

Bedford, TX

The National Community Survey

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About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Bedford. A livable community is a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live. The survey was developed by the experts from National Research Center at Polco.

Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS captures residents’ opinions considering ten central facets of a community:

- Economy
- Mobility
- Community Design
- Utilities
- Safety
- Natural Environment
- Parks and Recreation
- Health and Wellness
- Education, Arts, and Culture
- Inclusivity and Engagement

The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 2700 residents of the City of Bedford collected from January 27, 2022 to March 17, 2022. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 6% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2022 survey was 12%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Bedford.

How the results are reported

For the most part, the percentages presented in the following tabs represent the “percent positive.” Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, etc.). On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in the tab “Complete data.” However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in most of the tabs. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Comparisons to benchmarks

NRC’s database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 600 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Community Survey. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community in the last five years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. In each tab, Bedford’s results are noted as being “higher” than the benchmark, “lower” than the benchmark, or “similar” to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Bedford residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Bedford’s average rating for a particular item was more than 10 points different than the benchmark. If a rating was “much higher” or “much lower,” then Bedford’s average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

The survey was administered during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time of challenge for many local governments. While we provide comparisons to national benchmarks, it is important to note that much of the benchmark data was collected prior to the pandemic. This may impact how your City’s 2022 ratings compare to other communities’ ratings from the past five years.



Methods

Selecting survey recipients

All households within the City of Bedford were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Bedford was purchased from Go-Dog Direct based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Bedford households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the community, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to community boundaries using the most current municipal boundary file. Addresses located outside of the City of Bedford boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. From that list, addresses were randomly selected as survey recipients, with multi-family housing units (defined as those with a unit number) sampled at a rate of 5:3 compared to single family housing units.

An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the “person whose birthday has most recently passed” to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the introduction of the survey.

Conducting the survey

The 2,700 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on January 27th, 2022 and the survey remained open for 7 weeks. For 1,200 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate in the survey. The next mailing contained a cover letter with instructions, the survey questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. For the remaining 1,500 households, the first mailing was a postcard inviting the household to participate, followed one week later by a reminder postcard. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online. All follow-up mailings asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who had already done so to refrain from completing the survey again.

About 4% of the 2700 mailed invitations or surveys were returned because the household address was vacant or the postal service was unable to deliver the survey as addressed. Of the remaining 2,599 households that received the invitations to participate, 320 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 12%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR’s response rate #2* for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents’ opinions are relied on to estimate all residents’ opinions. The margin of error for the City of Bedford survey is no greater than plus or minus six percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (320 completed surveys).

In addition to the randomly selected “probability sample” of households, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the City of Bedford. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; a question asking if the respondent lives within the city limits of Bedford and a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on March 3, 2022. The survey remained open for 2 weeks. The data presented in the following tabs exclude the open participation survey data, but a tab at the end provides the complete frequency of responses to questions by the open participation respondents.

Analyzing the data

Responses from mailed surveys were entered into an electronic dataset using a “key and verify” method, where all responses are entered twice and compared to each other. Any discrepancies were resolved in comparison to the original survey form. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed. Responses from surveys completed on Polco were downloaded and merged with the mailed survey responses.

The demographics of the survey respondents were compared to those found in the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Bedford. The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey respondents reflective of the larger population of the community. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.* The results of the weighting scheme for the probability sample are presented in the following table.

NRC aligns demographic labels with those used by the U.S. Census for reporting purposes, when possible. Some categories (e.g., age, race/Hispanic origin, housing type, and length of residency) are combined into smaller subgroups.

		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	10%	29%	29%
	35-54	27%	32%	32%
	55+	63%	39%	39%
Hispanic origin	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	93%	88%	88%
	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	7%	12%	12%
Housing tenure	Own	83%	54%	54%
	Rent	17%	46%	46%
Housing type	Attached	21%	44%	44%
	Detached	79%	56%	56%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	21%	32%	32%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	79%	68%	68%
Sex	Female	59%	54%	54%
	Male	41%	46%	46%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	5%	15%	15%
	Female 35-54	19%	17%	17%
	Female 55+	34%	23%	23%
	Male 18-34	4%	14%	14%
	Male 35-54	8%	15%	15%
	Male 55+	29%	17%	17%

The survey datasets were analyzed using all or some of a combination of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), R, Python, and Tableau. For the most part, the percentages presented in the reports represent the “percent positive.” The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good, very safe/somewhat safe, essential/very important, etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating “yes” or participating in an activity at least once a month.

On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in the tab “Complete data”. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the reports. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

Contact

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Survey Validity

See the Polco Knowledge Base article on survey validity at <https://info.polco.us/knowledge/statistical-vali>

* See AAPOR’s Standard Definitions for more information at

<https://www.aapor.org/Publications-Media/AAPOR-Journals/Standard-Definitions.aspx>

* Pasek, J. (2010). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from

<https://web.stanford.edu/group/iriss/cgi-bin/anesrake/resources/RakingDescription.pdf>

* Targets come from the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey

Highlights

Residents in Bedford Experience a high quality of life and feel safe in their community.

About 9 in 10 residents gave positive ratings to the overall quality of life in Bedford, the city as a place to live, and Bedford as a place to raise children. Each of these was on par with comparison communities across the nation. A similar proportion of residents indicated that they would both recommend living in Bedford to someone who asked, and planned to remain in the City for the next five years. About three quarters had positive views toward both the overall image of the City and Bedford as a place to retire.

Overall feelings of safety, along with safety-related services, contribute to the high quality of life experienced in Bedford. More than 8 in 10 residents gave the city a rating of excellent or good for the overall feeling of safety and about 9 in 10 reported feeling very or somewhat safe in both their neighborhood and Bedford's downtown/commercial area during the day. Further, about 90% of those surveyed reported feeling safe from fire, flood, and other natural disasters. Safety-related services also garnered praise from the community. Virtually all residents approved of ambulance/EMS services (98% excellent or good) and fire services (98%). A strong majority also gave positive marks to police services (84%), animal control (83%), fire prevention (81%), and crime prevention (77%). Bedford's animal control services scored higher than the national benchmark.

Economy is a priority for residents and poses an opportunity for the City's additional focus.

When asked about which general aspects of the community the City should focus on in the next two years, about 9 in 10 respondents identified overall economic health as an area of priority. In comparison, about 7 in 10 residents gave positive ratings to the quality of economic health in Bedford (70% excellent or good), identifying it as a potential area of growth and focus for the coming years. While about 70% of respondents gave favorable assessments of the quality and variety of business and service establishments in the city, shopping opportunities and the vibrancy of the downtown area were scored positively by only about half.

In terms of income, employment opportunities were scored as excellent or good by less than half of residents and only one-quarter of respondents felt the economy would not have a positive impact on their family income in the next six months. Each of the economic ratings given to Bedford was in line with the nation, indicating the experience of the city is similar to other communities across the country.

Residents consider mobility a priority and praise the ease of travel in the city.

Residents identified the overall quality of the transportation system in Bedford as an area of priority with 70% deeming it essential or very important for the City to focus on in the next two years. The community gave high ratings to the ease of travel by car (88% excellent or good), ease of public parking (79%), and traffic flow on major streets (76%); all of which were rated higher than both national and peer benchmarks. A majority of residents gave positive marks to the ease of walking (61%), and about half the ease of travel by bicycle (46%). When asked about alternate modes of transportation, a low percentage of residents reported having walked or biked instead of driving (44%) or carpooled (28%) in the past year.

Transportation services in Bedford were rated on par with the nation with about three-quarters scoring traffic enforcement positively and about two-thirds giving favorable assessments to traffic signal timing, street cleaning, sidewalk maintenance, and street lighting. Street repair and snow removal scored lower with about half giving a rating of excellent or good.

Health and wellness is an asset to the City of Bedford

Health and wellness overall was one of the highest-rated facets for Bedford, an important finding in light of the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to impact much of the country. Health services received one of the highest ratings in the survey, with about 85% of residents rating the service as excellent or good. This assessment surpassed both national and peer benchmarks. About 8 in 10 residents rated the availability of affordable quality healthcare and preventative health services as excellent or good, scores again higher than the national and peer city benchmarks. Mental health care also received positive ratings by about two-thirds of survey respondents, scoring higher than peer communities.

Facets of livability

Resident perceptions of quality and importance for each of the facets of community livability provide an overview of community strengths and challenges that are useful for planning, budgeting and performance evaluation. The charts below show the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local ratings were lower, similar, or higher than communities across the country (the national benchmark).

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
 (% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall economic health	70%	Similar
Overall quality of the transportation system	37%	Lower
Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	74%	Similar
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	71%	Similar
Overall feeling of safety	82%	Similar
Overall quality of natural environment	71%	Similar
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	68%	Similar
Overall health and wellness opportunities	74%	Similar
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	61%	Similar
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	52%	Similar

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.
 (% essential or very important)

Overall economic health	94%	Similar
Overall quality of the transportation system	70%	Similar
Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	73%	Similar
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	90%	Similar
Overall feeling of safety	91%	Similar
Overall quality of natural environment	75%	Similar
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	82%	Similar
Overall health and wellness opportunities	77%	Similar
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	77%	Similar
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	72%	Similar

* Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

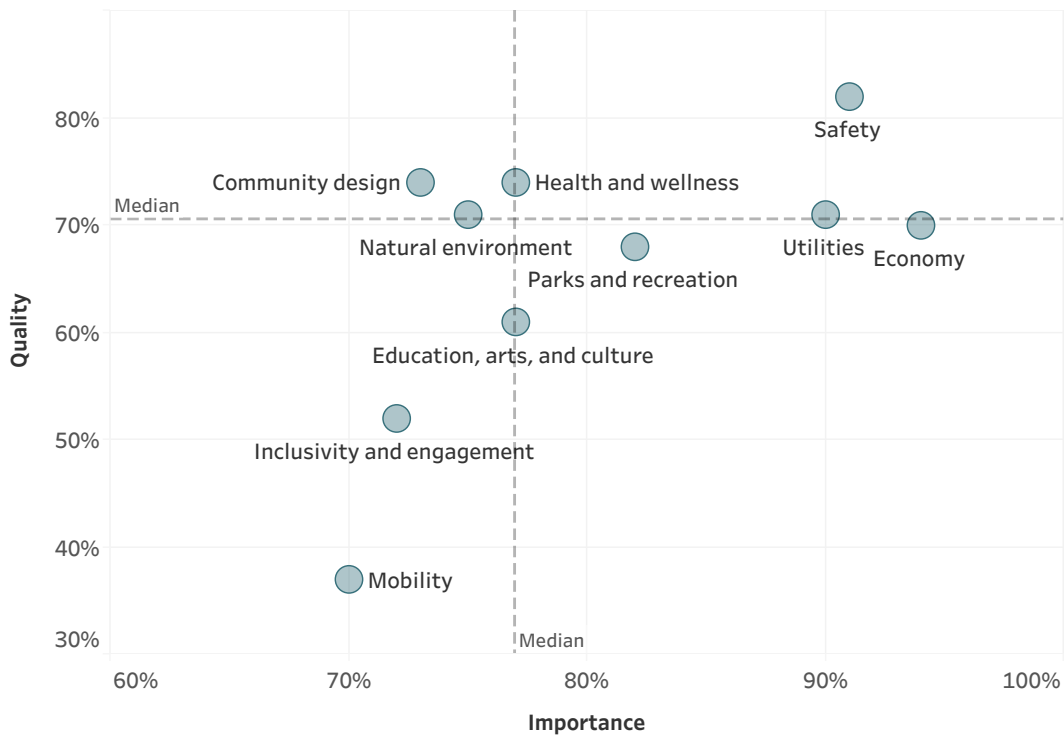
Balancing performance and importance

Every jurisdiction must balance limited resources while meeting resident needs and striving to optimize community livability. To this end, it is helpful to know what aspects of the community are most important to residents and which they perceive as being of higher or lower quality. It is especially helpful to know when a facet of livability is considered of high importance but rated as lower quality, as this should be a top priority to address.

To help guide City staff and officials with decisions on future resource allocation, resident ratings of the importance of services were compared to their ratings of the quality of these services. To identify the services perceived by residents to have relatively lower quality at the same time as relatively higher importance, all services were ranked from highest perceived quality to lowest perceived quality and from highest perceived importance to lowest perceived importance. Some services were in the top half of both lists (higher quality and higher importance); some were in the top half of one list but the bottom half of the other (higher quality and lower importance or lower quality and higher importance); and some services were in the bottom half of both lists.

Services receiving quality ratings of excellent or good by 70% or more of respondents were considered of “higher quality” and those with ratings lower than 70% were considered to be of “lower quality.” Services were classified as “more important” if they were rated as essential or very important by 77% or more of respondents. Services were rated as “less important” if they received a rating of less than 77%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings are more commensurate with resident priorities. Facets scoring closest to the lower right hand corner of the matrix (higher in importance and lower in quality) are those that may warrant further investigation to see if changes to their delivery are necessary to improve their performance. This is the key part of this chart on which to focus. Facets falling in the top left hand corner of the chart (lower in importance but higher in quality) are areas where performance may outscore resident priorities, and may be a consideration for lower resource allocation.



Quality of life

Measuring community livability starts with assessing the quality of life of those who live there, and ensuring that the community is attractive, accessible, and welcoming to all.

The overall quality of life in Bedford



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
The overall quality of life	92%	Similar
Bedford as a place to live	91%	Similar

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.
(% very or somewhat likely)

Recommend living in Bedford to someone who asks	92%	Similar
Remain in Bedford for the next five years	86%	Similar

Please rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

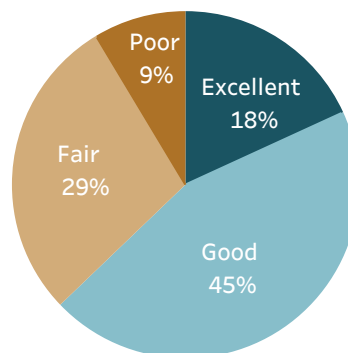
Overall image or reputation	73%	Similar
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Governance

Strong local governments produce results that meet the needs of residents while making the best use of available resources, and are responsive to the present and future needs of the community as a whole.

Overall confidence in Bedford government



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall customer service by Bedford employees	85%	Similar
Public information services	80%	Similar

Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.
(% excellent or good)

Treating residents with respect	77%	Similar
The overall direction that Bedford is taking	69%	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	68%	Similar
Being honest	67%	Similar
Treating all residents fairly	65%	Similar
The value of services for the taxes paid to Bedford	65%	Similar
Being open and transparent to the public	64%	Similar
The job Bedford government does at welcoming resident involvement	64%	Higher
Overall confidence in Bedford government	63%	Similar
Informing residents about issues facing the community	62%	Similar

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?
(% excellent or good)

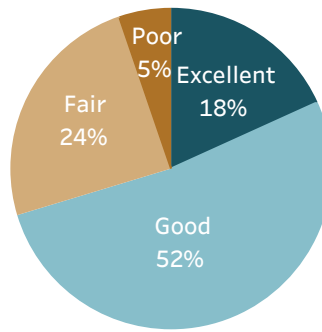
The City of Bedford	79%	Similar
The Federal Government	35%	Similar

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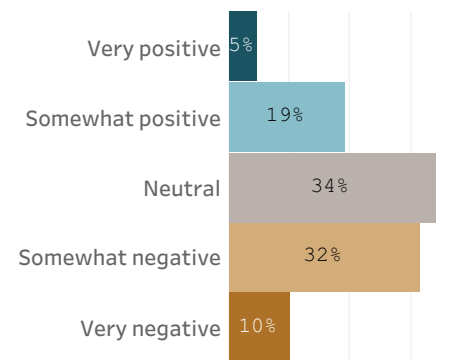
Economy

Local governments work together with private and nonprofit businesses, and with the community at large, to foster sustainable growth, create jobs, and promote a thriving local economy.

Overall economic health of Bedford



What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford. (% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Bedford as a place to work	62%	Similar
Bedford as a place to visit	54%	Similar

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole. (% excellent or good)

Overall economic health	70%	Similar
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Please rate each of the following in the Bedford community. (% excellent or good)

Overall quality of business and service establishments	73%	Similar
Variety of business and service establishments	68%	Similar
Cost of living	51%	Similar
Shopping opportunities	51%	Similar
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	48%	Similar
Employment opportunities	46%	Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford. (% excellent or good)

Economic development	60%	Similar
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What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:
(% very or somewhat positive)

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:

24%

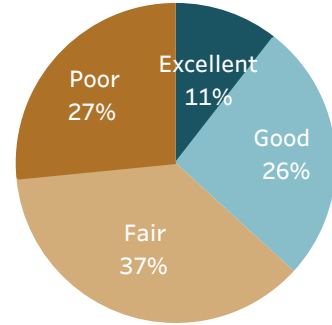
Similar

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Mobility

The ease with which residents can move about their communities, whether for commuting, leisure, or recreation, plays a major role in the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in the community.

Overall quality of the transportation system in Bedford



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall quality of the transportation system	37%	Lower

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

Ease of travel by car	88%	Higher
Ease of public parking	79%	Higher
Traffic flow on major streets	76%	Higher
Ease of walking	61%	Similar
Ease of travel by bicycle	46%	Similar

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
(% yes)

Walked or biked instead of driving	44%	Lower
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	28%	Lower

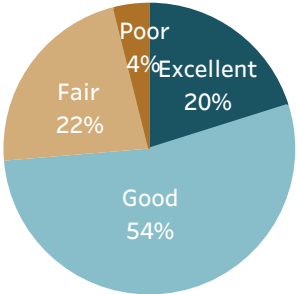
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

Traffic enforcement	74%	Similar
Traffic signal timing	63%	Similar

Street cleaning	61%	Similar
Sidewalk maintenance	57%	Similar
Street lighting	56%	Similar
Street repair	50%	Similar
Snow removal	47%	Lower

* Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

Overall design or layout of Bedford's residential and commercial areas



Community design

A well-designed community enhances the quality of life for its residents by encouraging smart land use and zoning, ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all, and providing access to parks and other green spaces.

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

vs. benchmark*

Your neighborhood as a place to live	85%	Similar
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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	74%	Similar
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Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

Overall appearance	73%	Similar
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	69%	Similar
Well-designed neighborhoods	68%	Similar
Variety of housing options	62%	Similar
Public places where people want to spend time	55%	Similar
Well-planned residential growth	51%	Similar
Overall quality of new development	51%	Similar
Well-planned commercial growth	48%	Similar
Availability of affordable quality housing	47%	Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

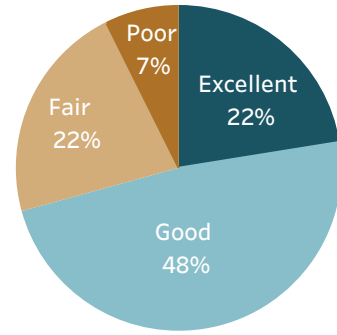
Code enforcement	57%	Similar
Land use, planning and zoning	51%	Similar

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Utilities

Services such as water, gas, electricity, and internet access play a vital role in ensuring the physical and economic health and well-being of the communities they serve.

Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Bedford



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

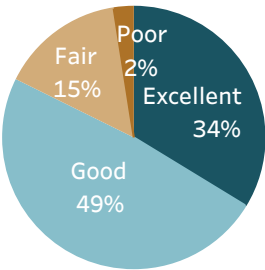
		vs. benchmark*
Garbage collection	88%	Similar
Storm water management	86%	Higher
Sewer services	85%	Similar
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	80%	Similar
Utility billing	75%	Similar
Drinking water	74%	Similar
Affordable high-speed internet access	60%	Similar

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	71%	Similar
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Overall feeling of safety in Bedford



Safety

Public safety is often the most important task facing local governments. All residents should feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and in the greater community, and providing robust safety-related services is essential to residents’ quality of life.

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole. (% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall feeling of safety	82%	Similar

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel: (% very or somewhat safe)

In your neighborhood during the day	95%	Similar
In Bedford’s downtown/commercial area during the day	90%	Similar
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	84%	Similar
From violent crime	84%	Similar
From property crime	72%	Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford. (% excellent or good)

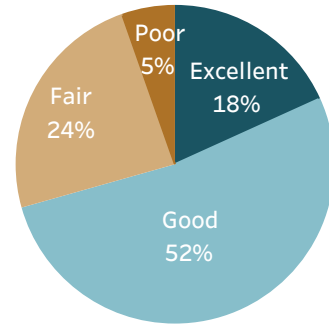
Ambulance or emergency medical services	98%	Similar
Fire services	98%	Similar
Police/Sheriff services	84%	Similar
Animal control	83%	Higher
Fire prevention and education	81%	Similar
Crime prevention	77%	Similar
Emergency preparedness	67%	Similar

* Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

Natural environment

The natural environment plays a vital role in the health and well-being of residents. The natural spaces in which residents live and experience their communities has a direct and profound effect on quality of life.

Overall quality of natural environment in Bedford



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall quality of natural environment	71%	Similar

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

Cleanliness	80%	Similar
Air quality	80%	Similar
Water resources	32%	Much lower

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

Recycling	74%	Similar
Bedford open space	58%	Similar
Preservation of natural areas	56%	Similar

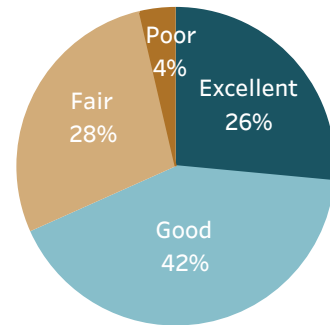
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Parks and recreation

“There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment.”

- National Recreation and Park Association

Overall quality of the parks and recreation opportunities



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	68%	Similar

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

Availability of paths and walking trails	65%	Similar
Fitness opportunities	65%	Similar
Recreational opportunities	57%	Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

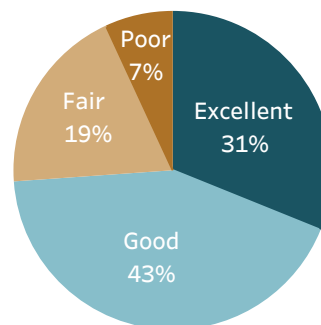
City parks	73%	Similar
Recreation programs or classes	69%	Similar
Recreation centers or facilities	66%	Similar

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Health and wellness

The characteristics of and amenities available in the communities in which people live has a direct impact on the health and wellness of residents, and thus, on their quality of life overall.

Overall health and wellness opportunities in Bedford



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall health and wellness opportunities	74%	Similar

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

Availability of affordable quality health care	79%	Higher
Availability of preventive health services	78%	Higher
Availability of affordable quality food	75%	Similar
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	64%	Higher

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

Health services	85%	Higher
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Please rate your overall health.
(% excellent or very good)

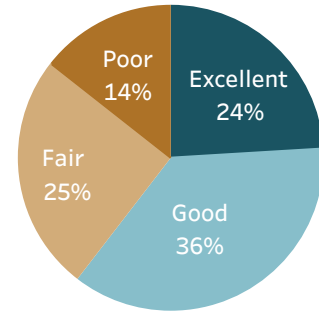
Please rate your overall health.	64%	Similar
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Education, arts, and culture

Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.

Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts



Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	61%	Similar

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

K-12 education	81%	Similar
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	69%	Similar
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	63%	Similar
Community support for the arts	62%	Similar
Adult educational opportunities	58%	Similar
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	53%	Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

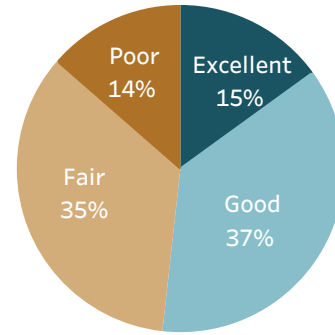
Public library services	95%	Higher
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Inclusivity and engagement

Inclusivity refers to a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging; residents who feel invited to participate within their communities feel more included, involved, and engaged than those who do not.

Residents' connection and engagement with their community



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.
(% excellent or good)

		vs. benchmark*
Bedford as a place to raise children	91%	Similar
Bedford as a place to retire	77%	Similar
Sense of community	70%	Similar

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

Residents' connection and engagement with their community	52%	Similar
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Please rate the job you feel the Bedford community does at each of the following.
(% excellent or good)

Making all residents feel welcome	69%	Similar
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	68%	Similar
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	67%	Similar
Taking care of vulnerable residents	65%	Similar

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.
(% excellent or good)

Opportunities to volunteer	76%	Similar
Neighborliness of residents	68%	Similar
Opportunities to participate in community matters	66%	Similar

Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	65%	Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	64%	Similar
Sense of civic/community pride	62%	Similar

* Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

Residents' participation levels

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
(% yes)

		vs. benchmark*
Voted in your most recent local election	71%	Similar
Contacted the City of Bedford for help or information	48%	Similar
Watched a local public meeting	29%	Similar
Volunteered your time to some group/activity	19%	Lower
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	16%	Similar
Contacted Bedford elected officials to express your opinion	15%	Similar
Attended a local public meeting	14%	Similar

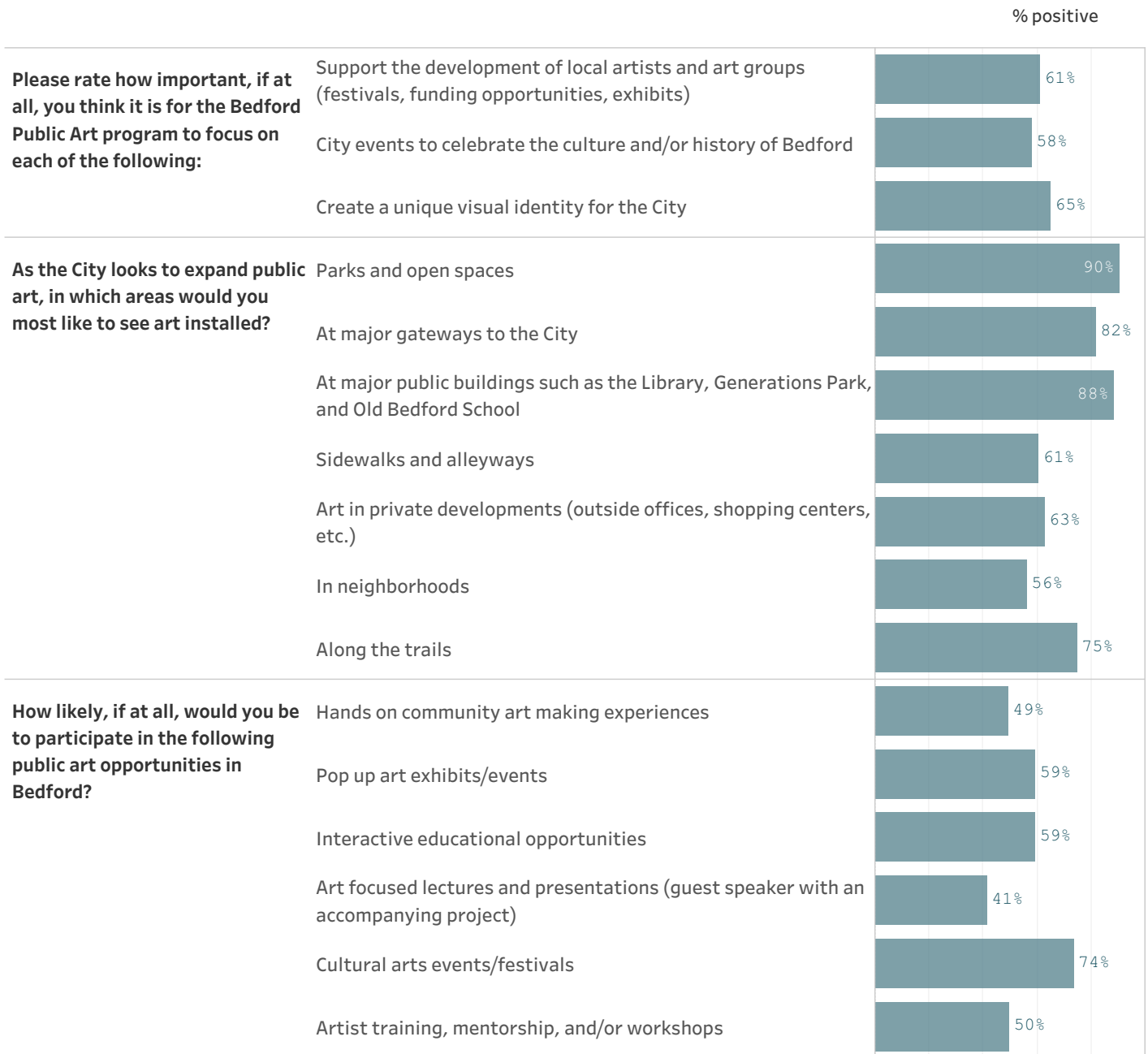
In general, how many times do you:
(% a few times a week or more)

Use or check email	94%	Similar
Access the internet from your home	94%	Similar
Access the internet from your cell phone	94%	Similar
Visit social media sites	80%	Similar
Shop online	60%	Similar
Share your opinions online	40%	Similar

* Comparison to the national benchmark is shown. If no comparison is available, this is left blank.

Custom questions

Below are the results of each custom question on the survey. The percentage of positive responses (Essential/Very Important/Somewhat important or High priority/Medium priority or Very likely/Somewhat likely) is shown. By default, “don’t know” responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter below.



National benchmark tables

This table contains the comparisons of Bedford's results to those from other communities. The first column shows the comparison of Bedford's rating to the benchmark. Bedford's results are noted as being "higher", "lower" or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Bedford residents is statistically similar to or different than the benchmark. The second column is Bedford's "percent positive." Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good). The third column is the rank assigned to Bedford's rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The fourth column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The fifth column shows the percentile for Bedford's result -- that is what percent of surveyed communities had a lower rating than Bedford.

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.	Bedford as a place to live	Similar	91%	177	397	55
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	85%	159	330	52
	Bedford as a place to raise children	Similar	91%	141	399	64
	Bedford as a place to work	Similar	62%	232	382	39
	Bedford as a place to visit	Similar	54%	224	324	31
	Bedford as a place to retire	Similar	77%	73	384	81
	The overall quality of life	Similar	92%	138	440	68
	Sense of community	Similar	70%	112	332	66
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.	Overall economic health	Similar	70%	136	304	55
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Lower	37%	120	144	17
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	74%	63	298	79
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	71%	60	141	58
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	82%	188	380	50
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	71%	237	309	23
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	68%	110	147	25
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	74%	125	299	58
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	61%	178	302	41
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	52%	88	142	38
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Bedford to someone who asks	Similar	92%	88	315	72
	Remain in Bedford for the next five years	Similar	86%	108	308	65
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	95%	208	364	42
	In Bedford's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	90%	155	339	54

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Similar	72%	89	152	42
	From violent crime	Similar	84%	79	152	48
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	84%	80	140	43
Please rate the job you feel the Bedford community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	69%	68	147	54
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	68%	36	145	75
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	67%	53	145	64
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	65%	50	142	65
Please rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	73%	99	307	68
	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	68%	37	142	74
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	48%	173	288	40
	Employment opportunities	Similar	46%	143	336	57
	Shopping opportunities	Similar	51%	183	322	43
	Cost of living	Similar	51%	63	301	79
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	73%	211	377	44
Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Higher	76%	16	353	95
	Ease of public parking	Higher	79%	24	278	91
	Ease of travel by car	Higher	88%	34	332	90
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Similar	46%	208	334	38
	Ease of walking	Similar	61%	189	334	43
	Well-planned residential growth	Similar	51%	67	144	54
	Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	48%	61	144	58
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	68%	41	142	71
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Similar	69%	36	140	75
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	55%	184	294	37
	Variety of housing options	Similar	62%	82	310	73
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	47%	85	335	74
	Overall quality of new development	Similar	51%	183	328	44
	Overall appearance	Similar	73%	211	366	42
	Cleanliness	Similar	80%	168	336	50
	Water resources	Much lower	32%	117	129	10
	Air quality	Similar	80%	193	289	33

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	65%	184	338	45
	Fitness opportunities	Similar	65%	198	290	32
	Recreational opportunities	Similar	57%	246	321	23
	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	75%	64	285	77
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Higher	79%	30	298	90
	Availability of preventive health services	Higher	78%	40	281	86
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Higher	64%	21	281	92
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	53%	159	318	50
	Community support for the arts	Similar	62%	50	141	65
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	63%	77	296	74
	K-12 education	Similar	81%	98	301	67
	Adult educational opportunities	Similar	58%	164	287	43
	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	62%	69	141	51
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	68%	108	294	63
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	65%	109	301	64
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	69%	129	308	58
Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	76%	91	298	69	
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	66%	108	302	64	
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse ..	Similar	64%	92	326	72	
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Bedford for help or information	Similar	48%	146	355	59
	Contacted Bedford elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	15%	182	296	38
	Attended a local public meeting	Similar	14%	238	295	19
	Watched a local public meeting	Similar	29%	74	274	73
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Lower	19%	273	300	9
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Similar	16%	206	284	27
	Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	71%	102	143	29
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	Lower	28%	285	289	1
	Walked or biked instead of driving	Lower	44%	233	293	20
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.	Public information services	Similar	80%	58	320	82
	Economic development	Similar	60%	138	311	55
	Traffic enforcement	Similar	74%	108	380	71

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.

Traffic signal timing	Similar	63%	54	300	82
Street repair	Similar	50%	187	380	51
Street cleaning	Similar	61%	205	321	36
Street lighting	Similar	56%	219	361	39
Snow removal	Lower	47%	244	281	13
Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	57%	185	326	43
Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	51%	114	324	65
Code enforcement	Similar	57%	98	380	74
Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	60%	28	137	80
Garbage collection	Similar	88%	37	356	89
Drinking water	Similar	74%	164	323	49
Sewer services	Similar	85%	105	324	67
Storm water management	Higher	86%	30	348	91
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	80%	123	241	49
Utility billing	Similar	75%	76	276	72
Police/Sheriff services	Similar	84%	173	432	60
Crime prevention	Similar	77%	109	379	71
Animal control	Higher	83%	32	343	90
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	98%	60	342	82
Fire services	Similar	98%	79	375	79
Fire prevention and education	Similar	81%	138	313	56
Emergency preparedness	Similar	67%	144	312	54
Preservation of natural areas	Similar	56%	189	293	35
Bedford open space	Similar	58%	196	281	30
Recycling	Similar	74%	205	360	43
City parks	Similar	73%	254	338	25
Recreation programs or classes	Similar	69%	205	332	38
Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	66%	185	305	39
Health services	Higher	85%	33	272	88
Public library services	Higher	95%	25	348	93
Overall customer service by Bedford employees	Similar	85%	61	395	84

Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Bedford	Similar	65%	77	403	81
	The overall direction that Bedford is taking	Similar	69%	69	351	80
	The job Bedford government does at welcoming resident involvement	Higher	64%	35	345	90
	Overall confidence in Bedford government	Similar	63%	68	306	78
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	68%	60	309	80
	Being honest	Similar	67%	69	299	77
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	64%	37	147	75
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	62%	24	153	84
	Treating all residents fairly	Similar	65%	55	306	82
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	77%	24	144	84
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each ..	The City of Bedford	Similar	79%	115	400	71
	The Federal Government	Similar	35%	208	286	27
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Similar	94%	56	281	80
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	70%	80	140	43
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	73%	196	281	30
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	90%	29	139	79
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	91%	94	281	66
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	75%	215	281	23
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	82%	32	140	77
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	77%	97	281	65
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	77%	77	281	72
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	72%	182	281	35
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Similar	94%	81	140	42
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	94%	59	140	58
	Visit social media sites	Similar	80%	60	139	57
	Use or check email	Similar	94%	119	140	15
	Share your opinions online	Similar	40%	7	140	95
	Shop online	Similar	60%	44	140	69
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	64%	162	287	43
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family..	Similar	24%	212	290	27

Custom benchmark tables

This table contains the comparisons of Bedford's results to those from other communities in Southwestern States (AZ, OK, TX, UT) with a similar population as Bedford, as selected by City Staff. The first column shows the comparison of Bedford's rating to the benchmark. Bedford's results are noted as being "higher", "lower" or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Bedford residents is statistically similar to or different than the benchmark. The second column is Bedford's "percent positive." Most commonly, the percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., excellent/good). The third column is the rank assigned to Bedford's rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The fourth column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The fifth column shows the percentile for Bedford's result -- that is what percent of surveyed communities had a lower rating than Bedford.

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.	Bedford as a place to live	Similar	91%	7	28	78
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	85%	7	22	72
	Bedford as a place to raise children	Higher	91%	4	29	89
	Bedford as a place to work	Similar	62%	9	27	70
	Bedford as a place to visit	Similar	54%	12	21	47
	Bedford as a place to retire	Similar	77%	7	28	78
	The overall quality of life	Similar	92%	4	29	89
	Sense of community	Similar	70%	7	20	70
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.	Overall economic health	Similar	70%	6	19	73
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	37%	5	9	55
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Higher	74%	3	19	89
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	71%	4	9	66
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	82%	14	26	50
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	71%	11	19	47
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	68%	6	9	44
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	74%	6	18	72
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	61%	4	19	84
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	52%	5	9	55
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Bedford to someone who asks	Higher	92%	7	22	72
	Remain in Bedford for the next five years	Similar	86%	4	20	85
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	95%	10	25	64
	In Bedford's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	90%	7	21	71

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Similar	72%	5	9	55
	From violent crime	Similar	84%	5	9	55
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	84%	6	9	44
Please rate the job you feel the Bedford community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	69%	4	10	70
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	68%	3	9	77
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	67%	4	9	66
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	65%	3	9	77
Please rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	73%	3	21	90
	Variety of business and service establishments	Higher	68%	2	9	88
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	48%	8	19	63
	Employment opportunities	Similar	46%	4	22	86
	Shopping opportunities	Similar	51%	7	20	70
	Cost of living	Similar	51%	4	18	83
	Overall image or reputation	Similar	73%	9	22	63
Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Higher	76%	2	25	96
	Ease of public parking	Higher	79%	1	17	100
	Ease of travel by car	Higher	88%	3	20	90
	Ease of travel by bicycle	Similar	46%	8	19	63
	Ease of walking	Similar	61%	7	21	71
	Well-planned residential growth	Similar	51%	5	9	55
	Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	48%	5	9	55
	Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	68%	3	9	77
	Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Similar	69%	3	9	77
	Public places where people want to spend time	Similar	55%	8	18	61
	Variety of housing options	Similar	62%	5	18	77
	Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	47%	4	18	83
	Overall quality of new development	Similar	51%	13	23	47
	Overall appearance	Similar	73%	7	26	76
	Cleanliness	Higher	80%	6	21	76
	Water resources	Lower	32%	6	7	28
	Air quality	Similar	80%	10	17	47
	Availability of paths and walking trails	Similar	65%	8	23	69





























Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Fitness opportunities	Similar	65%	9	18	55	
	Recreational opportunities	Similar	57%	9	20	60	
	Availability of affordable quality food	Similar	75%	3	17	88	
	Availability of affordable quality health care	Higher	79%	2	17	94	
	Availability of preventive health services	Higher	78%	2	17	94	
	Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Higher	64%	2	18	94	
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	53%	5	20	80	
	Community support for the arts	Higher	62%	1	9	100	
	Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Higher	63%	4	18	83	
	K-12 education	Much higher	81%	2	15	93	
	Adult educational opportunities	Similar	58%	9	18	55	
	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	62%	5	9	55	
	Neighborliness of residents	Similar	68%	4	18	83	
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	65%	4	19	84	
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	69%	4	21	85	
	Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	76%	4	18	83	
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	66%	4	18	83	
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse ..	Similar	64%	4	19	84	
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Bedford for help or information	Similar	48%	11	25	60
		Contacted Bedford elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	15%	10	19	52
Attended a local public meeting		Similar	14%	14	18	27	
Watched a local public meeting		Similar	29%	5	17	76	
Volunteered your time to some group/activity		Lower	19%	14	18	27	
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate		Similar	16%	13	18	33	
Voted in your most recent local election		Similar	71%	6	9	44	
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone		Lower	28%	18	18	5	
Walked or biked instead of driving		Similar	44%	8	18	61	
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.	Public information services	Higher	80%	2	20	95	
	Economic development	Similar	60%	8	19	63	
	Traffic enforcement	Similar	74%	5	25	84	
	Traffic signal timing	Similar	63%	4	20	85	
	Street repair	Similar	50%	8	23	69	
































Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.	Street cleaning	Similar	61%	6	19	73
	Street lighting	Similar	56%	11	27	62
	Snow removal	Similar	47%	3	6	66
	Sidewalk maintenance	Similar	57%	8	21	66
	Land use, planning and zoning	Similar	51%	7	22	72
	Code enforcement	Similar	57%	7	28	78
	Affordable high-speed internet access	Higher	60%	2	9	88
	Garbage collection	Similar	88%	4	27	88
	Drinking water	Similar	74%	8	24	70
	Sewer services	Similar	85%	4	25	88
	Storm water management	Higher	86%	2	24	95
	Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Similar	80%	4	16	81
	Utility billing	Similar	75%	3	21	90
	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	84%	11	28	64
	Crime prevention	Similar	77%	4	25	88
	Animal control	Higher	83%	3	26	92
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	Similar	98%	2	22	95
	Fire services	Similar	98%	4	26	88
	Fire prevention and education	Similar	81%	7	21	71
	Emergency preparedness	Similar	67%	6	21	76
	Preservation of natural areas	Similar	56%	12	19	42
	Bedford open space	Similar	58%	11	18	44
	Recycling	Similar	74%	10	26	65
	City parks	Similar	73%	10	23	60
	Recreation programs or classes	Similar	69%	8	22	68
	Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	66%	8	18	61
	Health services	Higher	85%	2	16	93
	Public library services	Higher	95%	1	24	100
	Overall customer service by Bedford employees	Higher	85%	2	23	95
	Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Bedford	Similar	65%	1	28
The overall direction that Bedford is taking		Similar	69%	5	23	82
The job Bedford government does at welcoming resident involvement		Higher	64%	1	23	100
































Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.	Overall confidence in Bedford government	Higher	63%	2	19	94
	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Higher	68%	3	19	89
	Being honest	Similar	67%	3	19	89
	Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	64%	2	10	90
	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Higher	62%	1	10	100
	Treating all residents fairly	Higher	65%	1	19	100
	Treating residents with respect	Similar	77%	1	9	100
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each ..	The City of Bedford	Similar	79%	6	23	78
	The Federal Government	Similar	35%	11	17	41
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Similar	94%	6	18	72
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	70%	4	9	66
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Similar	73%	12	18	38
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	90%	4	9	66
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	91%	7	18	66
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	75%	10	18	50
	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	82%	2	9	88
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	77%	10	18	50
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	77%	7	18	66
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	72%	13	18	33
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Similar	94%	4	9	66
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	94%	5	9	55
	Visit social media sites	Similar	80%	4	9	66
	Use or check email	Similar	94%	7	9	33
	Share your opinions online	Similar	40%	2	9	88
	Shop online	Similar	60%	4	9	66
	Please rate your overall health.	Similar	64%	7	18	66
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family..	Similar	24%	12	18	38
































Complete set of frequencies
































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Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.	Bedford as a place to live	Excellent		40%
		Good		51%
		Fair		7%
		Poor		2%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		42%
		Good		44%
		Fair		12%
		Poor		2%
	Bedford as a place to raise children	Excellent		40%
		Good		51%
		Fair		8%
		Poor		1%
	Bedford as a place to work	Excellent		20%
		Good		42%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		15%
	Bedford as a place to visit	Excellent		17%
		Good		37%
		Fair		32%
		Poor		14%
	Bedford as a place to retire	Excellent		36%
		Good		40%
		Fair		18%
		Poor		5%
	The overall quality of life	Excellent		32%
		Good		59%
		Fair		7%
		Poor		1%

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.	Sense of community	Excellent		25%
		Good		45%
		Fair		21%
		Poor		8%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.	Overall economic health	Excellent		18%
		Good		52%
		Fair		24%
		Poor		5%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		11%
		Good		26%
		Fair		37%
		Poor		27%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		20%
		Good		54%
		Fair		22%
		Poor		4%
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		22%	
	Good		48%	
	Fair		22%	
	Poor		7%	
Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		34%	
	Good		49%	
	Fair		15%	
	Poor		2%	
Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		18%	
	Good		52%	
	Fair		24%	
	Poor		5%	
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		26%	
	Good		42%	
	Fair		28%	

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Poor		4%	
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		31%	
		Good		43%	
		Fair		19%	
		Poor		7%	
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		24%	
		Good		36%	
		Fair		25%	
		Poor		14%	
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		15%	
		Good		37%	
		Fair		35%	
		Poor		14%	
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Bedford to someone who asks	Very likely		52%
			Somewhat likely		41%
			Somewhat unlikely		5%
Very unlikely				2%	
Remain in Bedford for the next five years		Very likely		62%	
		Somewhat likely		24%	
		Somewhat unlikely		10%	
		Very unlikely		4%	
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		68%	
		Somewhat safe		27%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		1%	
		Somewhat unsafe		4%	
		Very unsafe		0%	
	In Bedford's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		63%	
		Somewhat safe		27%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		9%	
		Somewhat unsafe		1%	
		Very unsafe		0%	

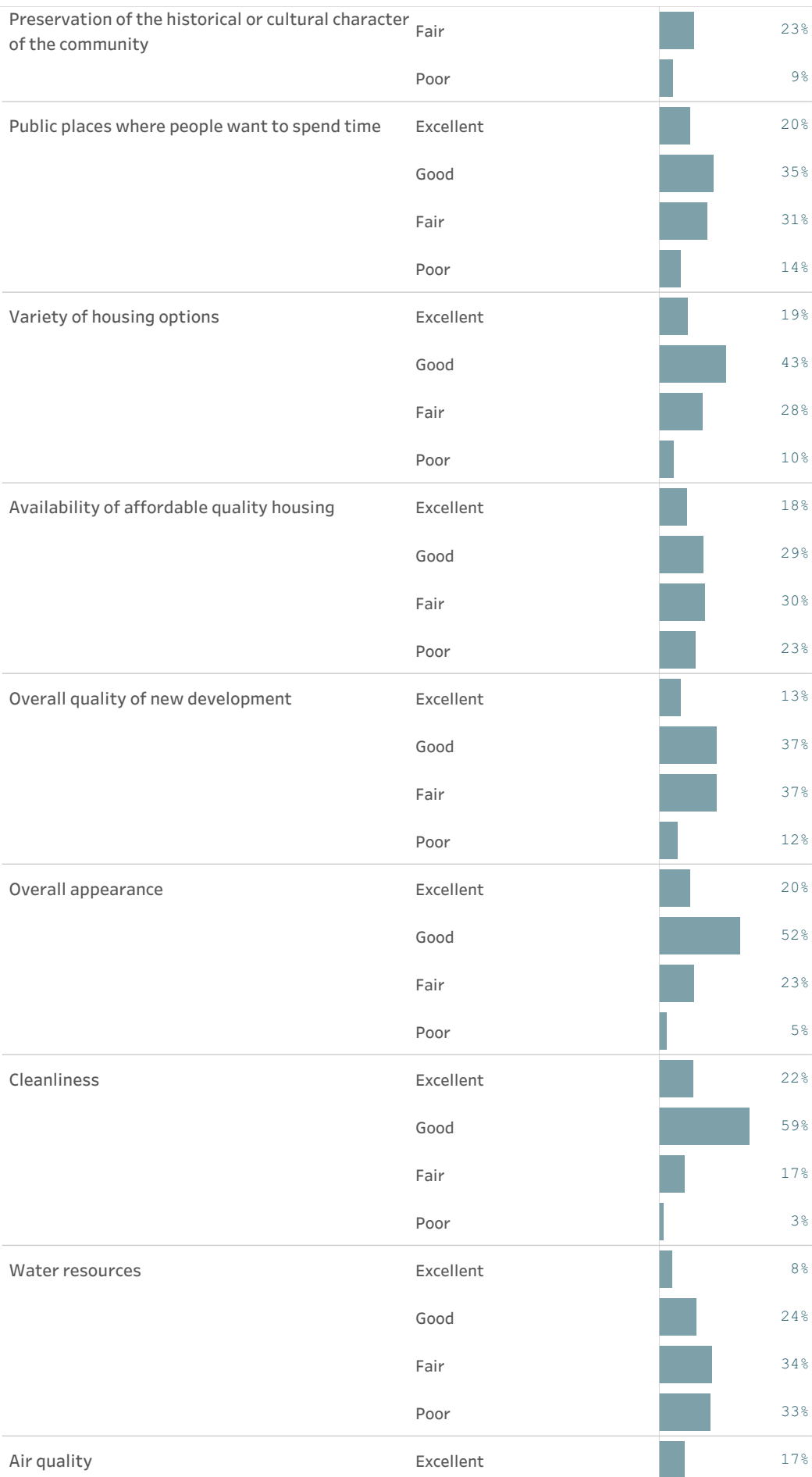
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Very safe		36%
		Somewhat safe		36%
		Neither safe nor unsafe		16%
		Somewhat unsafe		8%
		Very unsafe		4%
	From violent crime	Very safe		56%
		Somewhat safe		28%
		Neither safe nor unsafe		10%
		Somewhat unsafe		5%
		Very unsafe		1%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		45%
		Somewhat safe		39%
		Neither safe nor unsafe		9%
		Somewhat unsafe		5%
		Very unsafe		2%
Please rate the job you feel the Bedford community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		26%
		Good		42%
		Fair		26%
		Poor		6%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		28%
		Good		40%
		Fair		19%
		Poor		13%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		27%
		Good		41%
		Fair		22%
		Poor		11%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		19%
		Good		46%
		Fair		27%
		Poor		8%

Please rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		23%
		Good		49%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		4%
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		27%
		Good		41%
		Fair		28%
		Poor		4%
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		16%
		Good		32%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		22%
	Employment opportunities	Excellent		14%
		Good		32%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		17%
	Shopping opportunities	Excellent		16%
		Good		35%
		Fair		34%
		Poor		15%
	Cost of living	Excellent		18%
		Good		34%
		Fair		34%
		Poor		14%
	Overall image or reputation	Excellent		20%
		Good		53%
		Fair		21%
		Poor		6%
Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		25%
		Good		51%
		Fair		17%

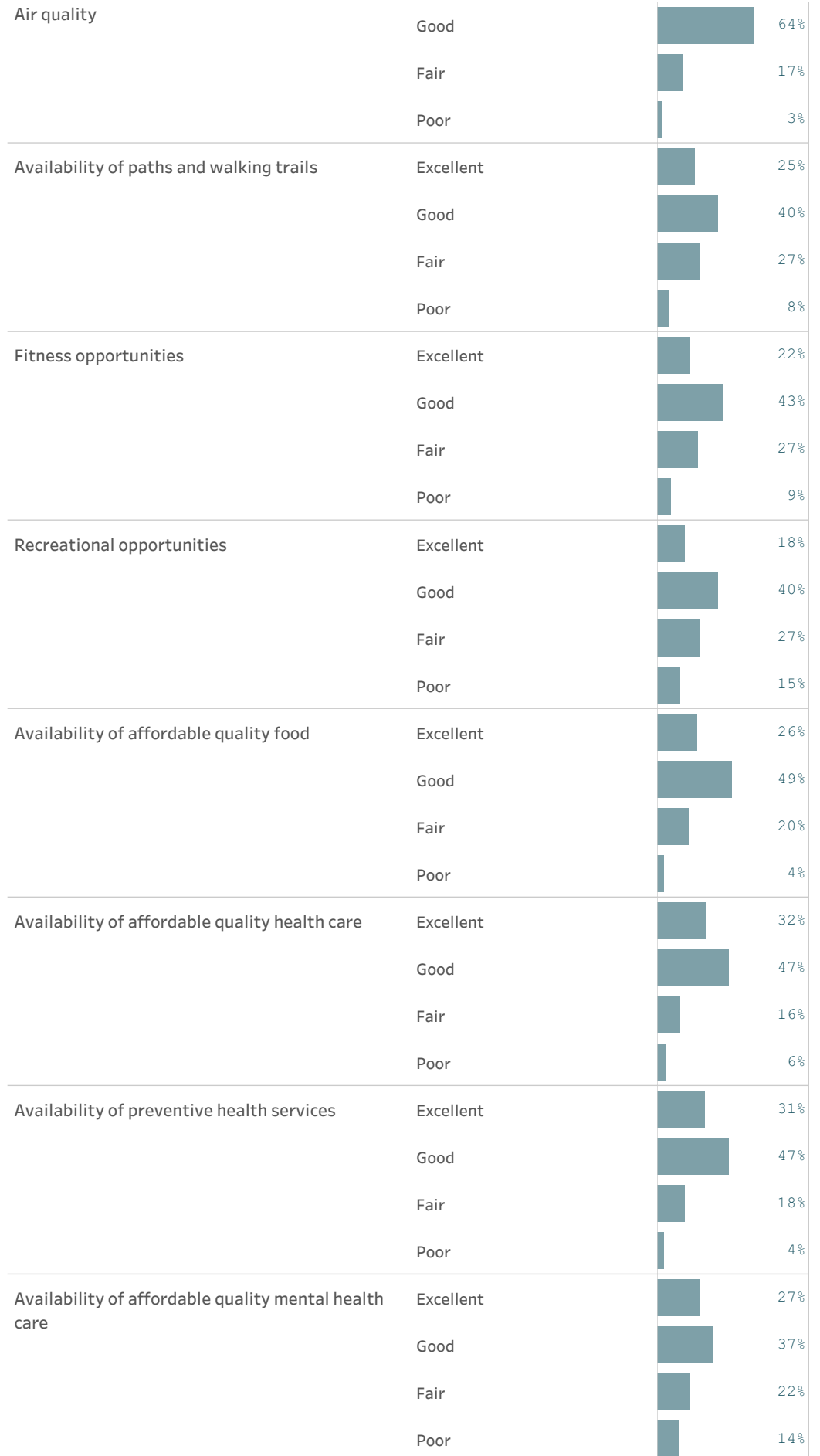
Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.

Traffic flow on major streets	Poor		7%
	Excellent		26%
Ease of public parking	Good		53%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		2%
	Excellent		34%
Ease of travel by car	Good		54%
	Fair		9%
	Poor		3%
	Excellent		12%
Ease of travel by bicycle	Good		34%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		20%
	Excellent		22%
Ease of walking	Good		39%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		11%
	Excellent		16%
Well-planned residential growth	Good		35%
	Fair		31%
	Poor		18%
	Excellent		11%
Well-planned commercial growth	Good		37%
	Fair		33%
	Poor		19%
	Excellent		21%
Well-designed neighborhoods	Good		47%
	Fair		27%
	Poor		5%
	Excellent		27%
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Good		42%
	Excellent		27%
































Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.

































































Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.



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Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		22%
	Good		31%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		13%
Community support for the arts	Excellent		23%
	Good		39%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		10%
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		17%
	Good		47%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		11%
K-12 education	Excellent		34%
	Good		47%
	Fair		17%
	Poor		2%
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		14%
	Good		45%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		18%
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		18%
	Good		44%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		7%
Neighborliness of residents	Excellent		21%
	Good		47%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		9%
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		20%
	Good		45%
	Fair		29%

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Poor		6%
	Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		20%
		Good		49%
		Fair		24%
		Poor		6%
Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		25%	
	Good		51%	
	Fair		19%	
	Poor		5%	
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		19%	
	Good		47%	
	Fair		29%	
	Poor		6%	
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		25%	
	Good		39%	
	Fair		24%	
	Poor		12%	
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Bedford for help or information	No		52%
		Yes		48%
	Contacted Bedford elected officials to express your opinion	No		85%
		Yes		15%
	Attended a local public meeting	No		86%
		Yes		14%
	Watched a local public meeting	No		71%
		Yes		29%
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		81%
		Yes		19%
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		84%
		Yes		16%
	Voted in your most recent local election	No		29%
		Yes		71%
































Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		72%
		Yes		28%
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No		55%
		Yes		45%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.	Public information services	Excellent		24%
		Good		56%
		Fair		14%
		Poor		5%
	Economic development	Excellent		10%
		Good		50%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		11%
	Traffic enforcement	Excellent		19%
		Good		55%
		Fair		16%
		Poor		10%
	Traffic signal timing	Excellent		17%
		Good		46%
		Fair		24%
		Poor		13%
	Street repair	Excellent		11%
		Good		40%
		Fair		28%
		Poor		21%
Street cleaning	Excellent		18%	
	Good		43%	
	Fair		24%	
	Poor		15%	
Street lighting	Excellent		15%	
	Good		42%	
	Fair		30%	
















Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.			
Street lighting	Poor		13%
	Excellent		12%
Snow removal	Good		34%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		23%
	Excellent		12%
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		15%
	Good		42%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		17%
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		13%
	Good		38%
	Fair		33%
	Poor		16%
Code enforcement	Excellent		19%
	Good		38%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		14%
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		24%
	Good		36%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		16%
Garbage collection	Excellent		49%
	Good		39%
	Fair		10%
	Poor		2%
Drinking water	Excellent		28%
	Good		45%
	Fair		17%
	Poor		9%
Sewer services	Excellent		33%
	Good		52%
































Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.

Sewer services	Fair		11%
	Poor		4%
Storm water management	Excellent		32%
	Good		54%
	Fair		9%
	Poor		5%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		30%
	Good		50%
	Fair		13%
	Poor		8%
Utility billing	Excellent		30%
	Good		46%
	Fair		17%
	Poor		8%
Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		38%
	Good		46%
	Fair		10%
	Poor		6%
Crime prevention	Excellent		32%
	Good		46%
	Fair		19%
	Poor		4%
Animal control	Excellent		30%
	Good		53%
	Fair		13%
	Poor		4%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		50%
	Good		47%
	Fair		2%
	Poor		0%
Fire services	Excellent		52%



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.































Fire services	Good		46%
	Fair		2%
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		33%
	Good		48%
	Fair		13%
	Poor		5%
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		26%
	Good		41%
	Fair		21%
	Poor		12%
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		19%
	Good		37%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		16%
Bedford open space	Excellent		17%
	Good		41%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		17%
Recycling	Excellent		31%
	Good		43%
	Fair		15%
	Poor		11%
City parks	Excellent		22%
	Good		51%
	Fair		22%
	Poor		5%
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		20%
	Good		50%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		10%
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		18%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.	Recreation centers or facilities	Good		48%
		Fair		25%
		Poor		9%
	Health services	Excellent		28%
		Good		57%
		Fair		13%
		Poor		2%
	Public library services	Excellent		57%
		Good		38%
		Fair		5%
	Overall customer service by Bedford employees	Excellent		37%
		Good		47%
Fair			14%	
Poor			1%	
Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Bedford	Excellent		18%
		Good		47%
		Fair		27%
		Poor		8%
	The overall direction that Bedford is taking	Excellent		21%
		Good		47%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		9%
	The job Bedford government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		23%
		Good		41%
		Fair		28%
		Poor		8%
Overall confidence in Bedford government	Excellent		18%	
	Good		45%	
	Fair		29%	
	Poor		9%	
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		21%	

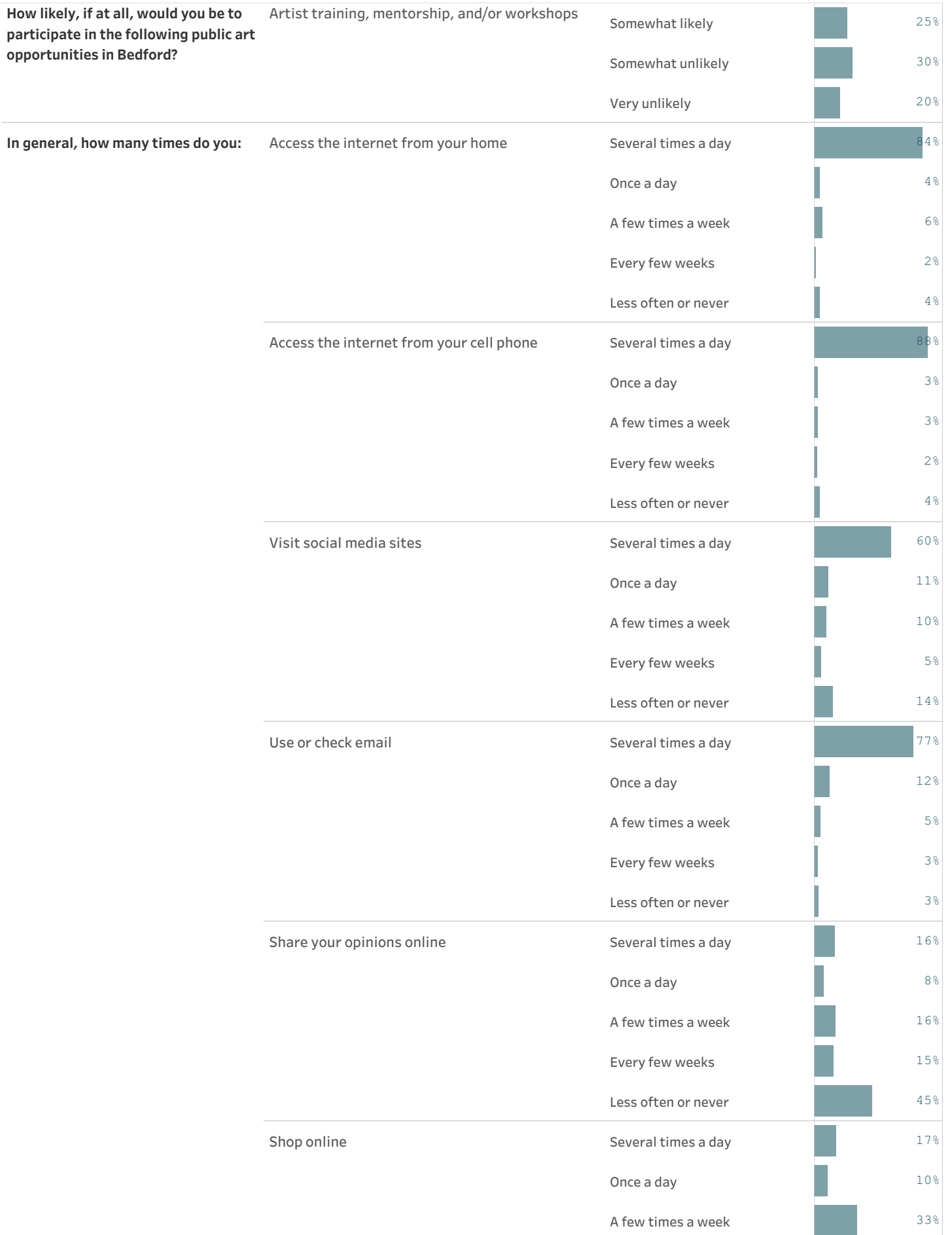
Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Good		47%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		9%
Being honest		Excellent		18%
		Good		49%
		Fair		28%
		Poor		5%
Being open and transparent to the public		Excellent		18%
		Good		46%
		Fair		28%
		Poor		8%
Informing residents about issues facing the community		Excellent		26%
		Good		36%
		Fair		29%
		Poor		9%
Treating all residents fairly		Excellent		25%
		Good		40%
		Fair		30%
		Poor		5%
Treating residents with respect		Excellent		26%
		Good		51%
		Fair		21%
		Poor		2%
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Bedford	Excellent		27%
		Good		52%
		Fair		18%
		Poor		3%
	The Federal Government	Excellent		9%
		Good		26%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		29%

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.


























Overall economic health	Essential		51%
	Very important		42%
	Somewhat important		5%
	Not at all important		1%
Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		30%
	Very important		40%
	Somewhat important		27%
	Not at all important		3%
Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		30%
	Very important		43%
	Somewhat important		22%
	Not at all important		5%
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		57%
	Very important		33%
	Somewhat important		9%
	Not at all important		1%
Overall feeling of safety	Essential		61%
	Very important		30%
	Somewhat important		8%
	Not at all important		2%
Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		35%
	Very important		41%
	Somewhat important		24%
	Not at all important		1%
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		35%
	Very important		47%
	Somewhat important		18%
Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		33%
	Very important		44%
	Somewhat important		21%
	Not at all important		2%

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		41%
		Very important		36%
		Somewhat important		20%
		Not at all important		3%
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		23%
		Very important		49%
		Somewhat important		25%
		Not at all important		2%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford Public Art program to focus on each of the following:	Support the development of local artists and art groups (festivals, funding opportunities, exhibits)	Essential		24%
		Very important		38%
		Somewhat important		32%
		Not at all important		6%
	City events to celebrate the culture and/or history of Bedford	Essential		22%
		Very important		37%
		Somewhat important		37%
		Not at all important		5%
	Create a unique visual identity for the City	Essential		31%
		Very important		34%
		Somewhat important		28%
		Not at all important		7%
As the City looks to expand public art, in which areas would you most like to see art installed?	Parks and open spaces	High priority		50%
		Medium priority		40%
		Not a priority		10%
	At major gateways to the City	High priority		45%
		Medium priority		36%
		Not a priority		18%
	At major public buildings such as the Library, Generations Park, and Old Bedford School	High priority		55%
		Medium priority		34%
		Not a priority		12%
	Sidewalks and alleyways	High priority		28%
		Medium priority		33%

As the City looks to expand public art, in which areas would you most like to see art installed?	Sidewalks and alleyways	Not a priority		39%	
	Art in private developments (outside offices, shopping centers, etc.)	High priority		20%	
		Medium priority		42%	
		Not a priority		37%	
	In neighborhoods	High priority		15%	
		Medium priority		41%	
		Not a priority		43%	
	Along the trails	High priority		31%	
		Medium priority		44%	
		Not a priority		25%	
	How likely, if at all, would you be to participate in the following public art opportunities in Bedford?	Hands on community art making experiences	Very likely		16%
			Somewhat likely		33%
Somewhat unlikely				15%	
Very unlikely				36%	
Pop up art exhibits/events		Very likely		17%	
		Somewhat likely		42%	
		Somewhat unlikely		14%	
		Very unlikely		26%	
Interactive educational opportunities		Very likely		18%	
		Somewhat likely		42%	
		Somewhat unlikely		16%	
		Very unlikely		24%	
Art focused lectures and presentations (guest speaker with an accompanying project)		Very likely		11%	
		Somewhat likely		31%	
		Somewhat unlikely		23%	
		Very unlikely		36%	
Cultural arts events/festivals		Very likely		39%	
		Somewhat likely		35%	
		Somewhat unlikely		13%	
		Very unlikely		13%	
Artist training, mentorship, and/or workshops	Very likely		25%		



In general, how many times do you:	Shop online	Every few weeks		31%
		Less often or never		8%
Please rate your overall health.		Excellent		24%
		Very good		40%
		Good		22%
		Fair		11%
		Poor		3%
	What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:		Very positive	
		Somewhat positive		19%
		Neutral		34%
		Somewhat negative		32%
		Very negative		10%
How many years have you lived in Bedford?			Less than 2 years	
		2-5 years		21%
		6-10 years		15%
		11-20 years		15%
		More than 20 years		27%
Which best describes the building you live in?		One family house detached from any other houses		55%
		Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..		43%
		Other		2%
Do you rent or own your home?		Rent		46%
		Own		54%
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than \$500		4%
		\$500 to \$999		17%
		\$1,000 to \$1,499		36%
		\$1,500 to \$1,999		22%
		\$2,000 to \$2,499		10%
		\$2,500 to \$2,999		4%
		\$3,000 to \$3,499		3%
		\$3,500 or more		4%
		Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No	

	Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Yes		27%
	Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No		66%
		Yes		34%
	How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Less than \$25,000		9%
		\$25,000 to \$49,999		22%
		\$50,000 to \$74,999		23%
		\$75,000 to \$99,999		11%
		\$100,000 to \$149,999		15%
		\$150,000 or more		20%
Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?	Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		88%
		Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		12%
	What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaskan Native		1%
		Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander		7%
		Black or African American		10%
		White		79%
		Other		5%
	In which category is your age?	18-24 years		6%
		25-34 years		23%
		35-44 years		16%
		45-54 years		15%
		55-64 years		11%
		65-74 years		14%
		75 years or older		14%
	What is your gender?	Female		54%
		Male		46%
		Identify in another way		0%

Methods (open participation)

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCST™), the City of Bedford conducted a survey of 2,700 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from January 27, 2022 to March 17, 2022. The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents’ opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, a link to an online open participation survey was publicized by the City of Bedford. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a question at the beginning asking if the respondent resides in Bedford and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all city residents and became available on March 3, 2022. The survey remained open for 2 weeks and there were 177 responses.





























The open participation survey data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of the survey; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were statistically weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2010 Census and 2019 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Bedford. The characteristics used for weighting were age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, housing type, housing tenure, and area. No adjustments were made for design effects. Weights were calculated using an iterative, multiplicative raking model known as the ANES Weighting Algorithm.* The results of the weighting scheme for the open participation survey are presented in the following table.

































* Pasek, J. (2010). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://web.stanford.edu/group/iriss/cgi-bin/anesrake/resources/RakingDescription.pdf>

































		Unweighted	Weighted	Target*
Age	18-34	16%	27%	29%
	35-54	38%	28%	32%
	55+	46%	45%	39%
Hispanic	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	91%	87%	88%
	Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispana..	9%	13%	12%
Housing type	Attached	8%	40%	44%
	Detached	92%	60%	56%
Race	Not white	12%	22%	22%
	White	88%	78%	78%
Race/ethnicity	Not white alone	20%	32%	32%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	80%	68%	68%
Sex	Female	72%	49%	54%
	Male	28%	51%	46%
Sex/age	Female 18-34	12%	11%	15%
	Female 35-54	29%	15%	17%
	Female 55+	31%	24%	23%
	Male 18-34	4%	17%	14%
	Male 35-54	10%	14%	15%
	Male 55+	14%	20%	17%
Tenure	Own	94%	71%	54%
	Rent	6%	29%	46%

Open participation survey results

































This dashboard contains a complete set of responses to each question on the open participation survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter to the right. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

	Do you live within the City limits of Bedford?	Yes		100%
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.	Bedford as a place to live	Excellent		28%
		Good		52%
		Fair		17%
		Poor		3%
	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Excellent		33%
		Good		50%
		Fair		14%
		Poor		4%
	Bedford as a place to raise children	Excellent		30%
		Good		49%
		Fair		18%
		Poor		3%
Bedford as a place to work	Excellent		20%	
	Good		37%	
	Fair		27%	
	Poor		16%	
Bedford as a place to visit	Excellent		7%	
	Good		26%	
	Fair		39%	
	Poor		28%	
Bedford as a place to retire	Excellent		21%	
	Good		43%	
	Fair		18%	
	Poor		18%	
The overall quality of life	Excellent		22%	
	Good		55%	
	Fair		19%	

































Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Bedford.	The overall quality of life	Poor		3%
	Sense of community	Excellent		17%
		Good		41%
		Fair		34%
		Poor		8%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.	Overall economic health	Excellent		10%
		Good		42%
		Fair		35%
		Poor		13%
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Excellent		6%
		Good		20%
		Fair		32%
		Poor		42%
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Excellent		12%
		Good		32%
		Fair		43%
		Poor		13%
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Excellent		13%
		Good		42%
		Fair		23%
		Poor		23%
	Overall feeling of safety	Excellent		23%
		Good		45%
		Fair		24%
Poor			7%	
Overall quality of natural environment	Excellent		8%	
	Good		39%	
	Fair		41%	
	Poor		12%	
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Excellent		16%	
	Good		35%	
	Fair		37%	

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Bedford as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Poor		13%	
	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Excellent		18%	
		Good		35%	
		Fair		34%	
		Poor		13%	
	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Excellent		13%	
		Good		26%	
		Fair		39%	
		Poor		22%	
	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Excellent		13%	
		Good		31%	
		Fair		41%	
		Poor		15%	
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Bedford to someone who asks	Very likely		38%
			Somewhat likely		44%
			Somewhat unlikely		7%
Very unlikely				11%	
Remain in Bedford for the next five years		Very likely		61%	
		Somewhat likely		24%	
		Somewhat unlikely		9%	
		Very unlikely		6%	
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Very safe		65%	
		Somewhat safe		32%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		0%	
		Somewhat unsafe		3%	
	In Bedford's downtown/commercial area during the day	Very safe		59%	
		Somewhat safe		26%	
		Neither safe nor unsafe		8%	
		Somewhat unsafe		0%	
		Very unsafe		6%	
	From property crime	Very safe		32%	
Somewhat safe			40%		































Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	From property crime	Neither safe nor unsafe		14%
		Somewhat unsafe		11%
		Very unsafe		4%
	From violent crime	Very safe		43%
		Somewhat safe		39%
		Neither safe nor unsafe		13%
		Somewhat unsafe		4%
		Very unsafe		1%
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Very safe		39%
Somewhat safe			47%	
Neither safe nor unsafe			11%	
Somewhat unsafe			1%	
Very unsafe			3%	
Please rate the job you feel the Bedford community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Excellent		23%
		Good		35%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		8%
	Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		18%
		Good		45%
		Fair		20%
		Poor		17%
	Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Excellent		26%
		Good		42%
		Fair		19%
		Poor		14%
	Taking care of vulnerable residents	Excellent		22%
		Good		24%
		Fair		36%
		Poor		18%
Please rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Excellent		12%
		Good		46%
		Fair		26%

Please rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Poor		16%
	Variety of business and service establishments	Excellent		12%
		Good		35%
		Fair		25%
		Poor		28%
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Excellent		3%	
	Good		20%	
	Fair		29%	
	Poor		47%	
Employment opportunities	Excellent		6%	
	Good		36%	
	Fair		36%	
	Poor		22%	
Shopping opportunities	Excellent		3%	
	Good		23%	
	Fair		41%	
	Poor		32%	
Cost of living	Excellent		2%	
	Good		41%	
	Fair		50%	
	Poor		7%	
Overall image or reputation	Excellent		18%	
	Good		41%	
	Fair		28%	
	Poor		13%	
Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Traffic flow on major streets	Excellent		14%
		Good		42%
		Fair		35%
		Poor		10%
Ease of public parking	Excellent		19%	
	Good		44%	
	Fair		21%	

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.

Ease of public parking	Poor		16%
Ease of travel by car	Excellent		16%
	Good		67%
	Fair		12%
	Poor		5%
Ease of travel by bicycle	Excellent		6%
	Good		36%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		35%
Ease of walking	Excellent		14%
	Good		33%
	Fair		38%
	Poor		15%
Well-planned residential growth	Excellent		9%
	Good		25%
	Fair		41%
	Poor		24%
Well-planned commercial growth	Excellent		7%
	Good		18%
	Fair		36%
	Poor		39%
Well-designed neighborhoods	Excellent		7%
	Good		34%
	Fair		52%
	Poor		7%
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Excellent		10%
	Good		37%
	Fair		26%
	Poor		27%
Public places where people want to spend time	Excellent		6%
	Good		33%
	Fair		33%

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.

































Public places where people want to spend time	Poor		27%
Variety of housing options	Excellent		4%
	Good		46%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		16%
Availability of affordable quality housing	Excellent		0%
	Good		23%
	Fair		48%
	Poor		29%
Overall quality of new development	Excellent		8%
	Good		29%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		29%
Overall appearance	Excellent		13%
	Good		43%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		20%
Cleanliness	Excellent		19%
	Good		48%
	Fair		18%
	Poor		15%
Water resources	Excellent		4%
	Good		33%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		30%
Air quality	Excellent		9%
	Good		55%
	Fair		36%
	Poor		1%
Availability of paths and walking trails	Excellent		13%
	Good		43%
	Fair		32%

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.

Availability of paths and walking trails	Poor		12%
Fitness opportunities	Excellent		11%
	Good		32%
	Fair		50%
	Poor		7%
Recreational opportunities	Excellent		10%
	Good		31%
	Fair		47%
	Poor		12%
Availability of affordable quality food	Excellent		11%
	Good		41%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		18%
Availability of affordable quality health care	Excellent		13%
	Good		56%
	Fair		16%
	Poor		15%
Availability of preventive health services	Excellent		18%
	Good		56%
	Fair		11%
	Poor		15%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	Excellent		7%
	Good		38%
	Fair		27%
	Poor		28%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Excellent		10%
	Good		31%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		30%
Community support for the arts	Excellent		10%
	Good		28%
	Fair		39%

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.

Community support for the arts	Poor		24%
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Excellent		1%
	Good		39%
	Fair		36%
	Poor		24%
K-12 education	Excellent		29%
	Good		42%
	Fair		22%
	Poor		7%
Adult educational opportunities	Excellent		9%
	Good		22%
	Fair		41%
	Poor		29%
Sense of civic/community pride	Excellent		15%
	Good		38%
	Fair		32%
	Poor		16%
Neighborliness of residents	Excellent		15%
	Good		50%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		7%
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Excellent		21%
	Good		30%
	Fair		38%
	Poor		12%
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Excellent		20%
	Good		34%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		19%
Opportunities to volunteer	Excellent		13%
	Good		49%
	Fair		26%

Please also rate each of the following in the Bedford community.	Opportunities to volunteer	Poor		12%	
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	Excellent		16%	
		Good		40%	
		Fair		33%	
		Poor		11%	
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Excellent		17%		
	Good		44%		
	Fair		25%		
	Poor		14%		
Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Bedford for help or information	No		54%	
		Yes		46%	
	Contacted Bedford elected officials to express your opinion	No		83%	
		Yes		17%	
	Attended a local public meeting	No		57%	
		Yes		43%	
	Watched a local public meeting	No		39%	
		Yes		61%	
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity	No		74%	
		Yes		26%	
	Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	No		79%	
		Yes		21%	
	Voted in your most recent local election	No		23%	
		Yes		77%	
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	No		65%	
		Yes		35%	
	Walked or biked instead of driving	No		42%	
		Yes		58%	
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.	Public information services	Excellent		17%
			Good		45%
Fair				32%	
Poor				6%	
Economic development		Excellent		11%	

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.

Economic development	Good		30%
	Fair		33%
	Poor		27%
Traffic enforcement	Excellent		19%
	Good		32%
	Fair		35%
	Poor		14%
Traffic signal timing	Excellent		10%
	Good		37%
	Fair		27%
	Poor		27%
Street repair	Excellent		9%
	Good		27%
	Fair		19%
	Poor		45%
Street cleaning	Excellent		10%
	Good		28%
	Fair		28%
	Poor		35%
Street lighting	Excellent		6%
	Good		31%
	Fair		47%
	Poor		16%
Snow removal	Excellent		8%
	Good		44%
	Fair		35%
	Poor		14%
Sidewalk maintenance	Excellent		6%
	Good		45%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		26%
Land use, planning and zoning	Excellent		4%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.

































Land use, planning and zoning	Good		18%
	Fair		36%
	Poor		43%
Code enforcement	Excellent		8%
	Good		30%
	Fair		40%
	Poor		22%
Affordable high-speed internet access	Excellent		11%
	Good		39%
	Fair		29%
	Poor		20%
Garbage collection	Excellent		47%
	Good		32%
	Fair		15%
	Poor		6%
Drinking water	Excellent		19%
	Good		45%
	Fair		23%
	Poor		13%
Sewer services	Excellent		19%
	Good		58%
	Fair		14%
	Poor		9%
Storm water management	Excellent		20%
	Good		51%
	Fair		16%
	Poor		13%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	Excellent		24%
	Good		50%
	Fair		20%
	Poor		6%
Utility billing	Excellent		22%






























Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.

Utility billing	Good		53%
	Fair		16%
	Poor		9%
Police/Sheriff services	Excellent		33%
	Good		52%
	Fair		8%
	Poor		6%
Crime prevention	Excellent		21%
	Good		41%
	Fair		33%
	Poor		5%
Animal control	Excellent		22%
	Good		52%
	Fair		22%
	Poor		4%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Excellent		39%
	Good		43%
	Fair		8%
	Poor		10%
Fire services	Excellent		49%
	Good		43%
	Fair		9%
Fire prevention and education	Excellent		29%
	Good		37%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		9%
Emergency preparedness	Excellent		18%
	Good		31%
	Fair		34%
	Poor		18%
Preservation of natural areas	Excellent		8%
	Good		19%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.






















Preservation of natural areas	Fair		36%
	Poor		37%
Bedford open space	Excellent		8%
	Good		30%
	Fair		30%
	Poor		32%
Recycling	Excellent		27%
	Good		52%
	Fair		11%
	Poor		10%
City parks	Excellent		19%
	Good		32%
	Fair		24%
	Poor		25%
Recreation programs or classes	Excellent		14%
	Good		18%
	Fair		40%
	Poor		28%
Recreation centers or facilities	Excellent		8%
	Good		29%
	Fair		25%
	Poor		38%
Health services	Excellent		23%
	Good		48%
	Fair		21%
	Poor		9%
Public library services	Excellent		51%
	Good		41%
	Fair		6%
	Poor		3%
Overall customer service by Bedford employees	Excellent		36%
	Good		46%

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Bedford.	Overall customer service by Bedford employees	Fair		11%
		Poor		7%
Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Bedford	Excellent		9%
		Good		28%
		Fair		52%
		Poor		11%
	The overall direction that Bedford is taking	Excellent		26%
		Good		26%
		Fair		33%
		Poor		16%
	The job Bedford government does at welcoming resident involvement	Excellent		17%
		Good		27%
Fair			39%	
Poor			17%	
Overall confidence in Bedford government	Excellent		14%	
	Good		27%	
	Fair		39%	
	Poor		20%	
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Excellent		17%	
	Good		28%	
	Fair		35%	
	Poor		20%	
Being honest	Excellent		19%	
	Good		22%	
	Fair		32%	
	Poor		27%	
Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent		18%	
	Good		24%	
	Fair		36%	
	Poor		22%	
Informing residents about issues facing the community	Excellent		14%	
	Good		32%	

































Please rate the following categories of Bedford government performance.	Informing residents about issues facing the community	Fair		34%	
		Poor		20%	
	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent		17%	
		Good		32%	
		Fair		31%	
		Poor		20%	
	Treating residents with respect	Excellent		22%	
		Good		40%	
		Fair		25%	
		Poor		13%	
	Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Bedford	Excellent		23%
			Good		44%
Fair				22%	
Poor				11%	
The Federal Government		Excellent		8%	
		Good		13%	
		Fair		39%	
		Poor		40%	
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall economic health	Essential		57%	
		Very important		31%	
		Somewhat important		12%	
		Not at all important		0%	
	Overall quality of the transportation system	Essential		17%	
		Very important		48%	
		Somewhat important		31%	
		Not at all important		4%	
	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Essential		25%	
		Very important		45%	
		Somewhat important		30%	
		Not at all important		0%	
	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Essential		53%	
		Very important		31%	

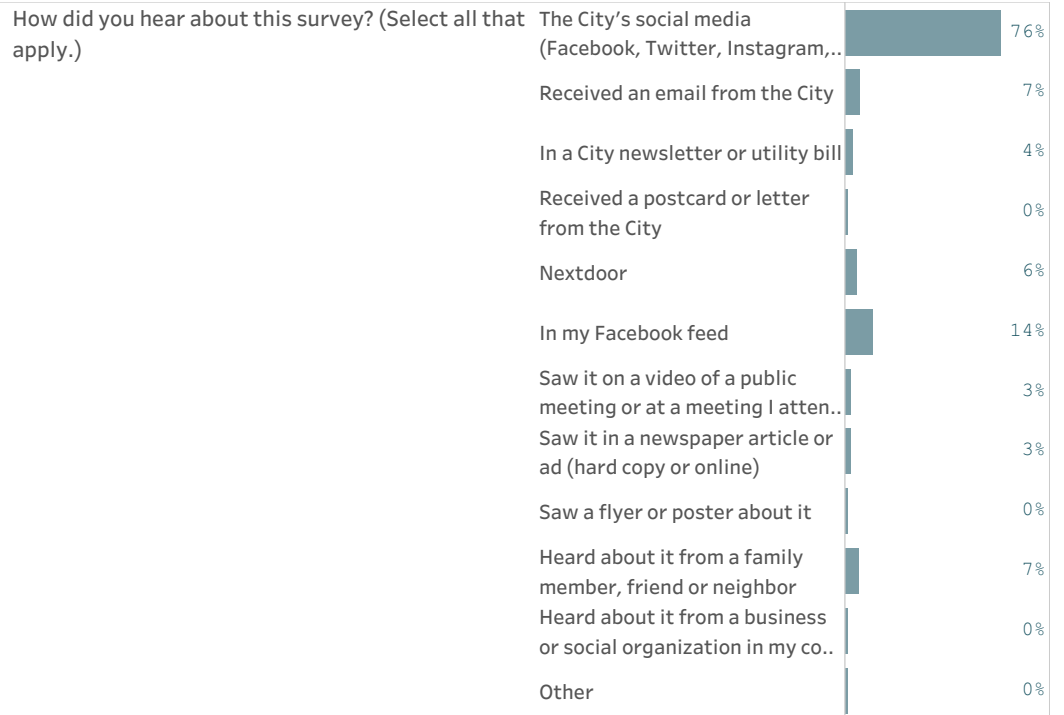
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Somewhat important		10%
		Not at all important		6%
Overall feeling of safety	Essential		51%	
	Very important		36%	
	Somewhat important		7%	
	Not at all important		6%	
Overall quality of natural environment	Essential		32%	
	Very important		44%	
	Somewhat important		17%	
	Not at all important		6%	
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Essential		33%	
	Very important		43%	
	Somewhat important		18%	
	Not at all important		6%	
Overall health and wellness opportunities	Essential		22%	
	Very important		49%	
	Somewhat important		19%	
	Not at all important		10%	
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Essential		34%	
	Very important		35%	
	Somewhat important		21%	
	Not at all important		10%	
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Essential		32%	
	Very important		42%	
	Somewhat important		22%	
	Not at all important		4%	
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford Public Art program to focus on each of the following:	Support the development of local artists and art groups (festivals, funding opportunities, exhibits)	Essential		27%
		Very important		35%
		Somewhat important		29%
		Not at all important		9%
City events to celebrate the culture and/or history of Bedford	Essential		29%	
	Very important		37%	

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford Public Art program to focus on each of the following:	City events to celebrate the culture and/or history of Bedford	Somewhat important		26%	
		Not at all important		7%	
	Create a unique visual identity for the City	Essential		25%	
		Very important		31%	
		Somewhat important		33%	
		Not at all important		11%	
As the City looks to expand public art, in which areas would you most like to see art installed?	Parks and open spaces	High priority		53%	
		Medium priority		35%	
		Not a priority		12%	
	At major gateways to the City	High priority		35%	
		Medium priority		32%	
		Not a priority		33%	
	At major public buildings such as the Library, Generations Park, and Old Bedford School	High priority		52%	
		Medium priority		38%	
		Not a priority		10%	
	Sidewalks and alleyways	High priority		21%	
		Medium priority		33%	
		Not a priority		46%	
	Art in private developments (outside offices, shopping centers, etc.)	High priority		6%	
		Medium priority		49%	
		Not a priority		45%	
	In neighborhoods	High priority		10%	
		Medium priority		42%	
		Not a priority		48%	
	Along the trails	High priority		24%	
		Medium priority		58%	
		Not a priority		18%	
	How likely, if at all, would you be to participate in the following public art opportunities in Bedford?	Hands on community art making experiences	Very likely		19%
			Somewhat likely		34%
			Somewhat unlikely		17%
Very unlikely				30%	
Pop up art exhibits/events		Very likely		24%	

How likely, if at all, would you be to participate in the following public art opportunities in Bedford?	Pop up art exhibits/events	Somewhat likely		38%
		Somewhat unlikely		14%
		Very unlikely		24%
	Interactive educational opportunities	Very likely		26%
		Somewhat likely		37%
		Somewhat unlikely		19%
		Very unlikely		18%
	Art focused lectures and presentations (guest speaker with an accompanying project)	Very likely		18%
		Somewhat likely		36%
		Somewhat unlikely		24%
		Very unlikely		22%
	Cultural arts events/festivals	Very likely		41%
Somewhat likely			46%	
Somewhat unlikely			11%	
Very unlikely			2%	
In general, how many times do you:	Access the internet from your home	Several times a day		92%
		Once a day		0%
		A few times a week		8%
		Every few weeks		0%
		Less often or never		0%
	Access the internet from your cell phone	Several times a day		97%
		Once a day		2%
		A few times a week		0%
		Less often or never		1%
	Visit social media sites	Several times a day		86%
		Once a day		7%
		A few times a week		4%
		Every few weeks		0%
		Less often or never		3%
	Use or check email	Several times a day		90%
Once a day			6%	
A few times a week			3%	

In general, how many times do you:	Share your opinions online	Several times a day		15%
		Once a day		10%
		A few times a week		36%
		Every few weeks		22%
		Less often or never		18%
	Shop online	Several times a day		12%
		Once a day		6%
		A few times a week		35%
		Every few weeks		41%
		Less often or never		6%
Please rate your overall health.	Excellent		23%	
	Very good		44%	
	Good		26%	
	Fair		6%	
	Poor		0%	
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Very positive		8%	
	Somewhat positive		17%	
	Neutral		41%	
	Somewhat negative		25%	
	Very negative		9%	
How many years have you lived in Bedford?	Less than 2 years		11%	
	2-5 years		20%	
	6-10 years		25%	
	11-20 years		8%	
	More than 20 years		36%	
Which best describes the building you live in?	One family house detached from any other houses		60%	
	Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apa..		40%	
Do you rent or own your home?	Rent		29%	
	Own		71%	
About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Less than \$500		4%
		\$500 to \$999		18%
		\$1,000 to \$1,499		34%

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	\$1,500 to \$1,999		30%
		\$2,000 to \$2,499		8%
		\$2,500 to \$2,999		4%
		\$3,000 to \$3,499		0%
		\$3,500 or more		2%
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	No			68%
	Yes			32%
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	No			73%
	Yes			27%
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Less than \$25,000			3%
	\$25,000 to \$49,999			19%
	\$50,000 to \$74,999			26%
	\$75,000 to \$99,999			17%
	\$100,000 to \$149,999			20%
	\$150,000 or more			16%
Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?	Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		87%
		Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino		13%
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)	American Indian or Alaskan Native			6%
	Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander			3%
	Black or African American			9%
	White			88%
	Other			5%
	In which category is your age?	18-24 years		
25-34 years				25%
35-44 years				27%
45-54 years				2%
55-64 years				21%
65-74 years				16%
75 years or older				6%
What is your gender?	Female			49%
	Male			51%
How did you hear about this survey? (Select all that apply)	The City's website			6%



11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The City of Bedford	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government.....	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Overall economic health of Bedford	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Bedford	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Bedford's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Bedford (water, sewer, storm water, electric, gas).....	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Bedford.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Bedford.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Bedford.....	1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4

13. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Bedford Public Art Program to focus on each of the following:

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Support the development of local artists and art Groups (festivals, funding opportunities, exhibits)	1	2	3	4	5
City events to celebrate the culture and/or history of Bedford.....	1	2	3	4	5
Create a unique visual identity for the City	1	2	3	4	5

14. As the City looks to expand public art, in which areas would you most like to see art installed?

	<u>High priority</u>	<u>Medium priority</u>	<u>Not a priority</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Parks and open spaces.....	1	2	3	4
At major gateways to the City.....	1	2	3	4
At major public buildings such as the Library, Generations Park, Old Bedford School.....	1	2	3	4
Sidewalks and alleyways.....	1	2	3	4
Art in private developments (outside of offices, shopping centers, etc.).....	1	2	3	4
In neighborhoods.....	1	2	3	4
Along the trails.....	1	2	3	4

15. How likely, if at all, would you be to participate in the following public art opportunities in Bedford?

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Hands on community art making experiences.....	1	2	3	4	5
Pop up art exhibits/events	1	2	3	4	5
Interactive educational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Art focused lectures and presentations (guest speaker with an accompanying project)	1	2	3	4	5
Artist training, mentorship, and/or workshops.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cultural arts events/festivals	1	2	3	4	5

Our last questions are about you and your household.
 Again, all of your responses to this survey are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

	Several times a day	Once a day	A few times a week	Every few weeks	Less often or never	Don't know
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access the internet from your cell phone.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use or check email.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Share your opinions online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shop online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

D2. Please rate your overall health.

- Excellent
 Very good
 Good
 Fair
 Poor

D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?

Do you think the impact will be:

- Very positive
 Somewhat positive
 Neutral
 Somewhat negative
 Very negative

D4. How many years have you lived in Bedford?

- Less than 2 years
 2-5 years
 6-10 years
 11-20 years
 More than 20 years

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

- One family house detached from any other houses
 Building with two or more homes
 (duplex, townhome, apartment, or condominium)
 Mobile home
 Other

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

- Rent
 Own

D7. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- Less than \$500 \$2,000 to \$2,499
 \$500 to \$999 \$2,500 to \$2,999
 \$1,000 to \$1,499 \$3,000 to \$3,499
 \$1,500 to \$1,999 \$3,500 or more

D8. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- No Yes

D9. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- No Yes

D10. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- Less than \$25,000 \$75,000 to \$99,999
 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$150,000 or more

D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino
 Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino

D12. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander
 Black or African American
 White
 Other

D13. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years 55-64 years
 25-34 years 65-74 years
 35-44 years 75 years or older
 45-54 years

D14. What is your gender?

- Female
 Male
 Identify in another way

Thank you! Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to:
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