



2016 Dayton Survey

Final Report



Conducted by



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Dear Ms. Dickstein:

We are pleased to provide this report of findings from the 2016 Dayton Survey. This has been a comprehensive survey project, providing a detailed view of the attitudes and satisfaction of Dayton's citizens across a wide range of issues from delivery of City services and programs, to perceptions of their neighborhoods, to usage of Dayton's downtown.

The survey has been carefully conducted to be broadly representative of Dayton's population. A total of 1,291 randomly-selected households participated in the survey, with responses collected both by mail and online. Households that did not respond to the survey were reminded through a mailed post card and a telephone call. The survey was made available in Spanish, as well. In the end, this effort produced a broad response that represents the City's population, and survey results that can be viewed with confidence.

The 2016 Dayton Survey provides the City of Dayton with a solid data set that reflects the needs and priorities of citizens. We hope you will find this to be a valuable decision-making tool as you continue to serve the citizens over the coming year.

Sincerely,



Steve Raabe
President

Executive Summary

Project Overview

The 2016 Dayton Survey provides a baseline of understanding across a wide range of issues affecting life in the City of Dayton. Conducted between May 21 and July 2, 2016, this random sample survey of City residents achieved very broad representation with 1,291 responses, collected both through the mail and online, in both English and Spanish. According to the principles of random sampling, results are accurate within a range of $\pm 2.7\%$ at the 95% confidence level. The survey was administered by OpinionWorks LLC, an independent research organization.

Through various outreach methods, the City of Dayton informed its residents that the survey was being conducted and encouraged residents to respond. The survey administrator also mailed a reminder post card and made telephone calls to people who did not respond initially. Particular attention was paid to ensuring that traditionally under-represented populations within the City were aware of the survey and encouraged to respond. In the end, the survey sample was broadly representative. As a final step, the survey sample was weighted to ensure that it closely matched the demographic makeup of the City's population, according to the latest estimates from the American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, a publicly-available survey link was hosted on the City's website to ensure that households that were not selected for the scientific random sample survey would still have an opportunity to express their views. Because the public survey link collected responses from anyone, including possibly people who live outside the city limits, the results are listed in the survey questionnaire but are not discussed in the narrative section of this report.

Survey Findings: Strengths of the City

Dayton residents see many positive things about living in their City. Nearly half the City's population believes things in Dayton are headed in the right direction, compared to only one-third who see things headed in the wrong direction. Twice as many residents are satisfied with Dayton as a place to live compared to those who are dissatisfied.

Trash collection and police services receive strong satisfaction numbers from the public. More residents see their City taxes as "reasonable" compared to those who say their taxes are "too high."

A majority of residents said they would be supportive if an immigrant family moved in next door. Another one-third expressed some reservations, saying "it depends," while 10 percent of residents admitted outright that they would not be supportive.

Daytonians expressed confidence in water quality, with six out of ten residents saying they were very or somewhat confident in their drinking water. Only about one resident in five said

they were not confident in the purity and cleanliness of their drinking water, with the remainder having no opinion either way.

There is strong interest in several programs offered by the Department of Recreation & Youth Services, with between one-third and one-half of residents saying they are “likely” or “very likely” to take advantage of summer community events, senior programs, and aquatic classes. Several other programs received only slightly lower interest, as detailed later in this report.

More than three-quarters of Dayton residents recycle at home. For those who do not recycle or recycle less than they could, incentives such as a rebate on their trash collection fee would be the greatest recycling motivator. Large numbers of residents also asked for weekly recycling pick-up, a free recycling bin from the City, or more information on what they can recycle.

Two-thirds of residents said they have contacted the City of Dayton in the past year. These residents were mostly likely to be in contact with Police, followed by Tax and Utility Billing, Public Works, and Housing Inspection. Most people found it easy or very easy to find the right contract to respond to their request, with about three out of ten who could remember their experience saying it was difficult. Most residents said their request was handled in the first contact with the City, but a substantial minority said they had to contact the City again. In the end, by more than two-to-one, residents felt their issue was understood and that an appropriate effort was made by the City to address it. The result was more than twice as many residents who were satisfied with the City’s handling of the issue, compared to those who were dissatisfied.

There is significant usage and visitation of Dayton’s downtown, with one-third of residents eating lunch or dinner downtown at least monthly, and one-fifth shopping downtown at least once a month. Slightly less than one-fifth patronize the arts downtown or visit festivals and special events there on a monthly basis, while one resident in ten said they have used Link, the downtown bike share program, at least once in the last year.

Fourteen percent of residents said that someone in their household has used paramedic services in the past year, and those residents found the paramedics respectful by an overwhelming margin of almost ten-to-one.

Police also receive very positive scores for respectfulness, with almost five times as many residents saying the police are respectful as say they are disrespectful. Almost half of residents said they have had contact with Dayton police in the last year, most commonly as a witness to a crime, in a social setting such as a community meeting, or as the victim of a crime.

Only one-third of residents know that they can obtain a free smoke or carbon monoxide detector from the City.

In terms of information from the City, residents are most interested in receiving information on City programs and services, followed by information about City-sponsored events. Traditional mail continues to play an important role, with six out of ten residents wanting to receive information from the City that way. About one-third would like to receive email from the City. Local television and newspapers, social media, the City's website, and an electronic newsletter follow behind, with each of those information sources receiving between 20 and 30 percent interest from the public.

Areas for Improvement

There are some areas where residents feel the City could improve. Nearly one resident in five is unlikely or very unlikely to remain living in Dayton for the next five years. The condition of streets and pavement is a major concern of residents, with six out of ten saying they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, and handwritten comments on the surveys indicate that the condition of the City's streets are a major aggravation for residents.

Residents satisfaction with their neighborhoods is not strong. While more than four in ten are satisfied with their neighborhoods, one-third are dissatisfied. Satisfaction with the quality of housing, the overall appearance of the neighborhood, and the maintenance of parks and green space all generate similar satisfaction numbers between 40 and 50 percent. Meanwhile, only one-third of residents would rate their neighborhood as an "excellent" or "good" place to raise children, while another one-third rate their neighborhood "poor" or "very poor." Personal safety is a major concern, with one-half of City residents saying they feel unsafe in their own neighborhood at night. During the day, 15 percent feel unsafe.

Safety is a theme throughout the survey. There is high concern about gun violence, with almost four residents in ten saying they are "very concerned" about the possibility of gun violence in their own neighborhood. More than one-quarter are "somewhat concerned" about gun violence, totaling two-thirds of City residents who have some level of concern.

Drug transactions are another problem, with almost one resident in four saying they see drug transactions or drug dealing in their neighborhood *every day*. Another one-quarter see drug transactions weekly or monthly, amounting to almost one-half of the City's residents who could be said to observe drug activity in their neighborhoods on a regular basis.

Residents have an overwhelming preference that the City increase the pace at which it demolishes vacant structures, with more than eight out of ten residents saying the City should be demolishing more structures than it does today. They have a wide variety of preference about what could be done with that vacant land, with open green space, community vegetable garden, and playgrounds all receiving similar levels of interest.

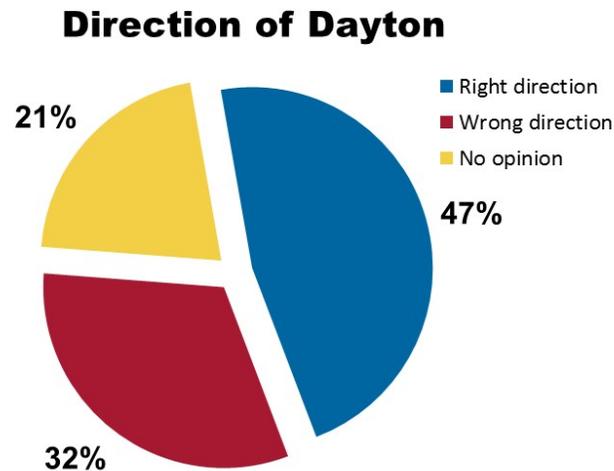
Dayton Public Schools are a major concern of residents, with only one resident in five expressing satisfaction with the schools, and an overwhelming six out of ten residents saying the quality of the Dayton Public Schools would make them less likely to raise their family in the City.

One-half of the City's residents see no change in race relations in Dayton compared to a few years ago, while about one in ten are not sure. Of the remainder, a slight plurality see race relations in Dayton getting worse rather than better over the last few years. Regarding the police specifically, about four residents in ten believe that Dayton police officers enforce laws consistently regardless of someone's race or ethnicity, while one-fourth of residents think they do not. The rest said they were neutral on that question or were not sure.

Detailed results for all questions on the survey follow, and the full survey questionnaire is included as an appendix to this report. Note that throughout this report, some charts and tables may not appear to add to 100% due to statistical rounding.

Detailed Survey Findings**Right Direction/ Wrong Direction**

Nearly one-half of the City's residents (47%) believe that "things in Dayton are heading in the right direction." A much smaller 32% would say things are heading in the "wrong direction." About one resident in five (21%) are not sure.



"In general, would you say things in Dayton are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?"

These verbatim comments drawn from the survey illustrate the range of feelings about the direction of the City.

"Dayton has come a long way for the better. (I) Enjoy the arts, festivals, Broadway plays. Love the park activities. Downtown has improved so much..."

"I have faith in the goodwill and creative energy of this great city whose best times are ahead. I like it here a lot!"

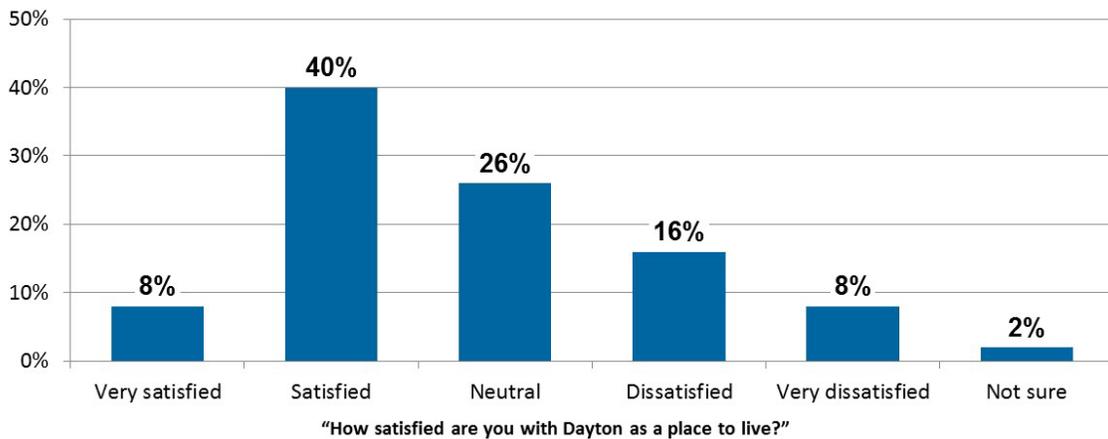
"Generally, things seem to be going in the right direction, but it seems like some demographics are being left behind, like West Dayton. Also need more affordable housing in the safest neighborhoods."

"Have grown up in Dayton, watched it go from a safe comfortable place to live to an awful place to live. Will not walk outside at night; too many crimes."

Satisfaction with Dayton as a Place to Live

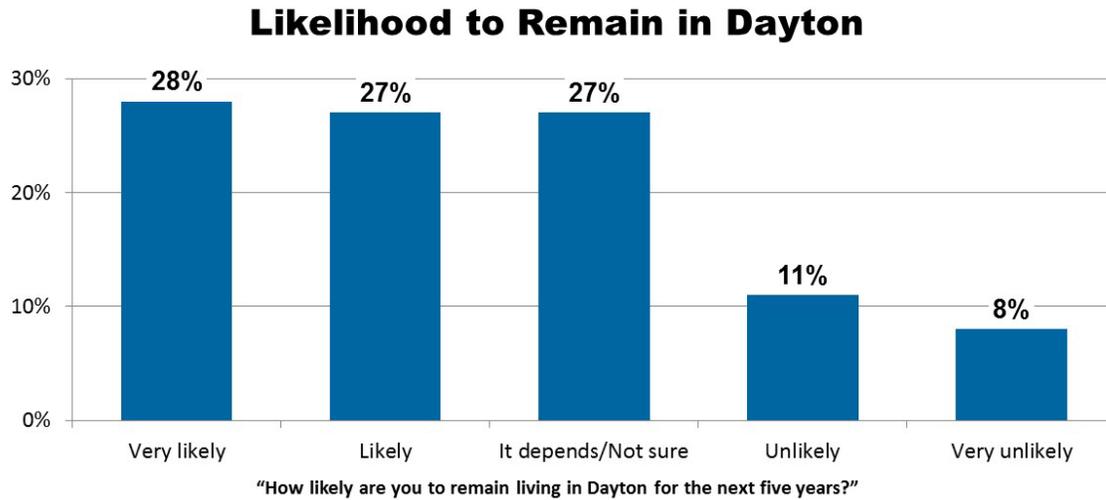
Satisfaction with “Dayton as a place to live” is relatively high, with nearly one-half of residents (48%) satisfied or very satisfied, and only half that many (24%) dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with Dayton. Eight percent are very satisfied and 40% are satisfied, while 8% are very dissatisfied and 16% are dissatisfied. One in four (26%) are neutral on this question, while 2% are not sure.

Dayton Satisfaction



Likelihood to Remain in Dayton

A majority of residents are likely or very likely to remain living in Dayton for the next five years, with 27% likely and 28% very likely to do so. Another 27% are uncertain about whether they will stay, or said it “depends.” Meanwhile, 11% said they are unlikely, and 8% said they are very unlikely to stay.



Broken down by Land Use Council, residents of Downtown appear to be the most likely (71%) to stay in Dayton for the next five years. They are followed by residents of Southwest (60%), Northeast (58%), and Northwest (56%).

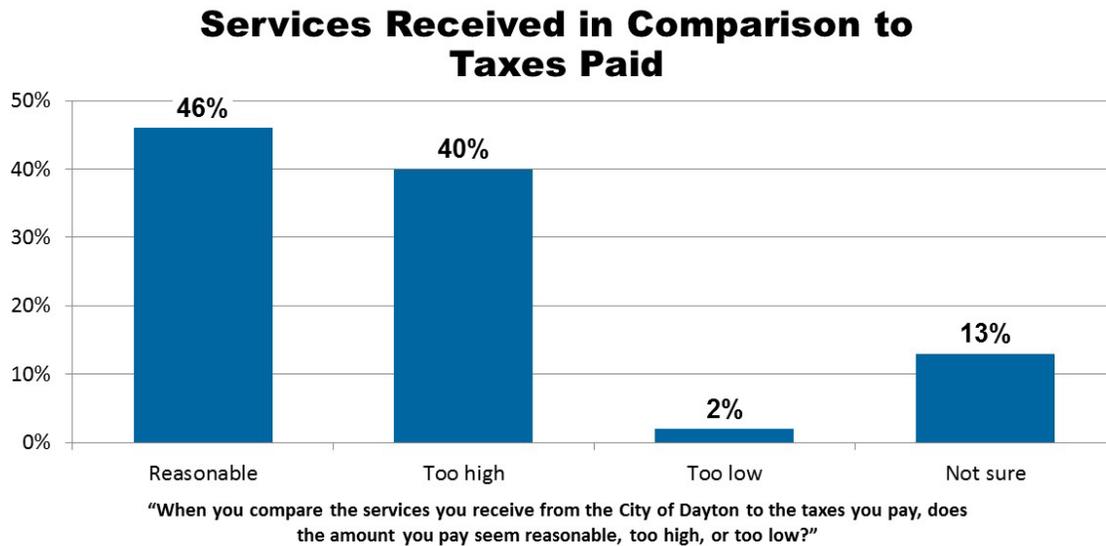
Innerwest residents are the most likely to say they may leave at 39%.

Likelihood to Remain in Dayton, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Likely <i>(Very likely + Likely)</i>	It depends/Not sure	Unlikely <i>(Very unlikely + Unlikely)</i>
Downtown	71%	19%	10%
F.R.O.C.	52%	27%	21%
Innerwest	46%	39%	16%
Northeast	58%	31%	11%
Northwest	56%	25%	19%
Southeast	52%	25%	23%
Southwest	60%	28%	13%

View of City Taxes

A near-majority of Dayton residents said their taxes are “reasonable” (46%), or even too low, when compared to the services they receive from the City. Meanwhile, 40% said their taxes are “too high” in consideration of the services they receive, and 13% were not sure.



Viewed by Land Use Council, residents of Downtown are much more likely than others to view their City taxes as reasonable. Residents of Innerwest, Northeast, and Southeast are slightly more likely to view their taxes as too high. The views of residents of each Land Use Council are detailed in the table below.

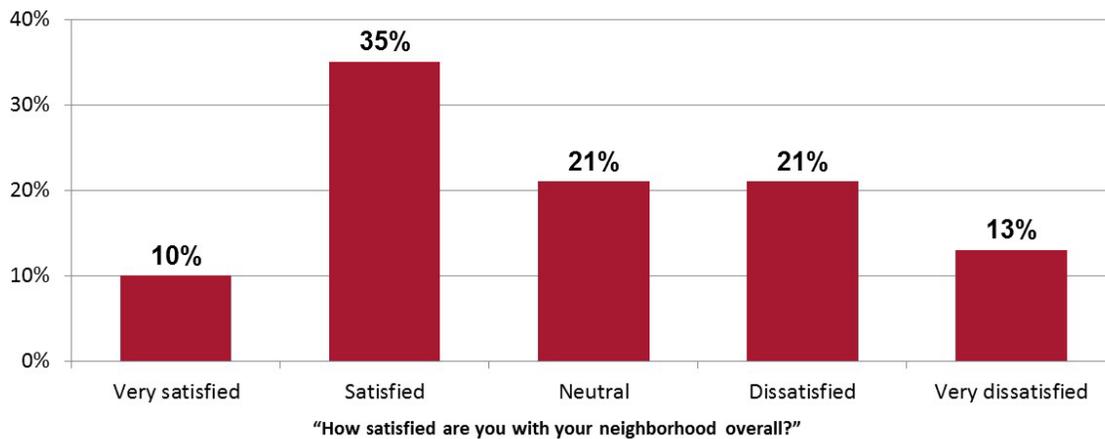
View of City Taxes, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Reasonable	Too High	Too Low	Not sure
Downtown	75%	21%	*%	4%
F.R.O.C.	47%	32%	3%	18%
Innerwest	38%	47%	*%	15%
Northeast	42%	43%	2%	13%
Northwest	51%	38%	1%	10%
Southeast	43%	43%	2%	12%
Southwest	47%	36%	*%	16%

Satisfaction with Own Neighborhood

Satisfaction with one’s neighborhood is relatively positive overall. Forty-five percent are satisfied or very satisfied with their neighborhood, with 35% saying “satisfied,” and 10% saying they are “very satisfied.” By comparison, 34% said they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, with 21% saying they are “dissatisfied” and 13% saying “very dissatisfied.” One in five (21%) said they were neutral, and a negligible number, less than one-half percent, said they were not sure.

Neighborhood Satisfaction



Looking across the City geographically, neighborhood satisfaction is highest Downtown (61%), followed by Northeast (55%) and Southeast (50%). Dissatisfaction is highest in Southwest (42%), followed by Innerwest (41%), Northwest (38%), and F.R.O.C. (38%).

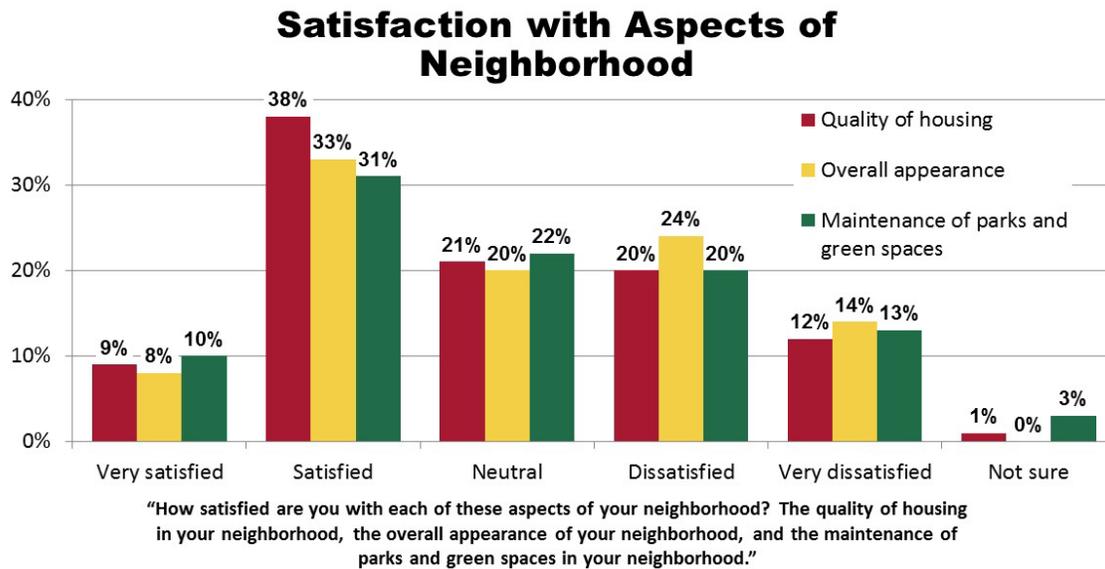
Neighborhood Satisfaction, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Satisfied <i>(Very satisfied + Satisfied)</i>	Neutral	Dissatisfied <i>(Very dissatisfied + Dissatisfied)</i>
Downtown	61%	28%	12%
F.R.O.C.	41%	20%	38%
Innerwest	28%	30%	41%
Northeast	55%	21%	23%
Northwest	40%	22%	38%
Southeast	50%	20%	30%
Southwest	36%	21%	42%

Measuring three specific aspects of their neighborhoods, residents are most satisfied with the quality of the housing in their neighborhood, with 47% satisfied or very satisfied, while 32% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. Twenty-one percent are neutral.

Regarding the overall appearance of their neighborhood, 41% are satisfied or very satisfied, with 38% dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. Twenty percent said they are neutral on this question.

Forty-one percent are satisfied or very satisfied with the maintenance of parks and green spaces in their neighborhoods, while 33% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, and 20% are neutral.

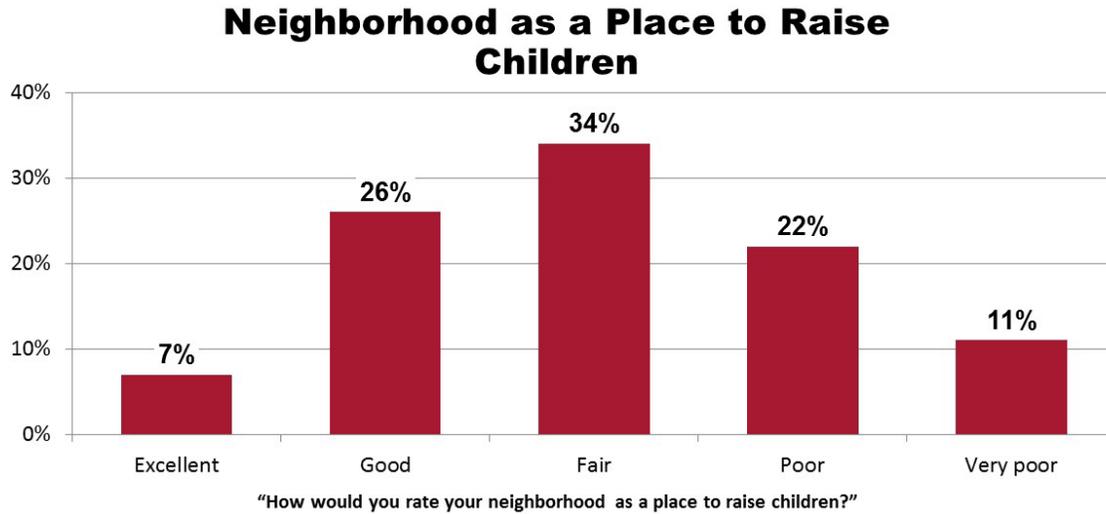


Resident satisfaction with all of these neighborhood issues is somewhat tempered, as illustrated by this remark.

“I marked that I was very satisfied with the maintenance of green space in my neighborhood but it should be noted that this is not a service provided by the city but done by residents.”

Neighborhood as a Place to Raise Children

There is a vast range of opinion about whether one’s own neighborhood is a good place to raise children. One-third of residents said their neighborhood is a good (26%) or “excellent” place to raise children. Conversely, one-third said their neighborhood is a “poor” (22%) or “very poor” (11%) place to raise children. The other one-third (34%) chose the mid-point of the scale, saying their neighborhood was “fair” in this respect.



Through their comments, residents indicated their major concern about the quality of their neighborhoods as a place to raise children.

“Need to have places children will come.”

“Somewhere safe for the kids.”

“Area without drug dealers and homeless people where kids can play.”

Segmenting these results by Land Use Council, residents of Northeast are by far the most positive about their neighborhood as a place to raise children, with 50% saying their neighborhood is “excellent” or “good.” Downtown residents are most negative, with 44% rating their neighborhood as a “poor” or “very poor” place to raise children.

Neighborhood as a Place to Raise Children, Segmented by Land Use Council

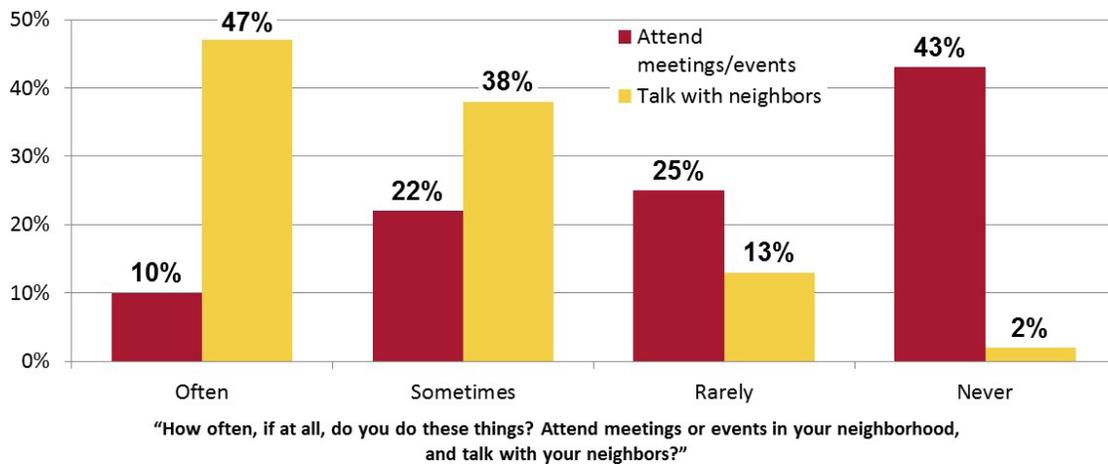
	Excellent + Good	Fair	Poor + Very poor
Downtown	8%	48%	44%
F.R.O.C.	33%	31%	35%
Innerwest	27%	43%	30%
Northeast	50%	30%	21%
Northwest	30%	37%	33%
Southeast	32%	35%	33%
Southwest	30%	34%	36%

Connectedness within Neighborhoods

The survey took two measures of neighborhood connectedness and engagement. In the first of these, one-third of residents said they “often” (10%) or “sometimes” (22%) attend meetings or events in their neighborhood. Twenty-five percent said they “rarely” do that, and 43% of residents said they “never” do.

Residents are highly likely to talk with their neighbors, however. Nearly one-half of residents (47%) said they “often” talk with their neighbors, and another 38% said they “sometimes” do, for a total of 85%. Thirteen percent “rarely” talk with their neighbors, and only 2% said they “never” do.

Neighborhood Involvement

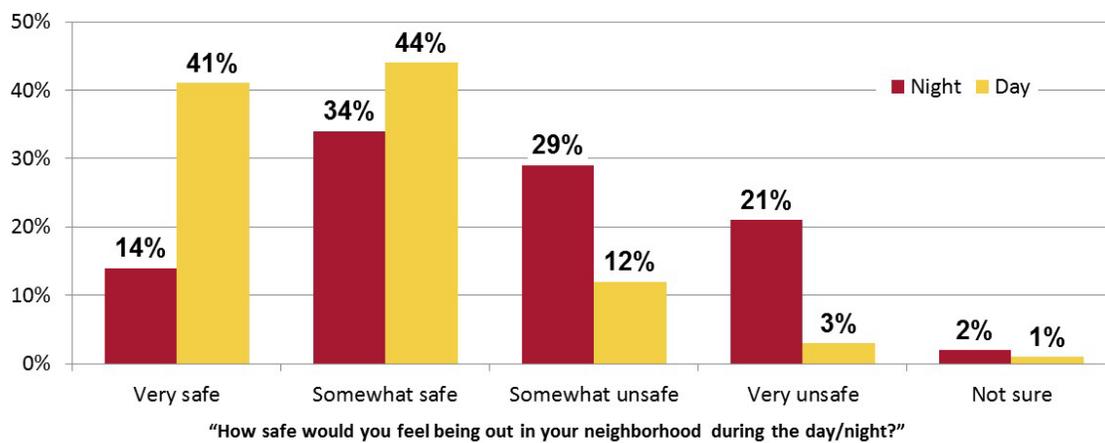


Feeling Safe in Neighborhoods

There is a dramatic difference in one’s feeling of safety being out in their neighborhood during the day *vs.* at night. During the day, 85% feel safe being out in their neighborhood, with 44% saying they feel “somewhat safe” and 41% saying “very safe.” Only 15% feel unsafe during the day, with 12% feeling “somewhat unsafe” and 3% “very unsafe.”

At night, however, the numbers are quite different. Fewer than one-half of residents feel safe in their own neighborhood at night, with 34% feeling “somewhat safe” and 14% “safe.” Meanwhile, 50% feel unsafe, with 29% saying they feel “somewhat unsafe” and 21% feeling “very unsafe” in their neighborhood at night.

Neighborhood Safety



Safety is a major concern of residents, as reflected in this comment.

“Need more police present in (my) neighborhood.”

These tables show safety perceptions broken down by Land Use Council.

Feeling Safe in Neighborhoods during Day, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Safe <i>(Very safe + Somewhat safe)</i>	Unsafe <i>(Very unsafe + Somewhat unsafe)</i>	Not sure
Downtown	100%	*%	*%
F.R.O.C.	81%	19%	*%
Innerwest	81%	19%	*%
Northeast	88%	11%	1%
Northwest	84%	15%	*%
Southeast	88%	11%	1%
Southwest	75%	24%	1%

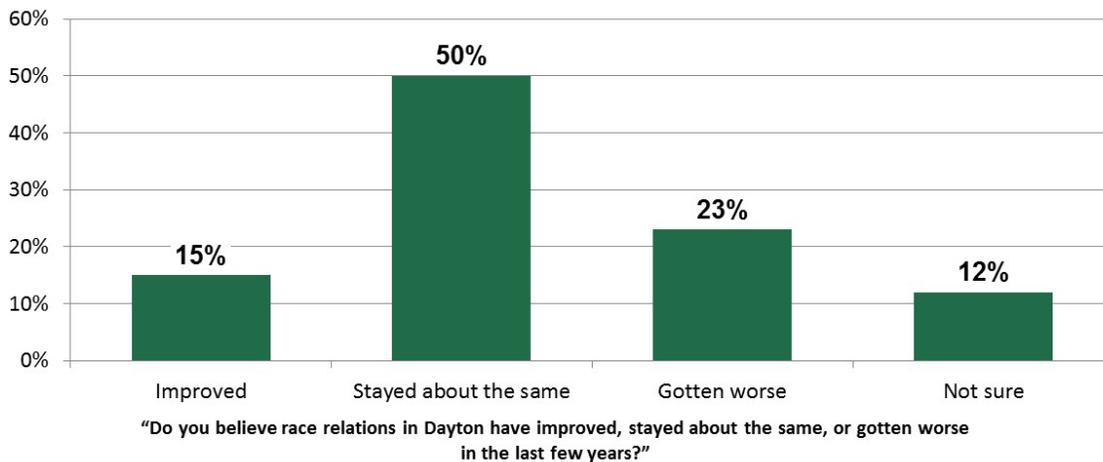
Feeling Safe in Neighborhoods during Night, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Safe <i>(Very safe + Somewhat safe)</i>	Unsafe <i>(Very unsafe + Somewhat unsafe)</i>	Not sure
Downtown	43%	53%	4%
F.R.O.C.	40%	60%	*%
Innerwest	41%	59%	*%
Northeast	63%	34%	3%
Northwest	46%	52%	2%
Southeast	51%	47%	2%
Southwest	39%	60%	1%

Race Relations

Asked about their perception of race relations in Dayton, a majority of residents who have an opinion said they have seen no change. Fifty percent of residents said they believe that race relations in Dayton have “stayed about the same” over “the last few years.” Of those who see a trend, slightly more said that race relations have “gotten worse” (23%), compared to those who said they have “improved” (15%). Twelve percent were not sure.

Race Relations in Dayton



African-American and White residents have similar impressions of the trend in race relations in Dayton. Among African-American residents, 16% believe race relations have improved and 20% believe they have gotten worse. Among Whites, 13% said race relations have improved and 20% said they have gotten worse.

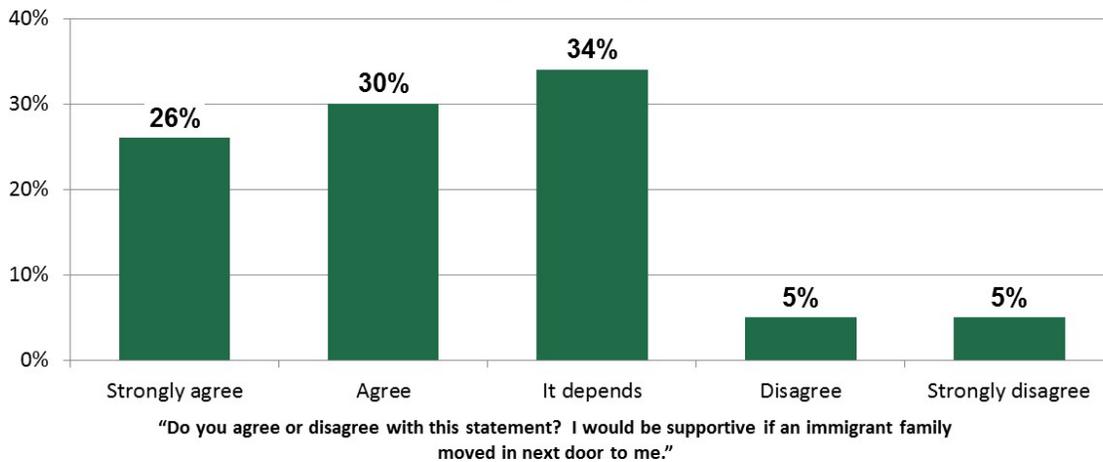
View of Race Relations, Segmented by Racial Identity

	Improved	Stayed about the same	Gotten worse	Not sure
Whites	13%	49%	20%	17%
African-Americans	16%	53%	25%	5%
All others	22%	37%	30%	12%

Acceptance of Immigrants

Most residents (56%) agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “I would be supportive if an immigrant family moved in next door to me.” Thirty percent said they “agreed” with that statement, and another 26% “strongly agreed.” Another one-third of residents (34%) indicated that they would be supportive in some circumstances, answering the question “it depends.” Only one in ten said that they outright “disagree” (5%) or “strongly disagree” (5%) with the statement.

Support for Immigrant Family Moving in Next Door



Several residents expressed hopeful sentiments about acceptance of immigrants and bridging the historical racial divide, as well.

“I am proud that Dayton is a welcoming place for immigrants, and we must extend that to fixing our own issues with black/white parity.”

“I think the cities goal of being immigrant friendly is a good step in the right direction.”

By Land Use Council, support for immigrants is strongest in Downtown (76% agree), Innerwest (74%), and F.R.O.C. (65%). Support is lowest in Northeast (15% would not be supportive, and 39% said “it depends;” and Southeast (13%, 34%).

Support for Immigrant Families, Segmented by Land Use Council

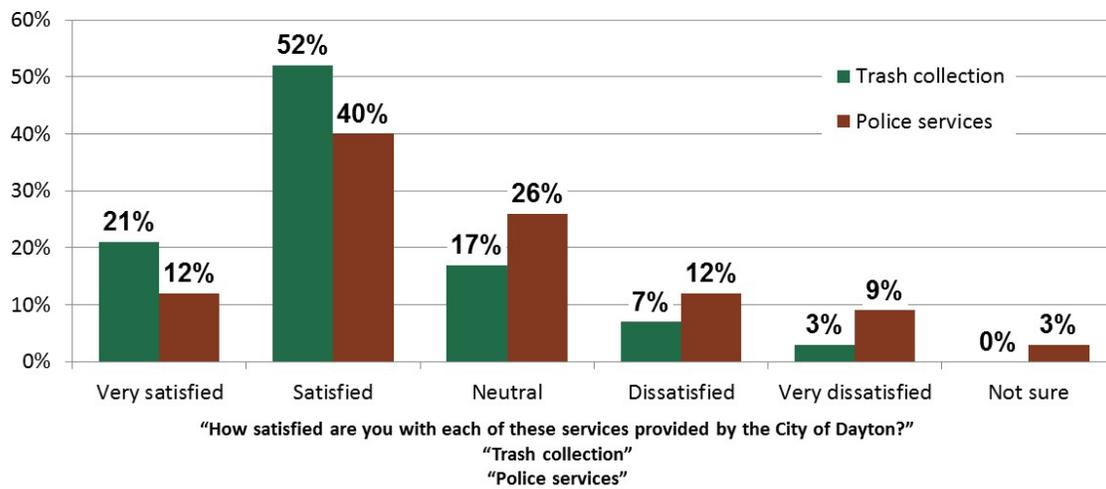
	Agree <i>(Strongly agree + Agree)</i>	It depends	Disagree <i>(Strongly disagree + Disagree)</i>
Downtown	76%	14%	10%
F.R.O.C.	65%	28%	7%
Innerwest	74%	22%	4%
Northeast	46%	39%	15%
Northwest	59%	33%	9%
Southeast	53%	34%	13%
Southwest	52%	42%	6%

Satisfaction with City Services

Satisfaction with four specific City services was measured. The two highest-scoring were trash collection and police services. When it comes to trash collection, three-quarters of residents said they are “satisfied” (52%) or “very satisfied” (21%). Only one in ten are “dissatisfied” (7%) or “very dissatisfied” (3%) with trash collection. Seventeen percent said they are “neutral.”

Satisfaction with police services is also strong. A majority of residents are “satisfied” (40%) or “very satisfied” (12%) with police services. About one in five are “dissatisfied” (12%) or “very dissatisfied” (9%) with police services. One-fourth of resident (26%) said they are “neutral.”

Satisfaction with City Services



Many residents feel very positive about the basic services the City is providing.

“I have lived in Dayton for over 40 years and am happy with the service provided from the trash man to the policeman.”

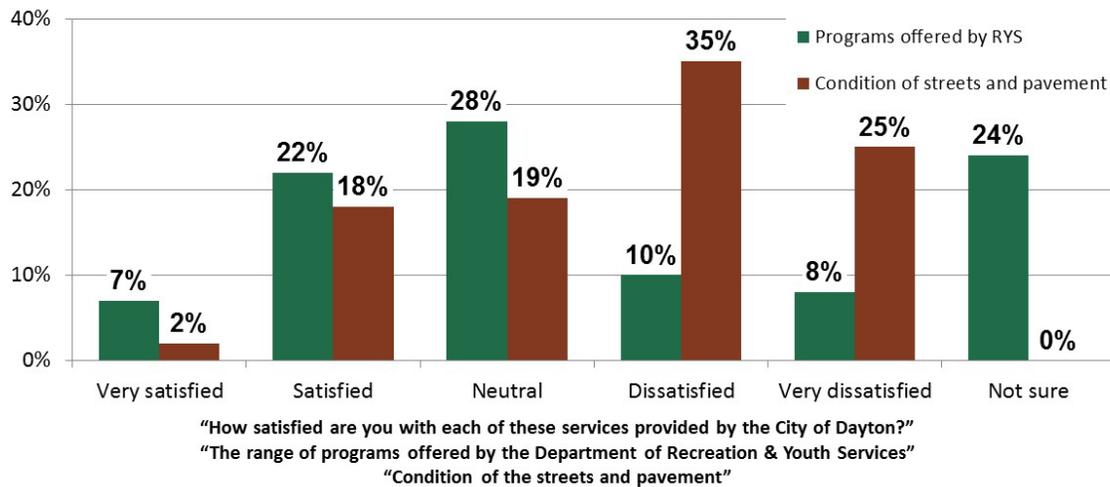
“The police do a great job with the resources they have available to them.”

“Thank you, the City of Dayton, for the good work.”

Satisfaction with the range of programs offered by the Department of Recreation & Youth Services is more modest than trash collection or police services, but it remains positive. More than one-fourth of residents said they are “satisfied” (22%) or “very satisfied” (7%) with the range of program offered. This compares to fewer than one-fifth who said they are “dissatisfied” (10%) or “very dissatisfied” with the programs offered. A significant 24% felt unsure about how to comment on this issue, and another 28% said they were “neutral.”

The condition of streets and pavement is an area of strong dissatisfaction for residents. Six residents out of ten said they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, with 35% saying “dissatisfied” and 25% “very dissatisfied” with the condition of streets and pavement. By contrast, only two out of ten are satisfied, with 18% “satisfied” and 2% “very satisfied.” Nineteen percent said they are “neutral.”

Satisfaction with City Services

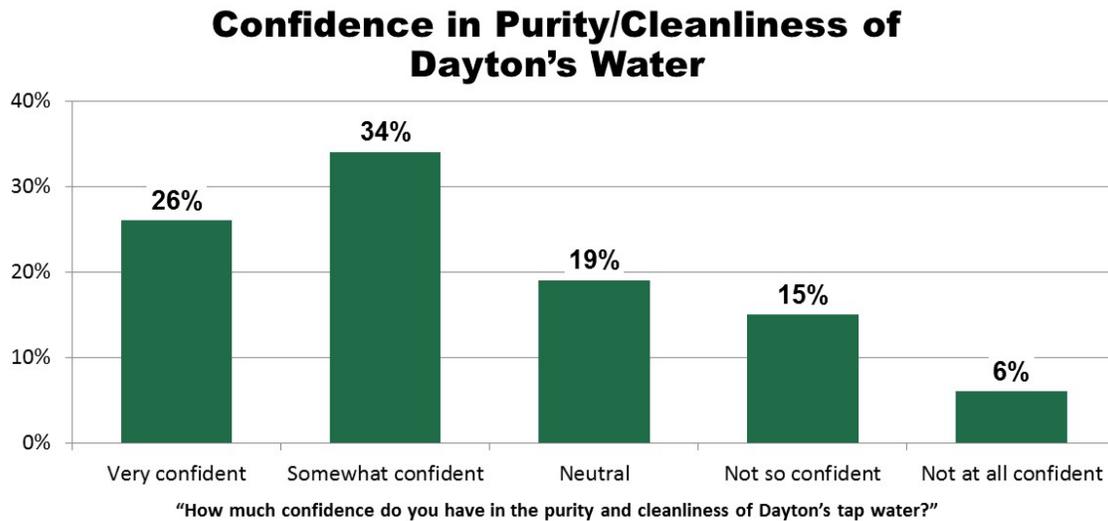


The comment illustrates the frustration that some residents feel about their streets.

“Our streets are in terrible shape. When they fill the potholes they are never smoothed out, just lumpy. We pay taxes too and feel neglected. Fix our streets!”

Confidence in Drinking Water

Asked in the immediate aftermath of the water quality concerns in Flint, Michigan, most Dayton residents expressed confidence in the “purity and cleanliness of Dayton’s tap water.” Six out of ten residents expressed confidence, with 26% “very confident” and 34% “somewhat confident” about their tap water. Far fewer lack confidence, with 15% saying they are “not so confident” and 6% “not at all confident” about their drinking water. Nineteen percent said they are neutral on this question.



Interest in Department of Recreation & Youth Services (RYS) Programs

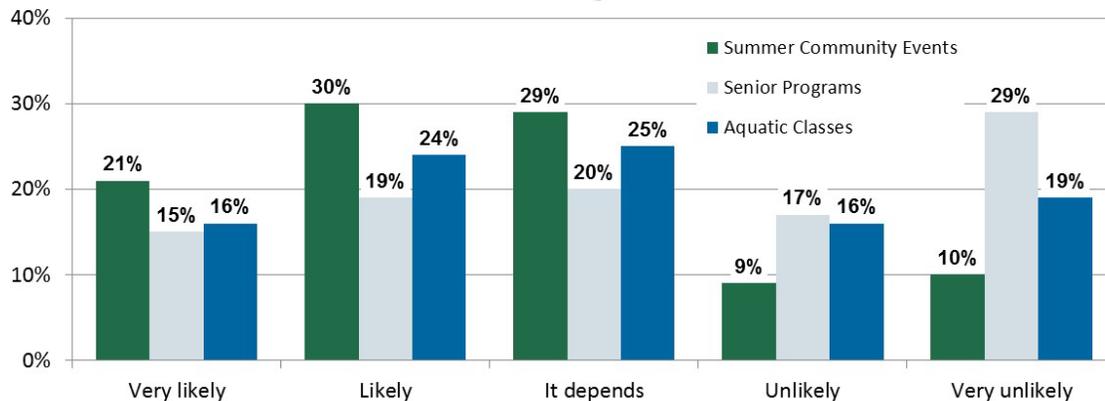
Interest was measured in nine different programs offered by the City’s Department of Recreation & Youth Services. The top three, in terms of interest from the public, are illustrated in the chart below. For purposes of measuring interest, one should focus on those who said that their household would be “likely” or “very likely” to take advantage of each program, while also noting the percentage who said “it depends.”

Of greatest interest are summer community events, with 30% likely and another 21% very likely to participate. And additional 29% said “it depends,” suggesting a potential reach to 80% of residents by summer community programs.

Senior programs reach as many as 54% of households, with 19% likely and 15% very likely to take advantage of senior programs, and another 20% saying “it depends.”

Aquatic programs are very popular, appealing to as many as two-thirds of households. Twenty-four percent said they are likely and another 16% said they are very likely to take advantage of aquatic programs, with 25% saying “it depends.”

Likelihood of Participation in Activities Offered by RYS



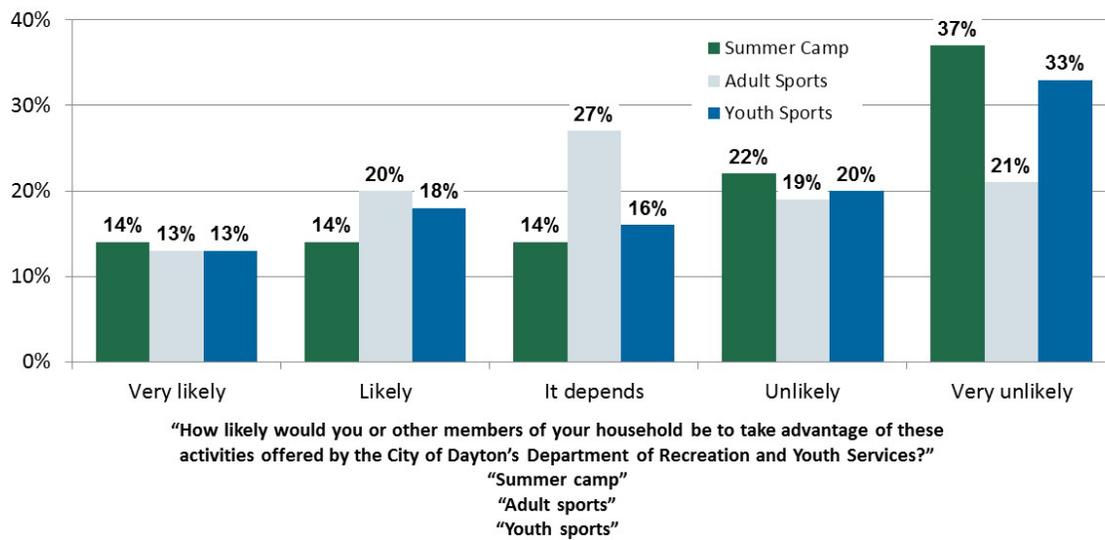
“How likely would you or other members of your household be to take advantage of these activities offered by the City of Dayton’s Department of Recreation and Youth Services?”
 “Summer community events”
 “Senior programs”
 “Aquatic classes”

Summer camps could reach as many as 42% of households, with 14% likely and another 14% very likely, with an additional 14% saying their interest would depend on some factors.

Adults sports programs generate a great deal of interest, with 20% likely and another 13% very likely to take advantage of adult sports. A large number (27%) said their interest in adult sports “depends.”

Youth sports would likely be of interest to 18% of households, and very likely of interest to another 13%. An additional 16% said “it depends.”

Likelihood of Participation in Activities Offered by RYS

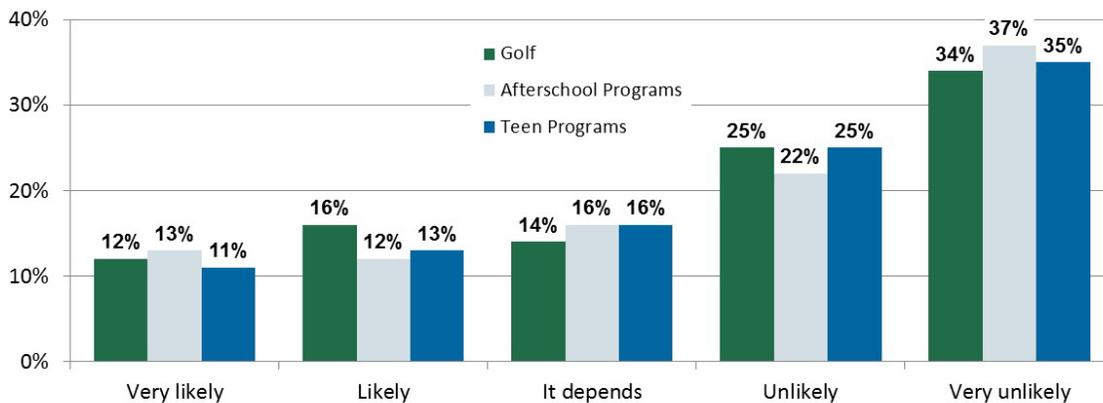


Golf is likely to interest 16% and very likely to interest another 12%, with 14% saying it “depends.”

Twelve percent said they are “likely” to take advantage of afterschool programs, with an additional 13% “very likely” to do so. Sixteen percent said their interest in afterschool programs depends on certain factors.

Teen programs are likely of interest to 13%, and very likely of interest to another 11%. Sixteen percent said their interest in teen programs “depends.”

Likelihood of Participation in Activities Offered by RYS

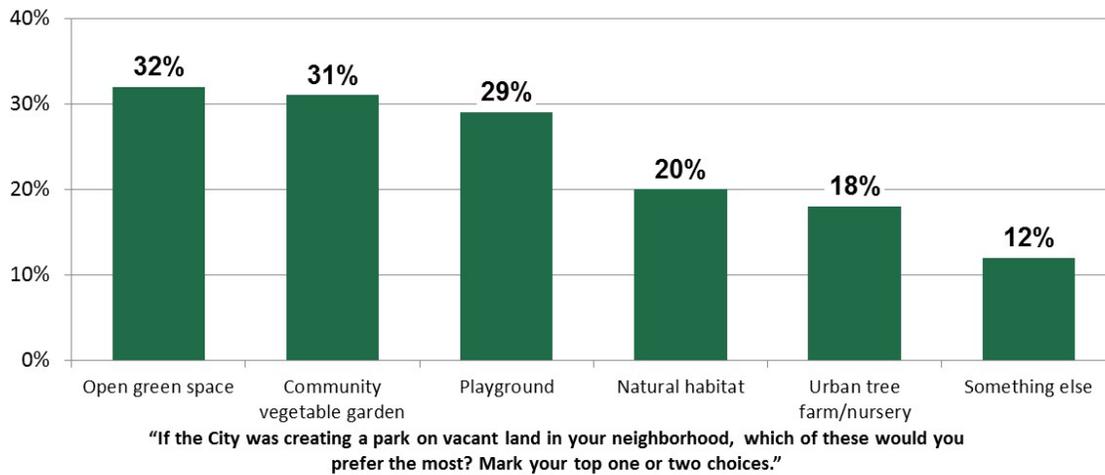


“How likely would you or other members of your household be to take advantage of these activities offered by the City of Dayton’s Department of Recreation and Youth Services?”
 “Golf”
 “Afterschool programs”
 “Teen programs”

Preferences for Use of Vacant Land

If the City were creating a park on vacant land in their neighborhood, residents see several viable uses of that land. Very similar numbers would opt for open green space (32%), a community vegetable garden (31%), or a playground (29%). Slightly smaller numbers of residents would prefer natural habitat (20%) or an urban tree farm or nursery (18%). Note that survey participants were allowed to choose more than one preference.

Vacant Land Use Preference



The highest level of interest in open green space is found Downtown (45%). Residents of Innerwest expressed the greatest interest in community vegetable gardens (51%), while Southwest residents are most interested in playgrounds (41%). As the table below indicates, interest in urban farming is higher in F.R.O.C. (29%) than in other Land Use Councils, and interest in natural habitat is higher in Northeast (25%), Northwest (25%), and Southeast (23%).

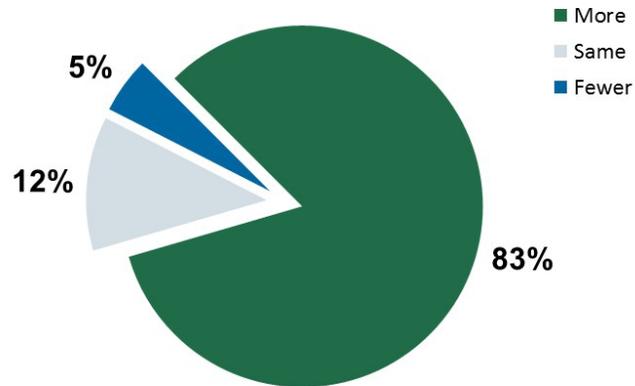
Vacant Land Use Preference, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Open Green Space	Vegetable Garden	Playground	Natural Habitat	Urban Tree Farm/Nursery
Downtown	45%	38%	21%	14%	9%
F.R.O.C.	30%	29%	26%	14%	29%
Innerwest	38%	51%	20%	12%	14%
Northeast	35%	23%	30%	25%	11%
Northwest	36%	29%	29%	25%	12%
Southeast	31%	33%	26%	23%	21%
Southwest	29%	29%	41%	12%	12%

Demolition of Vacant Structures

There is broad consensus among residents about what to do with vacant structures. More than four out of five residents (83%) think the City should “demolish more vacant structures than it currently does.” Only 5% think the City should demolish fewer vacant structures, while 12% prefer that the City continue at the same pace as it currently does.

Demolition of Vacant Structures



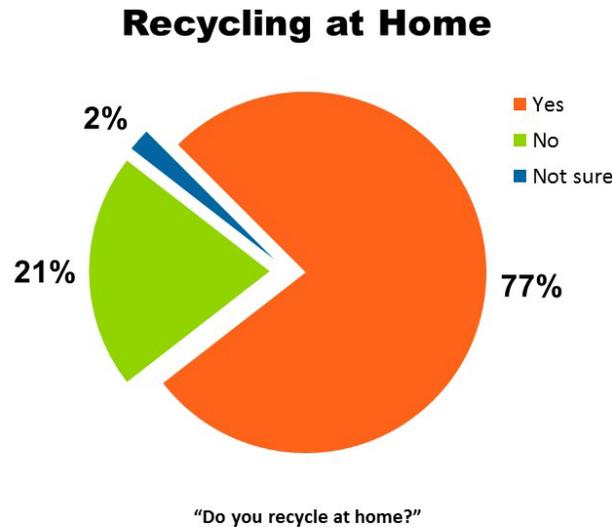
"In your opinion, should the City demolish more vacant structures than it currently does, about the same amount, or should it demolish fewer vacant structures?"

There is near-consensus that more vacant structures should be removed, and these comments illustrate the optimism that some residents feel about what the City could become.

"Dayton could be a more beautiful and appealing place. The Five Rivers parks are beautiful. But we have too many vacant buildings."

Recycling Participation

Three-quarters of residents (77%) said they currently recycle at home. One in five (21%) said they do not recycle, while 2% said they are not sure.



Recycling participation is highest in Northeast (85%), followed by Downtown.

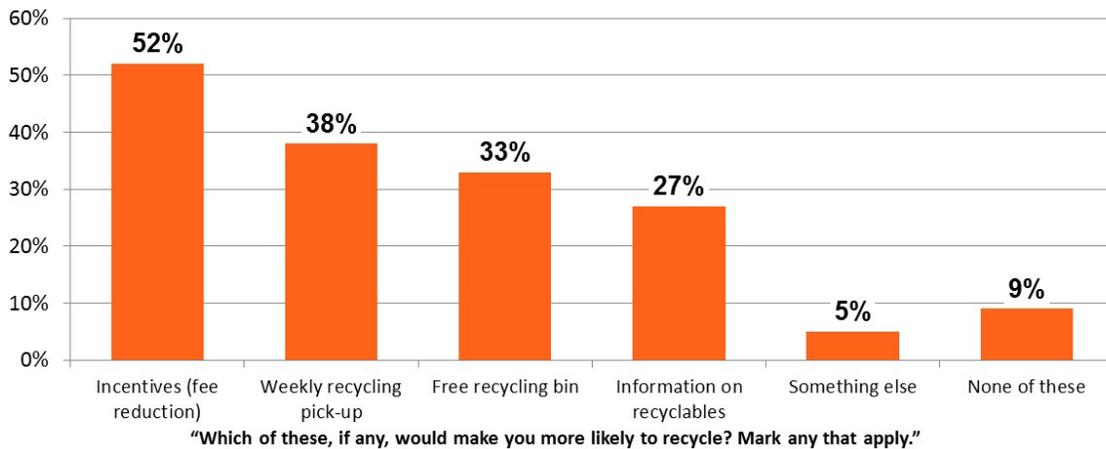
Recycling Participation, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Downtown	81%	19%	*%
F.R.O.C.	77%	23%	1%
Innerwest	66%	32%	2%
Northeast	85%	15%	*%
Northwest	73%	24%	3%
Southeast	77%	21%	2%
Southwest	77%	20%	3%

Residents said that incentives, such as a reduction in the trash collection fee, would be the number one way to encourage them to recycle more. A majority of residents (52%) thought incentives would motivate them to do more.

Weekly recycling pick-up would encourage 38% to recycle more, a free recycling bin from the City would motivate more recycling from 33%, and 27% would find a benefit in having information on what can be recycled.

Incentives to Recycle



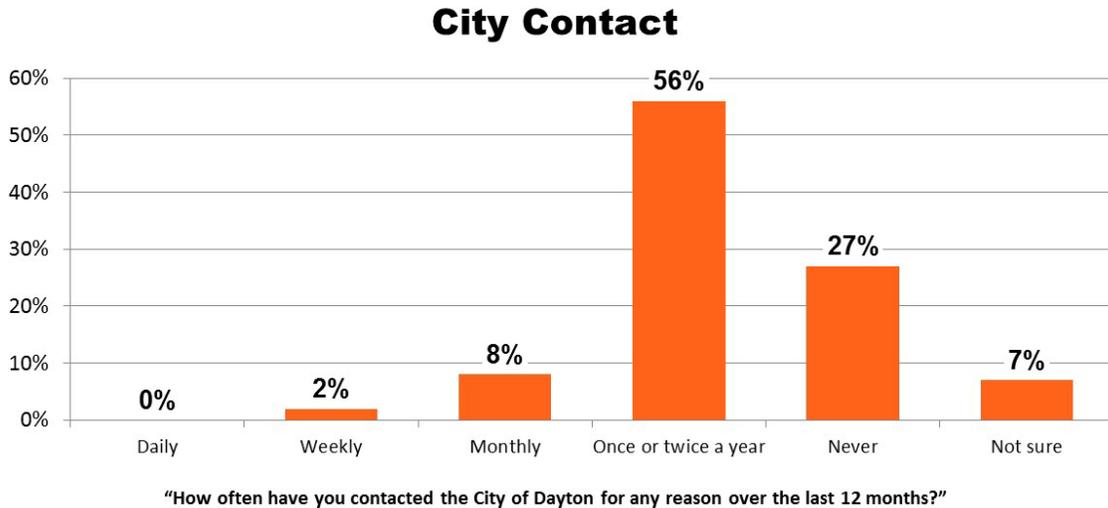
This resident underlined the importance of weekly pickup in encouraging recycling.

“I like that Dayton makes recycling so easy with a free bin and no sorting required. Weekly pickup would be nice because my bin is overflowing every other week.”

Contact with the City

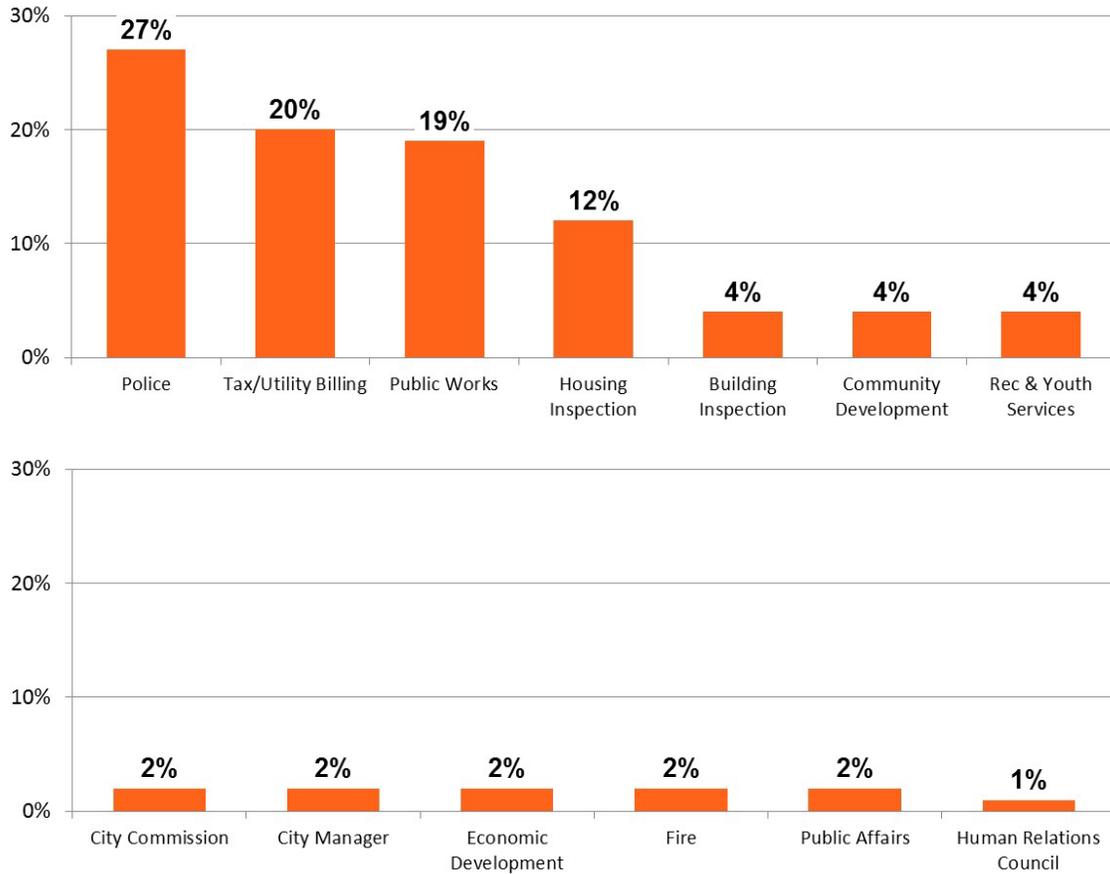
Two-thirds of residents said they have contacted the City for any reason over the last 12 months. Two percent said they have contacted the City weekly, 8% monthly, and the remainder (56%) said they have only been in touch once or twice over the past year.

Twenty-seven percent asserted that they have never contacted the City over the past year, while 7% said they were not sure.



Among those who had been in contact with the City at least once in the prior year, the most common department to contact was Police (27%). Twenty percent said they had contacted Tax or Utility Billing, 19% had contacted Public Works, and 12% Housing Inspection. Four percent or fewer had contacted the other departments, as detailed in the charts below.

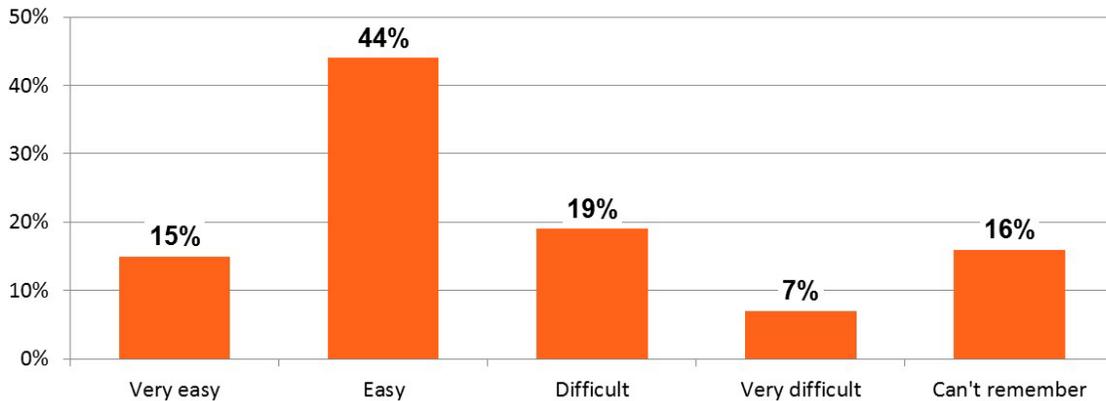
Department Contacted Most Often



“If you have contacted the City at least once in the past year, what department did you contact most often?”

Most residents who have been in contact with the City found it easy, with 44% saying it was “easy...to find the right contact to respond to your request,” with another 15% saying it was “very easy.” Far fewer found it “difficult” (19%) or “very difficult” (7%) to find the right contact. Sixteen percent said they could not remember how easy or difficult it was.

Ease of Contact with City

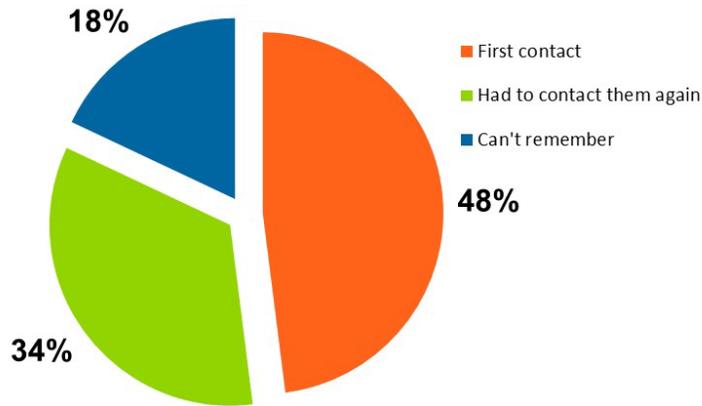


“The last time you were in contact with the City, how easy or difficult was it to find the right contact to respond to your request?”

Responsiveness of the City

A key indicator of satisfaction is often how many contacts it requires to resolve an issue. More residents said their request was handled “in the first contact” (48%), compared to those who said they had to “contact the City again” (34%). Eighteen percent said they could not remember if their issue was handled in the first contact.

Additional City Contact



“Was your request handled in the first contact, or did you have to contact the City again?”

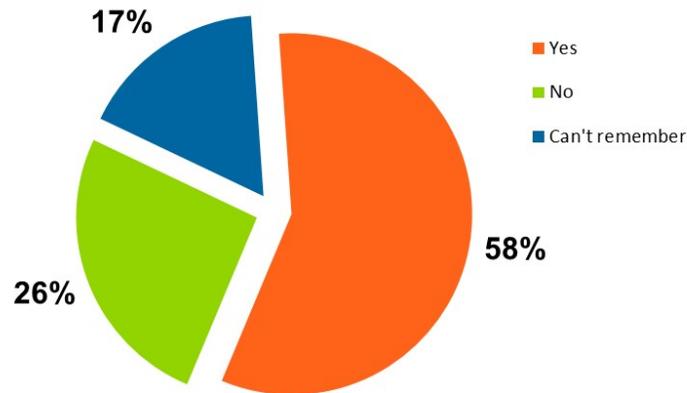
There is a very strong relationship between first contact resolution of the issue and how easy the resident felt it was to find the right contact to respond to their request. While 89% of residents whose matter was resolved in the first contact found their contact with the City easy or very easy, only 38% of those who had to contact the City again felt that way.

Ease of Contact with the City, Segmented by Additional City Contact

	Handled in the First Contact	Had to Contact the City Again	Can't Remember
Very easy	27%	6%	1%
Easy	62%	32%	20%
Difficult	6%	41%	10%
Very difficult	1%	17%	4%
Can't remember	4%	4%	65%

By a margin of more than two-to-one, residents who had been in contact with the City felt that their issue “was understood and that an appropriate effort was made to address it.” Fifty-eight percent said they felt that way, while about one-quarter (26%) did not feel their issue was understood or addressed appropriately. Seventeen percent said they could not remember.

Issue was Understood and Addressed Effectively

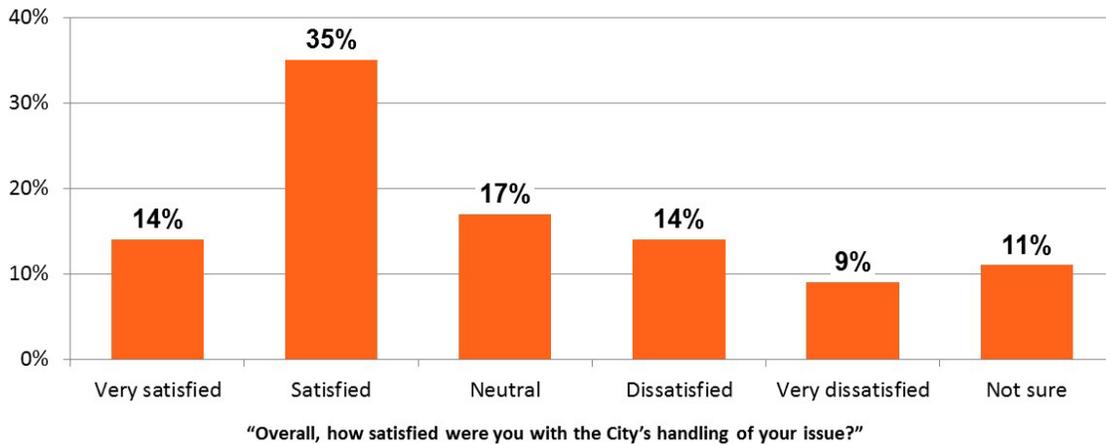


"As a customer of the City of Dayton, did you feel that your issue was understood and that an appropriate effort was made to address it?"

Satisfaction with the City’s Handling of the Issue

Overall, satisfaction with the City’s handling of the issue was positive, with more than twice as many residents satisfied as dissatisfied. Thirty-five percent said they were “satisfied,” and another 14% said they were “very satisfied” with the City’s handling of their issue, while 14% were “dissatisfied” and 9% “very dissatisfied.” Seventeen percent said they were neutral, while 11% said they were not sure.

Satisfaction with City’s Handling of Issue



Downtown Visitation and Usage

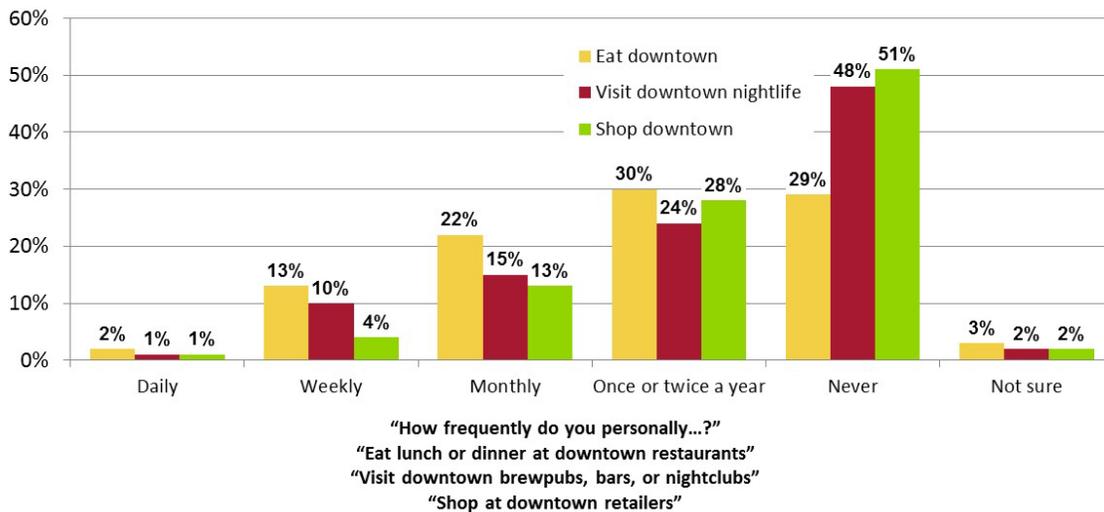
Survey participants were asked how frequently they used downtown for a variety of services and attractions. The top three are illustrated in the chart below.

Most common was to go downtown to “eat lunch or dinner at downtown restaurants.” More than one-third of residents said they dine downtown at least monthly, with 2% doing so daily, 13% weekly, and another 22% monthly.

The second most common use of downtown is to “visit downtown brewpubs, bars, or nightclubs.” About one-quarter of residents said they do this at least monthly, with 1% of residents doing so daily, another 10% weekly, and 15% monthly.

About one in five residents “shop at downtown retailers” at least monthly. One percent said they do so daily, another 4% weekly, and 13% shop downtown monthly.

Downtown Visitation and Usage



As measured by two of the most common downtown activities, eating in restaurants and shopping, downtown patrons tend to be younger and more affluent than the average.

Use Downtown Monthly or More Frequently, Segmented by Age and Income

	Eat Lunch or Dinner at Downtown Restaurants	Shop at Downtown Retailers
Age 18 to 34	65%	27%
35 to 49	46%	25%
50 to 64	25%	13%
65 or older	12%	7%
Household income < \$25,000	22%	15%
\$25,000 – 49,999	38%	17%
\$50,000 – 74,999	43%	21%
\$75,000 or more	71%	30%

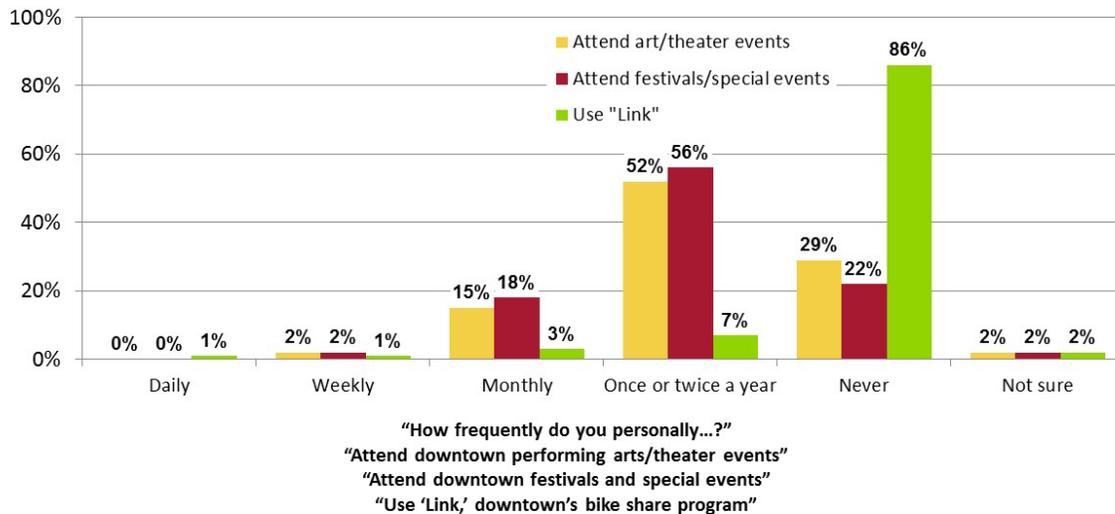
Three other activities make up a second tier of downtown visitation and usage.

Seventeen percent of residents “attend downtown performing arts/theater events” at least monthly, with 2% saying they do so weekly, and 15% monthly.

Twenty percentage “visit downtown festivals and special events” at least monthly, with 2% saying they do so weekly, and another 18% monthly.

In the first year after its launch, a modest number of residents “use ‘Link,’ downtown’s bike share program.” One percent said they use Link daily, 1% weekly, and 3% said they use it monthly.

Downtown Visitation and Usage

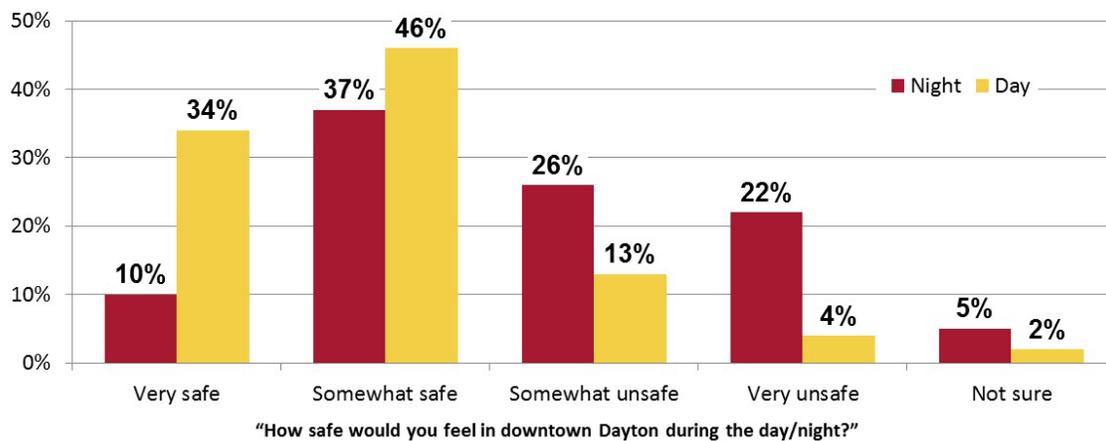


Feeling Safe Downtown

Like neighborhood safety, perceptions of downtown safety vary by day and night. By day, 80% of residents said they safe downtown, with 46% saying they feel “somewhat safe,” and 34% saying the feel “very safe.” A much smaller 17% feel unsafe downtown during the day, with 13% feeling “somewhat unsafe” and 4% “very unsafe” downtown during the day.

At night, fewer than one-half of residents said they feel safe downtown. Thirty-seven percent said they feel “somewhat safe” downtown at night, and 10% said they feel “very unsafe” at night. Meanwhile, 26% of residents said they feel “somewhat unsafe” downtown at night, and another 22% said they feel “very unsafe,” totaling almost one-half of the City’s residents who said they feel unsafe downtown at night.

Downtown Dayton Safety



This resident expressed a positive view about safety downtown.

“Like any city there are issues, but for the most part (we) feel safe downtown.”

Downtown residents feel the safest downtown compared to residents of any other Land User Council during the day. At night, they are joined by residents of Innerwest and F.R.O.C. as being most confident about downtown safety. Residents of Northeast and Southeast have the highest level of concern about safety downtown, whether day or night.

Feeling Safe Downtown During the Day, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Safe <i>(Very safe + Somewhat safe)</i>	Unsafe <i>(Very unsafe + Somewhat unsafe)</i>	Not sure
Downtown	92%	8%	*%
F.R.O.C.	88%	9%	3%
Innerwest	89%	8%	3%
Northeast	70%	28%	3%
Northwest	88%	11%	1%
Southeast	77%	21%	2%
Southwest	80%	15%	5%

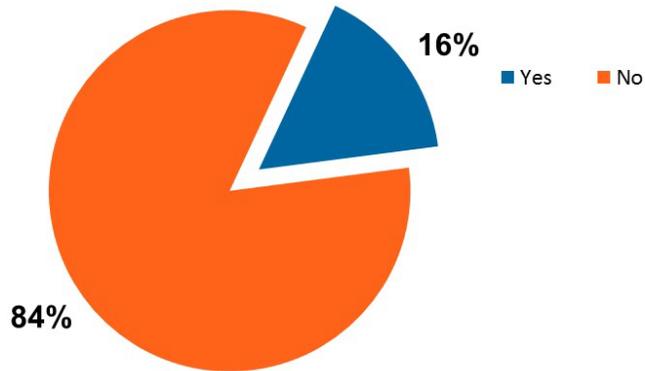
Feeling Safe Downtown at Night, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Safe <i>(Very safe + Somewhat safe)</i>	Unsafe <i>(Very unsafe + Somewhat unsafe)</i>	Not sure
Downtown	59%	41%	*%
F.R.O.C.	61%	35%	5%
Innerwest	64%	31%	5%
Northeast	31%	65%	4%
Northwest	57%	38%	5%
Southeast	43%	52%	4%
Southwest	45%	45%	10%

Dayton Public Schools

Sixteen percent of the survey sample said they have children who attend the Dayton Public Schools (DPS).

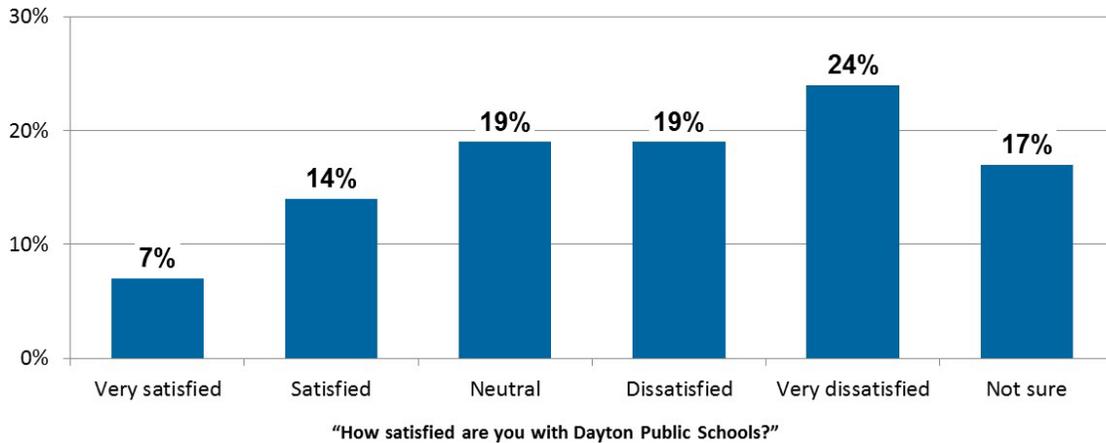
Children in Dayton Public Schools



"Do you have children that attend Dayton Public Schools?"

Among residents who have children in Dayton Public Schools, more than four out of ten (43%) said they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with DPS. Nineteen percent said they were “dissatisfied,” and 24% said they were “very dissatisfied.” By contrast, only about two out of ten expressed satisfaction with DPS. Fourteen percent said they were “satisfied,” and 7% said they were “very satisfied.” Nineteen percent said they are neutral, and 17% were not sure how they felt about DPS.

Satisfaction with Dayton Public Schools



There is strong feeling and significant dissatisfaction with Dayton Public Schools, as reflected in these comments.

“Overall the City has done a great job. Revitalization of downtown has been a great effort and is positive. To improve property values and keep people living here, the schools need to improve.”

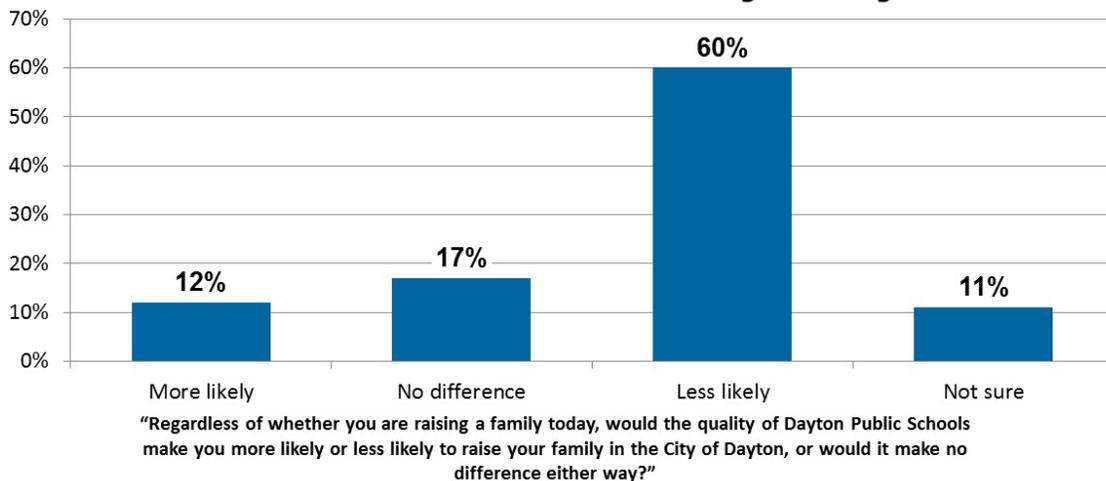
“Dayton Public Schools are failing our children.”

“I have children who attend private schools because the schools continue to get worse and worse. It is now ranked lower than Cleveland Public. That is absolutely horrific.”

“I would be more likely to stay in Dayton as a resident long term if academic performance of Dayton Public Schools improved to ‘Excellent’ and crime rates fell. I am planning to have children and want them to feel safe and become highly educated.”

By five to one, residents said the quality of Dayton Public Schools would make them less likely to raise a family in the City of Dayton. This question was asked of all residents, not just those with children attending DPS. A large majority (60%) said the quality of the schools would make them less likely to raise a family in the City, while only 12% said it would make them more likely. Seventeen percent said it would make no difference to them either way, and 11% said they were not sure.

Impact of Dayton Public Schools on Likelihood to Raise a Family in Dayton



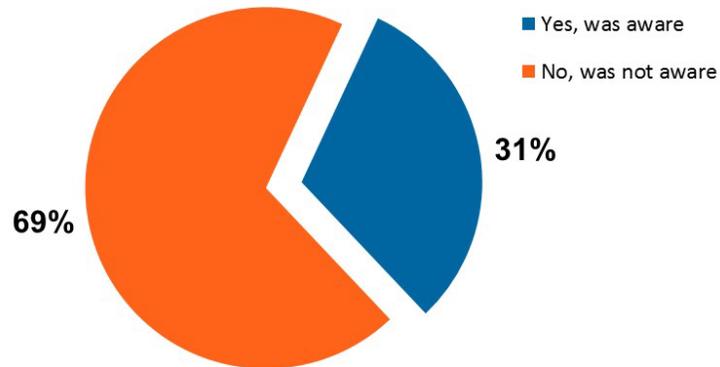
Perceived poor quality in the Dayton Public Schools places pressure on many families with young children to consider leaving the City.

“The rating of Dayton Public Schools is a significant issue. We have a one-year-old and four-year-old. Our friends constantly ask what we are going to do, strangers ask us what we are going to do and our parents beg us to move.”

Access to Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Only one resident in three (31%) said they were aware that the Fire Department provides a free smoke and carbon monoxide detector to each household in the City that wants one. Sixty-nine percent said they were not aware of that.

Awareness of Free Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors



“Were you aware that the Fire Department provides a free smoke and carbon monoxide detector to each household in the City that wants one?”

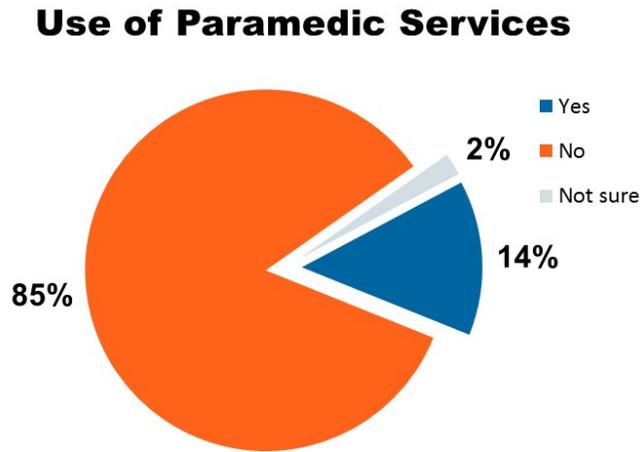
By Land Use Council, awareness is highest in Southwest (46%), Innerwest (39%), F.R.O.C (38%), and Downtown (36%). Awareness of the availability of free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors is lowest in Southeast (24%) and Northeast (27%).

Awareness of Free Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Yes, was aware	No, was not aware
Downtown	36%	64%
F.R.O.C.	38%	62%
Innerwest	39%	61%
Northeast	27%	73%
Northwest	32%	68%
Southeast	24%	76%
Southwest	46%	54%

Use and Perceptions of Paramedic Services

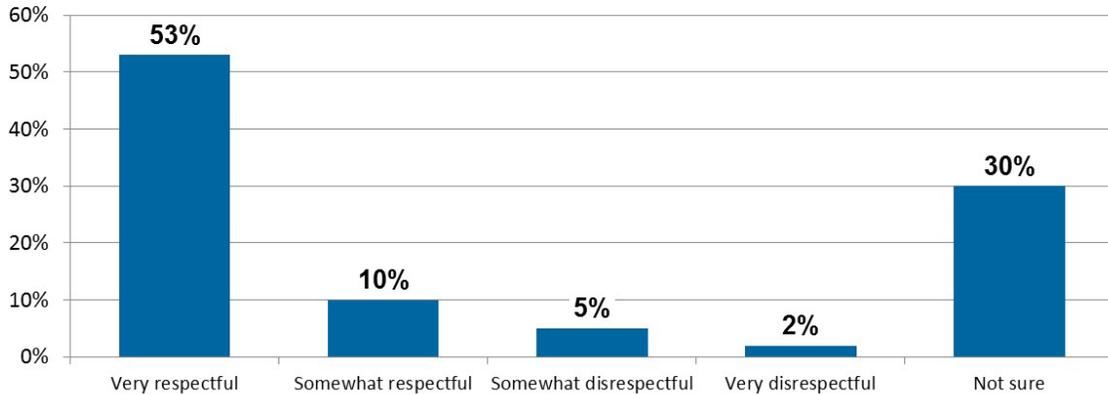
Fourteen percent of residents said that someone in their household has used paramedic services during the past 12 months. Eighty-five percent said they have not, and 2% were not sure.



"In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household used any paramedic services?"

Overwhelmingly, those who had used paramedics said they were respectful. Ten percent said the City’s paramedics were “somewhat respectful,” and 53% said they were “very respectful.” By contrast, only 5% said they were “somewhat disrespectful” and 2% said they were “very disrespectful.” Many (30%) were not sure.

Respect Shown by Paramedics

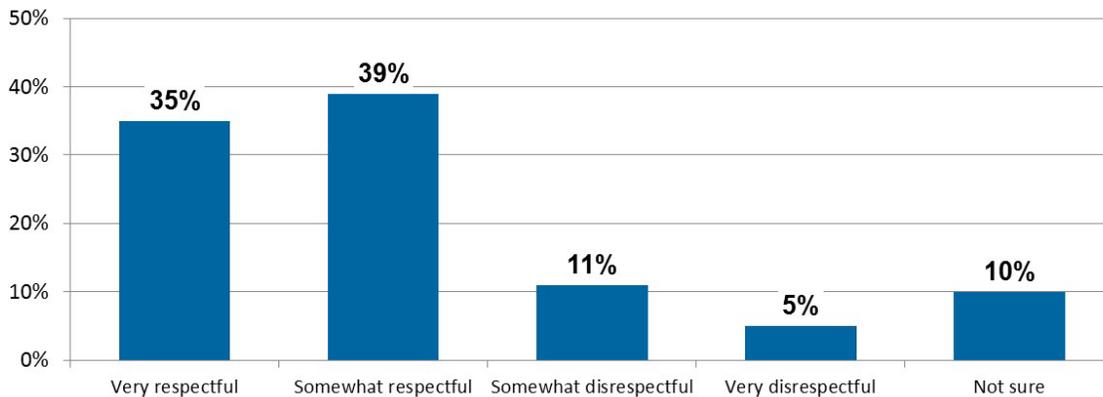


“Thinking back to any experiences you had with the City’s paramedics, were the paramedics very respectful, somewhat respectful, somewhat disrespectful, or very disrespectful?”

Impressions of Police Conduct

In a similar question, asked of all residents, Dayton police officers also received very positive marks for respectfulness. Thirty-nine percent of residents said that, in their opinion, City police officers are “somewhat respectful,” and another 35% said they are “very respectful.” Only 11% said police officers are “somewhat disrespectful,” and 5% said they were “very disrespectful.” Ten percent of residents were not sure.

Respect Shown by Police



“In your opinion, would you say that Dayton police officers are generally very respectful, somewhat respectful, somewhat disrespectful, or very disrespectful in their dealings with people?”

Members of all races and part of the City find police officers to be generally respectful, as reflected in the table below. The percentage who find police disrespectful rises only slightly among African-Americans (23%) and in Northwest (20%), Southwest (20%), F.R.O.C. (21%), and Innerwest (30%).

Respect Shown by Police, Segmented by Racial Identity and Land Use Council

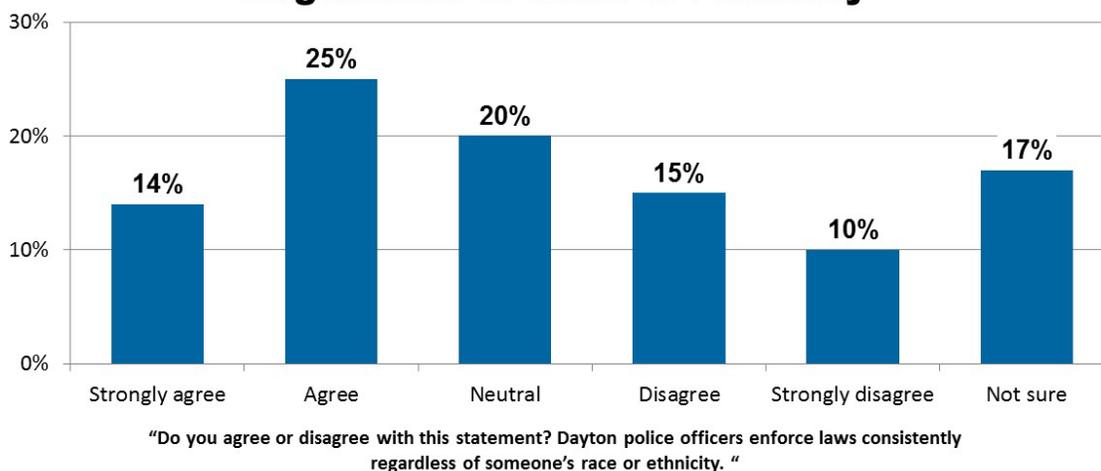
	Total Respectful <i>(Very + Somewhat)</i>	Total Disrespectful <i>(Very + Somewhat)</i>	Not sure
Whites	79%	11%	10%
African-Americans	68%	23%	10%
All others	75%	18%	7%
Downtown	86%	5%	9%
F.R.O.C.	73%	21%	6%
Innerwest	61%	30%	9%
Northeast	77%	8%	16%
Northwest	72%	20%	8%
Southeast	76%	12%	11%
Southwest	69%	20%	11%

Thirty-nine percent of residents agree or strongly agree with the statement “Dayton police officers enforce laws consistently regardless of someone’s race or ethnicity.” Twenty-five percent of residents “agree” with that statement, and another 14% “strongly agree” with it.

About two-thirds as many residents disagree or strongly disagree with that statement. Fifteen percent “disagree” and 10% “strongly disagree” that Dayton police officers enforce laws consistently.

One resident in five (20%) said they are “neutral,” and 17% said they are not sure.

Dayton Police Enforce Laws Consistently Regardless of Race or Ethnicity



These comments reflect the fact that many residents observe unequal treatment based on race or ethnicity and feel strongly about it.

“I respect the police, make them respect me. They shouldn’t tail you just to intimidate - no matter the color - it may be funny to them but not the person they are following.”

“Police treatment is different depending on race, gender and neighborhood.”

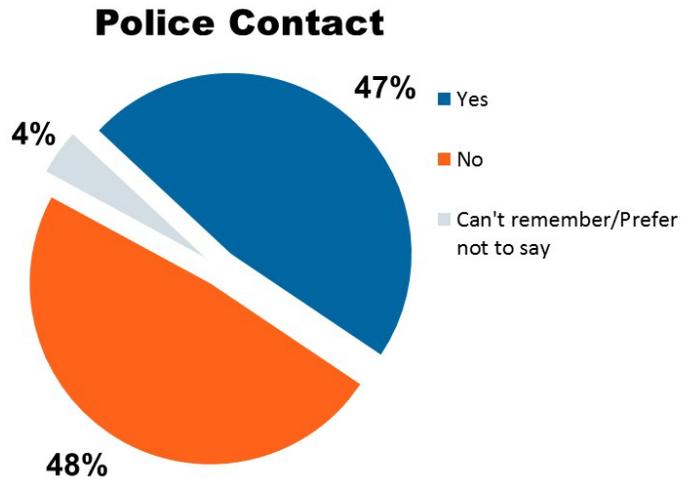
African-Americans are only half as likely as Whites to believe laws are enforced consistently.

Police Enforce Laws Consistently, Segmented by Racial Identity and Land Use Council

	Total Agree (Strongly + Agree)	Neutral	Total Disagree (Strongly + Disagree)	Not sure
Whites	51%	15%	16%	19%
African-Americans	25%	24%	36%	14%
All others	31%	19%	38%	12%
Downtown	28%	15%	23%	34%
F.R.O.C.	32%	21%	36%	10%
Innerwest	26%	27%	28%	19%
Northeast	57%	15%	10%	19%
Northwest	29%	16%	38%	16%
Southeast	46%	17%	18%	18%
Southwest	22%	31%	30%	18%

Contact with Police

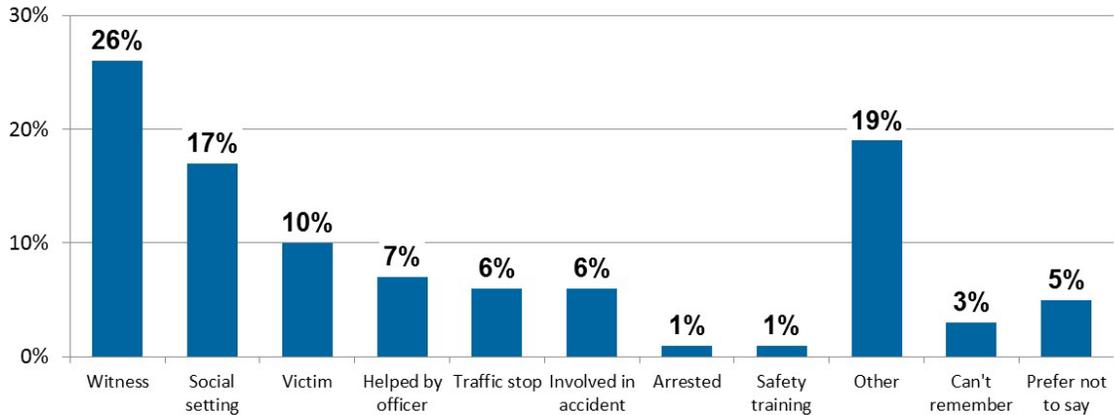
About one-half (47%) of residents said someone in their household has had contact with a Dayton police officer during the prior 12 months. Forty-eight percent said their household has had no contact with police in the past year, while 2% said they could not remember and another 2% indicated that they would prefer not to say.



"Have you or anyone in your household had contact with any Dayton police officer for any reason in the last 12 months?"

Those with police contact were asked to describe the nature of their most recent contact. The most likely reason was as a witness, or to report a crime (26%). Many residents (17%) encountered police officers in social settings or at a community event. Ten percent said they were the victim of a crime, 7% said they were helped by an officer, 6% said they had a traffic stop, and 6% said they were involved in an accident.

Nature of Police Contact

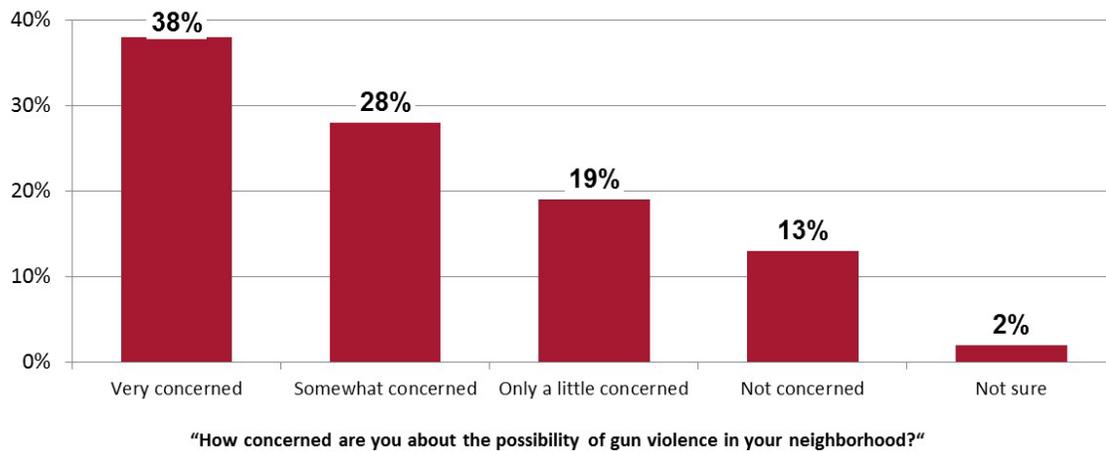


"What was the nature of the most recent contact? Choose the one response that best describes it."

Concern with Gun Violence

Concern about the possibility of gun violence in neighborhoods is high. Two-thirds of City residents said they are at least somewhat concerned about it, with 28% saying they are “somewhat concerned...about the possibility of gun violence in your neighborhood,” and another 38% saying they are “very concerned.” Nineteen percent are “only a little concerned,” leaving only 13% who are “not concerned” about gun violence in their neighborhoods. Two percent were not sure.

Concern over Gun Violence



Possible gun violence is a palpable area of concern, as reflected in this comment.

“Gun violence (laws) need to be enforced more in this city, and elderly people downtown should feel safer and on the RTA buses.”

Concern about the possibility of gun violence is highest in Southwest, where 85% of residents are concerned, and 62% are *very* concerned about it. In Northwest, 84% are concerned, with 57% of residents very concerned.

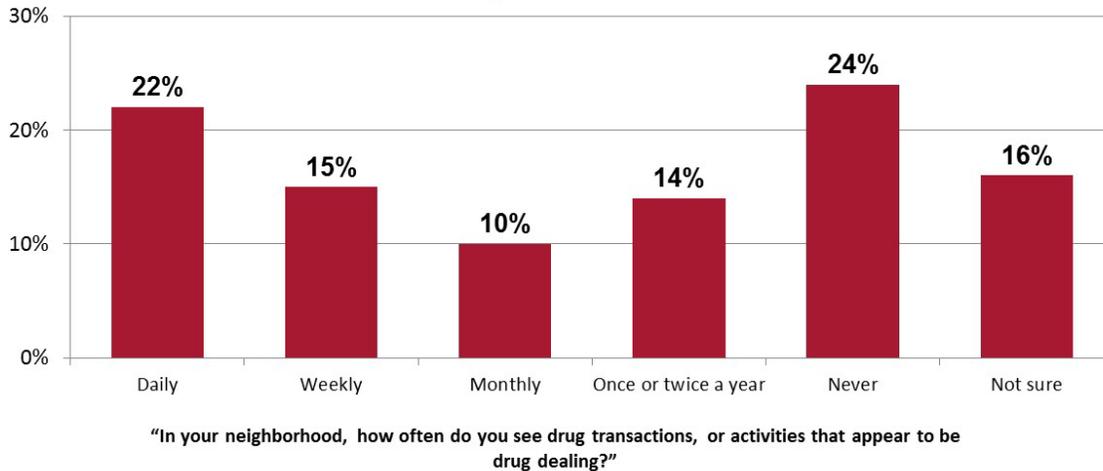
Concern about Gun Violence, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Total Concerned (Very + Somewhat Concerned)
Downtown	50%	20%	69%
F.R.O.C.	47%	25%	72%
Innerwest	44%	33%	77%
Northeast	20%	29%	49%
Northwest	57%	27%	84%
Southeast	24%	32%	56%
Southwest	62%	23%	85%

Drug Transactions in Neighborhoods

Many residents said they are personally witnessing “drug transactions, or activities that appear to be drug dealing.”

Frequency of Drug Dealing in own Neighborhood



Residents are emphatic that drugs are present on the streets, and often guns are involved.

“(I) was threatened with a gun recently. Drugs are everywhere...”

“Drugs are dominating East Dayton and the cops are doing nothing.”

“Need to do something about drug problems in my neighborhood...”

“(We need) more help on drug and gun violence and crime against citizens.”

By Land Use Council, Innerwest appears to be experiencing the most severely impact, with 47% of residents saying they see drug transactions, or activities that appear to be drug dealing, *daily*. Two-thirds (65%) of residents of the F.R.O.C. Land Use Council see drug activity at least once a month, as do 61% of Southwest, 59% of Innerwest, and 55% of Northwest residents.

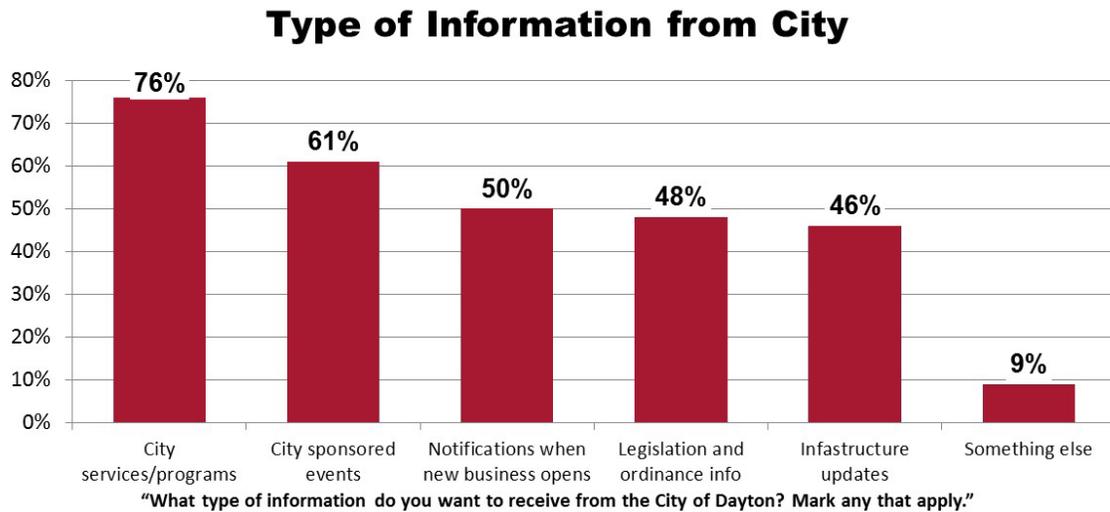
Seeing Drug Transactions, Segmented by Land Use Council

	Monthly	Weekly	Daily	Total
Downtown	*%	10%	12%	23%
F.R.O.C.	13%	28%	24%	65%
Innerwest	*%	12%	47%	59%
Northeast	7%	9%	12%	29%
Northwest	8%	16%	30%	55%
Southeast	10%	10%	16%	36%
Southwest	9%	20%	32%	61%

Information from the City

Residents were offered a series of choices for the types of information they might receive from the City and asked to express their interest in any of them. Leading the list is information about City services and programs, with 76% of residents expressing interest. Second highest is information about City-sponsored events, chosen by 61%.

Three other topics received interest at or near 50% of the public: notification when new businesses open (50%), information about legislation and ordinances (48%), and infrastructure updates (46%).



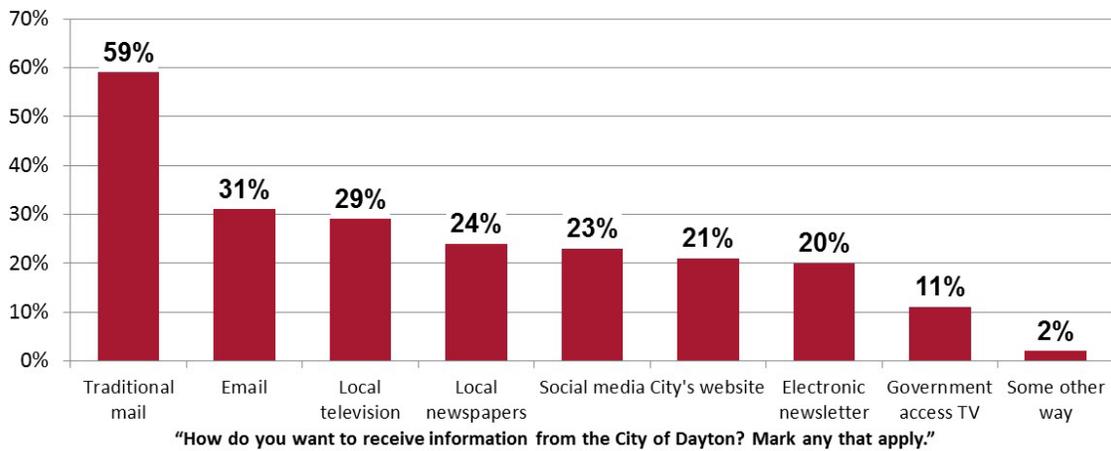
As safety is such a concern among residents, several survey participants requested information related to crime and criminal activities.

A large percentage of City residents (59%) would like to receive information from the City through traditional mail. Email is a preferred method for 31% of residents.

Traditional media is preferred by about one-quarter of residents, with 29% opting to receive City-related information through local television, and 24% through a local newspaper.

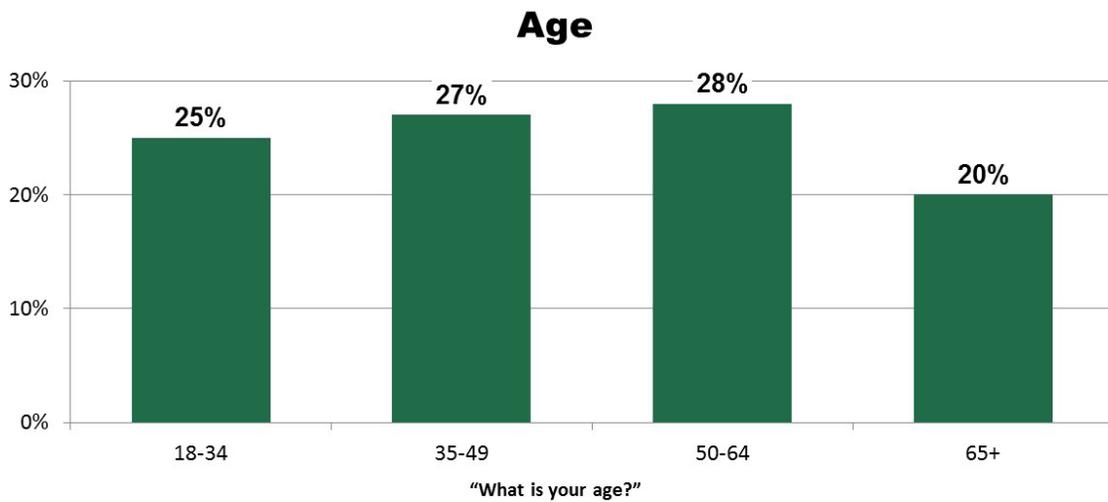
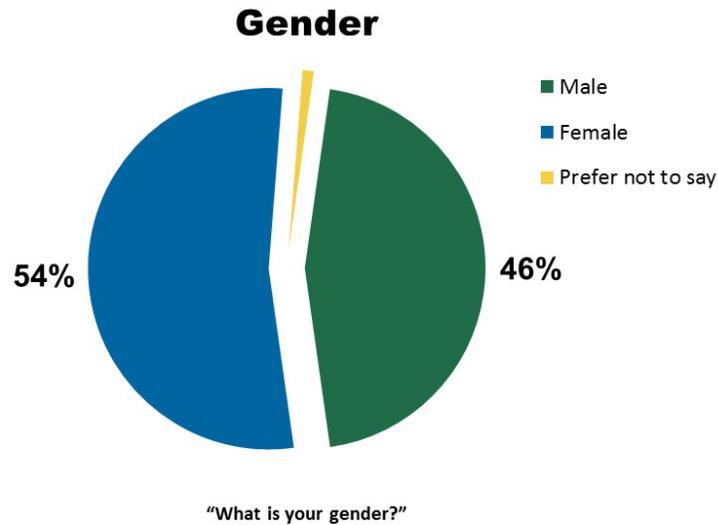
Similar numbers would like information through social media (23%), the City’s website (21%), or an electronic newsletter (20%). Eleven percent would like to receive information through government access television. Two percent would like to receive information through some other way.

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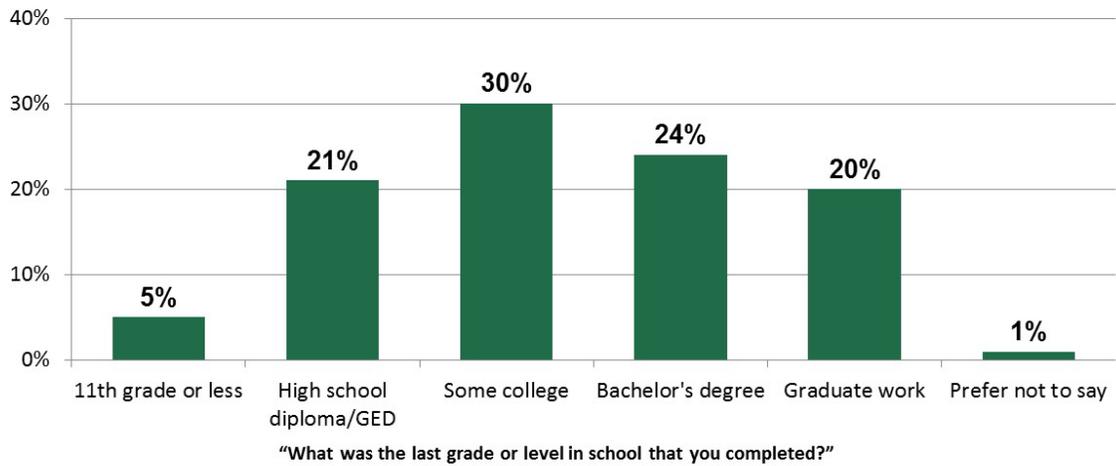


Characteristics of the Survey Population

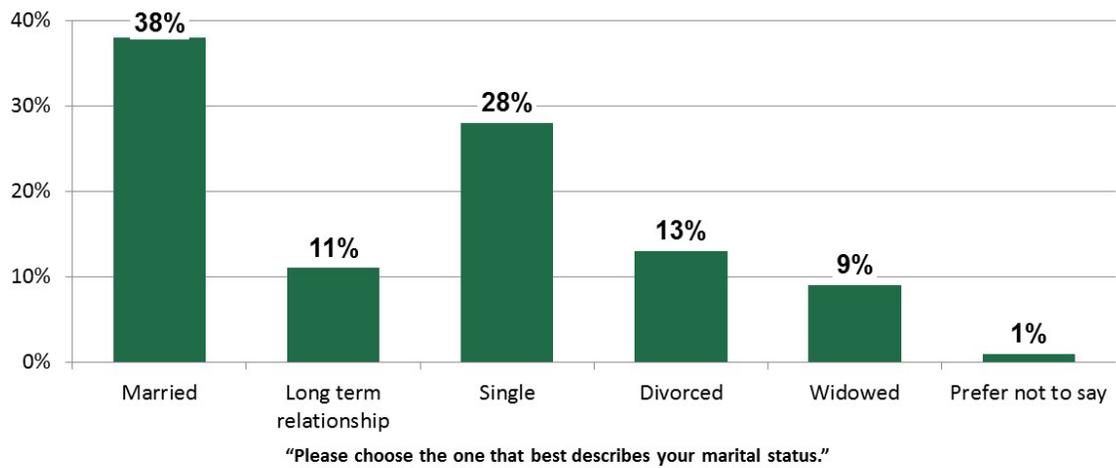
The following charts illustrate the characteristics of the survey sample in terms of gender, age, education, marital status, work status, home ownership, years lived in Dayton, race, country of origin, and household income.



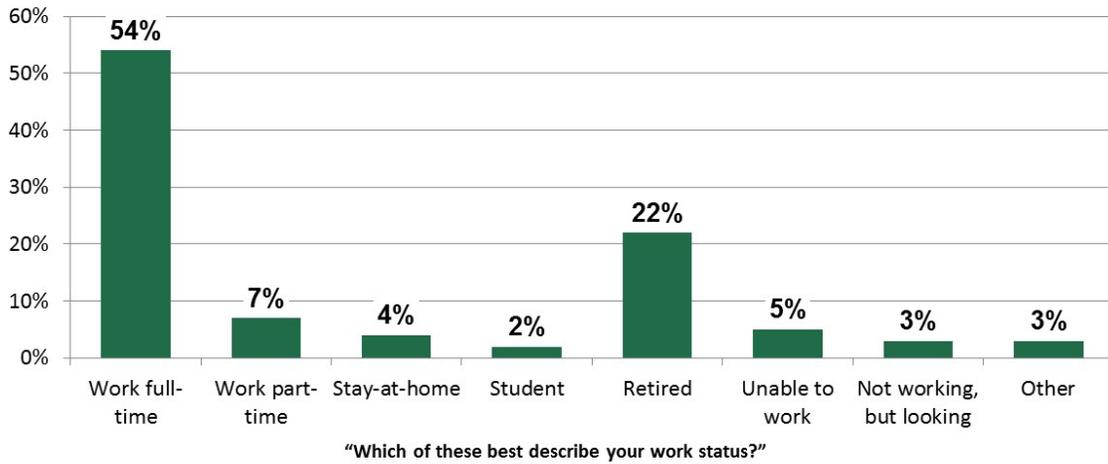
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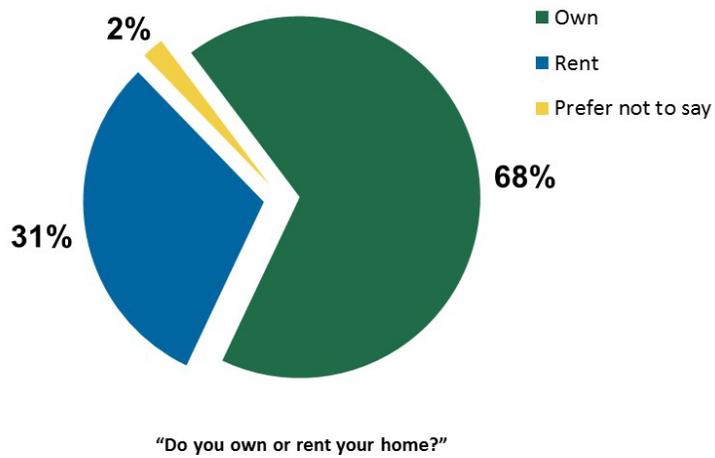
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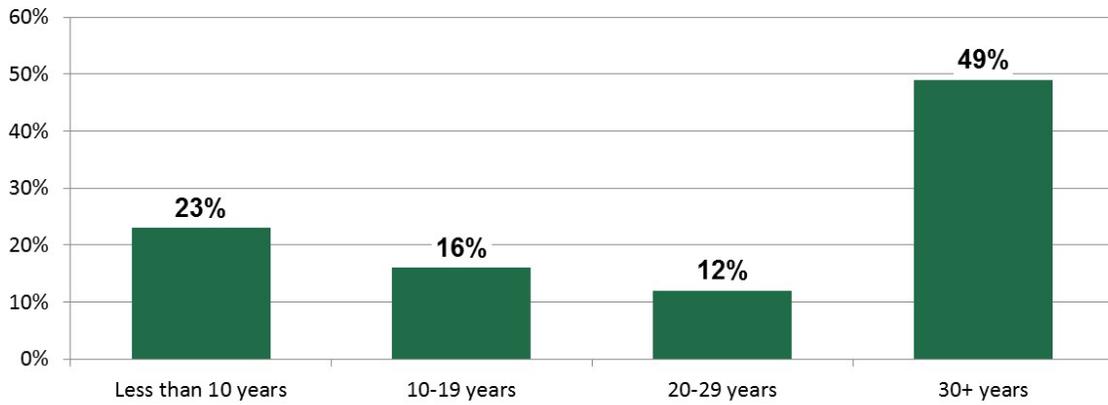
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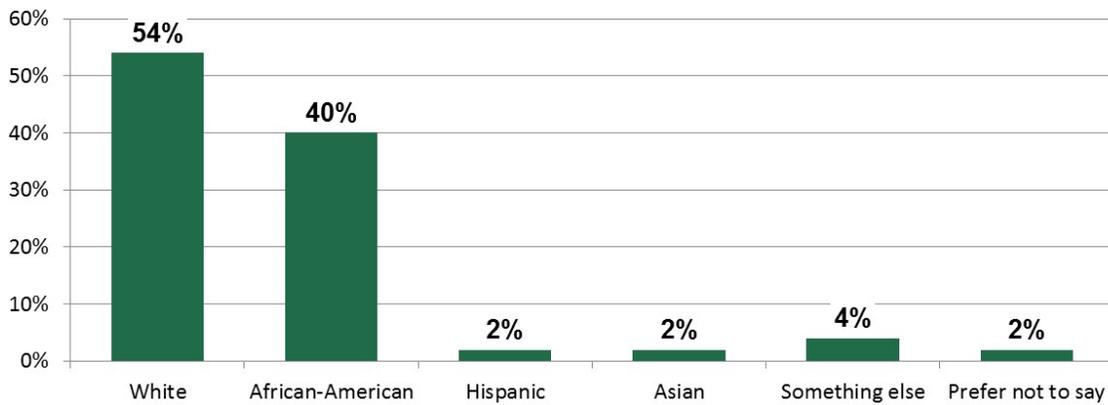


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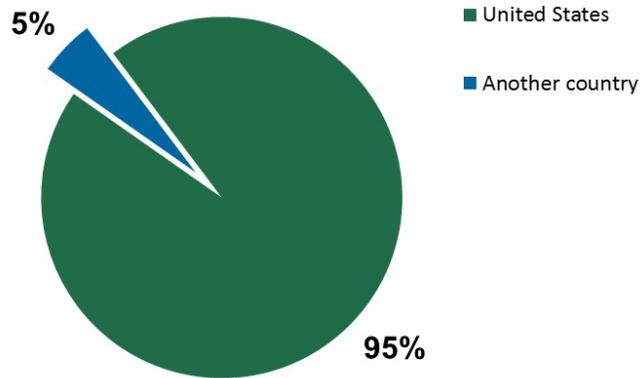
“How many years have you lived in Dayton? Please round to the nearest year.”

Race/Ethnicity



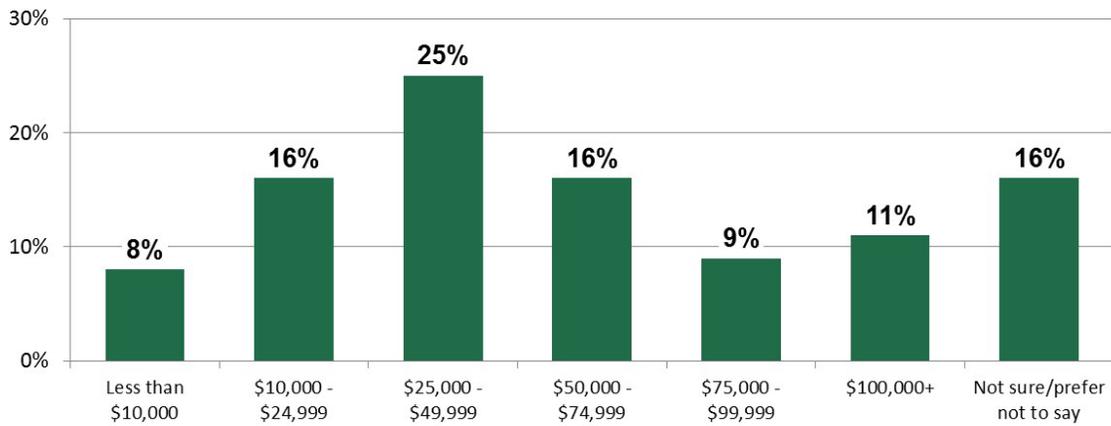
“What is your race or ethnicity? Please choose any that apply.”

Country of Origin



"In what country were you born?"

Income



"Which of these categories includes the total income before taxes for all members of your household?"

Conclusions

The 2016 Dayton Survey paints the picture of a City where many residents feel satisfied and optimistic about living in Dayton. But that satisfaction is uneven, and significant challenges are presented by the survey data. These are the most pressing concerns as identified by the survey:

- Public safety is a concern of a very large share of the public, with the threat of gun violence and drug dealing in particular showing up as palpable worries.
- Many City services are performing well, but street repair and maintenance emerges from the survey as a significant point of dissatisfaction for residents.
- Residents do not like vacant buildings, and an overwhelming number want the City to pick up the pace in removing them. The resulting vacant land can be turned into a variety of attractive uses, residents said.
- Race relations do not appear to be improving in the City. And while Dayton Police receive good marks for respectfulness, a significant number of residents believe that laws are enforced unfairly based on one's racial background.
- While the City overall appears welcoming of immigrants, many residents are wary, and one in ten are openly opposed to immigrant families moving in next door to them.

The survey provides very good guidance for City programs, especially recycling, the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and programs offered by Recreation & Youth Services. Similarly, the survey offers a measurement of how many residents are using Dayton's downtown. The survey also measures residents' appetite for information from the City, and the channels through which they would like to receive it.

It is our pleasure to commend this survey to the City of Dayton. We hope City leaders will find it a valuable guide for decision-making over the next year, and we stand by ready to offer additional interpretation as needed, as the City applies the findings of this research to the public policy decisions ahead.

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Introduction

1. Are you 18 years of age or older and live in the city limits of Dayton?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Yes.....	100%	100%
No (<i>Thank and terminate</i>)		

2. What is your 5-digit zip code at home?

Broad Assessment

3. In general, would you say things in Dayton are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

Right direction	47%	57%
Wrong direction	32%	30%
No opinion.....	21%	13%

4. How satisfied are you with Dayton as a place to live?

Very satisfied.....	8%	11%
Satisfied	40%	40%
Neutral	26%	25%
Dissatisfied.....	16%	16%
Very dissatisfied.....	8%	8%
Not sure	2%	1%

5. How likely are you to remain living in Dayton for the next five years?

Very likely.....	28%	29%
Likely.....	27%	29%
It depends/Not sure.....	27%	24%
Unlikely	11%	12%
Very unlikely.....	8%	5%

6. When you compare the services you receive from the City of Dayton to the taxes you pay, does the amount you pay seem reasonable, too high, or too low?

Reasonable.....	46%	48%
Too high	40%	42%
Too low	2%	3%
Not sure	13%	8%

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Neighborhood Issues

7. How satisfied are you with your neighborhood overall?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Very satisfied.....	10%	14%
Satisfied	35%	36%
Neutral	21%	18%
Dissatisfied.....	21%	22%
Very dissatisfied	13%	10%
Not sure	*%	1%

How satisfied are you with each of these aspects of your neighborhood?

Scientific

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dis-satisfied	Very dis-satisfied	Not sure
8. The quality of housing in your neighborhood	9%	38%	21%	20%	12%	1%
9. The overall appearance of your neighborhood	8%	33%	20%	24%	14%	*%
10. The maintenance of parks and green spaces in your neighborhood	10%	31%	22%	20%	13%	3%

Public

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dis-satisfied	Very dis-satisfied	Not sure
8. The quality of housing in your neighborhood	15%	37%	17%	24%	6%	*%
9. The overall appearance of your neighborhood	12%	34%	16%	28%	10%	*%
10. The maintenance of parks and green spaces in your neighborhood	12%	32%	18%	24%	13%	2%

11. How would you rate your neighborhood as a place to raise children?

Excellent	7%	10%
Good	26%	23%
Fair.....	34%	37%
Poor	22%	20%
Very Poor	11%	10%

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How often, if at all, do you do these things?

Scientific

	Often	Some-times	Rarely	Never
12. Attend meetings or events in your neighborhood	10%	22%	25%	43%
13. Talk with your neighbors	47%	38%	13%	2%

Public

	Often	Some-times	Rarely	Never
12. Attend meetings or events in your neighborhood	24%	32%	24%	20%
13. Talk with your neighbors	56%	35%	9%	*%

14. How safe would you feel being out alone in your neighborhood at night?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Very safe	14%	16%
Somewhat safe	34%	44%
Somewhat unsafe	29%	23%
Very unsafe	21%	16%
Not sure	2%	1%

15. How safe would you feel being out in your neighborhood during the day?

Very safe	41%	53%
Somewhat safe	44%	35%
Somewhat unsafe	12%	10%
Very unsafe	3%	2%
Not sure	1%	*%

Community Diversity/Race Relations

16. Do you believe race relations in Dayton have improved, stayed about the same, or gotten worse in the last few years?

Improved	15%	16%
Stayed about the same	50%	51%
Gotten worse	23%	22%
Not sure	12%	11%

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17. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? I would be supportive if an immigrant family moved in next door to me.

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Strongly agree.....	26%	31%
Agree	30%	31%
It depends	34%	30%
Disagree.....	5%	3%
Strongly disagree	5%	6%

Satisfaction/Performance

How satisfied are you with each of these services provided by the City of Dayton?

Scientific

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dis-satisfied	Very dis-satisfied	Not sure
18. Police services	12%	40%	26%	12%	9%	3%
19. Condition of the streets and pavement	2%	18%	19%	35%	25%	*%
20. Trash collection	21%	52%	17%	7%	3%	*%
21. The range of programs offered by the Department of Recreation & Youth Services	7%	22%	28%	10%	8%	24%

Public

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dis-satisfied	Very dis-satisfied	Not sure
18. Police services	14%	41%	24%	10%	8%	2%
19. Condition of the streets and pavement	2%	18%	20%	36%	25%	*%
20. Trash collection	25%	48%	15%	9%	2%	*%
21. The range of programs offered by the Department of Recreation & Youth Services	6%	21%	23%	11%	11%	27%

22. How much confidence do you have in the purity and cleanliness of Dayton's tap water?

Very confident	26%	38%
Somewhat confident.....	34%	36%
Neutral	19%	12%
Not so confident	15%	13%
Not at all confident	6%	2%

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Parks, Recreation and Youth Services

How likely would you or other members of your household be to take advantage of these activities offered by the City of Dayton’s Department of Recreation and Youth Services?

Scientific

	Very Likely	Likely	It depends	Unlikely	Very unlikely
23. Golf	12%	16%	14%	25%	34%
24. Summer Community Events	21%	30%	29%	9%	10%
25. Teen Programs	11%	13%	16%	25%	35%
26. Youth Sports	13%	18%	16%	20%	33%
27. Adult Sports	13%	20%	27%	19%	21%
28. Aquatic Classes	16%	24%	25%	16%	19%
29. Senior Programs	15%	19%	20%	17%	29%
30. Afterschool programs	13%	12%	16%	22%	37%
31. Summer Camp	14%	14%	14%	22%	37%

Public

	Very Likely	Likely	It depends	Unlikely	Very unlikely
23. Golf	11%	13%	13%	24%	39%
24. Summer Community Events	21%	33%	30%	7%	8%
25. Teen Programs	8%	8%	15%	23%	46%
26. Youth Sports	9%	12%	16%	21%	42%
27. Adult Sports	10%	17%	31%	22%	21%
28. Aquatic Classes	12%	19%	27%	22%	19%
29. Senior Programs	10%	19%	18%	19%	33%
30. Afterschool programs	7%	10%	12%	21%	49%
31. Summer Camp	8%	10%	14%	20%	48%

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32. If the City was creating a park on vacant land in your neighborhood, which of these would you prefer the most? Mark your top one or two choices.

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Open green space.....	32%	35%
A community vegetable garden	31%	35%
Playground.....	29%	22%
Natural habitat.....	20%	27%
An urban tree farm or nursery	18%	21%
Something else (<i>please specify</i>).....	12%	12%

33. In your opinion, should the City demolish more vacant structures than it currently does, about the same amount, or should it demolish fewer vacant structures?

More.....	83%	81%
Same	12%	10%
Fewer	5%	9%

Other City Services

34. Do you recycle at home?

Yes.....	77%	90%
No	21%	10%
Not sure	2%	*%

35. Which of these, if any, would make you more likely to recycle? Mark any that apply.

Incentives, such as a reduction in trash collection fee	52%	55%
Weekly recycling pick-up.....	38%	40%
A free recycling bin from the City.....	33%	25%
Information on what can be recycled	27%	28%
Something else (<i>please specify</i>).....	5%	6%
None of these.....	9%	10%

Contact with City Employees

36. How often have you contacted the City of Dayton for any reason over the last 12 months?

Never	27%	13%
Once or twice a year	56%	63%
Monthly	8%	16%
Weekly	2%	3%
Daily.....	*%	*%
Not sure	7%	5%

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37. If you have contacted the City at least once in the past year, what department did you contact most often?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Police	27%	21%
Tax or Utility Billing.....	20%	14%
Public Works Call Center	19%	24%
Housing Inspection.....	12%	15%
Building Inspection	4%	3%
Planning & Community Development	4%	8%
Recreation & Youth Services.....	4%	4%
City Commission Office	2%	4%
City Manager's Office	2%	2%
Economic Development	2%	2%
Fire.....	2%	1%
Public Affairs	2%	2%
Human Relations Council.....	1%	1%

38. The last time you were in contact with the City, how easy or difficult was it to find the right contact to respond to your request?

Very difficult	7%	8%
Difficult	19%	21%
Easy	44%	40%
Very easy	15%	20%
Can't remember	16%	11%

39. Was your request handled in the first contact, or did you have to contact the City again?

First contact	48%	50%
Had to contact them again.....	34%	38%
Can't remember	18%	12%

40. As a customer of the City of Dayton, did you feel that your issue was understood and that an appropriate effort was made to address it?

Yes.....	58%	56%
No	26%	34%
Can't remember	17%	10%

41. Overall, how satisfied were you with the City's handling of your issue?

Very satisfied.....	14%	17%
Satisfied	35%	31%
Neutral	17%	15%
Dissatisfied.....	14%	18%
Very dissatisfied	9%	13%
Not sure	11%	6%

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Downtown Visitation & Usage

(All):

How frequently do you personally...?

Scientific

	Never	Once or twice a year	Monthly	Weekly	Daily	Not sure
42. Eat lunch or dinner at downtown restaurants	29%	30%	22%	13%	2%	3%
43. Visit downtown brewpubs, bars, or nightclubs	48%	24%	15%	10%	1%	2%
44. Shop at downtown retailers	51%	28%	13%	4%	1%	2%
45. Attend downtown performing arts/theater events	29%	52%	15%	2%	*%	2%
46. Attend downtown festivals and special events	22%	56%	18%	2%	*%	2%
47. Use "Link," downtown's bike share program	86%	7%	3%	1%	1%	2%

Public

	Never	Once or twice a year	Monthly	Weekly	Daily	Not sure
42. Eat lunch or dinner at downtown restaurants	14%	24%	30%	25%	5%	2%
43. Visit downtown brewpubs, bars, or nightclubs	29%	25%	23%	21%	1%	1%
44. Shop at downtown retailers	36%	31%	21%	10%	1%	1%
45. Attend downtown performing arts/theater events	12%	52%	31%	3%	*%	1%
46. Attend downtown festivals and special events	11%	55%	30%	4%	*%	1%
47. Use "Link," downtown's bike share program	80%	10%	4%	2%	3%	1%

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48. How safe would you feel in downtown Dayton at night?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Very safe.....	10%	19%
Somewhat safe	37%	48%
Somewhat unsafe	26%	18%
Very unsafe.....	22%	13%
Not sure	5%	3%

49. How safe would you feel in downtown Dayton during the day?

Very safe.....	34%	52%
Somewhat safe	46%	37%
Somewhat unsafe	13%	8%
Very unsafe.....	4%	2%
Not sure	2%	*%

Schools

50. Do you have children that attend Dayton Public Schools?

Yes.....	16%	16%
No	84%	84%
Not sure	*%	*%

(If yes):

51. How satisfied are you with Dayton Public Schools?

Very satisfied.....	7%	2%
Satisfied	14%	11%
Neutral	19%	16%
Dissatisfied.....	19%	24%
Very dissatisfied.....	24%	29%
Not sure	17%	16%

(All):

52. Regardless of whether you are raising a family today, would the quality of Dayton Public Schools make you more likely or less likely to raise your family in the City of Dayton, or would it make no difference either way?

More likely.....	12%	16%
Less likely	60%	66%
No difference.....	17%	12%
Not sure	11%	5%

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Fire Safety

53. Were you aware that the Fire Department provides a free smoke and carbon monoxide detector to each household in the City that wants one?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Yes, was aware.....	31%	31%
No, was not aware	69%	69%

Paramedics

54. In the past 12 months, has anyone in your household used any paramedic services?

Yes.....	14%	8%
No	85%	92%
Not sure	2%	*%

(If yes):

55. Thinking back to any experiences you had with the City’s paramedics, were the paramedics very respectful, somewhat respectful, somewhat disrespectful, or very disrespectful?

Very respectful	53%	42%
Somewhat respectful.....	10%	5%
Somewhat disrespectful	5%	5%
Very disrespectful.....	2%	*%
Not sure	30%	48%

Police/Community Relations

(All):

56. In your opinion, would you say that Dayton police officers are generally very respectful, somewhat respectful, somewhat disrespectful, or very disrespectful in their dealings with people?

Very respectful	35%	41%
Somewhat respectful.....	39%	39%
Somewhat disrespectful	11%	10%
Very disrespectful.....	5%	4%
Not sure	10%	7%

57. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Dayton police officers enforce laws consistently regardless of someone’s race or ethnicity.

Strongly agree.....	14%	17%
Agree	25%	24%
Neutral	20%	18%
Disagree.....	15%	14%
Strongly disagree	10%	9%
Not sure	17%	19%

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Police Contact

58. Have you or anyone in your household had contact with any Dayton police officer for any reason in the last 12 months?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Yes.....	47%	65%
No	48%	32%
Can't remember	2%	2%
Prefer not to say.....	2%	2%

(If yes):

59. What was the nature of the most recent contact? Choose the one response that best describes it.

As a witness, or to report a crime	26%	26%
In a social setting or at a community event.....	17%	27%
Victim of a crime.....	10%	10%
Helped by an officer	7%	6%
Traffic stop	6%	6%
Involved in an accident.....	6%	3%
Arrested	1%	*%
Safety training	1%	2%
Other (please specify)	19%	15%
Can't remember	3%	2%
Prefer not to say.....	5%	4%

Gun Violence

(All):

60. How concerned are you about the possibility of gun violence in your neighborhood?

Very concerned.....	38%	30%
Somewhat concerned.....	28%	31%
Only a little concerned.....	19%	22%
Not concerned.....	13%	16%
Not sure	2%	1%

Drug Use

61. In your neighborhood, how often do you see drug transactions, or activities that appear to be drug dealing?

Never	24%	17%
Once or twice a year	14%	22%
Monthly	10%	14%
Weekly	15%	19%
Daily	22%	17%
Not sure	16%	12%

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Other Issues

62. There is a proposal to merge the City of Dayton with Montgomery County to create a single metro government. Would you favor or oppose this change?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
Favor.....	22%	25%
Oppose	35%	45%
Not sure	43%	30%

Communications

63. What type of information do you want to receive from the City of Dayton? Mark any that apply.

City services/programs.....	76%	80%
City sponsored events.....	61%	71%
Notification when a new business opens.....	50%	57%
Legislation and ordinance info.....	48%	64%
Infrastructure updates	46%	64%
Something else (<i>please specify</i>).....	9%	12%

64. How do you want to receive information from the City of Dayton? Mark any that apply.

Traditional mail.....	59%	29%
Email.....	31%	63%
Local television.....	29%	28%
A local newspaper.....	24%	26%
Social media, like Facebook.....	23%	49%
The City's website	21%	36%
An electronic newsletter from the City	20%	40%
City of Dayton Channel/Government Access TV	11%	11%
Some other way (<i>please specify</i>).....	2%	4%

Closing and Classification

65. Do you have any other comments about the City of Dayton or any of the issues covered on this survey? (*Open-ended; see verbatim responses at end of Questionnaire.*)

Finally, there are a few questions just to classify the survey. All questions are confidential and will not be tied back to you personally.

66. What is your gender?

Male	46%	42%
Female	54%	55%
Prefer not to say.....	1%	3%

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67. What is your age?

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
18 to 34	25%	18%
35 to 49	27%	27%
50 to 64	28%	35%
65 or older	20%	17%
Prefer not to say	*%	4%

68. What was the last grade or level in school that you completed?

11th grade or less	5%	1%
12th grade/High school diploma/GED	21%	4%
Attended some college	30%	28%
Four-year degree/Bachelor's degree	24%	33%
Graduate work/Advanced degree	20%	31%
Prefer not to say	1%	2%

69. Please choose the one that best describes your marital status.

Married	38%	52%
In a long-term committed relationship	11%	9%
Single	28%	20%
Divorced	13%	12%
Widowed	9%	3%
Prefer not to say	1%	4%

70. Which of these best describe your work status?

Work full-time	54%	63%
Work part-time	7%	9%
Stay-at-home caretaker or homemaker	4%	2%
Student	2%	2%
Retired	22%	16%
Unable to work	5%	1%
Not working, looking for work	3%	2%
Other (please specify)	3%	4%
Prefer not to say	*%	1%

71. Do you own or rent your home?

Own	68%	79%
Rent	31%	18%
Prefer not to say	2%	4%

72. How many years have you lived in Dayton? Please round to the nearest year.

Less than 10 years	23%	22%
10-19 years	16%	21%
20-29 years	12%	14%
30+ years	49%	43%

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73. What is your race or ethnicity? Please choose any that apply.

	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Public</u>
White.....	54%	69%
African-American/Black.....	40%	21%
Hispanic.....	2%	*%
Asian.....	2%	*%
Something else (<i>please specify</i>).....	4%	4%
Prefer not to say.....	2%	7%

74. In what country were you born?

United States.....	95%	98%
Another country (<i>please specify</i>).....	5%	*%
Prefer not to say.....	*%	1%

75. Which of these categories includes the total Income before taxes for all members of your household?

Less than \$10,000.....	8%	2%
\$10,000 to \$24,999.....	16%	4%
\$25,000 to 49,999.....	25%	20%
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	16%	22%
\$75,000 to 99,999.....	9%	16%
\$100,000 or more.....	11%	21%
Not sure/prefer not to say.....	16%	15%

Optional: If you would like to receive occasional updates from the City of Dayton by email, please provide your email address. (*please specify*)

Thank you for completing this survey.

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Verbatims

32. If the City was creating a park on vacant land in your neighborhood, which of these would you prefer the most? (responses of "Something else")
A Barefoot Park (Google: Germany, "barfusspark")
A beautiful smaller cox arboretum or a nice dog park
A dog park
a How to Be A Good Neighborhood Education Center
A park.
a place for elderly to have more interaction with youth
a place where family can go to get wet. and have cookouts and or celebrations of some sort.
a walking tour
A year round Recreation Center
Adaptive Playground
Adult work out area, basketball court
Affordable invention, and Patent shop, Fruit, and Vegetable Garden
all of the above
Area without drug dealers and homeless people where kids can play.
Art/sculpture park
Artist expression spaces, Think Garden Station
Bark Park
baseball field diamond
basketball court and like Garden Station on Wayne
basketball court and open space
Be able to grow food
better water park area
Bike Path
Botanic garden
build another house
children/youth programming
Community activities
Community center with outdoor pool and tennis court and Golf course
community Flower Garden
concerned playground areas could be used by drug dealers
Disc golf course
dog park
Dog park
Dog Park
dog park
drug dealers will take over, unruly teens and adults will not keep it safe
Earth home Community
Fitness area/track
flower garden park
Flower garden with fountain
free activities, and community outings for people
Free swimming pool
gathering space with tables and seats
Give it to a church for ministry
Grocery store
Have neighboring lot acquire lot.
horse trails
I feel & would like for some of the options to be combined, like a small play area for kids along with some green space or natural habitat with an area for people to sit
indoor basketball for adults all day.
Jail
keep, save Garden Station
Library (Orville Wright School site)
Mini dog park
Monarch Butterfly Environment

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Mow the grass often
music venue
need to have places children will come. Turn the water back on, open restrooms
neighborhood access to bike path
neighborhood pool
neighborhood watch daily
new houses on vacant lands
NO COMMUNITY GARDENS
No more Bruer X
no preference
none of the above
Not sure
or a solar panel farm to help with the rising cist if energy
Park
Park benches
Park for seniors-walking, exercise
Park with water feature
picnic area
picnic tables and grills
Plant some trees and a little landscape
pool
Pool
Pool - Old Bomberger Center!
Privately owned parks are superior
Provided the city mows more than twice per year
Public orchard + walking path
public swimming pool
Recreation centers
Recreation for adults and children
roller coaster
safe walkway
Seating areas and canopies
Security
senior park and fitness
Shaded space with tables to eat and drink at.
Shelter picnic area (family use)
Shelters and Water park for children
Sitting park
Skate Park — California Style Bowls.
Skateboard park
Skate park (skateboarding)
Small Mountain Bike Park or other active park for people of all ages
Soccer and Basketball fields
softball fields
Some sort of outdoor gym.
some type of water works
Somewhere safe for the kids
Something safe
something similar to the setup at Salem and Catalpa
sporting fields
Steak & Shake
swimming pool
Swimming pool
swimming pools
tennis court
Tennis Court
Tennis courts and Work out Track / obstacle course
too many drug dealing
Up [illegible] on stocking city ponds

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Walking path
Walking track
Walking Track
Walking trail well landscaped with flowers and seating along the way
Walking trails
Walking/sitting area with trees
water park
Water Park
Water park for kids/ rec center Westwood area
Water park like Kettering rec and other areas have
water park, like a pool
we have all of the above
We need a place for the children supervised.
Why would we need to create these thing when we're tearing one of the best ones down? Leave Garden Station be and stop insisting that you must create new stuff.
woodman fen adjoining property
Work out park
youth activities

35. Which of these, if any, would make you more likely to recycle? (responses of "Something else")

"Problem" -- separate items in one bin.
A public shredder.
already have service
already recycle
Already very active
Apartment complexes are ignored. Include commercial properties !!! new line of business.
Being picked up when scheduled
Bigger bin
bigger recycle bin for apartments
Bi-weekly
bi-weekly regular trash pick-up
comment, too many trash pickers making a mess
complex pickup
compost pick up
Composting
Composting also
Credit for weight of recycling
curbside hazard's waste
current plan is sufficient
do more with the county recycle program
Don't have room in my apartment to set up recycle collection.
educating neighbors about the benefits of recycling
Expand list of what can be recycled
Free place to take sensitive documents to safely dispose of any time.
I already recycle
I already recycle but I wish they would send info about what can be recycled
I am an avid recycler. Thanks for this question. More information to more people about how and what to do to recycle would be amazing.
I asked for a bin but the never gave me 1
I do recycle
I like that Dayton makes recycling so easy with a free bin and no sorting required. Weekly pickup would be nice because my bin is overflowing every other week
I recycle and compost everything. I have very little trash. I think my bill should be reduced.
I would prefer to recycle but city policies do not support apartment complexes to have recycling containers and pick up.

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I'd appreciate a schedule
If trash people would properly empty the bins!
Leave recycling as is
live in an apartment building, they should be required to provide recycling for residents
make recycling mandatory
make sure that don't see them throw it in with trash pick-up
Mine rarely was picked up, so I cancelled it.
more clean-up of alley ways
more than one bin
much better or big bin
need to recycle more than cans only
Neighborhood competitions?
Neighborhood collection events for electronics and hazardous items
none of these, already recycle
None of these, have private trash collection
None of these. Can't set out recyclables because homeless collect the aluminum cans
Not having to pay for it.
Not limit pizza boxes to trash and other items that clearly is recyclable.
paid for aluminum and plastic
Pay me
Penalties for those who don't
Pick up as scheduled.
pick up more often once a month; they usually forget me
pick up when other trash is picked up
Recyclable bins for leaves etc.
Recycle all the time
recycle voluntarily
Recycling for apartments downtown
Recycling program to help youth no the dangers of drugs, Mandatory with Schools
reminders of positive impact of recycling
Replacement of stolen bin
Since I rent, it seems good as is.
small bins throughout the house
The thing to do!
They don't show up consistently
They empty containers.
trim the trees along the streets
Turn in myself for cash
use recycle bin all the time Thanks.
Uses for recyclable things
we need a big recycling program. we should lead the state in this.
We recycle very actively
We would be happy with weekly recycling and bi-weekly trash pick-up
weekly yard waste pickup
Where is the number for recycling?

59. What was the nature of the most recent contact? (responses of "Other")
4 pitt bull dogs running loose
A concern about a suspicious car.
A person asleep w/ car running, blocking driveway
A police officer comes to our monthly neighborhood association meeting
Abandon car/ property theft
Accidentally a child called 911
Accompanied me to visit a client for work purposes
alarm respond
alarm response

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As a witness to an accident
As friends
Assist with removing loiters
At a community meeting.
At the neighborhood association meeting
At work and in a training session.
At Wright stop plaza bus station
bad renters
big dog loose in neighborhood
Break in at the garage
Break in of neighborhood cars
break into property
Break-in my house
Burglar alarm went off
Burglary alarm
burglary attempt of neighbor
called to report a vagrant and also a break-in
Came to check out my mother's house to make sure no one had entered it while she was out.
car left and person left no info
Car totaled - parked in front of my house, again!
citizen needed medical assistance, placed 911 call
Contractor
Crappy house suspicious neighbor
Disturbance next door
Doesn't matter at all why. The fact remains you hire the bottom of the barrel in educated men and women. They have no respect for you as a person or homeowner.
dog howling , 8 days
domestic issues
domestic violence
drug house next door
drug houses
drug trafficking
drugs
Drugs
dui check point
Enforce city ordinance re: Chaining dogs outside
exchanged info
False Alarm
Fire Hydrant Parking Violation
Found a dead body in a car.
Funeral home [illegible]
Had emergency 911 phone go off
helping neighbor
Helping officers
Hired an officer for traffic control
Hired as contractor
Homeless sleeping
house alarm
House Alarm
House alarm went off
House check
I am a community leader
I didn't know I had hit my panic alarm when I left my home, they came just after I came back, they were very nice
I know the police officer he stopped to say hello when i was working in the neighborhood
I see them every day. I say hi.
I spoke with an officer about how they could reduce neighborhood crime and vacant houses by getting incentives to buy them for cheap and live there themselves for 3 years. Crime would decrease and Property value would increase.
I work in ER at Miami Valley Hospital and speak with police officers there sometimes

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Identity theft
Information
kids walking through yard
looking for someone
loud music
mail theft
man in garage
memed to office
Mental breakdown of daughter
My house alarm went off
My idiot son rode his dirt bike out on the road. When pursued by the police he ran through our yard. Our dog was defending our property by barking at the police. One of them drew a gun on him. I had to call him into the house. The dog was just doing his job. I don't think they should have drawn a gun on him. He was in our yard. He wasn't coming out on them. The boy ran through the yard and ran off. The dog is a German shepherd mix, not a Pitt Bull. They showed bad judgement by pulling a gun.
NAO Volunteer
neighbor called the police said my music was too loud
neighbor complaint
neighbor shot himself
Neighbor's alarm
Neighbor's back door was kicked in and officer was asking if we saw anything
neighborhood assistance request ignored
Neighborhood Disturbance
Neighborhood meeting
Neighborhood Problems
neighborhood watch meeting
Niece died from overdose.
no contact
Offer of thanks!
Open burn
Parking
People at the Walnut Hills Park threatened us, so we called the cops.
phone automatically dialed 911
Police checked on door left open overnight
Police Relations meetings.
police were on my street, when asked where they were the officer said "right here" not much help as a resident of a house across the street from the house they were parked in front of.
problem at twin towers
Problem with neighbor
Profiled
Psychotic woman next door called police to report a delusion she had
Question
Questioned about a theft
Report a car accident
report drug dealing
Report neighborhood noise disturbance
report possible drug sales
Reported a phone scam
reported an incident
Reporting folks urinating behind a vacant bldg.
Requested police to check on noise in neighborhood
Response to alarm
ride along with an officer
Scam call
school project
See them speeding through our neighborhoods
shooting in the neighborhood
son drunk out of control they would not take to place to sober up
son shot himself

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speaker at church
spoke w/ our condo association
Stopped for no reason
strangers in neighbor that shouldn't be here
Street blocked off
Suspicious person
tail light out
Take to Grand View Mental
theft at my house
They visit our community association meetings, when time permits.
To report abandoned bicycle
TO REPORT GUNS IN A HOUSE WITH A MENTAL CASE
Tried to find out about a crime on my street, could not get any info
Unknown person on property
Vacant house next door - doors removed
vandalism
Vandalization
while walking my dog stopped and harassed
Witness to an assault
Work

63. What type of information do you want to receive from the City of Dayton? (responses of "something else")

A Business in West Dayton
A city paper/newsletter mailed.
advance notification of projects or re-zoning
all of the above
All the above
An online up to date list of public input meetings
Any good News
any info on Mont County taking over City of Dayton
Arrests in our area
back door deals the city is making
Bring new business to my neighborhood
Budget
Budget problems/ shortfalls
City council meetings reports
city needs to have a better system with every person in City of Dayton
cleaning up the streets
Clearing overgrown vegetation/shrubs around the Hickory Dale Park area. There was once a clear path behind Westport Drive are. That property is owned by Matt Heck Family, the Montgomery County Prosecutor. They used to clear the stretch but have not done so in the last 5 years. You can imagine the condition it is in now.
crime
crime info
Crime notifications
Crime Reports
crime statistics by neighborhood
Crimes in my neighborhood
Criminal activity/location of drug houses; homicide rates; solved/unsolved cases
current crime stats
detailed crime reports
Disabled
e pod weekly crime reports
Economic and urban development projects
Free stuff for kids.
full disclosure and a public vote rather than Whaley and the board making decisions on their own
get out, meet people
Good news events

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greater advance publicity for public meetings
help for home owners
help with drugs in area and Dayton
How are you making the city a better place to work and live in
How to purchase vacant lots
I Think Mayor Nan Whaley, is a great Mayor, she remembered me meeting just briefly
I want to see city planning changes. I want to understand why this city making money is more important than the people living here and the communities and structures they build.
I would like to not see our schools given up on.
info on the merger
Information about council meetings and pending votes and the information about how to bring the city and downtown back, the plan to get there, a timeline and status reports on progress
Information about how the City will address and remove slum and blight
Instructions on accessing downtown events/ businesses (i.e. places to park, etc.)
Job openings in City of Dayton offices/departments
laws passed and business applying
Lawyers for poor people
Leave me alone.
Make police dept. aware of and enforce Dayton Ordinance: Sec. 91.62. - Confinement of dogs
More grant programs where citizens can express appreciation to city employees
More information about the pros and cons of the city merging with the county as a metro
More policing
More work done with our youth and young adults
NEED TO LOWER TAXES IN DAYTON!!!! DRIVING PEOPLE AWAY!!!
neighbor drug arrests
New schools - principals
News from Neighborhoods
No, as the President of the neighborhood Ass. I receive information already
none
None
none really
None they are a bunch of fools
not a damn thing
Not interested
not sure what
Nothing
Nothing, leave me alone. You all are human excrement.
Nothing.
notification of refugees moving into Dayton
notification where pedophiles are and rapists
Parkways Magazine
police updating crime watches
population updates
Recreation and Youth Services needs a local waterpark, skate park, rock wall, etc...
Recreation programs for adults, seniors
resources for senior citizens
Revitalization of Desoto Bass
Riverscape activities
Sale papers in the mail
School information
sec offender registry
secret meetings and no-bid contracts. selection process for boards and committees
some activities neighborhood specific
something "good" other than entertainment in downtown
Specific Neighborhood issues
Street Paving
stronger d.v. laws
Take down killings in Dayton
Timetable for demolishing vacant housing; crime reports

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Trash Recalled
Truck with megaphone
Updates on infrastructure and economic development in West Dayton
updates on quality of living
water backflow preventer valve
Welcome info packet for new home owners
what are the plans for Dayton when it comes to the united nations, agenda 21, the new world order an the global financial collapse
when there are free lunch programs in the summer.
Who to contact when, for example nuisance properties. The three that I did not check seem to be well publicized on WHIO.com.
would like to see roads and schools improved

64. How do you want to receive information from the City of Dayton? (responses of “Some other way”)
A return call from city personnel when voicemail is left
anything to get the information to people that might not have technology
At meetings in neighborhood
David Greer NWPB
Dayton View sends out information about this area.
Neighborhood level
newsletter
Next Door app
Next Door website
Next door
none
None
None.
Nothing.
Old fashion traditional mail service
Pamphlets, handouts at events
put on doors
Radio
Sale papers in the mail in our area Westwood
Text alerts
Text message (emergency notifications)
Texts
Town Halls, visits to community-sponsored meetings
Updates from the app

65: Do you have any other comments about the City of Dayton or any of the issues covered on this survey?
#1 Drugs are beyond Xenia Ave, Huffman, and Burkhart areas on the East. For 12 years I've watched the apartments at Smithville + Argella. At least weekly, the traffic in + out is amazing. Those guys working the east need more help. I wish I had a hotline o one of them. I know they are doing what they can, but it's bigger.
#59: Was a terrifying day. I was almost shot by the officers while talking to Brinks who was testing my alarm. I was yelling it was my house. The fear still lingers. All black people/ people of color are not criminals.
#RebuildDayton
1. The streets are usually dirty: need more trash bins or street sweepings; 2) If I had school aged kids, I'd run out of Dayton because of the poor quality of the public schools.
24/7/365 Spanish phone on DPD
2nd District Offices are not very compassionate here. Other areas are better. Seems like you're automatically bad, because of the area.

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423 Walton is owned by the City of Dayton. I have called 40 times and nobody cares!!!! Please go and look at this!
6 months ago a drunk driver hit a fire hydrant. A month later it wasn't replaced but blacktopped over (to keep housing cost up & not have to pay more for insurance & running of hydrant
A better police presence in our neighborhood
A good place to raise a family if you don't have to use terrible schools
a neighbor newsletter would be good to read what's going on in different neighborhoods
a rental house on our street is not being cared for by the owner, lawn is mowed sporadically, or by the neighbors. The last renters had constant traffic of people coming and going. More people living there than the renter "family". A small child lived in the house, windows of vehicles were broken numerous times, now that they are gone, bullets were found on the driveway...we also realized drugs were being sold. This is not ok!
A very disrespectful clerk/operator in public works call center
Abandoned houses and buildings all over the city are a source of concern for me. Even though this issue does not really affect the neighborhood I live in, it greatly affects the East Dayton neighborhood where I work. An effort to move more business in thi area is also needed. I work with the low-income senior population and the city should provide more support and recreational opportunities for this group.
about the high water bills
Address the heavy white drug customers in the Westwood area. Brooklyn, Westwood, Huron and Walton.
against the general clean-up practices by city employees and contractors. I also think that the city should make an ordinance for areas that are exposed to mass residential demolition that allows for increased easement or property extension using the now empty sites. In the older parts of the city where some homes are still in good shape, there is not enough safe standoff with the adjacent properties to consider catastrophic conditions like house fires or building collapse. It's OK to take the tack of protecting adjacent buildings with water hose during fires, but if there were more standoff the risk of fire jumping from one structure to another would be lessened. Most homeowners wouldn't rebuild on a narrow city lot again after a catastrophe, and those left should be happy to get the extra land for standoff. I just do not think the city has made a concerted effort to contact homeowners by mail or person-to-person to even ask if this is something the neighborhood would want to entertain for their own property. I am aware of the existing empty lot program that if you maintain it, it is yours, but some citizens may be hesitant to approach the city about it despite the fact they are maintaining an empty lot
age 71 under doctors care
All these abandoned houses need to be torn down and affordable housing put in their place
Amesborough Rd pays high property taxes. Yet, the roads are only patched. Please repave street. Have paid high taxes for this
Appreciate the street cleaning service. Appreciate bulk pickup services. Would like to have Hoover avenue between James h McGee and Hoover Ave repaved. Street is in bad shape. Also 400 block of Anna street needs to be repaved. Keep vacant lots grass cut more often.
Appreciated info about carbon monoxide detectors. Thank you.
assurance that those that have made Dayton their home for years and grew up here are secure and all citizens are treated fairly
Becken dr. has not been paved for 48 years. I have a document from 2007- but no street pavement
Better quality employees overall. I invest in a lot of vacant properties, and dealing with the utility office as well as building services is always a frustrating and incompetent experience.
Better snow removal in my neighborhood because of some hills and also re-think property values and upgrades and equity. Property values too low. Losing property value and money.
Bldg. inspection and historical society regulations are ruining the elderly, poor, & blacks in southern Dayton. We are getting run out of our homes. Very unfair!!!!
bring back the leaf collection
Bring back the quarterly newsletter
Bring more shopping and eateries to the northwest community.
Build up the neighborhood instead of letting companies come in and take areas of it. Demolish eye sore houses. Patrol area more with high crime and drug addiction
Bulk waste should be as needed which cannot always be as indicated on the trash collection schedule. Often it has to be placed out when one has help to do so.
bulk waste should be more often, grass at abandoned properties should be cut, trash removed
call center operators need information on departments' functions
Called city maintenance about abandon houses being unsafe, trees and bushes needs cut in alley, trash thrown on ground during trash day, animals (rodents, groundhogs, etc.) roam the neighborhood.
called Dayton police on neighbor for loud car music, for 2 years straight, and he has not been fined. He has drawn a firearm twice and, police were called. and oh, he sells drugs
called police to report a fight in the street, they never showed up !
children not being supervised. catching vacant houses on fire. breaking into garages. walking down the streets scratching cars.

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City is too racist. Also, it is not tackling the most important problems.
city not safe
City of Dayton has the worst streets in the world. They need to make them smooth. Live in city of Kettering and Oakwood.
City of Dayton needs to improve streets, enforce sidewalk repair, demolish old building that is not in use/or fix them up. That would improve West Dayton.
City streets and alleys need to be re-paved and trees trimmed way back
clean up the city
Comment #1 like the summer reading program, Comment #2 the treatment of Garden Station, have a plot there, has been terrible !
Comment #1, Q#51, Public Dayton Schools are a disaster and have been for over 24 years, Comment #2, Q#65, city declining severely, also sad that as a taxpayer, your children can't attend school in their own neighborhood! Streets should be paved. Paying for new street lights, that don't see, being replaced.
Comment about a serious issue Not covered in this survey. All dog owners should be fined if it can be verified that their dog is not on a leash.
Conservation programs.
Consider moving because there is too much gun fire in our neighborhood. Although the police respond well and quickly - it is unsettling
Continue to improve attention to the west side of the river
Continue your efforts to improve our city, with God's blessings
Crime. Crime. Crime.
curfew for kids under the age of 16
Cut overgrown grass and shrubs at vacant houses.
Dayton could be a more beautiful and appealing place. The 5 Rivers parks are beautiful. But we have too many vacant buildings.
Dayton has come a long way for the better. Enjoy the arts, festivals, Broadway plays. Love the park activities. Downtown has improved so much. Try to build up the west side - Northwest Dayton. Why do I always have to go south?
Dayton in general does not care about the people, they only do what they have to, so that they are doing their job
Dayton is a fun city but the people in charge of planning are focusing in the wrong areas of business
Dayton is a good place to live and support a family
Dayton is currently headed in a very positive direction. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinions!
Dayton is where I was born and raised. I came back after 30 years. I am a Dayton partisan.
Dayton must do more to make sure Black citizens have equity
Dayton police kill only Black African Americans. Answer that question on the news.
Dayton police make too many mistakes without consulting the law of the land. They feel everything is funny.
Dayton Public Schools are failing our children.
Dayton public schools are terrible.
Dayton Public Schools need to improve. This shouldn't be a question, as it is clear. More incentives to rehab houses in Grafton, Five Oaks, Lower Dayton View, are needed like McPherson Town, North Riverdale, Santa Clara, Historic Huffman, So many new complexes downtown, but historical houses filled with heroin addicts, and prostitutes? Rehab, Reuse, Renew, Dayton has such history, even in its architecture, a former teacher, worried about every elem. choice in DPS, recently moved from Harrison Township, lived in Dayton 31 years, not consecutive years
Dayton should pay the same level of quality city-owned landscaping that they do in neighborhoods in Oakwood, Kettering & Centerville!
Do more about vacant houses.
DO THIS SURVEY AGAIN. include all 140,000 residents. provide space for comments after every question. I cannot remember all my comments for 50 something questions for one single line. bring back priority boards power.
Does the city have a program where residents can rehab vacant properties for possible ownership at a reduced rate?
Don't keep talking about City of Learners if we're first not talking about countywide schools. There is too much duplication and waste having 15 school districts in one county. This is so obvious but no one wants to touch it.
Downtown needs more shopping and entertainment!
Drugs - need more policemen on streets
Drugs are dominating East Dayton and the cops are doing nothing.
Due to proximity of University of Dayton I want to be certain that all rules regarding student-occupied rentals be rigorously applied (observed) lest our home values decline.

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ease of access to city rules and regs , go through continuous phone chains only to reach someone who doesn't know the answer
ENFORCE traffic laws on the books
Enormous amounts of money are being pumped into downtown while houses rot + crime is rampant in many neighborhoods. I have 4 abandoned homes on my block
entry level jobs should not be so hard to get when it's an "entry level position" !!!
everything seems to be going well
Finding who owns abandoned homes is a frustrating experience. The county records appear to be out of date.
Fix more houses in the neighborhood. Clean it up and fix it up. Act like you care about us, not just the East Side.
fix the damn streets, 3rd Street especially
fix the roads more better
fix the roads, so they drive better
Fix the school district problems, and work on the drugs being sold.
Fix their alleys
Generally, things seem to be going in the right direction, but it seems like some demographics are being left behind, like West Dayton. Also need more affordable housing in the safest neighborhoods.
Get rid of bed bugs - these homes are infested. Do something to help people get rid of them. Dayton is infested!
Get rid of Nan Whaley as Mayor. Increase funding for police and fire and basic services and eliminate efforts to make Dayton a sanctuary city. Get the bikes off the streets.
get rid of the dipshit mayor
get rid of the drugs.
Give attention to the lake maintenance on lakeside Dr
glad to see more attention to downtown
going in the right direction, courts still have a long way to go, to help housing, need more fairness for land lords and less leeway for tenants to destroy and occupy housing unpaid for.
Good going! I'm seeing how things are growing!
Grossly overestimated property value
gun violence
Gun violence needs to stop. Schools need to get better.
Gym shoes over electric wires should be taken down. Clubs & housing projects should be dealt with for shootings and crime.
have grown up in Dayton, watched it go from a safe comfortable place to live to an awful place to live. Will not walk outside at night, too many crimes
have lived here for over 67 years - I'm 75 years old in good health, this is my home. I am satisfied to do what is right
have no problem with immigrants, however they should not receive any special programs that are not also available to all of us, they receive property tax breaks, but they took them away from seniors, just one example
Having low income housing has been the downfall of this city. 80 to 90% of the people receiving assistance are lazy bums!
Help the garden station find new space: They could use empty school land, like the old Franklin school lot - Now empty on 5th st. + Findley st.
HELP YOUR IMPOVERISHED CITIZENS
heroin house in the double next door and called crime stoppers twice and had no response or impact, they have since been evicted, section 8 housing should not be allowed in a historic district
Hope there can be some legitimate changes from the surveys. Officers don't respond in this neighborhood.
Housing inspectors are way to shorthanded to enforce the cleanup of dog feces/and grassless, muddy yards. Adding filthy chicken coops would be a disaster.
housing, lawn care, overgrowth of bushes
i am constantly missed on recycle pick up which causes me to have to throw away recycling
i am for change. it bothers me when mayor wants more immigrants here but Dayton has U.S. citizens who are not cared for. Hungry. Unemployed. Low-paying jobs. High crime rate. Homeless. Take care of your own first! Too many drug dealers. Too many drugs! We are first in the nation for overdoses. Have programs for prostitutes to make legal money. Educate them. Work on gun control.
I am grateful for your efforts to make Dayton a welcoming city. Creative approaches in encouraging home ownership in inner-ring neighborhoods, especially in the north/west, would be a great next step.
I am proud that Dayton is a welcoming place for immigrants, and we must extend that to fixing our own issues with black/white parity
I am quite concerned with the things our mayor is pushing for the city

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I am very excited about where Dayton's cultural arts community is heading. There have been some awesome things happening. I would like to take a minute to mention the plight of neighborhoods and their dealings with renters. I have watched 2 areas (one I lived, one where my mom lives) go downhill because of renters coming in and bring down the morale and quality of the neighborhood. There seems to be no recourse the community can take to evict the problem tenets. Many times, there is no contact information f the landlords to offer complaints. I would like to see a law that makes the landlord's information public and easily accessible so they cannot hide in their suburban neighborhoods while their tenets are rude and disrespectful.
I believe the city needs to continue investment downtown, but renew a focus on neighborhoods outside of the central business district. The city will flourish when the supporting neighborhoods flourish. A strong city is built on strong families and those families are more likely to live in neighborhoods outside of downtown. Most of that change can happen within planning, but can also happen with other departments like the police. A small increase in investment and support of neighborhoods outside of downtown will bring a return on investment that will pay big dividends in the long run.
I believe that you do a good job with what you have you are appreciates
I can't understand why the city doesn't keep trees and bushes cut off roadways and allot of times it's obvious but nobody does anything till you complain
I couldn't get into district 2 police bldg. Doors were locked and no answer to the bell
I don't think waste collection container charges should be on water bills
I feel the City needs to fix more messed up streets.
I have children who attend private schools because the schools continue to get worse and worse. It is now ranked lower than Cleveland Public. That is absolutely horrific.
I have faith in the goodwill and creative energy of this great city whose best times are ahead. I like it here a lot!
I have lived here 25+ years and my neighborhood has deteriorated. Because I do not feel safe I am actively looking to move out of Dayton. Property value for selling is awful
I have lived here all my life and have seen no progress over the past 20 years
i have lived in Dayton for over 40 years and am happy with the service provided from the trash man to the policeman. Too bad about our schools though.
I have never seen a police car drive thru my neighborhood.
I have no fear of gun violence. I am concerned with burglary and theft.
I know that there are constant discussions about development in the West Dayton area. I purchased my home in West Dayton 2 years ago after living in the suburbs for about 8 years or so. I grew up in West Dayton, so this was home to me. However, I was definitely in for a cultural shock when I moved back to Wes Dayton. The same businesses that I had frequented in Miamisburg and West Carrollton ,now had security guards with guns. I felt like I was living in two different cities, granted I was, but how could ne business not have security guards 15-20 minutes South of town and the one West of town did, granted their maybe a higher chance of crime, but crime happens in West Dayton as well as South of town. We all know that economic development is a long standing issue. However, I have noticed a lot of small businesses open on Salem, Seibenthaler and Main St, but they don't last long. I think that it would be good for the city to over these businesses education on sustaining a business. I think that it will also e good to develop incentive programs for small business development. I know that there are classes through the CAP microenterprise, SCORE Dayton or the Entrepreneurship Center, but not everyone is fortunate to know about these resources. It may be good o go to the businesses and offer assistance. Overall, I am very satisfied with my neighborhood, it is very peaceful and I have not had any difficulties. I do think that there should some type of supervision of vacant lots and their lawn care. I live in a nice neighborhood, but there are a few houses that have been abandoned and the grass is over grown. Also, there needs to be major improvements on the cities income tax website. It is very outdated and difficult to use. I had to take off work to go down t the city to file my taxes instead of being able to do it online. The automated phone system for income tax appointments was not working properly. I was on the phone for 20 minutes just to make an appointment
I know the killing of unborn children is deeply harming us all...especially Black Americans.
I love downtown. We lived in NW Dayton for 21 years raising our children. There 1983-2003. They loved their schools (EJ Brown, Stivers). There is racism still and we need to keep working on that.
I marked that I was very satisfied with the maintenance of green space in my neighborhood but it should be noted that this is not a service provided by the city but done by residents. I also stated that taxes are too high for the services provided mostly because the city has valued my home higher than what it is worth in reality. I attempted to sell my house last year and the residence was assessed for \$80K less than what the city has listed. A request to have the value reviewed by the city was made it the city denied a new value. While my home was on the market (nine months) I got one offer, and it was for \$120K less than what the city feels the home is worth. If my home value was lower, and my taxes lower, then I would think this would be in line with the services offered.
I moved here from Buffalo, NY and the city of Dayton was very good but it has went downhill since 2008
I pay a lot in taxes...it really pisses me off when we are told the focus is on Downtown. Need to see an initiative to get our side of town together as well.

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I really do like the idea of living in Dayton. Just not Belmont. There is no sense of community here. We would love to move to a different section of Dayton because of that. Also, we are a transracial family and are very concerned with diversity. We would love to live in a community that better blends races. We're finding it difficult to find that in Dayton. Races and neighborhoods seem to be very segregated.
I respect the police, make them respect me. They shouldn't tail you just to intimidate - no matter the color - it may be funny to them but not the person they are following
I see a lot of effort to bring people into the city from surrounding areas. They're doing a good job it seems, I love going into the city
I think changing the well protection boundaries was a terrible, dangerous mistake
I think it's unfazed to pay higher taxes than your neighbors and they have the same structures as others. Such as patios that do not show on property site and yet there are visible outdoor structures
I think it's wrong for you to move in here or allow illegal immigrants move into the city. Don't speak the language and don't want to, besides everything they do has to be off the books. Makes us feel unsafe when they hang out day and night because they don't need to work because the glover meant is footing the bills. No one gives me food stamps or food cards. I worked here my whole live and never have extra but nothing is given me but you move in law breakers and turn your back to it. If immigrants are going to be here they should be legal and pay their own way for everything.
I think Nen does a terrific job. And also the commissioner's.
I think our neighborhood is pretty neat. Thank you for new water lines. Just wish we could have repaved the whole street not just side that was used. Police are great, they could use a few more.
I think some of the streets should be looked at and resurfaced
I think that the City needs to revamp and implement a more comprehensive and inclusive public input policy across ALL of it's departments. I also think that the city needs to make an effort to hire young professionals and create a work environment where employees want to go above and beyond. The city also needs to take more progressive actions that will move Dayton into the future and not sit back, especially related to sustainability, energy, alternative transportation, and urban livability.
I think the cities goal of being immigrant friendly is a good step in the right direction. We still need to improve economic inequality which would help many other issues , such as gun violence, police relations, race relations, neighborhood improvements and downtown and urban core neighborhood redevelopment. Also, next time make this box bigger so we can see what we already typed!
I think the City Water Department needs to change its policy on shut-offs. I consistently pay my water bill early and the one time I had an issue with the City website and my payment was not processed my water was scheduled for a shut-off without my knowledge even though I contacted the Water Department several times to find out why my payment had not come out of my account. One of the clerks just happened to mention it the day my water was scheduled to be turned off. The reason I was having trouble submitting the payment online was because the Water Department had recently "upgraded" its website and I think I experienced problems during the transition.
I think the way the police deal with drug dealers is a joke. We had a known drug house in our neighborhood. Would call when drug traffic was heavy and nothing would happen.
I thought it was very informative, thank you for caring.
I was born in Dayton, been all my life.
I was unhappy with the decision about the aquifer. The Commission should have followed the advice of their own committee. The big business folk did not seem trustworthy to me. If no applause is allowed, people should be told that beforehand. Very unpleasant meeting for many reasons!
i went to the north Dayton police station to report squatters living across the street cooking drugs and the office wasn't open on a Saturday afternoon . i waited for an hour for someone to come. they didn't.
I wish the trash collection service was more professional, there are times where my trash can (emptied) just get tossed into the street after service. Collection service has cracked my car multiple times and were aware and did a hit and run. I witnessed with my very eyes but have no proof.
I would be more likely to stay in Dayton as a resident long term if academic performance of Dayton Public Schools improved to Excellent and crime rates fell. I am planning to have children and want them to feel safe and become highly educated.
I would like to see potholes filled in faster. Better services, IE : More food stamps to seniors and disabled than 16/00 mo. that doesn't even cover my milk for the month. my house is 102 yrs. old & has mold growing in the basement.
I would like to see the mayor and city commission seek input from those they represent and not act on their own. The commission isn't very diverse and certainly don't represent me very well and are not business friendly
I would like to see the vacant housing reap program changed to include houses that are occupied.
I would like to see vacant houses taken more care of in neighborhoods.
I would like to Thank the City of Dayton Police Department & The Planning Department for doing a wonderful Job!
I would love to see more things of beauty, nicer department stores like at Austin Landing etc.
I would never send my child to Dayton City Schools.

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I would not object to immigrants next door if they spoke English in public. Did not approve of Wright Bros school changing to 6th to 8th grades only!
I would only support a merger if it was executed with democracy. I think it would benefit the City of Dayton Financially if they merged with the County. However, I don't think Dayton should loose there voice, control or their right to govern Dayton. I just think it should be done jointly with the same leadership.
Idea to cut vacant lots more frequently with new tax money is idiotic. Use the money to find a better way to keep grass low. Use no-mow grass, mulch them, wildflowers, something. You can't buy enough equipment to increase mowing three-fold. The pollution from all that mowing just adds t climate change. You are creating a massive cost that we will have to pay every year to eternity to keep vacant lots cut at this new standard. Enough! Eliminate mowing them at all and think of the money the City will save until eternity while saving the planet.
If we all got involved with our community organizations and helped our neighbors and kept our properties and areas clean - Things would get better
Illegally confiscating property without proper notice!
I'm a widow with a special needs son, age 23. Very concerned about the value of my home. Too many empty homes on this street. Feel like I live in a slum area.
Improve all neighborhoods east and west, no just downtown. We do pay taxes also.
Improve the schools to encourage buying in Dayton.
improving area neighborhoods
In Dayton, lot of things need to be improved
in Saint Annes Hill we maintain our own parks and greenways.
is it possible to add additional qualifiers and comments for questions included on this survey?
it is a dying city, such a shame
It would be nice if some homeowners and renters would take more pride taking care of their property. How much better would Dayton look.
It would be nice if the city would service the street lights that are out in the neighborhoods
It would be nice if you provided more incentives/ tax break to large companies to move to Dayton. It's hard to start a career in Dayton which affect quality of life. Push for more local business!
It would be nice to see more enforcement of business cleanliness standards.
It would be nice to see the City of Dayton make the West Side of Dayton , a place people would live to eat out and enjoy their community
it would really be nice to have some time of sit down eatery in this area and some type of activity for children jobs, effective police, maintain roads, will bring people to Dayton, Ball parks, bike paths, riverscape, will bring people thru Dayton, learn the difference
Just that our streets are in terrible shape. When they fo fill the potholes they are never smoothed out, just lumpy. We pay taxes too and feel neglected. Fix our streets!
legal immigrants not illegal
Let's not let Dayton be taken over by Montgomery County. We need the Arcade to be vitalized.
let's take care of what we have
level the streets with the man hole covers and clean up all the garbage that is blown around
like any city there are issues, but for the most part feel safe downtown. the police do a great job with the resources they have available to them
lived here entire life, never wanted to live anywhere else.
lived in Redington for 43 years has never been repaved
local streets need paved, we need a city swimming pool, and river fishing areas
loud music from homes and cars, no pick up after walking dogs, mowing at 4:30 in the morning, feeding stray cats, that keep having cats, over and over, refrigerator on the front porch, really is this Dayton, The City Beautiful?
Low income/senior housing in Dayton is ridiculous. So much drama, bedbugs, and grossness at the Biltmore and at Asbury Estates in my neighborhood. Constant drug deals in cars throughout the neighborhood with occasional prostitution. Kids found a gun a few years ago. Closing down the market on Main St was a huge plus, but the new crop of people at Asbury are pilled out or something. The blast through stop signs and speed through allies. Other than Asbury, the neighborhood is very nice. Low income/senior housing is thwarting potential growth and flooding the streets with dangerous looking characters. And there has been a horrendous smell that starts around 7 or 8pm and hangs in the air until early morning hours. This happens about 4 days a week. We have to sleep with our windows closed or the house become too toxic. Thanks for taking the time to read this.
Low interest loans for home repairs in Dayton even if underwater
Make it clear to a dispatcher that when I call to report a crime do not ask me if I want to report it -- of course I do. Why else am I calling?
make it harder to buy houses for rental property. make it harder on land lords and out of state rental property management companies. Q# 37 Police, Tax or Utility Billing
make the fourth of July fireworks illegal - can discuss with someone at 227 6995

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maybe a general mailing with numbers to call for potholes, suspicious activity, what dept. deals with what problem, etc.
Mexicans do not respect our animal laws and let they animals run loose and do not try to learn our language
More businesses
More compassion and love in its processes, protocols, and procedures!
More development needed on the west side. Build some new houses on some, not all of vacant lots. Allow chickens. Let people know Dayton is affordable and Ed Choice vouchers are available for each grade level (new) until DPS improves. If DPS had a great leader, I'd pay more taxes to support better schools. also for better street quality and new housing development and west side commercial development and infrastructure.
More help for senior citizens
More help on drug and gun violence and crime against citizens
more neighborhood police,...the movement of city space causes homes once \$100,000 plus, now under \$70,000
More opportunities to recycle
more vacant houses and buildings need to be removed
Most of my dealings with DPD has been at my work, in the 45404 zip code. It is hit or miss in terms of respectfulness for my clients (homeless population) and their response time is generally slow which has made for unsafe situations.
My apartment building has no recycling program at all. A lot of good material is trashed for no good reason.
My family has been in Dayton since 1800's. I've traveled the nation in my career. Dayton is generally the worst because of crime. The judicial system and liberal media keep our fine police officers bound by social and twisted cultural handcuffs.
My husband was pastor for twenty-five years, and we see a great change a few years past. Now I see the Commission and Mayor are doing a great job.
Need a program to offer vets housing. The roads are terrible. Potholes need to be fixed. The lower the income level in a neighborhood, the worse the roads are.
Need grocery downtown
Need more empty rundown houses removed.
Need more police coverage and quick response
need more police discussion
need more police present in neighborhood.
need repair roads...remove abandon run down homes
Need the US Army, or DEA to do better on drugs all over Dayton, for meth, crack, heroin, and hard core drug housing
Need to do something about drug problems in my neighborhood & why so much housing being built in downtown. Can't you think of something else to put there, like shopping for the elderly?
need to enforce people that don't keep their property clean. Clean streets of trash + paper
need to fix the roads on Spaulding Road, close to Carroll High School by the bend, it's horrible., Comment Q#23-31 Do not have any children
need to improve the scenery, west third st to east third st, and main st
Need to look at repaving local resident streets.
need to spend \$ on streets and the over grown trees, and not just parts of Oak St., need more speed bumps
need to stop worrying about National problems and run the City
Need weather channel back on TV
Neighborhood beat officers. Offer vacant homes or land for \$1.00 for young families to rehab. Revitalizes the neighborhoods and City would gain property tax dollars. Use vacant homes and apartments to homeless.
Neighbors of vacant property could mow-n-maintain yards for a lesser cost than the city of Dayton
New gun laws - harsher drug laws - rude police officers. No respect to neighbors. Loud music day and night. Rent too high.
New School Board Please
No Chickens !!!
no choices in the City. Need more shops, a theater, Grocery Store
No confidence in Mayor
No grocery store
No merger of Dayton and Montgomery County!!!!
No parking signs from 8-11 AM Wednesday (trash day). Area these signs cover much too large. Covers all area in front of my house at 1333 Pursell Ave.
no sanctuary city
No, thank you the city of Dayton for the good work. Well done Dayton city
Norcan is a waste of taxpayer money, prefer tax money to go to improvements of city.

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not enough policing in Dayton neighborhoods especially as the weather gets warmer, Q# 56 and Q# 57 depends on the officer
NOT SURE (SMILE)
Older houses in bad shape & need torn down - Fires/ need torn down, remove, trees, gone also.
on day saw drug dealer serve four customers at one time , car to car exchanges, Q#42-47, parking is limited
one house on this street looks very bad, the other is running two businesses, a car repair shop and a baby sitting service
opposed to the merger plan with the county, but other alternatives could be an improvement
Our City is starting to thrive again, I think more activities on the Court house is needed, not just for the Lbgt community
Our police and fire are our first line of help in given situations; yet because we don't have enough of them, and they have to stay concentrated in the worst areas, we don't get timely responses in our area when we need them. We need to STOP cutting these forces and cut some of the bureaucratic windbags running unnecessary departments instead. Let them go help somewhere else!
overall household is happy living in Dayton
Overall the City has done a great job. Revitalization of downtown has been a great effort and is positive. To improve property values and keep people living here, the schools need to improve.
Overgrown brush in neighbors' back yards, next door and across alley to house on McNair Street.
Pass an ordinance that prevents the use of latex gloves in restaurants or ANY food prep. to protect people with Latex allergies.
pave bad streets & pot holes. Police need to be friendly to all citizens, not just white people
pay taxes and have called a number of times about large holes in the street in this neighborhood
Please do not get rid of Garden Station. It is very valuable for the city. It is important that residents feel their contributions to creating it matter.
Please fix the roads and potholes. Car problems due to, this is very expensive.
Police are slow to respond to non-violent crimes, also panhandling has gotten out of control.
Police Department - after hours liquid joint. Would call every week. It took a person to lose his life before they closed the joint down.
Police do not respond to neighborhood concerns about the culture of lawbreaking in traffic violations.
Police response time and follow up for non-emergency calls needs to drastically improve. Also very disappointed in lack of consistency or follow up from the Dayton Delivers App. Leaves a false sense that something will get done or be heard.
Police treatment is different depending on race, gender and neighborhood.
Problem of speeding cars on Arbor Ave., no help from City for extra stop signs or speed bumps.
Problems with trash collection
Property taxes - your police and fireman moved because of taxes.
Property taxes are too high for the elderly.
Prosecutor's office failed our family as victims of crime.
public notice and priority board meetings/ Youth programs parks and activity for preteens/ curfew for 17/ voting polls clearly marked
Q # 37 Bd of election
Q# 33, vacant structures, stay on the homeowners to maintain their property so that they don't have to be destroyed . How easy is that?
Q# 37 Street maintenance, Cutting weeds and grass
Q# 37 Building Inspection, Tax or Utility Billing
Q# 37 City Manager's Office, Police, Recreation & Youth Service, Tax or Utility Billing
Q# 37 Housing Inspection,, Fire, Police, Recreation & Youth ServicesNeeds hell of improvements
Q# 44 There are none
Q#33 35-40 years ago Dayton sold a house for \$1, Q#56 & #57 Parents and Teaches should teach respect, video games are a major concern regarding violence
Q#37 bulk pick-up.....Q#50 grandkids
Q#37 Building Inspection, Housing Inspection, Police
Q#37 Fire, Police, Tax or Utility Billing
Q#39, No, it was not handled at all, Q#65 too much violence, too much drugs, too much crime. to live in Dayton, Ohio
Q#59 Called in to report debris on the highway, Q#65 City of Dayton is diversified, combining old buildings with revitalized and new opportunities, libraries, and great music at the Shuster
quality of road can be improved
quit wasting money
Racial profiling, abandoned houses, street potholes, not enough (safe) activities for kids.

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Random (?) gunshots are heard a few times a month. I have 3 vacant (for years) and dilapidated homes next door to me -- have been vacant for years!
Roads need work!
rebuild Main Street, north of downtown
reinforce security during early morning hours
road conditions need to improve. Housing Inspections more frequent with fines enforced for negligence to improve overall appearance. Q#39 they returned call. Q#37 Housing Inspection and Planning & Community Development, Q# 33 good for redevelopment, #17 it depends, legal status! Our country has its own poor to care for, Q# 6 Poor road conditions, May God Bless the City of Dayton
roads nearby need work, Frederick Pike is used heavily, has many rough spots
Roads, especially alleys in OND need much attention
Section 8 is a big problem in our area. The government who funds the program and landlords need to be held accountable.
should have never gotten rid of priority bonds things are now worse
Snow removal certainly needs to be addressed. The use of City of Dayton as safe-haven for displaced refugees is a very alarming idea.
Some alleys are in terrible shape.
sorry tree service; cutting to clean the (cant read) lines
Speed bumps on Cleveland Ave
still waiting on a new trash can
stop spending money on the West Side, they seem not to care and wind-up tearing it up. Find a better place to spend it. Dayton, it is a great city, Don't like all these abandoned houses, over grown lawns, trashed alleys. The trash people will not pick up anything not in city trash container, except bulk pick-up. Take lesson from Huber Height trash pick-up. Basically anything by trash can pick-up, this would lead to less trash built up in alleys. Would not continue to live here at going rate, Will go back to Huber Heights, less crime, better trash service, friendlier people
stop the heroin
Street conditions are getting worse. Need potholes fixed sooner and repaving.
Street so dark, City needs to put up more lighting in the neighborhood. Strongly suggest camera in alleys.
streets are crumbling
Streets are in bad shape.
Streets in neighborhood are awful!
strongly against any attempt to merge with Montgomery County's hostile take over
Survey doesn't fit return envelope
Survey too long. 50 questions would've been enough
take care of the potholes in alleys
Tax Incentives for those living in the Historic Districts, Oregon, Southpark, St. Annes Hill, Huffman, McPhearson
Thank you for your interest
thank you guys, you are doing a fine job. Q# 37 Building Inspection, City Manager's Office, Planning & Community Development, Public Affairs, Tax or Utility Billing, Q# 50 grand kids
The administration should respond to Citizen Prapley -- not good when running for office.
The air pollution issue we are currently experiencing on this side of town has become a major health concern
The city is starting to look dirty to me. So much cement, no bright colors. Seeing more trash on the streets. the City is very shabby and dirty looking. It really needs to change for the good people to stay.
The city needs to attract new business, create new jobs, and boost technology. It needs to reinvigorate the entrepreneurial spirit that put it on the map
The city needs to cut and trim trees and bushes on [illegible] lots at least once a year. It would make the neighborhood look better.
The City of Dayton has definitely gone downhill. Increasing crime, decreasing jobs, poor decisions by Dayton gov't officials .
The City of Dayton is a seething cesspool, full of thieves, drug addicts, backward, unwashed hillbillies and thugs. There are too many for the courts to prosecute them all. Dayton is not a good place to live.
The City of Dayton is definitely moving in the right direction with bikes, bike paths, resurgence of downtown. Couls fairgrounds be turned into a beautiful central park? Need shopping in Dayton. Investigate Canadian dept. store Simon's and Meijer and Target. The City of Dayton, Dayton Metro Library and Dayton Public Schools need to work on sharing resources, both print and digital.
The City of Dayton needs to have recreation centers for kids in their neighborhoods (Westwood area). Update Westwood library.
the city of Dayton should tell the state of Ohio to try to make a train for the people to travel between the cities

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the city of Dayton's customer service is non-existent. Some of the rudest people I have encountered. Perhaps they need to be reminded, without residents, they don't have a job
The City really needs to work on the killing of small children. Social Services need to check more often.
the city should do more about these abandoned houses. landlord should Not be responsible for tenant water bill
The city's streets are in deplorable condition. If I don't hit a million potholes as I travel around the city and in my own neighborhood, I am certain to hit a billion manhole covers that are at a depth far greater than the potholes. Why is it not possible to raise the level of these covers to the level of the surrounding street? Each layer of asphalt seems to make the depressions deeper.
the condition of the City-run golf course sucks
The conditions if the roads up and down Third Street, Gettysburg, and James H McGee could deter potential home buyers, businesses, and investment. To see the city invest more capital, time and effort in west Dayton would be great. Currently there are sign on Gettysburg that say rough road and suggested speed rather than fixing the issues.
The cost of trash removal. We should have the option to opt out of trash removal and allow our bill to be lowered. Cannot afford the water/trash bill.
the Dayton police harasses black males
The drug deals are frequent early morning + late at night, cars pull under light in front of house
the drug problem is a heavy burden on the city of Dayton: cost, manpower, etc.
The East section of Dayton has become a ghetto since 1990. The city has destroyed middle and upper middle neighborhoods -- it is a disgrace and extremely dangerous.
the empty and deplorable houses
the grass on vacant properties needs to be addressed
The Linden Heights area is being ignored. Trash in alleys -- alleys need repaved -- over-growth of vegetation, etc.
the mayor is way too liberal and invites illegal immigrants Dayton was headed in the right direction under Turner but is much less safe now. Too many rentals.
The Mayor needs to stop pushing the Democratic Party Agenda and represent the whole city. If not, we will never grow! She is a bad representation of the city when she does this.
the police arrival time when called are extremely poor. Still waiting on them to show from a call over a year ago
The race relations are not what are traditionally expected. There is an increasing overall hostility toward whites by blacks.
The rating of Dayton Public Schools is a significant issue. We have a 1yr old and 4yr old. Our friends constantly ask what we are going to do, strangers ask us what we are going to do and our parents beg us to move. The schools have to achieve a higher rating.
the roads have been in very poor condition for a very long time, maybe taxes could be increased slightly to repair roads, lots of damage to vehicles !
The streets are so bad, have spent over \$3k, in a year, and other concerns
The streets in my neighborhood need to be repaved. There are so many potholes on my street alone. I've had to buy new tires. Also, too many empty homes + unkempt lots
The streets need attention
The vacant house with the jungle at 421 N. Wright is atrocious. I'm sure there are rats. It's embarrassing to live on this street. The schools are a joke, we toured them all. None felt safe. Lots of vacant houses in area
The war on drugs is a waste of tax dollars. The fact that our police tax people over marijuana and protect the black market is sick.
the West Side is excluded from everything. No stores, no place to shop, no restaurants, except fast food.
the West Side of Dayton has very bad potholes in the streets, many cars are damaged
The Wright-Dunbar area looks like a ghost town (w 3rd St.) Bring back urban nights or other activities. Fix streets, Salem Ave. Bring back businesses. Too many Dolla liquor stores
The zero tolerance for drugs & violence etc. needs to be strongly enforced all around the Ashwood Lounge.
There are 2 street lights that have missing or broken bulbs in them for the past 6 years. I have called numerous times to have this issue fixed and nothing. The alley has needed paved for the last 10 years. Called the city about it and nothing. I see money being wasted on roads that didn't need paved and we are all now paying an extra lighting tax but we can't get anything fixed. Do you guys know how to set priorities? I'm losing faith in this city and I just have to settle for it is what it is because either the government doesn't care or they don't know what they are doing.
There are too many houses being torn down in the Westwood neighborhood,. How about bringing back the \$1.00 houses in effort to revitalize neighborhood. Q # 71 live with elderly parent
There has been a lot more people panhandling at the off ramps of Rt 4 and Rt 35. They approach the driver's window and can be scary. Cop just drives by and does nothing.
There is a convenience store business on Phillips and Wyoming that has been there almost 2 years and still no sign-ugly old light makes neighborhood look more trashy

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There is a heavy problem with litter. Also, I think there should be a stronger outreach of our first responder's to mentor the children of all ages, race, religion and gender
there is a significant amount of room for the improvement of Dayton's appearance (grounds keeping, demolitions, potholes).
there is abandoned housing in the neighborhood that needs to be torn down
There is not enough being done with the drug activities in neighborhoods, always the same answer, that it is being looked into. Hearing this for years.
There is nothing interesting about Dayton that would make someone want to move, or raise a family there. Please make Dayton a city again. It's like being in Detroit
There needs to be more pride in neighborhoods, starting with Commissioners. Make people pay if they don't apply. Just do more. My garage floods. There's a manhole right there too high to catch water.
There needs to be road repairs on my street. Nevard and Drill Road
There were no questions that spoke to the policy regarding development. Asking if the City is going in the right direction is ambiguous. Who/what determines the direction the city goes in?
There's nothing for the children on the west side to do, no centers, nothing for them to look forward to
they need to hire more help to clean city streets
things now seem to be about the area of the city you live in and income - when I have complained on services to official (police) - people in other Dayton offices I have been told if i don't like how it's handled maybe I should MOVE! Maybe people should do their jobs that they are paid very well to do!
This city is plagued with drug use. Something must be done. The neighborhoods look terrible, except for individuals who care. The slum lords should not be allowed to rent substandard housing.
this city is boring
This is a great city. It's super affordable, very friendly, and has a lot going for it. I want Dayton to be a great place to raise a family, but so far the neighborhoods are struggling. People have lost faith. The City needs to get that back and get people involved. We can't have the same change-agents doing all the work all the time.
This should not be a sanctuary city
Too many empty houses. Too many speed chases. Don't cut grass at empty homes enough. No parks or activities for kids on the west side.
Too many pit bulls in neighborhood, and please, no chickens.
Too many vacant houses... not enough jobs... I am an IT professional and have worked in Cincy and Columbus for the last 5 years
Traffic cameras are unconstitutional and shouldn't be used in Dayton
Trash everywhere-budget needed to clean and keep clean. Very embarrassing! Lighted trash cans in neighborhood may help deter littering also drug department building and loud music and shooting.
trying to get someone out to clean up weeds, called many times and they never send anyone to clean up
unhappy that gov't businesses in this neighborhood (post office, police station) are unkempt and overgrown, Try to keep our yard nice, feel there is an attitude of "don't waste money, it's only Five Oaks"? ...We cannot make a profit if we sell our home, f it would even sell. Q#52 sent ours to private schools,
vacant housing across the alley needs to go ! neighborhood trash, couches, etc., in yards needs to go also !!
Vacant properties transformed in places like Garden Station make downtown special and we want to live here.
Vacant structures need torn down. More cuts on vacant to keep grass from getting to 4 to 5 ft.
Very concerned about schools - wish I could feel confident in them and am wanting to leave due to it.
Very good job.
Was threatened with a gun recently. drugs are everywhere and bums. this are to expensive
wasted revenue on fool hardy. i.e. Arcade project, the only new housing are Section 8
water bill is too high, back-up from sewer and bill is going up. No improvement in service
Water collection needs to go back to [illegible]. Trash is being collect to lake
water is very bad, smell bad, to taste
Way too many abandoned houses in my neighborhood. It looks terrible and is reducing the property value. The grass is too high and windows broke out. Tear them down!
We cannot allow the failure of our schools to continue. We cannot allow the State to take over our schools. We need to invest more money into our kids than into our jails. We need police to be more active in knowing the community it polices. We need to keep places like Garden Station that are an outlet for so many school kids, adults, and shows so many in the community how to use what you have to create cool sustainable places. We cannot allow the gentrification deom
We have a fantastic heritage. Hold student age and adults responsible and press the importance of learning heritage, academics. As a teacher I learned to start out with 2+2 and go on up. Mrs. Edelman is a great example.
We have neighbors that put trash out and it stays out for weeks. Also some let their grass grow long and needs to fix and clean their house and yard.
We moved here 7 weeks ago.

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We need a grocery store in downtown. I have to drive twenty minutes to reach a safe store, and it's just a Walmart.
We need more residential and community collaborations. Residents need to be involved in decisions about their neighborhoods
We need more things for the young people to do. They have too much time doing nothing. More people-friendly policemen.
We need to get the drug problems eliminated or reduced.
We would like to see more focus on the Main Street corridor: Santa Clara crime and appearance are huge issues. Large clusters of vacant houses in Santa Clara are used by criminals and drug dealers
Well the city work get pay full day and work three hour but get pay for 8 hour, the go home after 11:00. Waste tax payer money.
West Dayton streets and infrastructure poorly cared for. Flooding and street repair particularly of concern (also snow removal).
what ever happened to the Leaf Vacuum?
What was the results of the chicken survey?
What's the plan for empty lot where GM was at. What's going to be done about all the empty houses in this area, what's the plan for the empty GM old area?
When I had a break-in several years ago, the officer who came was very helpful but the detective in charge took no interest whatsoever
Why are some of the street lights in the Oregon district on all the time , day and night.
why are there two sets of rules as far as what people can do. ...why do some people buy houses and not fix them up.
Why does the city not care about the west side of Dayton? Are we a forgotten people? I would like to know.
Why is it so hard to get the drug pushers out of the neighborhood? Good neighbors are moving, some selling their home at a loss.
Why not go back to community policing? Officers in neighborhoods on golf carts interacting with neighbors
Why the streets on the west side of town are so bad. It tears up your car.
why they keep building housing if fixing them up and they don't let people move in them. need more on the west side beside rundown buildings.
Will promise you something and never get back to you. I was promised some trees over a year ago.
Wish there were a Drug Force that Dayton had to bust dealers and by doing so saving lives. These parasites need to be buried under the jail
Work on schools, public safety, urban farming, community gardens, more of a sense of community in the neighborhoods, senior care + services
work out a way to rehab and reuse vacant buildings as they become vacant, or provide assistance to owners to maintain stability, Q# 37, building inspection, economic development, housing inspection, planning and community development
Would like more info on the merger. Would like more info on how city is cleaning up the neighborhoods.
would like the old river bend art center to be reopen. we need some activities that are reasonable
Would like to City do a better job with demolition of more dilapidated houses and keep the city grass cut and under control.
Would like to know what the city plans are for 45403 - love the downtown concepts but very concerned about the deterioration of Nuffman, Livingston, Klee, Pleasant area.
would like to see a "quicker" response time when reporting drug activity, not waiting for two hours for a patrol officer to arrive on scene. Q# 37 Police and Public Works Call Center
would like to see house torn down, on the back street
would like to see more city of Dayton personnel in neighborhood
Would like to see more police patrol Hilltop Apartments. People drive way too fast through neighborhood. Drug deals happen at all hours.
Would like to see more vacant apartments torn down & a greater police presence.
Would like to see streets cleaned up. Trash and street sweeper more often.
Would like to see walls between Whitney Young Estates and private residence + speed bumps on Aldwich Rd.
Would like trash collectors to pick up trash that falls out of truck
Wright Patterson UFO secrets hanger 1 and 18 & a Trump and Bernie ticket
Yes, drug violations are not enforced and littering and bulk dumping on other's properties is a problem
Yes, why don't the immigrants in Dayton ever get stopped by police for not displaying a front license plate on their vehicles or for the dark tinted windows?
Yes! Gun violence needs to be enforced more in this city, and elderly people downtown should feel safer and on the RTA buses.
Yes! I called 911 when my other fell. Fire engine came. No medic this side of town. So they put her in my car and put a mark on my new car! I drove her to the hospital!

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Yes, firearms going off a lot more frequently...Call + never see any patrol cars even drive by to check out situations
Yes, get rid of vacant houses. They are dangerous, unsanitary, sets back progress back decades, ugly, creepy.
Yes, I would like someone to be contact me regarding the answers to this survey.
Yes, the drug sales in my area are out of control, people from other communities drive up sit on my street until the drug dealer drives up. Please Help Us! They are not doing that in Oakwood or Kettering or Centerville and the amount of taxes we pay are similar. The Police are to protect and serve. My wife and I are both professionals and we will be forced to leave the area because of this.
Yes. I appreciate the ability to answer this survey. But has the city every considered replacing the income tax with a sales tax?
Yes. The house next door was pushed over. But the remains looks horrible -- is anyone supposed to finish it.
You asked me about immigrants. I was very upset that the Mayor openly invited immigrants that have not been Checked into our neighborhood. She does not use common sense.
you really should have let the merger idea go further, you killed it way too soon, Q# 51 they go to Stivers
You're doing what you can, but a lot of side streets need paved.