



Bettendorf, IA

Community Survey

November 2025 - January 2026

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Survey Methodology

The current cycle of the web-based Community Survey collected survey data between November 2025 - January 2026. Respondents were digitally recruited (e.g., over social media, mobile apps, websites, and survey panels). These ads are targeted to residents, and responses are only included in the data when a local valid zipcode is provided.

Respondents who self-reported being under 18, who declined to provide any demographic information, or those who provided an invalid zipcode are excluded from the results.

409 valid respondents participated in the web-based Community Survey during this cycle.

Representation

Zencity ensures broad demographic representation in several ways:

Before data collection, Zencity employs national statistical data to establish response targets. These targets are defined based on race/ethnicity, age, and gender.

During data collection, we track the demographic composition of the survey responses in real time, comparing them to the predetermined targets. We fine-tune our distribution and advertising strategies as needed to target all demographic groups.

After data collection, Zencity employs an industry-standard statistical technique called rake weighting. This assigns a unique weight to each respondent based on their demographic characteristics. This method ensures that the distribution of these characteristics in the final weighted sample aligns with the community's overall demographics.

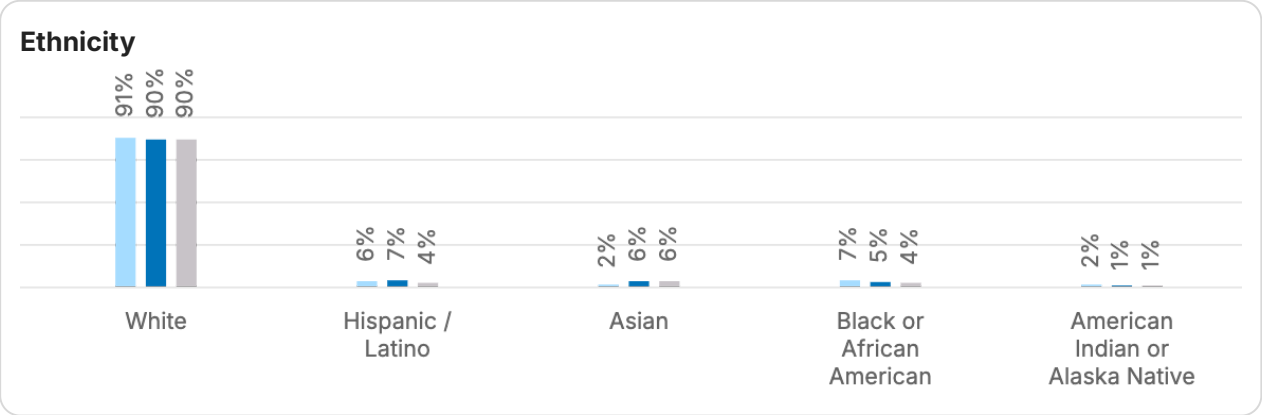
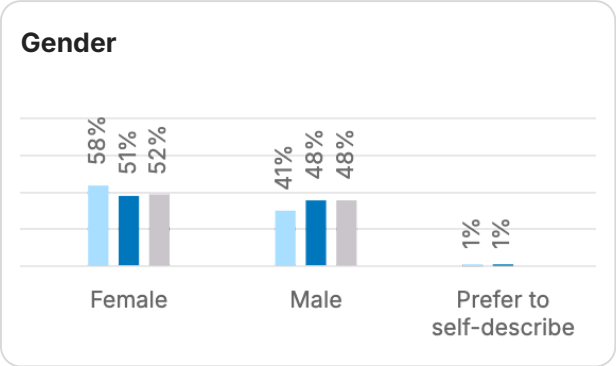
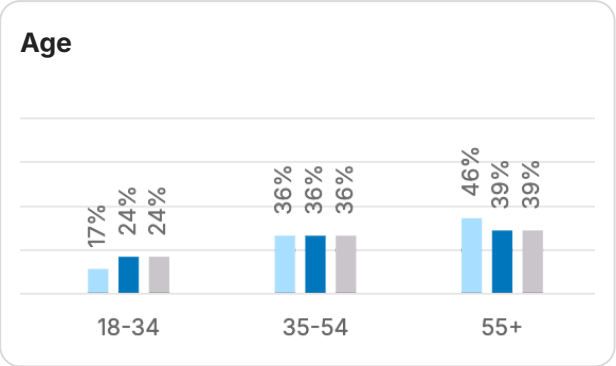
Sample Composition

409 valid respondents

Key

- **Unweighted demographics** - What we collected, without adjustments
- **Weighted demographics** - Our sample, adjusted to be representative of the population
- **Population demographics** - The demographics of the 18+ population

* The "Other" category includes missing data, people who selected "prefer not to say", and other groups not defined in the census.



Overall Quality of Life

Residents' quality of life is a key metric for local government leaders. Here, we present how Bettendorf residents are feeling about their quality of life, looking at how this changes by demographic group and geography.

We will show the percent of valid respondents who reported either a 4 or a 5 on the 1-5 scale, weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity (see page 3 for details).

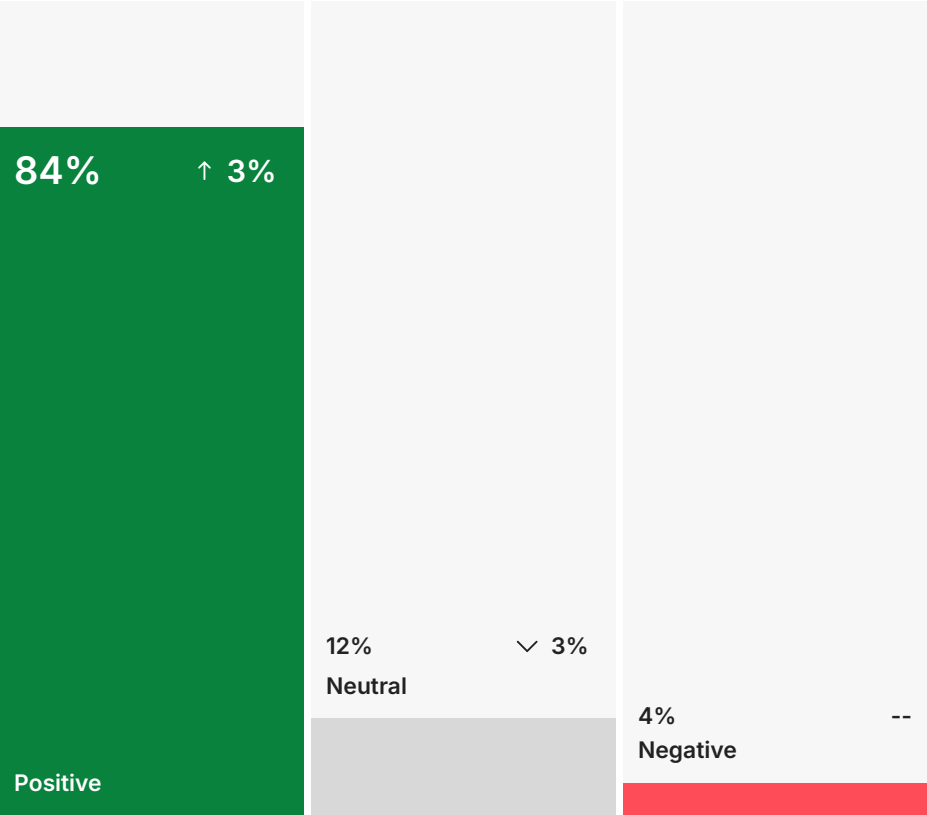
Scores will be shown only for groups (e.g., for a geographic area or for a demographic group) with at least 30 responses. For groups between 30 and 49 respondents, we highlight the small sample size using an (!). Use these scores with caution.

How is the overall quality of life in Bettendorf?

84%

of 409 surveyed residents are satisfied with the overall quality of life in Bettendorf

↑ 3% vs. previous cycle



How is the overall quality of life in Bettendorf?

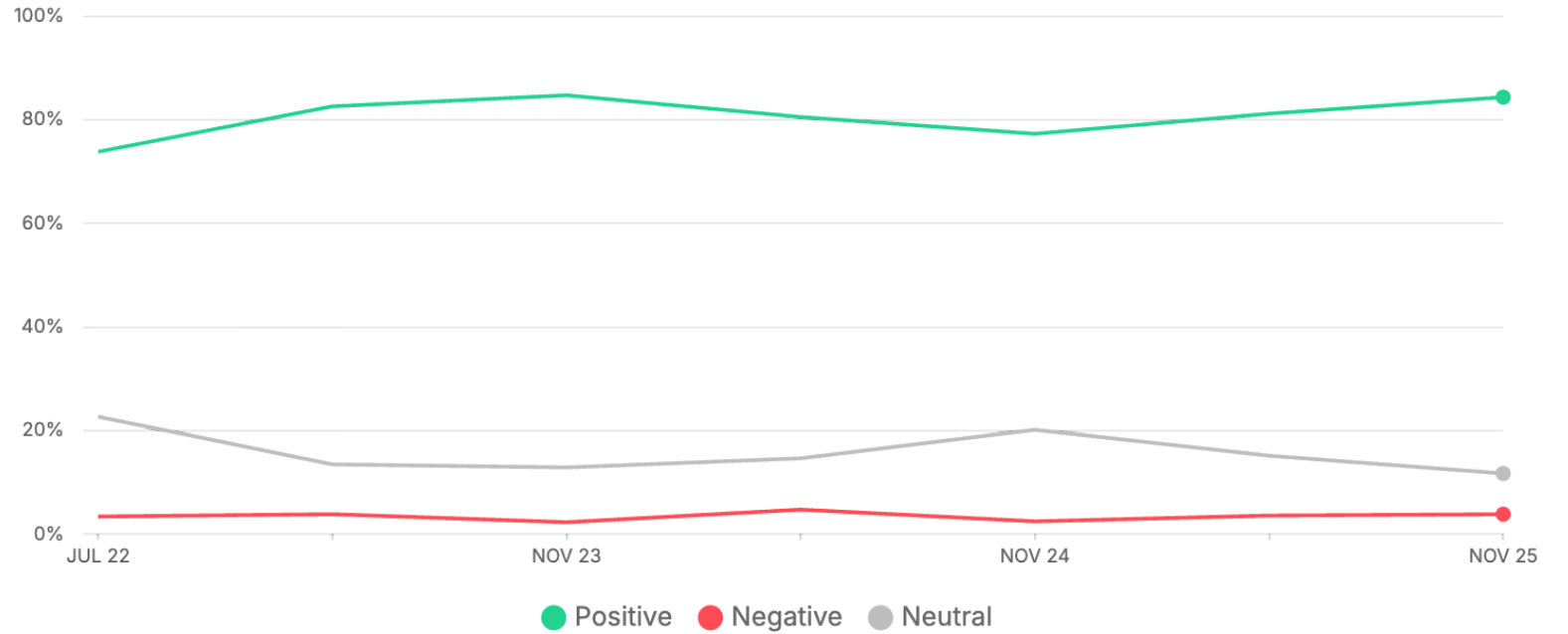
84% ↑ 3%

Neutral

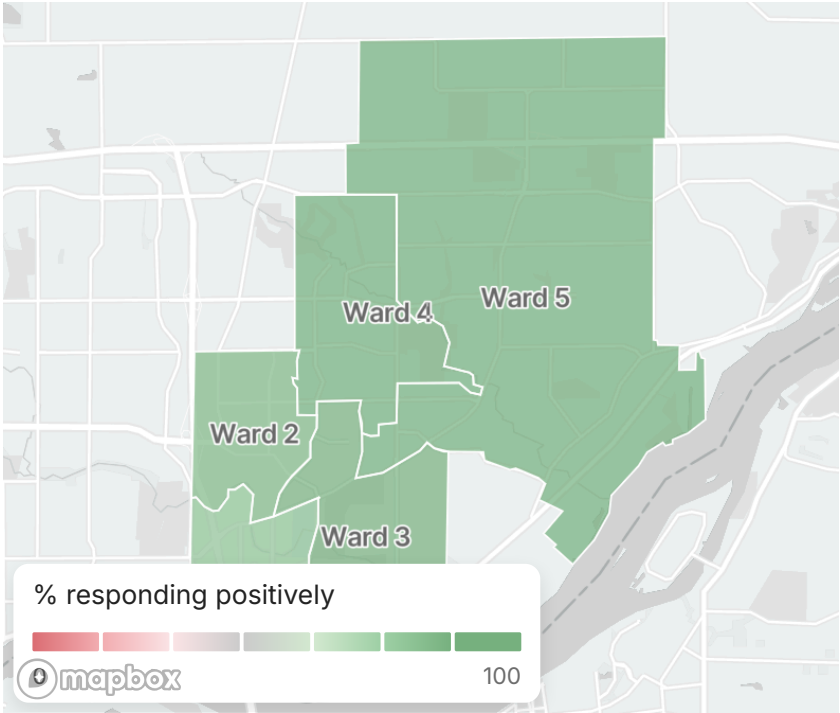
12% ↓ 3%






Negative

4% • --




How is the overall quality of life in Bettendorf? | Geographic Breakdown




Area	Resident Satisfaction
Ward 1	75% • ∨ 4% 
Ward 2 *	81% • ∨ 5% 
Ward 3 *	85% • ↑ 3% 
Ward 4 *	95% • ↑ 13% 
Ward 5	87% • ↑ 6% 


How is the overall quality of life in Bettendorf? | Demographic Breakdown


GENDER


Female **87%** ↑ 3%-pt 

Male **82%** ↑ 2%-pt 


AGE

18-34 **74%** ↓ 5%-pt 

35-54 **87%** ↑ 5%-pt 

55+ **89%** ↑ 7%-pt 

ETHNICITY

White **85%** ↑ 3%-pt 

EDUCATION

High school degree or less **70%** ↑ 1%-pt 

Some college or college degree **87%** ↑ 2%-pt 

Higher education degree **97%** ↑ 10%-pt 

INCOME

\$49,999 or less **70%** ↓ 3%-pt 

\$50,000-\$149,999 **89%** ↑ 4%-pt 

\$150,000 or more **88%** ↑ 7%-pt 

Other measures of satisfaction with life in Bettendorf

How likely are you to recommend Bettendorf as a place to live?

78% ∨ 2%

Neutral
15% · ↑ 1%

Negative
6% · --

How likely are you to be living in Bettendorf 5 years from now?

72% --

Neutral
13% · --

Negative
15% · --

Community Characteristics

Respondents were asked to rate how satisfied they were with a range of community characteristics on a scale from 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent).

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTIC	SATISFACTION SCORE			CHANGE		KEY
Sense of overall safety	82%	12%	6%	↑ 3%	↑ 1%	
Quality of parks and recreational amenities	81%	14%	5%	↓ 2%	↑ 1%	
Overall cleanliness and maintenance	79%	15%	6%	↓ 2%	- 0%	
Quality of waste and recycling services	79%	16%	5%	↓ 1%	↑ 1%	
Access to quality education	79%	16%	5%	↓ 2%	- 0%	
Overall quality of services provided by Bettendorf	78%	17%	5%	↑ 1%	↓ 1%	
Access to quality health care services	68%	21%	10%	↓ 7%	↑ 1%	
Acceptance of residents of all backgrounds	64%	21%	14%	↑ 2%	↓ 1%	

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTIC	SATISFACTION SCORE			CHANGE		KEY
Sense of community among residents	61%	23%	16%	↑ 1%	- 0%	
Availability of a variety of art and cultural events	51%	33%	17%	↓ 4%	↓ 1%	
Ability of residents to give input to the Bettendorf government	50%	30%	20%	↓ 4%	↓ 3%	
Availability of jobs that pay a living wage	39%	36%	25%	↓ 3%	↑ 1%	
Ease of getting around by public transportation	■ ■ 35%	29%	36%	↓ 10%	↑ 8%	
Availability of affordable housing	32%	36%	32%	- 0%	↓ 1%	

Change Matrix Highlights

The Change Matrix showcases the questions with the largest changes from the previous cycle, highlighting the demographic groups and geographic areas contributing to these shifts.

Top Questions	Overall Score	Total Change	Ethnicity	Gender	Age	Geographic Area
Ease of getting around by public transportation	35%	↓ -10%	White	Male	18-34	Ward 1
			↓ -8%	↓ -12%	↓ -21%	↓ -12%
Access to quality health care services	68%	↓ -7%	White	Male	55+	Ward 3
			↓ -9%	↓ -9%	↓ -12%	↓ -24% ⓘ
Availability of a variety of art and cultural events	51%	-4%	White	Male	18-34	Ward 4
			-3%	↓ -14%	↓ -10%	↑ +20% ⓘ

Priority Matrix

The Priority Matrix helps prioritize community characteristics by plotting them based on resident satisfaction and their impact on quality of life.

X-axis (Satisfaction): How residents rated each community characteristic.

Y-axis (Impact on quality of life): How strongly each characteristic predicts overall quality of life (calculated using statistical analysis, not direct resident input).

The matrix divides all community characteristics into quadrants using median values for both satisfaction and impact scores, ensuring a balanced distribution across all four categories for strategic prioritization purposes.

Learn more [HERE](#)

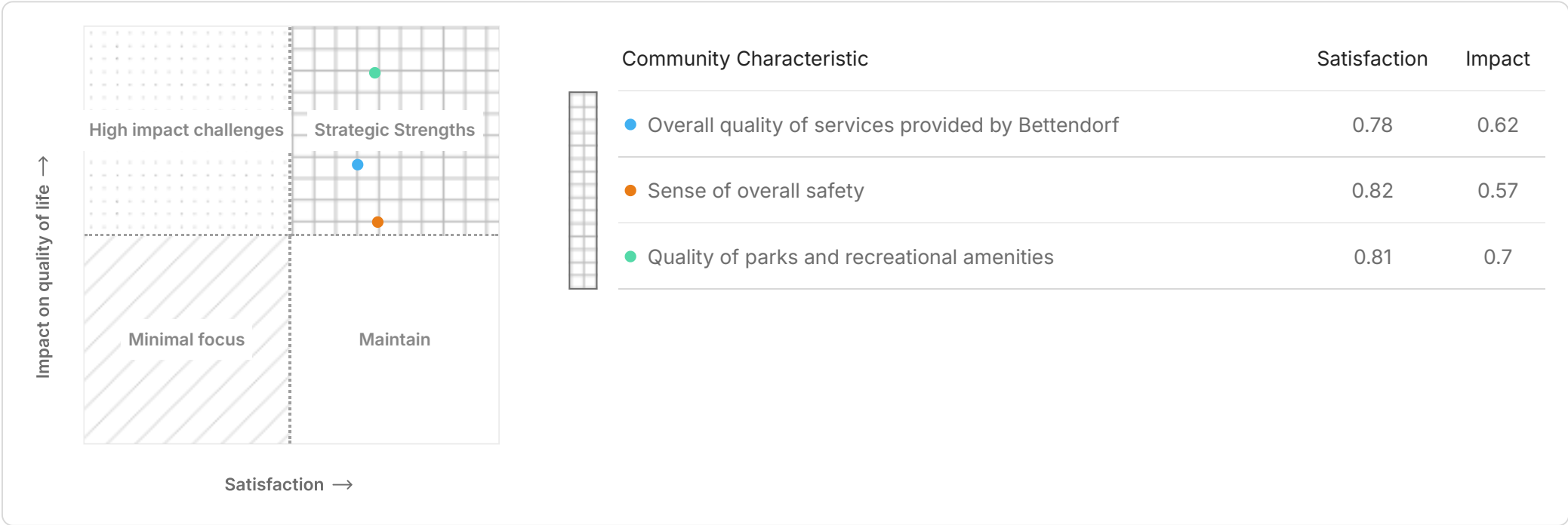
High Impact Challenges (Low satisfaction, High impact)

These are lower satisfaction areas that significantly affect residents' lives and community well-being; as such, they are high-impact challenges that should be prioritized.



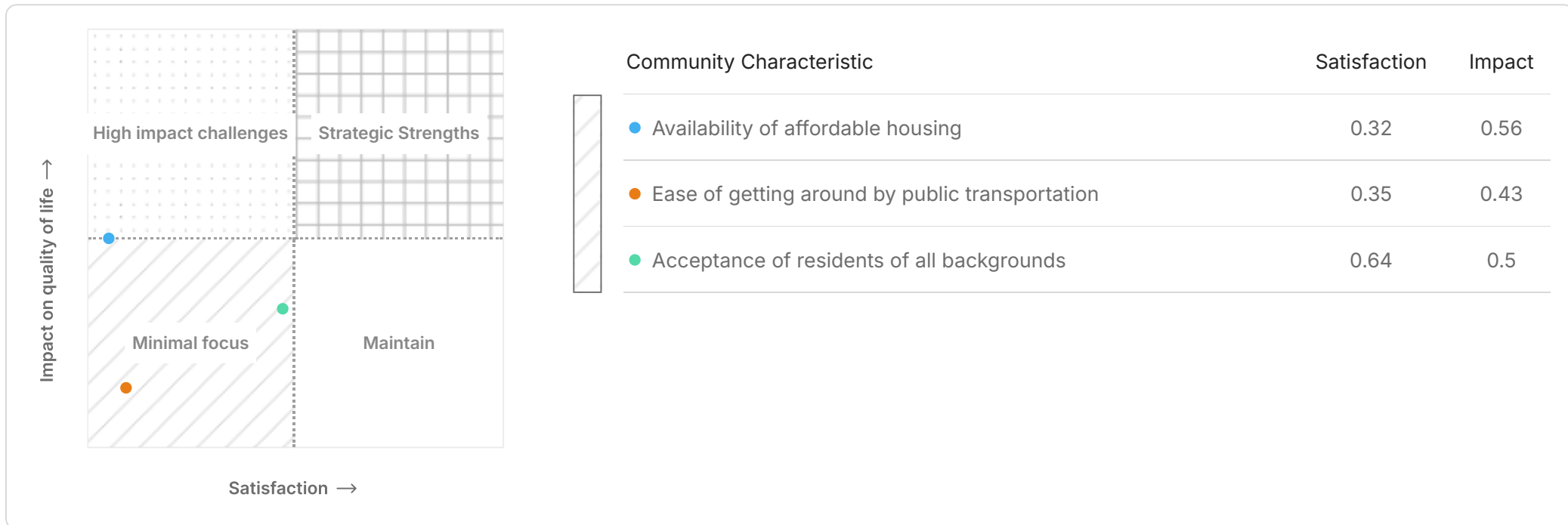
Strategic Strengths (High satisfaction, High impact)

These are characteristics that residents value highly and are satisfied with. Maintain or leverage these as community strengths.



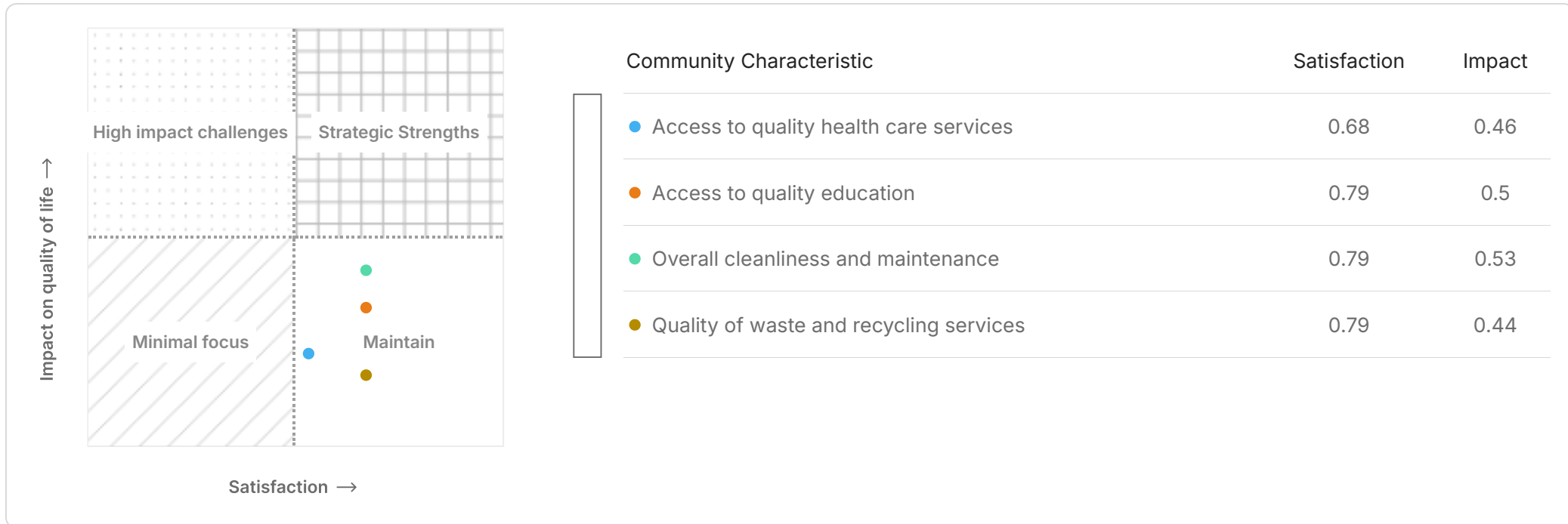
Minimal Focus (Low satisfaction, Low impact)

These are lower satisfaction areas that do not strongly influence quality of life, suggesting a lower priority for investment unless specific strategic goals apply.



Maintain (High satisfaction, Low impact)

These are well-regarded characteristics with a smaller influence on the overall quality of life. While they can be maintained efficiently, they may warrant attention if they align with specific strategic goals.



Focus Areas

The next pages highlight community characteristics of interest and provide insights into these characteristics, along with breakdowns by relevant groups for further analysis.

These insights are designed to support targeted strategic planning and deeper analysis. Where applicable, follow-up questions were included, focusing on responses that highlighted challenges (e.g., low ratings).

Follow-up questions in Zencity surveys gather detailed feedback, clarify responses, or provide context triggered by prior answers to help address issues or improve services.

Availability of affordable housing

32%

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Neutral

36% • ↑ 1%

Negative

32% • ↓ 1%

GENDER

Female

34% ↑ 6%-pt 

Male

30% ↓ 7%-pt 

AGE

18-34

39% ↓ 6%-pt 

35-54

24% -- 0%-pt 

55+

35% ↑ 3%-pt 

INCOME

\$49,999 or less

27% ↓ 7%-pt 

\$50,000-\$149,999

32% -- 0%-pt 

\$150,000 or more

39% ↑ 7%-pt 

EDUCATION

High school degree or less

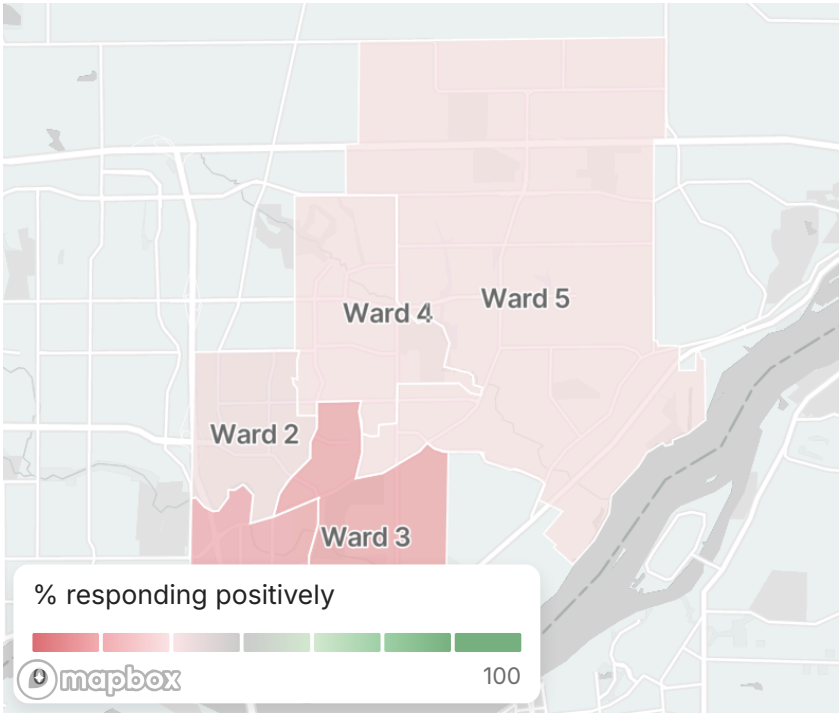
23% ↓ 6%-pt 




Some college or college degree

31% -- 0%-pt 

Higher education degree

51% ↑ 9%-pt 



AREA			
Ward 1	24%	↓ 4%-pt	
Ward 2 	38%	↓ 2%-pt	
Ward 3 	21%	--	
Ward 4 	36%	↑ 7%-pt	
Ward 5	36%	↑ 5%-pt	

Quality of parks and recreational amenities

81% ∨ 2%

Neutral
14% • ↑ 1%

Negative
5% • ↑ 1%

GENDER

Female **80%** ↓ 8%-pt 

Male **82%** ↑ 3%-pt 

AGE

18-34 **69%** ↓ 12%-pt 

35-54 **81%** ↓ 4%-pt 

55+ **88%** ↑ 4%-pt 

INCOME

\$49,999 or less **66%** ↓ 24%-pt 

\$50,000-\$149,999 **86%** ↑ 1%-pt 

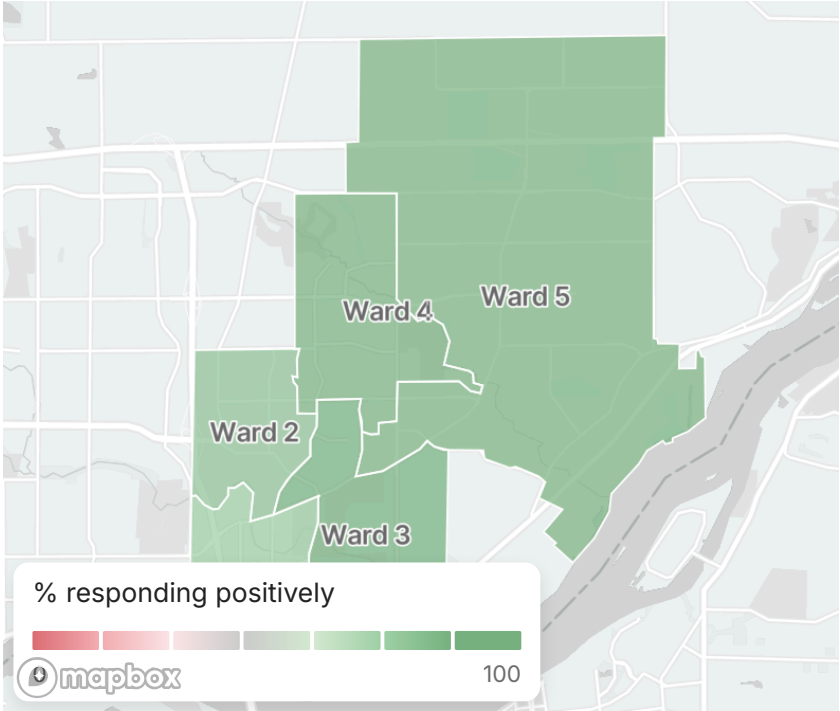
\$150,000 or more **84%** ↑ 10%-pt 




EDUCATION

High school degree or less **67%** ↓ 13%-pt 

Some college or college degree **85%** ↑ 2%-pt 

Higher education degree **89%** ↑ 2%-pt 



AREA	Percentage	Change	Point	Visual
Ward 1	71%	↓	13%-pt	
Ward 2 	76%	↓	10%-pt	
Ward 3 	86%	↑	6%-pt	
Ward 4 	85%	↑	7%-pt	
Ward 5	84%	--	0%-pt	

Community Benchmark

We aim to help Zencity clients understand their results and put them into context. To that end, we will compare Bettendorf's results to the United States as a whole and against communities with similar characteristics such as size, population density, and region (their "cohort").

These cohorts help to distinguish patterns unique to each client from those that are common in similar communities.

How we compare Bettendorf to other similar communities

Creating the cohorts

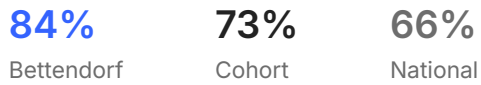
First, all cities, towns, and counties in the US--not just Zencity clients--are put into cohorts based on geography and demographics using a method known as cluster analysis. This method balances a range of different characteristics to put communities into cohorts that are statistically similar to one another. The result of this step is one set of cohorts for cities and towns and a second set for counties.

We chose this method to create objectively similar groups of communities with respect to characteristics that are likely to be correlated with answers to the survey questions. By creating cohorts of larger sets of communities we have found that our benchmark baselines tend to be more reliable than they would be if we had direct comparisons of a small number of communities. See our Help Site for more information on cohorts, including the full list of communities in your cohort.

Creating cohort scores and national benchmark scores

The Zencity National Benchmark Survey is conducted semiannually, collecting about 5000 responses across the country. The cohort scores are the weighted average of scores for respondents in each cohort. These weights are calculated to match the client's own demographics, to make them directly comparable to the clients' scores. National scores are calculated in a similar manner.

The overall quality of life in Bettendorf is **11% higher** than its cohort and **higher** than the national score.



- Bettendorf
- Cohort
- ▲ National

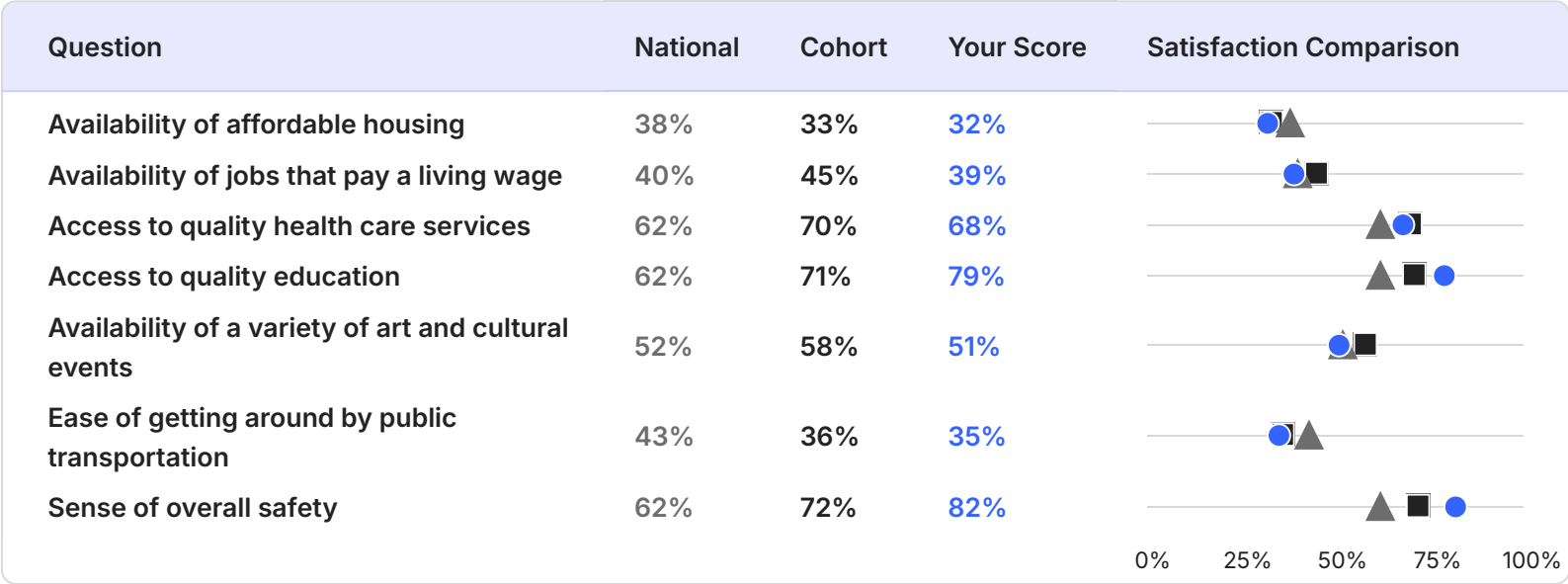
Question	National	Cohort	Your Score	Satisfaction Comparison
How is the overall quality of life in Bettendorf?	66%	73%	84%	
How likely are you to recommend Bettendorf as a place to live?	63%	68%	78%	
How likely are you to be living in Bettendorf 5 years from now?	64%	66%	72%	

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Satisfaction with Life in Bettendorf

Breakdown by characteristic


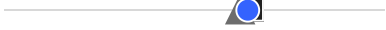



- Bettendorf
- Cohort
- ▲ National



Satisfaction with Life in Bettendorf

Breakdown by characteristic

- Bettendorf
- Cohort
- ▲ National

Question	National	Cohort	Your Score	Satisfaction Comparison
Sense of community among residents	53%	56%	61%	
Acceptance of residents of all backgrounds	62%	65%	64%	
Overall cleanliness and maintenance	61%	72%	79%	
Quality of parks and recreational amenities	64%	74%	81%	
Quality of waste and recycling services	63%	70%	79%	

Free-Text Responses

Respondents were asked open-ended questions about what the Bettendorf government does well and how Bettendorf could improve its services.

This section presents the main themes from both questions. Using our proprietary AI algorithm, responses are analyzed and categorized into

unique topics and subtopics for Bettendorf, with multiple labels assigned to responses when relevant.

To ensure comprehensive information, responses that have been flagged as invalid (e.g., under 18, missing demographic data, or invalid zip codes

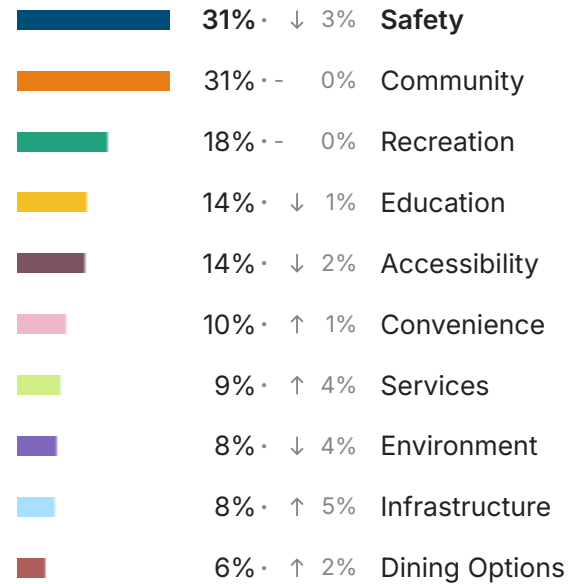
but claiming residency in Bettendorf), as well as responses collected through self-distribution efforts, are analyzed in the free-text responses but excluded from the quantitative results.

BETA

Question:
What is your favorite thing about living in Bettendorf?

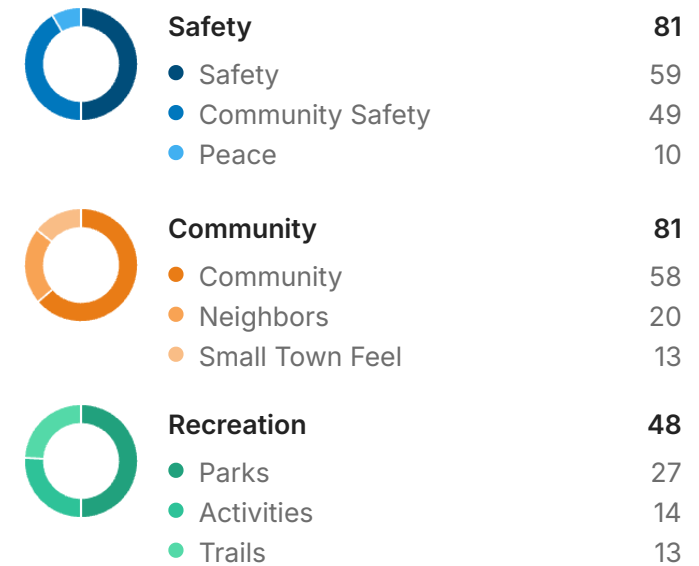
Most Common Topics

265 labeled responses out of 333



Top 3 Topics Breakdown

Number of responses by leading subtopic

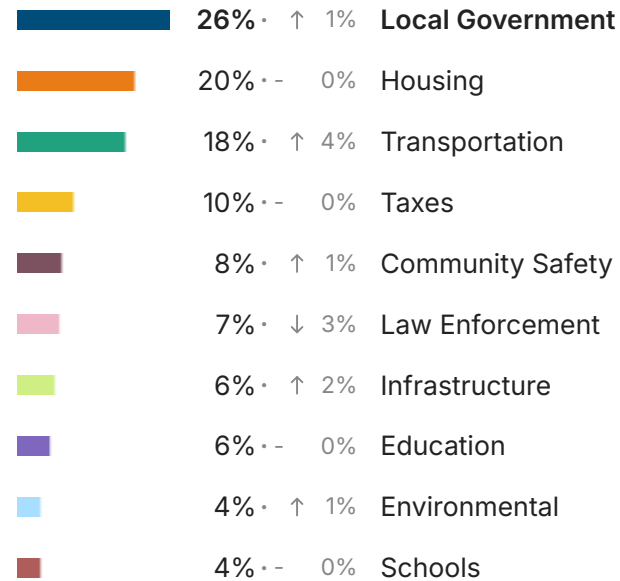


BETA

Question:
What is the thing you would most want to change about life in Bettendorf?

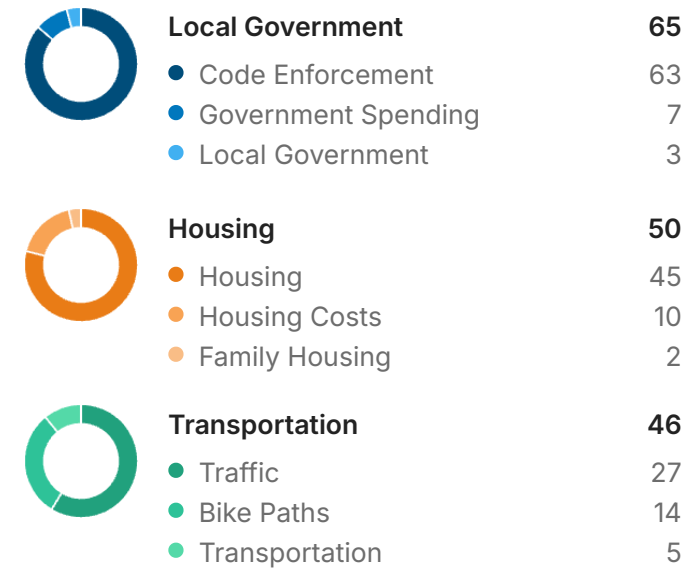
Most Common Topics

251 labeled responses out of 333



Top 3 Topics Breakdown

Number of responses by leading subtopic



The Questionnaire

Questions	Choices
How is the overall quality of life in Bettendorf? *	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
How likely are you to recommend Bettendorf as a place to live? *	1 - 5 Scale (Very unlikely - Very likely)
How likely are you to be living in Bettendorf 5 years from now? *	1 - 5 Scale (Very unlikely - Very likely)
Availability of affordable housing	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Availability of jobs that pay a living wage	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Access to quality health care services	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Access to quality education	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Availability of a variety of art and cultural events	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Ease of getting around by public transportation	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)

Questions	Choices
Sense of overall safety	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Sense of community among residents	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Acceptance of residents of all backgrounds	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Ability of residents to give input to the Bettendorf government	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Overall cleanliness and maintenance	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Quality of parks and recreational amenities	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Quality of waste and recycling services	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
Overall quality of services provided by Bettendorf	1 - 5 Scale (Poor - Excellent)
What is your favorite thing about living in Bettendorf?	Open Ended

Questions	Choices
What is the thing you would most want to change about life in Bettendorf?	Open Ended
In what year were you born? *	Open Ended
Which of the following do you identify as? *	Male / Female / Prefer to self-describe
Please state the gender you identify as.	Open Ended
Which one of these statements best describes your current situation? *	Full-time employed / Part-time employed / Unemployed / Student / Apprentice/intern / In retirement or early retirement / Permanently disabled / Fulfilling domestic tasks or looking after children/family / Prefer not to say / Other
Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? *	Yes / No / Prefer not to say
What is your race? *	White / Black or African American / American Indian or Alaska Native / Asian / Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, or other Pacific Islander / Prefer not to say / Other
Is your home: *	Owned by you or someone in your household, with or without a mortgage or loan? / Rented? / Occupied without payment of rent? / Prefer not to say
What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? *	Less than a high school diploma / High school graduate or GED / Some college but no degree / Associate degree in college / Bachelor's degree (For example: BA, AB, BS) / Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MBA) / Professional School Degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD) / Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD) / Prefer not to say

Questions	Choices
Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household at least half of the time? *	Yes / No / Prefer not to say
Were you born in the United States? *	Yes, born in the United States / No, born outside the United States / Prefer not to say
Which category best represents your household's total income over the past year? *	\$14,999 or less / \$15,000-\$29,999 / \$30,000-\$49,999 / \$50,000-\$74,999 / \$75,000-\$99,999 / \$100,000-\$124,999 / \$125,000-\$149,999 / \$150,000-\$199,999 / \$200,000-\$299,999 / \$300,000 or more / Prefer not to say



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