

# City of Dayton, Ohio



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## Executive Summary

### Project Overview

The 2018 Dayton Survey, conducted among 1,503 randomly-selected Dayton residents, provides an overview of the needs, values, and challenges of the City's residents.

Conducted from May 16 through July 9, 2018, this random sample survey of City residents achieved very broad representation. Responses were collected both through the mail and online, in both English and Spanish. According to the principles of random sampling, results for this survey are accurate within a range of  $\pm 2.5\%$  at the 95% confidence level. Hilary Browning was the survey's Project Manager for the City of Dayton. Technical aspects of the survey were administered by OpinionWorks LLC, an independent research organization.

Through various public outreach methods, the City informed its residents that the survey was being conducted and encouraged residents to respond. OpinionWorks 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 in June and July 2018 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 that are not representative of a cross-section of the City's residents, including possibly people who live outside the city limits, those results have been provided to City staff separately and are not included in the scientific sample reported here.

A public survey has been conducted for more than 30 years in Dayton. Where possible in this report, survey data is benchmarked to historical trends. In 2016, the survey methodology was updated to be more broadly representative of the City's population. Particular attention in this report will be paid to comparing the current year's data with the 2016 baseline measurement and the annual update conducted in 2017.

### Where the City is Improving or Performing Well

There has been a notable improvement in several public safety measures:

- Since 2016, the number of residents saying they feel safe being out alone in their neighborhood at night has risen five percentage points, from 48% to 53%. The percentage who feel unsafe has dropped over the same period from 50% to 44%.
- The share of the City's residents who are concerned about the possibility of gun violence in their neighborhood has dropped from 66% in 2016 to 64% today.

- The number of residents who said they “see drug transactions, or activities that appear to be drug dealing” daily or weekly has dropped from 38% in 2016, to 35% last year, to 31% today.

Some measures of neighborhood satisfaction show progress:

- Residents’ overall satisfaction with their neighborhoods has risen from 45% in 2016 to 48% in 2018, while dissatisfaction has dropped five points over that same period, from 34% to 29%. But that satisfaction is very uneven, ranging as high as 68% Downtown and 67% in Northeast, to a low of 21% in Innerwest and 32% in FROC.
- How residents feel about the quality of housing in their neighborhood is mixed, depending on where they live. Residents in Downtown, Northeast and Southeast are most satisfied: 72% satisfied with housing quality in Downtown, 66% in Northeast and 54% in Southeast. Satisfaction in these neighborhoods has grown over prior years, particularly in Downtown, which saw satisfaction increase by 4% and dissatisfaction decrease by 3%.
- Satisfaction with the maintenance of parks and green spaces has increased from 41% to 44% since 2016.
- In terms of social cohesion, there is modest evidence of improving trust within neighborhoods, with the number who have moderate or higher trust in their neighbors rising from 74% in 2017 to 77% in 2018.
- There is also a slight increase in the number who said they “would be supportive if an immigrant family moved in next door to me,” rising from 56% in 2016 to 58% in 2018.

One significant measure of customer service has improved. Among residents who had an issue that needed to be handled by the City, 54% said they were satisfied with the City’s handling of the issue, compared to only 49% two years ago. Dissatisfaction with the City’s handling of the issue has dropped eight percentage points over that period, from 23% to 15%.

In terms of City services and amenities, there is a positive relationship between services that are most important to residents, and those where they express the greatest satisfaction with the City’s performance.

- Fire and EMS, Water and Wastewater, and Police services are three of the four most important services or amenities for residents, and all evoke satisfaction ratings that are well above average.
- The fourth of that most-important group, the condition of their neighborhoods, scores lower on the satisfaction scale and is very uneven across the City.
- Two other services generate high satisfaction scores: Waste collection and Recycling.

## Challenges Remain

Dayton continues to face a number of important challenges:

- More people continue to think the appearance of their neighborhood is getting worse (33%), compared to those who think it is getting better (20%). Residents of Southwest, Northwest, Innerwest, and FROC are much more likely to say the appearance of their neighborhood is getting worse.
- Residents in Southwest, Innerwest, FROC and Northwest were more likely to be dissatisfied with the quality of housing in their neighborhoods than satisfied. A plurality of residents in both FROC and Innerwest, 46% and 47% respectively, reported they were dissatisfied. Residents reported issues with vacant and abandoned houses, as well as lack of upkeep, when given an open-ended ability to comment.
- Greater satisfaction with street maintenance is not yet being seen in the survey; frustration with the quality of the City's streets is the top issue mentioned by residents when given an open-ended ability to comment.
- Two measures of neighborhood engagement have declined since 2016. The percentage who said they often or sometimes attend meetings or events in their neighborhood has declined from 32% to 27%. The number who often or sometimes talk to their neighbors has fallen from 85% to 78% in that same time period.
- One-third of residents said they do not have access to fresh groceries, and one-fifth said they do not have adequate access to health services near where they live.
- Meanwhile, 22% - almost one resident in four – said they are “always” or “usually...worried or stressed about having enough money to pay vital expenses like your rent, mortgage, or food,” thinking back over the last 12 months.
- More than twice as many residents believe race relations in Dayton have gotten worse (27%) vs. improved (11%) over the last few years.
- Dissatisfaction Dayton Public Schools has increased significantly, rising from 31% in 2017 to 39% in 2018. Nearly half of all residents (48%) said the quality of the available schools would make them less likely to raise a family in the City of Dayton. Notably, 51% of families with children said this.
- Despite improvement in several public safety indicators, the percentage of residents who said police are generally “respectful” in their dealings with people has dropped significantly in the last two years, from 74% to 67%.
- Street maintenance issues was the top concern for residents in the write-in section. This included: road condition, street sweeping, pothole filling and leaf collection. Other notable concerns were housing quality and vacant buildings in disrepair. A need for greater response to crime and drugs remain predominant concerns for residents, based on their comments.

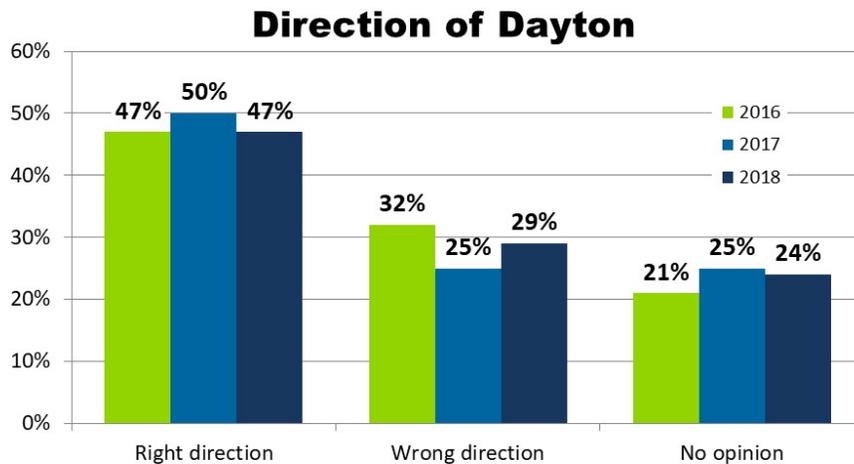
This annual survey identifies areas of improvement and crystallizes other areas that remain challenging for residents. Our detailed report follows.

**Detailed Survey Findings**

**Right Direction/ Wrong Direction**

In the 2018 survey, nearly half (47%) of Dayton residents said “things in Dayton are heading in the right direction,” compared to 29% who said things are heading “in the wrong direction.” The remainder (24%) had no opinion about that.

After recording a slightly higher level of optimism in 2017 (50% right direction vs. 25% wrong direction), the current year has moved closer to survey readings from 2016. The “wrong direction” number remains lower than in 2016.



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Right direction	59%	47%	38%	50%	37%	54%	35%
Wrong direction	16%	33%	39%	30%	40%	22%	37%

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

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While White residents are more prone to see things in Dayton as moving in the right direction (57% right direction vs. 24% wrong direction), African-American residents are much less optimistic in their view (39% right direction vs. 36% wrong direction).

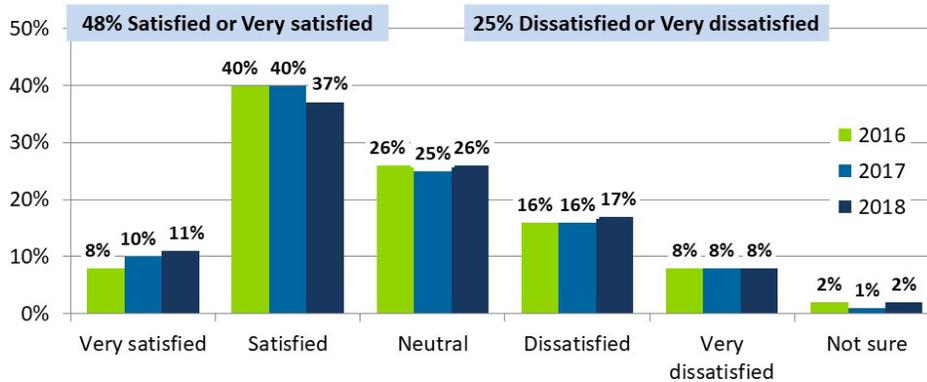
Geographically, narrow pluralities see Dayton moving in the wrong direction in Innerwest (38% right direction vs. 39% wrong direction), Northwest (37% vs. 40%), and Southwest (35% vs. 37%).

### Satisfaction with Dayton as a Place to Live

The percentage of residents who are “very satisfied” with Dayton as a place to live has ticked up again in 2018 to 11%. This is an increase from 8% in 2016 and 10% in 2017.

Overall satisfaction in 2018 is 48%, compared to 25% who are dissatisfied.

### Dayton as a Place to Live



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total Satisfied	78%	38%	42%	46%	42%	57%	35%
Total Dissatisfied	5%	30%	34%	17%	31%	21%	33%

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

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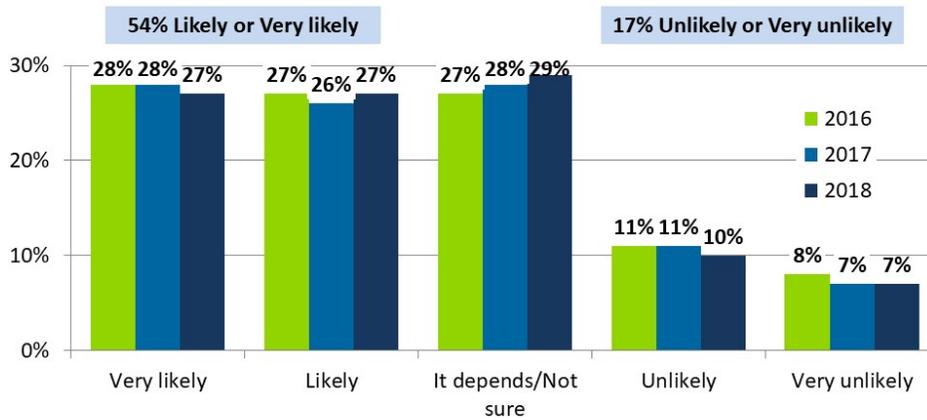
Satisfaction with Dayton as a place to live is much higher among Downtown residents (78%) and among those who live in Northeast (46%). Satisfaction with Dayton is lowest among residents of Southwest (35%) and FROC (38%).

### Likelihood to Remain in Dayton

An important measure of community well-being is residents’ sense of rootedness, and their intention to remain in the community for the foreseeable future. Fifty-four percent of Dayton residents said they are “very likely” (27%) or “likely” (27%) to remain living in Dayton for the next five years, a number that is virtually unchanged over the past three years.

Meanwhile, the number who said they are “unlikely” (10%) or “very unlikely” (7%) totals 17%, its lowest level in the past three years.

### Likelihood to Remain Living in Dayton



	Age 18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Total likely	42%	46%	60%	73%
Total unlikely	29%	21%	13%	5%

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

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People are much more likely to plan on staying put as they age. Sixty percent of those age 50 to 64 said they are likely to stay in Dayton for the foreseeable future, as did 73% of residents over age 65.

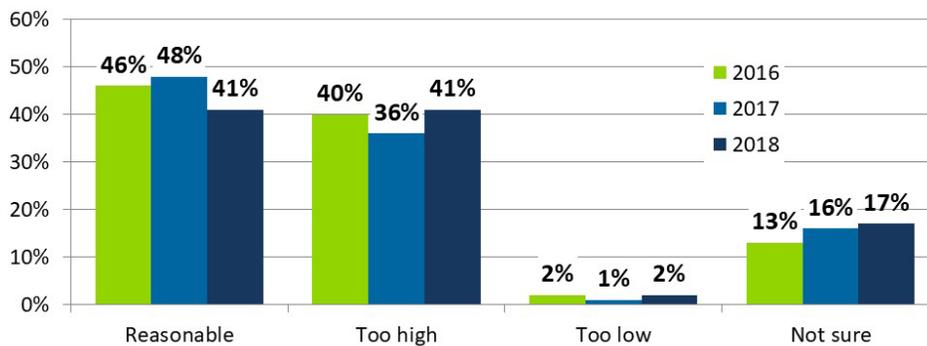
### View of City Taxes

In the past year, the impression of the City’s tax burden has changed. In 2018, 41% of residents feel that the amount of taxes they pay is “reasonable” in comparison to the service they receive, a number which is down from the 48% in 2017 and the 46% in 2016.

At the same time, the number who feel their taxes are “too high” in comparison to the services they receive has grown from 36% last year to 41% in the current survey, which is the highest of the three years. Today, the number who feel their City taxes are too high is on par with those who feel their taxes are reasonable, a significant change from the prior two years.

Note than an additional 2% of residents believe that their taxes are actually too low for the services they receive.

### Impression of City Services Received Compared to Taxes Paid

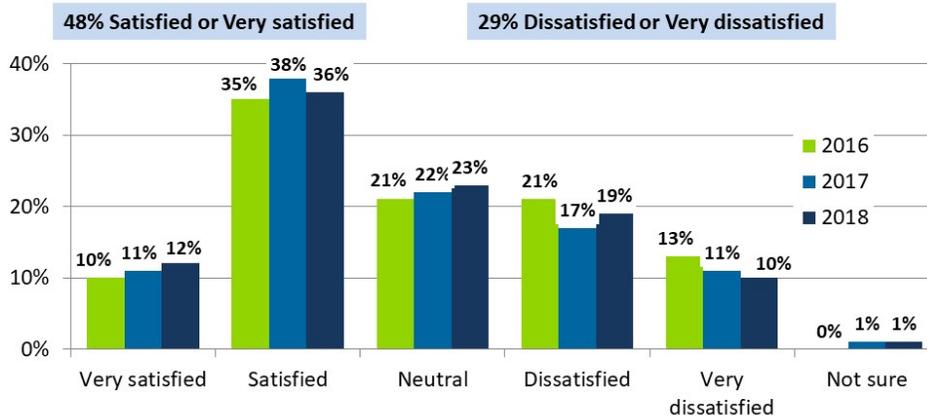


When you compare the services you receive from the City of Dayton to the taxes you pay, does the amount you pay seem reasonable, too high, or too low?

### Satisfaction with Own Neighborhood

Looking back to 2016, there is a positive trendline on neighborhood satisfaction. Overall satisfaction with one’s own neighborhood has risen from 45% in 2016 to 48% in 2018. Meanwhile, overall dissatisfaction has dropped from 34% to 29% in those two years.

### Overall Satisfaction with Neighborhood



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total Satisfied	68%	32%	21%	67%	41%	53%	42%
Total Dissatisfied	6%	43%	48%	17%	37%	22%	37%

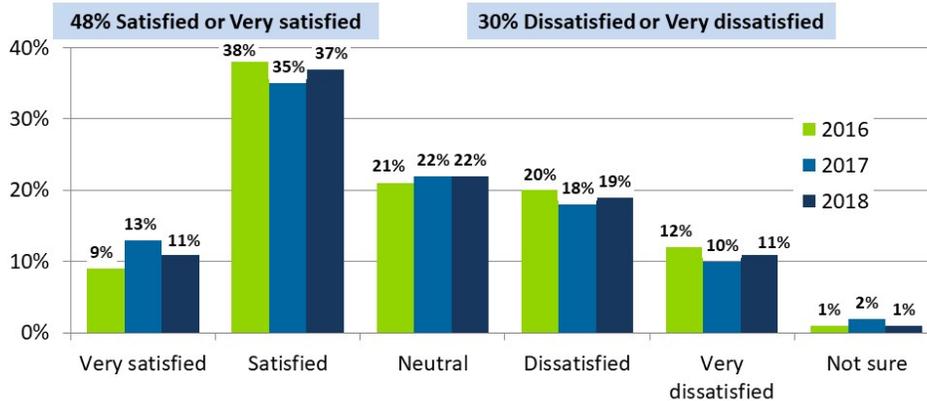
How satisfied are you with your neighborhood overall?

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Neighborhood satisfaction varies greatly depending on where one lives in the City. The table above breaks out the responses by Land Use Council. Neighborhood satisfaction is highest Downtown (68% Satisfied vs. 6% Dissatisfied) and Northeast (67% vs. 17%). Dissatisfaction is highest in Innerwest (21% Satisfied vs. 48% Dissatisfied), followed by FROC (32% vs. 43%).

Forty-eight percent of residents said they are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the housing in their neighborhood, compared to 30% who said they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. These numbers are comparable to the two most recent years.

### Satisfaction with Neighborhood Attributes The Quality of Housing in Your Neighborhood



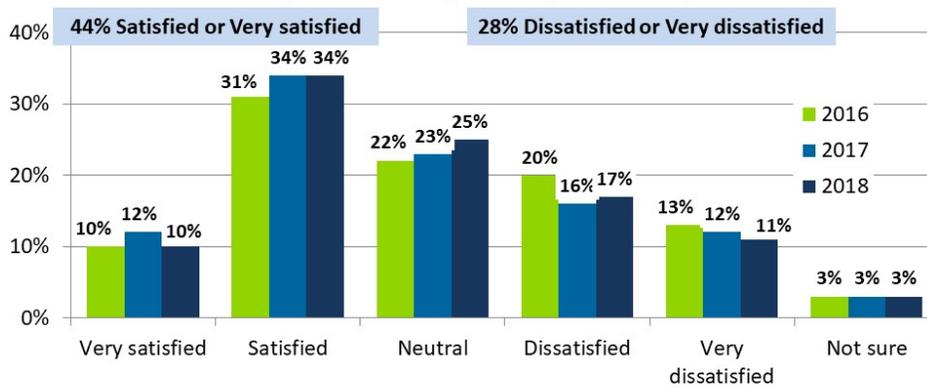
	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total Satisfied	72%	31%	21%	66%	39%	54%	36%
Total Dissatisfied	7%	46%	47%	18%	41%	20%	40%

How satisfied are you with each of these aspects of your neighborhood?  
The quality of housing in your neighborhood

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Satisfaction with the maintenance of parks and green spaces in neighborhoods has improved somewhat since 2016. Two years ago, 41% were satisfied or very satisfied compared to 44% today. The number who are dissatisfied has dropped from 33% to 28% over the same two-year period.

### Satisfaction with Neighborhood Attributes The maintenance of parks and green spaces in your neighborhood



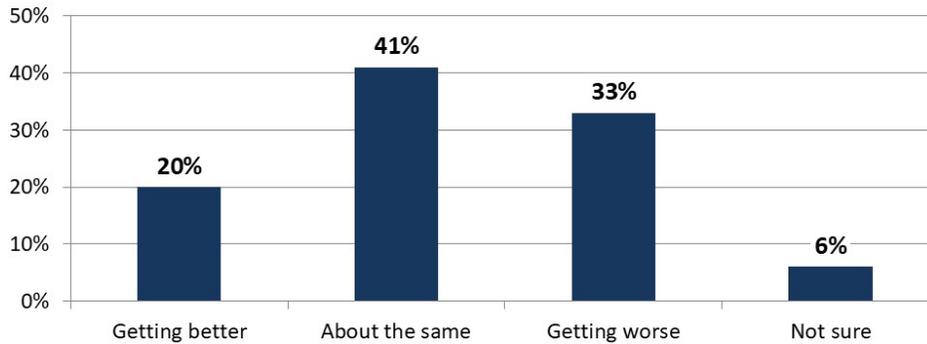
	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total Satisfied	58%	41%	19%	65%	37%	50%	25%
Total Dissatisfied	10%	31%	54%	16%	33%	22%	43%

How satisfied are you with each of these aspects of your neighborhood?  
The maintenance of parks and green spaces in your neighborhood

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In a new question on the 2018 survey, 20% of residents said the appearance of their neighborhood is getting better, while 33% said the appearance is getting worse. More than four in ten (41%) have not noticed a change, saying the appearance of the neighborhood is “about the same.”

### Neighborhood Appearance



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Getting better	56%	19%	21%	20%	10%	24%	11%
About the same	20%	37%	40%	43%	48%	42%	33%
Getting worse	13%	42%	38%	26%	40%	26%	52%

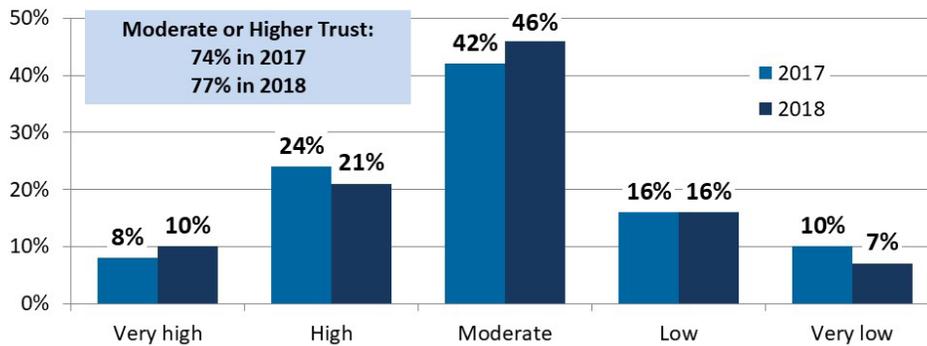
Thinking back over the last several years, is the appearance of your neighborhood getting better, getting worse, or about the same?

### Trust in Neighbors

A feeling of trust in one’s neighbors is an important measure of social cohesion. The 2018 survey finds that this indicator may be improving. Measured on a five-point scale ranging from “very high” to “very low” trust, there is evidence of upward migration on the scale. The percentage who said they have “very high” trust in their neighbors has increased from 8% in 2017 to 10% in 2018. Meanwhile, the number who said their trust is “very low” has dropped from 10% to 7%.

Looked at in another way, 77% of Dayton residents said their trust in neighbors is “moderate” or better in 2018, compared to 74% in 2017.

### Level of Trust in Neighbors



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
High + Very high	49%	24%	27%	42%	27%	30%	29%
Moderate	38%	48%	38%	41%	48%	48%	47%
Moderate or Higher	87%	72%	65%	83%	75%	78%	76%

How much trust do you have in your neighbors?

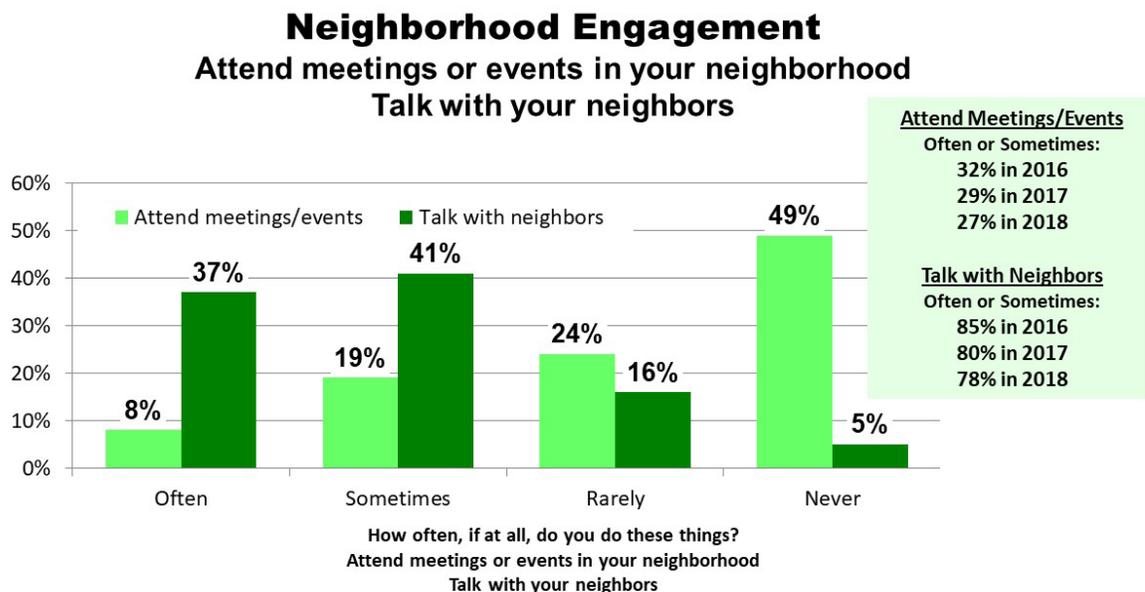
### Connectedness within Neighborhoods

In contrast to the encouraging trendline on trust in neighbors, two other specific measures of social connectedness within neighborhoods indicate some decline.

Asked whether they “attend meetings or events in your neighborhood...often sometimes, rarely, or never,” 8% of Dayton’s residents said they often do, and 19% said they attend neighborhood meetings or events sometimes. This combined number of 27% has declined from 29% in 2017 and 32% in the 2016 survey.

Nearly half of the City’s residents in 2018 (49%) said they never attend meetings or events in their neighborhood, while another 24% said they rarely do.

On a more basic question of social connectedness, 37% said they often talk with their neighbors, and 41% said they sometimes do. This combined total of 78% of residents who at least sometimes interact with their neighbors compares to 80% in 2017 and 85% in 2016.

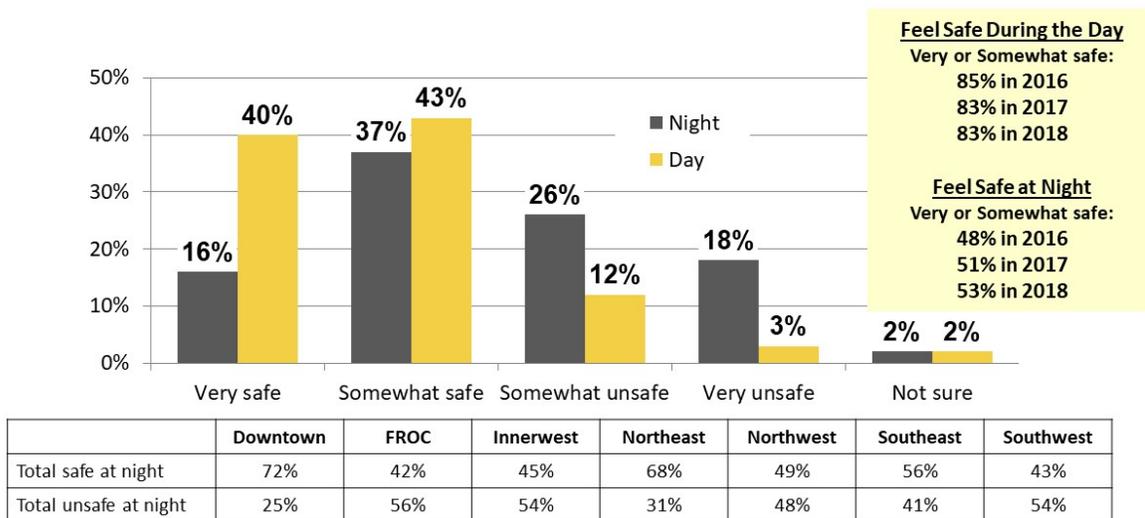


### Feeling Safe in Neighborhoods

There has been significant and steady improvement in the feelings of safety in neighborhoods at night. In the 2018 survey, 16% of residents said they feel “very safe” being out alone in their neighborhood at night and 37% feel “somewhat safe,” for a total of 53%. That number has increased from 48% in 2016 and 51% in 2017.

The vast majority of Dayton residents feel safe in their neighborhoods during the day. Forty percent in 2018 said they feel “very safe,” and another 43% said they feel “somewhat safe” in their neighborhoods during the day. This 83% total is identical to the 2017 number, and only slightly lower than the 85% measured in 2016.

### Feeling Safe in Own Neighborhood



How safe would you feel being out alone in your neighborhood at night?  
How safe would you feel being out in your neighborhood during the day?

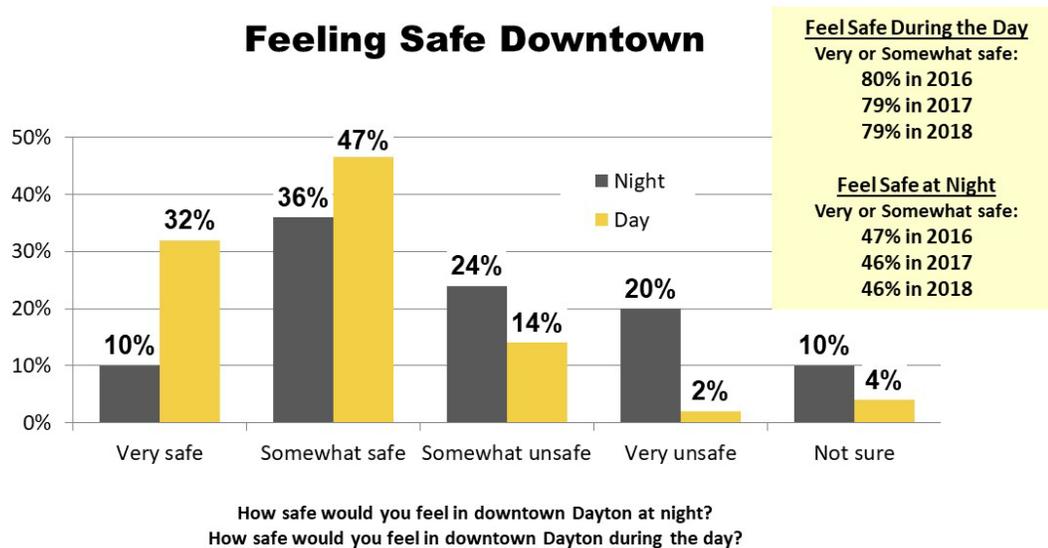
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Residents of Downtown and Northeast are the most likely in the City to feel safe being out alone at night, while residents are least likely to feel safe at night in FROC, Innerwest, and Southwest.

### Feeling Safe Downtown

Like neighborhood safety, perceptions of downtown safety vary by day and night. Nearly four out of five residents across the City (79%) would feel safe in Downtown Dayton during the day. One-third (32%) would feel “very safe,” and 47% would feel “somewhat safe.” This 79% total has remained virtually unchanged since 2016.

By contrast, 10% of Dayton residents said they would feel very safe in Downtown Dayton at night. Another 36% would feel somewhat safe there at night. This 46% total who would feel safe is nearly identical to the 47% who felt that way two years ago.

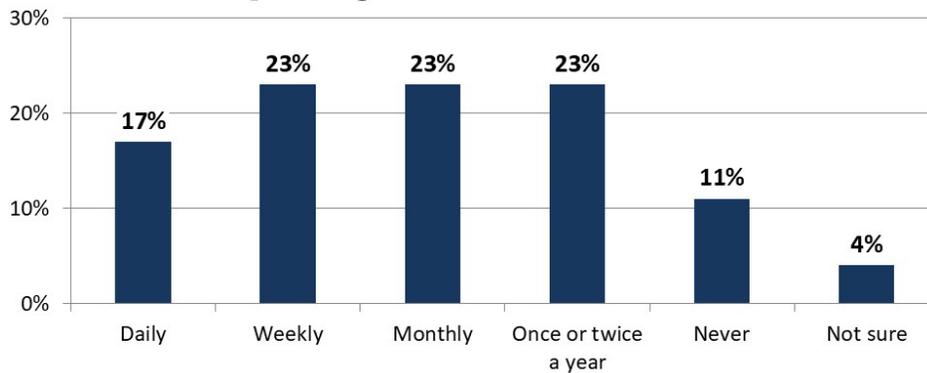


### Visiting Downtown

Nearly two-thirds (63%) of Dayton’s residents are visiting downtown at least once a month. Seventeen percent said they go downtown daily, 23% visit less than daily but at least weekly, and 23% go downtown less often than weekly but at least once a month.

Another one-quarter (23%) of the City’s residents go downtown just once or twice a year, while about one in ten (11%) said they “never” go there.

### Frequency of Downtown Visits



	Age 18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 or older
Daily	24%	19%	16%	7%
Weekly	28%	30%	19%	15%

How frequently do you visit downtown Dayton?  
(Not asked in 2016 & 2017)

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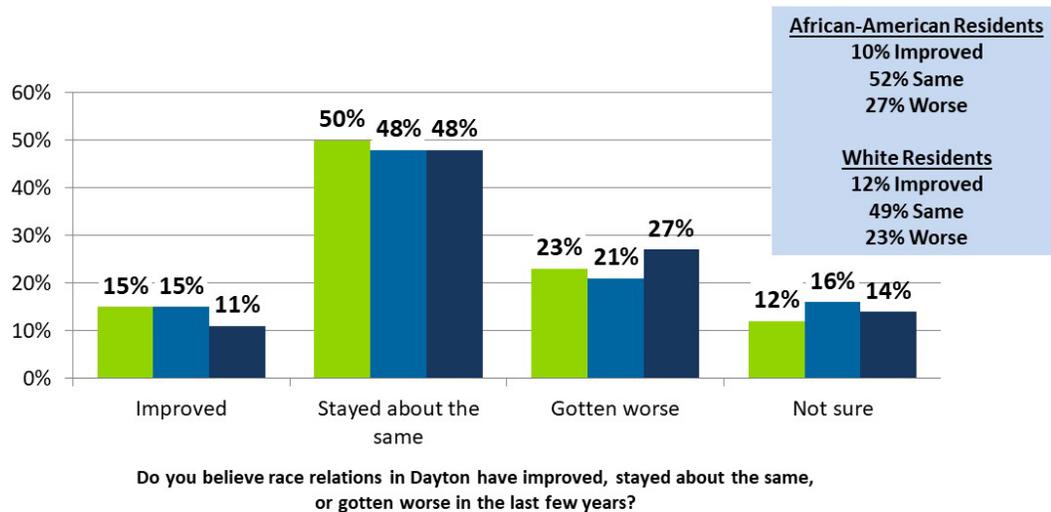
Younger residents are more likely to be downtown. Among people age 18 to 34, 52% visit downtown at least once a week. That compares to 49% of residents between the ages of 35 and 49, 35% of those aged 50 to 64, and just 22% of residents over the age of 65.

### Trend in Race Relations

Residents were asked if they believe race relations in Dayton “have improved, stayed about the same, or gotten worse in the last few years.” There has been a significant change in these numbers over the past year, indicating a worsening trend.

One year ago in 2017, the number who said that race relations have improved (15%) or gotten worse (21%) were nearly on par. The remainder said race relations have “stayed about the same,” or they were not sure. In 2018, though, the trend appears much more negative. In the most recent survey, only 11% of residents said that race relations have improved in the last few years, compared to 27% who believe race relations have gotten worse. Once again, a majority of residents said race relations have stayed about the same or they were not sure.

### Trend in Race Relations in Dayton



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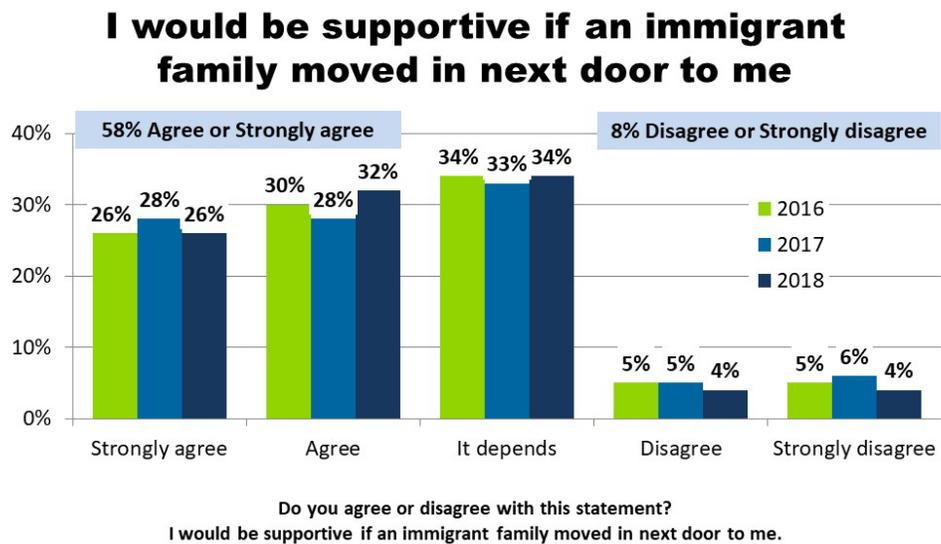
Perceptions are largely the same regardless of one’s own racial identity. Ten percent of African-American residents believe race relations in Dayton have improved, compared to 27% who believe they have gotten worse. Among White residents, 12% think race relations have improved, while 23% believe they have gotten worse.

### Acceptance of Immigrants

A majority of Dayton residents in the most recent survey (58%) agreed with the statement, “I would be supportive if an immigrant family moved in next door to me.” Of these, 26% agree *strongly* that they would be supportive, while another 32% simply agree.

Overall, this 58% number is a slight increase from the 56% who said they would be supportive in both 2016 and 2017.

Meanwhile, one-third (34%) of the City’s residents said “it depends” when asked if they would be supportive if an immigrant family moved in next door to them. This number has been nearly consistent for the past three years. Meanwhile, 8% outright disagreed with this statement, indicating they would not be supportive if an immigrant family moved n next door to them. This number has shown a slight decrease from the 10% measured in 2016 and 11% in the 2017 survey.

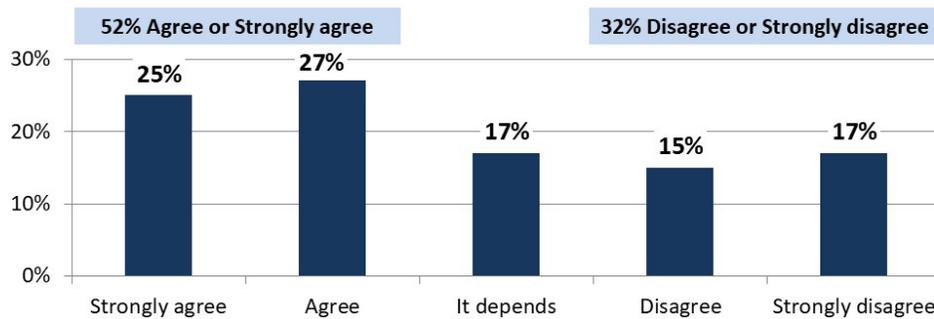


### Measures of Well-Being: Access to Fresh Groceries

For the first time in 2018, the Dayton Survey asked three basic measures related to the well-being of residents: access to fresh groceries, adequate access to health care services, and level of financial worry within households.

About one-half (52%) of Dayton’s residents agreed with the statement, “I have good access to fresh groceries near where I live.” Twenty-five percent *strongly* agreed with that statement, and 27% simply agreed with it. Seventeen percent gave a qualified answer of “it depends,” while about one-third of residents (32%) disagreed with this statement, indicating they do not have good access to fresh groceries. Of these, 17% of residents *strongly* disagreed.

### I have good access to fresh groceries near where I live.



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total Agree	19%	37%	16%	82%	32%	71%	17%
Total Disagree	48%	42%	57%	7%	48%	15%	69%

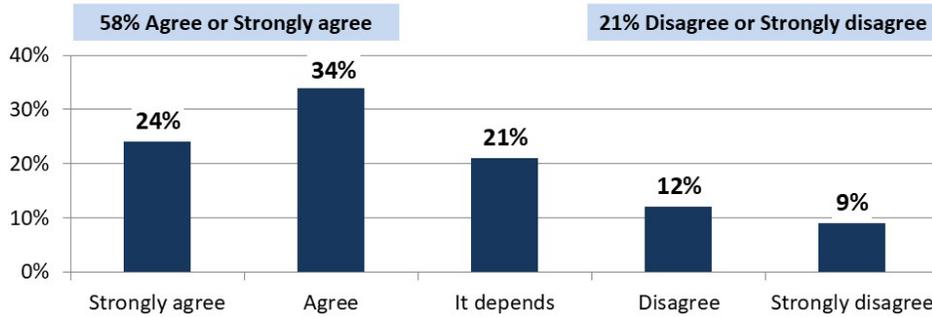
Do you agree or disagree with these statements? I have good access to fresh groceries near where I live.

In only two areas of the City, Northeast and Southeast, did a majority of residents say they have good access to fresh groceries. Large majorities in Southwest and Innerwest said they do not have good access to groceries, as did pluralities of residents in Downtown, FROC, and Northwest.

### Access to Health Care Services

Compared to access to fresh groceries, the picture is somewhat better for residents when it comes to having access to health care services. Overall, 58% agreed and 21% disagreed with the statement, “I have adequate access to health care services near where I live.” Another 21% said, “it depends.”

#### I have adequate access to health care services near where I live.



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total Agree	48%	49%	58%	77%	37%	76%	23%
Total Disagree	13%	25%	19%	7%	36%	10%	48%

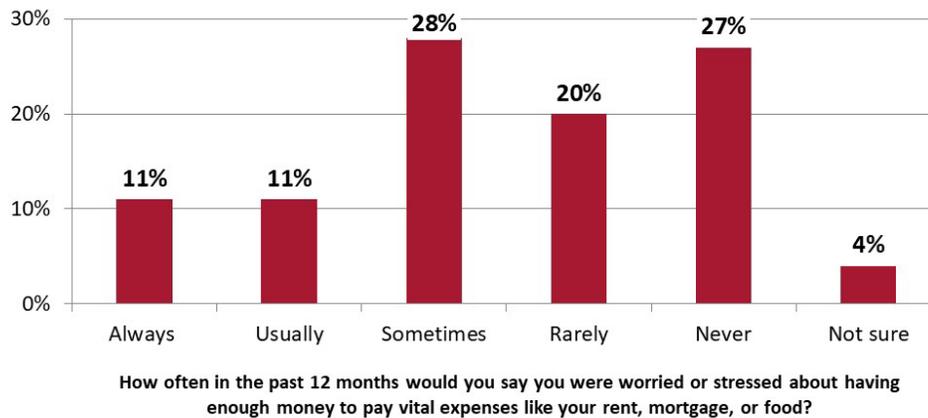
Do you agree or disagree with these statements? I have adequate access to health care services near where I live.

Similar to groceries, residents of Northeast and Southeast are by far the most likely to say they have adequate access to health care services near where they live. In contrast to many other issues on the survey, a solid majority of residents of Innerwest feel that health care services are accessible to them, as do pluralities in Downtown and FROC. Residents of Northwest are evenly divided in their assessment of the accessibility of health services. Southwest residents stand out, saying by a two-to-one margin that they do not have adequate access to health services.

## Economic Well-Being

Many Dayton residents are worried or stressed about having enough money to pay their basic expenses. Thinking back over the last 12 months, 11% of residents said they were “always,” and another 11% said they were “usually...worried or stressed about having enough money to pay vital expenses like your rent, mortgage, or food.” Another 28% said they were “sometimes” worried or stressed about this, bringing the total to half of the City’s residents who expressed significant financial worries.

### Worry or Stress about Money to Pay Vital Expenses



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Worry about money is most profound in Innerwest, where 25% of residents said they “always” are worried or stressed about it, followed by FROC (17%) and Southwest (16%). Residents with college degrees are significantly less worried about money than others, while households with children are experiencing significantly more stress than others.

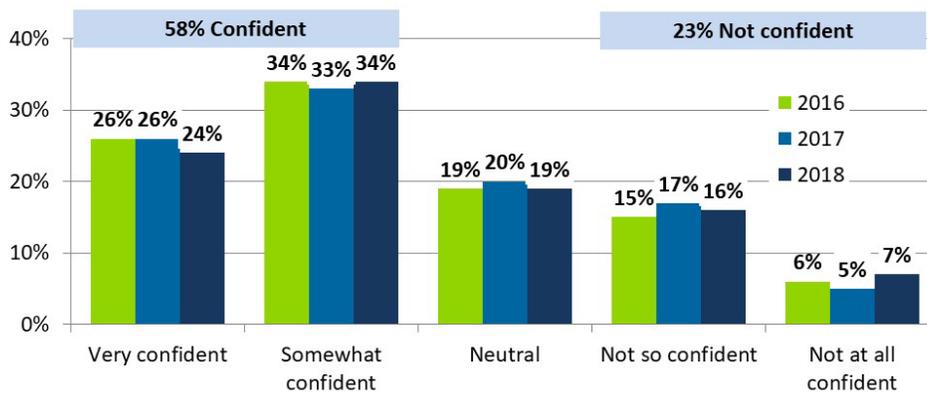
### City Services and Amenities: Confidence in Dayton’s Tap Water

Confidence in Dayton’s tap water remains mostly positive. A solid majority in the 2018 survey (58%) said they feel confident about “the purity and cleanliness of Dayton’s tap water.” Of these, 24% are “very confident,” and 34% are “somewhat confident” about it.

About one resident in five (19%) feels “neutral” about their tap water, while 16% said they are “not so confident,” and 7% said they are “not at all confident” about it.

Overall, these readings represent a slight stepping down in confidence about tap water, from 60% in 2016, to 59% in 2017, to 58% in the current survey. Similarly, lack of confidence in tap water has edged up from 21% to 22% to 23% over the three years.

### Confidence in Purity and Cleanliness of Dayton’s Tap Water



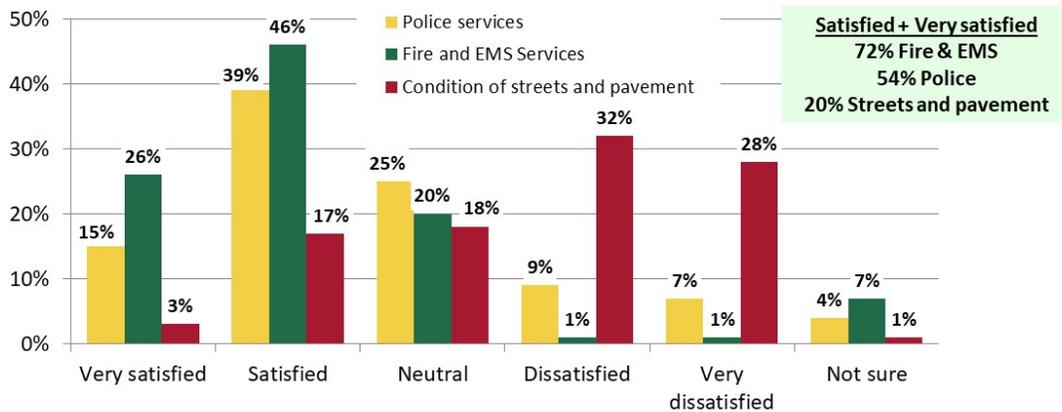
How much confidence do you have in the purity and cleanliness of Dayton’s tap water?

### Satisfaction with City Services and Amenities

Residents’ satisfaction was measured for eight specific services or amenities provided by the City of Dayton.

- For Police services, 15% of residents said they are “very satisfied,” and 39% are simply “satisfied,” for a total of 54%. Dissatisfaction with Police services is 16%.
- Fire and EMS services garner very high satisfaction. Twenty-six percent of residents are very satisfied with Fire and EMS, and 46% are satisfied, for a total of 72%. Only 2% of residents indicated any dissatisfaction with Fire and EMS services.
- The picture is different for “the condition of the streets and pavement.” Only 20% of residents are satisfied, and among those only 3% are very satisfied. Meanwhile, 32% are dissatisfied and 28% are very dissatisfied, or a total of 60%. Note that the majority of the survey responses were collected in late May and early June, before the City’s summer resurfacing effort was significantly underway.

### Satisfaction with City Services & Amenities Police Services, Fire and EMS Services, Condition of the Streets and Pavement

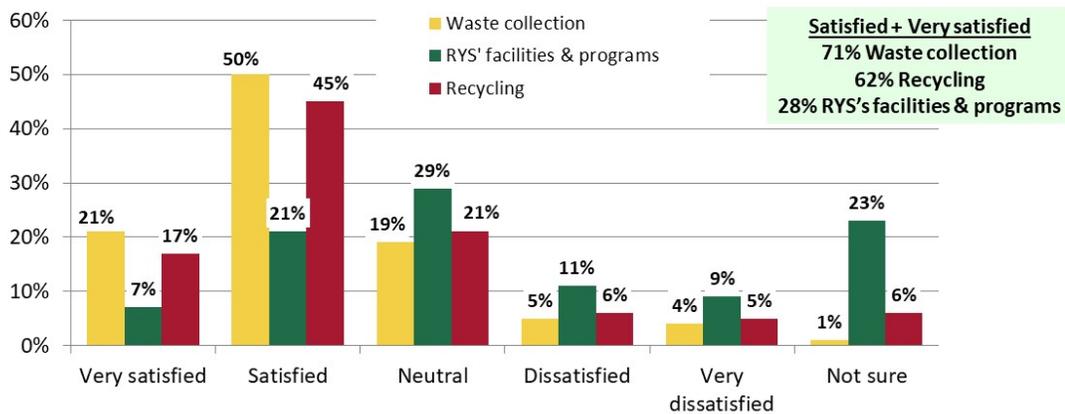


How satisfied are you with each of these services and amenities provided by the City of Dayton?

Police services  
Fire and EMS Services  
Condition of the streets and pavement

- The City’s waste collection services are well-regarded by residents, with 21% feeling very satisfied and 50% feeling satisfied, for a total of 71%. Only 9% are dissatisfied with waste collection.
- Recreation and Youth Services’ facilities and programs garner somewhat lower satisfaction. Only 28% of residents are satisfied, and of those only 7% said they are very satisfied with RYS facilities and programs. Twenty percent of residents are dissatisfied, with 9% of those saying they are very dissatisfied.
- Assessing their recycling services, 17% of residents said they are very satisfied, and 45% are satisfied, for a total of 62%. Eleven percent expressed dissatisfaction with recycling services.

### Satisfaction with City Services & Amenities Waste Collection, RYS Facilities & Programs, Recycling

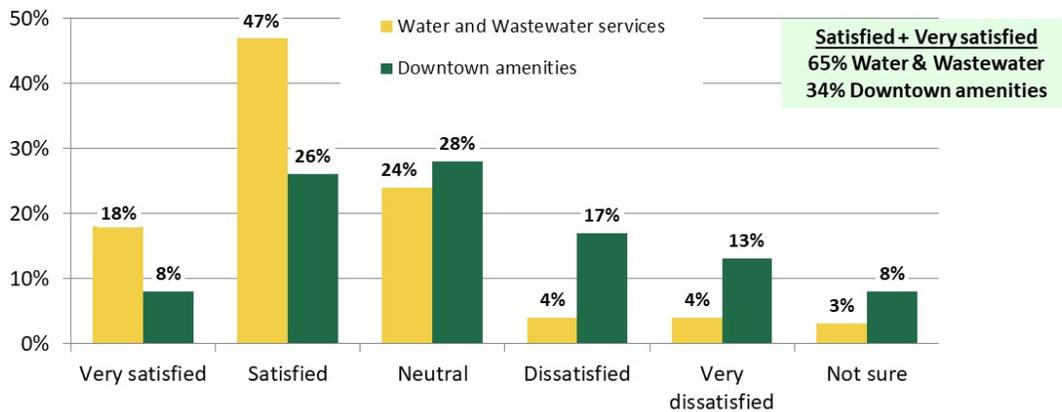


How satisfied are you with each of these services and amenities provided by the City of Dayton?  
 Waste collection  
 Recreation and Youth Services' facilities and programs  
 Recycling

Two other services or amenities were measured:

- Eighteen percent are very satisfied and 47% satisfied with the Water and Wastewater services provided by the City, for a total of 65%. Eight percent expressed dissatisfaction with this service area.
- For “downtown amenities like shopping and restaurants,” 8% of residents said they are very satisfied and 26% are satisfied totaling 34%. Nearly as many residents (30%) said they are dissatisfied with Dayton’s downtown amenities, with 13% of these saying they are very dissatisfied. Note that among residents who live downtown, the same number (30%) are dissatisfied with the amenities such as shopping and restaurants that are found there.

### Satisfaction with City Services & Amenities Water & Wastewater, Downtown Amenities



How satisfied are you with each of these services and amenities provided by the City of Dayton?  
 Water and Wastewater services  
 Downtown amenities like shopping and restaurants

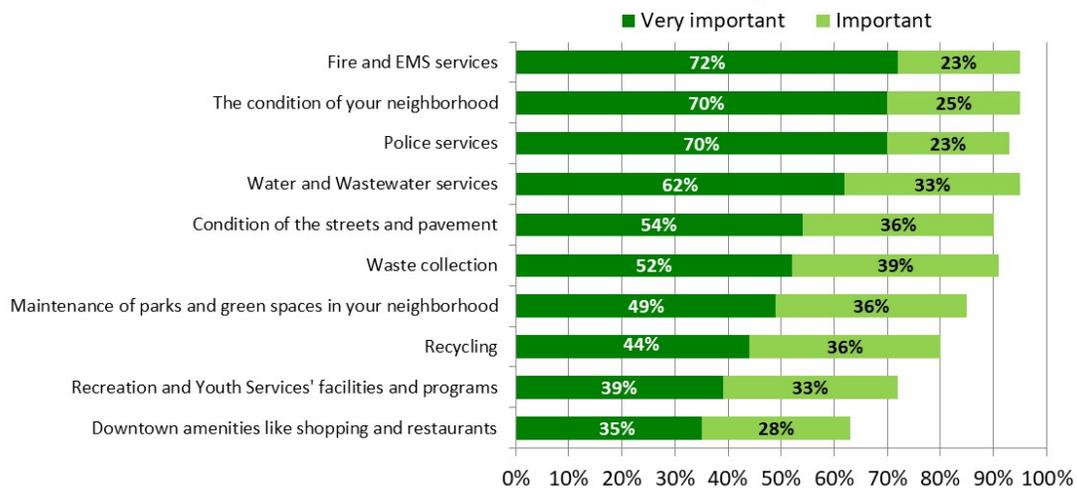
### Importance of City Services and Amenities for Residents

For the first time in 2018, the Dayton Survey measured the importance to residents of those same eight City services and amenities, along with two other neighborhood attributes measured earlier on the survey. Each was measured on a five-point scale ranging from “very important” to “not at all important.”

The top two points on that scale, very important and important, are shown in the chart below. These ten services or attributes are ranked based on the percentage of residents who gave them the top rating of “very important” to them personally.

- Three rank at or above 70% very important: Fire and EMS services (72%), the condition of your neighborhood (70%), and Police services (70%).
- Three others rank in a strong second tier of importance, falling between 52% and 62% very important: Water and Wastewater services (62%), condition of the streets and pavement (54%), and Waste collection (52%).
- Two others rank in the 40s: Maintenance of parks and green spaces in your neighborhood (49%), and Recycling (44%).
- Ranking relatively lower in importance to residents across the City are these two areas: Recreation and Youth Services’ facilities and programs (39%) and Downtown amenities like shopping and restaurants (35%). It should be noted that the importance of RYS programs is far higher for residents of West Dayton neighborhoods and families with school-aged children, but that *dissatisfaction* with RYS programs is also far higher among these same constituents.

### Importance of City Services & Amenities for Residents Personally



How important to you personally is each of these things?  
(Scale): Very important, Important, Somewhat important, Not very important, Not at all important

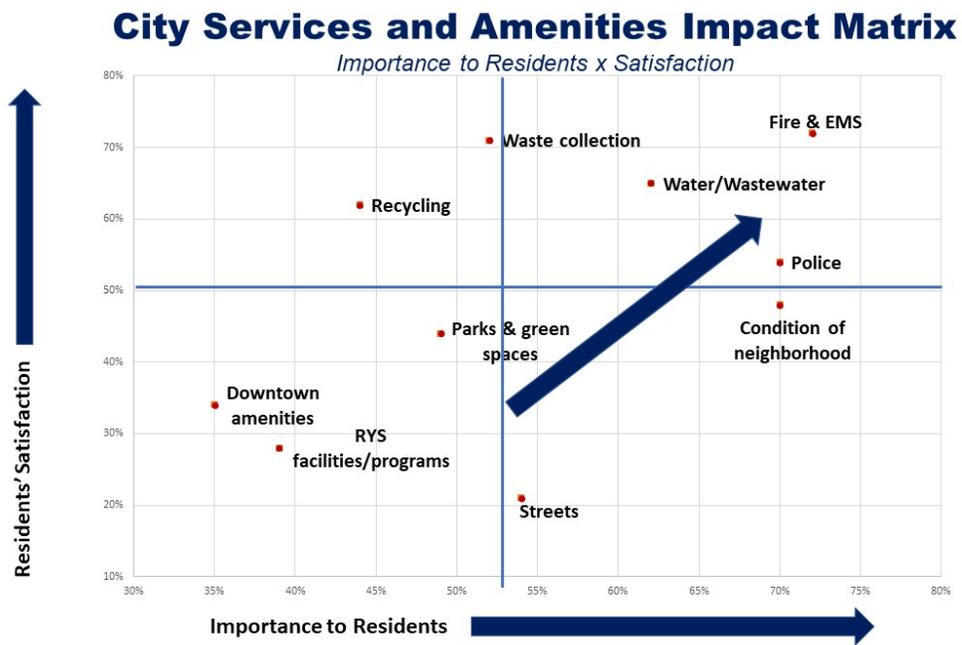
### Impact Matrix

It is possible to plot the importance residents place on each of these services and amenities against the satisfaction they feel with the City’s delivery of them. While the goal is to provide high satisfaction across all of these categories, the City may want to focus on ensuring that services and amenities of greatest importance to residents are generating the highest possible levels of satisfaction.

On this plot, services and amenities that appear further to the right are more important to residents, while those that appear higher on the plot are generating greater satisfaction. The blue lines are drawn to indicate approximately where the medians are for both importance and satisfaction, creating four quadrants.

The upper right quadrant indicates areas of high importance to residents that are also generating higher than average satisfaction: Fire and EMS, Water and Wastewater, and Police.

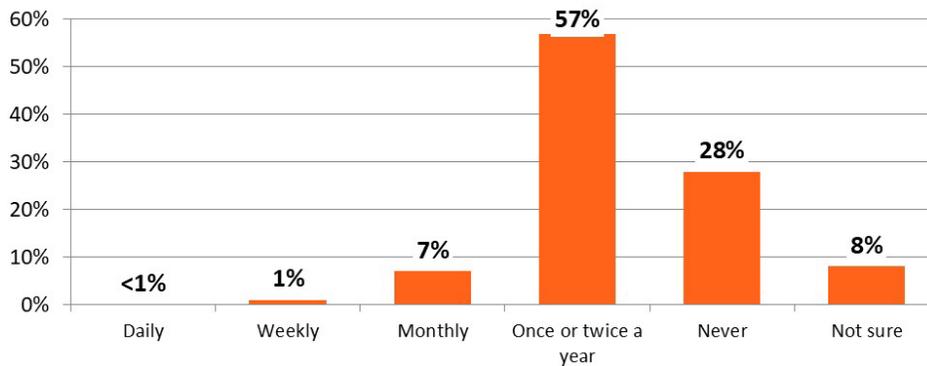
The lower right quadrant indicates areas that need greater focus: condition of neighborhoods, and maintenance of streets. These are areas of high importance to residents that are generating lower-than-average satisfaction from residents. In the case of street maintenance, satisfaction is very low. While it is important to concentrate on all of these areas, this kind of an analysis is helpful in identifying areas that are in critical need of additional focus.



### Customer Service

About two-thirds of residents said they had contacted the City of Dayton during the prior 12 months. Of those, about 8% had been in contact with the City at least monthly, while the remaining 57% said their contact was closer to once or twice a year.

#### Frequency of Contact with City

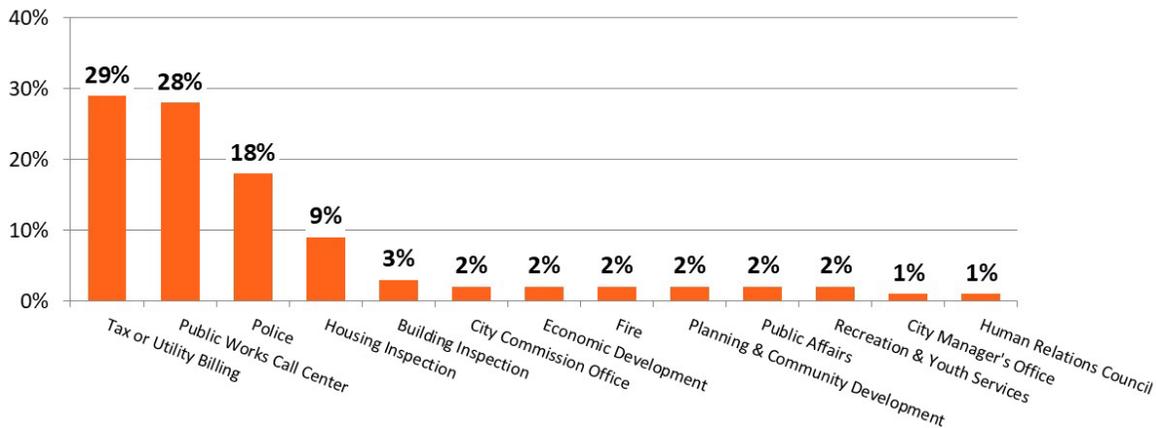


How often have you contacted the City of Dayton for any reason over the last 12 months?

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Among those who had been in touch with the City over the past year, they were most likely to have contacted Tax or Utility Billing (29%) or the Public Works call center (28%). The Police (18%), Housing Inspection (9%) and Building Inspection (3%) were next, followed by a number of other departments, each at 2% or less.

#### Department Contacted Most Recently



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

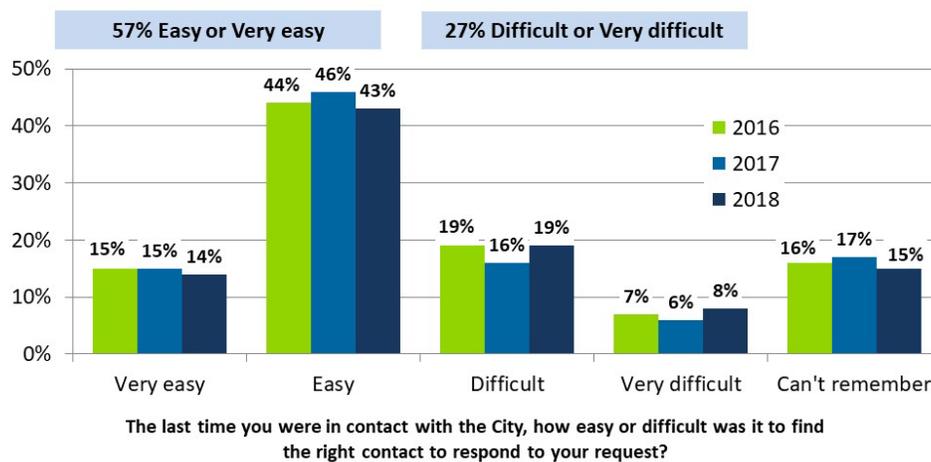
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When contacting the City, 14% remembered it as “very easy” to find the right contact person to respond to their request. Another 43% found it simply “easy,” for a total of 57% who found it easy or very easy to get to the right person who could handle their request.

Meanwhile, 19% found it “difficult” and another 8% found it “very difficult” to get to the right contact person, for a total of more than one in four (27%) who found it difficult.

After some improvement in 2017, when 61% found it easy or very easy to get in contact with the right person, and only 22% found it difficult or very difficult, this metric has dropped back to, and below, its 2016 level.

### Ease of Contact with City

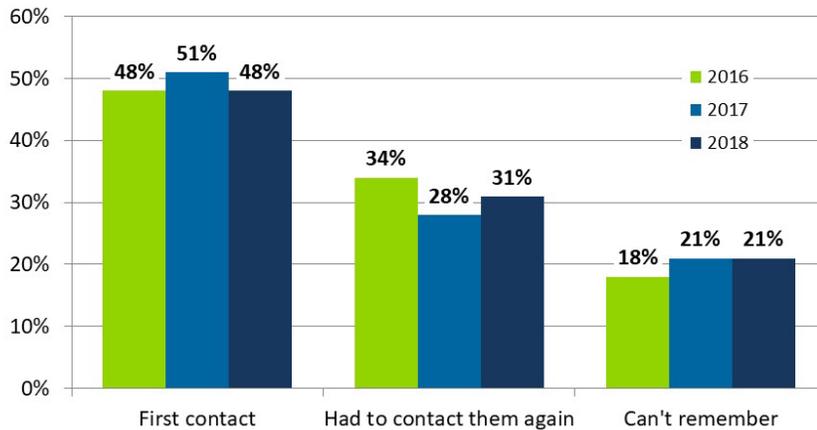


Another key indicator of customer service success is whether the customer’s request is handled in the first contact, or whether they had to contact the City again to have a resolution of the matter. In 2018, 48% had their issue resolved in the first contact, the same number recorded in 2016 and slightly below the 51% measured in 2017.

Just under one-third (31%) remembered having to contact the City more than once to resolve the matter, a slight improvement over the 34% who said so in 2016, but slightly higher than the 28% who said so in 2017.

In addition to these numbers, about one-fifth could not remember the interaction well enough to answer this question either way.

### Request Handled in First Contact

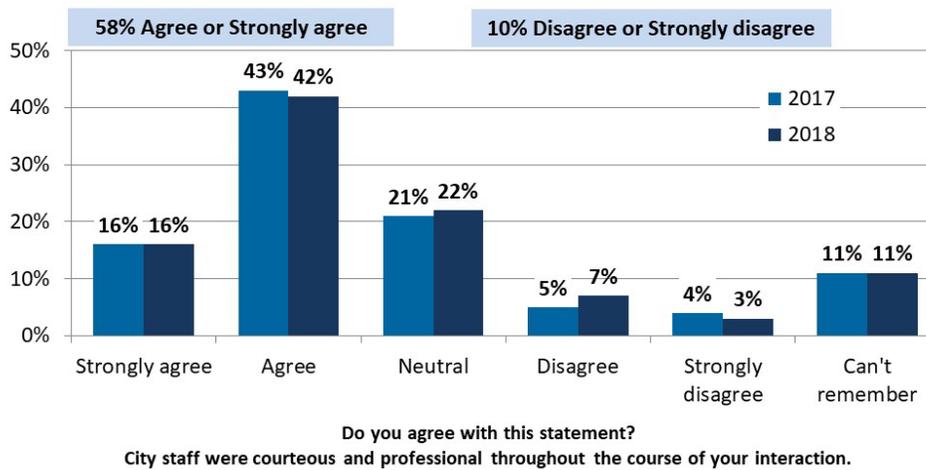


Was your request handled in the first contact, or did you have to contact the City again?

In a question first asked in 2017, City staff performed well in terms of courtesy. Almost six residents in ten (58%) who had contact with the City said, “City staff were courteous and professional throughout the course of your interaction.” This is very similar to last year’s reading of 59%.

Only 10% did not find City staff to be courteous and professional, which is one percentage point higher than the level measured in 2017.

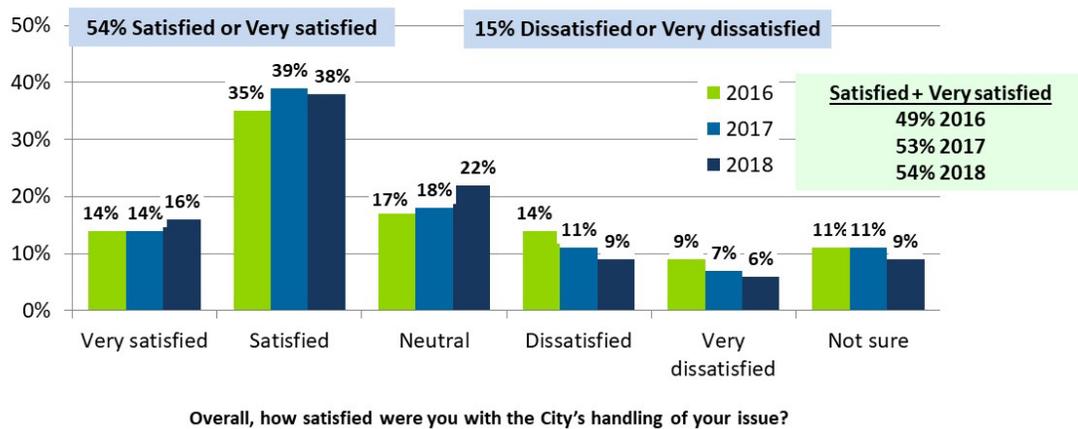
### City Staff Courteous and Professional



Satisfaction with the overall handling of their issue is relatively high, and climbing. In the 2018 survey, 38% who had an issue to address with the City felt satisfied with how it was handled overall. Another 16% were very satisfied, for a total of 54%. This satisfaction level has climbed steadily from 49% in 2016, to 53% in 2017, to 54% in the current survey.

Meanwhile, dissatisfaction with the City’s handling of the issue has been dropping. In 2016, 23% expressed dissatisfaction, a number that dropped to 18% last year, and 15% currently.

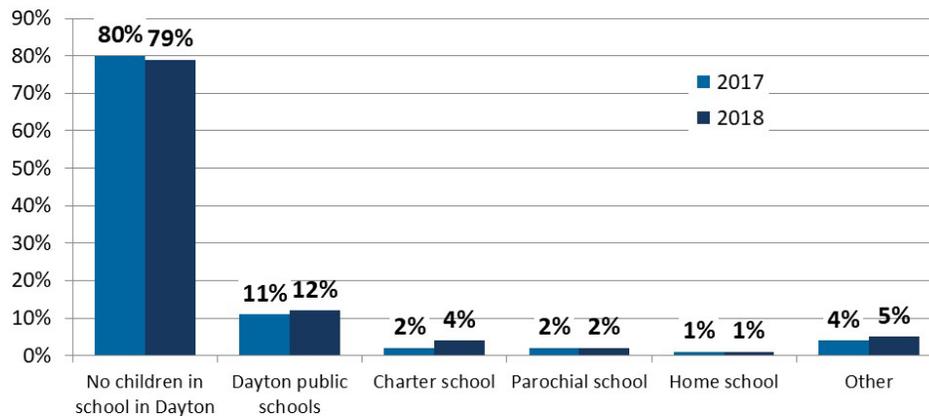
### Overall Satisfaction with City’s Handling of the Issue



### Satisfaction with the Schools

One household in five who responded to the survey (21%) has a child in school. Of these, just over half (12%) have a child in Dayton Public Schools.

#### Type of School your Child Attends



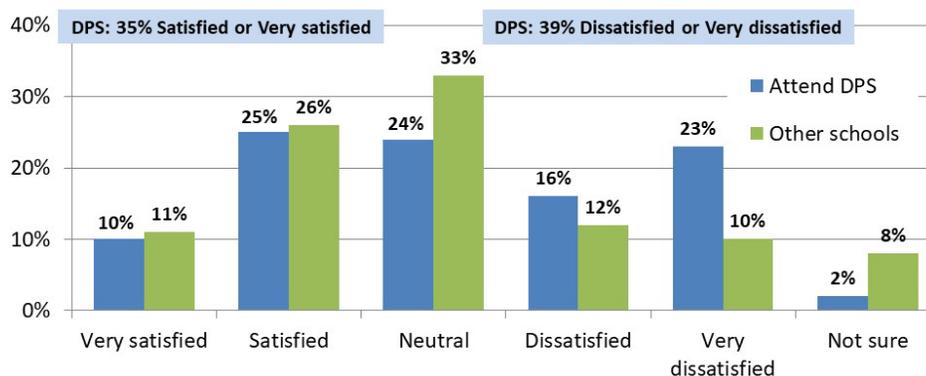
Do you have children that attend school in Dayton? If yes, which of these do they attend?

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In households where there is a child who attends school, the parent or guardian completing the survey was asked how satisfied they are with the quality of their child’s education. Both Dayton Public Schools (DPS) households, as well as families that send their children to other types of schools, have very similar levels of satisfaction.

- Twenty-five percent of DPS families said they are satisfied with the quality of their child’s education, and another 10% are very satisfied, for a total of 35%.
- For other schools (charter, parochial, home schooling) 26% are satisfied and 11% are very satisfied for a total of 37%.

#### Satisfaction with Education your Child Receives



If you have children that attend school in Dayton, how satisfied are you with the quality of their education?

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Where these two types of schools diverge is on *dissatisfaction*.

- For DPS families, dissatisfaction actually exceeds satisfaction, and the dissatisfaction is fairly intense. Sixteen percent are dissatisfied with the quality of their child’s education, and 23% are very dissatisfied.
- For families enrolled in other types of schools, 12% are dissatisfied and 10% are very dissatisfied, for a total of 22%.

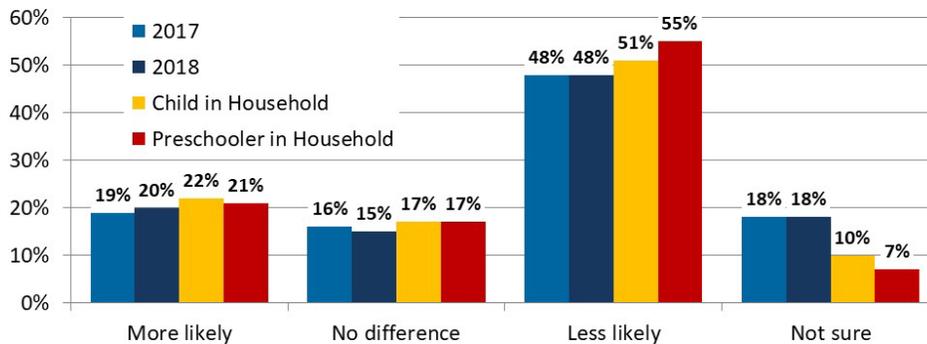
The impact of these concerns about school quality may be significant for the City. Asked whether “the quality of schools available (would) make you more likely or less likely to raise your family in the City of Dayton, or would it make no difference either way,” a near-majority of City residents (48%) said they would be *less likely* to raise their family in the City. This number is unchanged from 2017.

Filtering these responses to include only households that have children, the “less likely” rises even higher, to 51%. Finally, including only preschool families, who are still think ahead to their school decisions, 55% would be less likely to raise a family in the City of Dayton due to the quality of the schools.

These findings have potentially significant impact on the City’s ability to attract and retain young families.

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

*Asked of All, Not Just Families with Children*



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

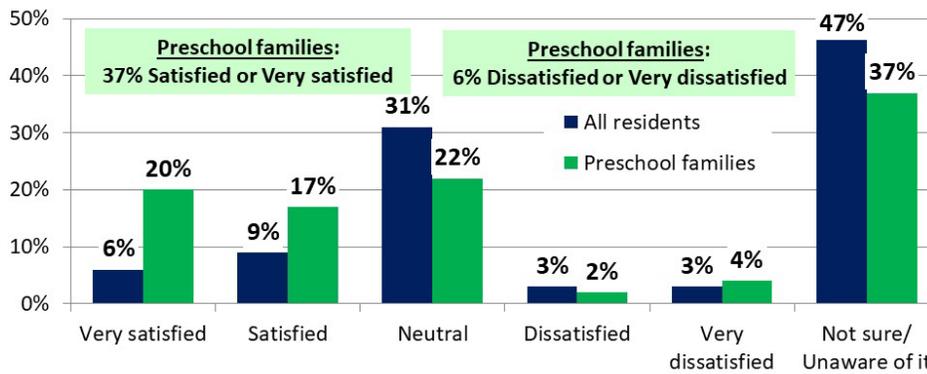
### Preschool Promise Initiative

The Preschool Promise Initiative enjoys good levels of satisfaction, although many residents are unsure how to rate it. Among the general public, almost half (47%) said they were either unaware of it or not sure how to rate it. Another 31% gave Preschool Promise a “neutral” rating. Among those who did rate it, the Initiative received a satisfaction rating (15%) that was almost three times greater than those who said they were dissatisfied (6%).

Focusing just on households with Preschoolers, satisfaction is much higher. Seventeen percent of preschool households said they were satisfied and 20% very satisfied with Preschool Promise, leading to an overall satisfaction of 37%. That compares to dissatisfaction of only 6%.

Though the percentages are lower than the general public, many preschool families said they were either unaware of or not sure how to rate the Initiative (37%), or offered a middling rating of “neutral” (22%). Despite all of the communication around Preschool Promise, these results make clear that more can be done to build understanding of this Initiative in the community.

### Satisfaction with Preschool Promise Initiative



How satisfied are you with the Preschool Promise initiative in Dayton?

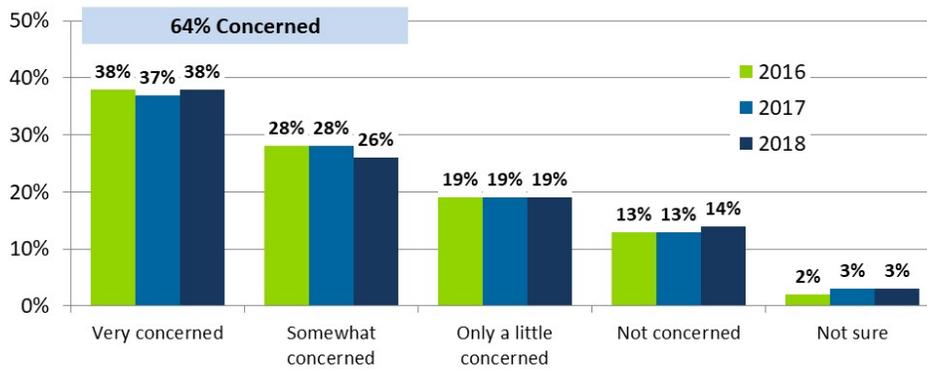
### Level of Concern about Gun Violence

Almost two-thirds of the City’s residents (64%) said they are concerned about the possibility of gun violence in their own neighborhood. Of these, 38% said they are *very* concerned, and 26% said they are only somewhat concerned about it.

Despite this high level of concern, it has edged down slightly since 2016, when concern stood at 66%.

Concern is much higher in FROC (85%), Innerwest (82%), Northwest (80%), and Southwest (80%). More moderate concern exists Downtown (52%) and in Southeast (53%). The lowest level of concern is in Northeast (36%).

### Level Concern about Possibility of Gun Violence in Own Neighborhood



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total Concerned	52%	85%	82%	36%	80%	53%	80%

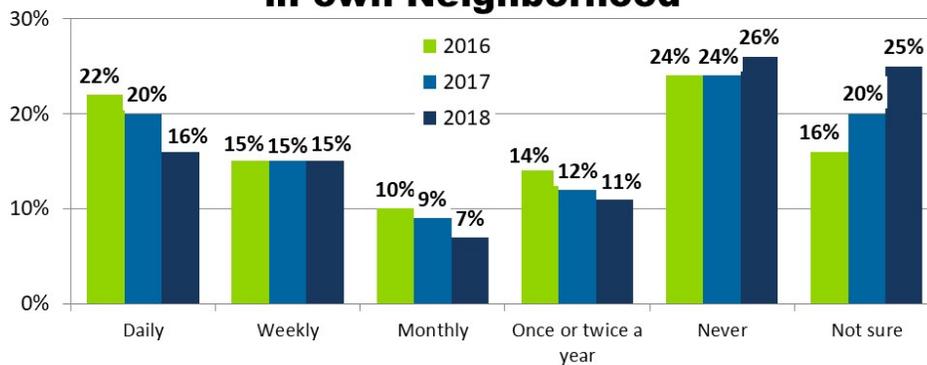
How concerned are you about the possibility of gun violence in your neighborhood?

### Frequency of Seeing Drug Transactions

Though still high, the frequency of seeing drug transactions, or activities that appear to be drug dealing, is falling. In 2018, 31% of residents across the City said they observe such activity frequently, at least once a week. This number is down from the 37% recording in 2016, and the 35% measured last year.

The propensity to witness drug transactions weekly or more frequently is highest in Northwest (43%), FROC (38%), Innerwest (38%), and Southwest (35%). It is somewhat lower in other areas of the City, dropping as low as 14% Downtown.

### Frequency Seeing Drug Transactions in own Neighborhood



	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Daily	9%	22%	24%	5%	24%	11%	22%
Weekly	5%	16%	14%	13%	19%	15%	13%
Total	14%	38%	38%	18%	43%	26%	35%

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

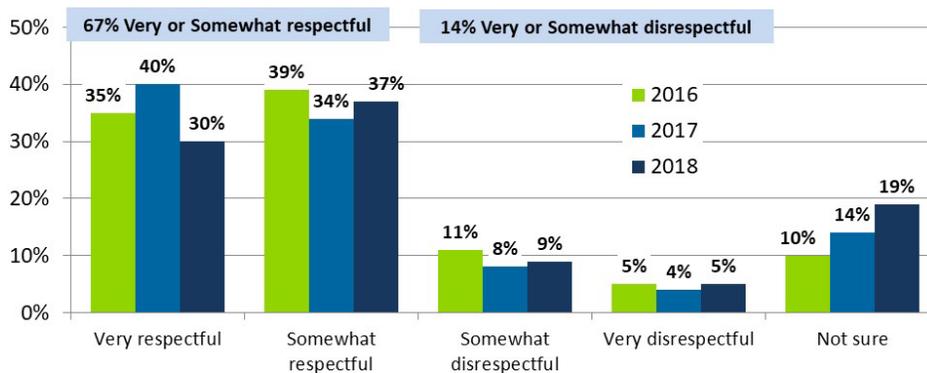
### Respect Shown by the Police

Dayton Police are generally viewed as respectful by the public. Two-thirds (67%) of residents said Dayton police officers are respectful, with 30% calling them “very respectful” and 37% “somewhat respectful.” Only 14% said they view the police as disrespectful.

But the percentage who find the police to be respectful has dropped from 74% each of the last two years to 67% today. And the number who said police are “very respectful” has dropped by 10 points, from 40% to 30%.

Over the three years, there has been a corresponding increase in the number of residents who said they are not sure how to answer this question, rising from 10% two years ago to 19% in 2018.

### 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?

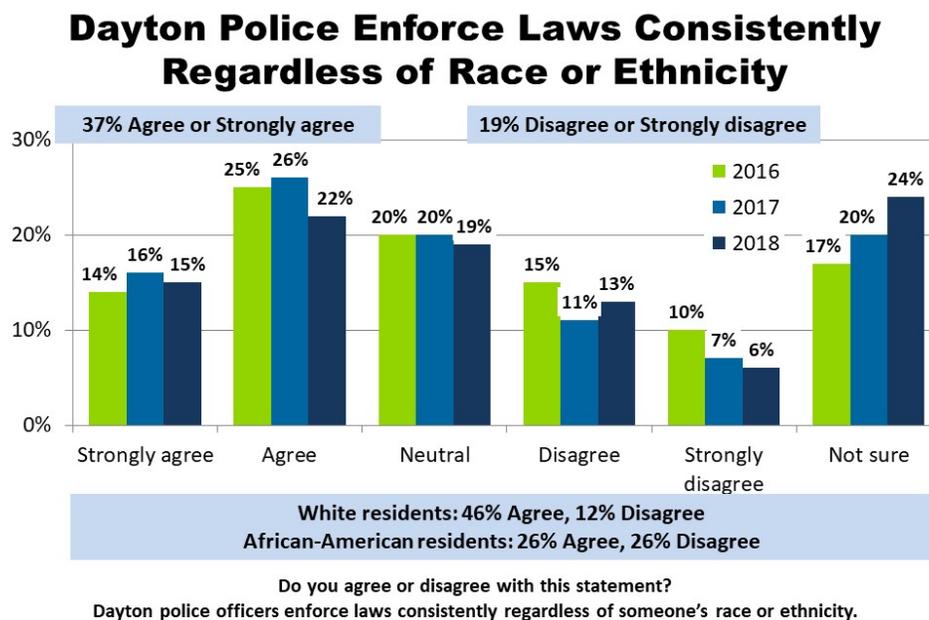
### Consistent Enforcement of Laws

The survey probed residents’ level of agreement with this proposition: “Dayton police officers enforce laws consistently regardless of someone’s race or ethnicity.” Overall, 22% of residents citywide agreed with this statement, and another 15% strongly agreed, for a total of 37% in agreement.

On the other side of the scale, 13% disagreed and 6% strongly disagreed with this statement, for a total of 19%. As with a number of other issues on the survey, there is a large and growing “not sure,” now including one-quarter of the City’s population who felt they could not comment on this issue.

Overall agreement with this statement has dropped from 39% in 2016 to 37% today. Disagreement, though, has also fallen, from 25% in 2016 to 19% in this most recent survey.

In terms of racial identity, 46% of White Daytonians feel that police officers enforce the laws consistently, compared to only 26% of African-American residents. Only 12% of Whites believe that laws are not enforced consistently, compared to 26% of African-Americans.

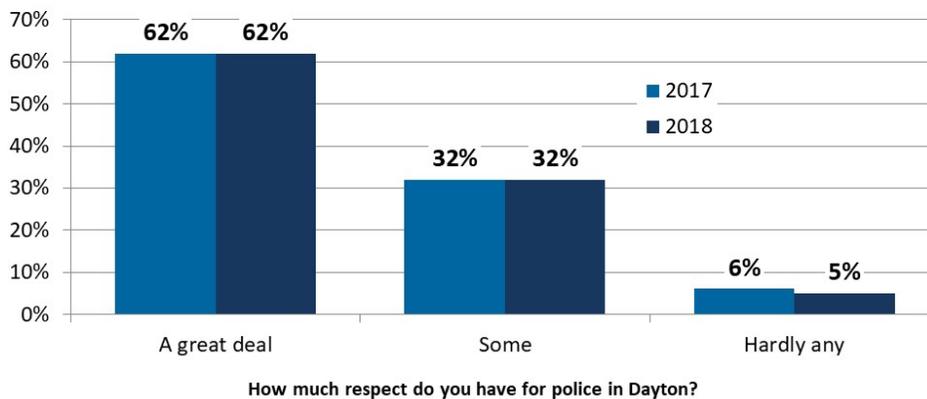


### Respect for Dayton Police

Through all of these shifting sentiments, and in the context of many national news stories recently about policing, respect for police in Dayton has remained firm. Sixty-two percent of residents have “a great deal” of respect for local police, and 32% have “some” respect, identical numbers to the prior year.

Five percent said they have “hardly any” respect for police in Dayton, compared to a similar 6% last year.

### Respect for Dayton Police



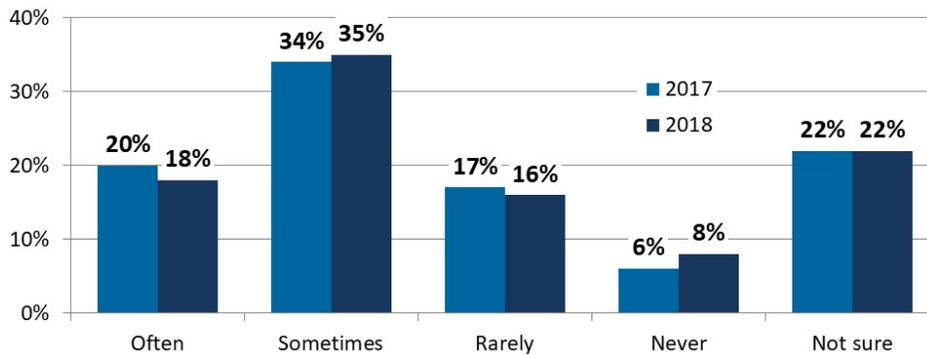
### Police Visibility and Presence in Neighborhoods

Eighteen percent said police are often visible in their neighborhoods and attend community events, and 35% said they sometimes do.

One-quarter of residents said that police are rarely (16%) or never (8%) visible in their neighborhood. Twenty-two percent said they were not sure how to answer.

Overall, these numbers are very similar to 2017, generally lying within two percentage points higher or lower.

### Police Visibility at Community Events



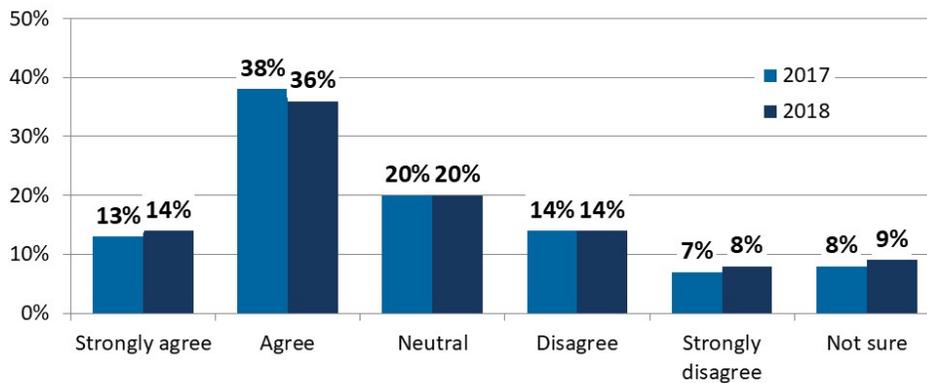
Would you say that Dayton police are visible in your neighborhood and attend community events often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Survey participants were asked to react to the statement, “The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need.” Overall, 50% agreed with this statement, with 14% strongly agreeing and 36% simply agreeing. This agreement is only one percentage point lower than the 51% measured in 2017.

Twenty-two percent disagreed overall, with 8% strongly disagreeing and 14% simply disagreeing. Overall disagreement is one percentage point higher than the 21% measured last year.

All across the City, more residents agree than disagree that the police presence is appropriate to the need. But disagreement is strongest in these areas of the City: Northwest (29%), Southwest (26%), FROC (26%), and Innerwest (25%).

### Police Presence in Own Neighborhood is Appropriate for the Need

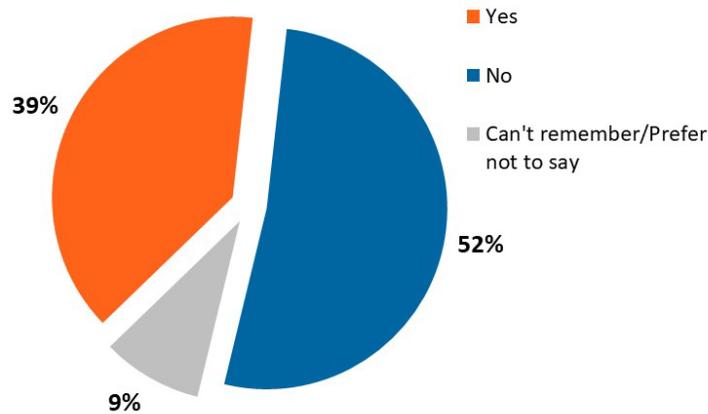


	Downtown	FROC	Innerwest	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Total agree	59%	47%	51%	48%	39%	57%	38%
Total disagree	10%	26%	25%	18%	29%	18%	26%

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?  
The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need.

Thirty-nine percent of residents said they or someone else in their household has had contact with a Dayton police officer in the last 12 months. About half the population (52%) said no one in their household has had police contact, while 9% said they did not know, or would prefer not to say.

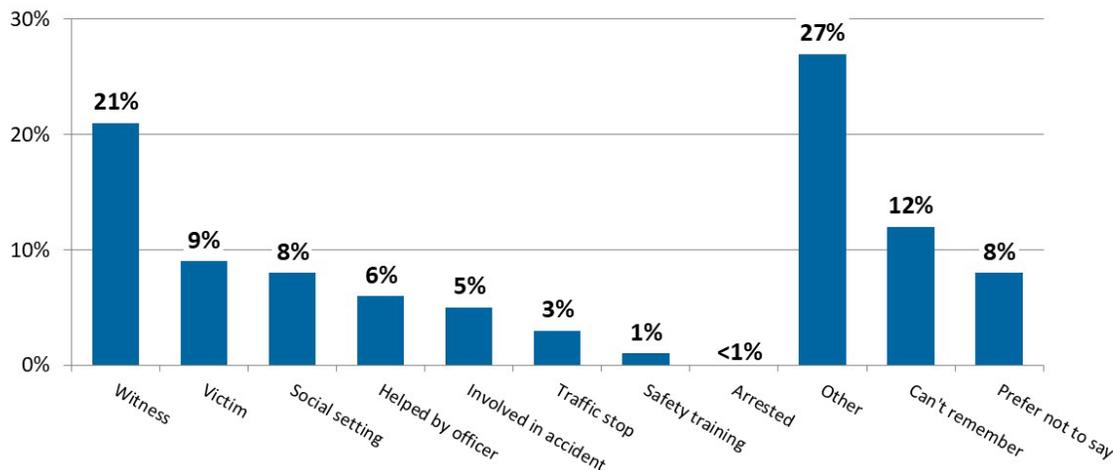
### Police Contact



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

That police contact was most likely to be as a witness (21%) or victim (9%). Eight percent say an officer in a social setting, 6% said they were helped by a police officer, and 5% were involved in an accident.

### Nature of Police Contact



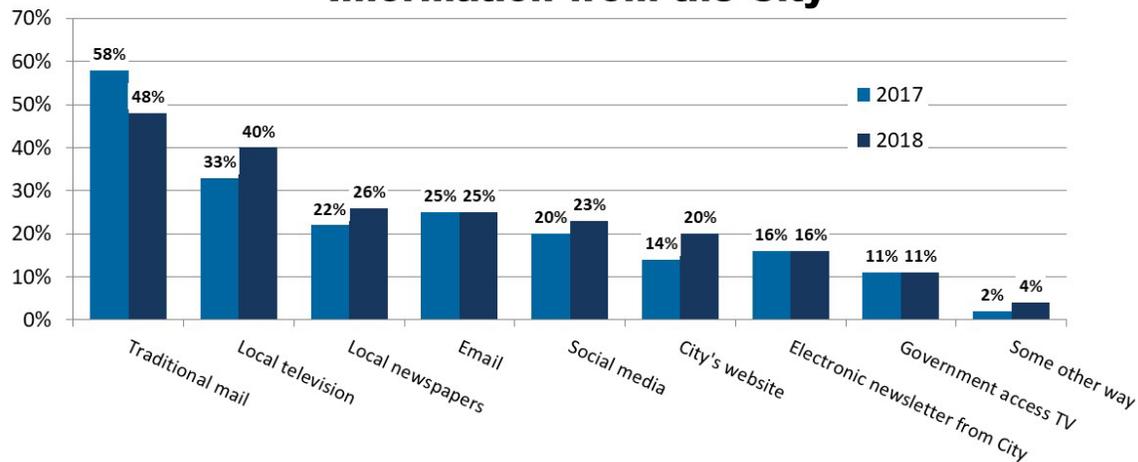
What was the nature of the most recent contact? Choose the one response that best describes it.

### Preferred Method of Receiving Information

As an aid to improving communications and outreach by the City, the survey addressed how people would prefer to receive information. Ranking high is traditional mail (48%), followed closely by local television (40%) and local newspapers (26%).

A variety of electronic means are in a strong second tier: email (25%), social media (23%), the City’s website (20%), or an electronic newsletter from the City (16%). About one in ten (11%) would like to receive information through government access television.

**Preferred Method of Receiving Information from the City**



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

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### Conclusion

It has been a privilege to conduct this survey for 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>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Yes.....	100%.....	100%.....	100%
No (Please ask an adult member of your household to complete this survey.)			

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

45402.....	12%
45403.....	7%
45404.....	5%
45405.....	7%
45406.....	15%
45410.....	10%
45414.....	2%
45417.....	15%
45419.....	3%
45420.....	12%
45424.....	8%
45432.....	3%
Others.....	1%

**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%.....	50%.....	47%
Wrong direction.....	32%.....	25%.....	29%
No opinion.....	21%.....	25%.....	24%

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

Very satisfied.....	8%.....	10%.....	11%
Satisfied.....	40%.....	40%.....	37%
<i>Total Satisfied.....</i>	<i>48%.....</i>	<i>50%.....</i>	<i>48%</i>
Neutral.....	26%.....	25%.....	26%
Dissatisfied.....	16%.....	16%.....	17%
Very dissatisfied.....	8%.....	8%.....	8%
<i>Total dissatisfied.....</i>	<i>24%.....</i>	<i>24%.....</i>	<i>25%</i>
Not sure.....	2%.....	1%.....	2%

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

Very likely.....	28%.....	28%.....	27%
Likely.....	27%.....	26%.....	27%
<i>Total Likely.....</i>	<i>55%.....</i>	<i>54%.....</i>	<i>54%</i>
It depends/ Not sure.....	27%.....	27%.....	29%
Unlikely.....	11%.....	11%.....	10%
Very unlikely.....	8%.....	7%.....	7%
<i>Total Unlikely.....</i>	<i>19%.....</i>	<i>18%.....</i>	<i>17%</i>

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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?

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Reasonable.....	46%	48%	41%
Too high.....	40%	36%	41%
Too low.....	2%	1%	2%
Not sure.....	13%	16%	17%

**Neighborhood Issues**

7. How satisfied are you with your neighborhood overall?

Very satisfied.....	10%	11%	12%
Satisfied.....	35%	38%	36%
<i>Total Satisfied.....</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>48%</i>
Neutral.....	21%	22%	23%
Dissatisfied.....	21%	17%	19%
Very dissatisfied.....	13%	11%	10%
<i>Total Dissatisfied.....</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>29%</i>
Not sure.....	*%	1%	1%

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

8. The quality of housing in your neighborhood

Very satisfied.....	9%	13%	11%
Satisfied.....	38%	35%	37%
<i>Total Satisfied.....</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>48%</i>
Neutral.....	21%	22%	22%
Dissatisfied.....	20%	18%	19%
Very dissatisfied.....	12%	10%	11%
<i>Total Dissatisfied.....</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>30%</i>
Not sure.....	1%	2%	1%

9. The maintenance of parks and green spaces in your neighborhood

Very satisfied.....	10%	12%	10%
Satisfied.....	31%	34%	34%
<i>Total Satisfied.....</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>44%</i>
Neutral.....	22%	23%	25%
Dissatisfied.....	20%	16%	17%
Very dissatisfied.....	13%	12%	11%
<i>Total Dissatisfied.....</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>28%</i>
Not sure.....	3%	3%	3%

10. Thinking back over the last several years, is the appearance of your neighborhood getting better, getting worse, or about the same?

Getting better.....	20%
Getting worse.....	33%
Staying about the same.....	41%
Not sure.....	6%

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11. How much trust do you have in your neighbors?

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Very high.....		8%	10%
High.....		24%	21%
<i>Total High</i> .....		32%	31%
Moderate.....		42%	46%
Low.....		16%	16%
Very low.....		10%	7%
<i>Total Low</i> .....		26%	23%

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

12. Attend meeting or events in your neighborhood

Often.....	10%	6%	8%
Sometimes.....	22%	23%	19%
Rarely.....	25%	27%	24%
Never.....	43%	44%	49%

13. Talk with your neighbors

Often.....	47%	36%	37%
Sometimes.....	38%	44%	41%
Rarely.....	13%	16%	16%
Never.....	2%	4%	5%

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

Very safe.....	14%	12%	16%
Somewhat safe.....	34%	39%	37%
<i>Total Safe</i> .....	48%	51%	53%
Somewhat unsafe.....	29%	26%	26%
Very unsafe.....	21%	20%	18%
<i>Total Unsafe</i> .....	50%	46%	44%
Not sure.....	2%	2%	2%

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

Very safe.....	41%	40%	40%
Somewhat safe.....	44%	43%	43%
<i>Total Safe</i> .....	85%	83%	83%
Somewhat unsafe.....	12%	13%	12%
Very unsafe.....	3%	3%	3%
<i>Total Unsafe</i> .....	15%	16%	15%
Not sure.....	1%	1%	2%

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Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

16. I have good access to fresh groceries near where I live.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Strongly agree.....			25%
Agree.....			27%
<i>Total Agree</i> .....			<i>52%</i>
It depends.....			17%
Disagree.....			15%
Strongly disagree.....			17%
<i>Total Disagree</i> .....			<i>32%</i>

17. I have adequate access to health care services near where I live.

Strongly agree.....	24%
Agree.....	34%
<i>Total Agree</i> .....	<i>58%</i>
It depends.....	21%
Disagree.....	12%
Strongly disagree.....	9%
<i>Total Disagree</i> .....	<i>21%</i>

18. How often in the past 12 months would you say you were worried or stressed about having enough money to pay vital expenses like your rent, mortgage, or food?

Always.....	11%
Usually.....	11%
Sometimes.....	28%
Rarely.....	20%
Never.....	27%
Not sure or Prefer not to say.....	4%

**Community Diversity/Race Relations**

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

Improved.....	15%	15%	11%
Stayed about the same.....	50%	48%	48%
Gotten worse.....	23%	21%	27%
Not sure.....	12%	16%	14%

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

Strongly agree.....	26%	28%	26%
Agree.....	30%	28%	32%
<i>Total Agree</i> .....	<i>56%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>58%</i>
It depends.....	34%	33%	34%
Disagree.....	5%	5%	4%
Strongly disagree.....	5%	6%	4%
<i>Total Disagree</i> .....	<i>10%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>8%</i>

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**Satisfaction/Performance**

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

21. Police services

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Very satisfied.....	12%.....	18%.....	15%
Satisfied .....	40%.....	39%.....	39%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	<i>52%</i> .....	<i>57%</i> .....	<i>54%</i>
Neutral .....	26%.....	25%.....	25%
Dissatisfied.....	12%.....	10%.....	9%
Very dissatisfied .....	9%.....	5%.....	7%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	<i>21%</i> .....	<i>15%</i> .....	<i>16%</i>
Not sure .....	3%.....	3%.....	4%

22. Fire and EMS Services

Very satisfied.....	30%.....	26%
Satisfied .....	45%.....	46%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	<i>75%</i> .....	<i>72%</i>
Neutral .....	16%.....	20%
Dissatisfied.....	2%.....	1%
Very dissatisfied .....	1%.....	1%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	<i>3%</i> .....	<i>2%</i>
Not sure .....	5%.....	7%

23. Condition of the streets and pavement

Very satisfied.....	2%.....	4%.....	3%
Satisfied .....	18%.....	17%.....	17%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	<i>20%</i> .....	<i>21%</i> .....	<i>20%</i>
Neutral .....	19%.....	21%.....	18%
Dissatisfied.....	35%.....	32%.....	32%
Very dissatisfied .....	25%.....	25%.....	28%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	<i>60%</i> .....	<i>57%</i> .....	<i>60%</i>
Not sure .....	*%.....	1%.....	1%

24. Waste collection

Very satisfied.....	21%.....	23%.....	21%
Satisfied .....	52%.....	48%.....	50%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	<i>73%</i> .....	<i>71%</i> .....	<i>71%</i>
Neutral .....	17%.....	16%.....	19%
Dissatisfied.....	7%.....	7%.....	5%
Very dissatisfied .....	3%.....	4%.....	4%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	<i>10%</i> .....	<i>11%</i> .....	<i>9%</i>
Not sure .....	*%.....	1%.....	1%

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25. Recreation and Youth Services’ facilities and programs

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Very satisfied.....	7%	7%	7%
Satisfied .....	22%	21%	21%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	29%	28%	28%
Neutral .....	28%	31%	29%
Dissatisfied.....	10%	8%	11%
Very dissatisfied .....	8%	7%	9%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	18%	15%	20%
Not sure .....	24%	26%	23%

26. Recycling

Very satisfied.....	17%
Satisfied .....	45%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	62%
Neutral .....	21%
Dissatisfied.....	6%
Very dissatisfied .....	5%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	11%
Not sure .....	6%

27. Water and Wastewater services

Very satisfied.....	18%
Satisfied .....	47%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	65%
Neutral .....	24%
Dissatisfied.....	4%
Very dissatisfied .....	4%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	8%
Not sure .....	3%

28. Downtown amenities like shopping and restaurants

Very satisfied.....	8%
Satisfied .....	26%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	34%
Neutral .....	28%
Dissatisfied.....	17%
Very dissatisfied .....	13%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	30%
Not sure .....	8%

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Very confident .....	26%	26%	24%
Somewhat confident.....	34%	33%	34%
<i>Total Confident</i> .....	<i>60%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>58%</i>
Neutral .....	19%	20%	19%
Not so confident .....	15%	17%	16%
Not at all confident .....	6%	5%	7%
<i>Total Not Confident</i> .....	<i>21%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>23%</i>

**Importance of Services**

How important to you personally is each of these things?

30. Police services

Very important.....	70%
Important.....	23%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	<i>93%</i>
Somewhat important .....	4%
Not very important.....	2%
Not at all important .....	1%
Not sure .....	1%

31. Fire and EMS Services

Very important.....	72%
Important.....	23%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	<i>95%</i>
Somewhat important .....	3%
Not very important.....	*%
Not at all important .....	*%
Not sure .....	1%

32. Condition of the streets and pavement

Very important.....	54%
Important.....	36%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	<i>90%</i>
Somewhat important .....	8%
Not very important.....	1%
Not at all important .....	*%
Not sure .....	1%

33. Waste collection

Very important.....	52%
Important.....	39%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	<i>91%</i>
Somewhat important .....	7%
Not very important.....	1%
Not at all important .....	*%
Not sure .....	*%

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34. Water and Wastewater services

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Very important.....			62%
Important.....			33%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....			95%
Somewhat important.....			3%
Not very important.....			*%
Not at all important.....			*%
Not sure.....			*%

35. The condition of your neighborhood

Very important.....	70%
Important.....	25%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	95%
Somewhat important.....	4%
Not very important.....	*%
Not at all important.....	*%
Not sure.....	*%

36. Downtown amenities like shopping and restaurants

Very important.....	35%
Important.....	28%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	63%
Somewhat important.....	21%
Not very important.....	9%
Not at all important.....	3%
Not sure.....	3%

37. Recycling

Very important.....	44%
Important.....	36%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	80%
Somewhat important.....	14%
Not very important.....	4%
Not at all important.....	1%
Not sure.....	1%

38. Recreation and Youth Services' facilities and programs

Very important.....	39%
Important.....	33%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....	72%
Somewhat important.....	15%
Not very important.....	6%
Not at all important.....	3%
Not sure.....	5%

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39. Maintenance of parks and green spaces in your neighborhood

	2016	2017	2018
Very important.....			49%
Important.....			36%
<i>Top 2 Important</i> .....			85%
Somewhat important.....			11%
Not very important.....			2%
Not at all important.....			1%
Not sure.....			1%

Contact with City Employees

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

Never.....	27%	29%	28%
Once or twice a year.....	56%	56%	57%
Monthly.....	8%	8%	7%
Weekly.....	2%	1%	1%
Daily.....	*%	*%	*%
Not sure.....	7%	6%	8%

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

Tax or Utility Billing.....	20%	21%	29%
Public Works Call Center.....	19%	23%	28%
Police.....	27%	28%	18%
Housing Inspection.....	12%	10%	9%
Building Inspection.....	4%	3%	3%
City Commission Office.....	2%	1%	2%
Economic Development.....	2%	1%	2%
Fire.....	2%	4%	2%
Planning & Community Development.....	4%	3%	2%
Public Affairs.....	2%	2%	2%
Recreation & Youth Services.....	4%	3%	2%
City Manager's Office.....	2%	2%	1%
Human Relations Council.....	1%	*%	1%

42. 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 easy.....	15%	15%	14%
Easy.....	44%	46%	43%
<i>Total Easy</i> .....	59%	61%	57%
Difficult.....	19%	16%	19%
Very difficult.....	7%	6%	8%
<i>Total Difficult</i> .....	26%	22%	27%
Can't remember.....	16%	17%	15%

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
First contact .....	48%	51%	48%
Had to contact them again.....	34%	28%	31%
Can't remember .....	18%	21%	21%

44. Do you agree with this statement? City Staff were courteous and professional throughout the course of your interaction.

Strongly Agree .....	16%	16%
Agree .....	43%	42%
<i>Total Agree</i> .....	<i>59%</i>	<i>58%</i>
Neutral .....	21%	22%
Disagree.....	5%	7%
Strongly disagree .....	4%	3%
<i>Total Disagree</i> .....	<i>9%</i>	<i>10%</i>
Can't remember .....	11%	11%

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

Very satisfied.....	14%	14%	16%
Satisfied .....	35%	39%	38%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	<i>49%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>54%</i>
Neutral .....	17%	18%	22%
Dissatisfied.....	14%	11%	9%
Very dissatisfied .....	9%	7%	6%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	<i>23%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>15%</i>
Not sure .....	11%	11%	9%

**Downtown Visitation & Usage**

(All):

46. How frequently do you visit downtown Dayton?

Daily.....	17%
Weekly .....	23%
Monthly .....	23%
Once or twice a year .....	23%
Never .....	11%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Very safe.....	10%	10%	10%
Somewhat safe .....	37%	38%	36%
<i>Total Safe</i> .....	<i>47%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>46%</i>
Somewhat unsafe .....	26%	24%	24%
Very unsafe.....	22%	21%	20%
<i>Total Unsafe</i> .....	<i>48%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>44%</i>
Not sure .....	5%	7%	10%

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

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Very safe .....	34%	32%	32%
Somewhat safe .....	46%	47%	47%
<i>Total Safe</i> .....	<i>80%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>79%</i>
Somewhat unsafe .....	13%	14%	14%
Very unsafe .....	4%	3%	2%
<i>Total Unsafe</i> .....	<i>17%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>16%</i>
Not sure .....	2%	4%	4%

**Schools**

49. Do you have children that attend school in Dayton? If yes, which of these do they attend? Mark any that apply to you.

No children in school in Dayton .....	80%	79%
Dayton Public Schools .....	11%	12%
Charter school.....	2%	4%
Parochial school.....	2%	2%
Home school .....	1%	1%
Other.....	4%	5%

50. If you have children that attend school in Dayton, how satisfied are you with the quality of their education?

Very satisfied.....	15%	10%
Satisfied .....	23%	25%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....	<i>38%</i>	<i>35%</i>
Neutral .....	20%	24%
Dissatisfied.....	17%	16%
Very dissatisfied .....	14%	23%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....	<i>31%</i>	<i>39%</i>
Not sure .....	11%	2%

51. Regardless of whether you are raising a family today, would the quality of the schools available 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%	19%	20%
Less likely .....	60%	48%	48%
No difference.....	17%	16%	15%
Not sure .....	11%	18%	18%

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52. How satisfied are you with the Preschool Promise initiative in Dayton?

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Very satisfied.....		7%	6%
Satisfied .....		10%	9%
<i>Total Satisfied</i> .....		17%	15%
Neutral/ No opinion .....		28%	31%
Dissatisfied.....		3%	3%
Very dissatisfied.....		3%	3%
<i>Total Dissatisfied</i> .....		6%	6%
Unaware of the initiative .....		49%	47%

**Police/Community Relations**

53. 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%	40%	30%
Somewhat respectful.....	39%	34%	37%
<i>Total Respectful</i> .....	74%	74%	67%
Somewhat disrespectful .....	11%	8%	9%
Very disrespectful.....	5%	4%	5%
<i>Total Disrespectful</i> .....	16%	12%	14%
Not sure .....	10%	14%	19%

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

Strongly agree.....	14%	16%	15%
Agree .....	25%	26%	22%
<i>Total Agree</i> .....	39%	42%	37%
Neutral .....	20%	20%	19%
Disagree.....	15%	11%	13%
Strongly disagree .....	10%	7%	6%
<i>Total Disagree</i> .....	25%	18%	19%
Not sure .....	17%	20%	24%

55. How much respect do you have for police in Dayton?

A great deal.....	62%	62%
Some .....	32%	32%
Hardly any.....	6%	5%

56. Would you say that Dayton Police are visible in your neighborhood and attend community events often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Often .....	20%	18%
Sometimes.....	34%	35%
Rarely .....	17%	16%
Never .....	6%	8%
Not sure .....	22%	22%

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57. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Strongly Agree .....		13%	14%
Agree .....		38%	36%
<i>Total Agree</i> .....		51%	50%
Neutral .....		20%	20%
Disagree.....		14%	14%
Strongly Disagree.....		7%	8%
<i>Total Disagree</i> .....		21%	22%
Not sure .....		8%	9%

**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?

Yes.....	47%	44%	39%
No .....	48%	51%	52%
Can't remember .....	2%	3%	6%
Prefer not to say.....	2%	2%	3%

59. If yes, 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%	29%	21%
Traffic stop .....	6%	5%	3%
Helped by an officer .....	7%	8%	6%
Involved in an accident.....	6%	5%	5%
Arrested .....	1%	1%	*%
Victim of a crime.....	10%	12%	9%
In a social setting or at a community event.....	17%	9%	8%
Safety training .....	1%	*%	1%
Can't remember .....	3%	7%	12%
Other (Please specify.).....	19%	18%	27%
Prefer not to say.....	5%	6%	8%

**Gun Violence**

(All):

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

Very concerned.....	38%	37%	38%
Somewhat concerned.....	28%	28%	26%
<i>Top 2 Concerned</i> .....	66%	65%	64%
Only a little concerned.....	19%	19%	19%
Not concerned.....	13%	13%	14%
Not sure .....	2%	3%	3%

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**Drug Use**

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

	2016	2017	2018
Never .....	24%	24%	26%
Once or twice a year .....	14%	12%	11%
Monthly .....	10%	9%	7%
Weekly .....	15%	15%	15%
Daily .....	22%	20%	16%
Not sure .....	16%	20%	25%

**Communications**

62. How do you want to receive information about news and events from the City of Dayton? Mark any that apply.

Traditional mail.....	59%	58%	48%
Local television.....	29%	33%	40%
A local newspaper.....	24%	22%	26%
Email.....	31%	25%	25%
Social media, like Facebook.....	23%	20%	23%
The City’s website .....	21%	14%	20%
An electronic newsletter from the City .....	20%	16%	16%
City of Dayton Channel/Government Access TV .....	11%	11%	10%
Some other way (Please specify.) .....	2%	2%	4%

**Closing and Classification**

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

Better street & sidewalk maintenance .....	16%
Too many vacant buildings.....	10%
Need more police presence, response/Deal with the crime .....	8%
Too much trash/Overgrown lots/Houses in disrepair .....	8%
Need stores/More development .....	7%
Clean up neighborhoods/Not all neighborhoods equally helped ..	6%
City is doing positive things/Headed in right direction .....	6%
Taxes/fees are too high.....	4%
Panhandling/Homelessness .....	3%
Drug problem in City.....	3%
Speeding/Enforce traffic laws .....	2%
Better recycling/trash/leaf collection .....	2%
City needs better leadership.....	2%
Better schools .....	2%
Enforce ordinances/Enforce consistently.....	1%
City needs better customer service .....	1%
Other .....	20%

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

64. What is your gender?

	2016	2017	2018
Male .....	46%	47%	46%
Female .....	54%	50%	51%
Prefer not to say.....	1%	3%	3%

65. What is your age?

18 to 34 .....	25%	23%	23%
35 to 49 .....	27%	25%	26%
50 to 64 .....	28%	26%	27%
65 or older.....	20%	22%	19%
Prefer not to say.....	*%	4%	4%

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

11th grade or less .....	5%	4%	6%
12th grade/High school diploma/GED .....	21%	21%	19%
Attended some college.....	30%	32%	34%
Four-year degree/ Bachelor’s degree .....	24%	19%	19%
Graduate work/ Advanced degree.....	20%	20%	18%
Prefer not to say.....	1%	3%	4%

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

Married .....	38%	35%	35%
In a long-term committed relationship.....	11%	11%	9%
Single.....	28%	27%	28%
Divorced.....	13%	12%	15%
Widowed .....	9%	8%	8%
Prefer not to say.....	1%	6%	6%

68. Are there any children under the age of 6 in your household? (Not asked in 2016)

One or more infants or toddlers (ages 0 to 2) .....	6%	7%
One or more preschool children (ages 3 to 5).....	5%	8%
None of the above.....	89%	86%

69. Please choose the single answer that best describes your work status.

Work full-time .....	54%	49%	49%
Work part-time.....	7%	7%	7%
Stay-at-home caretaker or homemaker .....	4%	5%	3%
Student.....	2%	2%	2%
Retired .....	22%	24%	22%
Unable to work .....	5%	6%	6%
Not working, looking for work .....	3%	2%	4%
Other (Please specify.).....	3%	1%	3%
Prefer not to say.....	*%	4%	4%

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70. Do you own or rent your home?

	2016	2017	2018
Own .....	68%	61%	60%
Rent .....	31%	33%	35%
Prefer not to say.....	1%	7%	5%

71. How many years have you lived in Dayton?

Less than 10 years .....	23%	23%	23%
10-19 years.....	16%	11%	12%
20-29 years.....	12%	8%	7%
30+ years.....	49%	20%	19%
Lived here all my life .....		36%	38%

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

White.....	54%	52%	49%
African-American/Black .....	40%	38%	35%
Hispanic or Latino .....	2%	2%	5%
Asian.....	2%	3%	1%
Something else (Please specify.) .....	4%	2%	2%
Not sure/ Prefer not to say.....	2%	7%	10%

73. In what country were you born?

United States.....	95%	93%	92%
Another country (Please specify.).....	5%	4%	6%
Not sure/ Prefer not to say.....	*%	2%	2%

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

Less than \$10,000.....	8%	8%	10%
\$10,000 to \$24,999 .....	16%	14%	16%
\$25,000 to \$49,999 .....	25%	22%	21%
\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	16%	16%	13%
\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	9%	9%	13%
\$100,000 or more.....	11%	8%	7%
Not sure/ Prefer not to say.....	16%	22%	20%

Thank you for completing this survey.

(Not on the questionnaire; coded after the survey is completed):

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Downtown .....	3%
F.R.O.C.....	12%
Innerwest .....	5%
Northeast .....	15%
Northwest.....	14%
Southeast.....	35%
Southwest .....	14%

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59. If yes (contact with a Dayton police officer), what was the nature of the most recent contact? (responses of "Other")
333-cops
a matter pertaining to my grandchildren, also one of my cars being towed from my driveway because my son drove to store cost me 130.00 out of my driveway
Abandoned vehicle
abandoned vehicles
about someone in an abandoned building
alarm
alarm
answered no to 58
Ask question
asked about abandoned cars on my street
Attacked by Pit Bull dog
Auto damage
break in
Brian Lewis's bad conduct
called 4 mgd: disrespectful children.
Called 911 for neighbor
called about a reckless driver
called for loud neighbors
Called to report fighting on Morse. They never came then months later a girl was killed there do to fighting.
Came as a result of a 911 call/ my son died of a heart attack
Car horn going off
CHECK EMPTY HOUSE
checked to make sure i was not criminal
child
civil call (visitation)
Complaint in Park
court
Daughter was assaulted
Death
did all the above
Did not have contact
Did not have contact but online required response to advance survey
Didn't
disturbance in the park
dog barking
Dog Bite
drive by shooting
DRUG ACTIVITY
Drug deal
Drug traffic
Drugs - Pros in area
drugs etc.
Drugs in neighborhood
drunk husband
false alarm
False Alarm (house)
False alarm cat broke vase
Falsely accused of jaywalking (I'm 65 and on walker and can't get across before walk sign flashes red. I had walk sign when I stepped in crosswalk-was out and out harassment-I'm outraged and has completely changed my view of law enforcement in Dayton)
family death
Family member
family member - crisis intervention
followed to my home
had an unwanted person in my home
have had no contact within last 12 months

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haven't had contact
hear gunfire regularly
hearing shots in the area
help someone passed out
Help with problem neighbor
home alarm went off
Home Security Camera
Housing problem with condemned property
I answered no. This survey is terrible, if you answer no, you are still forced to answer the yes part. The other question didn't have other so I had to choose a response even though it didn't apply to me
I called 911 because someone kicked in my door around 12P.
I have not contacted police in the last 12 months
I said NO
Illegally parked vehicle
In the course of my job
information
issue with neighborhood kid
Kids in neighborhood
Looking for my son
Looking for someone
Loose large dogs in neighborhood
medication recycling
Men homeless Sheldon walking through neighborhood
mental health help
misunderstanding by a neighbor
my car hit
My car was hit by a hit and run car
My daughter was attacked
my dog was attacked by a pit bull
my personal vehicle parked in front of my home
my status by my family
Neighbor
Neighbor complaint
neighbor dispute
neighbor dispute
neighbor's nasty yard, junk & cars - still!!!
neighborhood meeting
Neighborhood meeting
Never had to call
Next door called
noise complaint
Noise violation, personal verbal abuse from neighbor
noisy neighbor
Non-emergency issues
not been contact
Notify that we are on vacation
OD was caught behind the house. They needed to come through the house to get dog.
officer asking questions
Officers came as a result of telephone alert at 6:00am while i attempted to reconnect phone.
Overdose at my house
parental custody issue
Parking Complaint
Parking Harassment
Police and Clergy Together Program
police not returning my call about thug
Police tow
Prowler
rear-ended
Report a possible problem. A neighbor took his own life. Police were not very helpful.

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report abandoned cars on street
Report about drug dealer
report drug trafficking at a neighbor\'s house
Report suspicious activity by the bank
reporting a missing minor
reported someone on the ground
requested signs to be put up for no parking window washing condo
Ride Along
robbing a corner store and very delayed assistance concerning neighbor poisoning cats, drug sales
Sat in outlaws @515 Bently St. drug delivery all night long 24/7
Schedule use of a facility
SHOTS FIRED
Someone came to door that needed help
Someone in building that didn't live there sleeping in lobby on floor
Someone shattered vehicle\'s window
someone stalking my mom
Someone trying to access my home
speeding ticket
stole car
stranger at the door
stranger sleeping in wheelchair overnight in winter
Stray car
suspicious people in neighborhood
tenants in the apartment building
Thank them, good job
thanking them for service
the drug addicts in the area of my mother's 45403
Theft
They arrived to my film set
they were looking for someone
threatening phone calls
ticket
to patrol our area when on vacation
traffic camera ticket
Trespassing in building
Turned in keys found on my property
unusual person came to the door attempting to solicit a product
vandalism
when my mother past
Wife of the arrested party, mother of the \'victim\'
work
work at P.D.
year 2014
Yelled at for crossing street against walk light regardless of the fact that there was no traffic and I was in the crosswalk

**63. Do you have any other comments about the City of Dayton or any of the issues covered on this survey?**

1. Do it right the first time (construction etc.) Use stainless steel 2. Maintain basketball parks and rims for youth activity 3. Basketballs/Footballs/Soccer Balls as gifts.

1. I moved to Dayton in 1968- stayed until 1971 and we came back in 1979 and have lived at 104 Rockwood ever since. 2. When the city made the 5 Oaks community a 'gated' community, the gate has had a wonderful effect. Also tearing down abandoned buildings has been good. It is obvious Dayton cares. 3. Also, I go to Sinclair and I am involved in the ceramics and sculpture My teacher Leesa has told me that a group of artists in Dayton applied for a grant with the idea of beautifying older neighborhoods with artistic expressions or installations: like what has been done to the RR overpass in the Oregon district in Dayton or Webster St. Market. For the 5 Oaks neighborhood we could fix broken sidewalks with new cement with decorative tile (made by Dayton ceramists) placed in the cement. The idea is the artistic installations could be temporary or permanent, but it would encourage

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<p>people to walk through the neighborhoods and view and appreciate the artwork. Also, there could be sculptural pieces. Contact the art department of Sinclair UD, Wright State, and various high schools and you'll find a treasure of ideas. Our beloved 5 Oaks neighborhood has been struggling but it is (and has been) obvious that we are not 'forgotten' but that the city of Dayton 'cares'. Thank you for this wonderful survey showing your concern and giving us a chance to talk to you. Who are you? How can I talk to you? Is there a phone number? Also: I have a specific problem: 102 Rockwood has been owned by a bank for some time (10-20 years). The last tenant left because Vectren determined a gas leak and the bank would not fix the leak. That was like 5-7 years ago. There is also dead buckeye tree in the backyard (you can see through the tree where the woodpeckers have pecked holes in it). There's one tree that's half dead that has a dead limb hanging over Neal Ave. The people who cut the grass had regularly trespassed my property and cut my bushes down and broke my pots. I do not know what t</p>
<p>1. need parking for new tennis courts by dia 2. businesses need visible addresses 3. need street and alley lights 4.folks who conserve water are charged to much 5. pot holes 6. seniors who have no help 7. stop oppressing</p>
<p>1. Please bring back community/ neighborhood policing. 2. Thank you for the Dayton Delivers app!</p>
<p>2 doors down vacant home. Grass is very high. I have called City 2 years in a row. Still high.</p>
<p>A couple of the responses are not accurate due to the question wording and required answer. For example, on question 58 I answered I had not contacted the police in the last 12 months. Question 59 required me to choose an answer even though none really applied, otherwise I could not continue the survey. The survey should have skipped question 59 if no was the answer to question 58.</p>
<p>A failure to get glass off the street in front of my house, and it is still there.</p>
<p>A few months ago I reported a sinkhole on Verona. It took more than a month to fix it and now the patch is sinking</p>
<p>A guest at my house received a ticket while parked in my driveway because their car protruded into the sidewalk (did not cover entire sidewalk) yet, I constantly see residents doing the same but do not get cited. Also, cars on roads for months without air in tire - (illegible)</p>
<p>A historical house across alley from me, 1802 East Third St., falling down, fire hazard. People going on porch, homeless, prostitutes, drug addicts/drunks. City inspector said couldn't do nothing because it's historical. Been here 5 years, just continues to get worse, scary, because it's a fire hazard. Something needs done with it!</p>
<p>A lot but suffice it to say when I moved here in 2015 I was pleasantly surprised. But, due to serious accident in 2016, the closing of Garden Station, and the interaction with law enforcement last month I can't get out of here soon enough. Too bad-Dayton does have potential.</p>
<p>A lot of empty property need to be taken down that could make room for a place fun the neighborhood. See some pretty greenery 4500 block of Eichelbergen Ave.</p>
<p>Abandoned house need to be torn down all over my neighborhood</p>
<p>Abandoned houses need to be demolished and grass kept mowed more often!!</p>
<p>Abandoned houses on Lindenwood for years.</p>
<p>Abandoned property for 10 years at 3221 Wellington Drive not handled by city yet. Wild animals in this house, not safe/there are children in close proximity</p>
<p>about houses that should be torn down</p>
<p>All our neighborhoods are turning into slums-deteriorating rapidly. Moving folks out of 'project homes' into our neighborhoods is not lifting them up. but only tearing down what use to be a good neighborhood</p>
<p>Alley way nasty, weeds and grass not cut 4 to 6 weeks.</p>
<p>Alley ways need more clean up off Furlay and Bience Street</p>
<p>Alleys in Belmont are generally a mess. People need to clean them up. Rentals are a big problem.</p>
<p>Also focus on Belmont</p>
<p>Animal treatment and living conditions are pitiful and nothing done to help</p>
<p>Appearance of neighborhood - property owners need to maintain grass cutting. Also would like to see more programs to help seniors take care of repairs in or outside their home, such as roofing, windows, other minor or some major repairs.</p>
<p>As a citizen attempting to report local and state violations in regards to poisoning cats 3 (at least) sets of officers were dismissive and technically uninformed on topic. My neighbor committing these acts to me was showing 'red flag' behaviors beyond cruelty to animals. I believe the officers could have done more to stop this criminal behavior. As well, the poisoning cat incidents has led to be much more reluctant to report continual drug activities in the area due to dismissive and disrespectful treatment from DPD. I heard one officer calling in through his squad car and describing me as something wrong '...discrimination?'</p>
<p>As it turned out, the officer ordered the one officer who had tried to put out the fire, to stop using the fire extinguisher, and ordered me to get away. I lost my entire car.</p>
<p>As parks are concerned, Wegrzyn is really nice, but the park at the end of (illegible) off of Ridgerd is really scary. People do all sorts of crime in those outbuildings. Not sure what the park is called, maybe Triangle Park</p>
<p>Bad thing about my neighborhood - folks have rented homes now across the street, use to have nice owners. Park where they should not. Don't take care of property.</p>
<p>Begin to focus on neighborhoods other than Downtown!</p>
<p>Believe our country is more divided now than ever before. I think we are on the road to oblivion.</p>

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Belmont is better than Dayton by far. Taxes and the tax office is a joke. Our roads + alleys need attention. They suck
Benson/Salem to Hillcrest thru by Good Sam vehicles drive like the street is a racetrack. Vehicles speeding. Need to ready to put speed bumps when hospital closed their doors.
better housing for seniors over 60. 1 insitences not high-rise buildings
Bring a store like Aldi's to Springfield neighborhood do more for East side.
Bring things for the kids and community
Bull dose these that are an eye sore, Fix the streets correctly.
Bus hub needs to be moved. BAD spot in Downtown. Too much riff raff there.
Businesses that are no longer open and the property is hideous, not maintained at all. This is not seen in surrounding communities.
City Hall staff needs to remember they work for the citizens of Dayton and should be more responsive to issues.
City has many challenges such as food desert that need addressing. Other neighborhoods need more redevelopment efforts.
City inspector needs to do their jobs. Police need to show themselves patrolling more on streets.
City inspectors allowed White Allen to put back a fence next to me when the new city ordinance says 15 feet some kind of crap. The fence was down for over two months.
City needs to address homes and businesses on main and Salem that need to be torn down. Especially St. Clara business on Main Street
City needs to diminish the blight (vacant buildings, etc.).
City needs to raze abandoned houses In N Dayton - But I understand the lack of money for such projects.
City of Dayton has lost my W2 forms two years in a row and said I never sent them in, yet it had already accepted my tax returns. It has also misplaced the check from my bank for the water bill and tried to turn my water off as a result. It was found in a pile of mail on a desk. Fix this!
City only cares about downtown while the rest of the city is deteriorating. In 2001 I bought my house for 119,900. Its current value is 70,000. I'm surrounded by foreclosures.
City Ordinances need to be enforced. We have to many dogs running around in our area. My neighbor has a large dog chained to her front door without a fence around her yard. Kids are afraid to walk down the street.
Clean up the waste drop off by Belmont Park. Fix the fence and mark where to drop off debris.
Comments are illegible.
Commissioner Joseph is the best!
concerned about the lack of commercial business in the downtown and west Dayton
Concerned about trash everywhere in my neighborhood and the horrible drivers especially on my street makes it unsafe
concerning my car, I've sent two estimates for my car. the city refuses to pay the \$400 bills for my tires and repairs
Continue to do the work you are doing and make decisions that are best for the City and its people.
Cost of a Paramedic unit is very high. My insurance pays part but my portion stresses my SSDI
Crack down on criminal sentencing
Crime is everywhere. The job center needs improvement, schools are terrible. I hate living here. I feel unsafe and I will be moving away ASAP. Terrible City.
Customer service representatives for tax and water utility is unsatisfactory Problems are never (illegible). In other words, you pass it in to the next rep/. this is bad
Dayton has much more potential than what it is now. This city was once known as an innovative city and it seems to have lost that. Downtown is being developed and still has a long way to go, but some of the neighborhoods that surround it, particularly the East and West sides are neglected. It's frustrating to see something like the 'race riot' from the 60's still dictating whether people venture over the river. It's ridiculous. I commend the attempts that have recently been made to develop Wright Dunbar, but those were some of the same promises made back in the early 2000's that never happened.
Dayton has no major stores (Walmart, Meijer, Target, etc.) except for Kroger. All shopping has to be down outside city limits. WHY???
Dayton is a great place to live and work!
Dayton is a very nice place to live and we have to work hard to make it even better
Dayton is filthy - trash is everywhere - Embarrassing
Dayton is in a state of emergency- Houses all over the city are falling down- and absolutely nothing is being done about it. Store/shops have to pack-up and get.
Dayton is moving in the right direction and I am proud to live her.
Dayton is my birthplace. Not the same place any longer. Want to move ASAP.
Dayton isn't like it was 58 years ago/ Boo Hoo.
Dayton needs to fix these horrible streets! The potholes are ridiculous! What am I paying taxes for?
Dayton police have been very helpful with my complaint of noise from neighbor

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Dayton police need to enforce state and local laws
Dayton provides us with no recreation facilities, parks or green areas
Dayton schools need to improve. This is very essential to retain residents or else they move to Beavercreek or Centerville.
Dayton sliding backwards & top heavy in management. Need more people actually working in the field.
Dayton would be a good place to live if everyone living here would communicate and participate by reporting illegal activities.
DECA elementary school causes multiply problems trying to get in and out of my residence. they totally block Squirrel Rd. There are several occasions that the parents have left trash behind after attending events at the school. Just yesterday a parent had their child urinate on the tree in my yard.
Decline of neighborhood - 45403 - I maintain my property. Retired with a college degree, but so many won't or can't.
Deeds dog park is good for the community. Absolutely way too much littering. Trash on the streets/parks. More enforcement please
Definitely appreciate the repairing of side streets, sure wish and hope a repairing of Wayne Ave, soon as possible. Thanks,
Develop the river from [illegible] rivers parks to DP&L low dam; restaurants, boating, take down cables so we can fish.
Dislike how stores, services, and institutions etc. are leaving West Dayton.
Dissatisfied with the number of houses that are abandoned for years and left standing in poor condition. Need to be torn down.
Do not cut enough empty lots grass or abandoned houses and buildings, ice and snow removal, need more low-income housing.
Do not like the amount of loose dogs without owners in my neighborhood - especially pit bulls.
Do not make Dayton a sanctuary city.
Do you really care or is this a mandated survey? Calling downtown is a hassle, rude people in Recycling, Tax Dept. gives you the run around.!
dog attacks, boarded up homes, pan handlers, fireworks and people gathering at gas stations biggest issue. Litter - looks so bad
don't get a fair break many times - picked on a lot - others not West side is not protected like - Kettering etc. - not taking care greatly
Downtown has improved significantly. Panhandling and drugs are the major issues I see on a daily basis. In the past 10 years, police response has been very slow.
Downtown residents need easier access to a grocery with high quality food. Home delivery would be a wonderful amenity also . CBD area could use a restaurant that is open on Sunday.
Drug addict meet drug dealer in cars to do transactions near overgrown vacant lots, vacant lot not cut regularly unless we call. this lot harbors mice, ground hogs, and possums which we have seen.
drug dealers are having their customers park and wait on the streets of this community and the surrounding exits
Drug users park on Edison around 1200 and meet dealers from 120 Resinger or walk thru vacant lot to 120 Resinger. It's easy to check them - park down the street, unmarked car.
Drug Use Woodbine & Fauver Ave. (Yellow siding) (*DO SOMETHING*)
Economic development in the West Dayton area. Huge population of poverty that need grocery stores and after/summer activities for our children.
Email delivery (as lack of)
Empty buildings can be used for the homeless and re-purposed for rehab locations.
Empty houses for past 20-25 years-nothing done. People's trash in garage and no door. -Rats and mice nothing done.
Empty housing.
Empty lots should be mowed so grass not get too high.
Ensure police manpower meets calls for service - needs of the community
Entire comment is illegible
Even though I've lived in Dayton over 40 years, I do not know how to answer some of the questions. My vision is poor as is my health, I am 79 years old. I love Dayton but wish there were affordable shops- like a department store, 5 and 10's or .99 cent shops, a movie theater that has matinees and shows 1930-1940's pictures, an outlet store- all this to compete with suburb shopping. There needs to be a 'people place'. Fix the arcade. 'She's a grand old lady'. She doesn't deserve the disrespect she's getting- bring back the shops and they will come- I used to live there on the 3d floor, 4th street side, ears ago. I loved it. All the shops were there, would love to have it back. Make her the center piece of Dayton again. Right now there's nothing here to draw people- they are what makes a city to sing.

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Every store has closed. We have no restaurant over here. Empty houses over here. Streets are bad. Road kill everywhere. Groundhogs.
Excess speed, property damage in residential areas
Excessive sped on neighborhood streets
excessive speeding in our neighborhood, need of street repair and resurfacing
Finish paving roads in Hearthstone; Some vacant homes are do [illegible].
Fire services very professional
First and Foremost I say we are moving in the WRONG direction because there are too many boarded up and abandoned homes in our city and it looks really awful! I live in the Edgemont area and they are FINALLY trying to do something, but I think it primarily because we are so close to UD and March Madness Games are there and I wonder if it would have happened if this were not the case. We need some type of community beautification project, we need these abandoned homes knocked down and new one coming up and improving the looks of our neighborhoods and city!
Fix the roads and neighborhoods and abandoned housing
Fix the roads in our neighborhood. Kennedy Ave looks like a war zone. Take care of Belmont Park. There is a limb down in the disc golf area that has been down for over a year, and Forestry/Parks & Rec have yet to do anything about it. I know when my dad was a supervisor in Parks & Rec, it would have been taken care of immediately!
Fix the streets - they are SO bad.
Forget about the arcade (waste)
Get rid of boarded up homes - firetraps - to many on my street
Get rid of the vagrants and beggars.
Get rid of the abandoned houses and fix the streets and keep an eye on the neighborhood from time to time.
Get rid of the trash that sits in the street 23/7 in the 5200 block of woodcock way.
Get the support of services. The police patrol, no to minimal snow plowing. I pay excessive taxes. It is ridiculous. Downtown is a joke. Our mayor and city commissioner are a joke also . I would move but my property is not worth what I paid. Thanks to the great city amenities! NOT
Good city, working class.
Gun violence concerns stem from one incident, rumor was it was a drug deal gone wrong. Many thefts in my neighborhood.
Have desperate need for downtown grocery store 7/day market have heard that deeds point dog park may be closed- please keep open
Have noticed a lot more trash in the neighborhood and along the highways. I am not sure of the reason.
Have water trash send out monthly bills as I am on disabled Social Security and it would be easier to pay.
Home ownership should be encouraged, More advertising and new business in these vacant buildings
Hopefully Dayton will continue to improve for all people living here
Hoping for improvements.
hoping to get neighbors back w/ respect
Houses need to be torn down that fall in need to go. Police officers call your home asking for (illegible) hung up on you when you tell them you can't. Trees need to be cut down that is dead before they fall. Children playing in empty houses and garages that have fallen in. People throwing trash in alleys around empty houses.
Housing - a lot of vacant houses, buildings, reuse possibilities, etc.
Housing/ maintenance lawns (critters) and leaving grass clippings in the street, loud music.
How do we help recovering addicts and human traffickers get help with treatment and housing?
How much does the neighborhood cover - one or two streets or blocks?
I almost NEVER see police in my neighborhood. I pay as much or more taxes than most city residents and yet do not get a patrol. When I have needed the police it has been a half hour or more for help to arrive. Same with Fire/EMS. I do not get timely service from them. The winter time street maintenance SUCKS. We pay too much money in taxes to not get adequate salting of roads, all roads not just main thoroughfares. The hill by my house has kept me from going to work numerous times because of a small amount of snow and or ice. The city of Dayton sucks at BASIC SERVICES. It seems the money is spent elsewhere on pet projects.
I always appreciate the kindness of waste collection workers when they put my trash can back off the alley as I cannot always get to it easily in bad weather.
I am a lifelong Dayton-born person (81 year) I love Dayton!
I am concerned about insufficient investment in West Dayton. And solutions to 'food Deserts' in East and West Dayton.
I am disappointed that the quality of life here has declined so much in the time I have lived here. If I could afford it, I would move away
I am happy to see the Dayton city streets being improved and the parks maintained. I am disappointed that some schools will be closing especially since we had to pay higher taxes to build new schools.

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I am saddened that big development projects are being prioritized over local grass roots initiatives that add more value
I am surprised there's no question asking what is the reason you most frequently contact the City of Dayton offices, police or schools.
I am very active in my community, therefore have access to resources, services & people at City Hall.
I am very concerned about signage on 2nd at River & Fwy where it becomes Salem - there needs to be SIGNAGE EARLY to move to right to stay on Salem and arrows should not be [up pointing arrows] but rather [side pointing arrows]
I am very concerned with the condition of our neighborhoods, vacant lots and houses. The streets are getting real bad. The drug problem is real bad.
I appreciate city police handle events on the square.
I basically like Dayton. I like the proximity of our city to a lot of big cities. In an eight-hour drive or hour flight I can get to anywhere east of Mississippi River almost.
I believe the police are doing a good job.
I believed continued development downtown (such as with the Arcade), and investment in quality of life in the neighborhoods, will make Dayton a desirable place to live for all different kinds of people.
I don't appreciate my taxes being raised for schools all the time or having my taxes raised over property assessment. I'm sick of taxes! Can never get ahead. The income tax should be removed.
I don't believe crime is being properly dealt with in Dayton. I see arrests reported, but charges dropped and the criminals released over and over again. I see many murders unsolved. I see drug related crimes ignored. I see aggressive driving and speeding at 20MPH over the limit daily.
I don't like the downtown streets, the way they have been narrowed, closed off, turned into two-way traffic. Some of it is okay, but other areas have caused gridlock/traffic problems
I feel Dayton police officers do a great job!!
I feel parking should be free after 5pm in downtown Dayton
I feel that your camera are only used to generate more revenue for the city and they cause more ill feelings than positive ones. They should be put on a ballot for your constituents to vote their opinion.
I hate County Corp. They are liars and I should have sued.
I have lived here for 9 years--5 or 6 boarded up houses in Wyoming have been there since before I moved here. City needs to inspect neighborhoods, cite and demolish as necessary--very slow!
I have lived here just 2 years so haven't had any trouble at all.
I have lived in Dayton all my life. Neighborhoods are going to trash. I drove school bus for 30 years. Schools, neighborhoods, kids...city going to hell
I have lived in this house for 20 ears and my streets have never been paved. It desperately needs it and with the passage of the last tax levy I am expecting it, also code enforcement seems to have by the waste side.
I have no problem with immigrants living next door as long as they are legal immigrants. Something needs to be done about the school system or there will be no one moving in the Dayton unless they can't afford elsewhere!
I have not contacted the city but should have regarding traffic light at W Grand & Salem - the light changes too fast and people often run the lights, putting pedestrians in danger.
I have serious issues with the way trash/bulk pickup is handled. The pickup is weeks away, but I am asked how many bags and what kind of trash. I'm not allowed to fill more than 1 trash container at a time. Is it the same in all Dayton neighborhoods? Thanks
I have the utmost respect for our police and firemen - they are spread so thin - we need more of both.
I invite you to drive rough streets of Salem Ave., Philadelphia Drive, and Gettysburg Ave. Compare to S. Main!
I live downtown & like what I have been seeing over the past 5+ years
I live on a corner where bus 2 has a bus stop going both directions. We get a lot of trash in our yard but there is a trash can across the street at the bus stop going the opposite direction. Would it be possible to get a trash can on our corner? It's frustrating to clean after others.
I love Dayton, I think it is a beautiful city. fix the potholes
I love my neighborhood but the people begging for money and stealing off people porches makes the safety of the neighborhood a concern
I really appreciate the job that Mayor Whaley is doing.
I really hope we get more road repairs. I look forward to a drop in opioid epidemic, violent crimes. A boost in cutting overgrown years - contacting owners to tell them to get their house in order! A pool center would be great for the Dayton area! Summer rec!
I see a lot of people run red lights. I don't feel it is right for a police officer to break the law.
I think Dayton area offer wonderful arts etc. to meet anybody needs. The individuals that keep the debris off the street should be complimented. Dayton presents a clean environment

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I think Dayton is doing the right things to bring people back to the city. More enforcement of Housing violations would also help with creating neighborhoods that causal drivers would look and see thriving communities vs abandoned homes and homes that are falling down due to neglect.
I think initiatives like this survey are a good sign. I like the community events in the Salem Ave corridor like the community meal in the fall on the 3rd street bridge
I think sometimes they are too eager to shoot
I think that recycling should be weekly instead of biweekly. I recycle far more items than I throw away.
I think the City could do more to hold homeowners accountable for vacant and rental property condition. Too much \$\$ spent on downtown. Too many tax breaks.
I think the City leadership needs to put actions in place to clean up inner city Dayton. There are far too many homes that are unkempt/dilapidated. Streets need desperate repair and crime is too high. People need to be fined if they don't keep up properties. Absent landlords need to be penalized also. I don't hear much of anything from City leaders. They don't speak up about crime, lack of retail in the City, or not much. We need a city that is more appealing so people will stay in the city.
I think the money that is used in the City of Dayton is not shared evenly and is used improperly. Million-dollar libraries is an improper use of the money. We have bigger problems.
I think the quality of schools needs to be addressed. I pay triple property taxes here and the schools are the worst I've ever seen
I think there's a great opportunity for Dayton to pursue a community run internet service provider using city's fiber network. Providing that access cheaply to all residents would be a large boon and I think draw in more people as well. I think the possibility of allowing backyard chickens should also be revisited.
I think we need way better control of the homeless in the area, begging. Crime like theft in my neighborhood has went down but the drugs are worse.
I want bagless leaf pick up. Bagging is too difficult and wasteful.
I want the city to take care of parks, mowing, rec activities and beautification. This will help people feel like we all need to take of our property
I was billed for waste collection because I had the water transferred into my home. I did not have any trash collected for 6 months but was charged anyway. I did not use water but was charged anyway. I had to pay to get services for services I did not use.
I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio and Dayton city is the best. I couldn't find anyplace better
I was dismayed that the leaves were no longer being collected by the curb. The service was very useful, saved homeowners money. I would like to have to leaf curb pickup restored.
I wish (and so do others nearby) that the city would do something about a house enclosed by tress, bushes on all 4 sides. It is very nasty looking compared to others nearby. 1033 S. Smithville
I wish the city of Dayton would show some love for the Westside and Midwest. It's horrible no store, (illegible) dollar stores. The city needs to be better!!!
I wish the City would invest in its neighborhoods more. It's discouraging to see all the money going to gentrify downtown. The Lot Links program is great, but it's too slow. Also, we could use some support in planning local investment into our neighborhoods - how can the City support small business growth in the neighborhoods?
I wish there was quality places to take my nieces and nephews for recreation. There isn't good grocery stores and the neighborhood and streets cook horrible
I wish they would get the streets done. My car messed up.
I would like to be more informed of positive news , new business dev. Coming to Dayton-pressed to focused on everything. Personally quality of neighborhood has decreased significantly.
I would like to see more arrests for drug dealing.
I would like to see more restaurants in town and make a Putt-Putt Golf.
I would love to see in Dayton community police. Officers and neighbors, people getting to know and respect each other.
I'd like to see the City work with DP & L on a renewable energy initiative. In general the city does a good job, though I'd like to see more invested in poorer neighborhoods, a continued concerted effort to help addicts, and increased investment in green space. Lastly, bring back Garden Station.
If possible, neighborhood policing would be advantageous: 1. Get to know police; 2. Trust development; 3. Good way to inform inconspicuously - only if 1 or 2 officers could be known and seen in neighborhood once or twice a month or so.
If the city of Dayton cuts down one more time, I will scream!
If there is not already a hotline to report suspected drug activity there needs to be one that is posted on the public access channel.
If we don't address the housing issues, jobs won't matter since they'll need more money to commute that employers can't give.
Illegal dumping, waste collection
illegible comment

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I'm a domestic violence survivor & am unable to work due to medical reasons and waiting on SSDI. In need of help with rent & food which job center doesn't help with cash assistance any longer.
I'm confused why every neighborhood around St. Anne's Hill has been re-paved, except St. Anne's Hill?????????
I'm disabled and the pavement is almost completely inaccessible. I have to use my wheelchair in the street!
I'm losing hope for and deeply concerned about the future of the west side.
I'm pleased with the efforts to revitalize downtown. That's essential for the region.
I'm tired of continually cutting the grass of empty property next door to me. I should not have to do this.
I'm very disappointed in the condition of our road. Cracks, chunks missing, weeds and grass growing. need more plowing in winter
Immigrant families improve my neighborhood. Roads need work. Mow vacant lots. Take down burnt houses. Make people pick up their trash. Help the homeless more.
In the area I live the abandoned homes have grass not cut and trash dumped in yards and the city does not do anything about it.
increase in taxes for improvements and i have seen no improvements in street maintenance to the roads near my home which are main roads (Patterson, Wilmington Ave, Shroyer Rd) City puts too much focus on downtown to the exclusion of other neighborhoods.
Infrastructure is awful
Investment in road resurfacing is a wise investment. Sidewalk initiative needed. Horrible condition.
It has become an overwhelming amount of drug addicts the stretch is all the way down Riverview. The trash from the pantry is getting back out of hand. The assists walk down the street with no shoes nearly clothes less. They try to flag down my car I have young kids. It's sad to live 50 feet from a park and never attend. My kids don't even play in our back yard. The traffic at night is getting worse, speeding and noise
It is important that city officials occasionally visit neighborhoods in the city.
It looks better than ever (new bridges, buildings, libraries, also in Kettering.)
It would be nice for the city to concentrate some funding in the neighborhoods instead of all downtown. Perception is that the neighborhoods have to fight for what they deserve, and I believe that as well.
It would be nice if the police department was more racially diverse. This would allow citizens to feel more comfortable in the presence of police officers as they would have a greater sense of relatability.
Just don't understand what going on why we don't have nothing, stores hospital, streets that are fill with potholes
Just wish we could clean the buildings and houses up, maybe help keep yards cleaner.
Keep going forward!!!
Keep the good work of animal control officers going. Stray animal assistance is very important
Keep up the good job.
Keep up the good work
Kudos doing a great job!
Less money on River scape and more on schools.
like seeing the removal of derelict buildings/houses. Like downtown development - Riverscape, library - grocery store needed downtown please.
like to see more neighborhood streets repaired
Litter on the street seems to be on the rise
Live in the 45432 - which is Dayton. Feel we get overlooked on services (road services). Must think Beaver creek is our provider.
Living in Dayton 60+ years. I have never seen it this critical in West Dayton before.
Love living in Dayton. Great place to raise a family.
Love our Police, EMT's and Firemen! Despise our lousy mayor!! Not fond of city commissioners either!! Do not want immigrants from terrorist countries in our community.
Love the city! Love the buildings, history, architecture. There is a building at 333 West 1st St I live across from and it is terrible - no one taking care of outside landscaping or inside - can't get hold of owner. love the direction city is going, need a grocery store!
Mailed post card back with completed survey requesting we send the post card with the information on how to complete the survey online first next time
Make a map of 'districts' (illegible), Old North Dayton, (illegible) Hills etc., and encourage neighborhood districts PRIDE. Build the pieces to create a stronger whole city.
make neighborhood safer by getting the abandoned houses, otherwise your well.
Make the neighborhoods safe again
Many vacant houses bring down property values and serve as sites for illegal activities and are magnets for arson.
Mayor Whaley should not promote Dayton as being a city to provide sanctuary to illegal aliens.
MONEY NEEEDS TOI BE SPENT WEST OF THE RIVER TO IMPROVE THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS
more attention to city schools, more help for teachers, more counselors, this would improve quality of life for everybody

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More houses repair not only tear downs.
More housing-related issues need to be addressed, particularly issues resulting from demolitions
more money needs to be spent in our neighborhoods, we also need more recreation centers for the children to keep them off the streets, something needs to be done about the prostitution in the area, as well as the drug activity. Police should be more friendly and easier to talk, no one feels safe. 'The school system needs major help. The children who come from Dayton Public and start a charter school are so lost and behind often making the children feel less than which causes classroom disruptions and behavior problems. More needs to be done about the system when it comes to grandparents raising children. More help is needed. I've lived in Dayton all my life and I'm so disappointed in my city and the direction is it as gone. If my parents were not older and sick I would have left this city a long time ago.
More need for low income housing that doesn't put race of person first (need is need).
More police presence is needed along major thoroughfares such as Gettysburg Ave., Salem Ave., and Germantown St.
More police presence. Stewart St. Is busy street with tons of people speeding and crazy. Also the end of my street is dark.
more resources dedicated to parks & improving rec. Centers and less on vacant land and preschools. Return of community-based policing. Has had a negative impact since (illegible)
Moved from Plamerston Ave. to Apple Tree Court due to the men's homeless shelter, men moving about my neighborhood. Still have unsafe concerns with the movement of the men and drug deal. However, I have not noticed any police in the area.
My car was shot in gunfire by drug-dealing rental neighbors. This has been VERY upsetting.
My concerns are: gun violence, the lack of police patrolling my neighborhood, the condition of our roads, and the erratic driving of our young people.
my father and i were stopped outside of our home, and one of your officers insinuated i was a prostitute while speaking with my father
My house is in the middle of two empty lots and the city needs to keep the grass cut. The empty houses need to be torn down. plus, there are a lot of opossums coming from the empty houses.
My house taxes went up \$20 more a month, why? Too much! They usually only go up a few dollars a month.
My neighbor has a basketball hoop in the street.
My neighborhood needs a cleanup! There are abandoned homes falling down that impose a fire risk because there are occupied homes next to them. Have spoken to housing about this numerous times in the past few years. Many of these properties are overgrown with tress & bushes, not an appealing site. Cars race down the street a high speeds, putting children at risk. Westdale Terrace becomes a hotbed of drug activity, ESPECIALLY in the alley behind neighbors' homes & garages. Gunfire occurs frequently. Not safe! My family has owned property in this area for 70+ years. It is very discouraging to see the neglect of this area. There is much potential , especially being in close proximity to the Downtown area.
My neighborhood stinks. There is always a horrific smell emanating in the madden hills area. I can't wait to afford to move! Next year I hope! But I know I will probably be unable to sell my home. I want to tear it down and rebuild, but no houses in this area are worth it. Sucks. Also, it's not fair that we have to pay city taxes and we don't work in the city.
My police is Mont Co Sheriff.
My property value drops more and more each year. Now my mortgage is more than my house is worth.
My recycle bin fills faster than the trash bin. Conditions of many main and residential streets is terrible.
My street is NEVER plowed or salted in the winter. I contact thru Dayton.com app. They say work order complete, but nothing is ever done.
My street needs repair, I do not recall the street being repaved in the last 35 years I've lived here - curbs have cracks as well as the road.
My two concerns are with the police response or answering calls to the department to give [illegible] information or response to the Crime Committee, 2) Vacant housing and the City's response to questions of removing the vacated properties.
Need a grocery store in West Dayton. Stop closing all the schools on the West Side. Open a community center on the westward area. Teach these kids homemaker economics.
need better access to large grocery store
Need full service grocery downtown.
Need help in the neighborhood cleanup, over here. Never clean the street like they used to. Cut down trees and bushes where we can see all over.
Need more speed bumps, better paved roads and stop signs for the individuals who like to speed or have road rage's.
Need more work done to the streets. More police patrolling of area.
Need revitalization of areas outside of downtown - fix (illegible) housing areas
Need speed bumps on Bellaire Ave.

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need speed bumps on Bruce Ave. I received papers for neighbor to sign, but I'm too afraid to go into 4-unit apartments and ask.
Need to address homeowners of lawns when they become an eyesore. I live near 2 houses that look awful, while the rest of us mow and clean up our yards weekly.
need to clean
Need to clean the neighborhoods more frequently; plant flowers throughout the neighborhood and have neighbor watch program, and noise ordinance for loud music.
Need to fix street. Tearing car up with realignments to often
need to fix the residential streets, city streets etc.
Need to tear down gutted houses more quickly. Fix/repair streets with holes.
Neighborhood streets are in terrible condition, some homes need to be cleaned up, (street appearance) Amount charged every quarter (39.05) for trash container \$156.20 year - rather expensive piece of plastic. Overall services are great.
New street light tax should be based equally on property, not by property value.
Nice town to live in
No, but thanks for your concern about our City...
No enforcement of any laws or regulations. Our alleys are a mess with trash, backyards full of trash.
No, except the water is starting to smell very badly. It was never a problem, but now it is getting worse
No, not at this time
No response needed. Lived here since 2002. Everything's gone downhill - especially police
No water drain receptacle midway on my block . All runoff ponds and floods my driveway base. The water pending has destroyed my driveway. 138 Squirrel rd. 45405
No, just keep tall grass mowed in summer time
No. I am happy here!
NO. Just a grocery store and shopping/dept. stores downtown
Not happy concerning the fairgrounds being in Jefferson Township. Too many vacant lots and no shopping in Dayton.
not really happy with boarded up and/or (illegible) houses
nothing
Only that I called 911 and medic responded treated me with respect and was very good. Thank you, medics.
Our leaders don't get it!!!
Our Mayor and City of Dayton is only talk, no action at all. Only talk the talk, don't walk the walk.
Our roads and streets need repair SOON 'NOW'.
Our street has quite a few bumps and really needs paving, cars speed quite a bit. The stop signs are somewhat a run through
Our streets in the neighborhood. How is it that they can fix sidewalks in front of empty houses and can't fix where people live, black top alleys with no houses on the street & not those that do.
Panhandlers around Linden/ Smithville/ 35 ramps bring down the quality of the neighborhood. They need to go!
People who come around knocking or ringing your door bell who mean no good.
Please change to weekly recycling collection!
Please check into drug activity at the apartments at the corner of Huffman-Kester. Daily transactions.
Please do a better job maintaining the streets and sidewalks. That is a key to attracting better people and businesses.
Please fix the streets Gettysburg, Calhoun, Hoover, 3rd Street and keep the grass cut and all the public parks in Dayton. They let the grass get so high before they cut it
Please pave streets - Salem Ave. is very bad.
Please repave Speice Ave!! ASAP
Please repave Wayne Ave south of SR 35 to Wilmington. Please repave Jefferson through downtown.
Please! Please! Please do something about the condition or our streets. Main thoroughfares and side streets. Wayne Ave. is a mess
Police and fire are very prompt and effective.
Police Department needs to look more at Drug Houses and respond to calls.
Police do not monitor speeders on my road. The majority of drivers go way over the speed limit. Police and EMS respond frequently to homes in the neighborhood doing a good job
Police need more training when it comes to dealing with black people. They are rude and mean in dealing with people of color. It's embarrassing to human kind.
Police need to be more visual in area - been here 3 years - truck stolen - 10 flower baskets stolen - theft is bad in area
Police need to do more [illegible] about drug dealing.
poor customer service at the water dept

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Poor leadership starting w/ years of poor Mayorship, has led to a decline in our city. I have lived in the same zip code for 20 plus years and have watched my neighborhood decline. Houses are worth nothing, no one wants to live here because our taxes are too high, our schools are horrible & our leadership is clueless and overly focused on servicing those that don't pay taxes, than those of us that do. Money is mis-spent on wasteful programs like Preschool Promise. Many of the questions were clearly loaded in order to skew the results to get what you want. I have no problem w/ an immigrant family living next door, but we have no business being a sanctuary city or supporting illegal immigrants.
Pothole repair (illegible) maintenance could be improved
Potholes need fixing more, cut more yards where grass has grown.
Property taxes are too high in my neighborhood
Property values need attention. Some two-story houses in our area are listed at a lower value than my smaller one-story house. I feel it's only based on how much is still owed on mortgage, more than how the property is kept up and the year of the structure. My neighborhood was built in 1929, and the value of property is extremely too high. The city plays a guessing game with property tax.
Propose the city have complaint dept. to write complaints- police should wear hats and tattoos should not be visible, bad influence on youth. Police should look like police in full uniform.
Question 29. I have confidence in the drinking water, but not the pipes. The city of Dayton could be the next Flint, Michigan
Quit importing Muslims in my neighborhood. They don't take care of their property.
quit the police appearance of a sanctuary welcoming city enforce legal immigration laws the legal citizens of this community are being undermined and taken for granite
Residences should have bulk trash collection available as needed, not limited to a few times a year,
Resurface neighborhood streets & increase illumination of streetlights
Revitalize the west side! Grocery stores are closed. Hospitals and schools are closing. Roads are terrible. Guns are terrible. SAVE OUR STREETS!
Riding down some of these streets is just depressing. Trash, debris, abandoned homes. Dayton is a decent place to live but the scenery is just ugly & dirty!
Road repair.
Road repairs seem to be taking an awfully long time to be completed.
Roads in my neighborhood are bad. We are the last to be plowed when we have snow. roads turn into ice before they are plowed.
RTA buses - never see more than 2-5 people on a bus. Replace with van size buses instead of full size buses. Less fumes and [illegible] on roads. Water rate increase - robbery! Why should I pay for 9 when I use 5 to 7?
RTA expenses seem out of control. Sending buses from Dayton to Greene County with an extremely low utilization rate was/is a waste of money. We don't have any bus stops in my neighborhood but there are some in Beavercreek.
S. Oaks is fortunate to have good leadership.
Sad to see the fairgrounds go.
School Bus transportation is still piss poor. 11 years after my kids started school and it has gotten NO BETTER. seem to be uninterested in maintaining the current housing stock. Lack of building inspectors
several questions started with 'if' but then were mandatory to answer and did not let me move past until answered. I answered as a neutral
Sidewalk repair. What if resident doesn't fix unsafe sidewalks.
Special Improvement District charges to residents must end. Traffic cameras are a nuisance, please remove them. Taking large amounts of refugees is a foolish idea.
Speed up tearing vacant houses.
Stop cutting back on the police force enforcement on the drug issue. FIX OUR STREETS.
Stop wasting money making downtown pretty and use it for essential services
street maintenance
Street maintenance could be better!!
Street repair! 25 yrs. living @ residence. no new street, only cold patching! above & below us new street, vacant homes - whole block.
street repair/curb repair
street work and paving road
Streets are full of holes. How do you pick what streets to repair?
Streets are HORRIBLE!!! Trashing is always being dumped on Winston Blvd. & on Gaddis between Woodley Rd. & Winston Blvd. Looks like the City Dump at times, some sort of CAMERA needs to be installed to catch these trash dumpers because posting signs does NOTHING, or at least post a sign stating 'YOU ARE BEING RECORDED ON CAMERA & WILL BE CAUGHT & FINED!' just posting signs that say you'll be fined \$500 for dumping does NOTHING!

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streets are in poor condition. too many overgrown abandoned properties.
streets are terrible
Streets in Dayton are terrible. Crime on increase. Many vacant houses, uncut grass, Drug activity in area, cannot afford to move
streets need repaired, burned houses need fixed, 823 tore down, 825 Milburn needs cleaned up
Streets on the westside are in bad shape pot holes sink holes and the police need to come on my street and see how fast people drive and run the stop signs at Whitmore and Midway 711k (help)
Stronger inclusivity of migrants, more green initiatives, and comprehensive gun justice initiatives would be appreciated!
Stronger police force and better roads
take care of the sand traps at Kittyhawk
Take down eyesores. The teachers need to teach. Area NEEDS CLEANED UP.
takes officer too long to respond to calls
Tax more, focus on school funding/quality updates, fix major surface streets, less police traffic stops, more police in neighborhoods where drug deals and violence happens on the daily. Other than those issues I see, my community is looking much nicer by the month. Good work and Long live the Gem City!
Taxes are higher than Cincinnati
Taxes should relate to as much as they can to the value of home.
Taxes too high for condition of streets since white people are not living on West side too much.
Tear down the bad houses and clean them up.
Tear down the old dilapidated homes in the city , mow lawns, clean up trash and debris in the city, Encourage more neighborhood and city leaders, meetings, revamp city schools with stronger leaders and disciplinary codes
Thank you
Thank you for fixing our street, it was in bad shape. Great Job!!
Thanks for your efforts in cleaning up some of the abandoned houses in the city's neighborhoods.
The amount of traffic through the historic Dayton view area is an issue. Especially Grand Ave being used as a main route through the neighborhoods. Would like to see traffic control measure implemented. Speed bumps and/or blocking the street just west of Salem gas station so that it is not a main pass through road to Broadway.
The area along Hamilton Ave. Along the train tracks side needs to be kept mowed more often during summer months
The beggars .Something has to be done. They are a big reason I don't feel safe
The beggars on every corner in my area is very annoying and the trash they litter, I also am saddened by all the people who are strung out wandering the neighborhood. It's sad, not much city can do about that. The abandoned houses with lawns that are not cut or cared for could be addressed or get the homes that are collapsing could be torn down. I'm very happy to go downtown. I love how it is growing and the events parks and bike paths are being redone as my family enjoys using and attending these event. Big thanks to all those who help and give back to make these things possible
The Building Department is upside down and behind times, i.e., contractors vs public.
The city manager is incompetent!! Sold out to out-of-towners @ the expense of local business people. Impossible to get timely zoning, lease, licensing information. A total embarrassment. Show them the door.
The City of Dayton was built on a false middle class. Factory workers are not middle class educated people
The City of Dayton is a joke. All they do is raise taxes.
The City put trees on parking strip. When I wanted to have tree company take one down, it was a 'City tree.' But when it involved uprooting a sidewalk it became My Tree.
The city should be ashamed of how its neighborhoods look for example- houses literally falling to pieces in eye sight deplorable houses.
The city should turn Good Sam into a retirement center with ER, CAT Scan, X-ray & MRI facilities with dental staff, rehab staff, rehab center with intake
The cost of City services like water and waste collection continue to increase making it hard to justify reason for remaining in Dayton. Would like more police presence in neighborhoods.
The Dayton Police are very disrespectful all the time!!!
The Dayton police dept is horrible. The officers never patrol the neighborhood, response time is horrible, nobody does anything about dumping, and drug dealing and more.
The development downtown is great, however, the neighborhoods surrounding are failing. So many rentals, absent landlords
The drugs are awful. The houses suck. Landlords don't want to fix property and the City doesn't make the Slumlords do their job.
The house next door 624 Walton Ave. is abandoned and derelict. Housing inspection has not been responsive
The house next door to me for 14 years
The improvements on lake very nice will it be maintained?

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The leadership (or lack thereof) sucks.
The level of unnecessary talking in downtown library is bad. The streets need a lot of work.
The mayor is from Indiana. Cameras are thought to be needed to monitor traffic, safely. The representative in Congress is busy divorcing a Latina while rejecting immigration reform. The town dump permeates an ever-expanding ring of bile. The only public restroom outside City Hall is rendered unusable. The racism is more pungent than the out-and-out harassment, ongoing.
The men homeless (gateway) services. It's getting very bad!
The most disappointing City of Dayton lack of service in my neighborhood is not having leaf pickup up curbside
The No. 1 priority should be street repaving!
The number of overgrown, empty house invites crime. The city mows this property 1-2x a year in this area. Not enough.
The occupied property at 112 Notre Dame Avenue needs to be cleaned up. It's an ongoing problem that doesn't change after many reports to city. Many housing violations that bring down neighboring properties.
The old trash trucks are a better design and don't drop bags of trash in the road. The city should always spend less money than it takes in
The people who have had direct contacts, with the City of Dayton or police.
The police need to learn how to deal with the mentally ill. Sgt. Grossnickel does not deserve his rank. My husband was taken to MVH and the Sgt. spent his time insulting me to my husband. Real professional. No respect for DPD.
The police scare me. The potholes on my street are horrible. Too much speeding on my street. Neighbor's house is horrible. Grass not cut. Street maintenance. Taxes. Water price.
The ratio is: there are too few people working and/or retired with an income compared to too many indigent/needy people. The city is counting on working/retired people to provide both revenue to maintain the city and to take care of the indigent/needy people.
The roads are absolutely horrible and tearing up people's cars, including mine! Re: gun violence - there have been several deaths in the neighborhood just this year alone. Some of the streets are pitch black at night.
The sidewalks of Dayton are very dangerous for the handicapped. A major overhaul is needed.
The streets are dangerous to drive on with potholes.
The streets are terrible- West Parkwood- Fairview- the patched-up Salem Avenue.
the streets have a lot of potholes
The streets in my neighborhood need to be fixed. Two cars can't go downhill one car at a time.
the streets in the Edgemont neighborhood desperately need paving
the trash litter in our city just too much. We need to try to come up with solution with that in the community.
The vacant houses in my neighborhood, grass needs to be cut, regular or house torn down. Need road pavement on Nicholas Rd., Almore Ave. grass cutting on Cain Ct, Palmerston Ave.
The water bill just off the chain. I use 35 dollars' worth of water and the rest of my bills 100.00 or more
The weeds and grass. Abandoned houses not boarded properly.
There are no permanent signs by the airline counters indicating where the restrooms are located. A person should not have to search or ask to find them.
There are no police patrolling the neighborhood or enforcement of the noise ordinance at night.
There are two dangerous intersections that need work - Brandt and Bickmore, and Stanley and Brandt.
There is a lot of performing arts potential in Dayton, OH. We need more resources local events etc. To utilize these talents
There is no investment in existing neighborhoods, just new expensive downtown housing.
There must be a more focus on West Dayton and its strengths and history. The availability of funding for the residents, businesses, churches, for future improvements
There needs to be more police on Haller Ave. Several drug houses on the street.
There needs to be more to fine/inspect negligent property owners. I have hoarders next door, and there are at least 3 abandoned homes on my block.
They need to fix the SSI issues, bulk management and also pipp
They need to get rid of the homeless people living on the side of the road on Valley. If people dump trash in my yard. The city should deal with it. I had to pay to get rid of a mattress dumped in my yard. They need to get rid of illegal aliens.
They ruined Cleveland Park's sledding hill. Obvious persons from Mayor's office had no knowledge of damage done to hill. Bike path puts bicyclists out on street in a very dangerous place on curve of road. Seen several near accidents.
Things can only get better. The neighborhoods are in very poor condition
Too many drugs, and enough for the kids to do
Too many empty houses, grass needs to be cut. Dayton needs a good clean up. Pot holes.
Too many people asking for money esp. at (illegible) exits
Too many power lines being put up. Making neighborhoods look bad!

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Too many rundown - vacant houses, demolish them. Grass and trash on exit ramp needs maintained. take pride in the whole city, not just parts of it and not when events are coming to the city.
Too much money being spent for downtown Dayton. Not enough money being spent to improve residential areas such as Five Oaks. Traffic cameras being installed in poor sections. No cameras in rich areas.
Too slow cutting vacant lots, tearing down vacant housing. Some be standing for 20 years or more.
too many homes left in the neighborhood to rot after a fire.
Too many potholes & streets in the Oregon District need to be repaired after being torn up last year
Too many retail and entertainment facilities have and at fleeing Dayton making neighborhoods much less livable
Too many to list. It bugs me that city officials ask for my opinion and structure what that opinion is in regard to and then ignore it. I am not against immigrants, people of any race, or police officers. I am against early school and the Preschool Promise initiative. There are no studies linking early schooling to long term success, and some that cite early schooling with higher incidence of ADHD and ADD.
Too much attention on downtown. Spend your tax money in the neighborhood where you collect
Too much crime, theft and burglary, drugs and prostitutes
trees and shrubs need to be cut back from stop signs, etc.
Trump fighting the left for me - America. He has a big heart. Thank god for Trump
Try to do a better job catering/attracting young professionals.
unkempt empty boarded up houses in Riverside. People staying in and vandals stealing. It is ruining the looks of our neighborhood
unused boats parked in the driveway for about 6-7 years. owner moved to Kettering and couldn't park them were he moved so left at the same home and also has drug activity issues.
Upgrade the streets in the city of Dayton Get trash off neighborhood street in Dayton, remove old buildings.
Vacant and boarded up houses.
Vacant boarded houses are disgusting. Dayton have no good dept stores, businesses are leaving. The mayor is chief concerned about downtown. Too much trash on the street.
Vacant home - City only cares for front yards. They need to care for back yards also, rodent and dangerous tree problems.
Vacant home next door condemned and boarded by the City. Very unkempt, no movement to demolish, eye-sore.
Vacant houses have made it very convenient for drug dealers to deal heroin and addicts to throw needles after using. Can we do something about this please!
Vacant houses need to be taken care of faster, torn down makes neighborhood look bad. City is taking too long.
Vacant houses, grass, [illegible] in repo.
Very concerned about violence, conditions of streets (especially the north side of Lakeview Ave)
Very dissatisfied with the Dayton Police dept in the way they respond (or don't respond) to issues. Also, everyone they have dealt with was unfriendly.
Very loud motorcycles, bicycles on sidewalk.
very unhappy with vacant houses in my neighborhood
Waste collection pick up scheduled needs to be mailed to each household, annually
water company over-charges too much on bills. Large bills need more payment plans. Street alley lights out a lot water is good. trash collection is great. Very concerned about the low scores on school testing.
way too many panhandlers DAILY at Smithville & 35 (all exits/entrances), Smithville & Tottle, Smithville Kroger. Also abandoned house at 1624 & 1650 Gondert need torn down or fixed - full of cats & transients.
We are run over by over drug use and sells. You report households where this is occurring, and nothing is done. We rarely see police so seldom that when we see one the joke is there lost.
We can do better.
We had a tornado alert in the park - but it was taken down and never replaced. 3028 Germantown St. - vacant - 7 ft opening on the side of the house - basement - house falling in.
We have lived here 2 1/2 months - downsized from Beavercreek, still learning about the neighborhood.
We have lived next to an abandoned house for 20 years. There has never been any satisfactory response from the city housing dept.
We need a grocery store downtown or a nice Kroger like the one in Kettering with a better selection - the city needs to cut down big trees on their tree lawn.
We need a major grocery store in West Dayton that is affordable
We need fully funded social workers involved on every police call and every classroom.
We need people to take care of their property. Years ago if people had paint peeling off their buildings the City made them paint. No wonder property values are going down.
We need police officers daily, night and day patrolling our apartment buildings 24/7
We need shopping centers downtown, grocery stores on the West Side, nice and creative/ safe parks.
We need to improve the alleys and take down the condemned houses/ garages.
We never get our streets paved. Roads are in pitiful condition. I will not live in a sanctuary city.

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We the street on the westside repair badly. cut grass on vacant lot more. remove the vacant houses.
Welcome Dayton has been a great incentive. Now with Trump, it is needed more than ever. Dayton police dept. policies have been helpful.
West and Northwest have few businesses or cultural amenities other than libraries.
West Dayton food desert. I can drive to obtain what I need but elderly individuals and long riders don't have that option.
What is meant by heading in the right direction
When are these horrible streets going to be repaired? Why does it take so long? What are doing about slumlords and empty homes?
When are you going to do something about the burned houses!!
When beatifying the main thoroughfares around Dayton please makes sure to consider the surrounding neighborhoods. Not only in appearance but hear their opinions before making any changes.
Where I live things major stores' business are leaving. Have to go to Huber Height Englewood to get fresh food. Nice restaurants, movies, pay bills etc.
Who determines what streets get repaved? Edgar Ave. is in complete disrepair and yet Epworth, Margaret, Walnut Hills, Gebhart, Colorado and Glencoe were repaved. NONE of those streets needed repaved as much as Edgar Ave. and yet nothing has been done. Also, when boarding a house do you really save that much money by not boarding up all the doors? People can still get in if you don't board everything. 226 Volkenand had the front door and kitchen window boarded, but guess what? People still get in because you guys saved probably a whole \$20 by not boarding up the back door.
Who own properties that are boarded up need to sell to a landlord or City and be cleaned up and even rented, buildings and houses.
Why can't we have better streets? Too many potholes and trash on side of street, and leaves need removed.
Why do City workers have Dayton police in their pocket!! And can get away with anything?
Why do you keep spending taxpayer money trying to resurrect the Arcade? Did you do this once? How much do you have to lose? What a waste!
Why does the city slow walk properly improvements when the city receives more return from real estate than business? There is so much wrong in the building department it will take hours to inform you. The relationship between home flippers and the city, individual home ownership builds dreams and equity home flippers due as little as possible to get the most
Why hire Brian Lewis when you knew he is a murderer?
Why is there no questions asking how we feel about the Mayor and how she is doing her job?
Wish police would enforce loud music and residential speeding more -- quality of life issues.
With all the good people living in Dayton we need more shops, food - grocery - shopping centers
With regard to housing - especially the vacant homes - other than monitoring back taxes, it would be helpful to assess the condition of the homes periodically for rehab potential - and offer programs/assistance to first time home buyers and not for investment purposes or rental properties
work with county and non-profits to end violence. work with social programs to end crime. theft is a huge problem. YOU have to provide a solution that is not based on police alone. TOO MANY officers are dedicated to downtown who will not work in the west end. WRONG. Downtown is empty at night, but you have more officers there than on the west end at night.
Would be nice to see sidewalks, curbs, replaced with ramp corners for wheelchairs 1st and Springfield St. area.
Would like it if all the abandoned property in my neighborhood were torn down to stop the number of squatters in this area. That way I would feel a bit more safer at night.
Would like to see free water aerobics for seniors at community pools.
Would like to see more emphasis on recycling - use schools. Work with county/state to speed up REAP. Wish my suggestion that the city take down (illegible) on private property and backhill owners were getting some (illegible) would like to see more help to neighborhood and businesses in NW Dayton
Would like to see more improvement in W. Dayton. Access to stores, grass cut more frequently where needed and old buildings demolished. More emphasis placed on neighborhood improvement besides downtown.
Yard's landscaping. For residents, keep yard neat.
Yes - abandoned houses sit overgrown - in a deterioration condition a long time - landlords will rent houses in the neighborhood are not forced to keep property and yards up
Yes - tired of City of Dayton putting majority of resources and efforts into inside of Dayton without any progress or positive results. Tired of hearing we only have so many police to patrol North Dayton about 5 or 6. Stop Muslims from coming in. They're not what Dayton says they are.
Yes, but you don't want to know what I have to say
Yes, I have lived 12 years in September next to a house left of me from the front door. Can't even get city to come out to cut the grass or trim the trees. it's blocking traffic. I'm tired of trying, mostly going to move.

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Yes, something needs to be done about the police in the 45403 area. Some of the cops there are being paid off to look the other way
Yes, sometimes on weekends, people go very fast with their cars and trucks and very loud and at times. Everyday this happens
Yes!! Why doesn't the street sweeper truck come in the hood more often??
Yes, I'm concerned about you fixing sidewalks when the STREETS are in bad shape - especially West Dayton.
Yes, it is a cancer in the state of Ohio. I pray it collapses totally, and the Air Force moves out.
Yes, there are several houses that needs to be tore down on my street that have cats, groundhog, possum.
Yes, they repaved the streets around here, 2 years ago, and did not pave our road. It's terrible.
Yes, when I called about the street condition, the sewer it's crumbling and cracked up cement in front of the sewer the street is terrible.
Yes. 1. I like the City's collaboration with the schools. 2. I like the City's responsible leadership on the taxes, (Issue 9), Good Sam, Gem City Market, Economic Development and Community Policing.
Yes. I believe if we had an inner-city mall, it would attract not only Dayton citizens but outside visitors. Also, when I am on the other side of town, the streets are paved, not too many houses are vacant. We need more help in tearing down these vacant homes. And have these streets paved. Just in case you do not know where - I am referring to the west side (Westwood)
Yes. I have been a City resident for 54 years. Things have changed over the past 50 years and I do believe that we can and should be able to become one community and family if we just love and respect each other.
Yes. Public Works could do a better job at cleaning up debris after wind storms.
you want us to wrap things up in a bow when all ya'll seem to be wanted is a paycheck and a pretty Dayton. We the people need more than a pretty city. Come on, let's work together to make Dayton a place you would want to come and make your home.