# **Durham City and County Resident Survey**

# **County Findings Report**

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# 2020 Durham County Resident Survey Executive Summary

### **Purpose and Methodology**

ETC Institute administered a survey to residents of Durham County during the winter of 2020. The purpose of this survey was to help Durham County strategically plan for the future as they continue to grow and meet new challenges. The City and County are jointly overseeing the survey so that more Durham residents have an opportunity to be heard. The survey will assist elected officials, as well as the City and County administrators, in making critical decisions about prioritizing resources and helping se the direction for the future of the community. The Durham County resident survey has been conducted annually since 2015.

The seven-page survey, cover letter, and postage paid return envelope were mailed to a random sample of households in Durham County. The cover letter explained the purpose of the survey and encouraged residents to either return their survey by mail or complete the survey online. At the end of the online survey, residents were asked to enter their home address, this was done to ensure that only responses from residents who were part of the random sample were included in the final survey database.

Ten days after the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute sent emails to the households that received the survey to encourage participation. The emails contained a link to the online version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of Durham County from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered online with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not counted.

The goal was to obtain a total of 800 surveys, including at least 600 with City of Durham residents, and at least 200 with residents of Durham County who do not live in the City. These goals were accomplished, with a total of 848 residents completing the survey, including 637 surveys from City of Durham residents, and 211 surveys from residents of Durham County who do not live in the City. The overall results for the sample of 848 households have a precision of +/- 3.3% at the 95% level of confidence.

The percentage of "don't know" responses has been excluded from many of the graphs shown in this report to facilitate valid comparisons of the results from Durham with the results from other communities in ETC Institute's *DirectionFinder* database. Since the number of "don't know" responses often reflects the utilization and awareness of County services, the percentage of "don't know" responses have been provided in the tabular data section of this

report. When the "don't know" responses have been excluded, the text of this report will indicate that the responses have been excluded with the phrase "who had an opinion".

#### This report contains:

- An executive summary of the methodology for administering the survey and major findings,
- charts showing the overall results for most questions on the survey,
- trend data from previous surveys,
- benchmarking data that shows how the results for Durham County compare to other communities.
- importance-satisfaction analysis; this analysis was done to determine priority actions for the County to address based upon the survey results,
- frequency tables that show the results of the random sample for each question on the survey, and
- a copy of the survey instrument.

### **Overall Perceptions of the County**

Over three-quarters (77%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, were satisfied with the overall quality of life in their neighborhood. Over half (58%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, indicated they were satisfied with the overall quality of services provided by the County.

- When compared to U.S. communities with populations of 150,000 to 400,000 residents, Durham County's satisfaction rating for the overall quality of services provided by the County (58%) ranks 16% above the large community average of 42%.
- Thirty-nine percent (39%) of Durham County residents surveyed, who had an opinion, were satisfied with the overall value received for their local property taxes. This rating is 6% higher than the large community average of 33%.

### **Overall Satisfaction with City and County Services**

The highest levels of satisfaction with major City and County services, based on the sum of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: the quality of library services and programs (79%), the quality of EMS services (78%), the quality of fire and life safety programming (78%), the response time for fire services (76%), and the response time for EMS services (73%).

Since 2019, Durham County has seen notable increases in satisfaction in three major categories of City and County services:

- the ease of travel within Durham (+8% from 39% in 2019 to 47% in 2020),
- the overall effectiveness of communication (+5% from 50% in 2019 to 55% in 2020), and
- customer service from City employees (+4% from 59% in 2019 to 63% in 2020).

The three services with the highest ratings of dissatisfaction, based on the sum of "dissatisfied" and "very dissatisfied" responses, were: the maintenance of City streets (45%), the quality of pedestrian facilities (37%), and the quality of public schools (36%).

The major services that respondent households feel should receive the most emphasis over the next two years, based on the respondents' top three choices, were: the quality of police protection (47%), the quality of public schools (39%), and the maintenance of City streets (35%).

### **Feelings of Safety**

Eighty-eight percent (88%) of respondents, who had an opinion, indicated they feel either "very safe" or "safe" when rating their overall feeling of safety while walking alone in their neighborhood during the day. Sixty percent (60%) of residents, who had an opinion, indicated they feel either "very safe" or "safe" when rating their overall feeling of safety while walking alone in their neighborhood at night. Over a quarter (26%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, indicated they feel unsafe when visiting City parks.

#### **Durham Public Schools**

Twenty-two percent (22%) of respondents indicated their children went to or graduated from Durham public schools and 13% indicated their children are currently enrolled in Durham Public Schools when they were asked to indicate the education status of children in their household.

The statements regrading Durham Public Schools that had the highest levels of agreement, based upon the combined percentage of "strongly agree" and "agree" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: encourages community involvement in education-related decision making (39%), is transparent about education-related decision making (33%), and has effective leadership in K-12 education (33%). The statements that had the highest levels of disagreement, based upon the combined percentage of "disagree" and "strongly disagree" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: ensures quality education for students (34%) and attracts high quality teachers (32%).

- Since 2019, the six statements regarding the Durham Public Schools that were assessed increased in level of agreement. Five of the six statements had notable increases from 2019 to 2020 survey results. The two statements with the **most** notable increases were:
  - the Durham Public Schools are transparent about education-related decision making (+10% from 23% in 2019 to 33% in 2020) and
  - the Durham Public Schools encourages community involvement in education decision making (+7% from 32% in 2019 to 39% in 2020).

### **Satisfaction with Specific Services**

 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The highest levels of satisfaction with law enforcement and criminal justice, based upon the combined percentage of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: the overall police relationship with the community (49%) and Animal Control services (49%).

- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. The highest levels of satisfaction with parks, recreation, and open space, based upon the combined percentage of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: greenways and trails (66%) and public art (60%).
- Maintenance. The highest levels of satisfaction with maintenance, based upon the
  combined percentage of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses among residents who
  had an opinion, were: the condition of trails and greenways (59%), the condition of
  public art (59%), and the condition of parks and open space (56%). Maintenance
  services with notable increases in satisfaction were:
  - the condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood (+8% from 39% in 2019 to 47% in 2020) and
  - the condition of streets in your neighborhood (+5% from 49% in 2019 to 53% in 2020).

Although satisfaction ratings for the condition of neighborhood sidewalks and streets have notably increased; 37% of residents surveyed are dissatisfied with the condition of neighborhood sidewalks and 34% of residents surveyed are dissatisfied with the condition of neighborhood streets.

The maintenance services that respondent households felt should receive the most emphasis over the next two years, based on the sum of their top three choices, were: the condition of public-school facilities (43%) and the condition of neighborhood streets (41%).

- Multi-Modal Transportation. The highest levels of satisfaction with multi-modal transportation, based upon the combined percentage of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: ability in neighborhoods to run, walk, bike, and exercise outdoors (69%) and ease of travel by walking (36%).
  - Most respondents (70%) indicated they do not use public transit more because they prefer to drive and 40% indicated that it the bus would take too long.
- **Solid Waste and Utility Services**. The highest levels of satisfaction with solid waste and utility services, based upon the combined percentage of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses among residents *who had an opinion*, were: solid waste collection services (82%), curbside recycling services (81%), and sewer services (71%).
  - Durham County's satisfaction rating for curbside recycling services (81%) is 21% higher than the average for U.S. communities with a population between 150,000 to 400,000 residents (60%).
- **County Communication**. The highest levels of satisfaction with County communication, based upon the combined percentage of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses

among residents who had an opinion, were: the ability to get timely emergency/disaster information 24-hours a day (60%), the ease of locating information on the County website (46%), and the availability of information about County programs and services (45%).

• Customer Services. Thirty-four percent (34%) of respondent households indicated they or members of their household contacted employees of the County, visited the website to seek services, ask a question, or file a complaint. Of those respondent households, the highest levels of satisfaction with County customer services, based upon the combined percentage of "very satisfied" and "satisfied" responses among residents who had an opinion, were: the courtesy of County employee(s) respondent interacted with (72%), the accuracy of information given (70%) and the appropriateness of the County employees' response (68%). Since 2019, all categories of customer service assessed increased in satisfaction and three of the six categories showed notable increases. One of the most notable increases being the accuracy of information the resident was given, when contacting the County, increased 5% from 63% in 2019 to 68% in 2020.

### **COVID-19 Pandemic Findings as Relating to the City/County**

**Response.** Residents were asked to indicate how satisfied they were with how the government responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sixty-five percent (65%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, were satisfied with how the State Government responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sixty-four percent (64%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, were satisfied with how the City Government responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sixty-two percent (62%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, were satisfied with how the County Government responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Forty-eight percent (48%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, were satisfied with how the Durham Public School System responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Priority Spending.** Residents were asked what areas were most important, in their opinion, for the County to spend resources on during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The areas that residents indicated were the most important to them, based on the sum of respondents' top five choices, were: housing and rent assistance (59%), preventing the spread of COVID-19 (57%), food (52%), helping small businesses (52%), and ensuring there is access to medical health services (50%).

**Resident Mask Usage.** Nine out of ten residents (91%) always wear a mask when at a public indoor gathering and 85% are always wearing a mask while at their workplace. Eighty out of ten (81%) of residents surveyed, who had an opinion, indicated they are frequently wearing a mask at private indoor gatherings with people they do not live with.

### **Additional Findings**

• Eight out of ten residents (80%), who had an opinion, rated the community of Durham as either an "excellent" or "good" place to live. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of residents, who had an opinion, rated the community of Durham as an "excellent" or "good" place to work. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of residents, who had an opinion, rated the community as an "excellent" or "good" place to visit.

- Of those who had an opinion, 18% of respondents indicated they were either "very satisfied" (4%) or "satisfied" (14%) with the availability of affordable housing. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of respondents were "neutral," 31% of respondents were "dissatisfied," and 24%were "very dissatisfied." Seventy-eight percent (78%) of respondents indicated they are able to find housing they can afford in Durham. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of respondents indicated they have major home repairs that impact their quality of life or they have put off because of the lack of resources and 27% indicated their monthly hosing costs exceed 30% of their monthly income.
- Sixty percent (60%) of respondents indicated that giving residents enough notice about new development(s) to have their voice heard in the process should be one of the most important planning goals for the County.
- Thirty percent (30%) of respondents indicated they use traditional media (TV, newspapers, or their social media) to get important City Government-related information at least a few times a week and 17% of respondents get information from friends/colleagues/word of mouth a few times a week.
- Ninety-one percent (91%) of respondents indicated they almost never use the Durham County Twitter feed to get important County Government-related information. Eightynine percent (89%) of respondents indicated they almost never use the Durham County TV show to get important County Government-related information.
- Respondents were asked to indicate, from a list of government services, which ones
  they would be willing to increase funding to support enhancements for. Respondents
  were allowed to select multiple choices. The top services respondents are willing to pay
  higher taxes to support are below.
  - Public school operations (teachers, salaries) (69%)
  - Affordable housing (58%)
  - Street maintenance (48%)
  - Job creation/training (43%)
  - Law enforcement-led safety initiatives (40%)
  - Youth programming (40%)
- Ten percent (10%) of respondents indicated that someone in their household has had trouble accessing the healthcare they need in the past year.
- Thirty-nine percent (39%) of residents, who had an opinion, rated the County of having excellent or good progress in addressing racial equity.

### **Durham County Trend Analysis: 2016-2020**

The tables on the following pages show the satisfaction ratings (ratings of "4" or "5") from 2016 to 2020. The column to the far right shows the average satisfaction from 2016 to 2020. Values that are highlighted in blue are significantly higher (+4% or more) than the 2016-2020 average

and the values highlighted in red are significantly lower (-4% or more) than the 2016-2020 average.

#### Durham County Trends: 2016-2020

The values below are highlighted to show whether there is a significant difference in the satisfaction rating compared to the averages satisfaction ratings from 2016-2020. Values highlighted in BLUE indicate that the rating was significantly lower (+4% or more) than the 2016-2020 average, and values highlighted in RED indicate that rating was significantly lower (-4% or more) than the 2016-2020 average.

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#### Durham County Trends 2016-2020

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Public Safety	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020
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Walking alone in your neighborhood during the day	88%	86%	83%	85%	83%	85%
Walking alone in your neighborhood at night	60%	60%	56%	56%	54%	57%
Visiting City parks	55%	50%	52%	2 ]		52%
Using City recreation centers	52%	54%	52%			53%
In Downtown Durham	49%	49%	49%	43%	43%	47%
In Durham overall	40%	40%	39%	36%	33%	38%
Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
Police relationship with your community	49%	58%	57%	61%	56%	56%
Animal control services	49%	54%	47%	47%	49%	49%
Sheriff's office relationship with your community	47%	55%	51%	58%	60%	54%
Enforcement of traffic safety laws	43%	47%	43%	46%	49%	46%
Local court system	34%	37%	41%	38%	40%	38%
Parks, Recrreation, and Open Space	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
Greenways & trails	65%	67%	59%	61%	60%	62%
Public art	60%	58%	48%	¥ 1	*	55%
Outdoor athletic fields & courts	52%	57%	48%	50%	53%	52%
Customer service provided by City's Parks & Recreation staff	52%	55%	50%	52%	51%	52%
Maintenance	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
Condition of trails & greenways	59%	60%	52%	-	-	57%
Condition of public art	59%	55%	50%	-	-	55%
Condition of parks and open space	56%	55%	49%	49%	51%	52%
Condition of streets in your neighborhood	53%	48%	51%	56%	51%	52%
Condition of recreation centers & facilities	48%	49%	44%	44%	42%	46%
Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	47%	39%	40%	44%	46%	43%
Overall appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	46%	44%	41%	43%	44%	43%
Appearance of landscaping on right of ways along streets/public area	44%	44%	41%	44%	43%	43%
Condition of aquatic facilities	38%	41%	36%	-	-	38%
Condition of bicycle facilities	38%	35%	31%	31%	30%	33%
Condition of parking	35%	32%	32%	-		33%
Condition of public school facilities	31%	32%	26%	-	-	29%
Multi-Modal Transportation	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
Ability in your neighborhood to run, walk, bike, & exercise outdoors	69%	65%	60%			65%
Ease of travel by walking	37%	39%	37%	40%	37%	38%
Quality of downtown parking facilities	33%	38%	37%	37%	34%	36%
Ease of travel by biking	29%	27%	25%	25%	23%	26%
Ease of travel by bus	24%	28%	20%	33%	37%	28%
Communication	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
Ability to get timely emergency/disaster info 24 hours a day	60%	59%	58%	53%	- 1	57%
Ease of locating information on County website	46%	47%	43%	47%	47%	46%
Availability of info about County programs & services	45%	45%	43%	44%	40%	43%
Your experience engaging with County government process	36%	43%	41%	39%	39%	40%
County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	33%	36%	33%	31%	37%	34%
Level of public involvement in local decisions	24%	31%	29%	29%	28%	28%

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Solid Waste and Utility Services	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
Solid waste collection services	81%	80%	78%	79%	80%	80%
Curbside recycling services	81%	82%	78%	75%	82%	79%
Sewer services	70%	71%	68%	69%	63%	68%
Quality of drinking water	65%	67%	63%	64%	63%	64%
City Waste Disposal Center	64%	68%	62%	64%	63%	64%
County Solid Waste Convenience Centers	59%	62%	59%	62%	62%	61%
Yard waste collection services	54%	67%	64%	67%	59%	62%
Stream & lake protection	47%	49%	44%	42%	40%	44%
Customer Service	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
Courtesy of County employee(s) you interacted with	71%	68%	66%	63%	73%	68%
Accuracy of information you were given	70%	65%	61%	57%	67%	64%
Appropriateness of County employees' response	68%	63%	60%	59%	62%	62%
Timeliness of County employees' response	64%	62%	60%	56%	60%	60%
How easy County Government was to contact	63%	59%	60%	59%	67%	62%
Resolution to your issue/concern	60%	59%	54%	50%	63%	57%
Overall Ratings	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2016-2020 Avg.
As a place to live	81%	82%	85%	81%	80%	82%
As a place to work	79%	81%	81%	78%	78%	79%
As a place to visit	67%	71%	67%	64%	67%	67%
As a place to play	64%	66%	68%	61%	65%	65%
As a place to raise children	61%	63%	63%	58%	63%	62%
As a place to retire	56%	59%	55%	57%	60%	58%
As a community that is moving in the right direction	56%	57%	63%	61%	59%	59%
As a place to start a business	55%	54%	52%	54%	56%	54%
As a place to educate children	44%	42%	37%	35%	44%	40%

#### **Investment Priorities**

Recommended Priorities for the Next Two Years. In order to help the County identify investment priorities for the next two years, ETC Institute conducted an Importance-Satisfaction (I-S) analysis. This analysis examined the importance residents placed on each service and the level of satisfaction with each service. By identifying services of high importance and low satisfaction, the analysis identified which services will have the most impact on the overall satisfaction with services over the next two years. If the County wants to improve its overall satisfaction rating, the County should prioritize investments in services with the highest Importance-Satisfaction (I-S) ratings. Details regarding the methodology for the analysis are provided in Section 3 of this report.

**Overall Priorities for the County by Major Category.** This analysis reviewed the importance of and satisfaction with major categories of County services. This analysis was conducted to help set the overall priorities for the County. Based on the results of this analysis, the major County services that are recommended as the top priorities for investment over the next two years in order to raise the County's overall satisfaction rating are listed below:

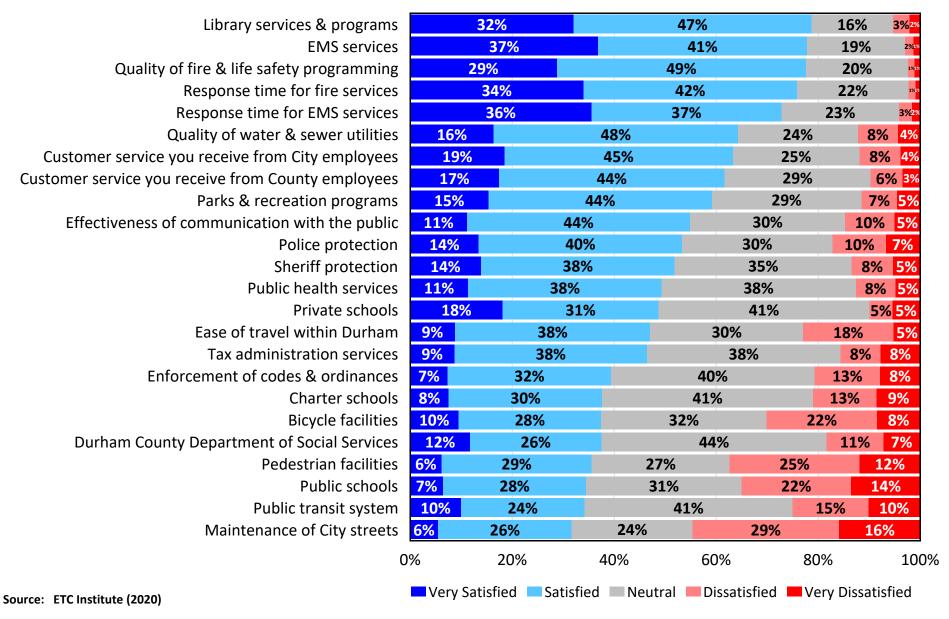
- Quality of public schools (IS=0.2581)
- Quality of sheriff protection (IS=0.0722)
- Quality of public health services (IS=0.0644)

Importance-Satisfaction (IS) Analysis for 8 of the 24 major categories of City and County services is shown in the table below. The remainder of the Importance-Satisfaction results can be found in Section 3 of this report.

Category of Service	Most Important %	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction %	Satisfaction Rank	Importance- Satisfaction Rating	I-S Rating Rank
Very High Priority (IS > 0.20)						
Quality of public schools	39%	2	35%	22	0.2581	1
Maintenance of City streets	35%	3	32%	24	0.2377	2
Quality of police protection	47%	1	53%	11	0.2186	3
Medium Priority (IS < 0.10)						
Quality of pedestrian facilities	16%	4	36%	21	0.0998	4
Quality of sheriff protection	15%	5	52%	12	0.0722	5
Quality of public health services	13%	6	49%	13	0.0644	6
Ease of travel within Durham	12%	7	47%	15	0.0619	7
Quality of public transit system	9%	8	34%	23	0.0605	8

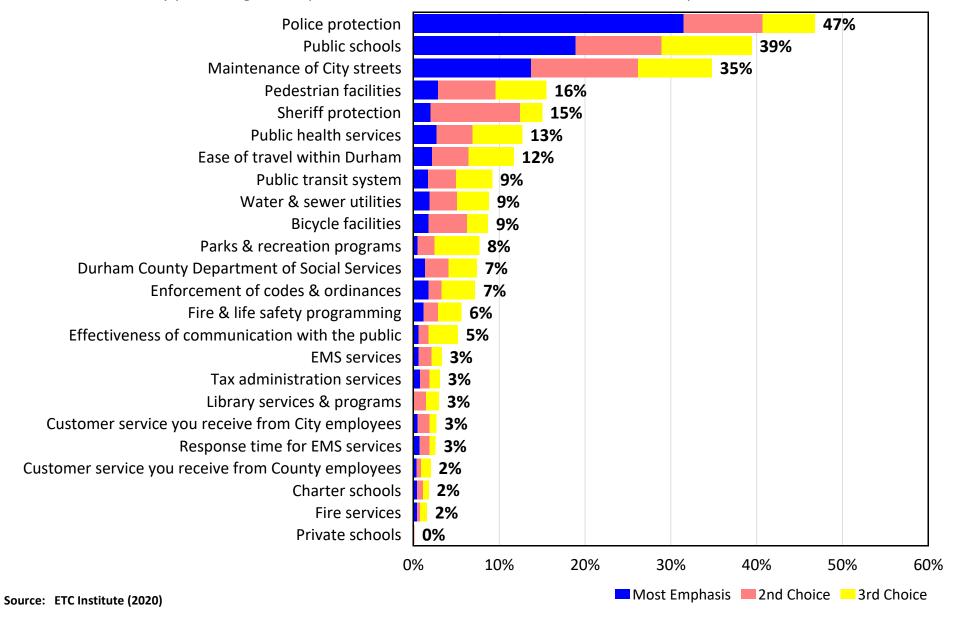
# Section 1 Charts and Graphs

# Q1. Satisfaction with <u>Major Categories</u> of City and County Services

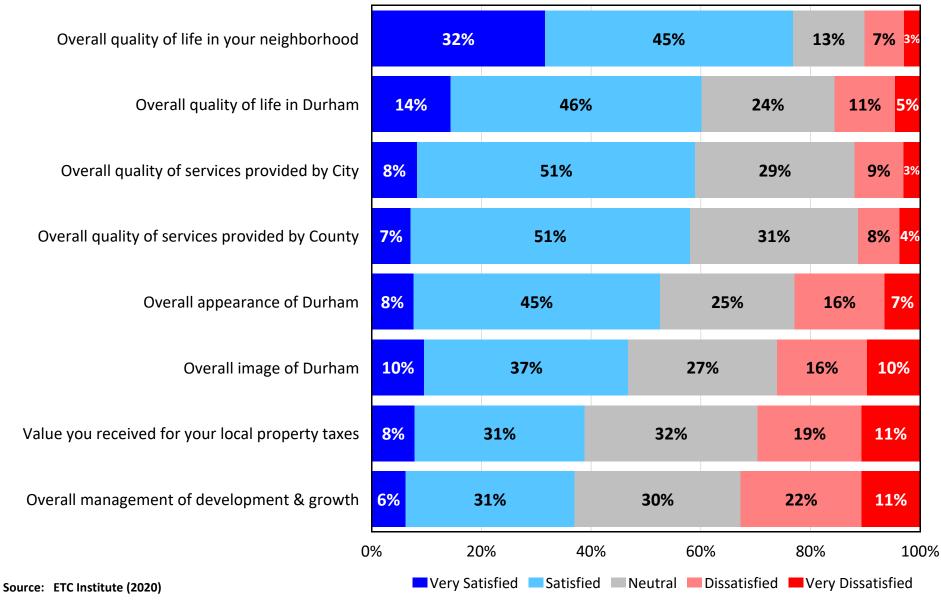


# Q2. <u>Major Categories</u> of Services That Should Receive the Most Emphasis from City & County Leaders Over the Next Two Years

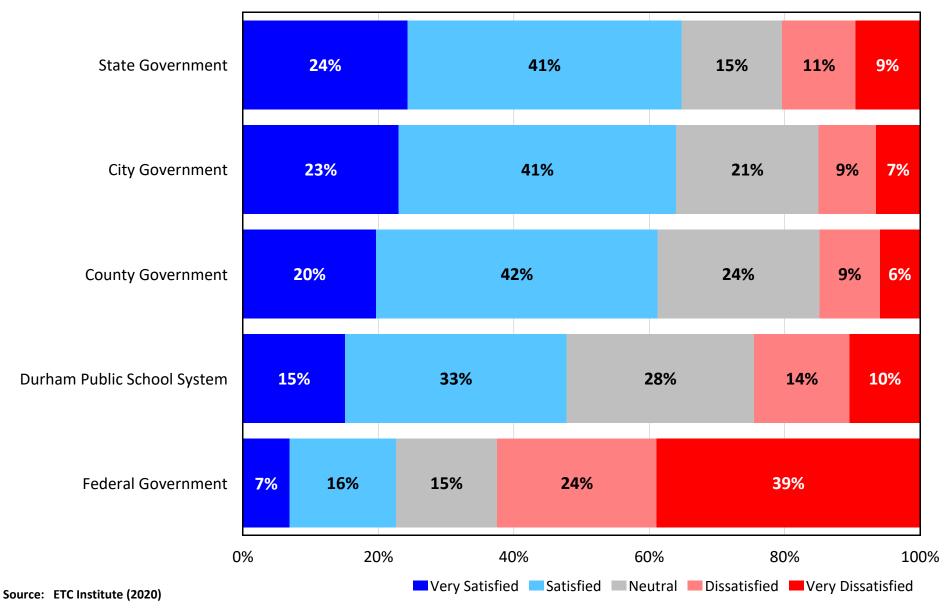
by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top three choices



# Q3. Satisfaction with Items That May Influence Your <u>Perception</u> of Durham

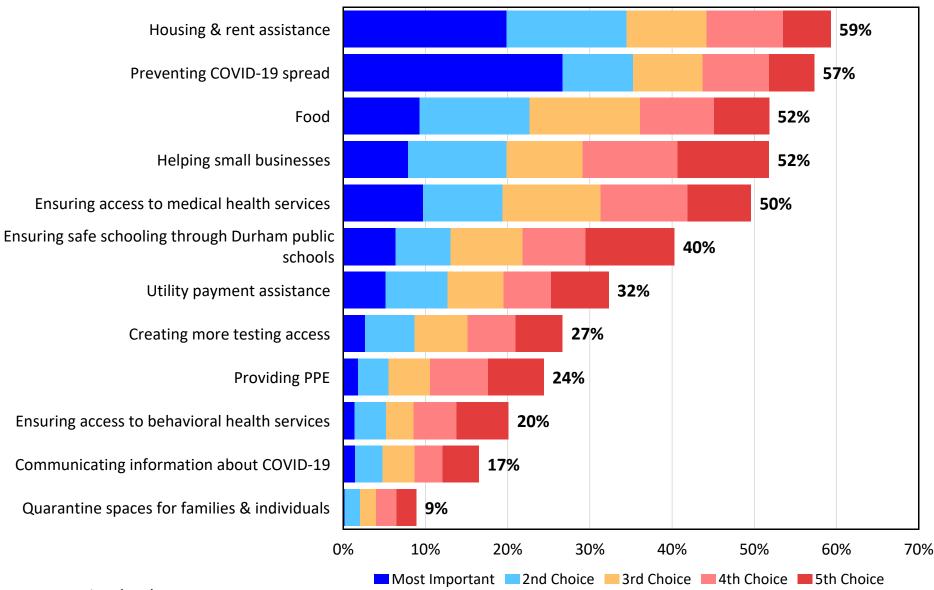


# Q4. Satisfaction with How Government Responded to the COVID-19 Pandemic



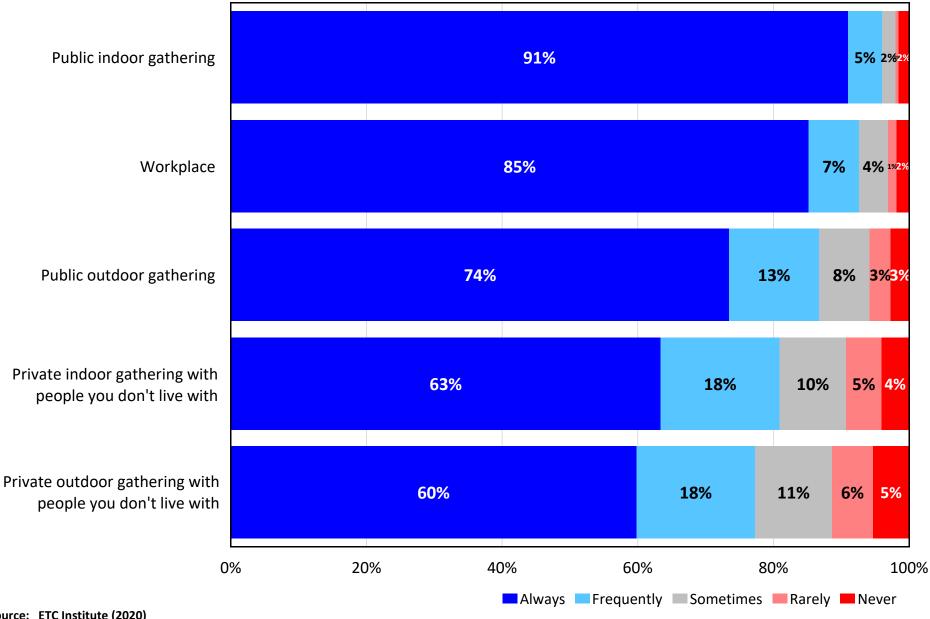
# Q5. Areas Most Important for the City/County to Spend Resources on During the COVID-19 Pandemic

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top five choices



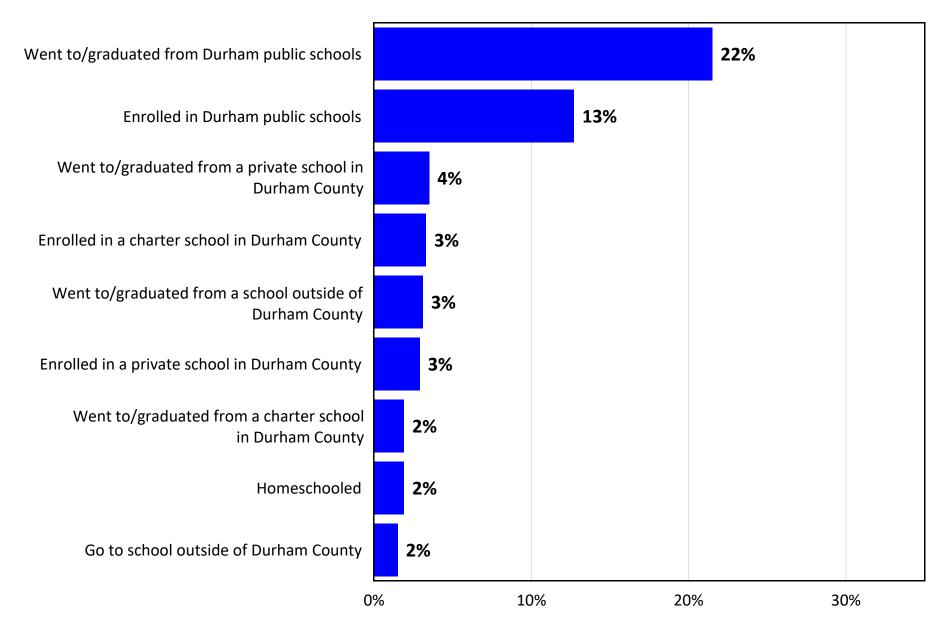
### Q6. Frequency a Mask is Being Worn in Various Settings

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)

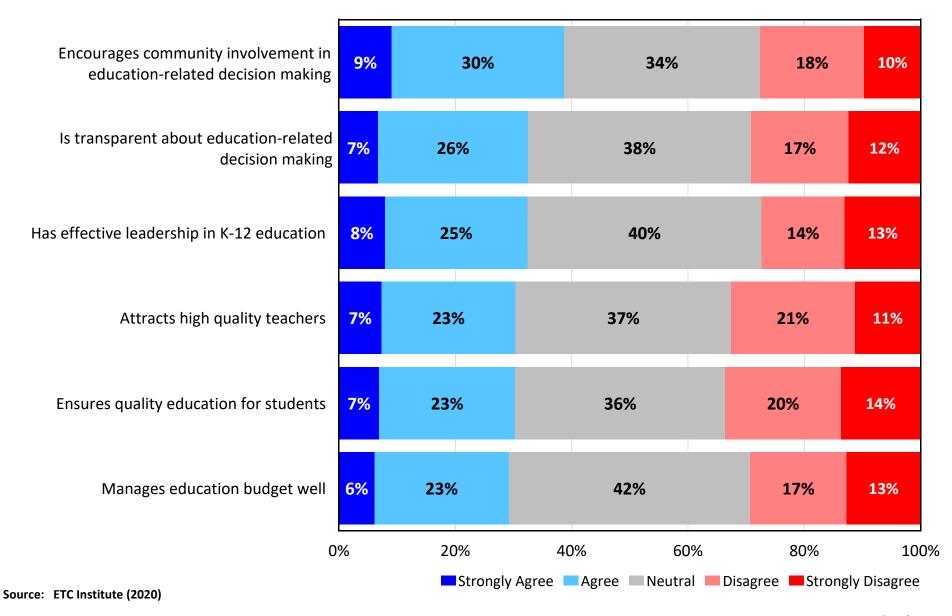


### Q7. Education Status of Children in Your Household

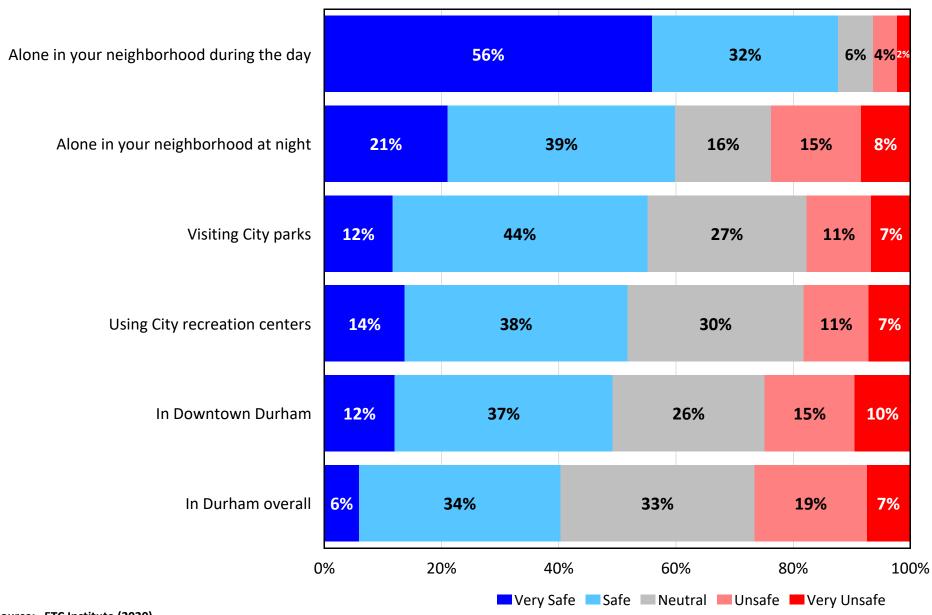
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



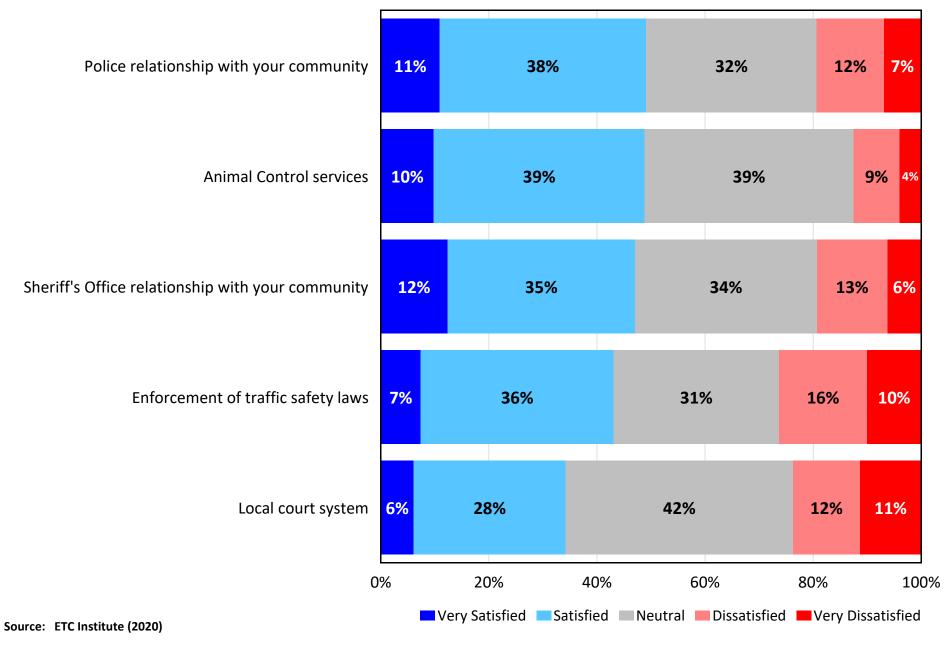
# Q8. Level of Agreement with Statements About Durham Public Schools



### Q9. Feeling of Safety in Various Situations in Durham

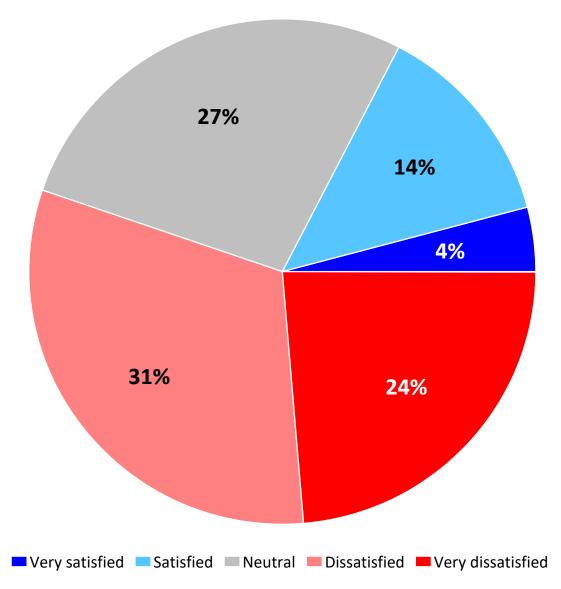


### Q10. Satisfaction with Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice



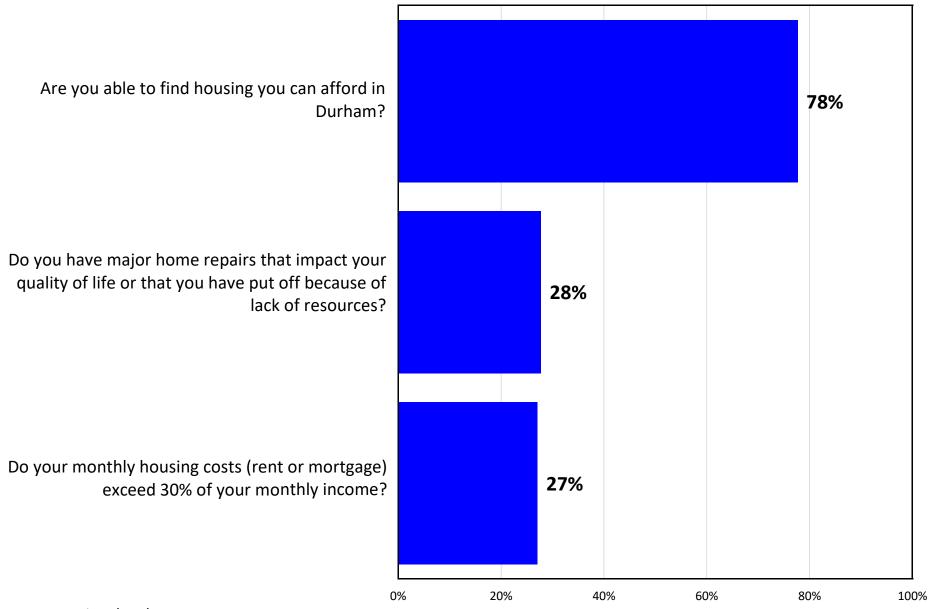
# Q11. How satisfied are you with the availability of affordable housing?

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)



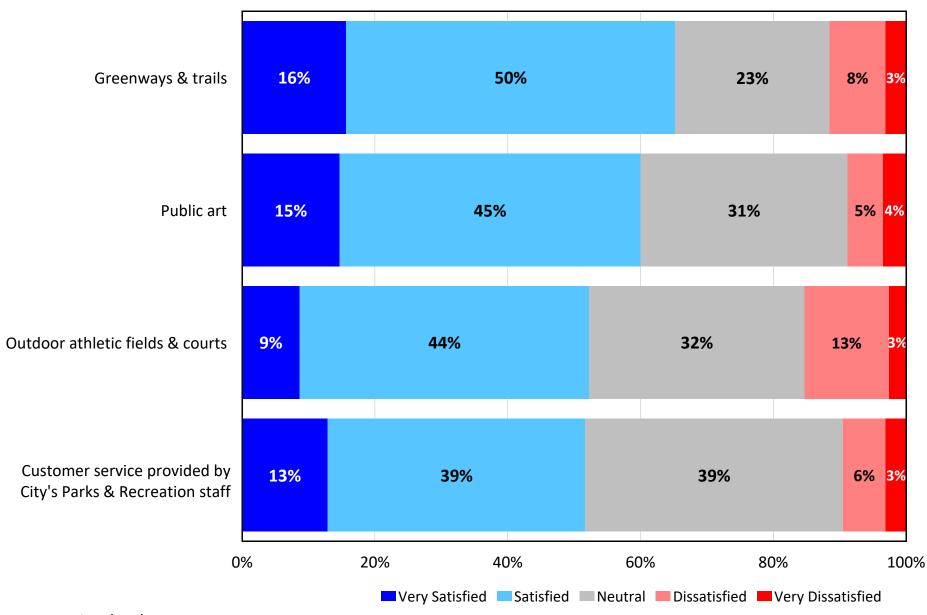
### **Q12.** Housing Questions

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes"



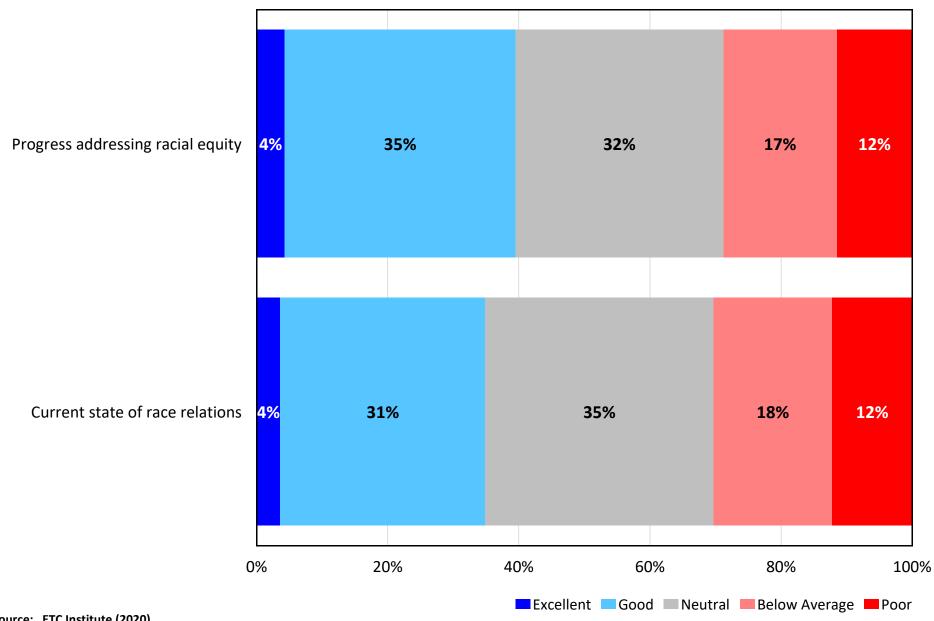
### Q13. Satisfaction with Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)



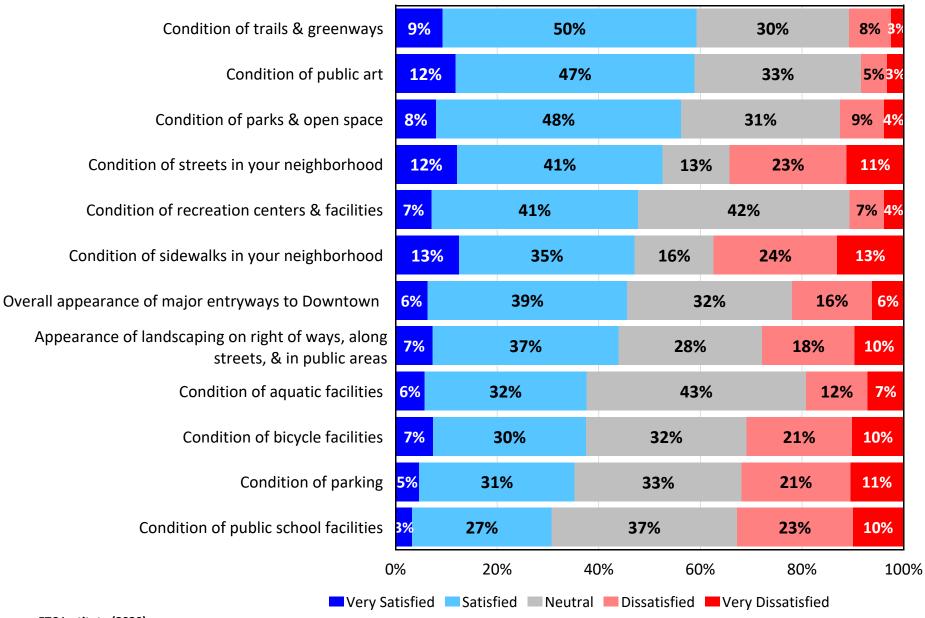
### Q14. Rating of Durham in Community Topics

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)



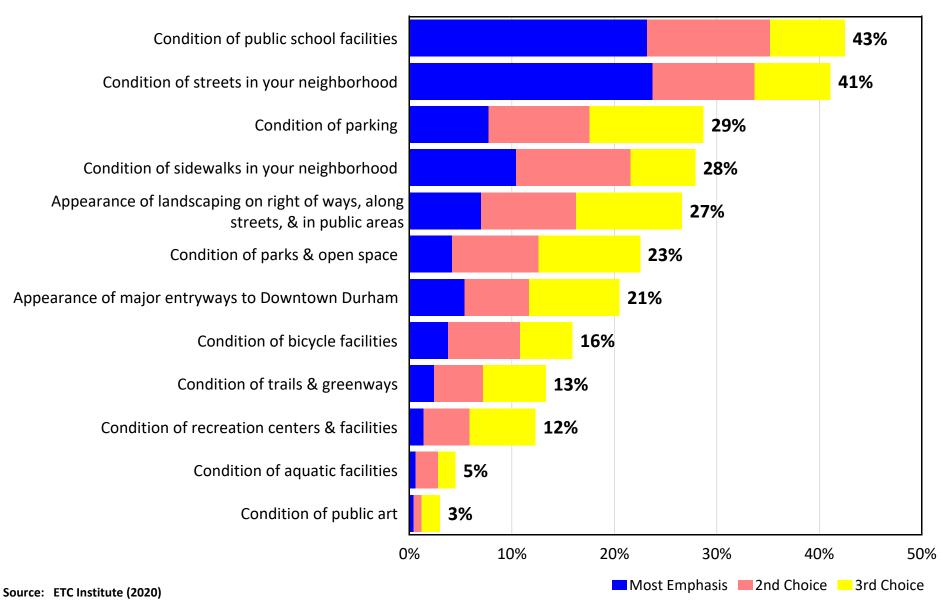
### Q15. Satisfaction with Maintenance Services

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)



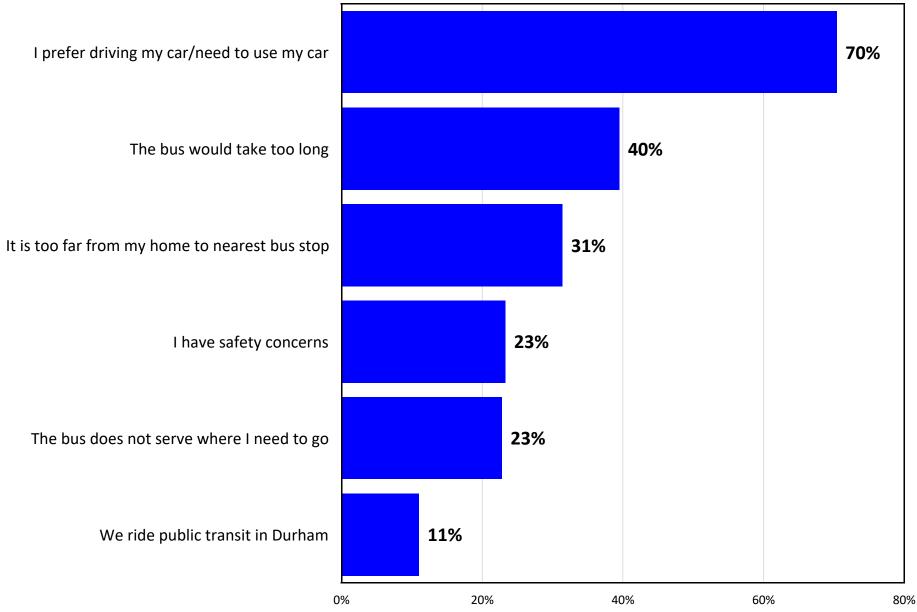
# Q16. <u>Maintenance</u> Services That Should Receive the Most Emphasis From Leaders Over the Next Two Years

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top three choices



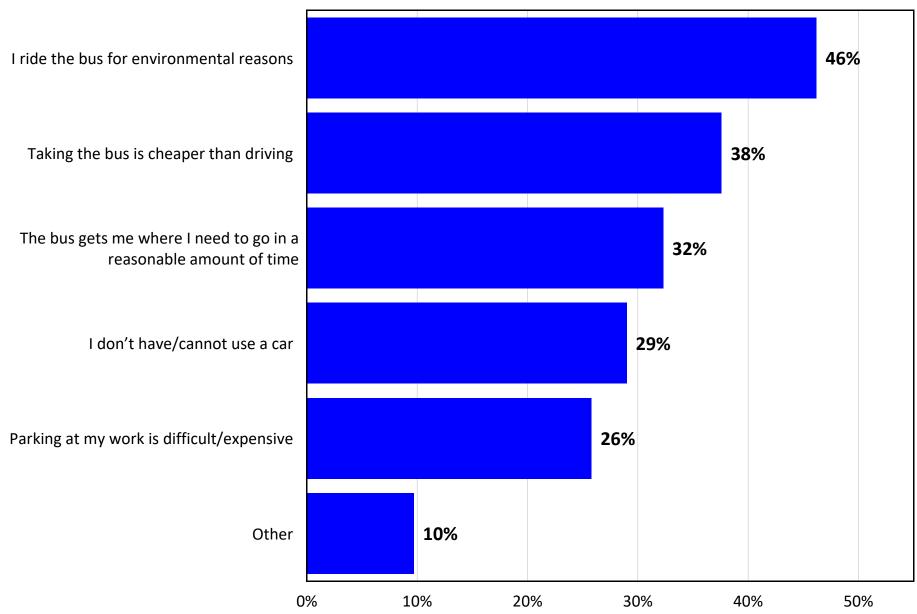
## Q17a. Reasons for NOT Using Public Transit in Durham

by percentage of respondents (up to three choices could be made)

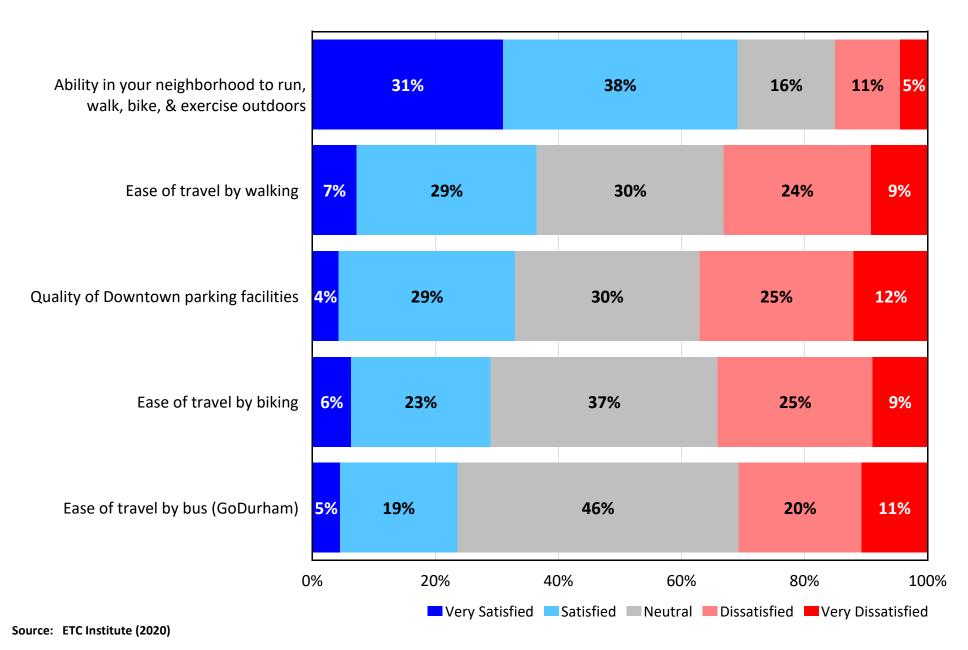


### Q17b. Reasons You <u>DO</u> Use Public Transit in Durham

by percentage of respondents who ride public transit (up to three choices could be made)

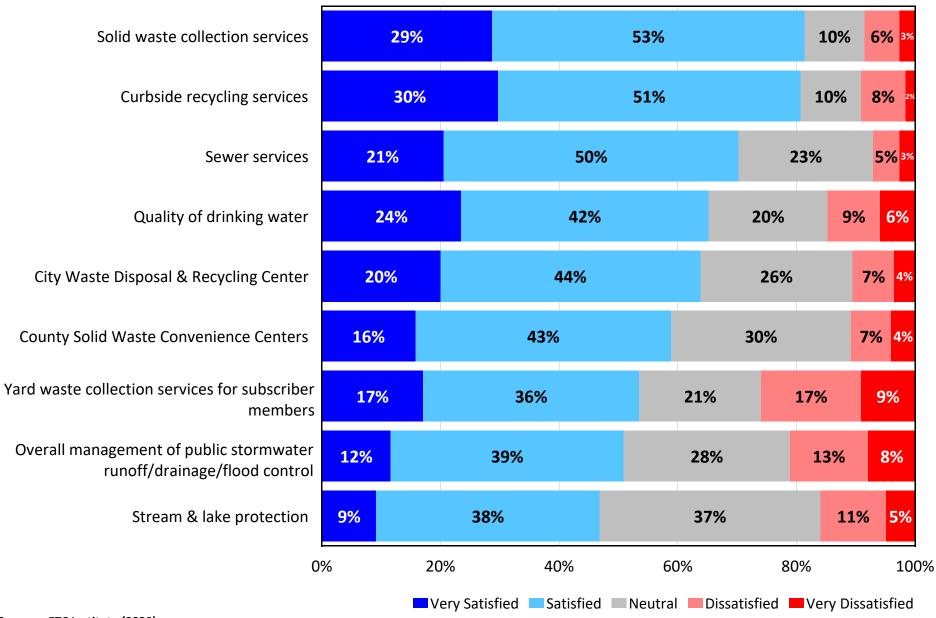


### Q18. Satisfaction with Multi-Modal Transportation



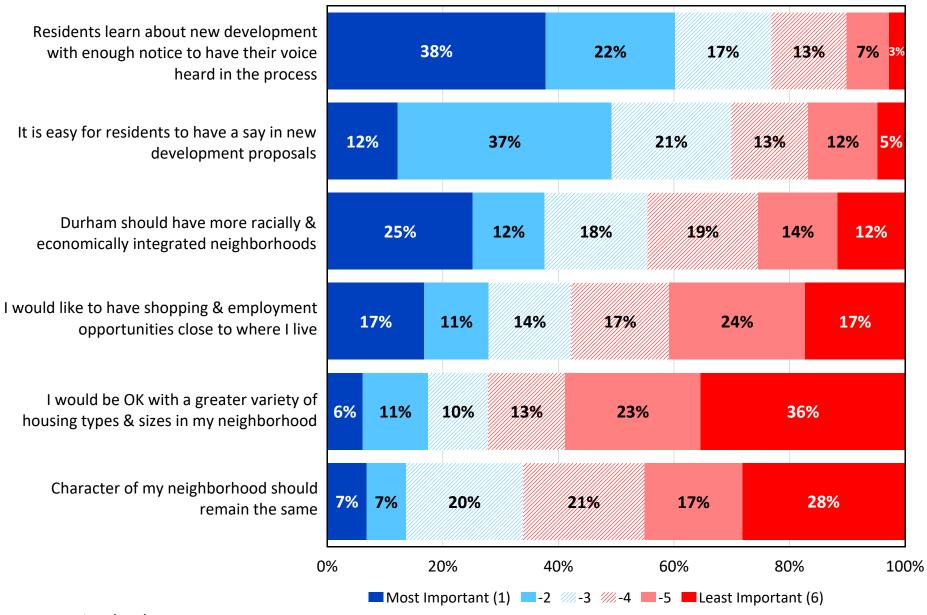
### Q19. Satisfaction with Solid Waste and Utility Services

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)

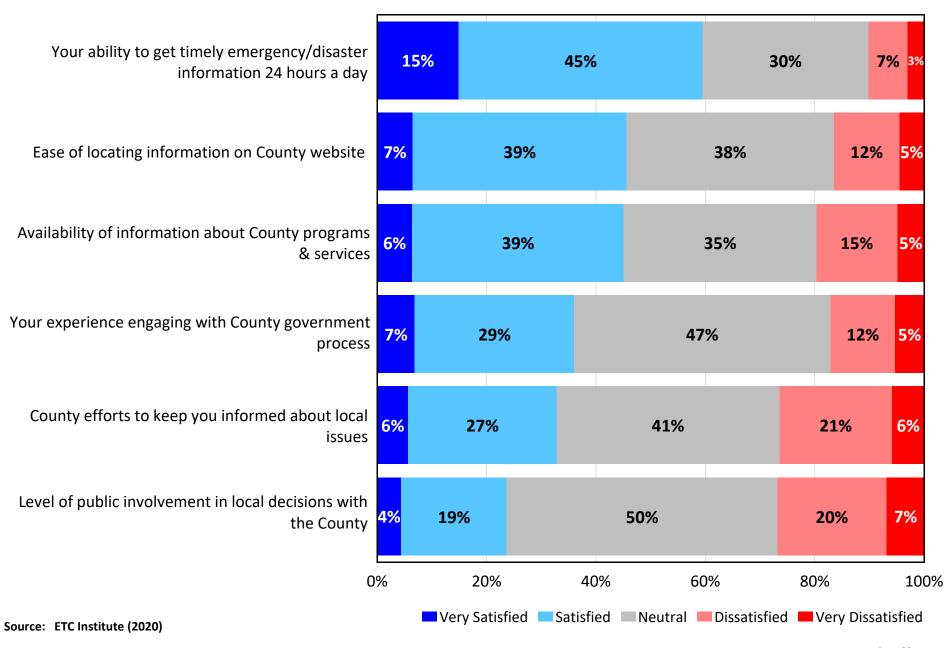


### **Q20.** Ranking the Importance of Planning Goals

by percentage of respondents

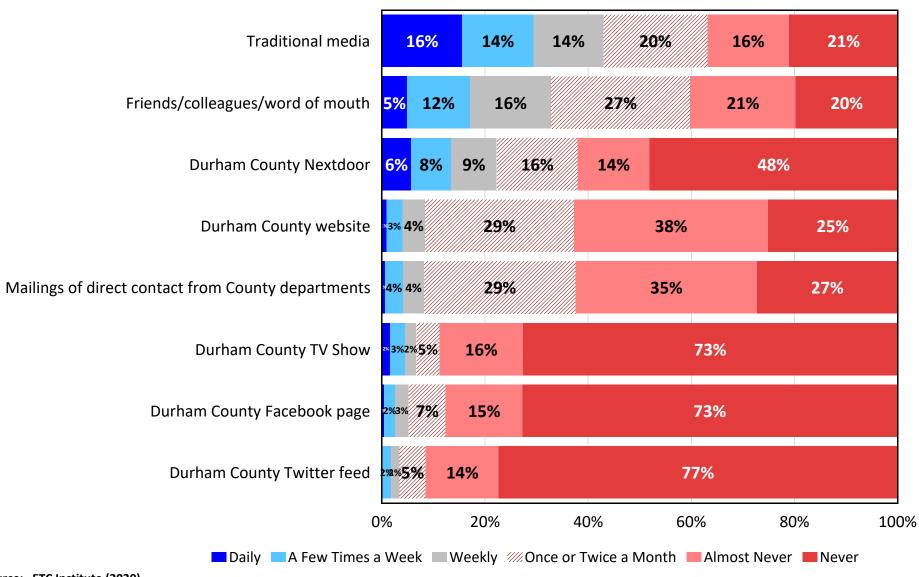


### Q23a. Satisfaction with County Communication



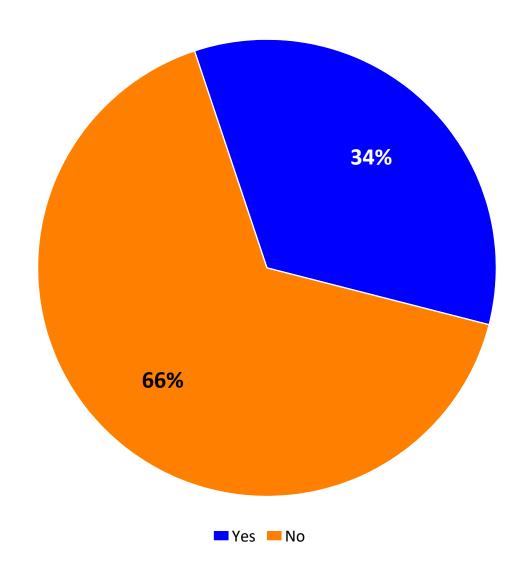
# Q23b. Frequency of Receiving Important County Government-Related Information

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)



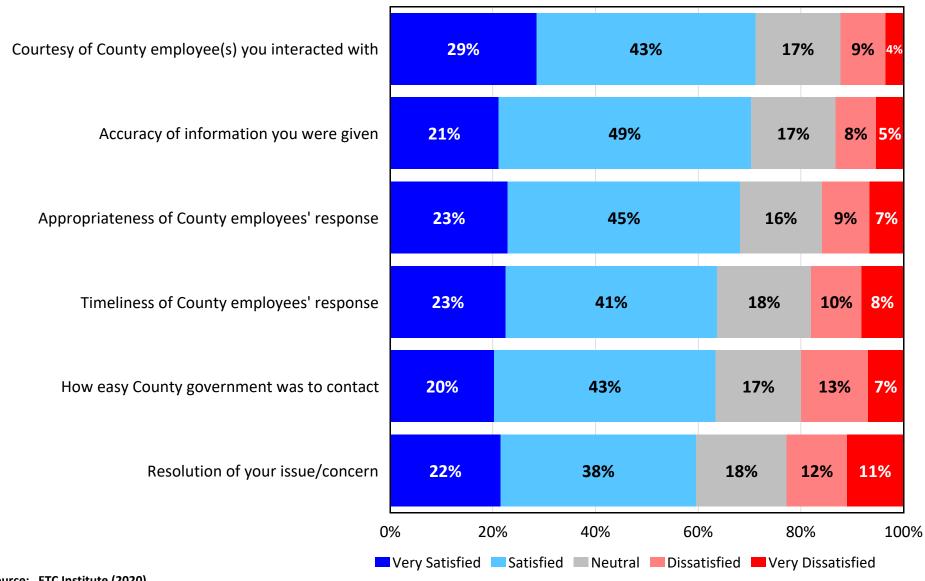
# Q23c. During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of the County or visited the website to seek services, ask a question, or file a complaint?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



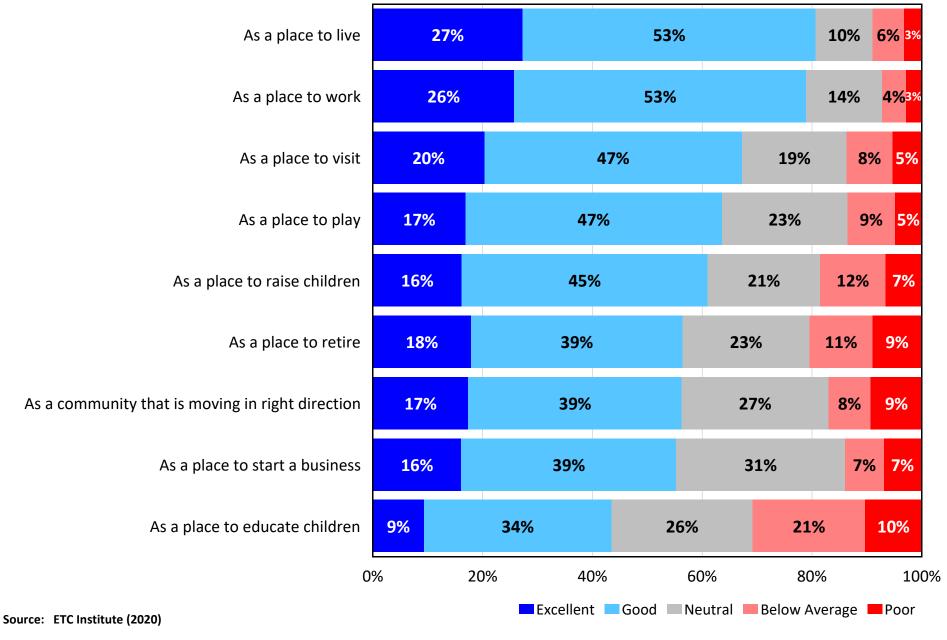
## Q23d. Satisfaction with Your Experience Interacting with the County Government Department You Contacted

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)



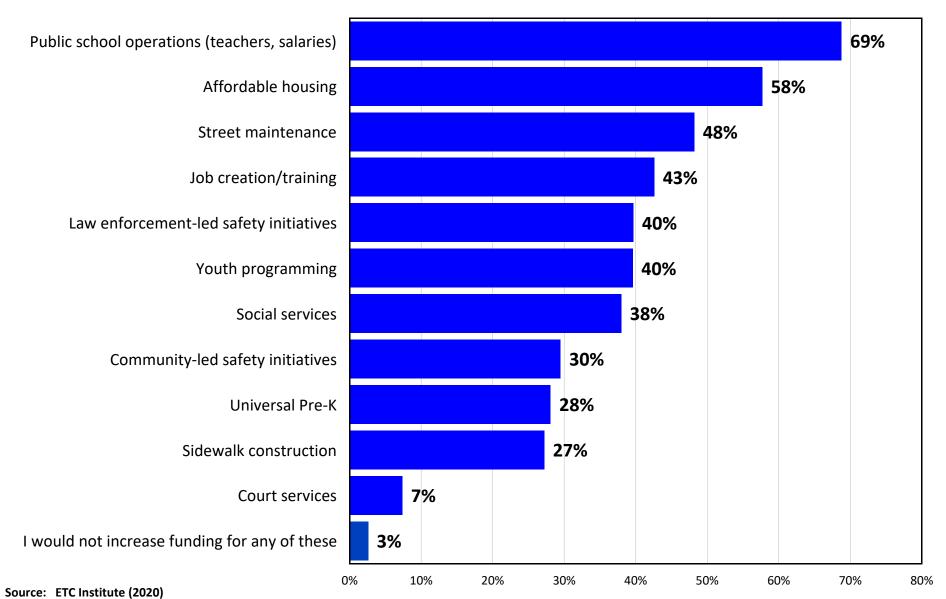
#### **Q24.** Overall Rating of the Community

by percentage of respondents (excluding NA)



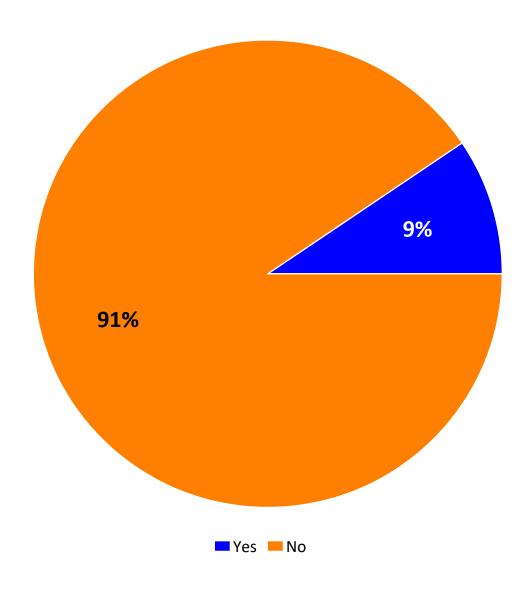
## Q25. Government Services That Should Receive the Highest Priorities for Increased Funding

by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



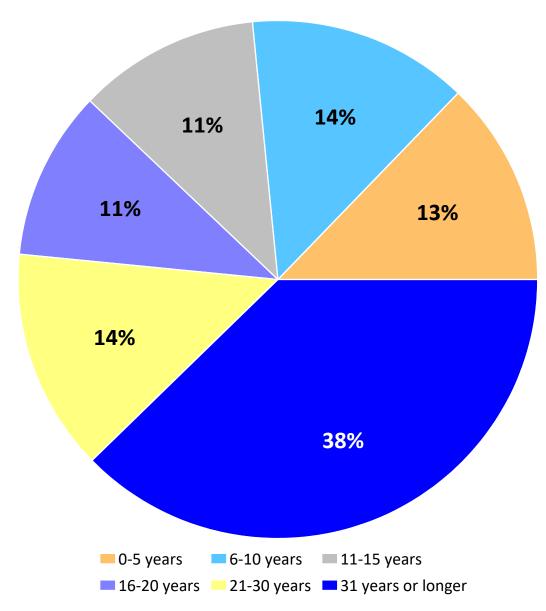
### Q26. Have you or someone in your household had trouble accessing the healthcare they need in the past year?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



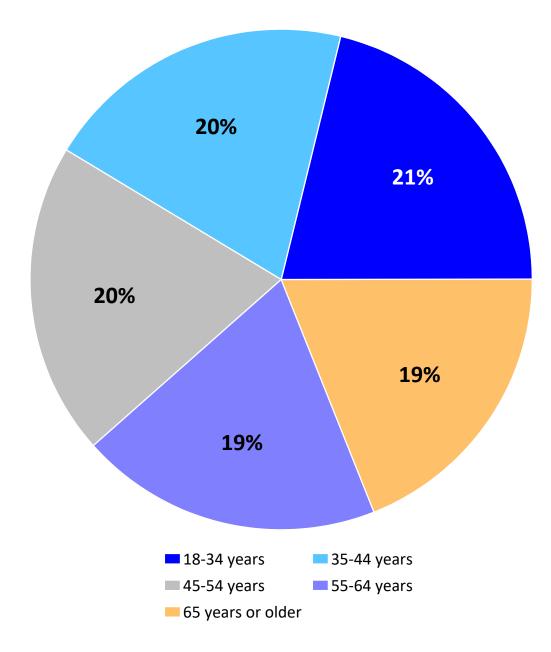
### Q28. Demographics: Approximately how many years have you lived in Durham?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



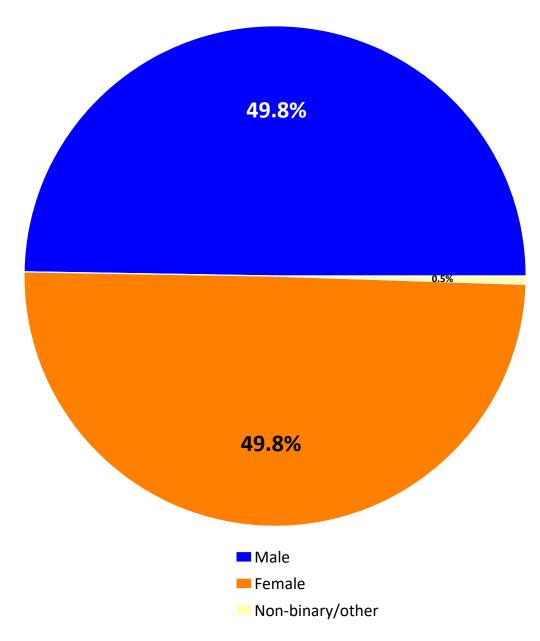
### Q29. Demographics: What is your age?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



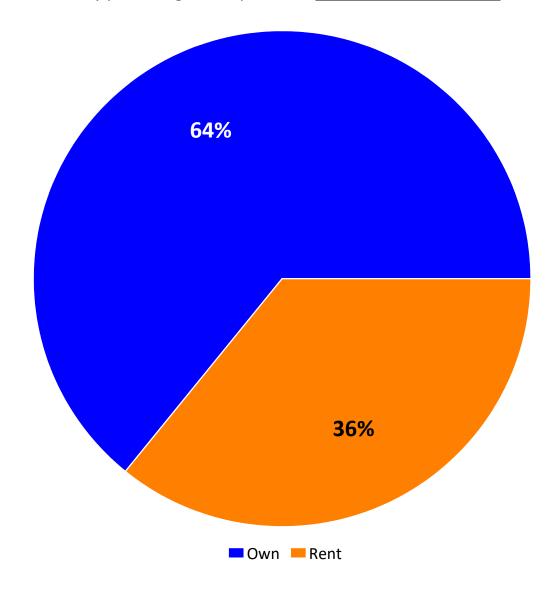
### Q30. Demographics: What is your gender?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



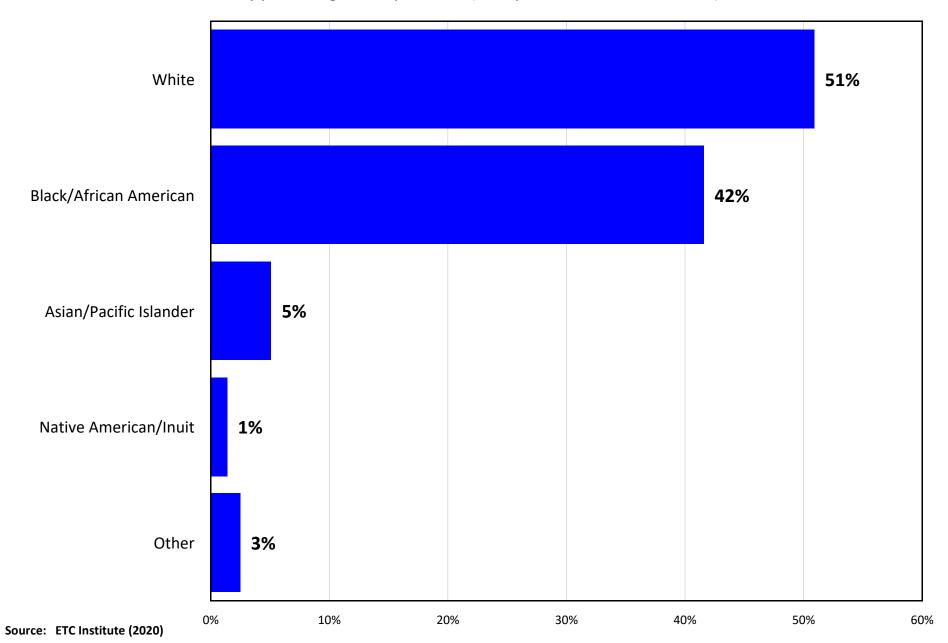
### Q31. Demographics: Do you own or rent your current residence?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



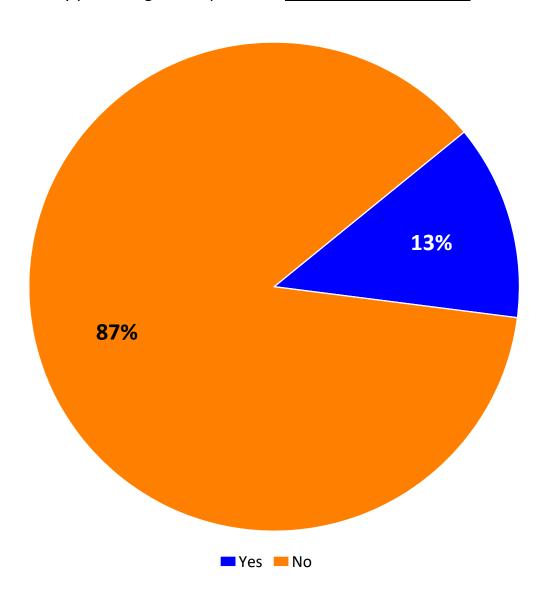
#### Q32. Demographics: Race/Ethnicity

by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



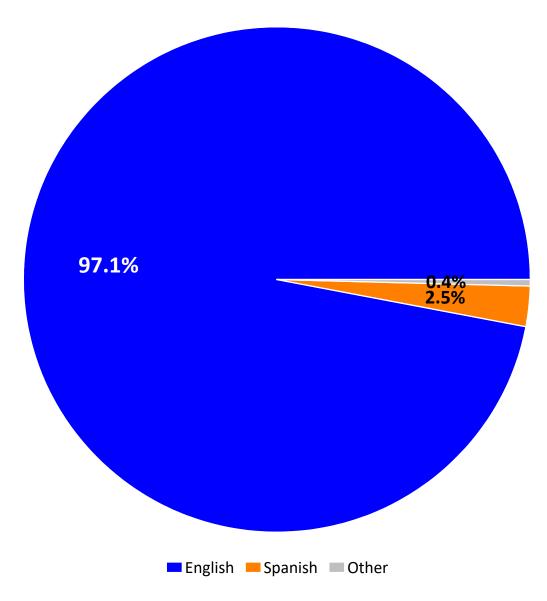
## Q33. Demographics: Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or other Spanish Ancestry?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)

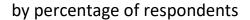


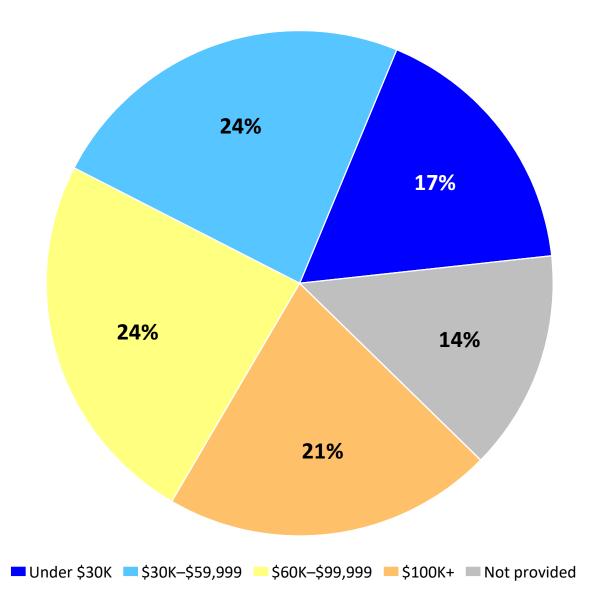
## Q34. Demographics: What is the primary language used in your household?

by percentage of respondents (excluding not provided)



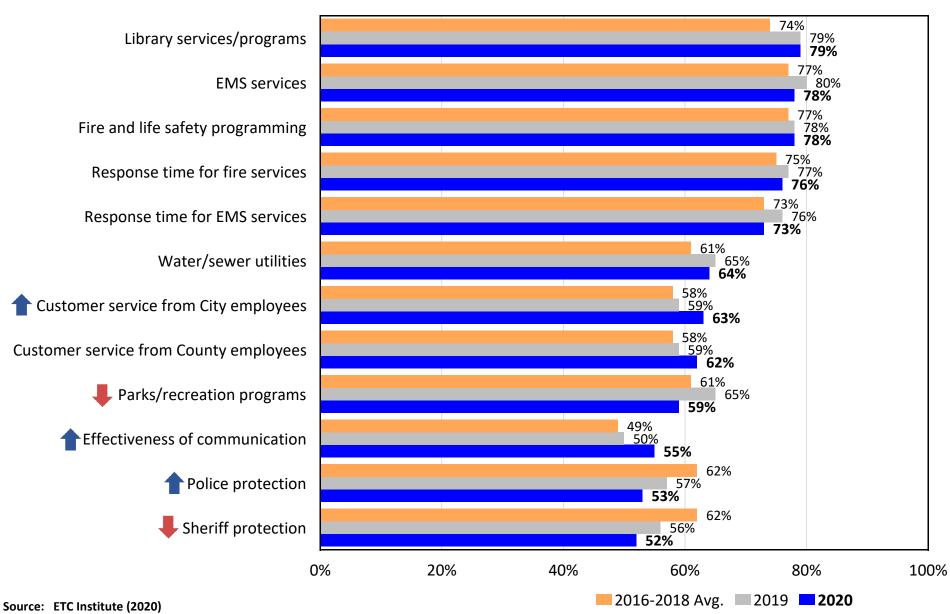
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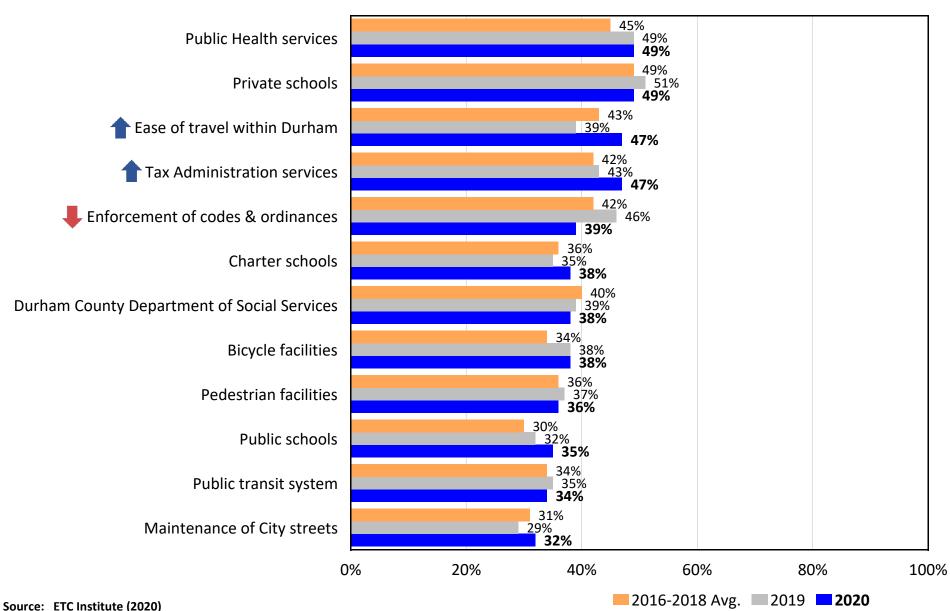


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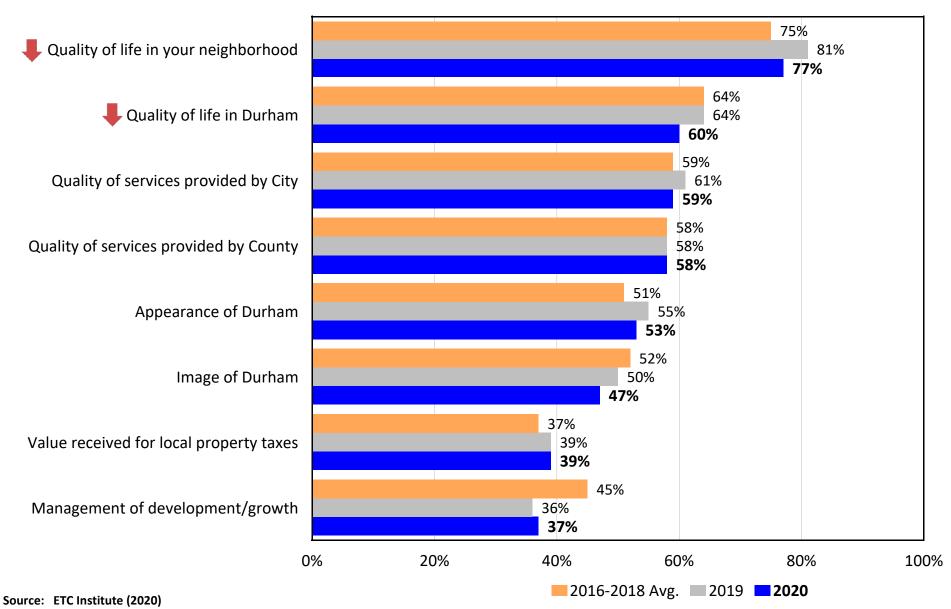
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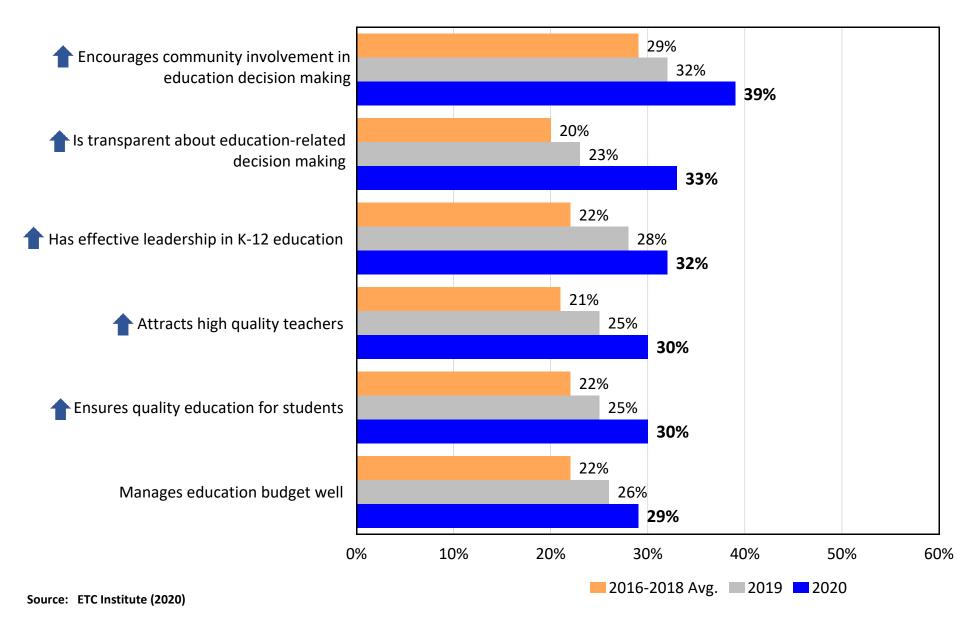
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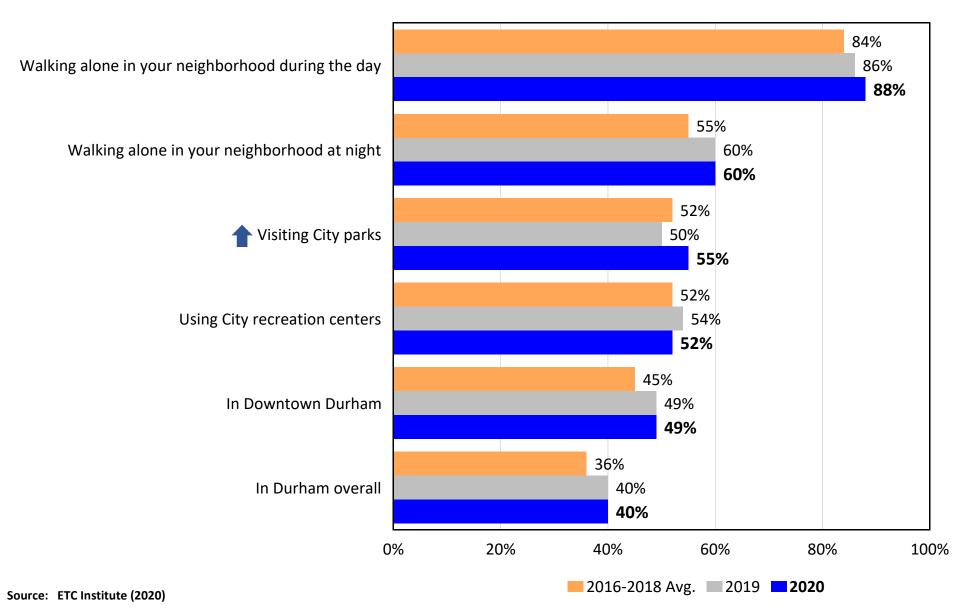
### Q3. Satisfaction with Items That May Influence Your Perception of Durham - 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average



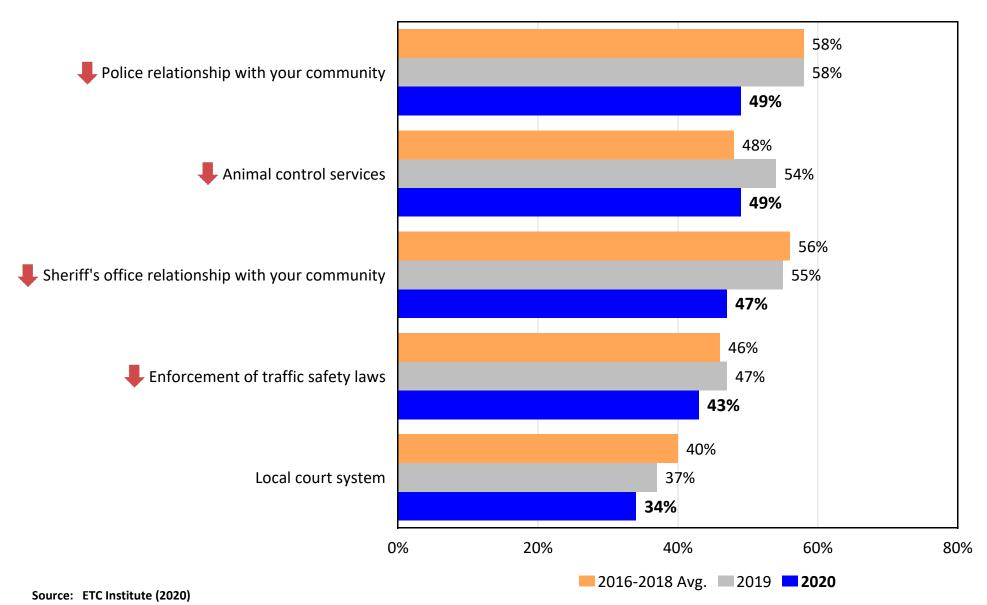
### Q8. Level of Agreement with Statements About Durham Public Schools - 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average



### Q9. Feeling of Safety in Various Situations in Durham 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

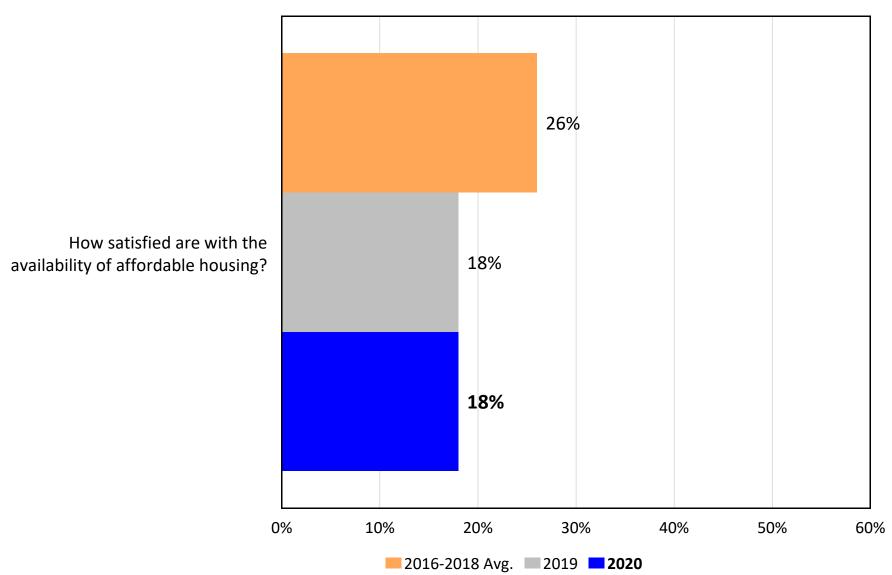


### Q10. Satisfaction with <u>Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice</u> 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average



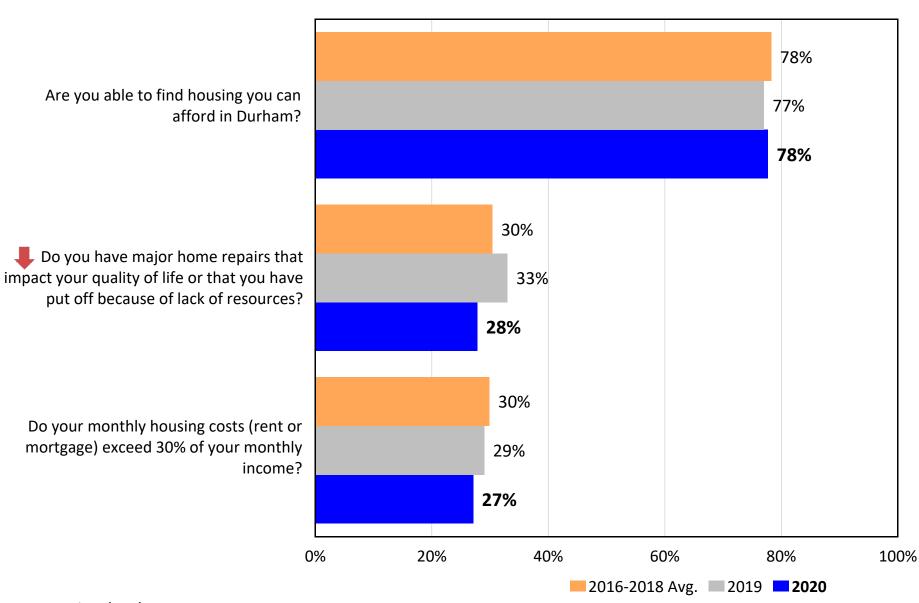
### Q11. How satisfied are you with the availability of affordable housing? - 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding NA)

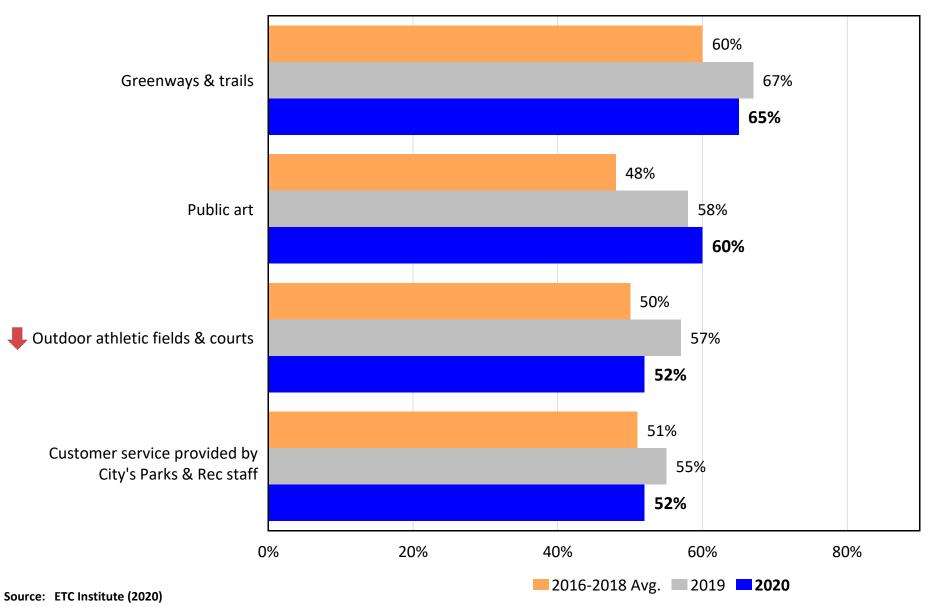


#### Q12. Housing Question - 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

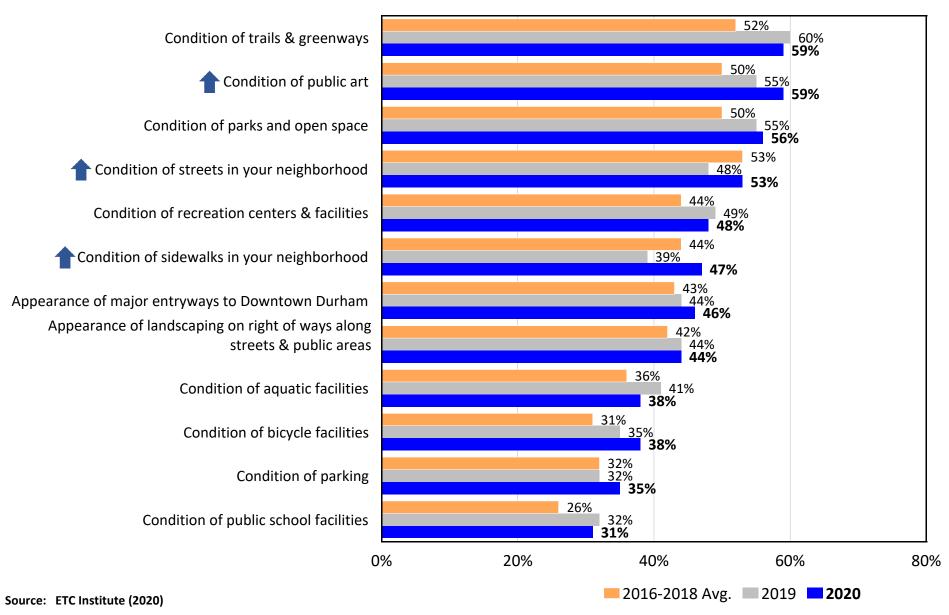
by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes"



### Q13. Satisfaction with <u>Parks, Recreation, Open Space</u> 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

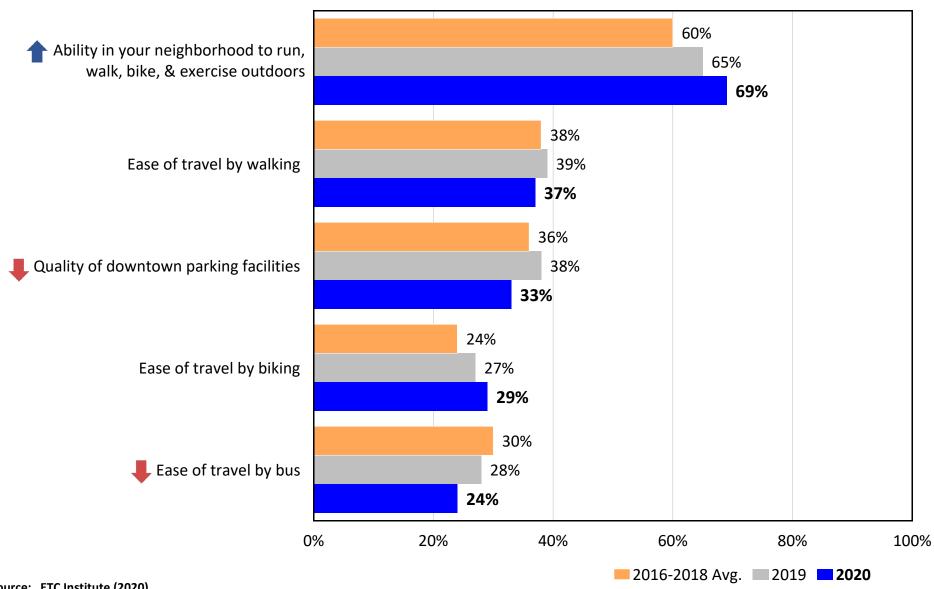


### Q15. Satisfaction with <u>Maintenance</u> Services 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

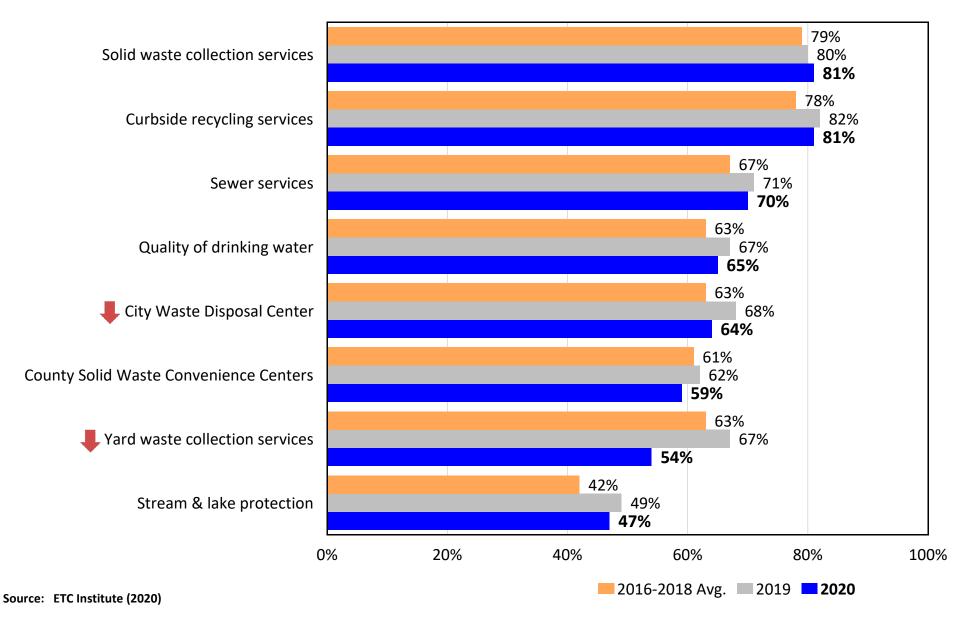


### Q18. Satisfaction with Multi-Modal Transportation Services 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding NA)

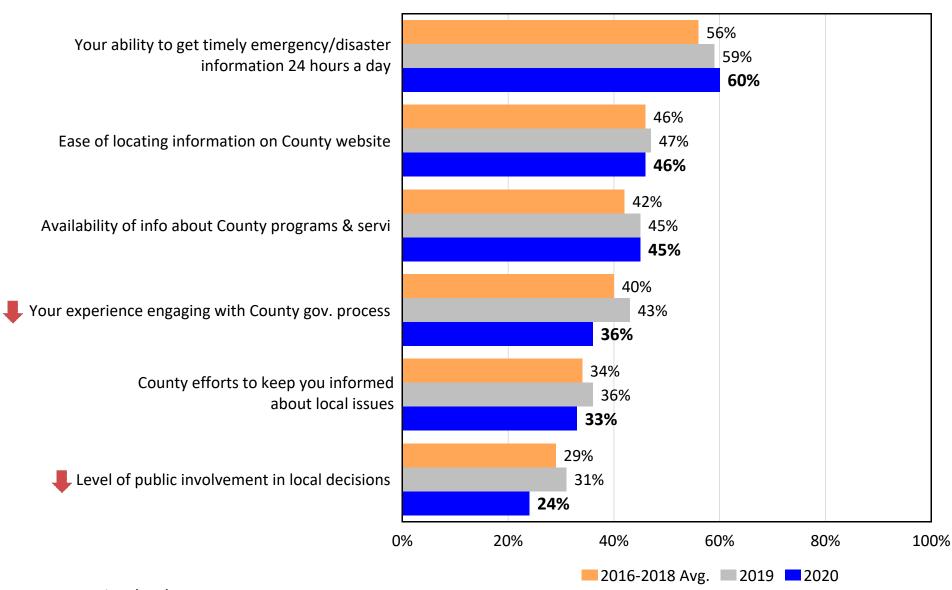


### Q19. Satisfaction with <u>Solid Waste and Utility</u> Services 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

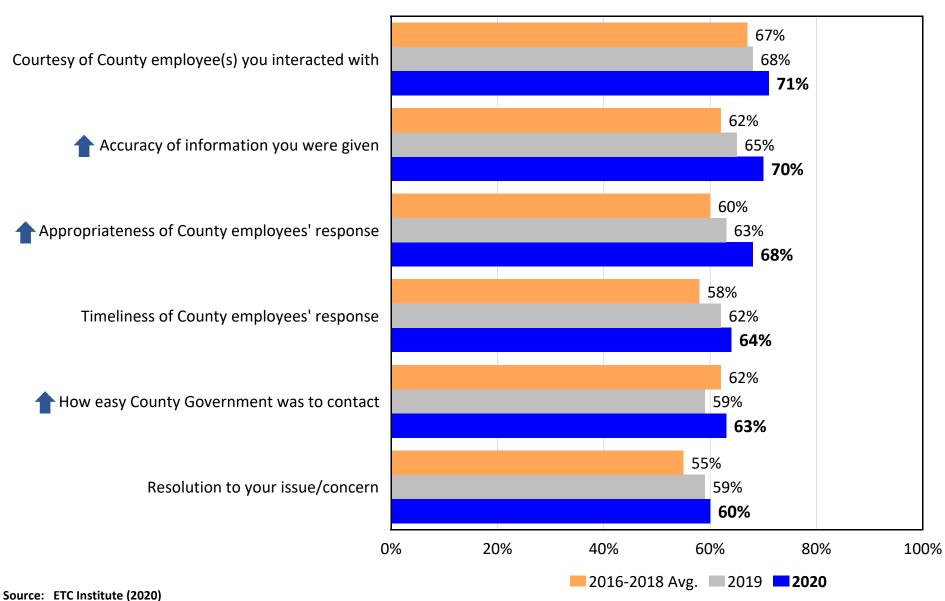


### Q23a. Satisfaction with <u>Communication</u> 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average

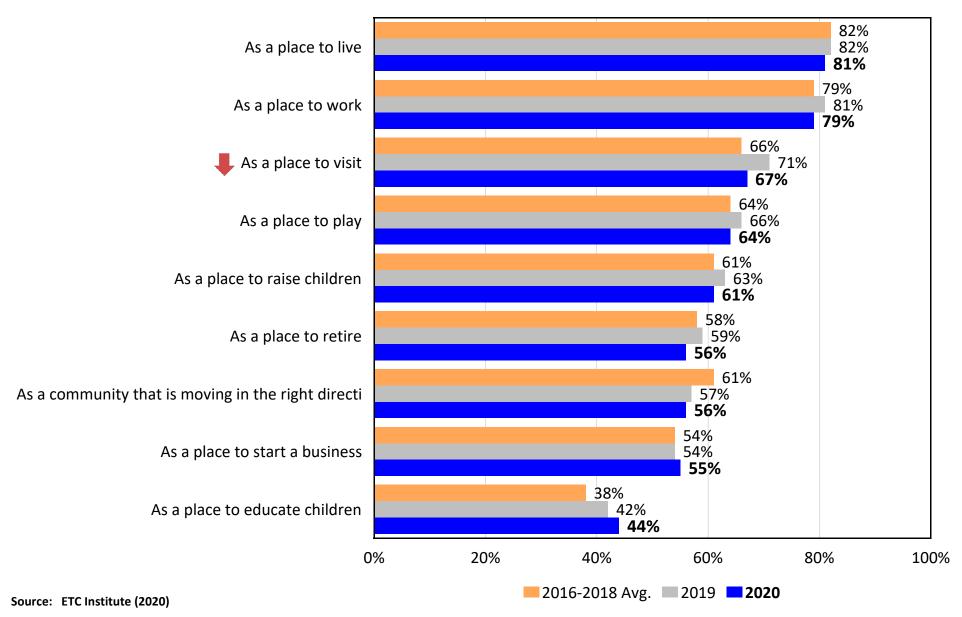
by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding NA)



### Q23d. Satisfaction with <u>Customer Service</u> 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average



### Q24. Overall Ratings of the Community 2020, 2019, 2016-2018 Average



## Section 3 Importance-Satisfaction Analysis

### Importance-Satisfaction Analysis Summary Report

Durham County, North Carolina

#### Overview

Today, County officials have limited resources which need to be targeted to activities that are of the most benefit to their citizens. Two of the most important criteria for decision making are (1) to target resources toward services of the <u>highest importance to citizens</u>; and (2) to target resources toward those services where <u>citizens</u> are the <u>least satisfied</u>.

The Importance-Satisfaction (IS) rating is a unique tool that allows public officials to better understand both of these highly important decision-making criteria for each of the services they are providing. The Importance-Satisfaction rating is based on the concept that public agencies will maximize overall customer satisfaction by emphasizing improvements in those areas where the level of satisfaction is relatively low and the perceived importance of the service is relatively high.

The rating is calculated by summing the percentage of responses for items selected as the first, second, and third most important services for the County to provide. The sum is then multiplied by 1 minus the percentage of respondents who indicated they were positively satisfied with the County's performance in the related area (the sum of the ratings of 4 and 5 on a 5-point scale excluding "Don't Know" responses). "Don't Know" responses are excluded from the calculation to ensure the satisfaction ratings among service categories are comparable.

I-S = Importance x (1-Satisfaction)

**Example of the Calculation:** Respondents were asked to identify the major categories of City and County services they thought should receive the most emphasis over the next two years. Thirty-nine percent (39.4%) of respondents selected the *quality of public schools* as one of the most important services for the County to provide.

With regard to satisfaction, 34.5% of respondents surveyed rated the County's overall performance regarding the *quality of public schools* as a "4" or "5" on a 5-point scale (where "5" means "Very Satisfied") excluding "Don't Know" responses. The I-S rating for the *quality of public schools* was calculated by multiplying the sum of the most important percentages by one minus the sum of the satisfaction percentages. In this example 39.4% was multiplied by 65.5% (1-0.345). This calculation yielded an I-S rating of 0.2581 which ranked first out of 24 major service categories.

The maximum rating is 1.00 and would be achieved when 100% of the respondents select an item as one of their top three choices to emphasize over the next two years and 0% indicate they are positively satisfied with the delivery of the service.

The lowest rating is 0.00 and could be achieved under either of the following two situations:

- If 100% of the respondents were positively satisfied with the delivery of the service
- If none (0%) of the respondents selected the service as one for the three most important areas for the County to emphasize over the next two years.

#### **Interpreting the Ratings**

Ratings that are greater than or equal to 0.20 identify areas that should receive significantly more emphasis over the next two years. Ratings from 0.10 to 0.20 identify service areas that should receive increased emphasis. Ratings less than 0.10 should continue to receive the current level of emphasis.

- <u>Definitely Increase</u> Emphasis (IS >= 0.20)
- Increase Current Emphasis (0.10 <= IS<0.20)
- <u>Maintain</u> Current Emphasis (IS < 0.10)</li>

The results for Durham County are provided on the following pages.

### Importance-Satisfaction Rating Major Categories of City and County Services Durham County, North Carolina

Category of Service	Most Important %	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction %	Satisfaction Rank	Importance- Satisfaction Rating	I-S Rating Rank
Very High Priority (IS > 0.20)						
Quality of public schools	39%	2	35%	22	0.2581	1
Maintenance of City streets	35%	3	32%	24	0.2377	2
Quality of police protection	47%	1	53%	11	0.2186	3
Medium Priority (IS < 0.10)						
Quality of pedestrian facilities	16%	4	36%	21	0.0998	4
Quality of sheriff protection	15%	5	<b>52%</b>	12	0.0722	5
Quality of public health services	13%	6	49%	13	0.0644	6
Ease of travel within Durham	12%	7	47%	15	0.0619	7
Quality of public transit system	9%	8	34%	23	0.0605	8
Quality of bicycle facilities	9%	10	38%	19	0.0544	9
<b>Durham County Department of Social Services</b>	<b>7</b> %	12	38%	20	0.0463	10
Enforcement of codes & ordinances	7%	13	39%	17	0.0436	11
Quality of parks & recreation programs	8%	11	59%	9	0.0314	12
Quality of water & sewer utilities	9%	9	64%	6	0.0314	13
Effectiveness of communication with the public	5%	15	55%	10	0.0235	14
Quality of tax administration services	3%	17	47%	16	0.0166	15
Quality of fire & life safety programming	<b>6%</b>	14	<b>78</b> %	3	0.0125	16
Quality of charter schools	2%	22	38%	18	0.0112	17
Customer service received from City employees	3%	19	63%	7	0.0099	18
<b>Customer service received from County employees</b>	<b>2</b> %	21	<b>62</b> %	8	0.0077	19
Quality of EMS services	3%	16	78%	2	0.0073	20
Response time for EMS services	3%	20	73%	5	0.0071	21
Quality of library services & programs	3%	18	79%	1	0.0064	22
Response time for fire services	<b>2</b> %	23	76%	4	0.0039	23
Quality of private schools	0%	24	49%	14	0.0005	24

Note: The I-S Rating is calculated by multiplying the "Most Important" % by (1-'Satisfaction' %)

Most Important %: The "Most Important" percentage represents the sum of the first, second, and third

most important/emphasis responses for each item. Respondents were asked to identify

the items they thought should receive the most emphasis over the next two years.

Satisfaction %: The "Satisfaction" percentage represents the sum of the ratings "4" and "5" excluding 'don't knows.'

Respondents ranked their level of satisfaction with the each of the items on a scale  $\,$ 

of 1 to 5 with "5" being very satisfied and "1" being very dissatisfied.

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### **Importance-Satisfaction Rating Maintenance**

**Durham County, North Carolina** 

Category of Service	Most Important %	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction %	Satisfaction Rank	Importance- Satisfaction Rating	I-S Rating Rank
Very High Priority (IS > 0.20)						
Condition of public school facilities	43%	1	31%	12	0.2945	1
High Priority (IS 0.10-0.20)						
Condition of streets in your neighborhood	41%	2	53%	4	0.1948	2
Condition of parking	29%	3	35%	11	0.1857	3
Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along streets, & in public areas	27%	5	44%	8	0.1492	4
Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	28%	4	47%	6	0.1476	5
Appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	21%	7	46%	7	0.1115	6
Medium Priority (IS < 0.10)						
Condition of bicycle facilities	16%	8	38%	10	0.0994	7
Condition of parks & open space	23%	6	56%	3	0.0986	8
Condition of recreation centers & facilities	12%	10	48%	5	0.0643	9
Condition of trails & greenways	13%	9	59%	1	0.0543	10
Condition of aquatic facilities	5%	11	38%	9	0.0281	11
Condition of public art	3%	12	59%	2	0.0123	12

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## Section 4 Benchmarking Analysis

#### **Benchmarking Summary Report**

#### Durham County, North Carolina

#### **Overview**

ETC Institute's *DirectionFinder®* program was originally developed in 1999 to help community leaders across the United States use statistically valid community survey data as a tool for making better decisions. Since November of 1999, the survey has been administered in more than 350 communities in 49 states. Most participating communities conduct the survey on an annual or biennial basis.

This report contains benchmarking data from two sources: (1) a national survey that was administered by ETC Institute during the summer of 2019 to a random sample of more than 500 residents living in U.S. communities with a population between 150,000 and 400,000 and (2) survey results from 22 communities (population of 150,000-400,000 residents) where ETC Institute has administered the *DirectionFinder®* survey between July 2018 and December 2020. The results from individual communities were used as the basis for developing the range of performance. The communities included in the performance comparisons that are shown in this section are listed below:

- Cabarrus County, NC
- Coral Springs, FL
- Des Moines, IA
- Durham (City), NC
- Durham County, NC
- Fayetteville, NC
- Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Gainesville, FL
- McAllen, TX
- Mesquite, TX
- Miami, FL

- Onslow County, NC
- Overland Park, KS
- Plano, TX
- Richmond, VA
- Springfield, MO
- Tempe, AZ
- Topeka, KS
- Vancouver, WA
- Wilmington, NC
- Winston-Salem, NC
- Wyandotte County, KS

### **Interpreting the Charts**

The **first set** of charts show how the overall ratings for Durham County compared to the national average based on the results of an annual survey that was administered by ETC Institute to a random sample of more than over 500 residents living communities with a population between 150,000 and 400,000. The blue bar shows the ratings for Durham County, and the pink bar shows the ratings for communities with a population of 150,000 to 400,000.

The **second set** of charts show how the results for Durham County compare to the range of performance for other large U.S. communities where ETC Institute has administered a *DirectionFinder®* survey since 2018. There are a total of 22 communities (population of 150,000-400,000 residents) where ETC Institute has administered the *DirectionFinder®* survey between July 2018 and December 2020 (these communities are listed on the pervious page). The Horizontal blue bar shows the range of performance for each of the areas that were surveyed. The percentage on the left shows the results for the worst performing community. The percentage on the right shows the results for the best performing community. The yellow dot shows the results for Durham County. The green vertical bar shows the average for the 22 communities.

## **National Benchmarks**

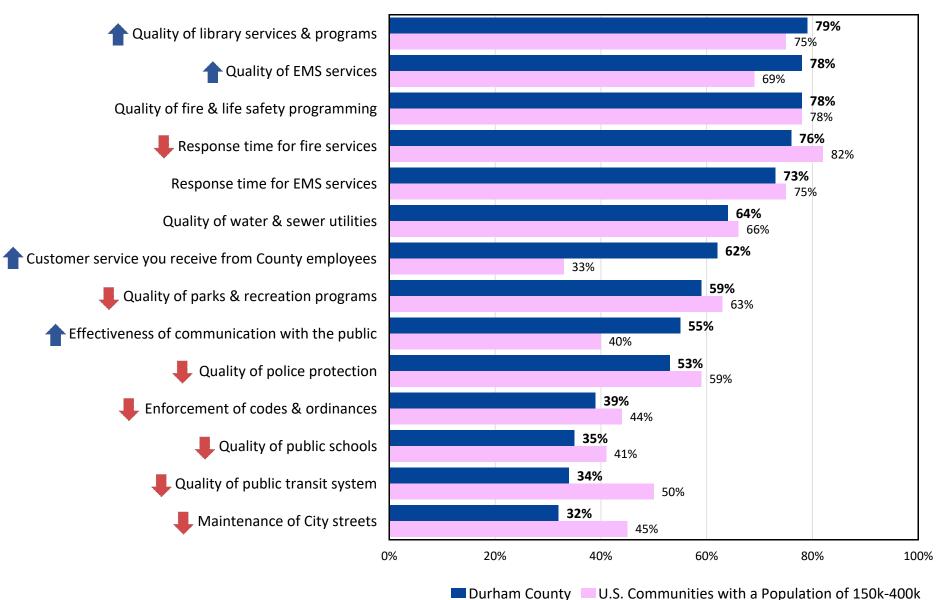
Benchmarking Comparisons on the Following Pages Include Both City and County Services.

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## Benchmarking: Q1. Satisfaction with Major Categories of Services

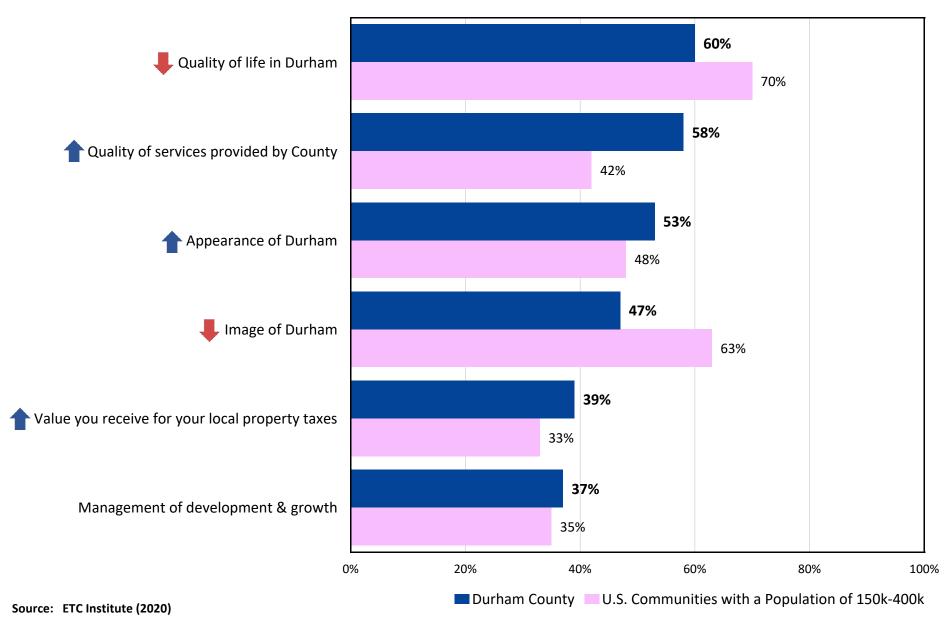
### Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000

by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding NA)



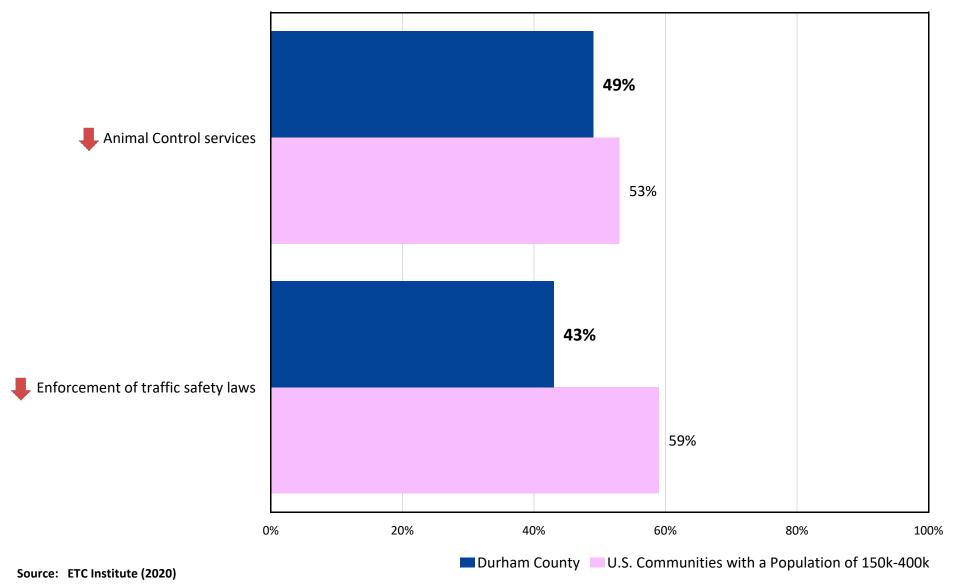
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### Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000



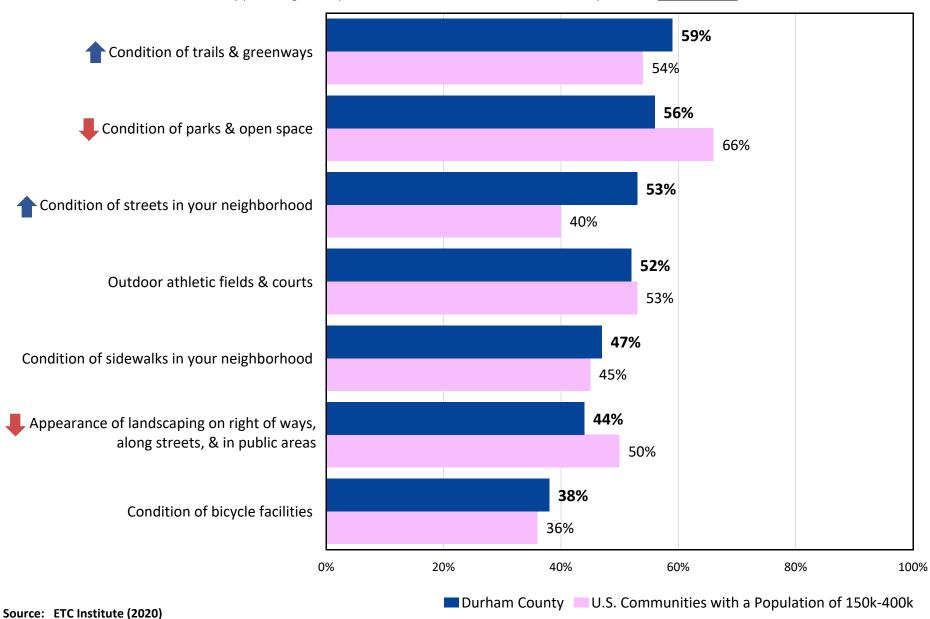
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**Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000** 



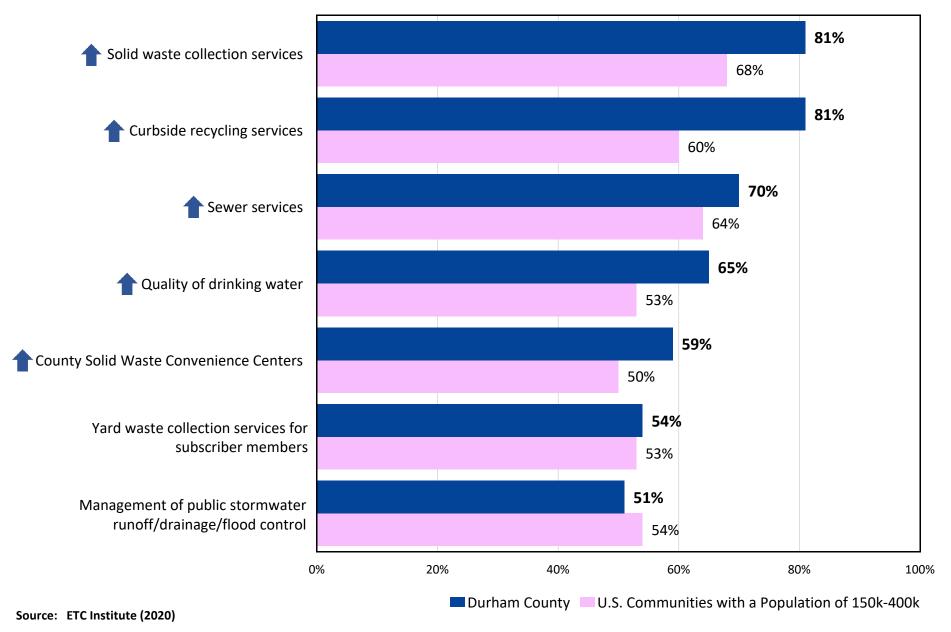
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### Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000



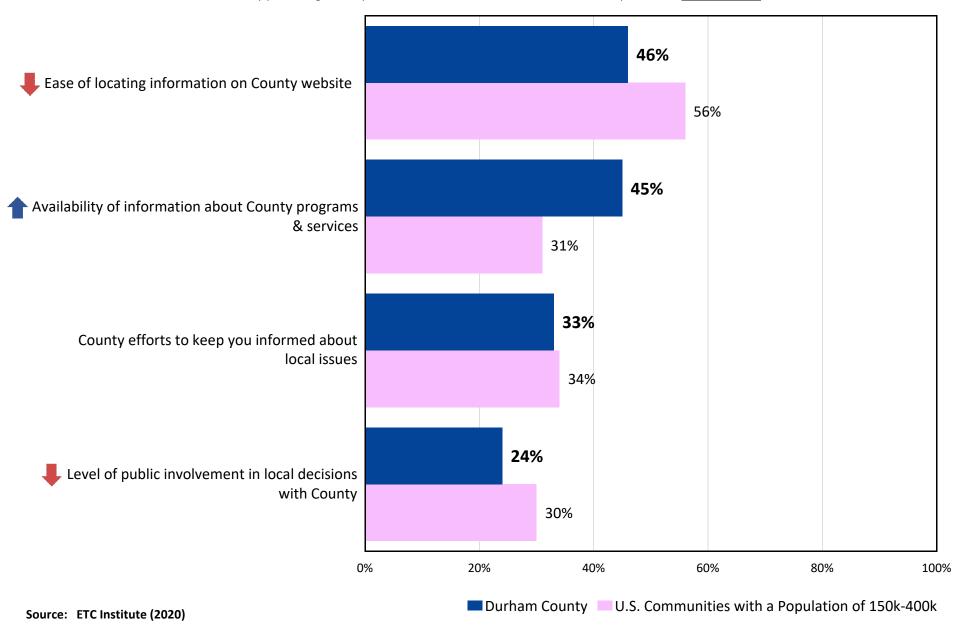
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### Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000



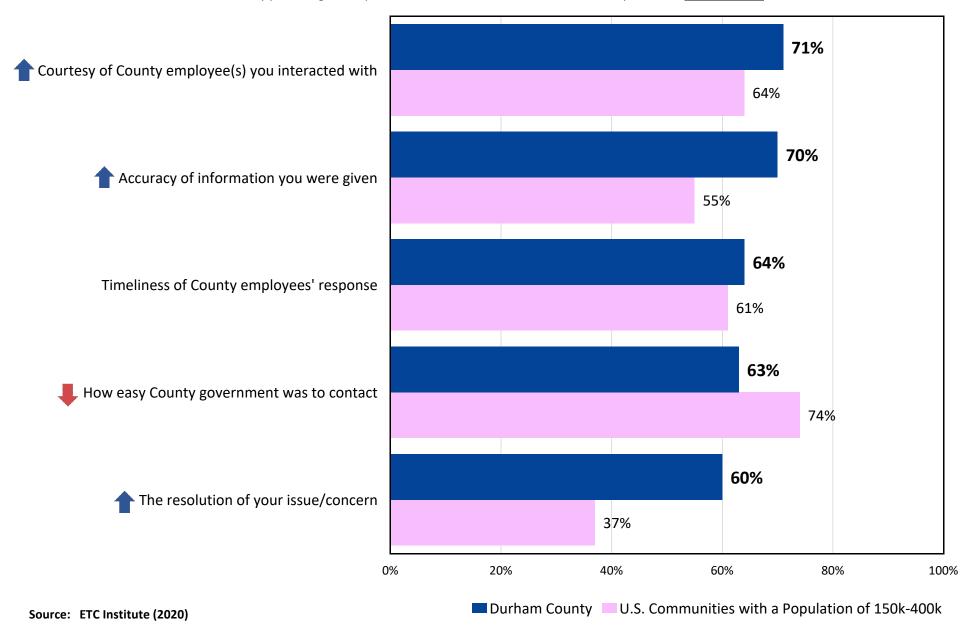
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### Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000



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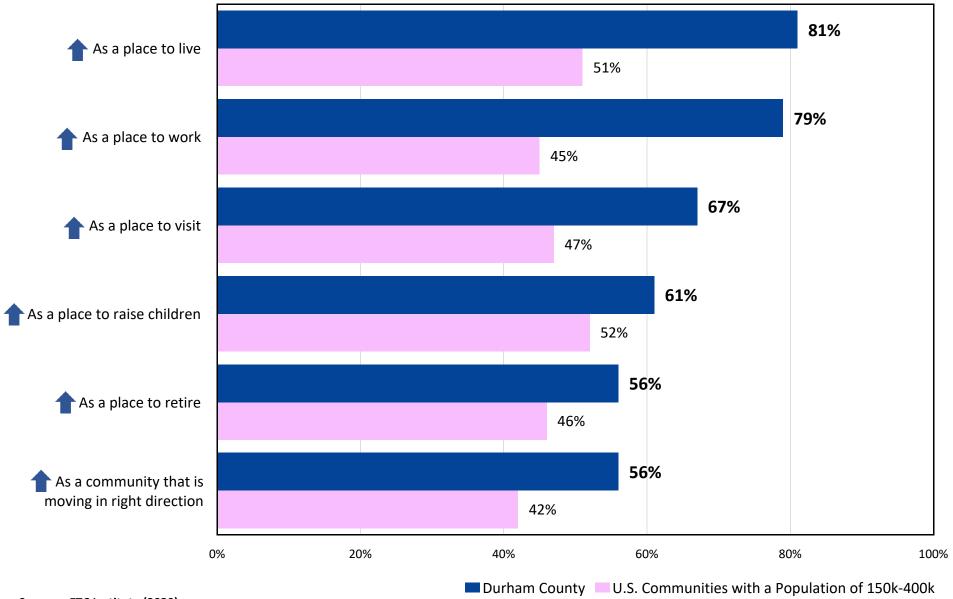
### Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000



## Benchmarking: Q24. Overall Ratings of the Community

### Durham County vs. U.S. Communities with Population 150,000-400,000

by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding NA)



# Comparison to a Range of Performance

Performance Ranges were compiled using surveys from 22 high performing communities where ETC Institute has administered a survey.

Benchmarking Comparisons on the Following Pages Include Both City and County Services.

## **Benchmarking Communities**

Cabarrus County, NC

**Coral Springs, FL** 

Des Moines, IA

Durham (City), NC

**Durham County, NC** 

Fayetteville, NC

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Gainesville, FL

McAllen, TX

Mesquite, TX

Miami, FL

**Onslow County, NC** 

**Overland Park, KS** 

Plano, TX

Richmond, VA

Springfield, MO

Tempe, AZ

Topeka, KS

Vancouver, WA

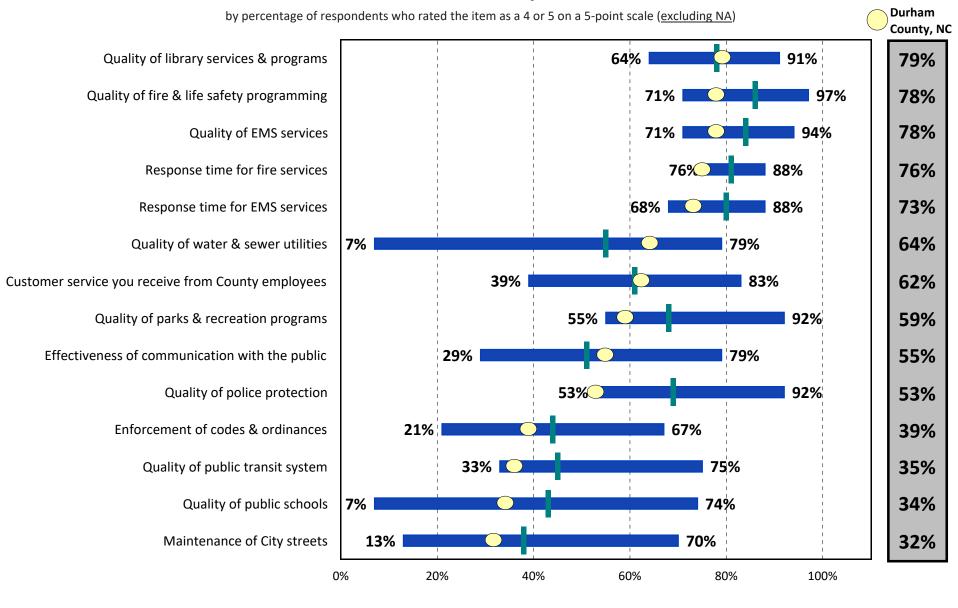
Wilmington, NC

Winston-Salem, NC

Wyandotte County, KS

### Performance Ranges: Satisfaction with Major Categories of Services

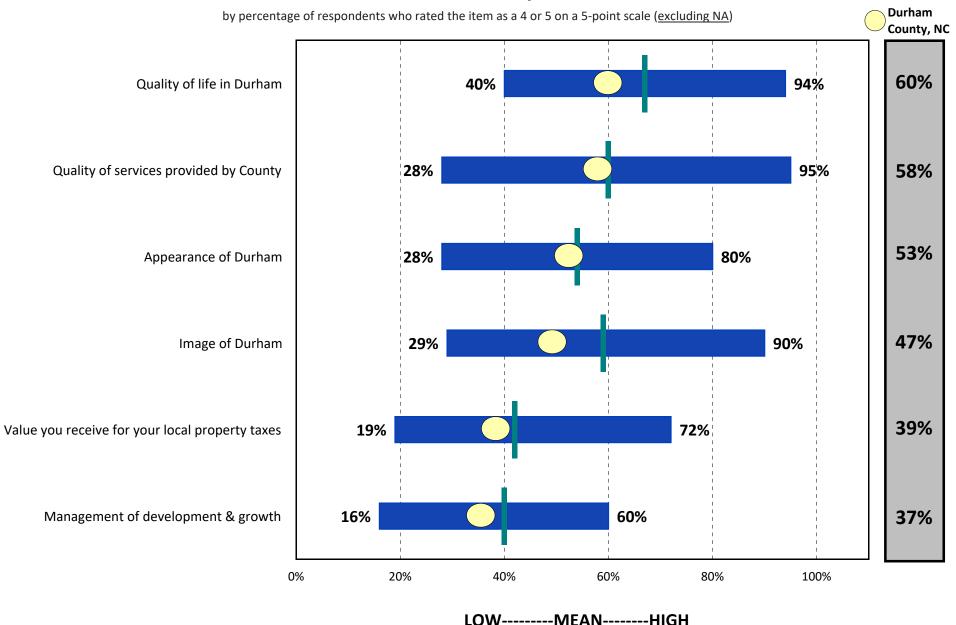
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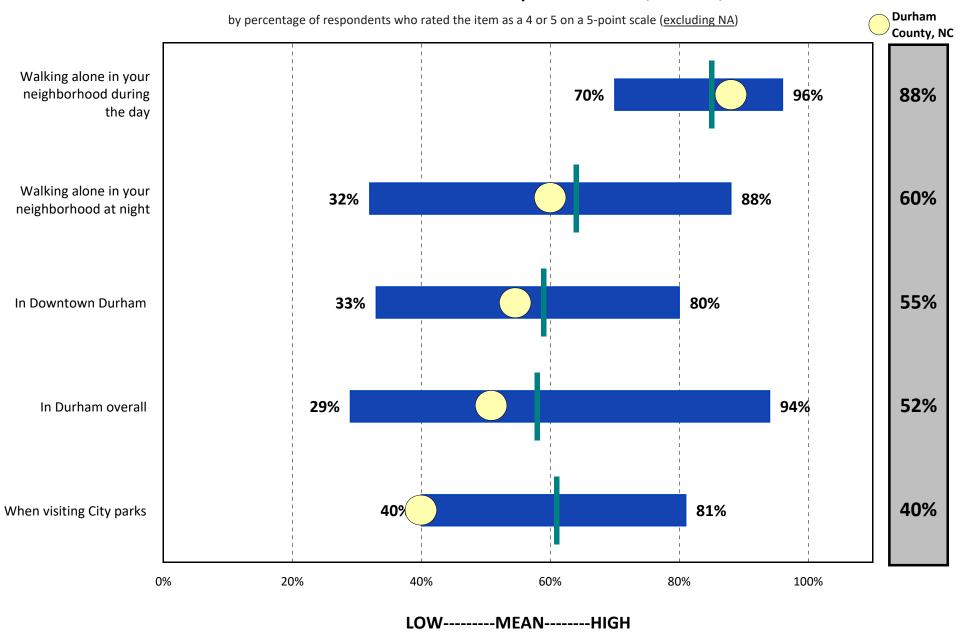
### **Performance Ranges: Perception of Durham**

### DirectionFinder Communities with a Population of 150,000-400,000



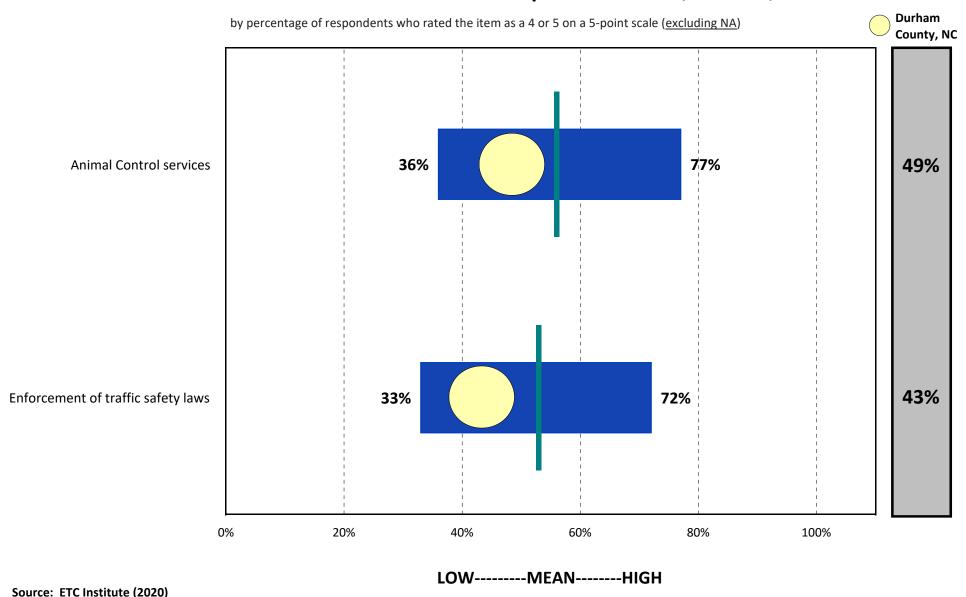
### **Performance Ranges: Feeling of Safety in the Community**

DirectionFinder Communities with a Population of 150,000-400,000



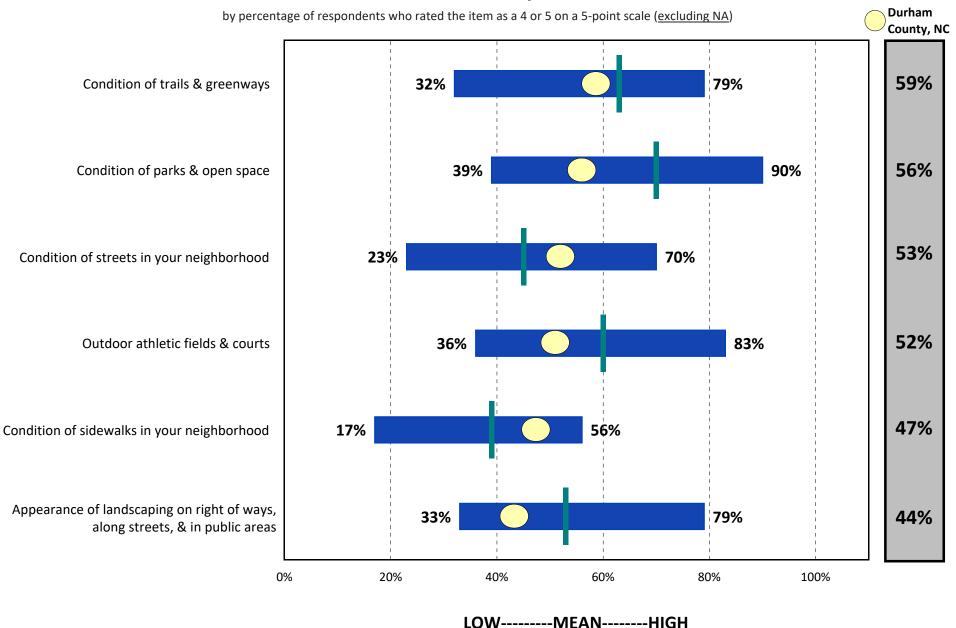
## Performance Ranges: Satisfaction with City Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice

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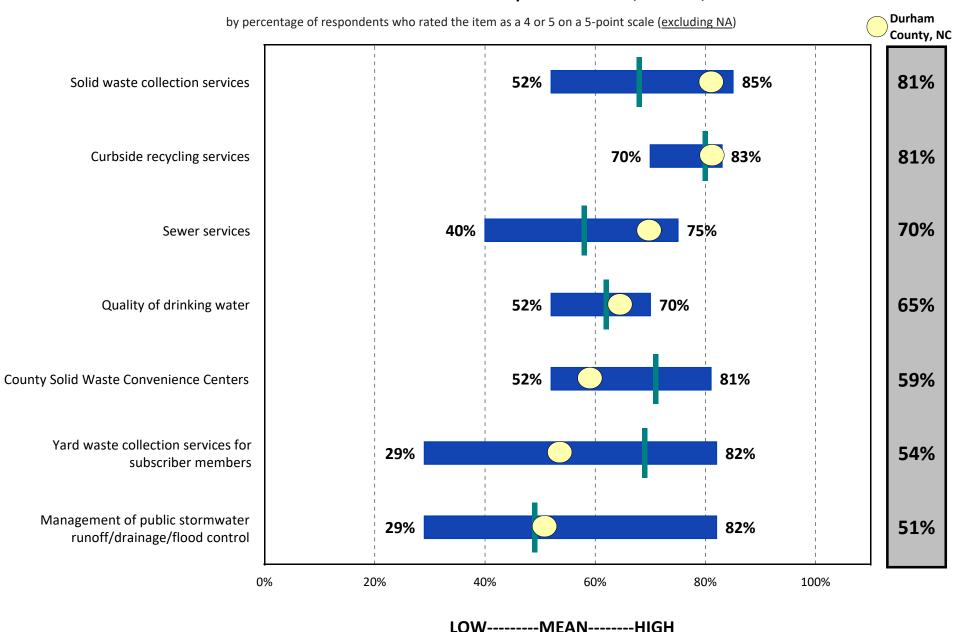
### Performance Ranges: Satisfaction with County Maintenance

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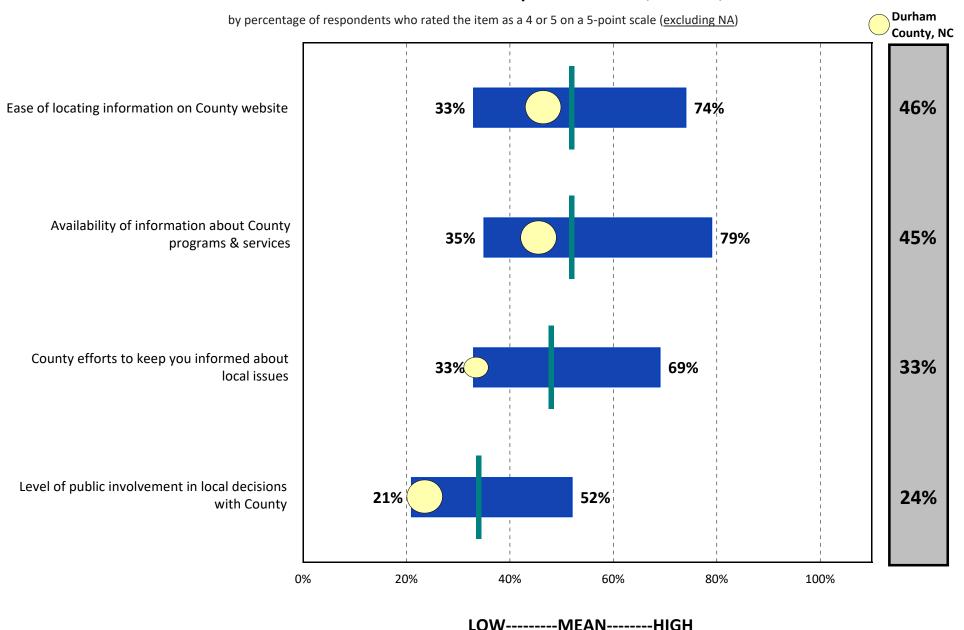
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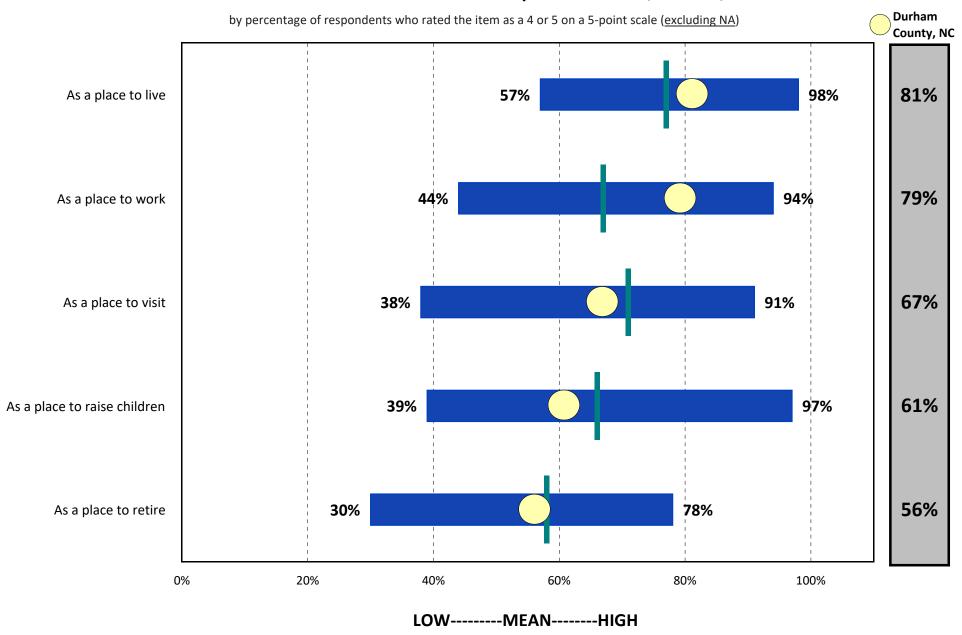
### **Performance Ranges: Satisfaction with County Communication**

### DirectionFinder Communities with a Population of 150,000-400,000



### **Performance Ranges: Overall Ratings of the Community**

DirectionFinder Communities with a Population of 150,000-400,000



## Section 5 *Tabular Data*

## Q1. Major categories of services provided by the City and County are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

	Very			Dissatisfi-	Very	
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	ed	dissatisfied	N/A
Q1-1. Overall quality of police protection	12.4%	36.4%	27.1%	9.6%	6.0%	8.5%
Q1-2. Overall quality of sheriff protection	12.0%	32.8%	30.0%	7.0%	4.6%	13.7%
Q1-3. Overall quality of fire & life safety programming	24.6%	41.7%	17.2%	1.1%	0.9%	14.4%
Q1-4. Response time for fire services	21.8%	26.9%	14.0%	0.8%	0.6%	35.8%
Q1-5. Overall quality of EMS services	26.4%	29.2%	13.8%	1.2%	0.9%	28.4%
Q1-6. Response time for EMS services	23.6%	24.6%	15.3%	1.7%	1.1%	33.7%
Q1-7. Overall maintenance of City streets	5.3%	25.4%	22.9%	27.7%	15.4%	3.3%
Q1-8. Overall ease of travel within Durham	8.5%	36.9%	28.9%	17.1%	5.1%	3.5%
Q1-9. Overall quality of public transit system (GoDurham)	5.1%	12.3%	20.6%	7.5%	5.1%	49.4%
Q1-10. Overall quality of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, paths, trails, intersection design & signage)	7.0%	20.4%	23.6%	15.8%	6.1%	27.1%
Q1-11. Overall quality of pedestrian facilities (e. g. sidewalks)	5.5%	26.4%	24.3%	22.8%	10.7%	10.3%
Q1-12. Overall quality of water & sewer utilities	14.7%	43.0%	21.1%	7.1%	3.9%	10.1%
Q1-13. Overall enforcement of codes & ordinances	6.1%	26.5%	33.1%	10.7%	6.5%	17.0%
Q1-14. Overall quality of customer service you receive from City employees	15.3%	37.1%	20.5%	6.7%	3.2%	17.1%
Q1-15. Overall quality of customer service you receive from County employees	13.8%	35.1%	22.6%	5.0%	2.7%	20.8%
Q1-16. Overall effectiveness of communication with the public	10.3%	40.0%	27.8%	8.8%	4.6%	8.5%

## Q1. Major categories of services provided by the City and County are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfi- ed	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Q1-17. Overall quality of parks & recreation programs	13.0%	36.8%	24.6%	5.9%	3.8%	15.9%
Q1-18. Overall quality of library services & programs	27.1%	39.4%	13.6%	2.7%	1.8%	15.4%
Q1-19. Overall quality of services provided by Durham County Department of Social Services	6.0%	13.1%	22.5%	5.7%	3.7%	49.1%
Q1-20. Overall quality of public health services	7.2%	23.9%	24.1%	5.0%	3.1%	36.8%
Q1-21. Overall quality of tax administration services	7.0%	30.1%	30.2%	6.3%	6.1%	20.4%
Q1-22. Overall quality of public schools	4.6%	19.9%	21.7%	15.3%	9.7%	28.8%
Q1-23. Overall quality of charter schools	3.7%	14.5%	19.9%	6.0%	4.1%	51.8%
Q1-24. Overall quality of private schools	8.0%	13.4%	18.3%	2.0%	2.4%	55.9%

### WITHOUT N/A

## Q1. Major categories of services provided by the City and County are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q1-1. Overall quality of police protection	13.5%	39.8%	29.6%	10.4%	6.6%
Q1-2. Overall quality of sheriff protection	13.9%	38.0%	34.7%	8.1%	5.3%
Q1-3. Overall quality of fire & life safety programming	28.8%	48.8%	20.1%	1.2%	1.1%
Q1-4. Response time for fire services	34.0%	41.9%	21.9%	1.3%	0.9%
Q1-5. Overall quality of EMS services	36.9%	40.9%	19.3%	1.6%	1.3%
Q1-6. Response time for EMS services	35.6%	37.2%	23.1%	2.5%	1.6%
Q1-7. Overall maintenance of City streets	5.5%	26.2%	23.7%	28.7%	16.0%
Q1-8. Overall ease of travel within Durham	8.8%	38.3%	30.0%	17.7%	5.3%
Q1-9. Overall quality of public transit system (GoDurham)	10.0%	24.2%	40.8%	14.9%	10.0%
Q1-10. Overall quality of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, paths, trails, intersection design & signage)	9.5%	28.0%	32.4%	21.7%	8.4%
Q1-11. Overall quality of pedestrian facilities (e. g. sidewalks)	6.2%	29.4%	27.1%	25.4%	12.0%
Q1-12. Overall quality of water & sewer utilities	16.4%	47.9%	23.5%	7.9%	4.3%
Q1-13. Overall enforcement of codes & ordinances	7.4%	32.0%	39.9%	12.9%	7.8%
Q1-14. Overall quality of customer service you receive from City employees	18.5%	44.8%	24.8%	8.1%	3.8%
Q1-15. Overall quality of customer service you receive from County employees	17.4%	44.3%	28.6%	6.3%	3.4%
Q1-16. Overall effectiveness of communication with the public	11.2%	43.7%	30.4%	9.7%	5.0%



## Q1. Major categories of services provided by the City and County are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q1-17. Overall quality of parks & recreation programs	15.4%	43.8%	29.3%	7.0%	4.5%
Q1-18. Overall quality of library services & programs	32.1%	46.6%	16.0%	3.2%	2.1%
Q1-19. Overall quality of services provided by Durham County Department of Social Services	11.8%	25.7%	44.2%	11.1%	7.2%
Q1-20. Overall quality of public health services	11.4%	37.9%	38.1%	7.8%	4.9%
Q1-21. Overall quality of tax administration services	8.7%	37.8%	37.9%	7.9%	7.7%
Q1-22. Overall quality of public schools	6.5%	28.0%	30.5%	21.5%	13.6%
Q1-23. Overall quality of charter schools	7.6%	30.1%	41.3%	12.5%	8.6%
Q1-24. Overall quality of private schools	18.2%	30.5%	41.4%	4.5%	5.3%

## Q2. Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years?

Q2. Top choice	Number	Percent
Overall quality of police protection	267	31.5 %
Overall quality of sheriff protection	17	2.0 %
Overall quality of fire & life safety programming	10	1.2 %
Response time for fire services	3	0.4 %
Overall quality of EMS services	5	0.6 %
Response time for EMS services	6	0.7 %
Overall maintenance of City streets	116	13.7 %
Overall ease of travel within Durham	19	2.2 %
Overall quality of public transit system (GoDurham)	14	1.7 %
Overall quality of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, paths,		
trails, intersection design & signage)	15	1.8 %
Overall quality of pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks)	25	2.9 %
Overall quality of water & sewer utilities	16	1.9 %
Overall enforcement of codes & ordinances	15	1.8 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
City employees	4	0.5 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
County employees	3	0.4 %
Overall effectiveness of communication with the public	5	0.6 %
Overall quality of parks & recreation programs	4	0.5 %
Overall quality of library services & programs	1	0.1 %
Overall quality of services provided by Durham County		
Department of Social Services	12	1.4 %
Overall quality of public health services	23	2.7 %
Overall quality of tax administration services	7	0.8 %
Overall quality of public schools	160	18.9 %
Overall quality of charter schools	3	0.4 %
None chosen	98	11.6 %
Total	848	100.0 %

## Q2. Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years?

Q2. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Overall quality of police protection	78	9.2 %
Overall quality of sheriff protection	88	10.4 %
Overall quality of fire & life safety programming	14	1.7 %
Response time for fire services	3	0.4 %
Overall quality of EMS services	13	1.5 %
Response time for EMS services	10	1.2 %
Overall maintenance of City streets	106	12.5 %
Overall ease of travel within Durham	36	4.2 %
Overall quality of public transit system (GoDurham)	28	3.3 %
Overall quality of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, paths,		
trails, intersection design & signage)	38	4.5 %
Overall quality of pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks)	57	6.7 %
Overall quality of water & sewer utilities	27	3.2 %
Overall enforcement of codes & ordinances	13	1.5 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
City employees	12	1.4 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
County employees	4	0.5 %
Overall effectiveness of communication with the public	10	1.2 %
Overall quality of parks & recreation programs	17	2.0 %
Overall quality of library services & programs	12	1.4 %
Overall quality of services provided by Durham County		
Department of Social Services	23	2.7 %
Overall quality of public health services	36	4.2 %
Overall quality of tax administration services	9	1.1 %
Overall quality of public schools	85	10.0 %
Overall quality of charter schools	6	0.7 %
Overall quality of private schools	1	0.1 %
None chosen	122	14.4 %
Total	848	100.0 %

## Q2. Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years?

Q2. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Overall quality of police protection	52	6.1 %
Overall quality of sheriff protection	22	2.6 %
Overall quality of fire & life safety programming	23	2.7 %
Response time for fire services	7	0.8 %
Overall quality of EMS services	10	1.2 %
Response time for EMS services	6	0.7 %
Overall maintenance of City streets	73	8.6 %
Overall ease of travel within Durham	45	5.3 %
Overall quality of public transit system (GoDurham)	36	4.2 %
Overall quality of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, paths,		
trails, intersection design & signage)	20	2.4 %
Overall quality of pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks)	50	5.9 %
Overall quality of water & sewer utilities	31	3.7 %
Overall enforcement of codes & ordinances	33	3.9 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
City employees	7	0.8 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
County employees	9	1.1 %
Overall effectiveness of communication with the public	29	3.4 %
Overall quality of parks & recreation programs	44	5.2 %
Overall quality of library services & programs	13	1.5 %
Overall quality of services provided by Durham County		
Department of Social Services	28	3.3 %
Overall quality of public health services	49	5.8 %
Overall quality of tax administration services	10	1.2 %
Overall quality of public schools	89	10.5 %
Overall quality of charter schools	6	0.7 %
None chosen	156	18.4 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### SUM OF TOP 3 CHOICES

## Q2. Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years? (top 3)

Q2. Sum of Top 3 Choices	Number	Percent
Overall quality of police protection	397	46.8 %
Overall quality of sheriff protection	127	15.0 %
Overall quality of fire & life safety programming	47	5.5 %
Response time for fire services	13	1.5 %
Overall quality of EMS services	28	3.3 %
Response time for EMS services	22	2.6 %
Overall maintenance of City streets	295	34.8 %
Overall ease of travel within Durham	100	11.8 %
Overall quality of public transit system (GoDurham)	78	9.2 %
Overall quality of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, paths,		
trails, intersection design & signage)	73	8.6 %
Overall quality of pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks)	132	15.6 %
Overall quality of water & sewer utilities	74	8.7 %
Overall enforcement of codes & ordinances	61	7.2 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
City employees	23	2.7 %
Overall quality of customer service you receive from		
County employees	16	1.9 %
Overall effectiveness of communication with the public	44	5.2 %
Overall quality of parks & recreation programs	65	7.7 %
Overall quality of library services & programs	26	3.1 %
Overall quality of services provided by Durham County		
Department of Social Services	63	7.4 %
Overall quality of public health services	108	12.7 %
Overall quality of tax administration services	26	3.1 %
Overall quality of public schools	334	39.4 %
Overall quality of charter schools	15	1.8 %
Overall quality of private schools	1	0.1 %
None chosen	98	11.6 %
Total	2266	

## Q3. Several items that may influence your perception of Durham are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

	Very			Dissatisfi-	Very	
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	ed	dissatisfied	N/A
Q3-1. Overall quality of services provided by City	7.4%	45.6%	26.1%	8.0%	2.8%	10.0%
Q3-2. Overall quality of services provided by County	6.3%	44.9%	27.1%	6.6%	3.4%	11.7%
Q3-3. Overall appearance of Durham	7.3%	43.3%	23.6%	15.8%	6.3%	3.8%
Q3-4. Overall management of development & growt	h 5.8%	28.5%	28.1%	20.4%	9.9%	7.3%
Q3-5. Overall image of Durham	9.2%	35.7%	26.1%	15.8%	9.3%	3.9%
Q3-6. Overall quality of life in Durham	13.8%	43.8%	23.2%	10.5%	4.4%	4.4%
Q3-7. Overall quality of life in your neighborhood	30.7%	43.9%	12.6%	7.0%	2.9%	2.9%
Q3-8. Overall value you receive for your local property taxes	7.3%	28.5%	29.1%	17.5%	9.8%	7.8%

### WITHOUT N/A

## Q3. Several items that may influence your perception of Durham are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very				Very
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
Q3-1. Overall quality of services provided by City	8.3%	50.7%	29.0%	8.9%	3.1%
Q3-2. Overall quality of services provided by County	7.1%	50.9%	30.7%	7.5%	3.9%
Q3-3. Overall appearance of Durham	7.6%	45.0%	24.5%	16.4%	6.5%
Q3-4. Overall management of development & growth	6.2%	30.8%	30.3%	22.0%	10.7%
Q3-5. Overall image of Durham	9.6%	37.2%	27.1%	16.4%	9.7%
Q3-6. Overall quality of life in Durham	14.4%	45.7%	24.3%	11.0%	4.6%
Q3-7. Overall quality of life in your neighborhood	31.6%	45.2%	13.0%	7.2%	3.0%
Q3-8. Overall value you receive for your local property taxes	7.9%	30.9%	31.6%	18.9%	10.6%

## Q4. COVID-19 Response. Overall, how would you rate the following levels of government in how they have responded so far to the COVID-19 pandemic? Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

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	Very	Very			Dissatisfi- Very		
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	ed	dissatisfied	N/A	
Q4-1. City Government	21.5%	38.2%	19.6%	7.9%	6.0%	6.8%	
Q4-2. County Government	18.0%	38.0%	21.8%	8.3%	5.3%	8.6%	
Q4-3. State Government	23.3%	38.9%	14.3%	10.5%	9.1%	3.9%	
Q4-4. Federal Government	6.6%	15.1%	14.3%	22.6%	37.3%	4.1%	
Q4-5. Durham Public School System	10.3%	22.2%	18.8%	9.6%	7.1%	32.2%	

#### WITHOUT N/A

Q4. COVID-19 Response. Overall, how would you rate the following levels of government in how they have responded so far to the COVID-19 pandemic? Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q4-1. City Government	23.0%	41.0%	21.0%	8.5%	6.5%
Q4-2. County Government	19.7%	41.5%	23.9%	9.0%	5.8%
Q4-3. State Government	24.3%	40.5%	14.8%	10.9%	9.4%
Q4-4. Federal Government	6.9%	15.7%	14.9%	23.6%	38.9%
Q4-5. Durham Public School System	15.1%	32.7%	27.7%	14.1%	10.4%

## Q5. Please indicate which areas you feel are the most important for the City of Durham and Durham County to spend resources on during COVID-19.

Q5. Top choice	Number	Percent
Utility payment assistance	44	5.2 %
Housing & rent assistance	169	19.9 %
Food	79	9.3 %
Ensuring access to medical health services	82	9.7 %
Ensuring access to behavioral health services	12	1.4 %
Preventing COVID-19 spread	226	26.7 %
Helping small businesses	67	7.9 %
Providing PPE (face masks, hand sanitizer & other		
protective equipment)	15	1.8 %
Creating more testing access	23	2.7 %
Quarantine spaces for families & individuals	2	0.2 %
Communicating information about COVID-19	13	1.5 %
Ensuring safe schooling through Durham public schools	54	6.4 %
Other	9	1.1 %
None chosen	53	6.3 %
Total	848	100.0 %

## Q5. Please indicate which areas you feel are the most important for the City of Durham and Durham County to spend resources on during COVID-19.

Q5. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Utility payment assistance	64	7.5 %
Housing & rent assistance	124	14.6 %
Food	114	13.4 %
Ensuring access to medical health services	82	9.7 %
Ensuring access to behavioral health services	32	3.8 %
Preventing COVID-19 spread	73	8.6 %
Helping small businesses	102	12.0 %
Providing PPE (face masks, hand sanitizer & other		
protective equipment)	31	3.7 %
Creating more testing access	51	6.0 %
Quarantine spaces for families & individuals	16	1.9 %
Communicating information about COVID-19	28	3.3 %
Ensuring safe schooling through Durham public schools	57	6.7 %
Other	5	0.6 %
None chosen	69	8.1 %
Total	848	100.0 %

## Q5. Please indicate which areas you feel are the most important for the City of Durham and Durham County to spend resources on during COVID-19.

Q5. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Utility payment assistance	58	6.8 %
Housing & rent assistance	82	9.7 %
Food	114	13.4 %
Ensuring access to medical health services	101	11.9 %
Ensuring access to behavioral health services	29	3.4 %
Preventing COVID-19 spread	71	8.4 %
Helping small businesses	78	9.2 %
Providing PPE (face masks, hand sanitizer & other		
protective equipment)	43	5.1 %
Creating more testing access	54	6.4 %
Quarantine spaces for families & individuals	16	1.9 %
Communicating information about COVID-19	33	3.9 %
Ensuring safe schooling through Durham public schools	74	8.7 %
Other	6	0.7 %
None chosen	89	10.5 %
Total	848	100.0 %

## Q5. Please indicate which areas you feel are the most important for the City of Durham and Durham County to spend resources on during COVID-19.

Q5. 4th choice	Number	Percent
Utility payment assistance	49	5.8 %
Housing & rent assistance	79	9.3 %
Food	76	9.0 %
Ensuring access to medical health services	90	10.6 %
Ensuring access to behavioral health services	44	5.2 %
Preventing COVID-19 spread	69	8.1 %
Helping small businesses	98	11.6 %
Providing PPE (face masks, hand sanitizer & other		
protective equipment)	59	7.0 %
Creating more testing access	50	5.9 %
Quarantine spaces for families & individuals	21	2.5 %
Communicating information about COVID-19	29	3.4 %
Ensuring safe schooling through Durham public schools	65	7.7 %
None chosen	119	14.0 %
Total	848	100.0 %

## Q5. Please indicate which areas you feel are the most important for the City of Durham and Durham County to spend resources on during COVID-19.

Q5. 5th choice	Number	Percent
Utility payment assistance	59	7.0 %
Housing & rent assistance	49	5.8 %
Food	57	6.7 %
Ensuring access to medical health services	65	7.7 %
Ensuring access to behavioral health services	53	6.3 %
Preventing COVID-19 spread	47	5.5 %
Helping small businesses	94	11.1 %
Providing PPE (face masks, hand sanitizer & other		
protective equipment)	58	6.8 %
Creating more testing access	48	5.7 %
Quarantine spaces for families & individuals	20	2.4 %
Communicating information about COVID-19	37	4.4 %
Ensuring safe schooling through Durham public schools	92	10.8 %
Other	5	0.6 %
None chosen	164	19.3 %
Total	848	100.0 %

### **SUM OF TOP 5 CHOICES**

## Q5. Please indicate which areas you feel are the most important for the City of Durham and Durham County to spend resources on during COVID-19. (top 5)

Q5. Sum of Top 5 Choices	Number	Percent
Utility payment assistance	274	32.3 %
Housing & rent assistance	503	59.3 %
Food	440	51.9 %
Ensuring access to medical health services	420	49.5 %
Ensuring access to behavioral health services	170	20.0 %
Preventing COVID-19 spread	486	57.3 %
Helping small businesses	439	51.8 %
Providing PPE (face masks, hand sanitizer & other		
protective equipment)	206	24.3 %
Creating more testing access	226	26.7 %
Quarantine spaces for families & individuals	75	8.8 %
Communicating information about COVID-19	140	16.5 %
Ensuring safe schooling through Durham public schools	342	40.3 %
Other	25	2.9 %
None chosen	53	6.3 %
Total	3799	

#### Q6. How often do you wear a mask in the following settings?

(N=848)

	Always	Frequently Sometimes		metimes Rarely Never		N/A
Q6-1. Public indoor gathering	81.4%	4.5%	1.8%	0.4%	1.4%	10.6%
Q6-2. Private indoor gathering with people you						
don't live with	53.3%	14.7%	8.3%	4.4%	3.4%	15.9%
Q6-3. Public outdoor gathering	65.0%	11.7%	6.6%	2.7%	2.5%	11.6%
Q6-4. Private outdoor gathering with people you						
don't live with	52.0%	15.2%	9.8%	5.3%	4.6%	13.1%
don't live with	32.070	13.270	3.0/0	3.3/0	4.070	13.1/0
Q6-5. Workplace	48.8%	4.2%	2.5%	0.7%	1.1%	42.7%

### WITHOUT N/A

#### Q6. How often do you wear a mask in the following settings? (without "N/A")

	Always	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Q6-1. Public indoor gathering	91.0%	5.0%	2.0%	0.4%	1.6%
Q6-2. Private indoor gathering with people you don't live with	63.4%	17.5%	9.8%	5.2%	4.1%
Q6-3. Public outdoor gathering	73.5%	13.2%	7.5%	3.1%	2.8%
Q6-4. Private outdoor gathering with people you don't live with	59.8%	17.5%	11.3%	6.1%	5.3%
Q6-5. Workplace	85.2%	7.4%	4.3%	1.2%	1.9%

### Q7. Which of the following best describes the education status of children in your household?

status of shildren in your bousehold	Number	Dorsont
status of children in your household	Number	Percent
My children are enrolled in Durham public schools	108	12.7 %
My children are enrolled in a charter school in Durham County	28	3.3 %
My children are enrolled in a private school in Durham County	25	2.9 %
My children go to school outside of Durham County	13	1.5 %
My children went to or graduated from Durham public schools	182	21.5 %
My children went to or graduated from a charter school		
in Durham County	16	1.9 %
My children went to or graduated from a private school		
in Durham County	30	3.5 %
My children went to or graduated from a school outside		
of Durham County	26	3.1 %
My children are homeschooled	16	1.9 %
This question does not apply to me	458	54.0 %
Total	902	

### Q8. Durham Public Schools. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "strongly agree" and 1 means "strongly disagree," please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about Durham Public Schools.

(N=848)

	Strongly				Strongly	
	agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	disagree	N/A
Q8-1. Manages education budget well	3.5%	13.3%	23.9%	9.6%	7.3%	42.3%
Q8-2. Attracts high quality teachers	4.4%	13.8%	22.1%	12.7%	6.7%	40.3%
Q8-3. Is transparent about education-related decision making	3.9%	15.0%	22.3%	9.7%	7.2%	42.0%
Q8-4. Encourages community involvement in education-related decision making	5.3%	17.3%	19.7%	10.5%	5.7%	41.5%
Q8-5. Ensures quality education for students	4.2%	14.3%	22.1%	12.1%	8.4%	38.9%
Q8-6. Has effective leadership in K-12 education	4.6%	14.3%	23.5%	8.3%	7.7%	41.7%

#### WITHOUT N/A

Q8. Durham Public Schools. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "strongly agree" and 1 means "strongly disagree," please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about Durham Public Schools. (without "N/A")

(11 0 10)	Strongly				Strongly
	agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	disagree
Q8-1. Manages education budget well	6.1%	23.1%	41.5%	16.6%	12.7%
Q8-2. Attracts high quality teachers	7.3%	23.1%	37.0%	21.3%	11.3%
Q8-3. Is transparent about education-related decision making	6.7%	25.8%	38.4%	16.7%	12.4%
Q8-4. Encourages community involvement in education-related decision making	9.1%	29.6%	33.7%	17.9%	9.7%
Q8-5. Ensures quality education for students	6.9%	23.4%	36.1%	19.9%	13.7%
Q8-6. Has effective leadership in K-12 education	7.9%	24.5%	40.3%	14.2%	13.2%

### Q9. Public Safety. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very safe" and 1 means "very unsafe," please rate how safe you feel in the following situations.

(N=848)

	Very safe	Safe	Neutral	Unsafe	Very unsafe	N/A
Q9-1. When walking alone in your neighborhood during the day	54.4%	30.9%	5.8%	4.0%	2.1%	2.8%
Q9-2. When walking alone in your neighborhood at night	19.1%	35.4%	14.9%	14.0%	7.5%	9.1%
Q9-3. In Downtown Durham	11.0%	34.0%	23.7%	14.0%	8.7%	8.6%
Q9-4. In Durham overall	5.7%	32.8%	31.5%	18.3%	7.0%	4.8%
Q9-5. When using City recreation centers	8.1%	22.6%	17.9%	6.6%	4.2%	40.4%
Q9-6. When visiting City parks	9.1%	34.1%	21.3%	8.6%	5.3%	21.6%

### WITHOUT N/A

### Q9. Public Safety. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very safe" and 1 means "very unsafe," please rate how safe you feel in the following situations. (without "N/A")

	Very safe	Safe	Neutral	Unsafe	Very unsafe
Q9-1. When walking alone in your neighborhood during the day	55.9%	31.8%	5.9%	4.1%	2.2%
Q9-2. When walking alone in your neighborhood at night	21.0%	38.9%	16.3%	15.4%	8.3%
Q9-3. In Downtown Durham	12.0%	37.2%	25.9%	15.4%	9.5%
Q9-4. In Durham overall	5.9%	34.4%	33.1%	19.2%	7.3%
Q9-5. When using City recreation centers	13.7%	38.0%	30.1%	11.1%	7.1%
Q9-6. When visiting City parks	11.6%	43.5%	27.2%	11.0%	6.8%

# Q10. Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied," please rate how you feel with regard to the following aspects of Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice System.

(N=848)

	Very			Dissatisfi-	Very	
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	ed	dissatisfied	N/A
Q10-1. Overall police relationship with your community	9.9%	34.6%	28.7%	11.2%	6.3%	9.4%
Q10-2. Overall Sheriff's Office relationship with your community	10.4%	29.4%	28.3%	11.1%	5.2%	15.7%
Q10-3. Animal Control services	7.0%	27.6%	27.4%	6.0%	2.8%	29.2%
Q10-4. Enforcement of traffic safety laws	6.5%	31.5%	27.0%	14.4%	8.8%	11.8%
Q10-5. Local court system	4.2%	19.6%	29.4%	8.6%	7.9%	30.3%

### WITHOUT N/A

Q10. Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied," please rate how you feel with regard to the following aspects of Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice System. (without "N/A")

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q10-1. Overall police relationship with your community	10.9%	38.2%	31.6%	12.4%	6.9%
Q10-2. Overall Sheriff's Office relationship with your community	12.3%	34.8%	33.6%	13.1%	6.2%
Q10-3. Animal Control services	9.8%	39.0%	38.7%	8.5%	4.0%
Q10-4. Enforcement of traffic safety laws	7.4%	35.7%	30.6%	16.3%	10.0%
Q10-5. Local court system	6.1%	28.1%	42.1%	12.4%	11.3%

### Q11. Affordable Housing. How satisfied are you with the availability of affordable housing?

Q11. How satisfied are you with the availability of

affordable housing	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	23	2.7 %
Satisfied	77	9.1 %
Neutral	156	18.4 %
Dissatisfied	179	21.1 %
Very dissatisfied	135	15.9 %
N/A	278	32.8 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### WITHOUT N/A

### Q11. Affordable Housing. How satisfied are you with the availability of affordable housing? (without "N/A")

Q11. How satisfied are you with the availability of

affordable housing	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	23	4.0 %
Satisfied	77	13.5 %
Neutral	156	27.4 %
Dissatisfied	179	31.4 %
Very dissatisfied	135	23.7 %
Total	570	100.0 %

### Q12. Please answer the following questions by circling either "Yes" or "No."

(N=848)

			Not
	Yes	No	provided
Q12-1. Do your monthly housing costs (rent or mortgage) exceed 30% of your monthly income	24.6%	66.2%	9.2%
Q12-2. Are you able to find housing you can afford in Durham	66.6%	19.1%	14.3%
Q12-3. Do you have major home repairs that impact your quality of life or that you have put off because of lack of resources	25.2%	65.7%	9.1%

### WITHOUT N/A

### Q12. Please answer the following questions by circling either "Yes" or "No." (without "not provided")

	Yes	No
Q12-1. Do your monthly housing costs (rent or mortgage) exceed 30% of your monthly income	27.1%	72.9%
Q12-2. Are you able to find housing you can afford in Durham	77.7%	22.3%
Q12-3. Do you have major home repairs that impact your quality of life or that you have put off because of lack of resources	27.8%	72.2%

### Q13. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

(N=848)

	Very			Dissatisfi-	- /	
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	ed	dissatisfied	N/A
Q13-1. Greenways & trails	12.6%	39.7%	18.8%	6.7%	2.5%	19.7%
Q13-2. Outdoor athletic fields & courts (e.g. baseball, soccer, futsal, tennis)	5.9%	29.5%	21.9%	8.6%	1.8%	32.3%
Q13-3. Customer service provided by City's Parks & Recreation staff	7.7%	23.0%	23.0%	3.8%	1.9%	40.7%
Q13-4. Public art	11.4%	35.1%	24.2%	4.1%	2.7%	22.4%

### WITHOUT N/A

Q13. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q13-1. Greenways & trails	15.7%	49.5%	23.3%	8.4%	3.1%
Q13-2. Outdoor athletic fields & courts (e.g. baseball, soccer, futsal, tennis)	8.7%	43.6%	32.4%	12.7%	2.6%
Q13-3. Customer service provided by City's Parks & Recreation staff	12.9%	38.8%	38.8%	6.4%	3.2%
Q13-4. Public art	14.7%	45.3%	31.2%	5.3%	3.5%

### Q14. How would you rate Durham in the following areas?

(N=848)

				Below		
	Excellent	Good	Neutral	average	Poor	N/A
Q14-1. Current state of race relations	3.4%	29.6%	32.9%	17.1%	11.6%	5.4%
Q14-2. Progress addressing racial equity	4.0%	32.7%	29.4%	16.0%	10.6%	7.3%

### WITHOUT N/A

#### Q14. How would you rate Durham in the following areas? (without "N/A")

		Below				
	Excellent	Good	Neutral	average	Poor	
Q14-1. Current state of race relations	3.6%	31.3%	34.8%	18.1%	12.2%	
Q14-2. Progress addressing racial equity	4.3%	35.2%	31.7%	17.3%	11.5%	

### Q15. Maintenance. For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction with each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfi- ed	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Q15-1. Condition of streets in your neighborhood	11.8%	39.4%	12.7%	22.4%	10.8%	2.8%
Q15-2. Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	9.3%	25.8%	11.6%	18.2%	9.8%	25.4%
Q15-3. Condition of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking)	5.1%	20.8%	21.8%	14.3%	7.1%	31.0%
Q15-4. Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along streets, & in public areas	7.0%	34.7%	26.8%	17.3%	9.1%	5.2%
Q15-5. Condition of parks & open space	6.8%	41.0%	26.7%	7.4%	3.2%	14.9%
Q15-6. Condition of recreation centers & facilities	4.5%	25.7%	26.4%	4.2%	2.5%	36.7%
Q15-7. Overall appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	5.8%	36.3%	30.0%	14.6%	5.8%	7.5%
Q15-8. Condition of public school facilities	2.1%	17.5%	23.2%	14.5%	6.4%	36.3%
Q15-9. Condition of trails & greenways	7.4%	39.6%	23.9%	6.5%	2.0%	20.5%
Q15-10. Condition of public art	9.0%	35.8%	24.9%	3.9%	2.6%	23.8%
Q15-11. Condition of aquatic facilities	2.6%	14.6%	19.8%	5.5%	3.3%	54.1%
Q15-12. Condition of parking	4.0%	26.8%	28.7%	18.6%	9.2%	12.7%

WITHOUT N/A

### Q15. Maintenance. For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction with each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q15-1. Condition of streets in your neighborhood	12.1%	40.5%	13.1%	23.1%	11.2%
Q15-2. Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	12.5%	34.6%	15.5%	24.3%	13.1%
Q15-3. Condition of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking)	7.4%	30.1%	31.6%	20.7%	10.3%
Q15-4. Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along streets, & in public areas	7.3%	36.6%	28.2%	18.3%	9.6%
Q15-5. Condition of parks & open space	8.0%	48.2%	31.3%	8.7%	3.7%
Q15-6. Condition of recreation centers & facilities	7.1%	40.6%	41.7%	6.7%	3.9%
Q15-7. Overall appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	6.3%	39.3%	32.4%	15.8%	6.3%
Q15-8. Condition of public school facilities	3.3%	27.4%	36.5%	22.8%	10.0%
Q15-9. Condition of trails & greenways	9.3%	49.9%	30.1%	8.2%	2.5%
Q15-10. Condition of public art	11.8%	47.1%	32.7%	5.1%	3.4%
Q15-11. Condition of aquatic facilities	5.7%	31.9%	43.2%	12.1%	7.2%
Q15-12. Condition of parking	4.6%	30.7%	32.8%	21.4%	10.5%

### Q16. Which THREE items from the list in Question 15 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years?

Q16. Top choice	Number	Percent
Condition of streets in your neighborhood	201	23.7 %
Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	88	10.4 %
Condition of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking)	32	3.8 %
Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along		
streets, & in public areas	59	7.0 %
Condition of parks & open space	36	4.2 %
Condition of recreation centers & facilities	12	1.4 %
Overall appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	46	5.4 %
Condition of public school facilities	197	23.2 %
Condition of trails & greenways	20	2.4 %
Condition of public art	3	0.4 %
Condition of aquatic facilities	5	0.6 %
Condition of parking	65	7.7 %
None chosen	84	9.9 %
Total	848	100.0 %

### Q16. Which THREE items from the list in Question 15 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years?

Q16. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Condition of streets in your neighborhood	85	10.0 %
Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	95	11.2 %
Condition of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking)	59	7.0 %
Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along		
streets, & in public areas	79	9.3 %
Condition of parks & open space	71	8.4 %
Condition of recreation centers & facilities	38	4.5 %
Overall appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	53	6.3 %
Condition of public school facilities	102	12.0 %
Condition of trails & greenways	41	4.8 %
Condition of public art	7	0.8 %
Condition of aquatic facilities	19	2.2 %
Condition of parking	84	9.9 %
None chosen	115	13.6 %
Total	848	100.0 %

### Q16. Which THREE items from the list in Question 15 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years?

Q16. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Condition of streets in your neighborhood	63	7.4 %
Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	53	6.3 %
Condition of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking)	43	5.1 %
Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along		
streets, & in public areas	87	10.3 %
Condition of parks & open space	84	9.9 %
Condition of recreation centers & facilities	54	6.4 %
Overall appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	75	8.8 %
Condition of public school facilities	62	7.3 %
Condition of trails & greenways	52	6.1 %
Condition of public art	15	1.8 %
Condition of aquatic facilities	14	1.7 %
Condition of parking	94	11.1 %
None chosen	152	17.9 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### **SUM OF TOP 3 CHOICES**

### Q16. Which THREE items from the list in Question 15 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years? (top 3)

Q16. Sum of Top 3 Choices	Number	Percent
Condition of streets in your neighborhood	349	41.2 %
Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	236	27.8 %
Condition of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking)	134	15.8 %
Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along		
streets, & in public areas	225	26.5 %
Condition of parks & open space	191	22.5 %
Condition of recreation centers & facilities	104	12.3 %
Overall appearance of major entryways to Downtown Durham	174	20.5 %
Condition of public school facilities	361	42.6 %
Condition of trails & greenways	113	13.3 %
Condition of public art	25	2.9 %
Condition of aquatic facilities	38	4.5 %
Condition of parking	243	28.7 %
None chosen	84	9.9 %
Total	2277	

### Q17a. Multi-Modal Transportation. If you do not or have not ridden public transit in Durham, please select up to 3 reasons why not from the options listed below.

Q17a. Reasons why you do not or have not ridden

public transit in Durham	Number	Percent
It is too far from my home to nearest bus stop	266	31.4 %
The bus does not serve where I need to go	193	22.8 %
I prefer driving my car/need to use my car	597	70.4 %
I have safety concerns	198	23.3 %
The bus would take too long	335	39.5 %
Other	44	5.2 %
We ride public transit in Durham	93	11.0 %
Total	1726	

### Q17b. If you DO ride or have ridden public transit in Durham, please select up to 3 reasons why from the options listed below.

Q17b. Reasons why you do or have ridden public

transit in Durham	Number	Percent
I don't have/cannot use a car	27	29.0 %
The bus gets me where I need to go in a reasonable		
amount of time	30	32.3 %
I ride the bus for environmental reasons	43	46.2 %
Parking at my work is difficult/expensive	24	25.8 %
Taking the bus is cheaper than driving	35	37.6 %
Other	9	9.7 %
Total	168	

#### Q17b-6. Other

Q17b-6. Other	Number	<u>Percent</u>
DANGEROUS TO BIKE	1	11.1 %
DATA ACCESS IS GREAT	1	11.1 %
Familarization	1	11.1 %
I like the community aspects of public transit	1	11.1 %
Medical reasons, ride bus only when I could not get a		
ride from family/friends	1	11.1 %
No option	1	11.1 %
PARKING FOR BARS AND MOVIES TO AVOID DUI	1	11.1 %
Ride when car is out	1	11.1 %
Rode the city bus to school when I was younger	1	11.1 %
Total	9	100.0 %

### Q18. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

(N=848)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfi- ed	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Q18-1. Ease of travel by walking	5.7%	23.1%	24.1%	18.9%	7.3%	21.0%
Q18-2. Ease of travel by biking	3.7%	13.2%	21.5%	14.6%	5.2%	41.9%
Q18-3. Ease of travel by bus (GoDurham)	1.8%	7.5%	18.0%	7.9%	4.2%	60.5%
Q18-4. Quality of Downtown parking facilities	3.8%	25.4%	26.4%	22.2%	10.7%	11.6%
Q18-5. Ability in your neighborhood to run, walk, bike, & exercise outdoors	28.3%	34.8%	14.5%	9.6%	4.2%	8.6%

### **WITHOUT NA**

### Q18. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q18-1. Ease of travel by walking	7.2%	29.3%	30.4%	23.9%	9.3%
Q18-2. Ease of travel by biking	6.3%	22.7%	36.9%	25.2%	8.9%
Q18-3. Ease of travel by bus (GoDurham)	4.5%	19.1%	45.7%	20.0%	10.7%
Q18-4. Quality of Downtown parking facilities	4.3%	28.7%	29.9%	25.1%	12.1%
Q18-5. Ability in your neighborhood to run, walk, bike, & exercise outdoors	31.0%	38.1%	15.9%	10.5%	4.6%

### Q19. Solid Waste and Utility Services. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

	Very		Dissatisfi- Very			
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	ed	dissatisfied	N/A
Q19-1. Solid waste collection services	25.1%	46.1%	8.8%	5.2%	2.2%	12.5%
Q19-2. Curbside recycling services	27.0%	46.3%	9.3%	6.8%	1.4%	9.1%
Q19-3. Yard waste (leaves/tree limbs) collection services for subscriber members	10.5%	22.3%	12.6%	10.3%	5.5%	38.8%
Q19-4. City Waste Disposal & Recycling Center (2115 East Club)	13.6%	29.7%	17.5%	4.7%	2.4%	32.2%
Q19-5. County Solid Waste Convenience Centers (Parkwood, Redwood, Bahama, & Rougemont)	7.4%	20.3%	14.3%	3.2%	1.9%	52.9%
Q19-6. Quality of drinking water	20.8%	36.9%	17.8%	7.8%	5.2%	11.6%
Q19-7. Sewer services	17.3%	42.1%	19.1%	3.8%	2.2%	15.4%
Q19-8. Overall management of public stormwater runoff/drainage/flood control	10.3%	34.8%	24.8%	11.7%	7.1%	11.4%
Q19-9. Stream & lake protection	7.3%	29.8%	29.6%	8.7%	3.9%	20.6%

#### **WITHOUT NA**

### Q19. Solid Waste and Utility Services. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very				Very
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
Q19-1. Solid waste collection services	28.7%	52.7%	10.1%	5.9%	2.6%
Q19-2. Curbside recycling services	29.7%	51.0%	10.2%	7.5%	1.6%
Q19-3. Yard waste (leaves/tree limbs) collection services for subscriber members	17.1%	36.4%	20.6%	16.8%	9.1%
Q19-4. City Waste Disposal & Recycling Center (2115 East Club)	20.0%	43.8%	25.7%	7.0%	3.5%
Q19-5. County Solid Waste Convenience Centers (Parkwood, Redwood, Bahama, & Rougemont)	15.8%	43.1%	30.3%	6.8%	4.0%
Q19-6. Quality of drinking water	23.5%	41.7%	20.1%	8.8%	5.9%
Q19-7. Sewer services	20.5%	49.8%	22.6%	4.5%	2.6%
Q19-8. Overall management of public stormwater runoff/drainage/flood control	11.6%	39.3%	28.0%	13.2%	8.0%
Q19-9. Stream & lake protection	9.2%	37.6%	37.3%	11.0%	4.9%

### Q20. Please rank the importance of the following planning goals, where 1 is "most important" and 6 is "least important."

	Most						
	importa-					Least	Not
	nt	2	3	4	5	impotant	<u>provided</u>
Q20-1. Durham residents learn about new development with enough notice to have their voice heard in the process	30.1%	17.8%	13.2%	10.4%	5.8%	2.2%	20.5%
Q20-2. It is easy for residents to have a say in new development proposals	9.3%	28.2%	15.8%	10.1%	9.2%	3.5%	23.8%
Q20-3. The character of Durham's neighborhoods should stay the same	5.1%	5.1%	15.1%	15.6%	12.6%	20.8%	25.8%
Q20-4. Durham should have more racially & economically integrated neighborhoods	19.3%	9.6%	13.7%	14.7%	10.5%	9.0%	23.2%
Q20-5. I would like to have shopping & employment opportunities close to where I live	12.6%	8.4%	10.7%	12.7%	17.7%	13.0%	24.9%
Q20-6. I would be OK with a greater variety of housing types & sizes in my neighborhood	4.6%	8.6%	7.8%	10.1%	17.7%	26.9%	24.3%

### WITHOUT NA

### Q20. Please rank the importance of the following planning goals, where 1 is "most important" and 6 is "least important." (without "not provided")

	Most					Least
	important	2	3	4	5	impotant
Q20-1. Durham residents learn about new development with enough notice to have their voice heard in the process	37.8%	22.4%	16.6%	13.1%	7.3%	2.8%
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Q20-2. It is easy for residents to have a say in new development proposals	12.2%	37.0%	20.7%	13.3%	12.1%	4.6%
Q20-3. The character of Durham's neighborhoods should stay the same	6.8%	6.8%	20.3%	21.0%	17.0%	28.0%
Q20-4. Durham should have more racially & economically integrated neighborhoods	25.2%	12.4%	17.8%	19.2%	13.7%	11.7%
Q20-5. I would like to have shopping & employment opportunities close to where I live	16.8%	11.1%	14.3%	17.0%	23.5%	17.3%
Q20-6. I would be OK with a greater variety of housing types & sizes in my neighborhood	6.1%	11.4%	10.3%	13.4%	23.4%	35.5%

### Q23a. Communication. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

	Very			Dissatisfi-	Very	
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	ed	dissatisfied	N/A
Q23a-1. Availability of information about County programs & services	4.8%	29.0%	26.4%	11.1%	3.7%	25.0%
Q23a-2. Ease of locating information on County website	4.7%	28.4%	27.6%	8.7%	3.3%	27.2%
Q23a-3. Your experience engaging with County government process	4.2%	18.0%	29.0%	7.3%	3.3%	38.1%
Q23a-4. Level of public involvement in local decisions with County	2.9%	13.1%	33.5%	13.4%	4.7%	32.3%
Q23a-5. County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	4.2%	20.3%	30.5%	15.3%	4.5%	25.1%
Q23a-6. Your ability to get timely emergency/disaster information 24 hours a day	10.7%	32.1%	21.8%	5.2%	2.1%	28.1%

### WITHOUT NA

### Q23a. Communication. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied." (without "N/A")

	Very				Very
	satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
Q23a-1. Availability of information about County programs & services	6.4%	38.7%	35.2%	14.8%	4.9%
County programs & services	0.470	38.770	33.270	14.070	4.570
Q23a-2. Ease of locating information on County					
website	6.5%	39.1%	37.9%	12.0%	4.5%
Q23a-3. Your experience engaging with County					
government process	6.9%	29.1%	46.9%	11.8%	5.3%
Q23a-4. Level of public involvement in local					
decisions with County	4.4%	19.3%	49.5%	19.9%	7.0%
Q23a-5. County efforts to keep you informed					
about local issues	5.7%	27.1%	40.8%	20.5%	6.0%
Q23a-6. Your ability to get timely emergency/					
disaster information 24 hours a day	14.9%	44.6%	30.3%	7.2%	3.0%

Q23b. Please tell us how often you typically get important Durham County government-related information.
(N=848)

		A few		Once or	Almost		Not
	Daily	times a week	Weekly	twice a month	Almost never	Never	Not provided
Q23b-1. Durham County website	0.7%	2.6%	3.7%	23.9%	31.1%	20.8%	17.2%
Q23b-2. Durham County Twitter feed	0.1%	1.4%	1.3%	4.1%	11.6%	62.9%	18.6%
Q23b-3. Durham County Facebook page	0.4%	1.8%	2.1%	5.9%	12.1%	59.1%	18.6%
Q23b-4. Durham County Nextdoor	4.6%	6.3%	7.2%	12.7%	11.3%	39.2%	18.8%
Q23b-5. Mailings of direct contact from Durham County departments	0.5%	2.8%	3.3%	23.8%	28.5%	22.1%	19.0%
Q23b-6. Durham County TV Show	1.3%	2.4%	1.8%	3.7%	13.1%	58.6%	19.2%
Q23b-7. Traditional media (TV, newspapers, or their social media)	12.9%	11.3%	11.2%	16.5%	13.1%	17.3%	17.7%
Q23b-8. Friends/colleagues/word of mouth	4.0%	10.0%	12.9%	22.2%	16.9%	16.2%	17.9%
Q23b-9. Other	14.8%	25.9%	11.1%	25.9%	14.8%	7.4%	0.0%

### **WITHOUT NA**

### Q23b. Please tell us how often you typically get important Durham County government-related information. (without "not provided")

	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Once or twice a month	Almost never	Never
Q23b-1. Durham County website	0.9%	3.1%	4.4%	28.9%	37.6%	25.1%
Q23b-2. Durham County Twitter feed	0.1%	1.7%	1.6%	5.1%	14.2%	77.2%
Q23b-3. Durham County Facebook page	0.4%	2.2%	2.6%	7.2%	14.9%	72.6%
Q23b-4. Durham County Nextdoor	5.7%	7.7%	8.9%	15.7%	13.9%	48.2%
Q23b-5. Mailings of direct contact from Durham County departments	0.6%	3.5%	4.1%	29.4%	35.2%	27.2%
Q23b-6. Durham County TV Show	1.6%	2.9%	2.2%	4.5%	16.2%	72.6%
Q23b-7. Traditional media (TV, newspapers, or their social media)	15.6%	13.8%	13.6%	20.1%	15.9%	21.1%
Q23b-8. Friends/colleagues/word of mouth	4.9%	12.2%	15.7%	27.0%	20.5%	19.7%
Q23b-9. Other	14.8%	25.9%	11.1%	25.9%	14.8%	7.4%

### Q23b-9. Other

Q23b-9. Other	Number	Percent
CCC	1	3.7 %
Driving around Downtown Durham	1	3.7 %
EMAIL	2	7.4 %
EMAIL FROM COUNTY	1	3.7 %
EMAIL NEWSLETTER	1	3.7 %
Facebook postings, County Facebook page	1	3.7 %
Facebook posts	1	3.7 %
Family	1	3.7 %
Friends	1	3.7 %
I keep up with one of my Facebook parents groups	1	3.7 %
Instagram	2	7.4 %
Local Nextdoor	1	3.7 %
Neighborhood Listserv	2	7.4 %
News	1	3.7 %
Nextdoor	1	3.7 %
Paper	1	3.7 %
Radio	2	7.4 %
Roadside signage or billboards	1	3.7 %
SPECTACULAR MAGAZINE	1	3.7 %
Voice messages from DPS	1	3.7 %
WUNC WRAL	1	3.7 %
YOUTUBE	2	7.4 %
Total	27	100.0 %

### Q23c. During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Durham County or visited the website to seek services, ask a question, or file a complaint?

Q23c. Have you contacted employees of Durham

County or visited County website during past year	Number	Percent
Yes	284	33.5 %
No	554	65.3 %
Not provided	10	1.2 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q23c. During the past year, have you or other members of your household contacted employees of Durham County or visited the website to seek services, ask a question, or file a complaint? (without "not provided")

Q23c. Have you contacted employees of Durham

County or visited County website during past year	Number	Percent
Yes	284	33.9 %
<u>No</u>	554	66.1 %
Total	838	100.0 %

### Q23d. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied," please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the County Government department you contacted.

(N=284)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfi- ed	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Q23d-1. How easy County government was to contact	19.7%	41.9%	16.2%	12.7%	6.7%	2.8%
Q23d-2. Courtesy of County employee(s) you interacted with	26.1%	39.1%	15.1%	8.1%	3.2%	8.5%
Q23d-3. Accuracy of information you were given	19.7%	46.1%	15.5%	7.4%	4.9%	6.3%
Q23d-4. Appropriateness of County employees' response	20.8%	41.2%	14.4%	8.5%	6.0%	9.2%
Q23d-5. Timeliness of County employees' response	20.8%	38.0%	16.9%	9.2%	7.4%	7.7%
Q23d-6. Resolution of your issue/concern	20.1%	35.6%	16.5%	10.9%	10.2%	6.7%

### **WITHOUT NA**

Q23d. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied," please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the County Government department you contacted. (without "N/A")

(N=284)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q23d-1. How easy County government was to contact	20.3%	43.1%	16.7%	13.0%	6.9%
Q23d-2. Courtesy of County employee(s) you interacted with	28.5%	42.7%	16.5%	8.8%	3.5%
Q23d-3. Accuracy of information you were given	21.1%	49.2%	16.5%	7.9%	5.3%
Q23d-4. Appropriateness of County employees' response	22.9%	45.3%	15.9%	9.3%	6.6%
Q23d-5. Timeliness of County employees' response	22.5%	41.2%	18.3%	9.9%	8.0%
Q23d-6. Resolution of your issue/concern	21.5%	38.1%	17.7%	11.7%	10.9%

### Q24. Overall Ratings of the Community. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "excellent" and 1 means "poor," please rate the community with regard to the following.

				Below		
	Excellent	Good	Neutral	average	Poor	N/A
Q24-1. As a place to live	26.4%	51.8%	10.0%	5.7%	3.1%	3.1%
Q24-2. As a place to work	21.8%	44.9%	11.8%	3.7%	2.4%	15.4%
Q24-3. As a place to play	15.6%	43.0%	21.1%	7.9%	4.5%	7.9%
Q24-4. As a place to raise children	13.3%	36.9%	16.9%	9.8%	5.4%	17.7%
Q24-5. As a place to educate children	7.5%	27.7%	20.9%	16.6%	8.4%	18.9%
Q24-6. As a place to retire	15.9%	34.3%	20.6%	10.1%	8.0%	11.0%
Q24-7. As a place to visit	19.0%	44.0%	17.8%	7.9%	4.8%	6.5%
Q24-8. As a place to start a business	12.3%	29.8%	23.3%	5.4%	5.2%	23.9%
Q24-9. As a community that is moving in right direction	16.3%	36.4%	25.0%	7.2%	8.8%	6.3%

### WITHOUT NA

### Q24. Overall Ratings of the Community. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "excellent" and 1 means "poor," please rate the community with regard to the following. (without "N/A")

				Below	
	Excellent	Good	Neutral	average	Poor
Q24-1. As a place to live	27.3%	53.4%	10.3%	5.8%	3.2%
Q24-2. As a place to work	25.8%	53.1%	13.9%	4.3%	2.8%
Q24-3. As a place to play	16.9%	46.7%	22.9%	8.6%	4.9%
Q24-4. As a place to raise children	16.2%	44.8%	20.5%	11.9%	6.6%
Q24-5. As a place to educate children	9.3%	34.2%	25.7%	20.5%	10.3%
Q24-6. As a place to retire	17.9%	38.5%	23.2%	11.4%	9.0%
Q24-7. As a place to visit	20.3%	47.0%	19.0%	8.4%	5.2%
Q24-8. As a place to start a business	16.1%	39.2%	30.7%	7.1%	6.8%
Q24-9. As a community that is moving in right direction	17.4%	38.9%	26.7%	7.7%	9.4%

### Q25. From the list of local government services below, prioritize your top 5 to increase funding for.

Q25. What local government services v	will be vour
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top priorities to increase funding for	Number	Percent
Affordable housing	489	57.7 %
Street maintenance	409	48.2 %
Sidewalk construction	231	27.2 %
Universal Pre-K	238	28.1 %
Social services	322	38.0 %
Youth programming	336	39.6 %
Job creation/training	361	42.6 %
Community-led safety initiatives	250	29.5 %
Law enforcement-led safety initiatives	337	39.7 %
Public school operations (teachers, salaries)	583	68.8 %
Court services	63	7.4 %
I would not increase funding for any of these	22	2.6 %
Total	3641	

### Q26. Have you or someone in your household had trouble accessing the healthcare they need in the past year?

Q26. Have you had trouble accessing healthcare

needed in past year	Number	Percent
Yes	80	9.4 %
No	763	90.0 %
Not provided	5	0.6 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

Q26. Have you or someone in your household had trouble accessing the healthcare they need in the past year? (without "not provided")

Q26. Have you had trouble accessing healthcare

needed in past year	Number	Percent
Yes	80	9.5 %
No	763	90.5 %
Total	843	100.0 %

### Q28. Approximately how many years have you lived in Durham?

Q28. How many years have you lived in Durham	Number	Percent
0-5	105	12.4 %
6-10	112	13.2 %
11-15	93	11.0 %
16-20	87	10.3 %
21-30	113	13.3 %
31+	309	36.4 %
Not provided	29	3.4 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

#### Q28. Approximately how many years have you lived in Durham? (without "not provided")

Q28. How many years have you lived in Durham	Number	Percent
0-5	105	12.8 %
6-10	112	13.7 %
11-15	93	11.4 %
16-20	87	10.6 %
21-30	113	13.8 %
31+	309	37.7 %
Total	819	100.0 %

### Q29. What is your age?

Q29. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	176	20.8 %
35-44	166	19.6 %
45-54	166	19.6 %
55-64	160	18.9 %
65+	158	18.6 %
Not provided	22	2.6 %
Total	848	100.0 %

### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

### Q29. What is your age? (without "not provided")

Q29. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	176	21.3 %
35-44	166	20.1 %
45-54	166	20.1 %
55-64	160	19.4 %
<u>65+</u>	158	19.1 %
Total	826	100.0 %

#### Q30. What is your gender?

Q30. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	421	49.6 %
Female	421	49.6 %
Non-binary/other	4	0.5 %
Not provided	2	0.2 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

#### Q30. What is your gender? (without "not provided")

Q30. Your gender	Number	Percent
Male	421	49.8 %
Female	421	49.8 %
Non-binary/other	4	0.5 %
Total	846	100.0 %

#### Q31. Do you own or rent your current residence?

Q31. Do you own or rent your current residence	Number	Percent
Own	543	64.0 %
Rent	303	35.7 %
Not provided	2	0.2 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

### Q31. Do you own or rent your current residence? (without "not provided")

Q31. Do you own or rent your current residence	Number	Percent
Own	543	64.2 %
Rent	303	35.8 %
Total	846	100.0 %

### Q32. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

Q32. Your race/ethnicity	Number	Percent
Asian/Pacific Islander	43	5.1 %
White	432	50.9 %
Native American/Inuit	12	1.4 %
Black/African American	353	41.6 %
Other	21	2.5 %
Total	861	

#### Q32-5. Other

Q32-5. Other	Number	Percent
American Caucasian	1	5.3 %
Hispanic	5	26.3 %
Latino	2	10.5 %
MIXED	3	15.8 %
MORE THAN ONE	1	5.3 %
MULTI-RACIAL	2	10.5 %
Mediterranean	1	5.3 %
Mexican	1	5.3 %
Native Indian	1	5.3 %
POLISH	1	5.3 %
PUERTO RICAN	1	5.3 %
Total	19	100.0 %

#### Q33. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or other Spanish ancestry?

Q33. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish

ancestry	Number	Percent
Yes	108	12.7 %
No	734	86.6 %
Not provided	6	0.7 %
Total	848	100.0 %

### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

#### Q33. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or other Spanish ancestry? (without "not provided")

Q33. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish

ancestry	Number	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	108	12.8 %
No	734	87.2 %
Total	842	100.0 %

### Q34. What is the primary language used in your household?

Q34. What is the primary language used in your

household	Number	Percent
English	810	95.5 %
Spanish	21	2.5 %
Other	3	0.4 %
Not provided	14	1.7 %
Total	848	100.0 %

### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

#### Q34. What is the primary language used in your household? (without "not provided")

Q34. What is the primary language used in your

household	Number	Percent
English	810	97.1 %
Spanish	21	2.5 %
<u>Other</u>	3	0.4 %
Total	834	100.0 %

#### Q34-3. Other

Q34-3. Other	Number	Percent
ARABIC	1	33.3 %
Tagalog	1	33.3 %
<u>Telugu</u>	1	33.3 %
Total	3	100.0 %

#### Q34a. If the primary language is not English, how might we better provide services and engage with you?

Q34a. How might we better provide services &

engage with you	Number	Percent
Health care access	1	50.0 %
No needs	1	50.0 <u>%</u>
Total	2	100.0 %

#### Q35. Would you say your total annual household income is...

Q35. Your total annual household income	Number	<u>Percent</u>
Under \$30K	146	17.2 %
\$30K-\$59,999	201	23.7 %
\$60K-\$99,999	204	24.1 %
\$100K+	178	21.0 %
Not provided	119	14.0 %
Total	848	100.0 %

#### WITHOUT NOT PROVIDED

#### Q35. Would you say your total annual household income is... (without "not provided")

Q35. Your total annual household income	Number	Percent
Under \$30K	146	20.0 %
\$30K-\$59,999	201	27.6 %
\$60K-\$99,999	204	28.0 %
\$100K+	178	24.4 %
Total	729	100.0 %

# Section 6 Survey Instrument



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#### Dear Durham Resident:

Thanks to you, Durham remains one of the most vibrant and progressive communities in the United States. As we continue to grow and meet new challenges, it is important that we also continue to strategically plan for our future.

An important part of this planning process involves gathering input from residents on a wide range of issues impacting our quality of life. We want you to be a part of this process by taking a few minutes to complete the enclosed *2020 Durham Resident Survey*.

For the fifth time, the City and County are jointly overseeing the survey so that more Durham residents have an opportunity to be heard. By completing and returning this survey, you will assist elected officials, as well as the City and County administrations, in making critical decisions about prioritizing resources and helping set the direction for the future of our community.

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope <u>within the</u> <u>next 10 davs</u> to ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200.

Your feedback is very vital to us and we appreciate your help in making Durham an even better place to call home.

Wanda S. Page Interim City Manager Wendell M. Davis County Manager

cc: Enclosure

### 2020 Durham City and County Resident Survey: County Final Findings (2020)



Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your input is an important part of the City and County's on-going effort to identify and respond to resident concerns. If you have questions, please contact Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200 or the Durham County Tax Administration at (919) 560-0300. This survey is intended for Durham City and County residents only. If you would like to complete this survey online, please go to <a href="https://www.durhamresident.org">www.durhamresident.org</a>.



1. Major categories of services provided by the City and County are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
01. Overall quality of police protection	5	4	3	2	1	9
02. Overall quality of sheriff protection	5	4	3	2	1	9
03. Overall quality of fire and life safety programming	5	4	3	2	1	9
04. Response time for fire services	5	4	3	2	1	9
05. Overall quality of EMS services	5	4	3	2	1	9
06. Response time for EMS services	5	4	3	2	1	9
07. Overall maintenance of city streets	5	4	3	2	1	9
08. Overall ease of travel within Durham	5	4	3	2	1	9
09. Overall quality of the public transit system (GoDurham)	5	4	3	2	1	9
10. Overall quality of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, paths, trails, intersection design and signage)	5	4	3	2	1	9
11. Overall quality of pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks)	5	4	3	2	1	9
12. Overall quality of water and sewer utilities	5	4	3	2	1	9
13. Overall enforcement of codes and ordinances	5	4	3	2	1	9
14. Overall quality of customer service you receive from city employees	5	4	3	2	1	9
15. Overall quality of customer service you receive from county employees	5	4	3	2	1	9
16. Overall effectiveness of communication with the public	5	4	3	2	1	9
17. Overall quality of parks and recreation programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
18. Overall quality of library services and programs	5	4	3	2	1	9
19. Overall quality of services provided by the Durham County Department of Social Services	5	4	3	2	1	9
20. Overall quality of public health services	5	4	3	2	1	9
21. Overall quality of tax administration services	5	4	3	2	1	9
22. Overall quality of public schools	5	4	3	2	1	9
23. Overall quality of charter schools	5	4	3	2	1	9
24. Overall quality of private schools	5	4	3	2	1	9

2. Which THREE of the items listed in Question 1 do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City and County leaders over the next TWO years? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 1, or circle "NONE."]

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1st:	2nd:	3rd:	NONE

3. Several items that may influence your perception of Durham are listed below. Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfie	d N/A
1.	Overall quality of services provided by the city	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Overall quality of services provided by the county	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Overall appearance of Durham	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Overall management of development and growth	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Overall image of Durham	5	4	3	2	1	9
6.	Overall quality of life in Durham	5	4	3	2	1	9
7.	Overall quality of life in your neighborhood	5	4	3	2	1	9
8.	Overall value you receive for your local property taxes	5	4	3	2	1	9

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# 4. <u>COVID-19 Response.</u> Overall, how would you rate following fevers of government in how they have responded so far to the COVID-19 pandemic? Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	City Government	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	County Government	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	State Government	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Federal Government	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Durham Public School System	5	4	3	2	1	9

# 5. Please indicate which areas you feel are the most important for the City of Durham and Durham County to spend resources on during COVID-19. [Write in your answers using the numbers from the list below.]

(01) Utility payment assi	assisiance
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- (02) Housing and rent assistance
- (03) Food
- (04) Ensuring access to medical health services
- (05) Ensuring access to behavioral health services
- (06) Preventing COVID-19 Spread
- (07) Helping small businesses

(80)	Providing	PPE	(face	masks,	hand	sanitizer	and	other
	protective	e equ	ipmei	nt)				

- (09) Creating more testing access
- (10) Quarantine spaces for families and individuals
- (11) Communicating information about COVID-19
- (12) Ensuring safe schooling through Durham Public Schools
- (13) Other: (Please list):\_\_

1st:	2nd:	3rd:	4th:	5th:

#### 6. How often do you wear a mask in the following settings?

		Always	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	N/A
1.	Public indoor gathering	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Private indoor gathering with people you don't live with	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Public outdoor gathering	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Private outdoor gathering with people you don't live with	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Workplace	5	4	3	2	1	9

### 7. Which of the following best describes the education status of the children in your household? [Check all that apply.]

- (01) My children are enrolled in Durham Public Schools
  - (02) My children are enrolled in a charter school in Durham County
- \_\_\_(03) My children are enrolled in a private school in Durham County
- (04) My children go to school outside of Durham County
- (05) My children went to or graduated from Durham Public Schools
- (06) My children went to or graduated from a charter school in Durham County
- (07) My children went to or graduated from a private school in Durham County
- (08) My children went to or graduated from a school outside of Durham County
- (09) My children are homeschooled
- \_\_\_\_(10) This question does not apply to me

## 8. <u>Durham Public Schools.</u> Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Strongly Agree" and 1 means "Strongly Disagree," please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about Durham Public Schools.

	Durham Public Schools	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
1.	Manages the education budget well	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Attracts high quality teachers	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Is transparent about education-related decision making	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Encourages community involvement in education-related decision making	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Ensures quality education for students	5	4	3	2	1	9
6.	Has effective leadership in K-12 education	5	4	3	2	1	9

9. Public Safety. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means of Safety Safet

	How safe do you feel	Very Safe	Safe	Neutral	Unsafe	Very Unsafe	N/A
1	When walking alone in your neighborhood during the day	5	4	3	2	1	9
2	When walking alone in your neighborhood at night	5	4	3	2	1	9
3	In downtown Durham	5	4	3	2	1	9
4	In Durham overall	5	4	3	2	1	9
5	When using City recreation centers	5	4	3	2	1	9
6	When visiting City parks	5	4	3	2	1	9

10. <u>Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice.</u> Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate how you feel with regard to the following aspects of law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	Overall police relationship with your community	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Overall Sheriff's Office relationship with your community	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Animal Control services	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Enforcement of traffic safety laws	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Local court system	5	4	3	2	1	9

11.	<u>Affordable Housing.</u>	How satisfied are you v	vith the availability of affordable housing?
	(1) Very satisfied	(3) Neutral	(5) Very dissatisfied
	(2) Satisfied	(4) Dissatisfied	(9) N/A

12. Please answer the following questions by circling either "Yes" or "No."

1. Do your monthly housing costs (rent or mortgage) exceed 30% of your monthly income?	Yes	No
2. Are you able to find housing you can afford in Durham?	Yes	No
Do you have major home repairs that impact your quality of life or that you have put off because of lack of resources?	Yes	No

13. <u>Parks, Recreation, and Open Space.</u> Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	Greenways and trails	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Outdoor athletic fields and courts (e.g. baseball, soccer, futsal, tennis)	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Customer service provided by the city's Parks and Recreation staff	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Public art	5	4	3	2	1	9

14. How would you rate Durham in the following areas?

		Excellent	Good	Neutral	Below Average	Poor	N/A
1	Current state of race relations	5	4	3	2	1	9
2	Progress addressing racial equity	5	4	3	2	1	9

15. <u>Maintenance.</u> For each of the following, please rate your satisfaction with each item (2020) a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
01.	Condition of streets in your neighborhood	5	4	3	2	1	9
02.	Condition of sidewalks in your neighborhood	5	4	3	2	1	9
03.	Condition of bicycle facilities (e.g. bike lanes, bike parking)	5	4	3	2	1	9
04.	Appearance of landscaping on right of ways, along streets, and in public areas	5	4	3	2	1	9
05.	Condition of parks and open space	5	4	3	2	1	9
06.	Condition of recreation centers and facilities	5	4	3	2	1	9
07.	Overall appearance of major entryways to downtown Durham	5	4	3	2	1	9
08.	Condition of public school facilities	5	4	3	2	1	9
09.	Condition of trails and greenways	5	4	3	2	1	9
10.	Condition of public art	5	4	3	2	1	9
11.	Condition of aquatic facilities	5	4	3	2	1	9
12.	Condition of parking	5	4	3	2	1	9

16.		er the next TWO years? [Write in your answers below
	1st: 2nd:	3rd:
17a.	Multi-Modal Transportation. If you do not or	r have not ridden public transit in Durham, please
	select up to 3 reasons why not from the option	· •
	(1) It is too far from my home to the nearest bus stop(2) The bus does not serve where I need to go	(5) The bus would take too long (6) Other:
	(3) I prefer driving my car/need to use my car (4) I have safety concerns	(7) We ride public transit in Durham
17b.		n Durham, please select up to 3 reasons why fron
	the options listed below.	
	(1) I don't have/cannot use a car	(4) Parking at my work is difficult/expensive
	(2) The bus gets me where I need to go in a	(5) Taking the bus is cheaper than driving
	reasonable amount of time	(6) Other:
	(3) I ride the bus for environmental reasons	(7) We <b>don't</b> ride public transit in Durham

18. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	Ease of travel by walking	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Ease of travel by biking	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Ease of travel by bus (GoDurham)	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Quality of downtown parking facilities	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	The ability in your neighborhood to run, walk, bike, and exercise outdoors	5	4	3	2	1	9

19. <u>Solid Waste and Utility Services.</u> Please rate your satisfaction with reach of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	Solid waste collection services	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Curbside recycling services	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Yard waste (leaves/tree limbs) collection services for subscriber members	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	City Waste Disposal and Recycling Center (2115 East Club)	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	County Solid Waste Convenience Centers (Parkwood, Redwood, Bahama, and Rougemont)	5	4	3	2	1	9
6.	Quality of drinking water	5	4	3	2	1	9
7.	Sewer services	5	4	3	2	1	9
8.	Overall management of public stormwater runoff/drainage/flood control	5	4	3	2	1	9
9.	Stream and lake protection	5	4	3	2	1	9

20.	Please rank the importance of the following planning goals, where 1 is "Most Important" an	ıd 6
	is "Least Important."	

Durham residents learn about new development with enough notice to have their voice heard in the process
It is easy for residents to have a say in new development proposals
The character of Durham's neighborhoods should stay the same
Durham should have more racially and economically integrated neighborhoods
I would like to have shopping and employment opportunities close to where I live
I would be OK with a greater variety of housing types and sizes in my neighborhood

### 21. What can the City and County do to make sure all children and youth in Durham reach their full potential and thrive? [If your response relates to a certain age group, please specify the ages.]

The following questions will ask you to rate your customer service experience with the City of Durham and Durham County, separately. If you are a CITY resident, please answer Questions 22a-d and 23a-d. If you are a COUNTY resident outside of City limits, please skip to Questions 23a-d.

#### **City Residents Only**

### 22a. <u>Communication.</u> Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	Availability of information about city programs and services	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Ease of locating information on the city website	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Your experience engaging with the city Government process	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Level of public involvement in local decisions with the city	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	City efforts to keep you informed about local issues	5	4	3	2	1	9

### 22b. Please tell us how often you typically get important City of Durham government-related information.

	How often do you get City of Durham information from	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Once or twice a month	Almost never	Never
1.	City of Durham website	6	5	4	3	2	1
2.	City of Durham Twitter feed	6	5	4	3	2	1
3.	City of Durham Facebook page	6	5	4	3	2	1
4.	Mailings of other direct contact from City of Durham departments	6	5	4	3	2	1
5.	Durham Television Network	6	5	4	3	2	1
6.	Traditional media (TV, newspapers, or their social media)	6	5	4	3	2	1
7.	Friends/Colleagues/Word of Mouth	6	5	4	3	2	1
8.	Other:	6	5	4	3	2	1

22c.	During the past year, have y	ou or other members of your nouseident contacted employees of the	è
	City of Durham or visited the	e website to seek services, ask a question, or file a complaint?	
	(1) Yes [Answer O22d.]	(2) No [Skip to O23a.]	

22d. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the city government department you contacted.

	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	How easy the city government was to contact	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Courtesy of city employee(s) you interacted with	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Accuracy of the information you were given	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Appropriateness of city employees' response	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	Timeliness of city employees' response	5	4	3	2	1	9
6.	The resolution of your issue/concern	5	4	3	2	1	9

#### **All Residents of Durham County**

23a. <u>Communication.</u> Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied."

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	How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1.	Availability of information about county programs and services	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	Ease of locating information on the county website	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	Your experience engaging with the county government process	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	Level of public involvement in local decisions with the county	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	County efforts to keep you informed about local issues	5	4	3	2	1	9
6.	Your ability to get timely emergency/disaster information 24 hours a day	5	4	3	2	1	9

### 23b. Please tell us how often you typically get important Durham County government-related information.

	How often do you get Durham County information from	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	Once or twice a month	Almost never	Never
1.	Durham County website	6	5	4	3	2	1
2.	Durham County Twitter feed	6	5	4	3	2	1
3.	Durham County Facebook page	6	5	4	3	2	1
4.	Durham County Nextdoor	6	5	4	3	2	1
5.	Mailings of other direct contact from Durham County departments	6	5	4	3	2	1
6.	Durham County TV Show	6	5	4	3	2	1
7.	Traditional media (TV, newspapers, or their social media)	6	5	4	3	2	1
8.	Friends/Colleagues/Word of Mouth	6	5	4	3	2	1
9.	Other:	6	5	4	3	2	1

23c.			of your household contacted	
	(1) Yes [Answer Q23d.]	(2) No [Skip to Q24.]	•	-

23d. Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," please rate your satisfaction with your experience interacting with the county government department you contacted.

government department you	contacted.	l .				
How satisfied are you with	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
1. How easy the county government was to contact	5	4	3	2	1	9
2. Courtesy of county employee(s) you interacted with	5	4	3	2	1	9
3. Accuracy of the information you were given	5	4	3	2	1	9
4. Appropriateness of county employees' response	5	4	3	2	1	9
5. Timeliness of county employees' response	5	4	3	2	1	9
6. The resolution of your issue/concern	5	4	3	2	1	9

24. Overall Ratings of the Community. Using a scale of and to 5, where or community and 1 means "Poor," please rate the community with regard to the following.

	How would you rate the community	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Below Average	Poor	N/A
1.	As a place to live	5	4	3	2	1	9
2.	As a place to work	5	4	3	2	1	9
3.	As a place to play	5	4	3	2	1	9
4.	As a place to raise children	5	4	3	2	1	9
5.	As a place to educate children	5	4	3	2	1	9
6.	As a place to retire	5	4	3	2	1	9
7.	As a place to visit	5	4	3	2	1	9
8.	As a place to start a business	5	4	3	2	1	9
9.	As a community that is moving in the right direction	5	4	3	2	1	9

(C	the list of local government services below 1) Affordable housing (06) Youth program 102) Street maintenance (07) Job creation (08) Community (09) Universal Pre-K (09) Law enforcements (1986) Social services initiatives	ramming n/training -led safety initiatives	(10) Pu (te (11) Co (12) I w	iblic school operation achers, salaries) ourt services
past	e you or someone in your household had to year?  1) Yes(2) No	rouble accessing t	the healthcar	e they need in t
	ou voted recently, was there anything rience?	particularly good	d or bad ak	oout your voti
Appr	oximately how many years have you lived	in Durham?	years	
What	t is your age?years			
What	t is your gender?(1) Male(2)	) Female(3) N	Non-binary/Other	
Do yo	ou own or rent your current residence?	(1) Own	_(2) Rent	
(1	ch of the following best describes your race 1) Asian/Pacific Islander(3) Native Americ 2) White(4) Black/African	can/Inuit		
Are y	ou of Hispanic, Latino, or other Spanish a	ncestry?	_(1) Yes	_(2) No
	t is the primary language used in your house 1) English(2) Spanish(3) Other: _			
	If the primary language is not English, h	now might we bette		vices and anae

Your responses will remain completely confidential. The information printed to the right will ONLY be used to help identify which areas of the City/County are having problems with city services. If your address is not correct, please provide the correct information. Thank you.

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope addressed to: