%	27%	16%	41%
	7 - All the time	26%	26%	11%	28%	31%	17%	25%	34%	19%	34%	
	Don't Know	1%	1%	2%	1%			1%	1%	0%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I have friends or family I can rely on during a time of need	1 - Never	1%	2%			2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	
	2	2%	4%			1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	
	3	1%	1%			1%			2%	1%		
	4	2%	3%		2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	
	5	6%	5%	2%	5%	9%	4%	6%	7%	8%	4%	
	6	16%	14%	18%	22%	8%	22%	13%	14%	19%	13%	
	7 - All the time	73%	70%	80%	71%	78%	70%	75%	73%	69%	76%	100%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I go to arts or cultural events	1 - Never	36%	46%	17%	32%	32%	25%	39%	41%	34%	37%	
	2	13%	13%	8%	10%	19%	20%	10%	10%	16%	9%	
	3	8%	8%	2%	10%	5%	6%	11%	6%	7%	8%	
	4	11%	10%	9%	10%	17%	12%	8%	13%	12%	10%	
	5	16%	9%	36%	20%	14%	18%	18%	13%	19%	14%	41%
	6	9%	7%	19%	11%	4%	13%	8%	7%	7%	11%	
	7 - All the time	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	6%	6%	11%	5%	10%	59%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I attend community events	1 - Never	19%	25%	10%	18%	15%	17%	16%	24%	20%	19%	
	2	10%	13%	4%	10%	7%	6%	12%	11%	11%	9%	41%
	3	12%	11%	5%	8%	25%	17%	11%	10%	12%	12%	
	4	13%	14%	14%	9%	17%	10%	18%	10%	12%	12%	59%
	5	23%	18%	39%	27%	15%	30%	17%	23%	27%	19%	
	6	13%	7%	23%	15%	15%	10%	14%	14%	11%	16%	
	7 - All the time	8%	12%	4%	7%	5%	4%	12%	8%	4%	12%	
	Don't Know	2%			5%		5%		0%	3%	0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I take part in community-based clubs or associations	1 - Never	38%	38%	47%	44%	25%	46%	34%	36%	41%	35%	41%
	2	10%	7%	4%	8%	26%	16%	5%	11%	12%	9%	
	3	9%	12%	5%	9%	5%	7%	14%	6%	12%	6%	
	4	6%	6%	5%	5%	7%	1%	5%	10%	7%	4%	59%
	5	12%	8%	6%	16%	17%	13%	11%	12%	9%	15%	
	6	9%	13%	6%	6%	8%	10%	9%	7%	9%	9%	
	7 - All the time	15%	16%	28%	13%	12%	7%	20%	17%	10%	20%	
	Don't Know	1%	1%		0%	1%		2%	0%		1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I get involved with political activities	1 - Never	52%	48%	47%	59%	48%	50%	54%	51%	53%	51%	41%
	2	12%	13%	19%	7%	14%	16%	12%	9%	11%	13%	
	3	8%	9%	12%	5%	7%	10%	4%	8%	10%	5%	
	4	8%	7%	10%	10%	5%	7%	9%	8%	7%	8%	59%
	5	10%	8%	6%	14%	10%	10%	10%	11%	9%	12%	
	6	4%	6%	2%	2%	7%	3%	4%	6%	3%	6%	
	7 - All the time	6%	8%	4%	3%	10%	4%	8%	7%	7%	5%	
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			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I take part in sports groups or teams	1 - Never	54%	63%	31%	55%	48%	38%	55%	65%	47%	62%	
	2	9%	9%	8%	4%	21%	13%	6%	10%	9%	10%	
	3	7%	5%	4%	10%	5%	10%	6%	6%	8%	6%	
	4	4%	5%		5%	5%	2%	6%	5%	6%	3%	
	5	6%	5%	8%	6%	6%	7%	6%	4%	8%	4%	
	6	12%	5%	42%	13%	7%	25%	9%	5%	14%	9%	41%
	7 - All the time	8%	8%	7%	7%	8%	5%	12%	6%	8%	6%	59%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I volunteer in my local community	1 - Never	34%	30%	38%	40%	29%	34%	33%	35%	34%	34%	41%
	2	14%	15%	16%	10%	18%	29%	7%	9%	18%	10%	
	3	6%	9%		7%	5%	6%	6%	7%	8%	4%	59%
	4	7%	4%	2%	10%	10%	8%	5%	8%	7%	7%	
	5	10%	9%	13%	8%	12%	6%	10%	12%	10%	10%	
	6	9%	5%	9%	11%	12%	3%	11%	11%	9%	9%	
	7 - All the time	20%	27%	23%	15%	13%	14%	28%	17%	13%	27%	
	Don't Know	0%				1%		1%			1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I feel welcome here	1 - Never	1%	3%			1%	3%	2%			2%	
	2	1%	1%		1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	
	3	3%	3%	2%	5%		5%	3%	1%	5%	1%	
	4	8%	10%	9%	8%	5%	10%	12%	5%	10%	7%	
	5	18%	19%	10%	13%	29%	24%	14%	17%	19%	18%	
	6	27%	22%	38%	31%	21%	31%	29%	21%	27%	25%	100%
	7 - All the time	41%	41%	41%	43%	41%	24%	40%	55%	38%	46%	
	Don't Know	0%	1%				2%			1%		
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I feel part of my community	1 - Never	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	
	2	4%	1%	3%	7%	7%	10%	2%	2%	6%	3%	
	3	8%	9%	2%	8%	8%	14%	7%	5%	10%	6%	
	4	11%	16%	9%	6%	12%	13%	13%	8%	12%	10%	
	5	24%	25%	14%	26%	24%	26%	25%	22%	25%	23%	100%
	6	21%	18%	37%	25%	12%	23%	17%	24%	20%	23%	
	7 - All the time	29%	27%	33%	27%	36%	11%	35%	37%	26%	32%	
	Don't Know	0%	0%						0%		0%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
We are all 'in it together' in my community	1 - Never	6%	11%	2%	3%	2%	7%	5%	5%	4%	7%	
	2	4%	2%	4%	6%	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	59%
	3	10%	10%	3%	13%	9%	16%	11%	6%	10%	11%	
	4	18%	18%	13%	16%	22%	22%	19%	13%	16%	19%	41%
	5	23%	22%	16%	26%	21%	22%	26%	20%	28%	17%	
	6	17%	17%	37%	12%	16%	16%	15%	20%	17%	17%	
	7 - All the time	19%	18%	13%	18%	23%	5%	20%	27%	15%	23%	
	Don't Know	4%	2%	12%	6%	2%	6%	1%	6%	5%	4%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I can count on my neighbors, friends or family in times of emergency such as forest fire or flooding	1 - Never	1%	1%		1%	1%		2%	0%		1%	
	2	2%	4%	3%		2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	3%	
	3	1%	3%				3%	1%		1%	1%	
	4	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	
	5	10%	10%	2%	12%	12%	10%	11%	9%	12%	8%	
	6	20%	16%	27%	20%	25%	32%	16%	15%	27%	13%	
	7 - All the time	61%	60%	66%	62%	57%	48%	65%	67%	53%	69%	100%
	Don't Know	1%	1%		1%				1%	1%	0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
I feel like an outsider here	1 - Never	49%	43%	50%	59%	41%	32%	55%	56%	50%	48%	
	2	12%	9%	17%	7%	24%	18%	9%	10%	11%	12%	
	3	10%	13%	7%	10%	6%	13%	10%	9%	11%	10%	
	4	6%	8%		8%	2%	8%	5%	5%	7%	4%	41%
	5	12%	15%	17%	6%	13%	10%	14%	11%	5%	18%	59%
	6	4%	4%	3%	3%	9%	4%	3%	6%	6%	3%	
	7 - All the time	6%	6%	3%	8%	4%	13%	4%	3%	8%	5%	
	Don't Know	1%	1%	2%			2%		1%	1%		
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Please rate your access to the following services and infrastructure. You may select Not Applicable for those you feel do not apply to you.

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
General health services such as Doctor or pharmacist	1 - Very Poor	9%	20%		3%	3%	11%	12%	5%	6%	12%	41%
	2	4%	5%		4%	1%		6%	4%	3%	4%	
	3	6%	10%	2%	5%	3%	5%	7%	6%	4%	8%	
	4	14%	14%	2%	15%	20%	21%	14%	10%	15%	14%	
	5	19%	21%	13%	19%	20%	17%	18%	22%	24%	14%	59%
	6	24%	15%	62%	20%	32%	30%	20%	24%	26%	23%	
	7 - Very Good	22%	14%	18%	32%	18%	15%	22%	26%	21%	23%	
	Don't Know	1%		3%	1%	1%		1%	2%	1%	1%	
	Not applicable	1%			1%	1%		1%	1%		1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Mental health services such as Psychologist or psychiatrist	1 - Very Poor	11%	18%	2%	3%	16%	12%	10%	11%	9%	13%	
	2	7%	9%	6%	9%	3%	8%	10%	5%	4%	11%	41%
	3	9%	9%	8%	6%	12%	9%	10%	7%	8%	8%	59%
	4	10%	9%	17%	10%	10%	9%	8%	13%	8%	13%	
	5	14%	13%	22%	17%	7%	15%	17%	11%	15%	14%	
	6	11%	12%	11%	7%	15%	15%	6%	12%	14%	8%	
	7 - Very Good	5%	4%	3%	6%	9%	4%	9%	3%	4%	6%	
	Don't Know	11%	7%	13%	19%	3%	23%	9%	5%	19%	4%	
	Not applicable	21%	18%	17%	22%	26%	5%	20%	33%	19%	23%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Specialist health services other than mental health (eg. surgeon)	1 - Very Poor	17%	22%	8%	9%	25%	23%	16%	13%	16%	17%	
	2	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	4%	8%	12%	7%	9%	41%
	3	10%	10%	6%	14%	6%	5%	14%	10%	9%	11%	
	4	18%	15%	10%	23%	18%	20%	20%	15%	24%	12%	
	5	19%	16%	52%	15%	12%	29%	14%	14%	17%	20%	
	6	8%	11%	7%	5%	10%	1%	7%	14%	9%	8%	
	7 - Very Good	11%	5%	2%	16%	15%	5%	7%	18%	9%	11%	59%
	Don't Know	4%	7%	3%	3%	2%	10%	4%	1%	6%	3%	
	Not applicable	5%	5%	6%	6%	3%	3%	10%	3%	2%	8%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Education such as Schools, distance education, vocational training	1 - Very Poor	1%	2%		1%	1%	3%	2%			2%	
	2	2%	2%	2%	3%		5%	1%	1%	4%		
	3	4%	3%	3%	2%	11%	6%	5%	2%	4%	4%	
	4	9%	13%	11%	5%	10%	12%	8%	8%	11%	8%	
	5	21%	24%	17%	20%	17%	34%	18%	14%	21%	20%	59%
	6	21%	19%	31%	19%	22%	16%	32%	14%	20%	21%	
	7 - Very Good	17%	16%	7%	21%	15%	15%	21%	15%	17%	16%	41%
	Don't Know	2%	2%		3%			2%	3%	2%	2%	
Not applicable	23%	19%	29%	26%	23%	8%	12%	43%	20%	27%		
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Housing	1 - Very Poor	13%	18%	6%	7%	17%	16%	13%	10%	6%	19%	59%
	2	17%	19%	38%	9%	17%	26%	15%	11%	18%	15%	41%
	3	13%	12%	18%	13%	16%	14%	19%	9%	14%	13%	
	4	12%	12%	8%	15%	12%	14%	15%	9%	15%	10%	
	5	8%	7%	6%	13%	3%	5%	13%	7%	11%	6%	
	6	7%	8%	2%	9%	6%	14%	3%	7%	8%	6%	
	7 - Very Good	12%	11%	9%	14%	10%	8%	13%	13%	11%	12%	
	Don't Know	1%	3%		1%		4%		1%	2%	1%	
Not applicable	16%	10%	15%	20%	20%		10%	32%	13%	18%		
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Affordable housing	1 - Very Poor	19%	26%	20%	15%	13%	23%	22%	15%	13%	25%	
	2	22%	16%	43%	18%	30%	31%	21%	16%	27%	15%	100%
	3	18%	18%	11%	22%	15%	25%	20%	11%	20%	16%	
	4	7%	7%	4%	8%	9%	6%	6%	9%	9%	6%	
	5	7%	5%	4%	11%	5%	8%	7%	7%	8%	6%	
	6	4%	5%		3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	
	7 - Very Good	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%		7%	7%	3%	6%	
	Don't Know	2%	5%	3%		1%	4%	2%	2%	0%	4%	
	Not applicable	16%	13%	13%	18%	19%		12%	30%	15%	17%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Stable housing	1 - Very Poor	7%	12%	4%	3%	5%	6%	8%	6%	4%	10%	
	2	13%	11%	26%	12%	12%	19%	14%	8%	12%	14%	41%
	3	9%	11%	15%	5%	13%	12%	11%	7%	7%	12%	
	4	12%	6%	20%	13%	17%	19%	9%	10%	15%	9%	
	5	12%	15%	7%	15%	3%	18%	10%	10%	16%	9%	
	6	12%	10%	6%	13%	16%	9%	14%	11%	12%	11%	59%
	7 - Very Good	14%	14%	6%	18%	12%	15%	13%	15%	15%	14%	
	Don't Know	5%	6%		5%	4%		7%	6%	5%	5%	
	Not applicable	16%	15%	15%	16%	18%	3%	13%	27%	15%	17%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Recreational facilities	1 - Very Poor	6%	9%	4%	7%	3%	10%	3%	7%	8%	5%	
	2	4%	6%	2%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	
	3	5%	9%	2%	3%	3%	3%	7%	4%	3%	6%	
	4	9%	9%	4%	4%	19%	12%	9%	7%	5%	12%	59%
	5	25%	28%	22%	23%	22%	19%	26%	27%	27%	22%	
	6	25%	13%	37%	34%	28%	29%	24%	24%	31%	20%	
	7 - Very Good	20%	22%	25%	22%	10%	21%	22%	18%	17%	23%	41%
	Don't Know	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%		1%	1%	1%	1%	
	Not applicable	5%	3%	2%	4%	11%	1%	4%	8%	4%	6%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Recreational experiences and opportunities	1 - Very Poor	4%	7%	2%	2%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	5%	
	2	3%	3%		3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	
	3	8%	11%	4%	3%	14%	15%	4%	6%	9%	8%	
	4	5%	6%	2%	2%	9%	2%	7%	4%	3%	6%	59%
	5	19%	16%	6%	25%	19%	16%	19%	20%	16%	22%	
	6	21%	25%	25%	17%	21%	29%	13%	23%	23%	20%	
	7 - Very Good	34%	30%	58%	37%	25%	25%	47%	29%	38%	30%	41%
	Don't Know	0%		3%				1%			1%	
	Not applicable	6%	3%	2%	11%	7%	5%	2%	10%	6%	6%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Arts and cultural experiences and opportunities	1 - Very Poor	7%	6%		9%	9%	13%	2%	7%	8%	6%	
	2	5%	4%	2%	3%	12%	7%	4%	4%	3%	7%	
	3	7%	7%		3%	17%	9%	9%	4%	8%	6%	59%
	4	12%	10%	8%	13%	18%	11%	10%	15%	11%	14%	
	5	30%	27%	33%	38%	21%	37%	31%	25%	31%	30%	
	6	17%	20%	39%	13%	10%	6%	29%	16%	19%	16%	41%
	7 - Very Good	10%	13%	7%	11%	7%	8%	11%	11%	7%	14%	
	Don't Know	2%	4%		1%	1%		1%	5%	2%	2%	
	Not applicable	9%	8%	11%	11%	5%	9%	3%	13%	11%	6%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Aged care services such as Seniors housing	1 - Very Poor	5%	7%		4%	7%	3%	4%	8%	3%	8%	
	2	7%	7%	4%	9%	4%		12%	7%	4%	9%	41%
	3	9%	15%	15%	2%	10%	5%	9%	12%	8%	11%	
	4	13%	10%	20%	12%	14%	1%	19%	16%	14%	11%	
	5	17%	14%	26%	19%	16%	27%	15%	12%	19%	16%	
	6	9%	9%	2%	10%	13%	10%	9%	9%	12%	7%	
	7 - Very Good	8%	3%	5%	14%	7%	5%	3%	13%	7%	8%	
	Don't Know	11%	13%	14%	11%	3%	29%	6%	2%	14%	8%	
	Not applicable	21%	22%	14%	18%	27%	19%	24%	20%	19%	22%	59%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Childcare	1 - Very Poor	4%	6%	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	3%	1%	6%	41%
	2	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	11%	5%	1%	5%	5%	
	3	6%	5%	2%	9%	6%	9%	9%	3%	5%	7%	59%
	4	7%	3%	29%	8%	1%	10%	10%	3%	10%	4%	
	5	8%	4%	8%	10%	13%	21%	5%	1%	7%	9%	
	6	3%	1%	4%	5%	1%	4%	5%	1%	4%	2%	
	7 - Very Good	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	6%	1%	3%	4%	
	Don't Know	11%	19%	4%	10%		12%	13%	8%	15%	6%	
	Not applicable	53%	52%	47%	49%	65%	25%	45%	80%	50%	57%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Roads	1 - Very Poor	5%	7%	2%	5%	4%	8%	2%	7%	7%	4%	
	2	5%	8%	3%	3%	3%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	
	3	12%	11%	15%	13%	7%	12%	15%	8%	8%	16%	
	4	15%	15%	7%	15%	19%	15%	15%	15%	17%	13%	
	5	25%	24%	31%	25%	26%	25%	29%	23%	27%	23%	59%
	6	22%	20%	33%	17%	31%	20%	16%	29%	22%	22%	41%
	7 - Very Good	14%	15%	6%	17%	9%	11%	17%	13%	12%	16%	
	Don't Know	1%		3%	1%			2%			1%	
	Not applicable	2%			5%	1%	5%		1%	3%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Public transport	1 - Very Poor	15%	19%	19%	8%	16%	13%	12%	18%	9%	20%	
	2	7%	5%	9%	4%	17%	11%	7%	5%	5%	10%	41%
	3	9%	8%	10%	12%	6%	13%	12%	4%	11%	8%	
	4	10%	9%	10%	8%	13%	8%	11%	9%	10%	9%	59%
	5	12%	15%	16%	12%	6%	14%	12%	11%	13%	12%	
	6	11%	12%	5%	11%	10%	7%	13%	12%	12%	10%	
	7 - Very Good	11%	8%	2%	17%	14%	11%	9%	14%	11%	12%	
	Don't Know	5%	3%		9%	4%	11%	3%	3%	8%	2%	
	Not applicable	19%	20%	28%	19%	14%	13%	21%	22%	22%	17%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Air service	1 - Very Poor	20%	28%	17%	10%	22%	18%	18%	22%	17%	23%	
	2	13%	10%	29%	13%	9%	19%	13%	7%	15%	10%	59%
	3	13%	17%	18%	10%	6%	15%	15%	9%	15%	11%	
	4	10%	11%	10%	8%	14%	9%	11%	11%	9%	11%	
	5	13%	11%	7%	15%	14%	8%	17%	12%	14%	12%	
	6	8%	7%	2%	10%	8%	8%	5%	10%	8%	8%	
	7 - Very Good	9%	3%	4%	16%	11%	7%	10%	10%	9%	9%	41%
	Don't Know	2%	2%	8%	2%		3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	
	Not applicable	13%	11%	6%	15%	16%	13%	9%	16%	12%	14%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northem Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1 - Very Poor	1%	1%		1%	1%		2%	1%	0%	1%	
	2	1%	3%	2%	1%			2%	2%	1%	2%	
	3	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%		3%	2%	2%	2%	
	4	6%	5%	17%	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	8%	4%	
	5	15%	13%	14%	19%	13%	11%	17%	17%	20%	11%	
	6	34%	35%	44%	30%	34%	45%	29%	30%	37%	31%	41%
	7 - Very Good	39%	42%	21%	38%	45%	37%	41%	39%	30%	48%	59%
	Don't Know	0%			1%		2%			1%		
	Not applicable	1%	1%		0%	1%			2%	1%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northem Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Affordable food	1 - Very Poor	3%	4%		4%	3%		7%	3%	3%	4%	
	2	5%	4%	4%	5%	6%	2%	10%	3%	5%	5%	
	3	15%	13%	15%	20%	9%	18%	16%	12%	18%	12%	41%
	4	23%	21%	50%	14%	28%	39%	16%	16%	21%	24%	
	5	25%	31%	18%	20%	25%	19%	25%	29%	25%	24%	59%
	6	15%	14%	8%	18%	15%	12%	15%	17%	16%	14%	
	7 - Very Good	12%	9%	2%	18%	13%	5%	11%	19%	10%	15%	
	Don't Know	1%	2%	3%	1%		4%	1%		1%	2%	
	Not applicable	0%	1%			1%			1%	0%	0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Retail shops	1 - Very Poor	3%	4%	3%	1%	7%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	
	2	8%	12%	9%	2%	9%	8%	9%	7%	4%	11%	
	3	14%	14%	22%	13%	11%	12%	19%	12%	11%	18%	
	4	21%	16%	29%	20%	29%	27%	18%	19%	24%	18%	
	5	22%	25%	23%	20%	19%	26%	18%	22%	26%	18%	59%
	6	12%	11%	4%	17%	11%	10%	12%	14%	15%	10%	41%
	7 - Very Good	16%	16%	10%	21%	12%	7%	21%	19%	13%	20%	
	Don't Know	1%	0%		3%		2%		1%	2%	0%	
	Not applicable	2%	1%		3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Banking and financial services	1 - Very Poor	3%	4%		1%	6%	3%	5%	1%	1%	5%	
	2	2%	5%		1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	
	3	5%	7%	8%	4%	4%	9%	4%	4%	5%	6%	
	4	7%	13%	6%	3%	6%	11%	4%	7%	8%	7%	
	5	18%	20%	13%	16%	20%	25%	14%	16%	22%	13%	59%
	6	26%	24%	39%	25%	26%	22%	33%	23%	30%	22%	41%
	7 - Very Good	34%	25%	31%	43%	36%	19%	35%	43%	28%	40%	
	Don't Know	2%	2%	3%	2%		4%	1%	1%	1%	3%	
	Not applicable	2%	1%		5%	1%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
ATM's	1 - Very Poor	4%	3%	9%	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	
	2	2%	3%		0%	2%		2%	3%	2%	1%	
	3	4%	8%		2%		6%	4%	1%	4%	2%	41%
	4	7%	9%	4%	6%	9%	15%	5%	4%	7%	7%	59%
	5	20%	19%	25%	20%	20%	24%	17%	19%	20%	20%	
	6	22%	18%	23%	19%	34%	20%	23%	22%	23%	21%	
	7 - Very Good	36%	31%	34%	45%	28%	27%	38%	40%	31%	41%	
	Don't Know	2%	4%		1%		4%	1%	2%	3%	1%	
	Not applicable	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	1%	4%	7%	6%	4%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Professional services such as Accountants, lawyers	1 - Very Poor	4%	6%		1%	8%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%	
	2	4%	0%		6%	7%	7%	2%	3%	6%	2%	
	3	8%	11%	8%	3%	9%	10%	11%	3%	5%	11%	
	4	10%	18%	10%	1%	9%	10%	10%	9%	10%	9%	
	5	17%	21%	11%	16%	15%	19%	13%	19%	18%	16%	59%
	6	24%	18%	43%	26%	23%	16%	30%	25%	27%	21%	41%
	7 - Very Good	22%	17%	17%	31%	16%	11%	22%	30%	21%	24%	
	Don't Know	5%	2%	12%	9%		13%	4%	1%	5%	5%	
	Not applicable	7%	6%		7%	12%	8%	5%	8%	6%	8%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
High speed internet	1 - Very Poor	6%	8%	11%	3%	3%	2%	9%	5%	5%	6%	
	2	2%	3%	2%	2%			4%	1%	2%	2%	
	3	8%	6%	4%	10%	10%	8%	9%	6%	7%	8%	
	4	11%	12%	7%	8%	15%	16%	9%	8%	10%	11%	
	5	19%	21%	20%	13%	23%	30%	13%	16%	19%	18%	59%
	6	24%	24%	20%	32%	12%	26%	27%	21%	30%	19%	
	7 - Very Good	24%	20%	31%	22%	32%	17%	26%	27%	19%	29%	41%
	Don't Know	2%	2%		3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	
	Not applicable	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%			12%	5%	4%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Mobile phone coverage	1 - Very Poor	5%	7%	3%	5%	4%	3%	7%	6%	3%	8%	
	2	7%	12%	4%	1%	10%	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	
	3	8%	6%	10%	9%	7%	12%	7%	6%	10%	5%	
	4	10%	10%	4%	9%	14%	9%	14%	8%	9%	11%	
	5	16%	12%	17%	20%	15%	12%	20%	14%	16%	15%	41%
	6	22%	22%	40%	18%	22%	26%	19%	22%	22%	22%	
	7 - Very Good	17%	15%	14%	21%	16%	15%	15%	20%	12%	23%	
	Don't Know	1%	1%		2%		2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
	Not applicable	14%	15%	8%	15%	12%	14%	10%	17%	18%	9%	59%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
This is a safe place to live	2	0%			0%	1%			1%		1%	
	3	2%	3%		0%	3%		4%	1%	2%	2%	
	4	5%	8%	2%	3%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	
	5	22%	22%	11%	22%	25%	32%	20%	15%	22%	21%	
	6	36%	33%	44%	40%	32%	28%	37%	41%	34%	39%	41%
	7 - All the time	34%	32%	40%	34%	34%	32%	32%	36%	35%	32%	59%
	Don't Know	1%	2%	3%		2%	2%	3%		2%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
There is a high crime rate in this community	1 - Never	13%	14%	7%	8%	23%	17%	9%	13%	14%	11%	59%
	2	17%	18%	22%	16%	11%	17%	20%	13%	19%	15%	
	3	18%	13%	17%	26%	16%	23%	23%	11%	18%	19%	
	4	18%	21%	18%	15%	15%	4%	18%	27%	18%	17%	
	5	20%	23%	12%	18%	26%	21%	21%	19%	18%	22%	41%
	6	5%	2%	8%	8%	4%	5%	3%	6%	6%	4%	
	7 - All the time	4%	1%		7%	5%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	
	Don't Know	6%	8%	16%	3%	1%	7%	4%	6%	4%	7%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Many people in this community abuse drugs	1 - Never	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	0%	3%	
	2	5%	5%	3%	3%	10%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	
	3	8%	7%	12%	9%	8%	11%	11%	4%	8%	8%	
	4	15%	10%	10%	21%	15%	8%	21%	14%	16%	13%	41%
	5	25%	27%	33%	19%	26%	37%	22%	18%	26%	24%	
	6	11%	13%	3%	10%	16%	14%	9%	12%	11%	12%	
	7 - All the time	19%	22%	13%	19%	13%	23%	18%	17%	21%	17%	59%
	Don't Know	15%	13%	25%	17%	8%		11%	28%	12%	18%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Many people in this community drink too much alcohol	1 - Never	3%	5%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	4%	3%	3%	
	2	3%	5%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	
	3	6%	5%	4%	8%	7%	2%	8%	7%	7%	5%	41%
	4	17%	12%	20%	22%	17%	17%	24%	11%	16%	18%	
	5	26%	23%	34%	27%	25%	36%	25%	19%	34%	18%	
	6	12%	13%	12%	7%	21%	22%	10%	8%	10%	15%	59%
	7 - All the time	12%	17%	8%	9%	10%	15%	7%	14%	12%	12%	
	Don't Know	21%	21%	18%	24%	17%	3%	20%	34%	16%	26%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
The environment around here is in good condition	1 - Never	0%	0%					0%		0%		
	2	1%	1%	4%		3%		1%	3%	2%	1%	
	3	6%	5%		7%	7%	4%	8%	6%	7%	5%	
	4	11%	11%	10%	8%	16%	11%	11%	10%	11%	10%	
	5	30%	36%	18%	31%	21%	32%	31%	27%	29%	30%	59%
	6	31%	23%	52%	33%	34%	37%	25%	33%	33%	29%	41%
	7 - All the time	20%	21%	17%	20%	19%	16%	23%	20%	17%	24%	
	Don't Know	1%	1%		1%			1%	1%	1%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
There are attractive buildings / homes in my community	1 - Never	2%	1%	2%	5%	1%	5%	1%	1%	3%	1%	
	2	1%	0%	2%	1%			1%	1%	1%	0%	
	3	3%	5%		1%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	59%
	4	10%	10%	6%	6%	19%	12%	9%	9%	11%	9%	
	5	30%	29%	20%	29%	41%	45%	28%	21%	33%	28%	
	6	25%	25%	24%	30%	16%	15%	23%	34%	26%	24%	41%
	7 - All the time	29%	30%	45%	28%	20%	22%	33%	30%	23%	35%	
	Don't Know	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%		2%	1%		2%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
There are attractive natural places in my community such as parks and forests	1 - Never	0%				1%			0%		0%	
	3	0%	1%		1%			1%	1%	0%	1%	
	4	1%	2%	2%		2%		2%	2%	2%	1%	
	5	5%	5%	5%	7%	1%	6%	6%	4%	6%	5%	
	6	24%	20%	15%	33%	21%	23%	24%	25%	27%	22%	
	7 - All the time	69%	72%	79%	59%	75%	71%	67%	68%	65%	72%	100%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
There are impacts of climate change in our region	1 - Never	4%	3%	6%	5%	2%	1%	7%	4%	3%	5%	
	2	4%	7%		4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	
	3	6%	7%	6%	6%	1%	10%	2%	6%	8%	3%	
	4	8%	5%	14%	11%	4%	10%	7%	8%	9%	7%	
	5	23%	15%	35%	26%	28%	36%	20%	17%	28%	19%	
	6	23%	22%	26%	22%	24%	24%	20%	24%	26%	19%	41%
	7 - All the time	28%	34%	13%	22%	36%	11%	38%	32%	19%	37%	59%
	Don't Know	4%	6%		4%	1%	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Health or Quality of Lakes, streams, and ground water	1 - Big problem	6%	9%		5%	6%	9%	3%	7%	8%	5%	
	2	8%	12%	9%	4%	6%	7%	8%	8%	6%	9%	59%
	3	10%	6%	15%	13%	8%	8%	11%	11%	10%	10%	
	4	12%	9%	5%	14%	17%	16%	11%	10%	12%	13%	
	5	23%	25%	15%	27%	16%	26%	21%	23%	26%	20%	41%
	6	22%	19%	23%	21%	28%	24%	22%	20%	25%	19%	
	7 - Not a problem	17%	17%	31%	12%	18%	12%	20%	17%	13%	21%	
	Don't know	2%	4%	2%	3%			4%	3%	1%	4%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Drinking water quality	1 - Big problem	2%	2%		2%	1%		2%	2%	0%	3%	
	2	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	
	3	7%	8%		11%	3%	5%	11%	6%	8%	7%	
	4	7%	8%	2%	7%	6%	6%	5%	9%	7%	7%	
	5	18%	20%	6%	21%	16%	29%	15%	13%	16%	21%	
	6	27%	27%	24%	26%	31%	18%	32%	29%	31%	23%	
	7 - Not a problem	33%	29%	63%	27%	37%	37%	29%	34%	32%	33%	100%
	Don't know	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%		1%	4%	2%	2%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Soil structure	1 - Big problem	3%	5%	4%	2%	4%		6%	4%	2%	5%	
	2	5%	7%	2%	3%	5%	2%	8%	4%	5%	4%	
	3	13%	12%	7%	14%	15%	12%	15%	12%	18%	7%	59%
	4	13%	16%	10%	11%	13%	6%	18%	14%	12%	15%	
	5	17%	12%	14%	21%	21%	25%	13%	15%	20%	14%	
	6	19%	21%	13%	17%	21%	20%	19%	18%	18%	20%	
	7 - Not a problem	13%	13%	6%	14%	16%	12%	10%	17%	14%	12%	41%
	Don't know	17%	14%	44%	18%	5%	23%	11%	17%	11%	22%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Wildlife presence	1 - Big problem	4%	7%		4%	3%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	
	2	8%	6%	2%	10%	13%	4%	12%	8%	8%	8%	
	3	12%	12%	7%	14%	9%	8%	18%	9%	13%	11%	
	4	14%	16%	26%	3%	24%	15%	15%	12%	15%	14%	
	5	17%	15%	29%	19%	10%	19%	12%	19%	19%	14%	41%
	6	22%	15%	21%	25%	30%	28%	18%	21%	20%	24%	
	7 - Not a problem	21%	26%	7%	24%	12%	18%	21%	23%	19%	22%	59%
	Don't know	2%	2%	8%	1%		3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Invasive weeds	1 - Big problem	10%	9%	2%	10%	14%	8%	10%	11%	7%	12%	
	2	10%	17%		6%	8%	10%	6%	12%	11%	8%	
	3	16%	14%	7%	20%	16%	13%	20%	14%	16%	15%	59%
	4	14%	15%	23%	11%	15%	11%	16%	15%	11%	17%	
	5	20%	24%	19%	17%	19%	22%	20%	19%	23%	17%	41%
	6	11%	10%	7%	13%	11%	12%	10%	12%	9%	14%	
	7 - Not a problem	6%	6%	11%	4%	8%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%	
	Don't know	13%	6%	31%	19%	9%	18%	12%	11%	16%	11%	
Total	Base	400	146	38	142	74	111	133	156	199	199	2

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Health of Forests and natural vegetation	1 - Big problem	10%	16%	2%	8%	4%	12%	9%	9%	13%	6%	59%
	2	5%	8%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	7%	7%	4%	
	3	11%	13%	24%	5%	10%	8%	9%	13%	8%	13%	
	4	13%	8%	6%	21%	11%	11%	17%	11%	13%	13%	
	5	23%	23%	38%	21%	23%	29%	21%	22%	24%	23%	41%
	6	22%	16%	13%	27%	29%	25%	21%	21%	25%	19%	
	7 - Not a problem	14%	15%	10%	13%	17%	11%	16%	15%	9%	19%	
	Don't know	2%	2%	3%	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%	0%	3%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Air pollution	1 - Big problem	8%	12%	9%	4%	5%	4%	8%	10%	7%	8%	
	2	5%	4%	8%	4%	7%	1%	7%	7%	4%	6%	
	3	11%	17%	8%	9%	4%	5%	14%	12%	15%	7%	59%
	4	12%	12%	8%	13%	14%	10%	12%	14%	13%	12%	
	5	23%	21%	29%	22%	27%	28%	22%	20%	23%	22%	41%
	6	21%	18%	29%	22%	22%	30%	18%	18%	18%	25%	
	7 - Not a problem	19%	15%	8%	26%	21%	21%	19%	19%	20%	19%	
	Don't know	0%			0%				0%		0%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Extreme weather events	1 - Big problem	12%	18%	2%	9%	10%	10%	12%	13%	15%	9%	59%
	2	10%	7%	10%	10%	15%	4%	15%	9%	7%	13%	
	3	15%	15%	14%	17%	13%	24%	12%	12%	17%	14%	
	4	14%	14%	20%	16%	9%	19%	11%	14%	13%	16%	
	5	23%	20%	22%	27%	23%	25%	19%	26%	26%	21%	41%
	6	13%	14%	18%	8%	17%	5%	19%	12%	9%	17%	
	7 - Not a problem	12%	12%	13%	12%	14%	12%	13%	12%	14%	11%	
	Don't know	1%	0%		1%				1%	0%	1%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
Climate change	1 - Big problem	22%	28%	6%	17%	30%	16%	28%	22%	22%	23%	59%
	2	14%	10%	19%	19%	8%	15%	15%	12%	17%	11%	
	3	12%	12%	26%	10%	8%	20%	12%	7%	10%	14%	
	4	14%	10%	17%	17%	16%	19%	14%	11%	17%	12%	
	5	13%	13%	13%	14%	14%	7%	13%	19%	12%	15%	41%
	6	8%	8%	8%	5%	12%	4%	5%	13%	7%	9%	
	7 - Not a problem	14%	17%	11%	14%	11%	20%	11%	13%	15%	13%	
	Don't know	2%	2%		3%	1%		3%	3%	2%	3%	
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What future changes will significantly impact your community in the next 15 years?	Economic changes	64%	58%	89%	67%	59%	71%	72%	52%	68%	60%	41%
	Social Changes	52%	56%	73%	47%	44%	57%	59%	43%	49%	54%	100%
	Environmental changes	47%	44%	70%	43%	48%	43%	51%	47%	45%	48%	100%
	Climate Change	37%	36%	63%	29%	44%	35%	40%	37%	35%	40%	100%
	Housing – affordable, seniors	32%	33%	63%	24%	30%	35%	39%	25%	32%	33%	41%
	Jobs, Industry, Employment	31%	25%	58%	29%	32%	35%	35%	25%	32%	30%	41%
	Population growth	20%	16%	50%	19%	10%	21%	23%	16%	20%	19%	41%
	Homelessness & Poverty	18%	18%	54%	11%	15%	27%	19%	13%	18%	18%	41%
	Other	18%	26%		10%	24%	12%	27%	13%	15%	20%	
	Healthcare	16%	19%	29%	11%	9%	19%	16%	13%	11%	19%	100%
	Tourism	12%	4%	57%	13%	2%	16%	12%	9%	13%	11%	41%
	Not sure	10%	7%	11%	11%	12%	6%	6%	15%	9%	10%	
	Air Pollution	6%	5%	29%	4%	2%	13%	3%	5%	8%	5%	
	Traffic	6%	5%	33%	3%	1%	6%	5%	7%	5%	7%	41%
	Crime	6%	5%	14%	7%	2%	5%	10%	3%	6%	6%	41%
	Technology	5%	3%	24%	3%		3%	9%	2%	5%	4%	41%
	Water quality	4%	7%		4%	2%	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%	
	Water supply	4%	5%	4%	2%	7%		6%	6%	3%	5%	
	Nothing	4%	4%		7%	1%	8%	2%	3%	3%	5%	
	Political such as changes to Democratic processes	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	7%	2%	3%	4%	
Education	3%	3%	8%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	41%	
Safety	1%	1%	9%	1%		1%	1%	2%		3%	41%	
Total	Responses	1601	563	282	498	258	469	597	534	772	813	17
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Column percentages exceed 100% because multiple response given

		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
In as few words as possible, please describe what you foresee to be the one most pressing issue in your community over the next 15 years and why it is significant.	Nothing	2%	3%		3%			3%	3%	2%	3%	
	Not sure	12%	8%	28%	17%	6%	17%	9%	12%	17%	8%	
	Issue Provided	85%	89%	72%	80%	94%	83%	88%	85%	81%	89%	100%
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
			Central Kootenay	Northern Basin	East Kootenay	Kootenay Boundary	18-39	40-59	60+	Male	Female	Non-Binary
What do you foresee to be the one most pressing issue in your community over the next 15 years?	Affordable Housing	19%	18%	47%	14%	20%	20%	26%	13%	20%	19%	
	Climate Change	17%	16%	5%	19%	20%	18%	12%	21%	14%	20%	
	Economy, employment	13%	9%	6%	23%	7%	10%	13%	15%	20%	7%	41%
	Other	11%	17%	11%	7%	6%	8%	16%	8%	13%	9%	
	Population growth	6%	5%	5%	11%	1%	4%	7%	7%	7%	6%	
	Crime, drugs	4%	3%		3%	10%	9%	3%	3%	4%	5%	
	Mental health	4%	6%			10%	11%	4%		5%	3%	59%
	Cost of living	4%	2%	17%	1%	7%	6%	3%	2%	2%	6%	
	Environment	3%	3%		5%	4%		4%	6%	3%	3%	
	Covid19 impacts	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	4%	2%	5%	
	Traffic or infrastructure	3%	2%	5%	6%		4%	1%	4%	4%	2%	
	Homelessness	3%	2%		2%	7%	2%	3%	4%	1%	4%	
	Fires	3%	5%		1%	2%		3%	4%	2%	3%	
	Healthcare	2%	4%		1%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	
	Poverty	1%	1%		2%	1%		3%	0%	1%	1%	
Seniors housing/care/services	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%			3%	1%	2%		
Pollution	1%	1%			1%			2%	1%	1%		
Total	Base	340	129	28	114	70	92	117	131	161	177	2

Base: Respondents that specified a pressing issue

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Which of the following age categories are you in?	18-39	28%	26%	30%	27%	31%	100%			33%	22%	59%
	40-59	33%	36%	27%	37%	23%		100%		29%	37%	41%
	60+	39%	37%	43%	36%	46%			100%	38%	41%	
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		Total	Region				Age			Gender		
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How do you identify, as...	Male	50%	50%	45%	55%	42%	59%	44%	48%	100%		
	Female	50%	49%	55%	45%	58%	40%	56%	52%		100%	
	Non-binary	0%	1%		1%		1%	1%				100%
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Where do you live?	Castlegar & Area	9%	25%				10%	12%	6%	9%	9%	
	Creston & Area	8%	21%				6%	7%	9%	5%	10%	
	Kaslo & Area	2%	4%				2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	
	Nakusp & Area	2%	5%				2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	
	Nelson & Area	11%	30%				9%	12%	12%	12%	9%	59%
	Salmo & Area	2%	5%				2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	
	Slocan Valley	3%	9%				4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	
	Golden & Area	4%		41%			4%	1%	6%	4%	4%	
	Revelstoke & Area	5%		50%			4%	6%	4%	4%	6%	
	Valemount	1%		9%			1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	
	Columbia Valley	5%			15%		5%	7%	4%	4%	6%	
	Cranbrook & Area	17%			47%		15%	16%	18%	19%	15%	
	Elkford	2%			4%		2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	
	Femie & Area	4%			11%		2%	5%	4%	4%	4%	
	Sparwood	2%			7%		1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	
	Kimberley & Area	6%			17%		9%	6%	4%	9%	3%	41%
	Trail & Area	9%				48%	8%	6%	12%	6%	12%	
	Rossland	3%				14%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	
	Boundary	7%				38%	9%	3%	9%	7%	7%	
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