

The National Citizen Survey is a scientifically accurate survey tool used by local government jurisdictions across the United States to assess resident satisfaction with community amenities and government services. The survey is a joint effort between the National Research Center, Inc., and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Periodic sounding of resident opinion offers staff, elected officials, and other stakeholders an opportunity to identify challenges, to plan for and evaluate improvements, and to sustain services and amenities for long-term success. Staff can use the results to improve service delivery. Elected officials can use the results to set goals and priorities. Managers can use the results for performance measurement benchmarking.



COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS SUWANEE'S DRIVING PRINCIPLES



















COMMUNITY



Good

89% of respondents rated the appearance of Suwanee as excellent or good. Almost all (96%) respondents rated Suwanee as a place to raise kids as excellent or good. About two-thirds of respondents positively rated Suwanee as a place to retire.

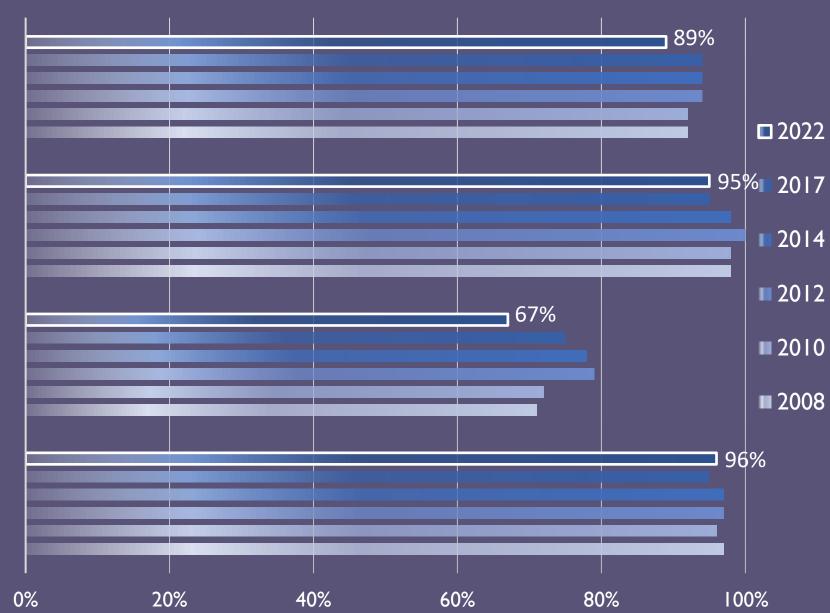
Suwanee as a place to live.

Overall appearance of Suwanee

Suwanee as a place to live

Suwanee a a place to retire

Suwanee as a place to raise kids



GOVERNANCE







Job Suwanee government does at welcoming citizen involvement.

Overall confidence in Suwanee government.

Overall customer service by Suwanee employees.



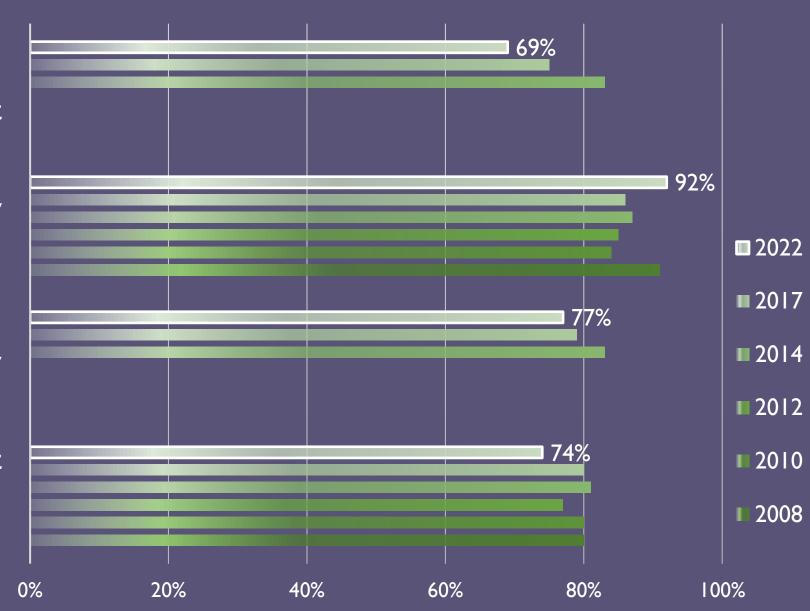
Overall confidence in Suwanee government

Overall customer service by Suwanee employees

Treating all residents fairly

Rank #9 in the U.S.

Job Suwanee government welcoming citizen involvement





COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

8 in 10 residents rated the sense of community in Suwanee and public information services as excellent or good. 84% rated opportunities to volunteer as excellent or good.

Opportunities to participate in the community.



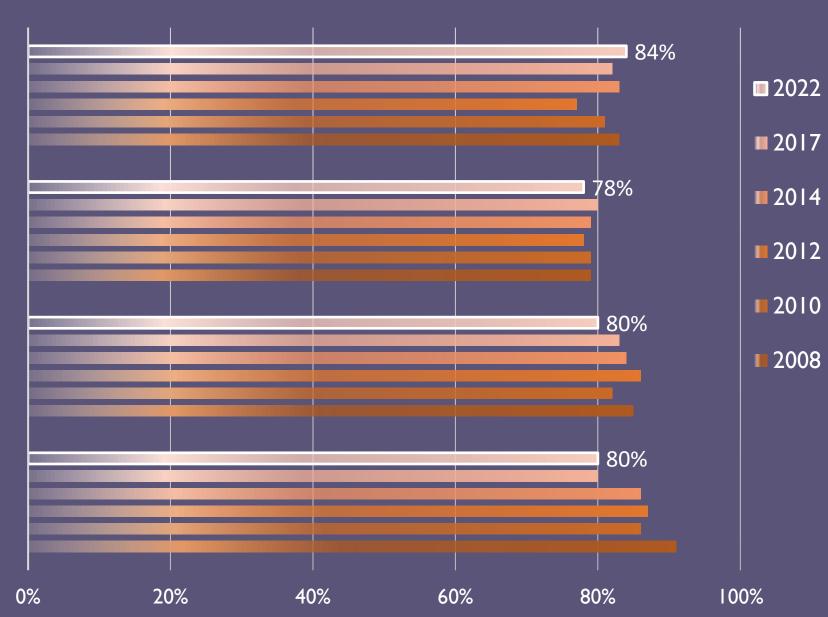


Opportunities to Volunteer

Opportunities to Participate in community matters

Public Informational Services

Sense of Community





PUBLIC SAFETY







Overall feeling of safety.

Police services.

Rated feeling safe in neighborhoods.

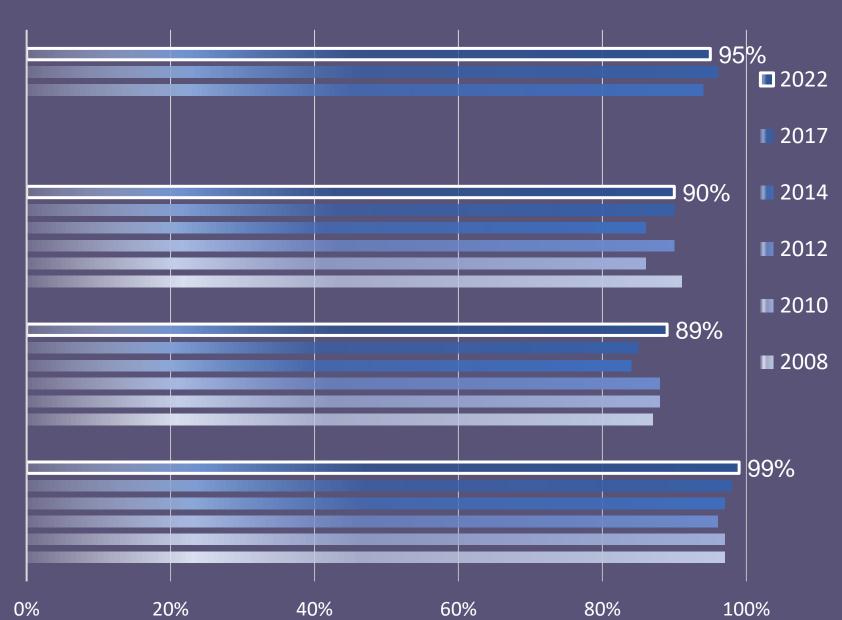


Overall feeling of safety

Police Services

Crime prevention

Feeling safe in neighborhoods during the day





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



92% of residents rated the overall quality of life in Suwanee as excellent or good. 5 in 10 rated shopping opportunities as excellent or good. Employment opportunities were rated 66% as excellent or good.

Suwanee's overall economic health.

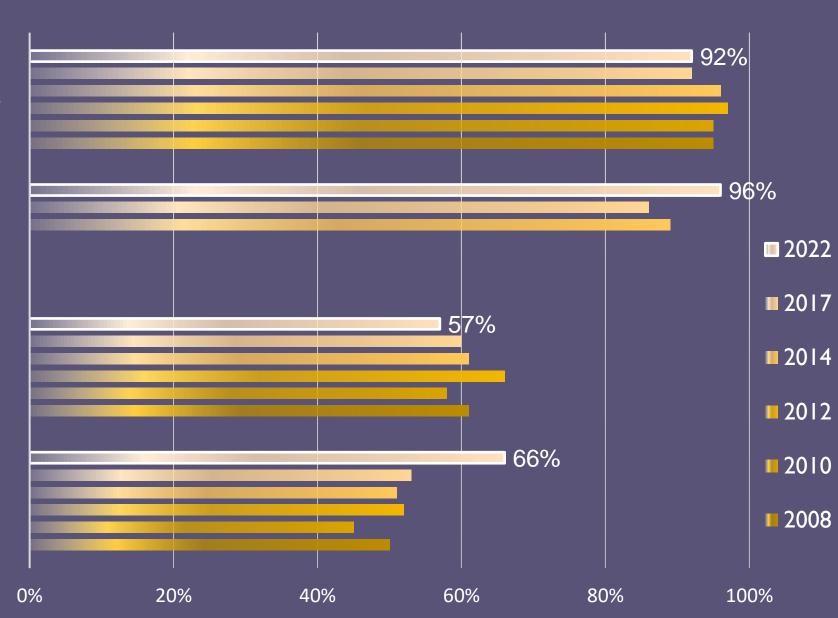


Overall quality of life

Overall Economic Health

Shopping Opportunities

Employment Opportunities





COMMUNITY CULTURE



Residents' connection and engagement with their community.



Opportunities to attend special events.



Community support for the arts.

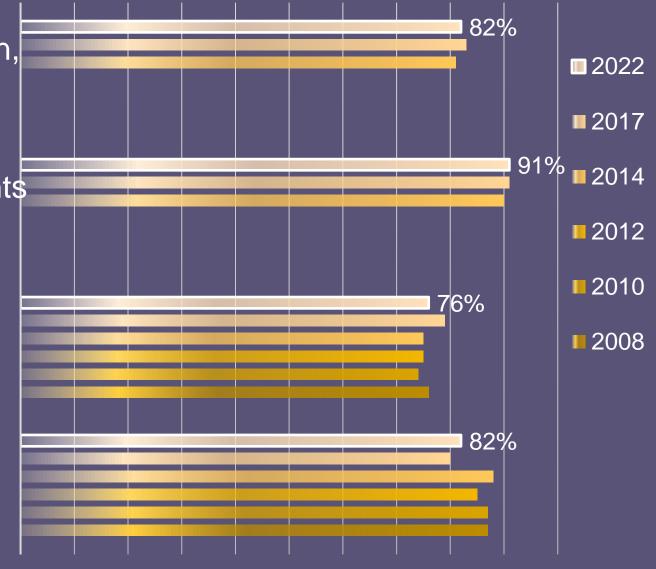
Overall opportunities for education, culture and arts

Opportunities to attend special events such as festivals

Opportunities to attend cultural activities

Rank #4
in the U.S.

Openness and acceptance toward people of diverse backgrounds





66% of respondents rated the ease of car travel as excellent or good. 5 in 10 rated ease of bicycle travel as excellent or good. 64% rated ease of walking in Suwanee as excellent or good.

Availability of paths and walking trails.



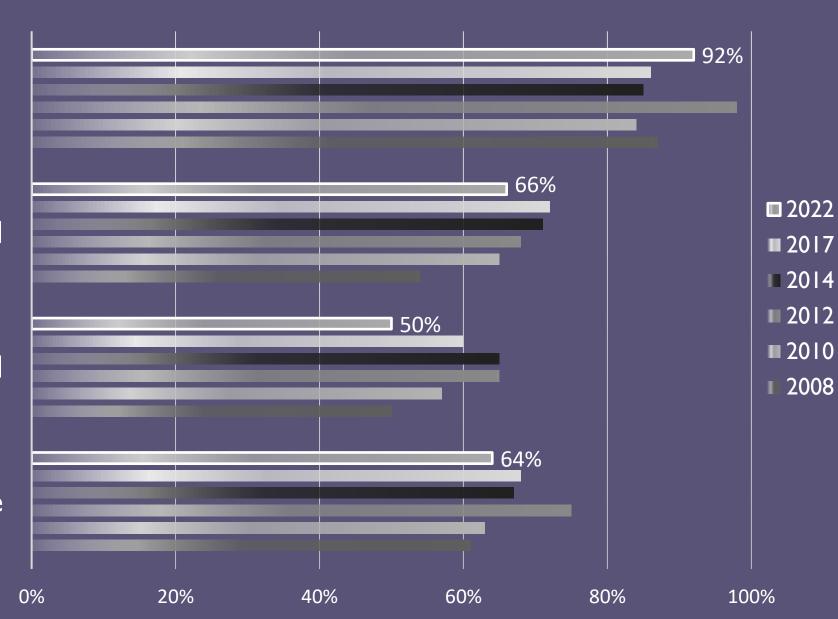


Availability of paths and walking trails

Ease of car travel

Ease of bicycle travel

Ease of walking in Suwanee





PARKS AND OPEN SPACE



90% Excellent or Good



City Parks.

Quality of overall natural environment.

Overall quality of parks & recreation opportunities.

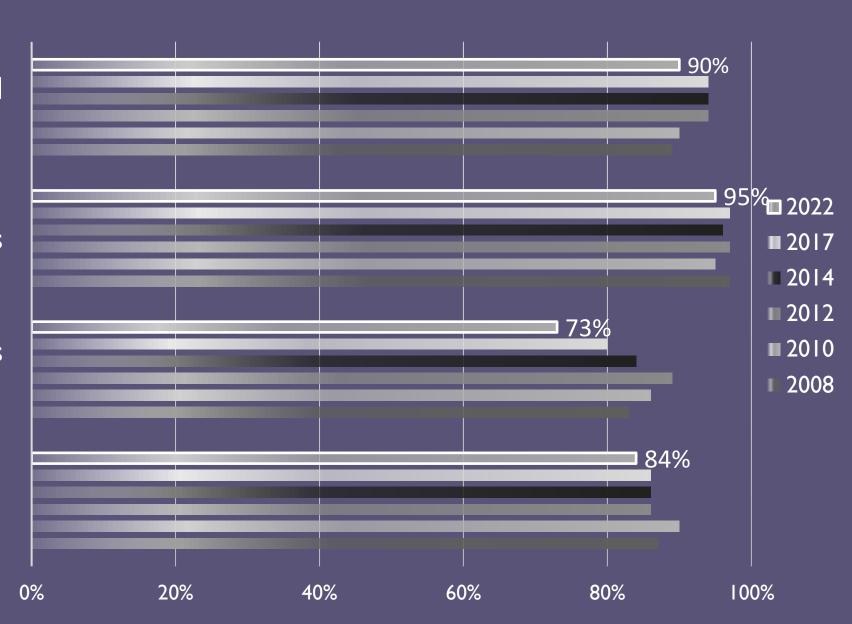


Quality of overall natural environment

City Parks

Preservation of natural areas such as open space

Recreation opportunities



PLANNING



Excellent or Good

The variety of housing options were rated as excellent or good by 70%. Land use, planning and zoning was rated as excellent or good by 47%.

Overall quality of new development.

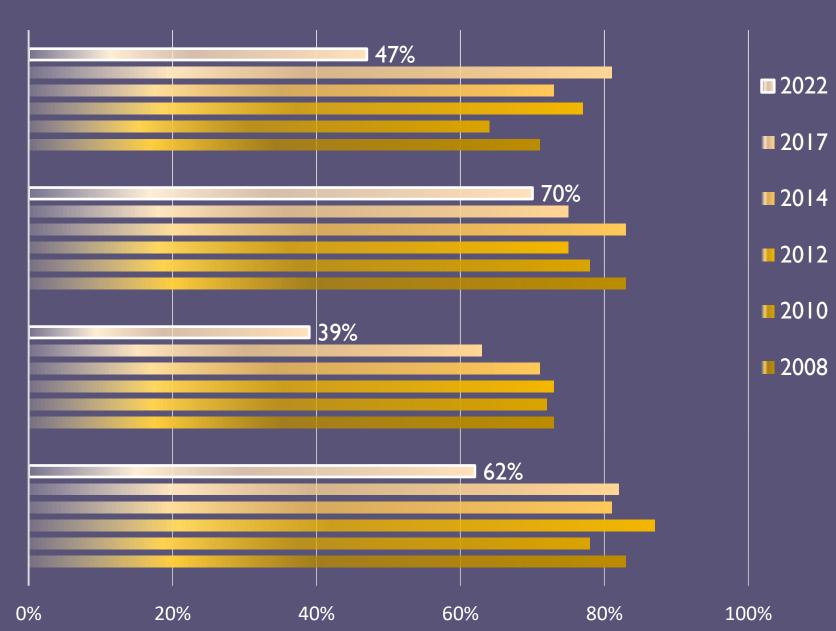


Land use, Planning and Zoning

Variety of Housing Options

Availability of Affordable Housing

Overall Quality of New Development



CONCLUSION



Residents of Suwanee continue to enjoy a high quality of life and feel safe in the community. More than 9 in 10 residents gave excellent or good ratings to Suwanee as a place to live (95%), overall quality of life in the city (92%), and Suwanee's overall image or reputation (93%). More than 9 in 10 residents gave favorable marks to the overall feeling of safety in the city (95%), which was higher than ratings given in other communities nationwide.

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