



Port St. Lucie, FL

The National Community Survey

Report of Results
2024

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About The NCS™

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) report is about the “livability” of Port St. Lucie. 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



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The report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 334 residents of the City of Port St. Lucie collected from January 23rd, 2024 to February 27th, 2024. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 5% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2024 survey was 11%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Port St. Lucie.



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 500 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, Port St. Lucie’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 Port St. Lucie residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as “higher” or “lower” than the benchmark means that Port St. Lucie’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 Port St. Lucie’s average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

Trends over time

Trend data for Port St. Lucie represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines.¹ Deviations from stable trends over time represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs, or public information may have affected residents’ opinions. Changes between survey years have been noted with an arrow and the percent difference. If the difference is greater than 7% percentage points between the 2023 and 2024 surveys, the change is statistically significant.

1. In 2020, The NCS survey was updated to include new and refreshed items. Consequently, some of the trends may be impacted due to wording modifications that could have potentially altered the meaning of the item for the respondent.

Methods

Selecting survey recipients

All households within the City of Port St. Lucie were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Port St. Lucie was purchased from Polco's mailing vendor, Go-Dog Direct, based on updated listings from the United States Postal Service. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of Port St. Lucie 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 Port St. Lucie boundaries were removed from the list of potential households to survey. Each address identified as being within city boundaries was further identified as being within one of the four areas. 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 randomly selected using the "birthday method". The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the "person who most recently had a birthday" 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 3,000 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on January 23rd, 2024 and data collection for the survey remained open for five weeks. 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. All mailings included a web link to give residents the opportunity to respond to the survey online, as well as QR codes to further encourage participation. 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.

The survey was available in English and Spanish. All mailings contained paragraphs in both languages instructing participants on how to complete the survey in their preferred language.

About 2% of the 3,000 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 2,932 households that received the invitations to participate, 334 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 11%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.²

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 Port St. Lucie survey is no greater than plus or minus 5.4 percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (334 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 Port St. Lucie. The open-participation survey was identical to the random sample survey, with two small updates; it asked a question to confirm the respondent was a resident of Port St. Lucie 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 February 6th, 2024. 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 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Port St. Lucie. 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.³ 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 ⁴
Age	18-34	3%	17%	24%
	35-54	24%	34%	32%
	55+	73%	49%	44%
Area	Area 1	21%	23%	24%
	Area 2	30%	29%	27%
	Area 3	24%	26%	24%
	Area 4	25%	22%	25%
Hispanic origin	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish or..	86%	79%	79%
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Lati..	14%	21%	21%
Housing tenure	Own	95%	83%	83%
	Rent	5%	17%	17%
Housing type	Attached	10%	12%	11%
	Detached	90%	88%	89%
Race & Hispanic origin	Not white alone	25%	48%	44%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	75%	52%	56%
Sex	Man	50%	44%	48%
	Woman	50%	56%	52%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	1%	5%	12%
	Man 35-54	12%	17%	15%
	Man 55+	38%	23%	21%
	Woman 18-34	2%	12%	12%
	Woman 35-54	13%	18%	16%

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.

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Contact

The City of Port St. Lucie funded this research. Please contact the City of Port St. Lucie if you have any questions about the survey.

Study Limitations

All public opinion research is subject to unmeasured error. While the methodologies employed for this survey were designed to minimize this error as much as possible, these other sources of potential error should be acknowledged. **Non-response error** arises when those who were selected to participate in the survey did not do so, and may have different opinions or experiences than those who did respond. **Coverage error** refers to the possibility that some respondents that should have been included in the surveyed population were not (e.g., for a general resident survey, USPS mailing lists may exclude certain types of housing units, such as multi-family buildings where mail is delivered to a common area rather than to a specific unit (though this is rare), or where mail is received at a PO box instead of the at household's physical location. Finally, **recall bias** occurs when respondents may not perfectly remember their experiences in the past year (such as participation in social or civic events), and **social desirability bias** may cause respondents to answer in ways they think cast their responses in a more favorable light.

Survey Validity

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

2. See AAPOR's Standard Definitions for more information at <https://aapor.org/standards-and-ethics/standard-definitions/>
3. Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf>
4. Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey

Key Findings

Residents continue to experience a high quality of life and feel safe in Port St. Lucie.

About 7 in 10 residents gave high ratings to Port St. Lucie as a place to live, raise children, and retire. A similar proportion would recommend living in Port St. Lucie to someone who asks, and roughly 8 in 10 respondents planned to remain in the city for the next five years. About 61% offered favorable reviews to Port St. Lucie's overall image or reputation.

The high quality of life experienced in Port St. Lucie is likely influenced by the sense of safety in the community. Roughly three-quarters applauded the overall feeling of safety in the city. A higher proportion, about 9 in 10, reported feeling safe in their neighborhood and Port St. Lucie's commercial areas during the day. About 8 in 10 indicated feeling safe from property crime and violent crime, while 7 in 10 felt safe from fire, flood, or other natural disaster. In terms of safety services, about 8 in 10 participants positively evaluated police services and fire services. Three-quarters gave high marks to emergency preparedness, while 7 in 10 did the same for fire prevention and education.

Mobility remains a challenge for the City, but public transportation is on the rise.

In a unique open-ended question posed by Port St. Lucie, residents were asked to provide three key priorities for the City to focus on in the next year. Answers related to traffic (e.g., congestion, speeding enforcement, parking, etc.) were most common, with one-third of respondents prioritizing this area. Roads (e.g., repairs, widening projects, etc.) and general mobility (e.g., public transportation development, streetlights, sidewalks) were also among the top answers. In the standard mobility-related survey questions, many significant declines were seen. The overall quality of the transportation system dropped from 35% in 2023 to 28% in 2024. Ratings related to travel by car trended downward, including traffic flow on major streets (17% in 2024; 26% in 2023; 17% in 2024), ease of travel by car (48% in 2023; 35% in 2024), and ease of public parking (65% in 2023; 52% in 2024). When considering alternate mode of transportation, the ease of travel by bicycle fell from 34% in 2023 to 23% in 2024. In contrast, ratings related to public transportation increased, including bus or transit services (35% in 2024; 26% in 2023) and ease of public transportation (25% in 2024; 14% in 2023), indicating increased satisfaction.

Residents raise concerns about community design and housing.

While ratings related to community design generally remained stable since last year, relatively low scores in this area indicate a need for additional focus. About 4 in 10 approved of the overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas. Additionally, well-designed neighborhoods were positively rated by roughly 4 in 10, while just 3 in 10 favorably reviewed well-planned residential and commercial growth. The overall quality of new development was appreciated by roughly half. Only about 2 in 10 residents approved of the availability of affordable quality housing in Port St. Lucie. In the open-ended question where residents were asked to provide priorities for the City to focus on, residents emphasized a need for controlling growth (e.g., community design, cost of living, affordable housing, etc.).

Port St. Lucie's natural environment is highly valued by residents.

Residents offered relatively high ratings of importance (89% essential or very important) and quality (62% excellent or good) to the City's overall quality of natural environment, suggesting that it is both a priority and a strength for the community. A strong proportion, about three-quarters, offered excellent or good reviews of the city's cleanliness and air quality. About 7 in 10 favorably rated the water resources. The preservation of natural areas was rated highly by about half of respondents. While most items in this facet remained stable with 2023 results, residents showed higher levels of satisfaction this year with the city's recycling and yard waste pick-up services (68% and 63%, respectively). When asked whether they would be willing to pay an additional estimated \$131 per year for twice a week trash collection, nearly 9 in 10 residents indicated that they would not.

Facets of livability

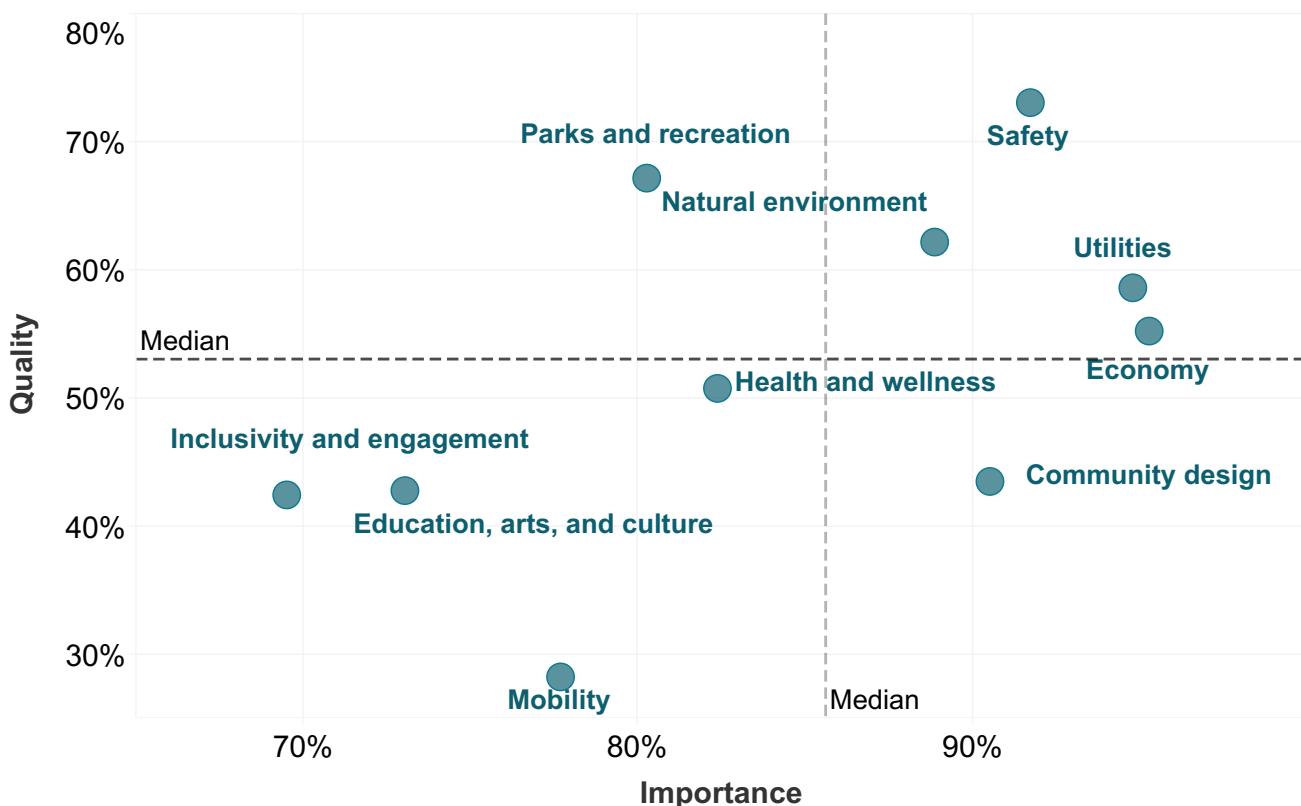
Every jurisdiction must balance limited resources while meeting resident needs and striving to optimize community livability. To this end, it is helpful to know what aspects of the community are most important to residents and which they perceive as being of higher or lower quality. It is especially 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.

Quality-Importance Matrix

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

56% or more of respondents were considered of “higher quality” and those with ratings lower than 56% were considered to be of “lower quality.” Services were classified as “more important” if they were rated as essential or very important by 83% or more of respondents. Services were rated as “less important” if they received a rating of less than 83%. This classification uses the median ratings for quality and importance to divide the services in half.

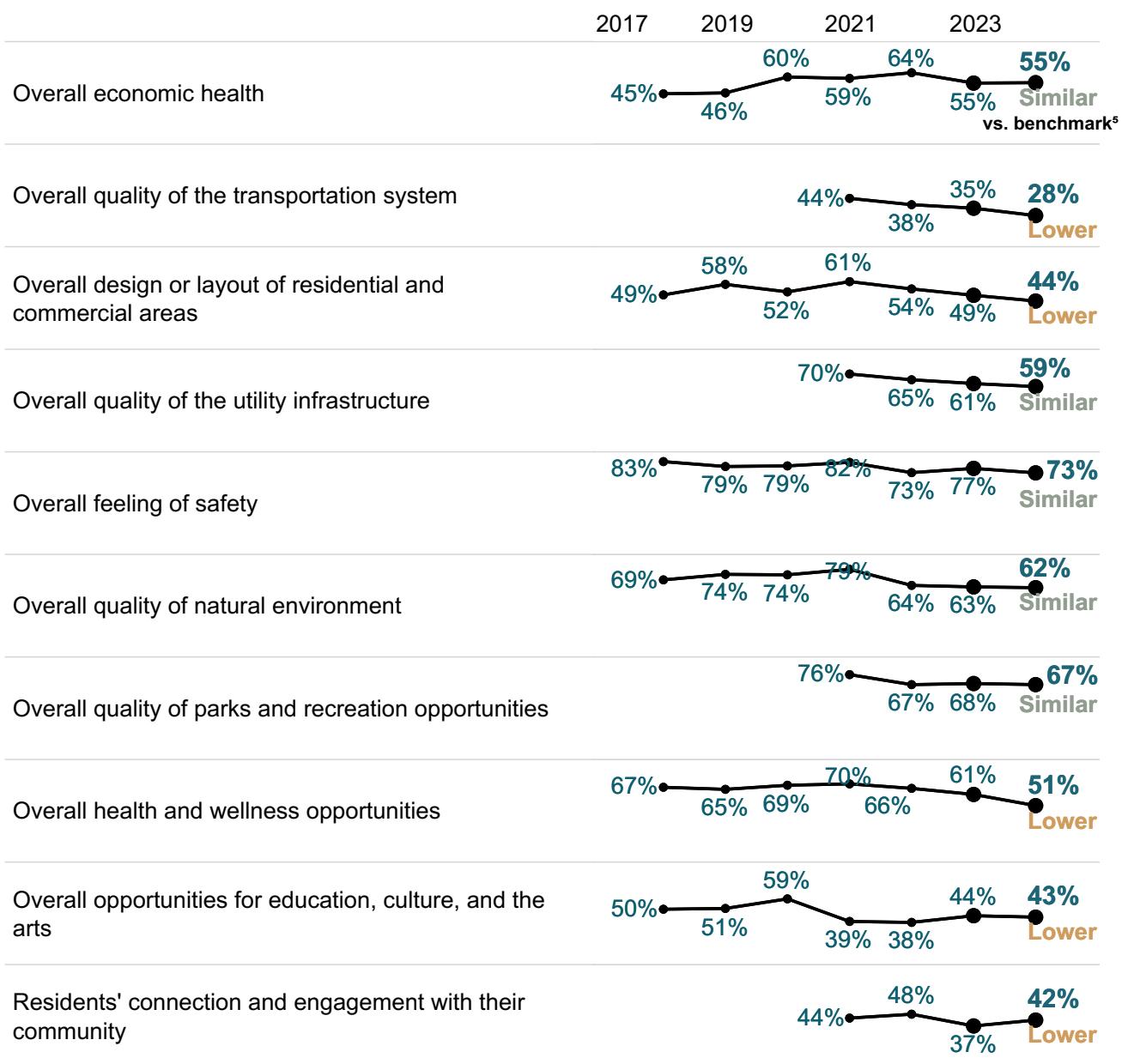
The quadrants in the figure below show which community facets were given higher or lower importance ratings (right-left) and which had higher or lower quality ratings (up-down). Facets of livability falling closer to a diagonal line from the lower left to the upper right are those where performance ratings 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.



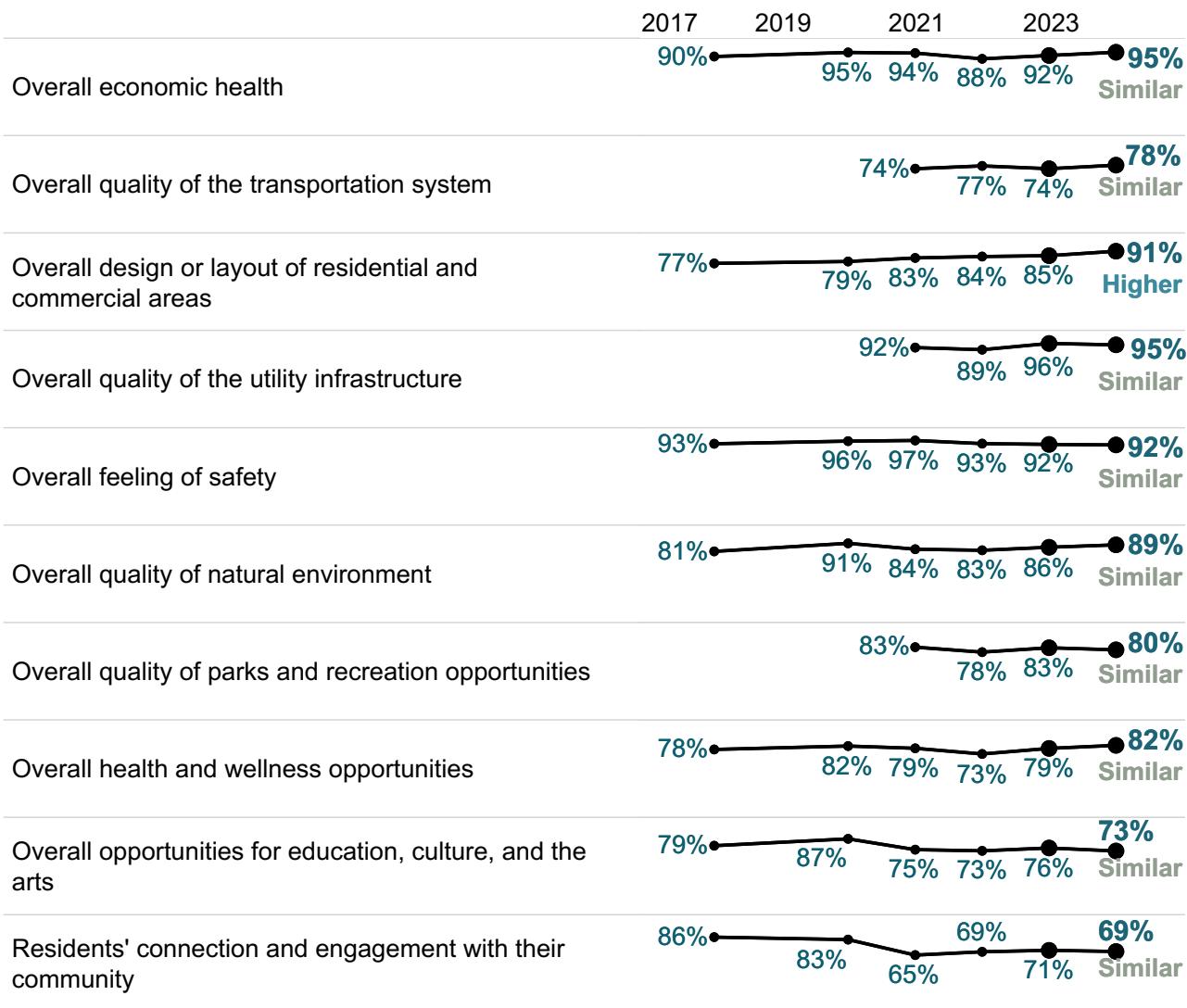
Quality and Importance by the Numbers

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 Port St. Lucie as a whole.
(% excellent or good)**



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



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

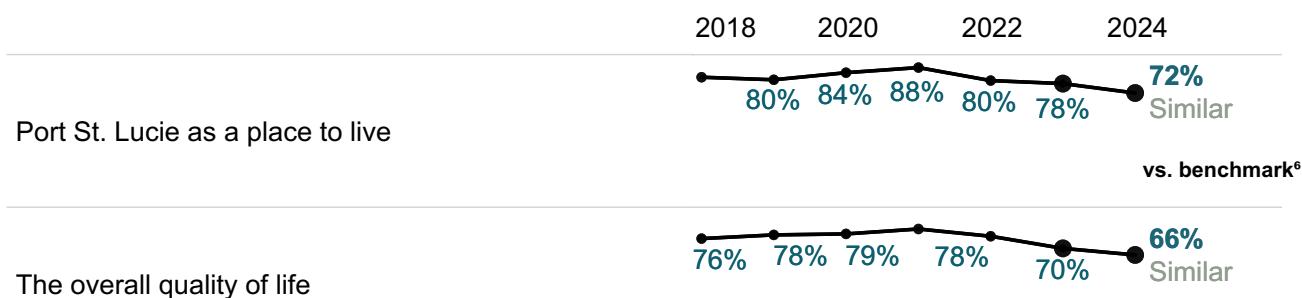
Quality of Life

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 Port St. Lucie, 2023



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



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

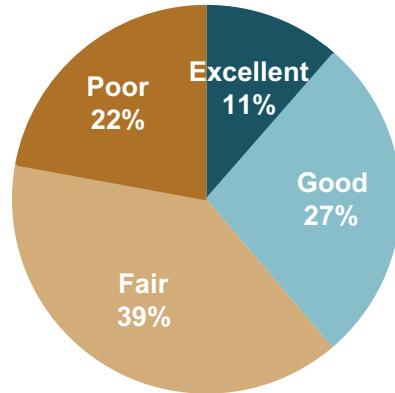


Please rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.
(% excellent or good)



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Overall confidence in Port St. Lucie government, 2023

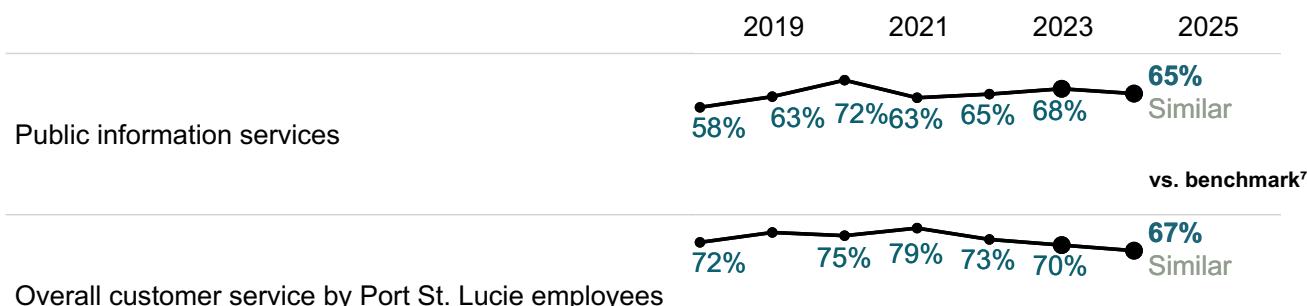


Governance

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.

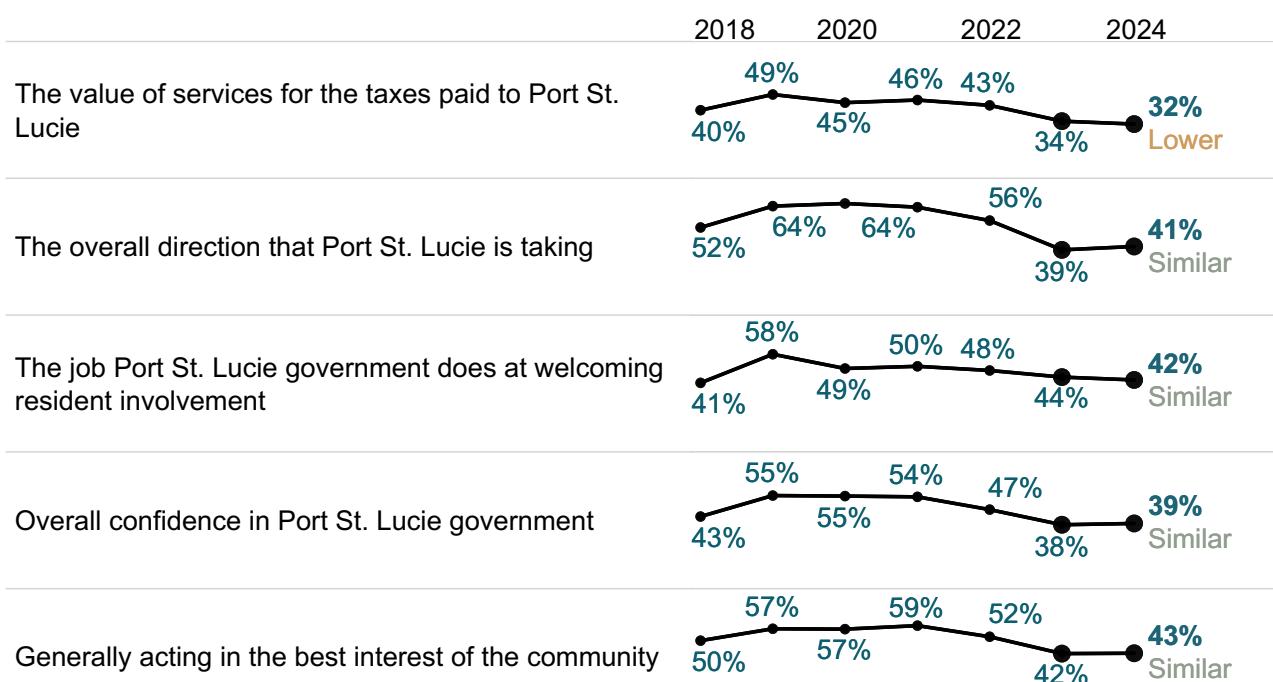
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.

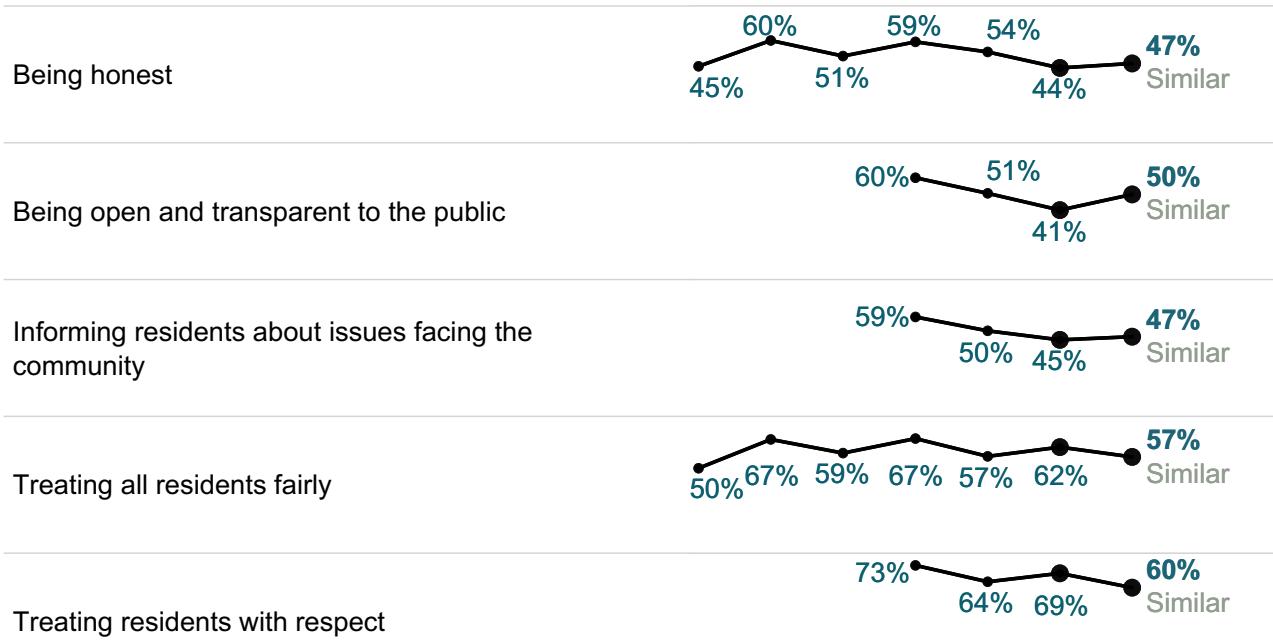
(% excellent or good)



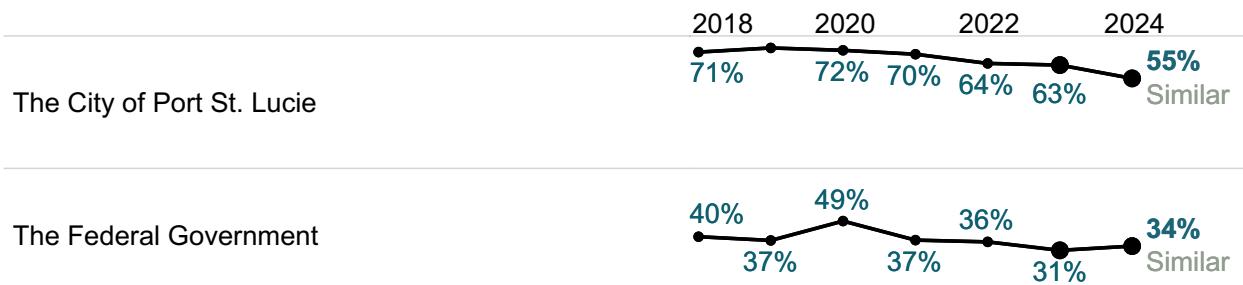
Please rate the following categories of Port St. Lucie government performance.

(% excellent or good)



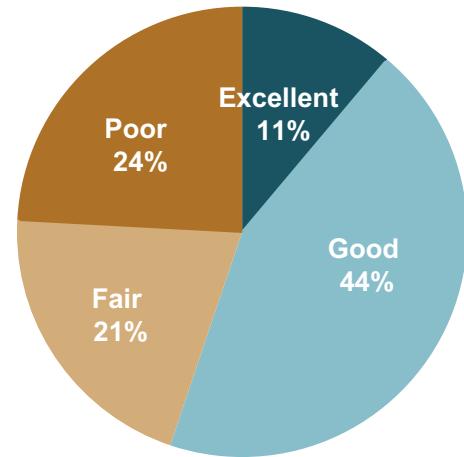


**Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?
(% excellent or good)**



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Overall economic health of Port St. Lucie, 2023



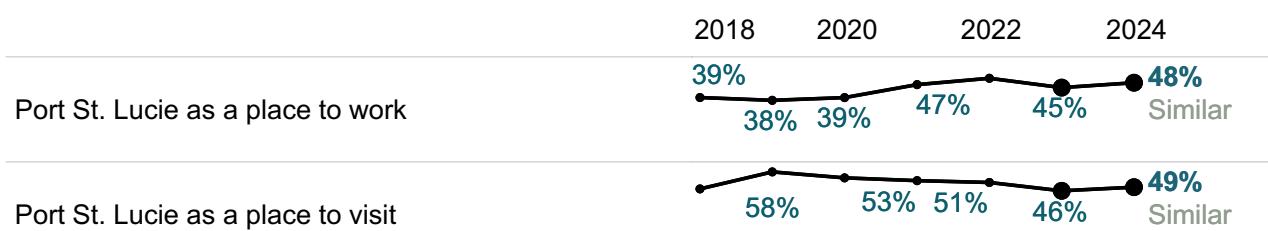
Economy

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.

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



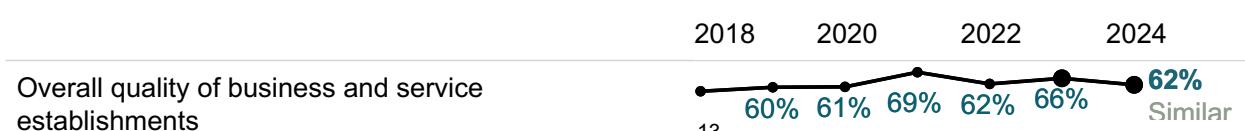
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie. (% excellent or good)

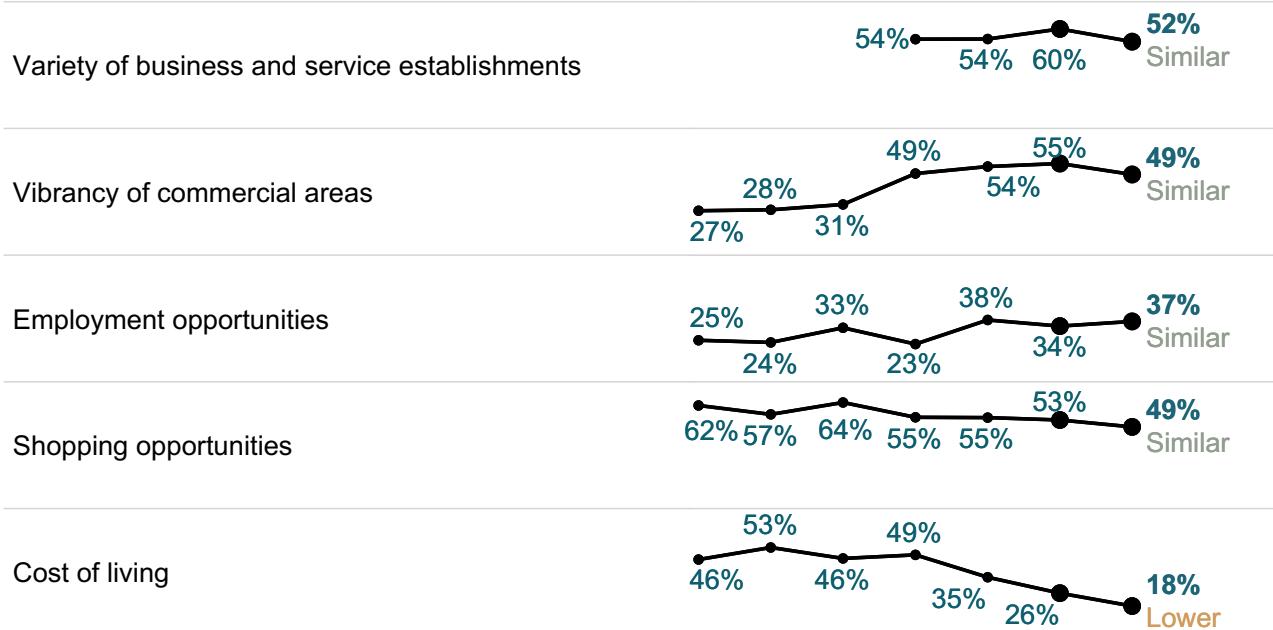


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie. (% excellent or good)

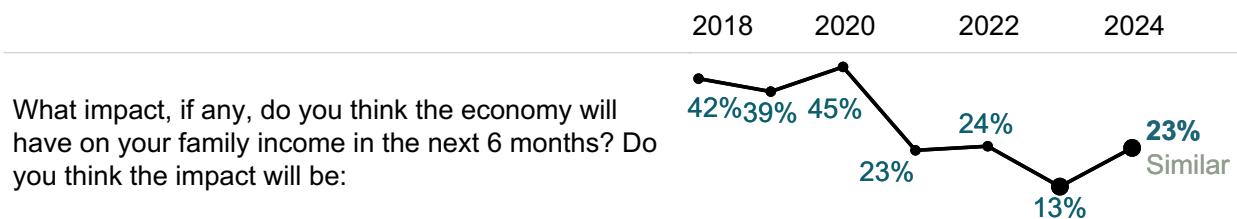


Please rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community. (% excellent or good)



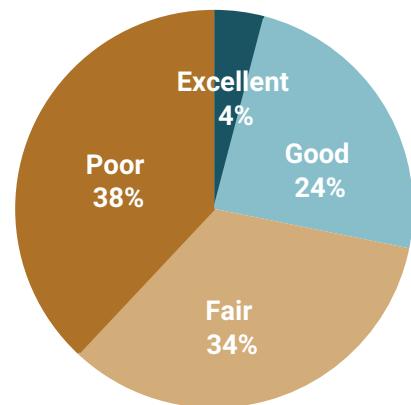


What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:
(% very or somewhat positive)



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Overall quality of the transportation system in Port St. Lucie, 2023



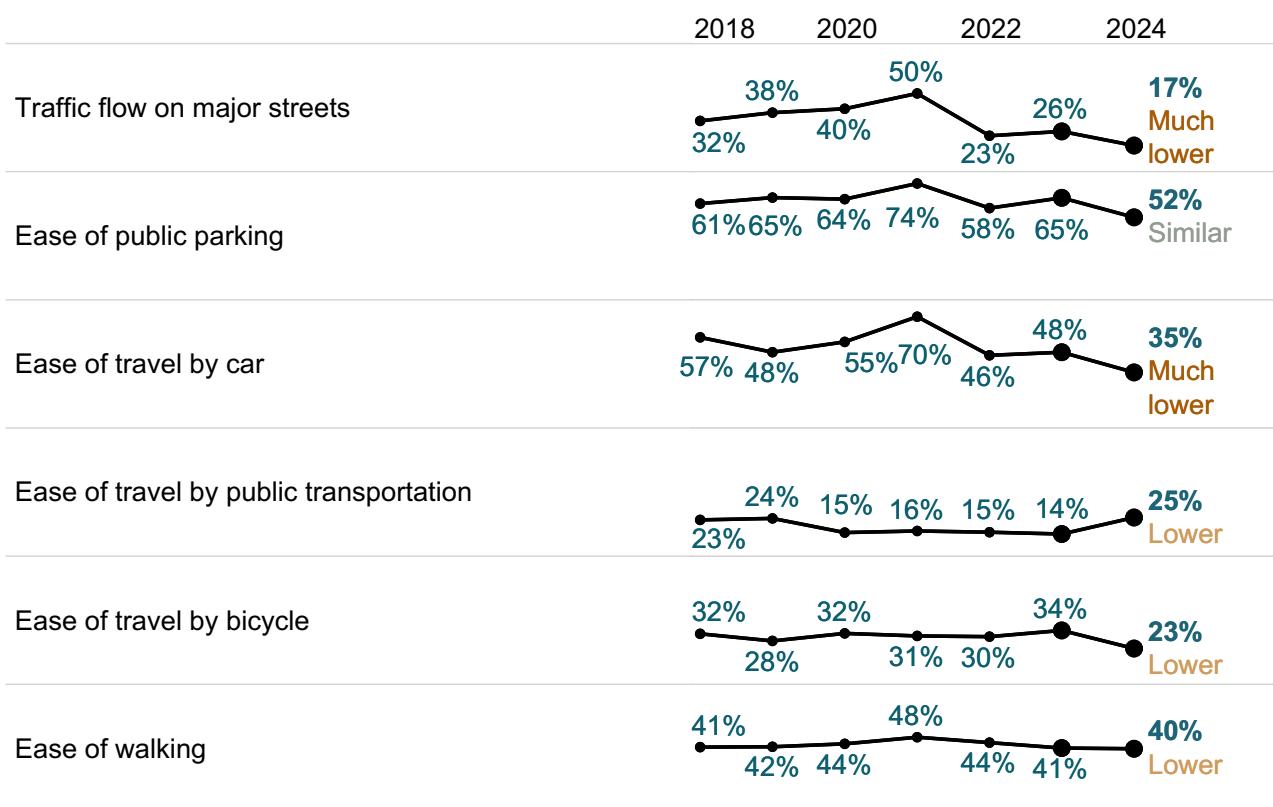
Mobility

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.

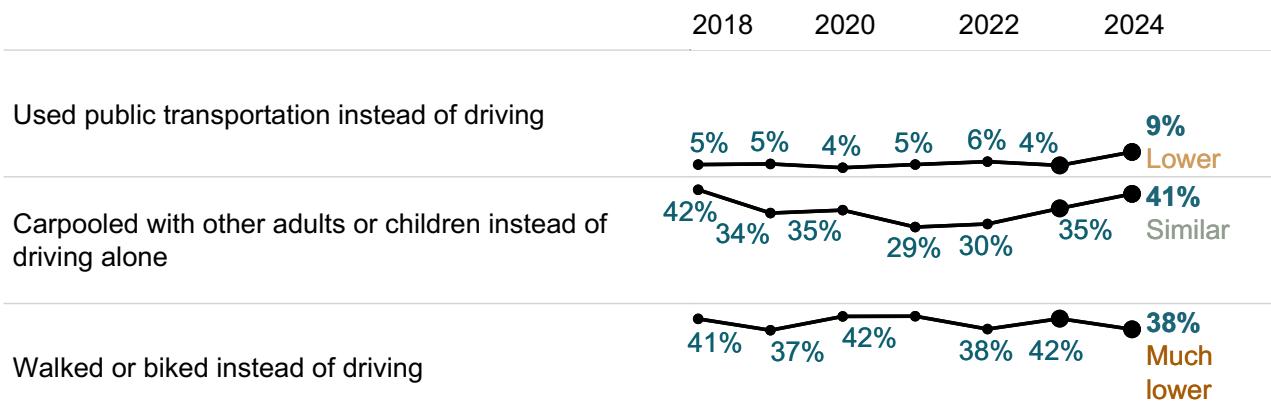
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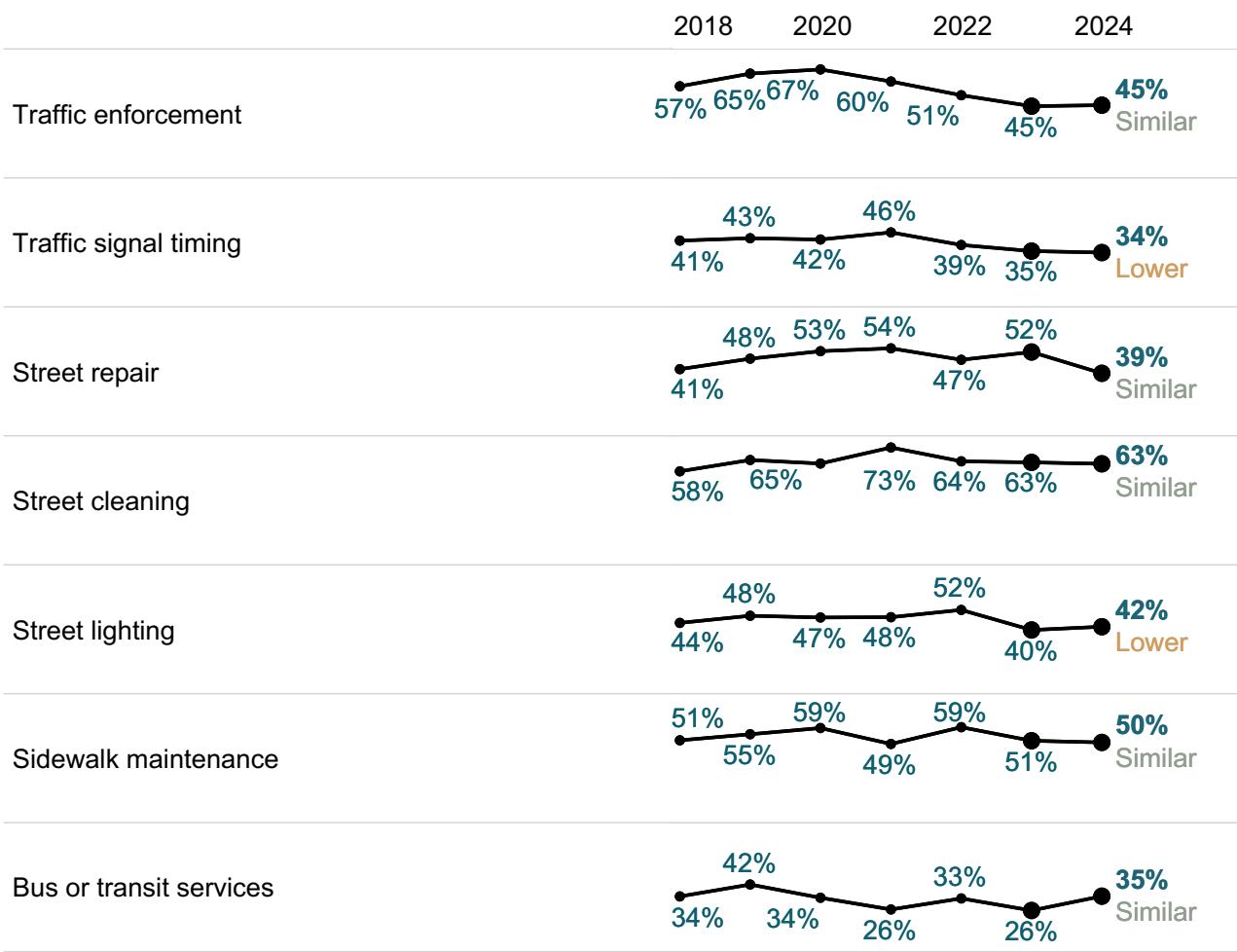
Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community. (% excellent or good)



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

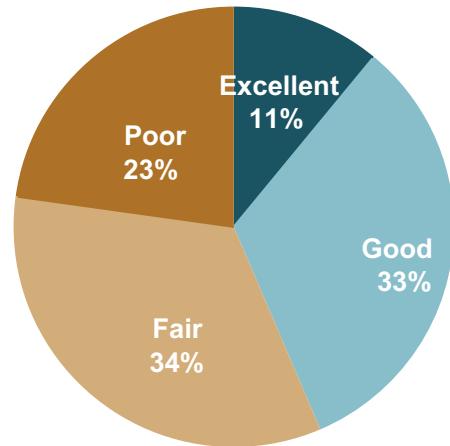


**Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.
(% excellent or good)**



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

Overall design or layout of Port St. Lucie's residential and commercial areas, 2023



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.

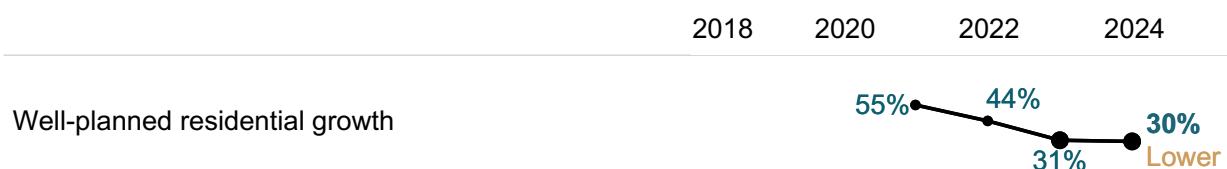
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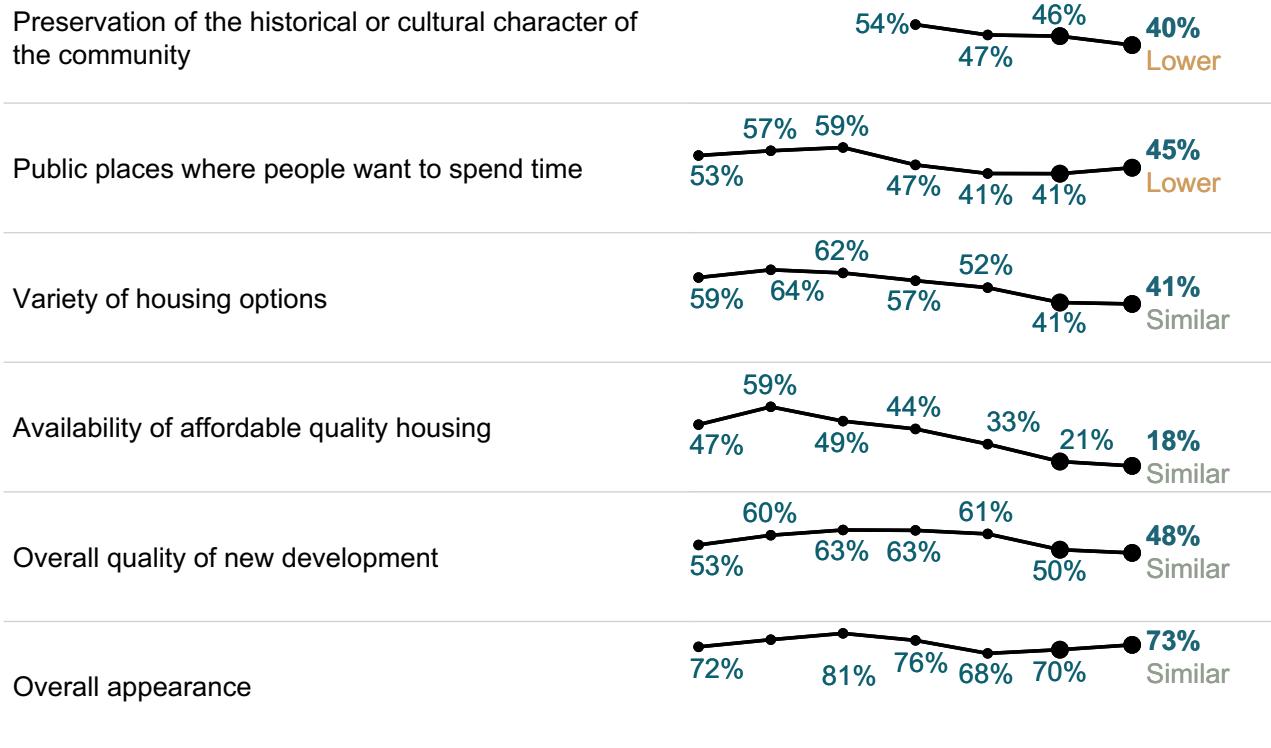


Well-planned commercial growth

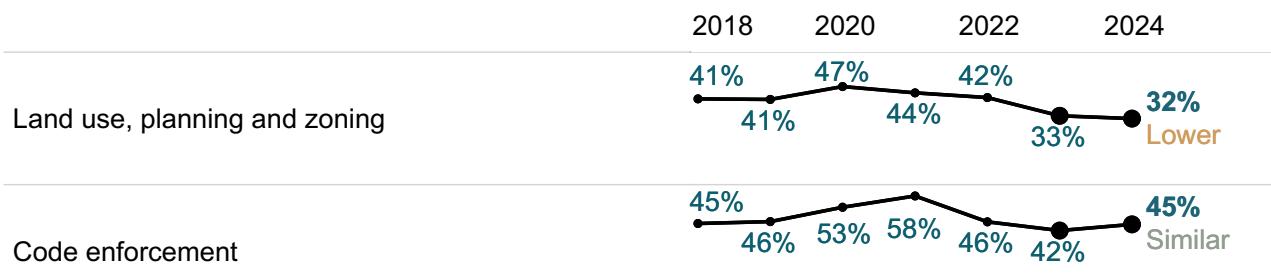


Well-designed neighborhoods





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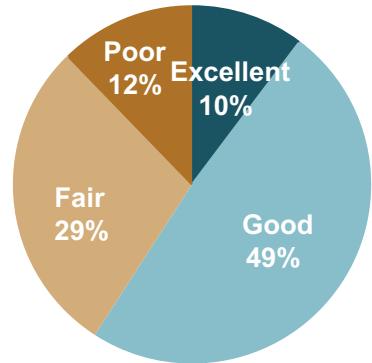


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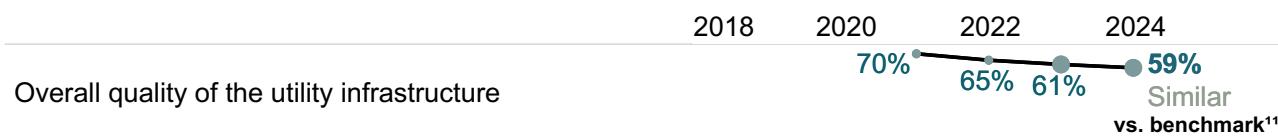
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Port St. Lucie, 2023

Utilities

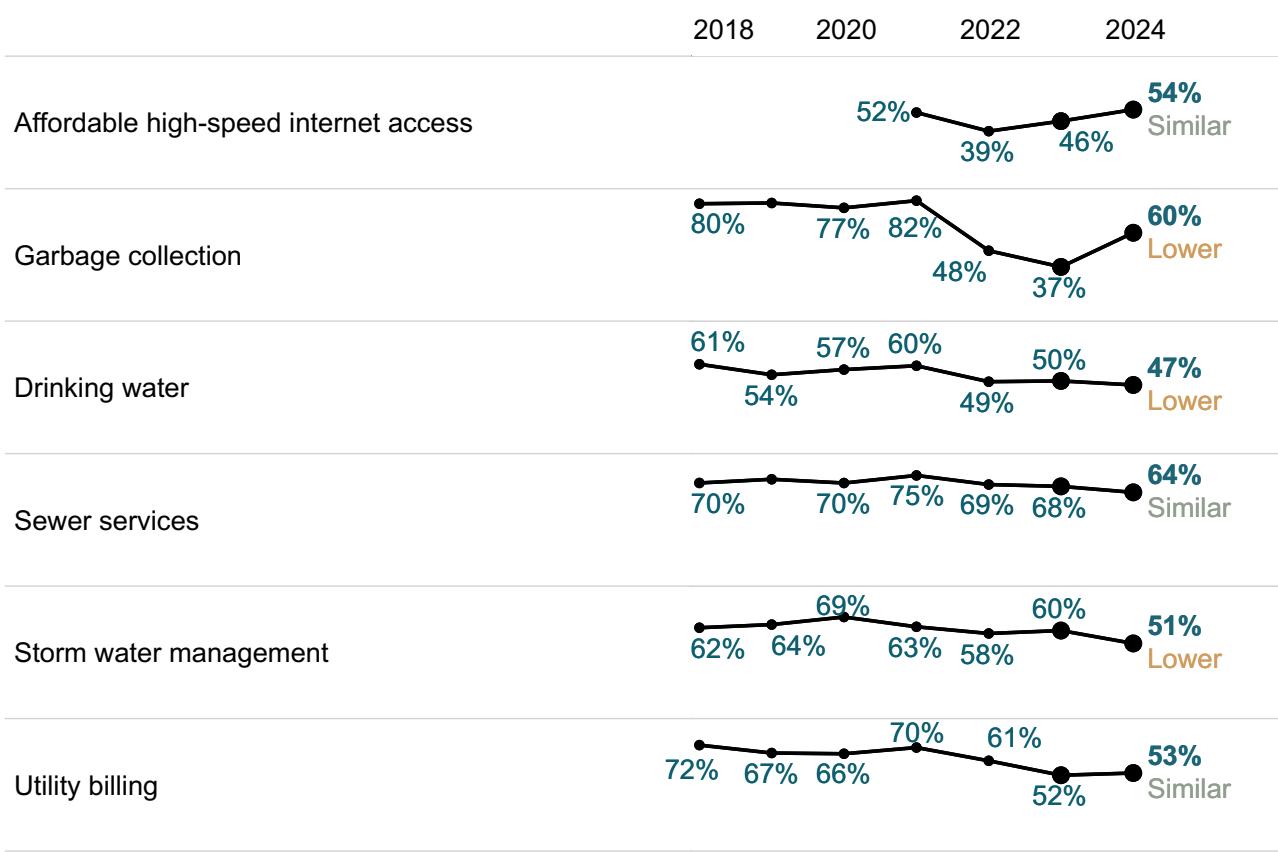
Services such as water, gas, electricity, and internet access play a vital role in ensuring the physical and economic health and well-being of the communities they serve.



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(% excellent or good)

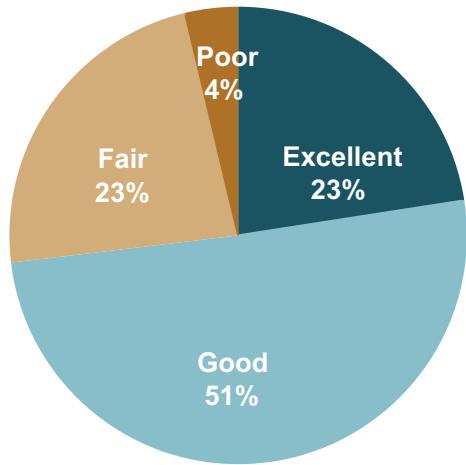


Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.
(% excellent or good)



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

Overall feeling of safety in Port St. Lucie, 2023



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.

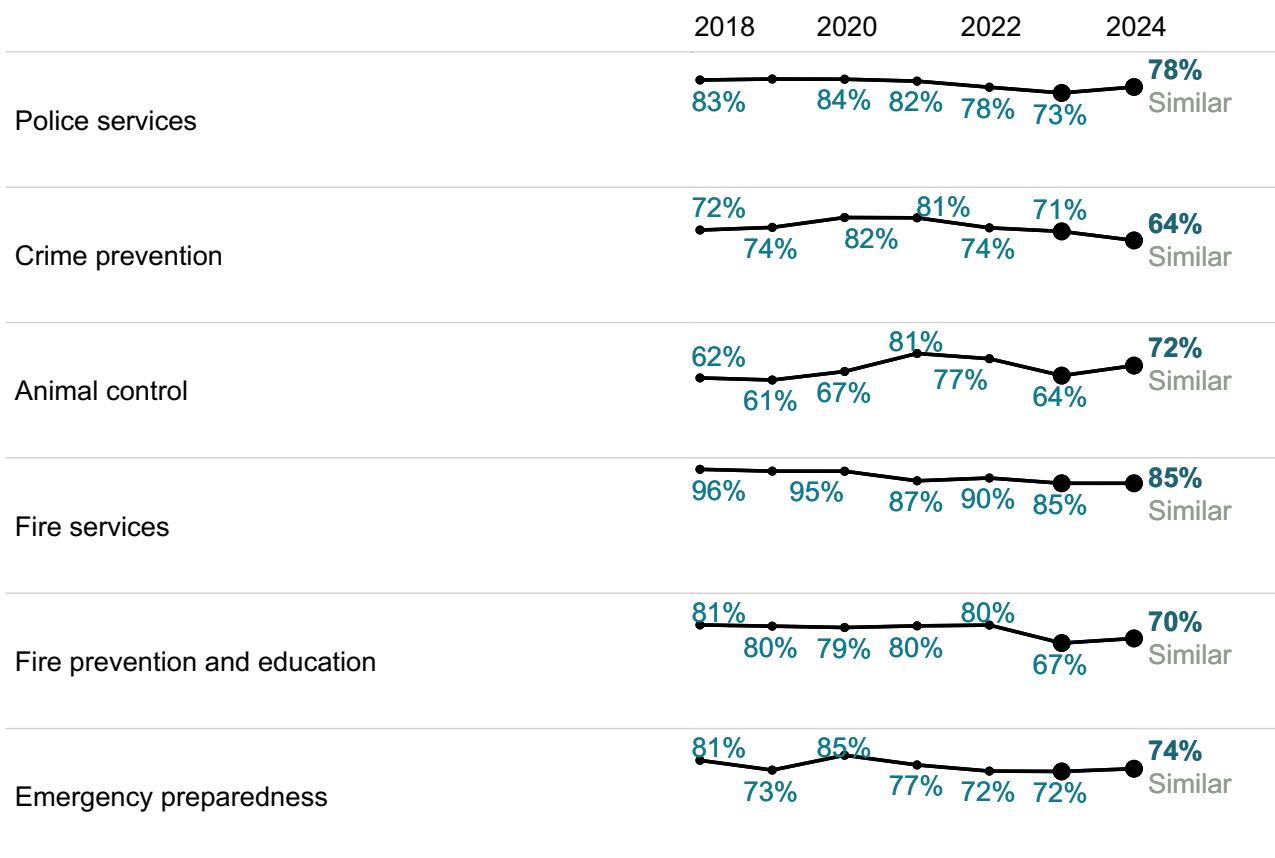
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole. (% excellent or good)



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

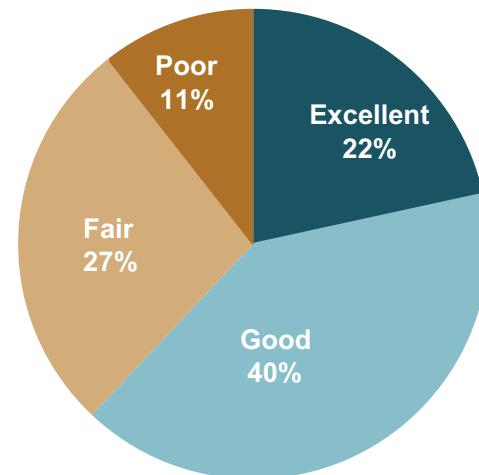


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Overall quality of natural environment in Port St. Lucie, 2023



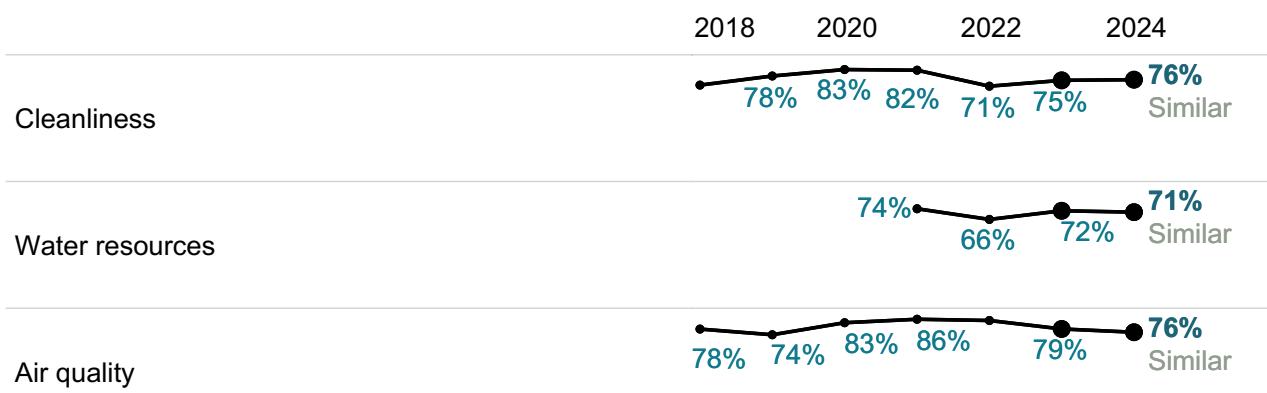
Natural Environment

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.

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

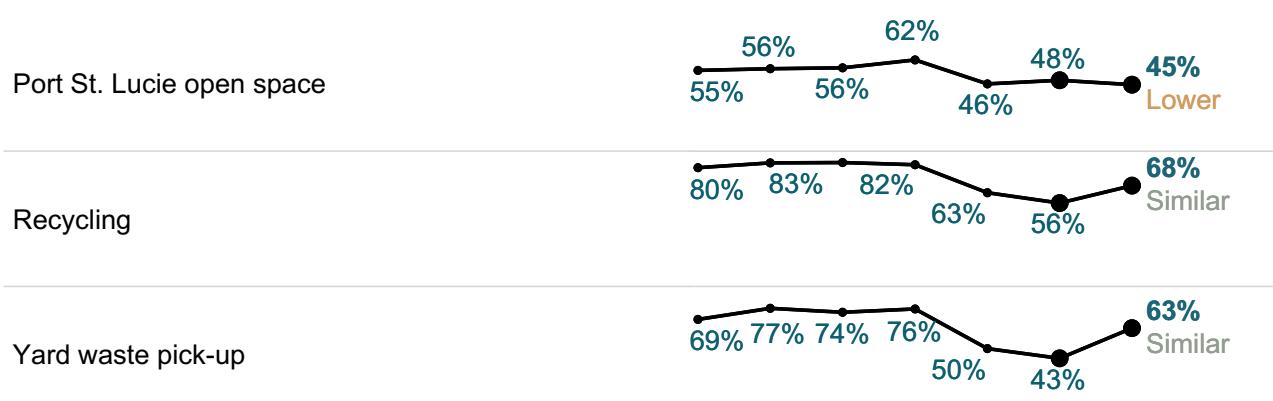


Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.
 (% excellent or good)



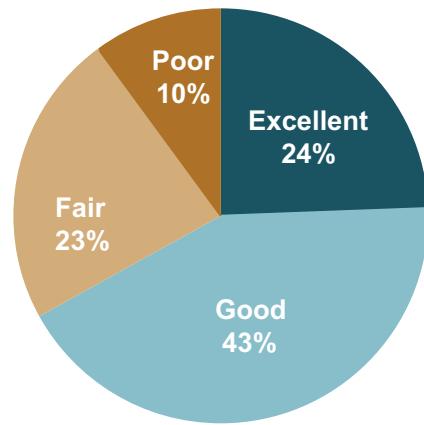
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.
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Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2023



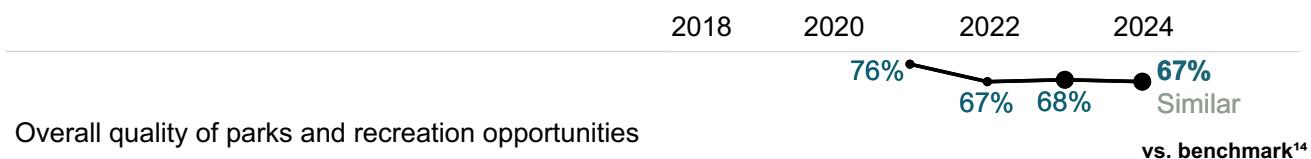
Parks and Recreation

"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

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.

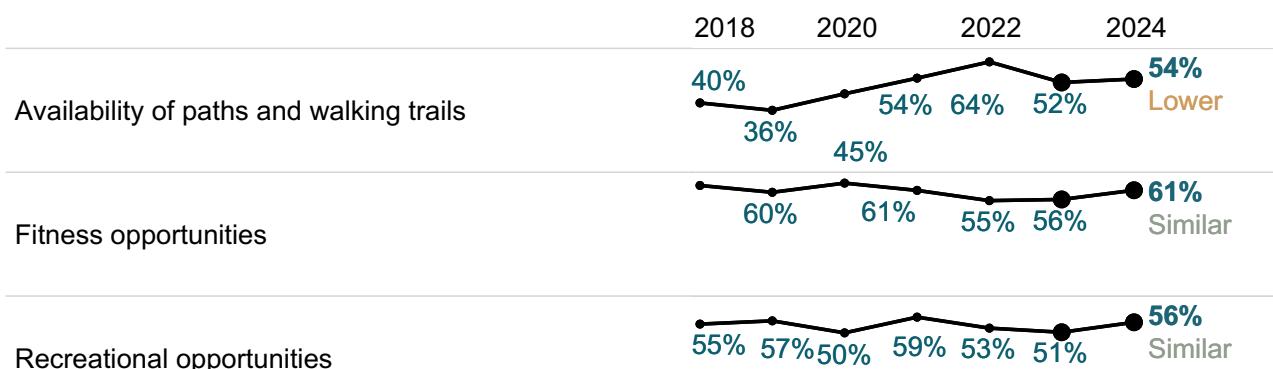
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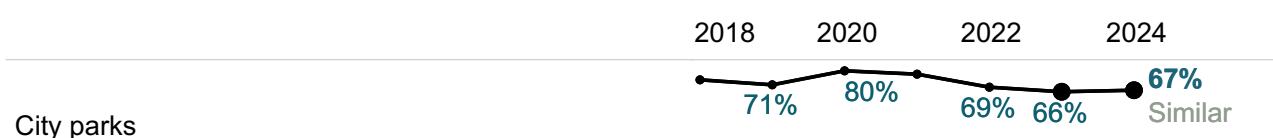
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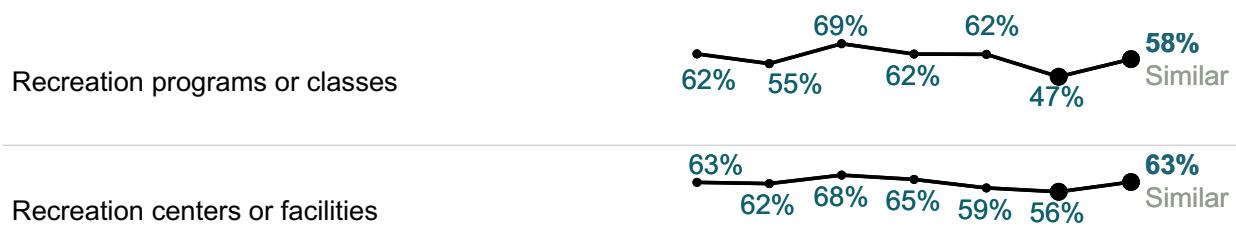
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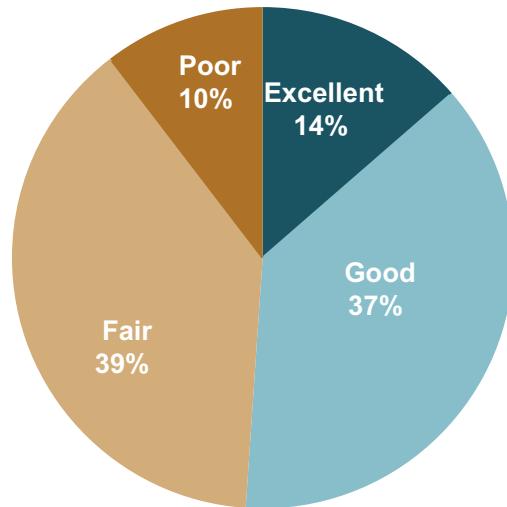


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Health and Wellness

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 Port St. Lucie, 2023



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(% excellent or good)

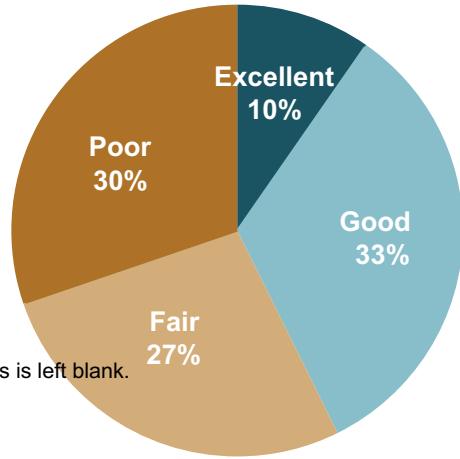


Please rate your overall health.
(% excellent or very good)



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Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2024



Education, Arts, and Culture

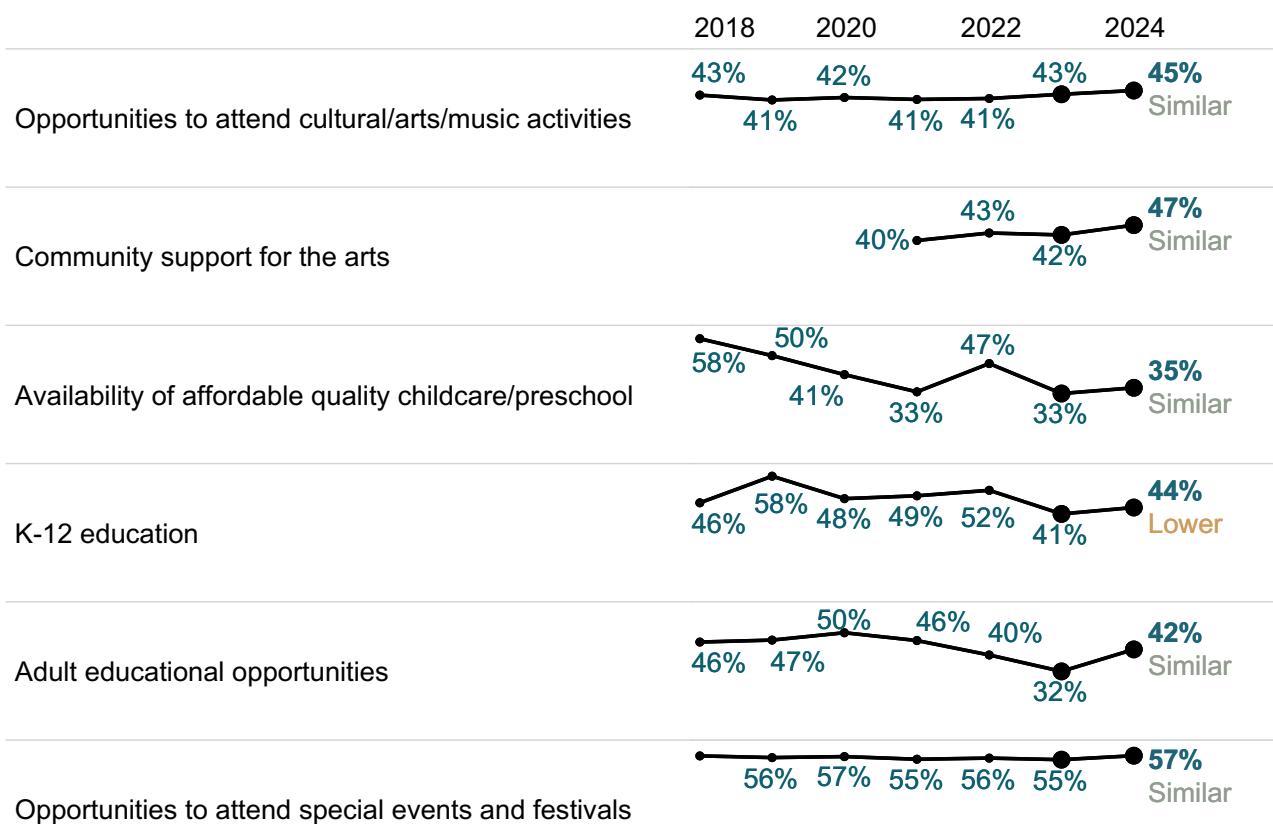
Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.

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

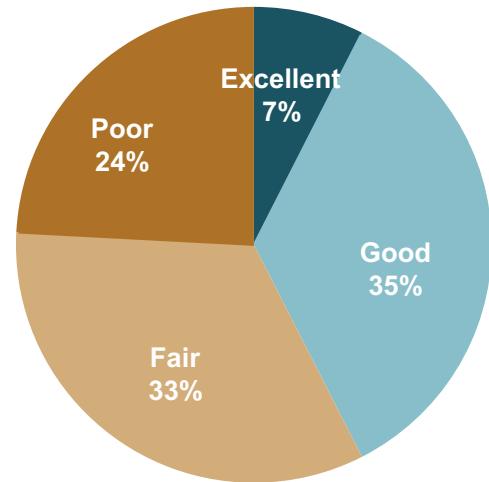


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Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2023

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.



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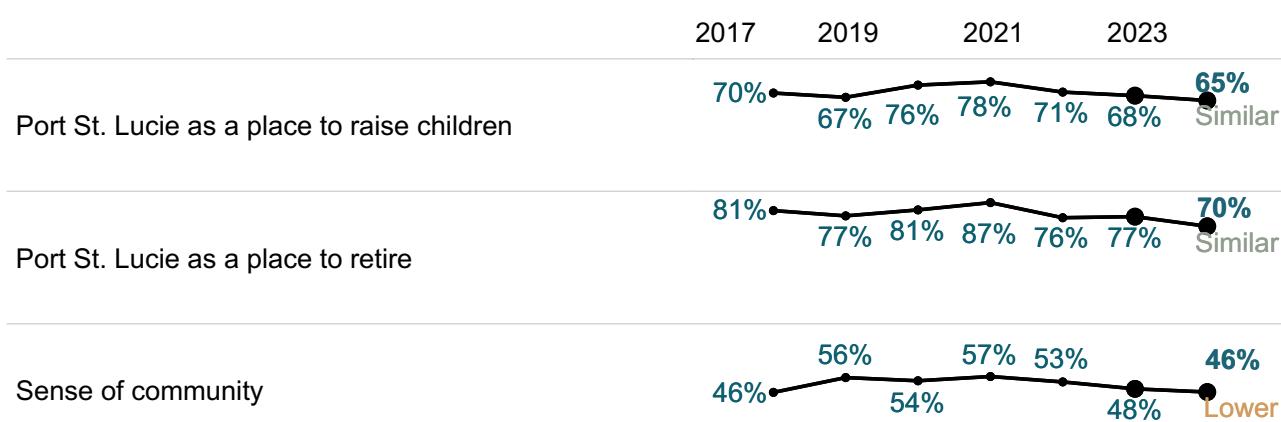
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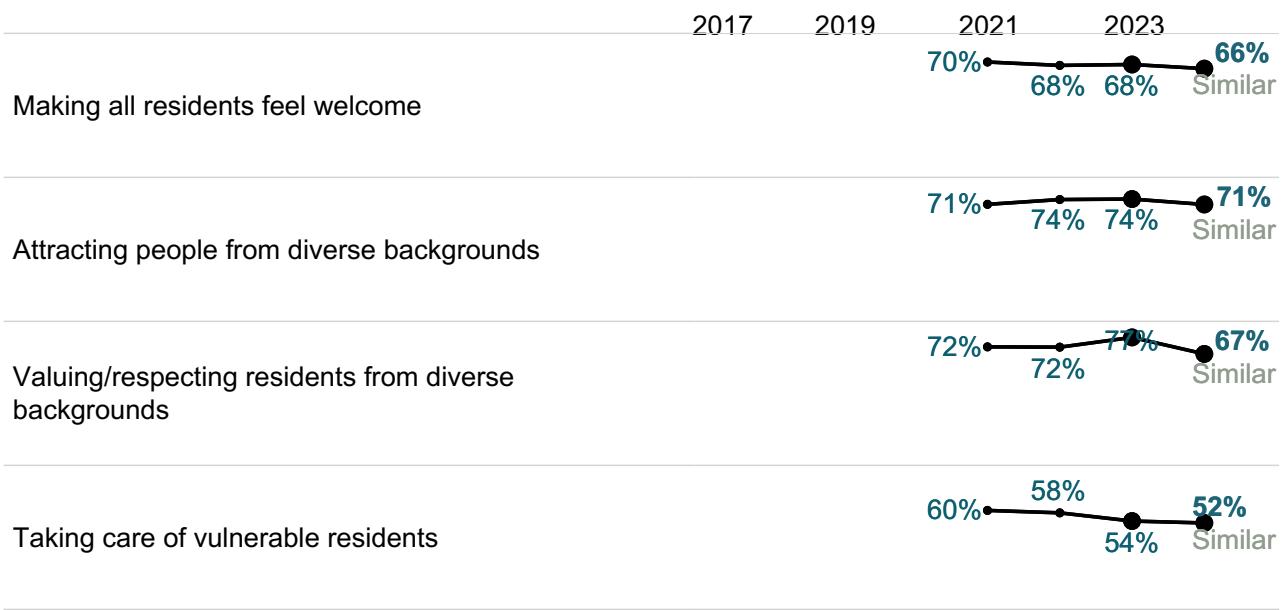
Residents' connection and engagement with their community

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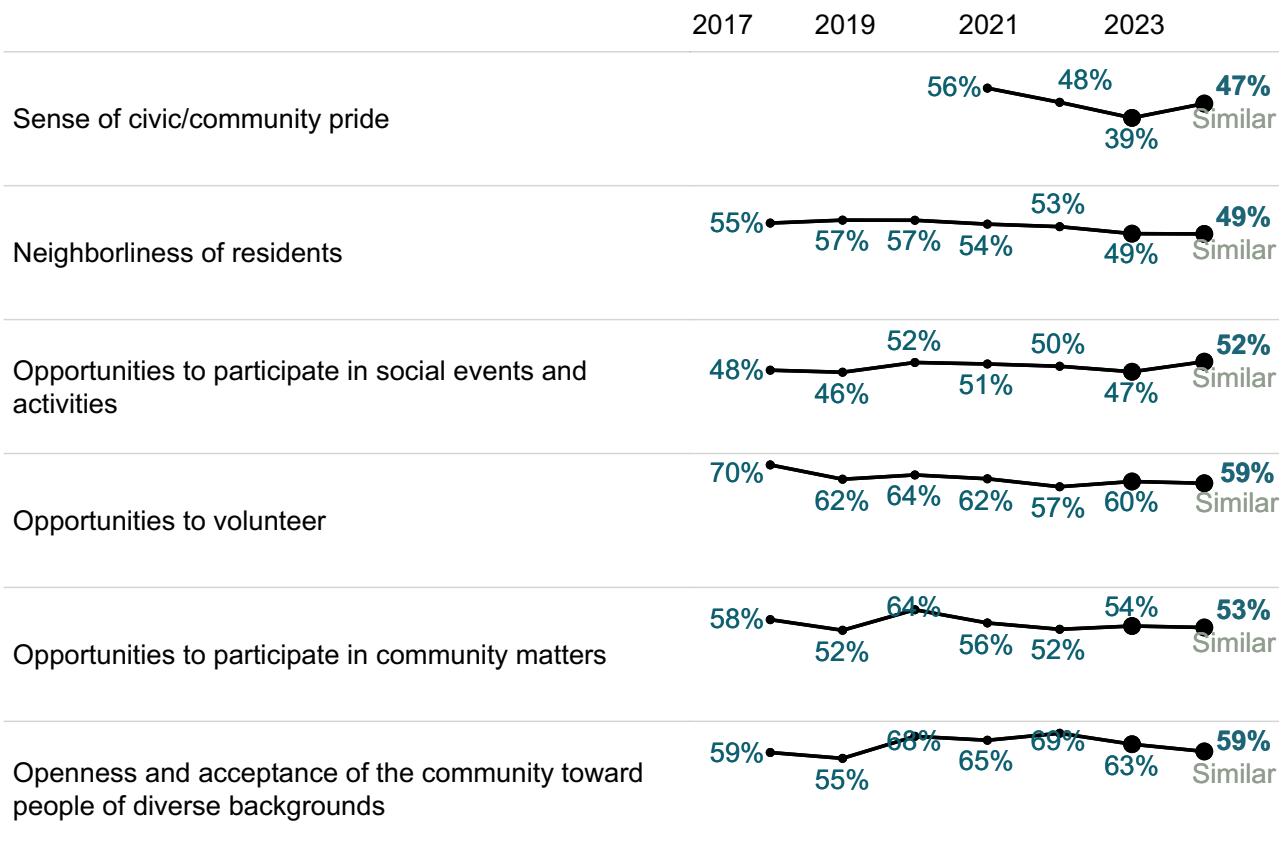
(% excellent or good)



**Please rate the job you feel the Port St. Lucie community does at each of the following.
(% excellent or good)**



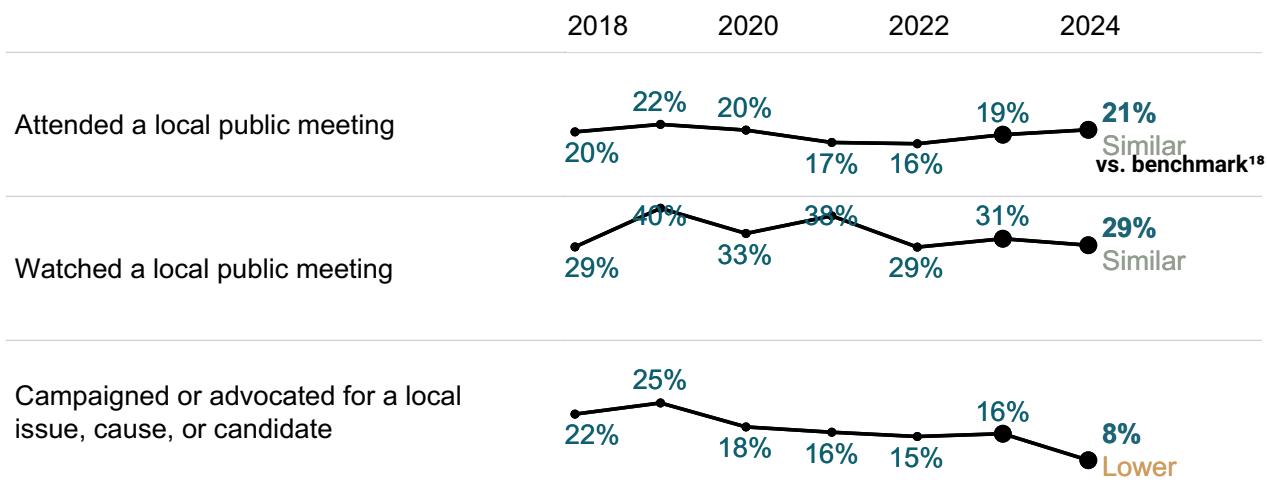
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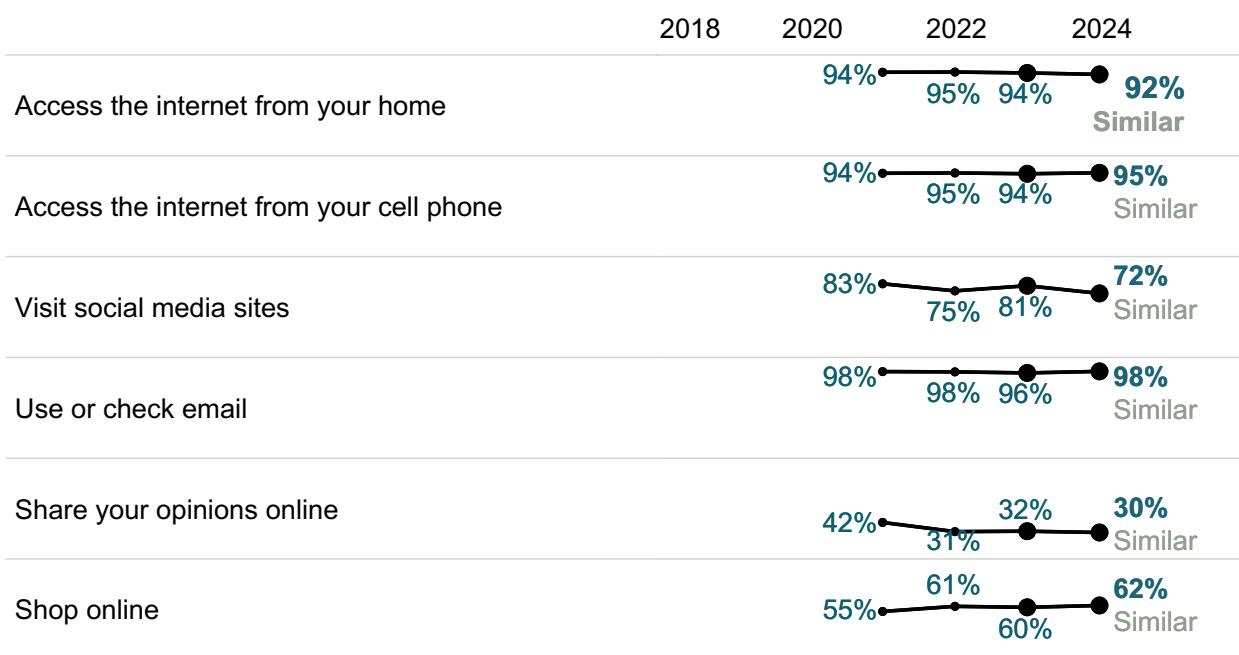
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Residents' Participation Levels

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



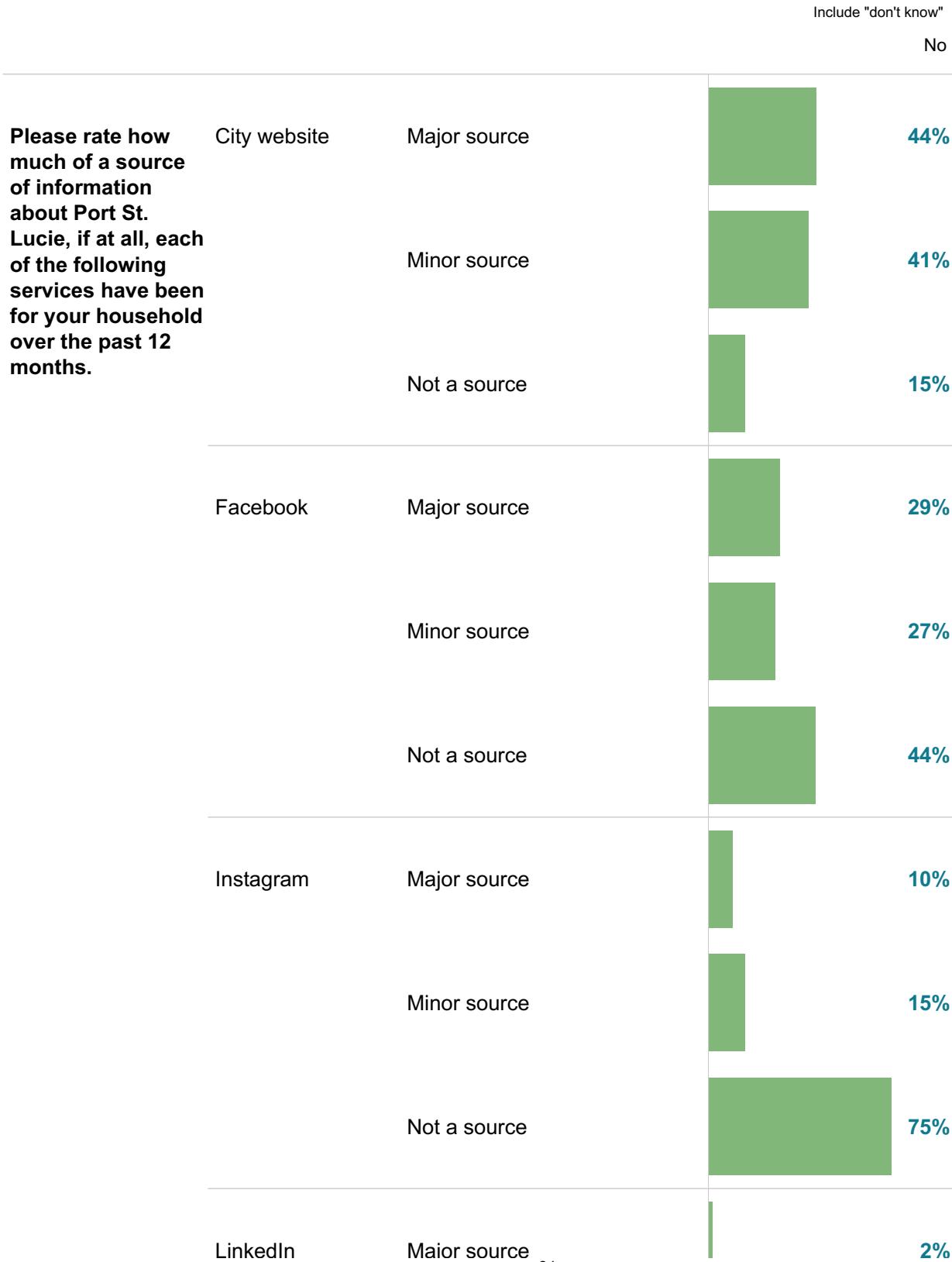
In general, how many times do you:
(% a few times a week or more)

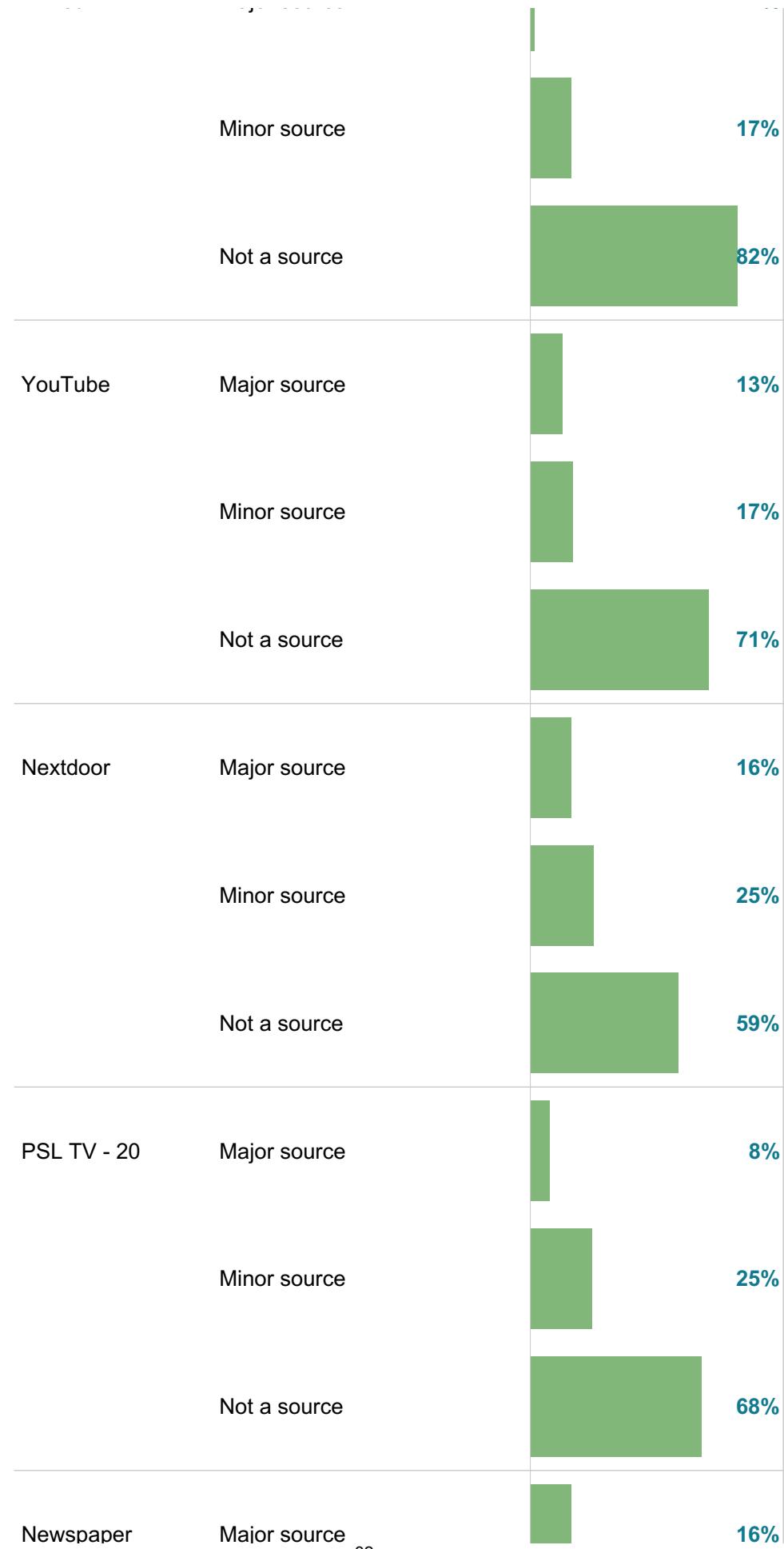


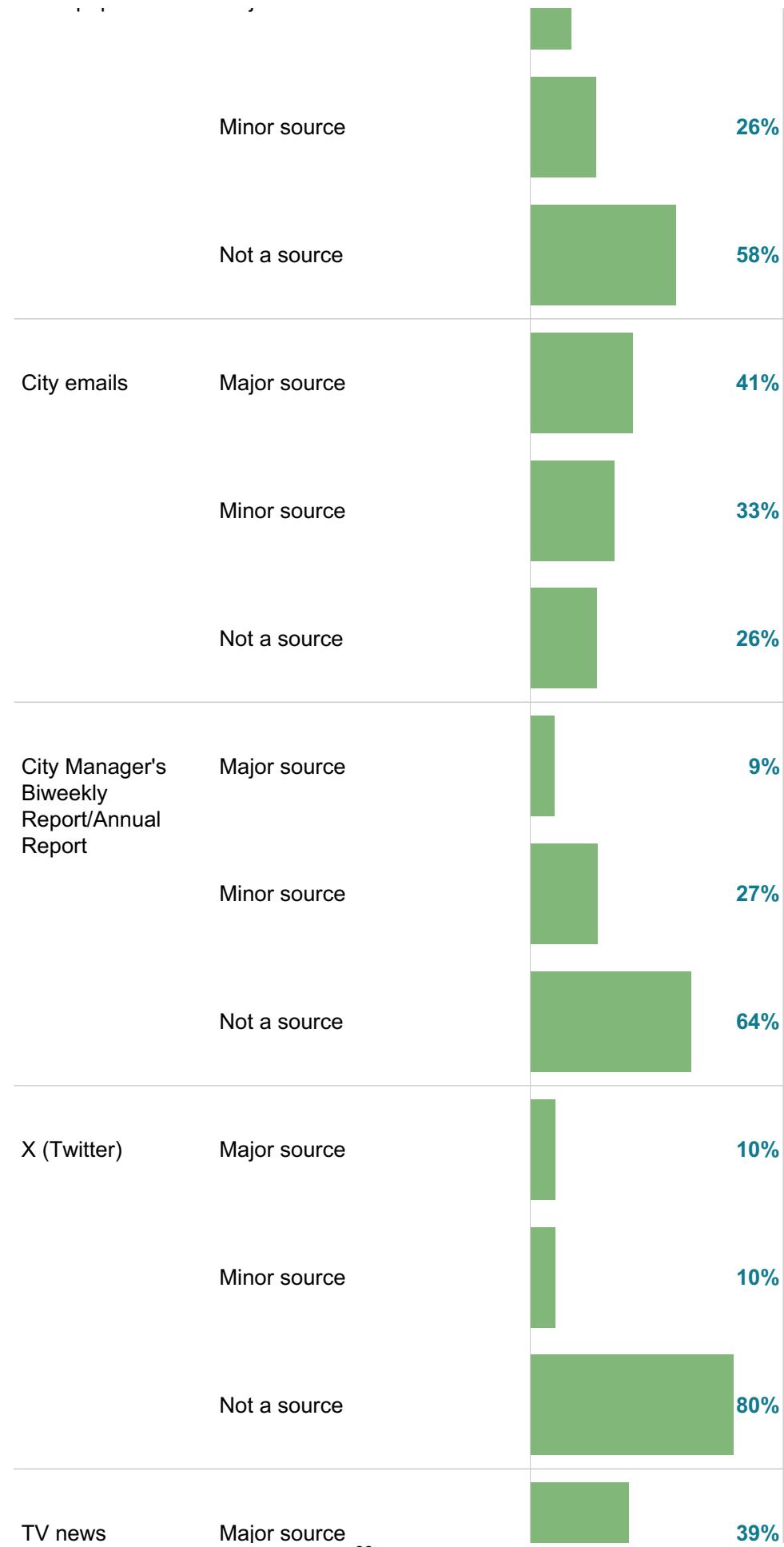
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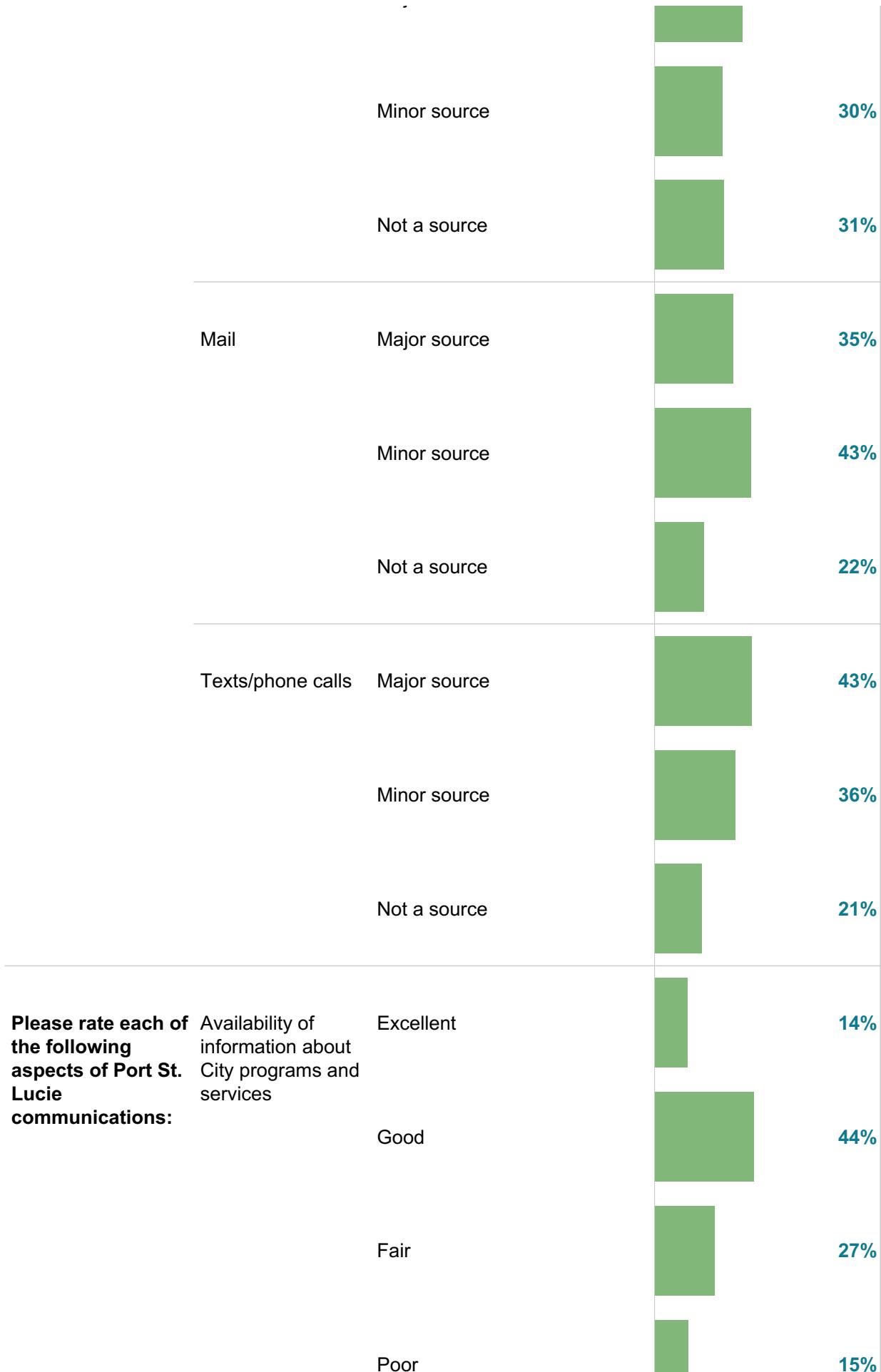
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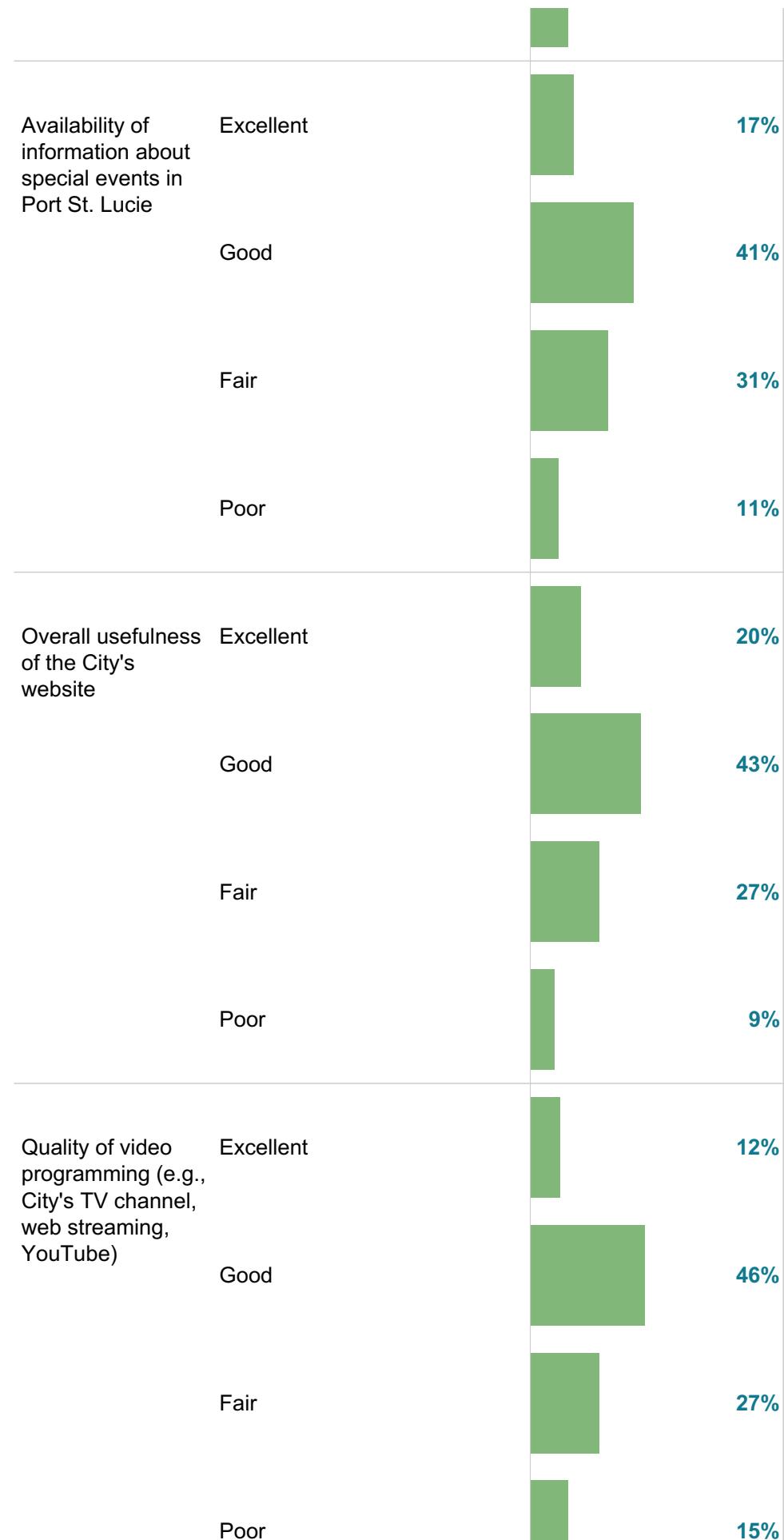
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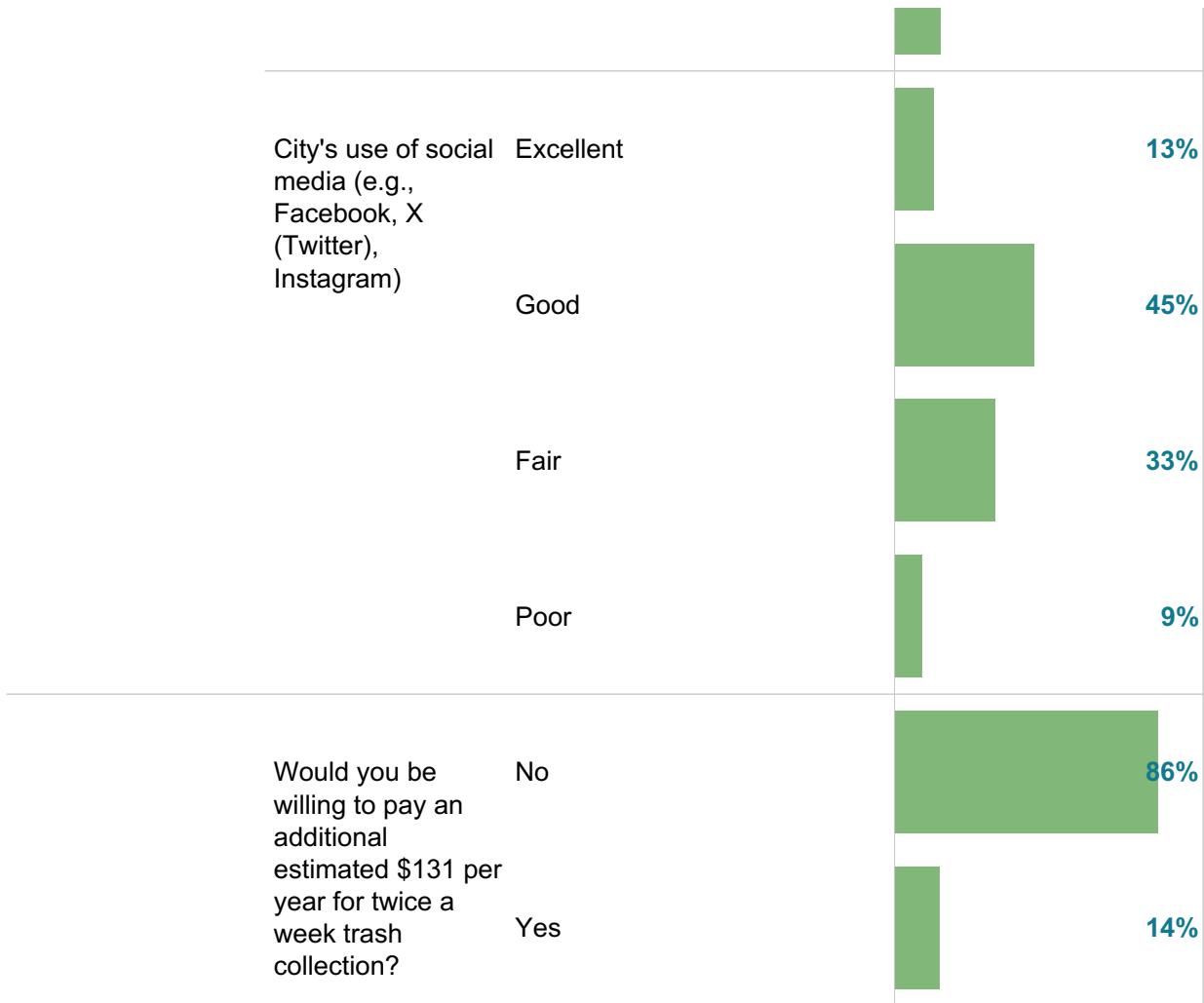












Open-ended questions

City included one open-ended question on their survey. The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported below with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment.

What are the top three priorities you would like the City to focus on in the next year?

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Economic Development/Business Support/Development	26%
Education, Arts, and Culture (e.g., community events, support for the arts, K-12 development)	20%
Roads (e.g., repairs, widening projects, etc.)	20%
General Mobility (e.g., public transportation development, street lights, sidewalks)	19%
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Taxes	21%
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Infrastructure Development/Utilities/Wifi	11%
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National Benchmark Tables

This table contains the comparisons of Port St. Lucie's results to those from other communities. The first column shows the comparison of Port St. Lucie's rating to the benchmark. Port St. Lucie's results are noted as being "higher", "lower" or "similar" to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by Port St. Lucie residents is statistically similar to or different than the benchmark. The second column is Port St. Lucie'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 Port St. Lucie'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 Port St. Lucie's result -- that is what percent of surveyed communities had a lower rating than Port St. Lucie.

			% positive	Rank	Number of communities	Percentile
Quality of Life Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Port St. Lucie as a place to live	Similar	72%	298	380	19
	The overall quality of life	Similar	66%	311	396	19
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Port St. Lucie to someone who asks	Lower	69%	281	328	13
	Remain in Port St. Lucie for the next five years	Similar	79%	243	326	25
Please rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Overall image or reputation	Similar	61%	258	374	28
Governance Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Public information services	Similar	65%	132	328	59
	Overall customer service by Port St. Lucie employees	Similar	67%	273	376	24
Please rate the following categories of Port St. Lucie government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Port St. Lucie	Lower	32%	350	381	5
	The overall direction that Port St. Lucie is taking	Similar	41%	288	356	18

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Port St. Lucie government performance.	The job Port St. Lucie government does at welcoming resident involvement	Similar	42%	251	348	27
		Overall confidence in Port St. Lucie government	Similar	39%	234	320	27
		Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Similar	43%	238	324	26
		Being honest	Similar	47%	211	315	33
		Being open and transparent to the public	Similar	50%	150	271	45
		Informing residents about issues facing the community	Similar	47%	163	275	41
		Treating all residents fairly	Similar	57%	156	321	51
		Treating residents with respect	Similar	60%	149	268	44
	Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Port St. Lucie	Similar	55%	303	375	17
		The Federal Government	Similar	34%	246	308	20
Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Port St. Lucie as a place to work	Similar	48%	286	374	21
		Port St. Lucie as a place to visit	Similar	49%	244	333	25
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall economic health	Similar	55%	252	327	22

Economy

<p>Please rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.</p>	Overall quality of business and service establishments	Similar	62%	234	327	28
	Variety of business and service establishments	Similar	52%	178	266	33
	Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	Similar	49%	171	307	44
	Employment opportunities	Similar	37%	247	340	26
	Shopping opportunities	Similar	49%	171	330	48
	Cost of living	Lower	18%	269	317	15

<p>Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.</p>	Economic development	Similar	52%	194	322	39
	Overall economic health	Similar	95%	27	301	91

<p>Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.</p>	Overall economic health	Similar	95%	27	301	91
	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:	Similar	23%	111	310	64

<p>Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.</p>	Overall quality of the transportation system	Lower	28%	253	274	7
	Traffic flow on major streets	Much lower	17%	335	348	1

<p>Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.</p>	Traffic flow on major streets	Much lower	17%	335	348	1
	Ease of public parking	Similar	52%	219	307	28
	Ease of travel by car	Much lower	35%	326	338	2

Mobility	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Ease of travel by public transportation	Lower	25%	246	310	20
			Higher	75%	754	689	80
			Similar	23%	303	338	9
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Ease of travel by bicycle	Lower	40%	313	342	7
			Higher	50%	400	357	13
	Ease of walking		Lower	40%	313	342	7
			Higher	50%	400	357	13
	Used public transportation instead of driving		Lower	9%	206	292	29
			Higher	91%	894	707	10
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone		Similar	41%	195	309	37
			Higher	58%	275	200	23
	Walked or biked instead of driving		Much lower	38%	285	311	8
			Higher	62%	515	448	21
Quality of Services	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Traffic enforcement	Similar	45%	314	369	12
			Higher	55%	399	333	15
			Lower	34%	251	220	2
	Traffic signal timing		Higher	66%	505	433	17
			Lower	33%	251	220	2
	Street repair		Similar	39%	207	361	42
			Higher	61%	428	333	17
	Street cleaning		Similar	63%	177	331	46
			Higher	37%	275	333	17
	Street lighting		Lower	42%	330	359	4
			Higher	57%	428	333	17
	Sidewalk maintenance		Similar	50%	201	331	39
			Higher	49%	395	299	31
	Bus or transit services		Similar	35%	206	299	31
			Higher	65%	455	333	17

Mobility	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system	Similar	78%	50	264	81
Community Design	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	Similar	86%	167	334	49
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Lower	44%	275	318	13
	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Well-planned residential growth	Lower	30%	224	268	16
		Well-planned commercial growth	Similar	31%	216	267	19
		Well-designed neighborhoods	Similar	44%	200	268	24
		Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	Lower	40%	250	264	5
		Public places where people want to spend time	Lower	45%	256	312	18
		Variety of housing options	Similar	41%	215	325	33
		Availability of affordable quality housing	Similar	18%	242	347	29
		Overall quality of new development	Similar	48%	190	336	43
		Overall appearance	Similar	73%	185	350	46
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Land use, planning and zoning	Lower	32%	286	331	13

Community Design	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Code enforcement	Similar	45%	184	361	47
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	Higher	91%	14	301	95
Utilities	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	59%	196	265	26
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Affordable high-speed internet access	Similar	54%	154	262	41
		Garbage collection	Lower	60%	323	341	3
		Drinking water	Lower	47%	299	330	8
		Sewer services	Similar	64%	279	327	14
		Storm water management	Lower	51%	300	341	10
		Utility billing	Similar	53%	261	306	14
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure	Similar	95%	60	264	77
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	73%	227	366	36
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	Similar	91%	210	345	38
		In Port St. Lucie's downtown/commercial area during the day	Similar	85%	224	333	32

Safety	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:					
	From property crime	Similar	80%	120	276	56
	From violent crime	Similar	82%	173	276	37
	From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	Similar	73%	211	266	21
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.					
	Police/Sheriff services	Similar	78%	206	393	45
	Crime prevention	Similar	64%	201	370	43
	Animal control	Similar	72%	141	342	57
	Fire services	Similar	85%	209	358	40
	Fire prevention and education	Similar	70%	184	327	43
Natural environment	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.					
	Overall feeling of safety	Similar	92%	131	301	56
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.					
	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	62%	264	327	19
Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Cleanliness	Similar	76%	179	341	47
	Water resources	Similar	71%	79	248	68

Natural environment	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Air quality	Similar	76%	169	314	46
		Preservation of natural areas	Similar	46%	265	313	15
		Port St. Lucie open space	Lower	45%	275	311	11
		Recycling	Similar	68%	202	345	40
		Yard waste pick-up	Similar	63%	213	307	30
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment	Similar	89%	81	301	73
		Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	67%	208	271	23
		Availability of paths and walking trails	Lower	54%	265	342	21
		Fitness opportunities	Similar	61%	231	314	26
		Recreational opportunities	Similar	56%	248	332	25
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	City parks	Similar	67%	262	338	22
		Recreation programs or classes	Similar	58%	254	335	23
		Recreation centers or facilities	Similar	63%	230	322	28

Parks and Recreation	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities	Similar	80%	171	265	35
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Lower	51%	259	320	19
Health and wellness	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	Similar	82%	47	301	84
	Please rate your overall health.		Similar	75%	135	307	56
Education, Arts and Culture	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Lower	43%	286	323	11
	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	Similar	45%	225	328	31
		Community support for the arts	Similar	47%	194	264	26
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	Similar	35%	249	320	22
		K-12 education	Lower	44%	275	324	15
		Adult educational opportunities	Similar	42%	247	314	21
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	Similar	57%	222	318	30
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	Similar	73%	134	301	55
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Port St. Lucie as a place to raise children	Similar	65%	265	384	28

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Port St. Lucie as a place to retire	Similar	70%	148	379	59
		Sense of community	Lower	46%	292	345	14
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Lower	42%	228	268	14
	Please rate the job you feel the Port St. Lucie community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome	Similar	66%	159	270	41
		Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	Similar	71%	50	267	81
		Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds	Similar	67%	81	268	70
		Taking care of vulnerable residents	Similar	52%	154	264	42
	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Sense of civic/community pride	Similar	47%	206	264	22
		Neighborliness of residents	Similar	49%	257	313	17
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar	52%	244	323	24
		Opportunities to volunteer	Similar	59%	228	318	28
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar	53%	241	318	24
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Similar	59%	125	336	62

Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	Similar	69%	142	301	53
Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted the City of Port St. Lucie for help or information	Higher	57%	44	340	87
		Contacted Port St. Lucie elected officials to express your opinion	Similar	15%	154	311	50
		Attended a local public meeting	Similar	21%	126	314	60
		Watched a local public meeting	Similar	29%	80	304	74
		Volunteered your time to some group/activity	Lower	21%	275	317	13
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	Lower	8%	295	307	4
		Voted in your most recent local election	Similar	67%	216	264	18
In general, how many times do you:		Access the internet from your home	Similar	92%	182	263	31
		Access the internet from your cell phone	Similar	95%	103	265	61
		Visit social media sites	Similar	72%	236	265	11
		Use or check email	Similar	98%	73	266	72
		Share your opinions online	Similar	30%	79	264	70

Participation In general, how many times do you:

Shop online

Similar 62% 68 263 74

Full Trends

This table contains the trends over time for the City of Port St. Lucie. The combined "percent positive" responses for each survey year are presented (e.g., excellent/good or yes). If an item was not included during an administration of the survey, no percentage will be shown in the table. If the difference between the 2023 and 2024 surveys is greater than seven percentage points, the change is statistically significant.

It is important to note that in 2020, The NCS survey was updated to include new and refreshed items. Consequently, some of the trends may be impacted due to wording modifications that could have potentially altered the meaning of the item for the respondent.

			1996	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Quality of Life	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Port St. Lucie as a place to live		82%	80%	84%	88%	80%	78%	72%	
		The overall quality of life		76%	78%	79%	82%	78%	70%	66%	
	Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.	Recommend living in Port St. Lucie to someone who asks		78%	84%	88%	89%	81%	77%	69%	
		Remain in Port St. Lucie for the next five years		80%	86%	91%	86%	82%	81%	79%	
	Please rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Overall image or reputation		57%	64%	66%	73%	63%	61%	61%	
Governance	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Public information services		58%	63%	72%	63%	65%	68%	65%	
		Overall customer service by Port St. Lucie employees		72%	77%	75%	79%	73%	70%	67%	
	Please rate the following categories of Port St. Lucie government performance.	The value of services for the taxes paid to Port St. Lucie		40%	49%	45%	46%	43%	34%	32%	
		The overall direction that Port St. Lucie is taking		52%	64%	66%	64%	56%	39%	41%	
		The job Port St. Lucie government does at welcoming resident involvement		41%	58%	49%	50%	48%	44%	42%	
		Overall confidence in Port St. Lucie government		43%	55%	55%	54%	47%	38%	39%	
		Generally acting in the best interest of the community		50%	57%	57%	59%	52%	42%	43%	
		Being honest		45%	60%	51%	59%	54%	44%	47%	
		Being open and transparent to the public						60%	51%	41%	50%
		Informing residents about issues facing the community						59%	50%	45%	47%

Governance	Please rate the following categories of Port St. Lucie government performance.	Treating all residents fairly	50%	67%	59%	67%	57%	62%	57%
		Treating residents with respect				73%	64%	69%	60%
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	The City of Port St. Lucie		71%	74%	72%	70%	64%	63%	55%
	The Federal Government		40%	37%	49%	37%	36%	31%	34%
Economy	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Port St. Lucie as a place to work	39%	38%	39%	47%	51%	45%	48%
		Port St. Lucie as a place to visit	48%	58%	54%	53%	51%	46%	49%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall economic health		45%	46%	60%	59%	64%	55%	55%
	Please rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Overall quality of business and service establishments	58%	60%	61%	69%	62%	66%	62%
Mobility		Variety of business and service establishments				54%	54%	60%	52%
		Vibrancy of commercial areas	27%	28%	31%	49%	54%	55%	49%
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Employment opportunities		25%	24%	33%	23%	38%	34%	37%
		Shopping opportunities	62%	57%	64%	55%	55%	53%	49%
Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Cost of living		46%	53%	46%	49%	35%	26%	18%
		Economic development	41%	50%	62%	55%	52%	45%	52%
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall economic health		90%		95%	94%	88%	92%	95%
		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:	42%	39%	45%	23%	24%	13%	23%
Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Overall quality of the transportation system					44%	38%	35%	28%
		Traffic flow on major streets	32%	38%	40%	50%	23%	26%	17%

Mobility	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Ease of public parking	61%	65%	64%	74%	58%	65%	52%
		Ease of travel by car	57%	48%	55%	70%	46%	48%	35%
		Ease of travel by public transportation	23%	24%	15%	16%	15%	14%	25%
		Ease of travel by bicycle	32%	28%	32%	31%	30%	34%	23%
		Ease of walking	41%	42%	44%	48%	44%	41%	40%
	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Used public transportation instead of driving	5%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	9%
		Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	42%	34%	35%	29%	30%	35%	41%
		Walked or biked instead of driving	41%	37%	42%	42%	38%	42%	38%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Traffic enforcement	57%	65%	67%	60%	51%	45%	45%
		Traffic signal timing	41%	43%	42%	46%	39%	35%	34%
		Street repair	41%	48%	53%	54%	47%	52%	39%
		Street cleaning	58%	65%	63%	73%	64%	63%	63%
		Street lighting	44%	48%	47%	48%	52%	40%	42%
		Sidewalk maintenance	51%	55%	59%	49%	59%	51%	50%
		Bus or transit services	34%	42%	34%	26%	33%	26%	35%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the transportation system					74%	77%	74%
									78%
	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Your neighborhood as a place to live	84%	84%	82%	86%	86%	86%	86%
Community Design	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	49%	58%	52%	61%	54%	49%	44%

Community Design	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Well-planned residential growth	55%	44%	31%	30%
		Well-planned commercial growth	37%	42%	33%	31%
		Well-designed neighborhoods	51%	53%	41%	44%
		Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	54%	47%	46%	40%
		Public places where people want to spend time	53%	57%	59%	47%
		Variety of housing options	59%	64%	62%	57%
		Availability of affordable quality housing	47%	59%	49%	44%
		Overall quality of new development	53%	60%	63%	63%
		Overall appearance	72%	77%	81%	76%
		Land use, planning and zoning	41%	41%	47%	44%
Utilities	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Code enforcement	45%	46%	53%	58%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall design or layout of residential and commercial areas	77%	79%	83%	84%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure			70%	65%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Affordable high-speed internet access			52%	39%
		Garbage collection	80%	80%	77%	82%
		Drinking water	61%	54%	57%	60%
		Sewer services	70%	73%	70%	75%
		Storm water management	62%	64%	69%	63%
			58%	60%	50%	47%
			68%	69%	69%	64%
			60%	60%	51%	

Utilities	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Utility billing	72%	67%	66%	70%	61%	52%	53%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of the utility infrastructure					92%	89%	96%	95%
Safety	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall feeling of safety	83%	79%	79%	82%	73%	77%	73%	
	Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	In your neighborhood during the day	93%	96%	95%	95%	95%	94%	91%	
		In Port St. Lucie's commercial areas during the day	86%	91%	89%	90%	91%	89%	85%	
		From property crime					83%	85%	80%	80%
		From violent crime					84%	87%	81%	82%
		From fire, flood, or other natural disaster					79%	78%	77%	73%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Police services	81%	83%	84%	84%	82%	78%	73%	78%
		Crime prevention	72%	74%	82%	81%	74%	71%	64%	
		Animal control	62%	61%	67%	81%	77%	64%	72%	
		Fire services	96%	95%	95%	87%	90%	85%	85%	
		Fire prevention and education	81%	80%	79%	80%	80%	67%	70%	
		Emergency preparedness	81%	73%	85%	77%	72%	72%	74%	
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall feeling of safety	93%		96%	97%	93%	92%	92%	
Natural environment	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall quality of natural environment	69%	74%	74%	79%	64%	63%	62%	
	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Cleanliness	71%	78%	83%	82%	71%	75%	76%	
		Water resources					74%	66%	72%	71%

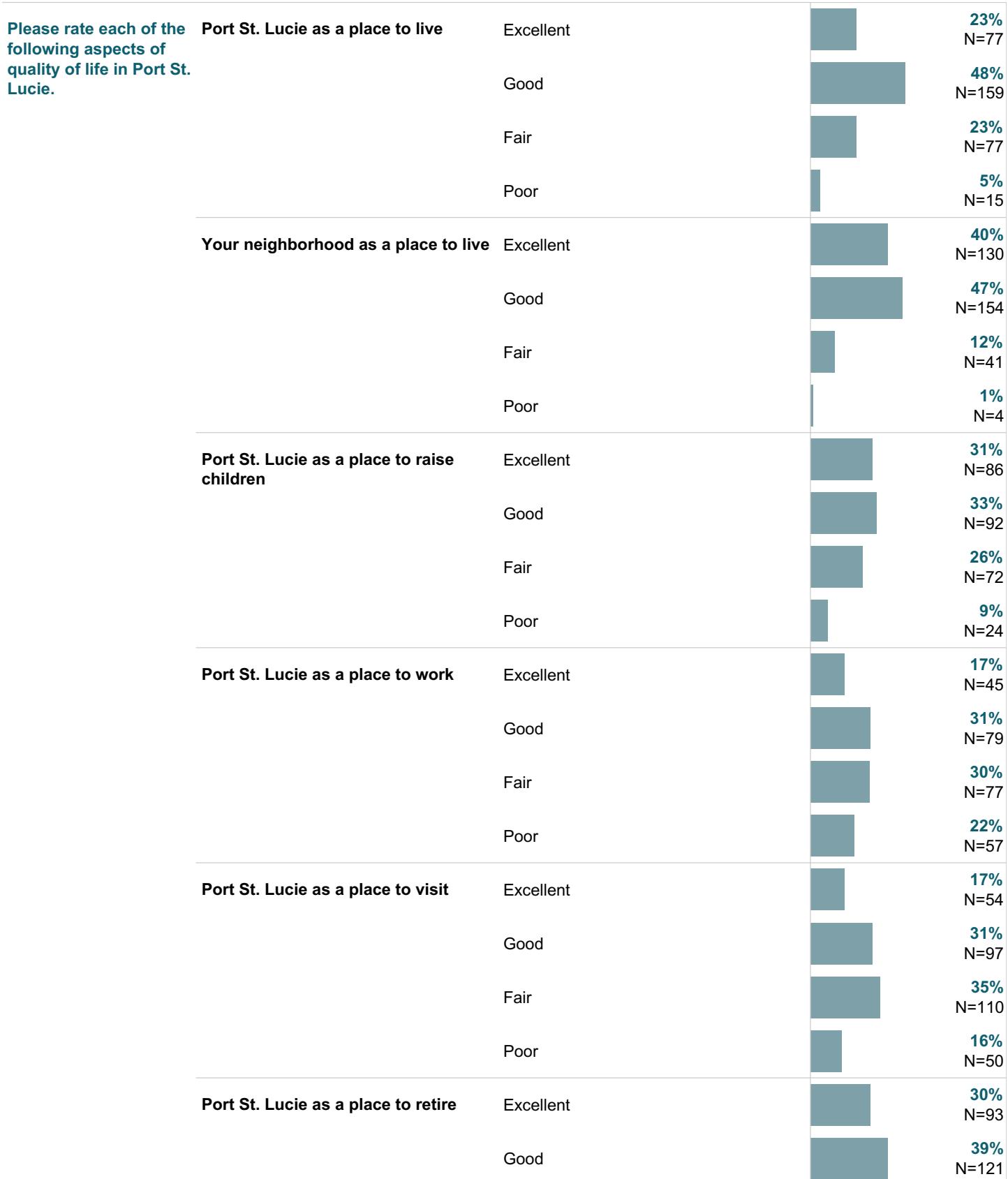
Natural environment	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Air quality	78%	74%	83%	86%	85%	79%	76%
	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	Preservation of natural areas	64%	60%	68%	69%	55%	52%	46%
		Port St. Lucie open space	55%	56%	56%	62%	46%	48%	45%
		Recycling	80%	83%	84%	82%	63%	56%	68%
		Yard waste pick-up	69%	77%	74%	76%	50%	43%	63%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of natural environment	81%		91%	84%	83%	86%	89%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities			76%	67%	68%	67%	
	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Availability of paths and walking trails	40%	36%	45%	54%	64%	52%	54%
		Fitness opportunities	64%	60%	65%	61%	55%	56%	61%
		Recreational opportunities	55%	57%	50%	59%	53%	51%	56%
Parks and Recreation	Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.	City parks	74%	71%	80%	78%	69%	66%	67%
		Recreation programs or classes	62%	55%	69%	62%	62%	47%	58%
		Recreation centers or facilities	63%	62%	68%	65%	59%	56%	63%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities			83%	78%	83%	80%	
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	67%	65%	69%	70%	66%	61%	51%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall health and wellness opportunities	78%		82%	79%	73%	79%	82%
		Please rate your overall health.	61%	56%	60%	65%	68%	67%	75%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	50%	51%	59%	39%	38%	44%	43%

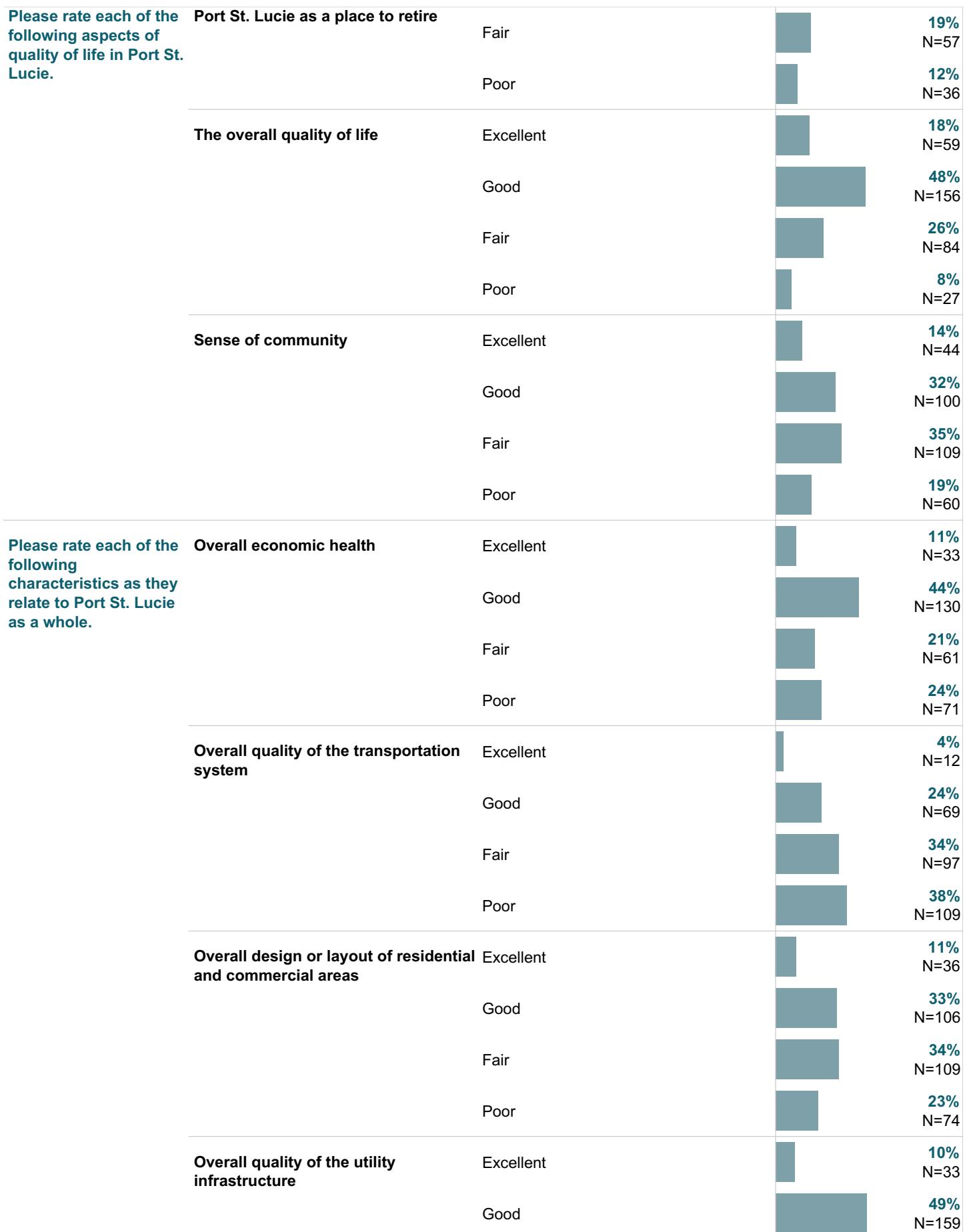
Education, Arts and Culture	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	43%	41%	42%	41%	41%	43%	45%
		Community support for the arts				40%	43%	42%	47%
		Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool	58%	50%	41%	33%	47%	33%	35%
		K-12 education	46%	58%	48%	49%	52%	41%	44%
		Adult educational opportunities	46%	47%	50%	46%	40%	32%	42%
		Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	57%	56%	57%	55%	56%	55%	57%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts	79%		87%	75%	73%	76%	73%
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.	Port St. Lucie as a place to raise children	70%	67%	76%	78%	71%	68%	65%
		Port St. Lucie as a place to retire	81%	77%	81%	87%	76%	77%	70%
		Sense of community	46%	56%	54%	57%	53%	48%	46%
	Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community				44%	48%	37%	42%
	Please rate the job you feel the Port St. Lucie community does at each of the following.	Making all residents feel welcome				70%	68%	68%	66%
		Attracting people from diverse backgrounds				71%	74%	74%	71%
		Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds				72%	72%	77%	67%
Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.		Taking care of vulnerable residents				60%	58%	54%	52%
		Sense of civic/community pride				56%	48%	39%	47%
		Neighborliness of residents	55%	57%	57%	54%	53%	49%	49%
		Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	48%	46%	52%	51%	50%	47%	52%

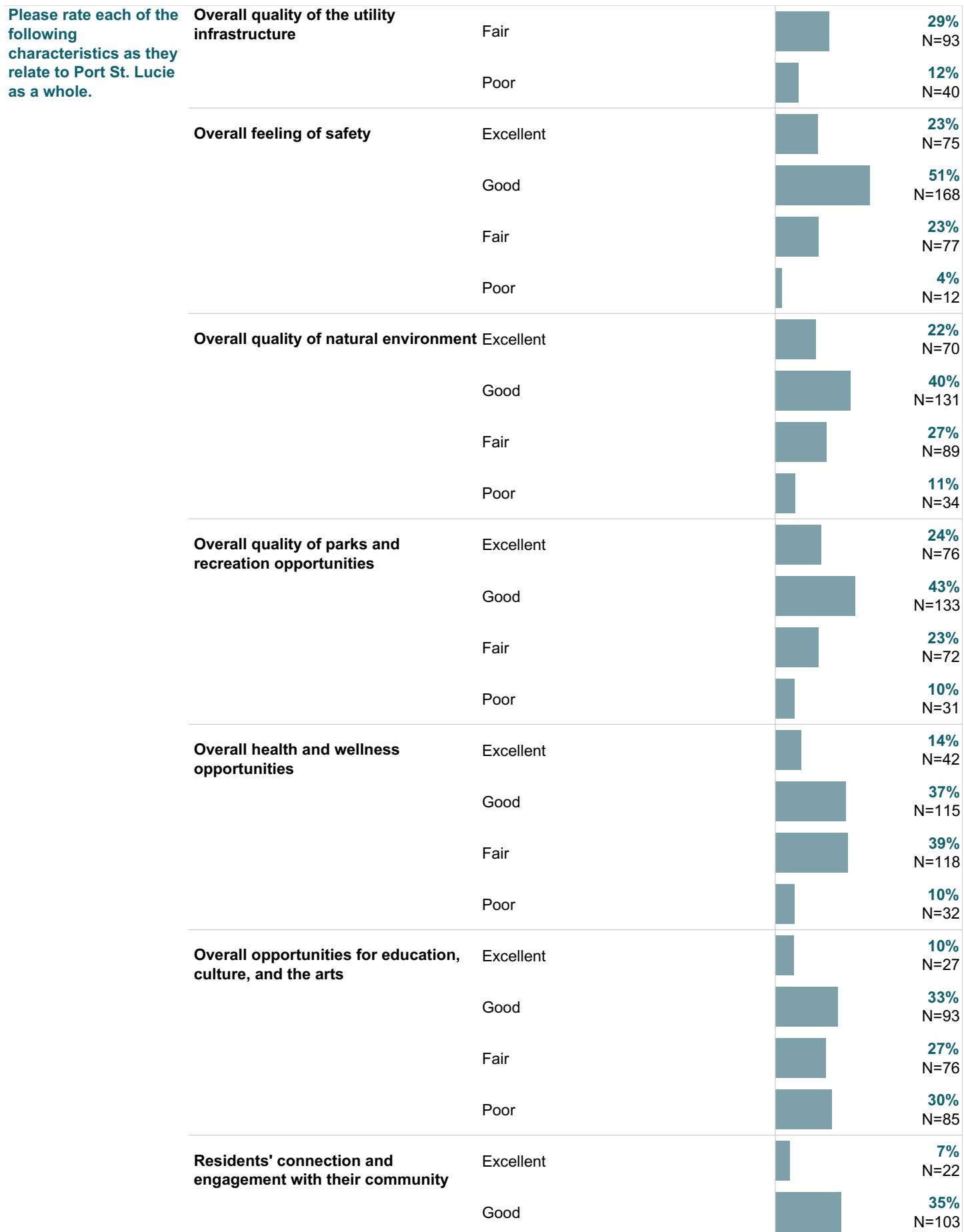
Inclusivity and Engagement	Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.	Opportunities to volunteer	70%	62%	64%	62%	57%	60%	59%
		Opportunities to participate in community matters	58%	52%	64%	56%	52%	54%	53%
		Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	59%	55%	68%	65%	69%	63%	59%
	Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Port St. Lucie community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.	Residents' connection and engagement with their community	86%		83%	65%	69%	71%	69%
		Contacted the City of Port St. Lucie for help or information	48%	41%	51%	50%	56%	63%	57%
Participation	Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	Contacted Port St. Lucie elected officials to express your opinion	17%	12%	19%	17%	15%	17%	15%
		Attended a local public meeting	20%	22%	20%	17%	16%	19%	21%
		Watched a local public meeting	29%	40%	33%	38%	29%	31%	29%
		Volunteered your time to some group/activity	32%	32%	32%	18%	21%	20%	21%
		Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate	22%	25%	18%	16%	15%	16%	8%
		Voted in your most recent local election				84%	65%	83%	67%
		In general, how many times do you: Access the internet from your home				94%	95%	94%	92%
Technology	In general, how many times do you: Access the internet from your home	Access the internet from your cell phone				94%	95%	94%	95%
		Visit social media sites				83%	75%	81%	72%
		Use or check email				98%	98%	96%	98%
		Share your opinions online				42%	31%	32%	30%
		Shop online				55%	61%	60%	62%

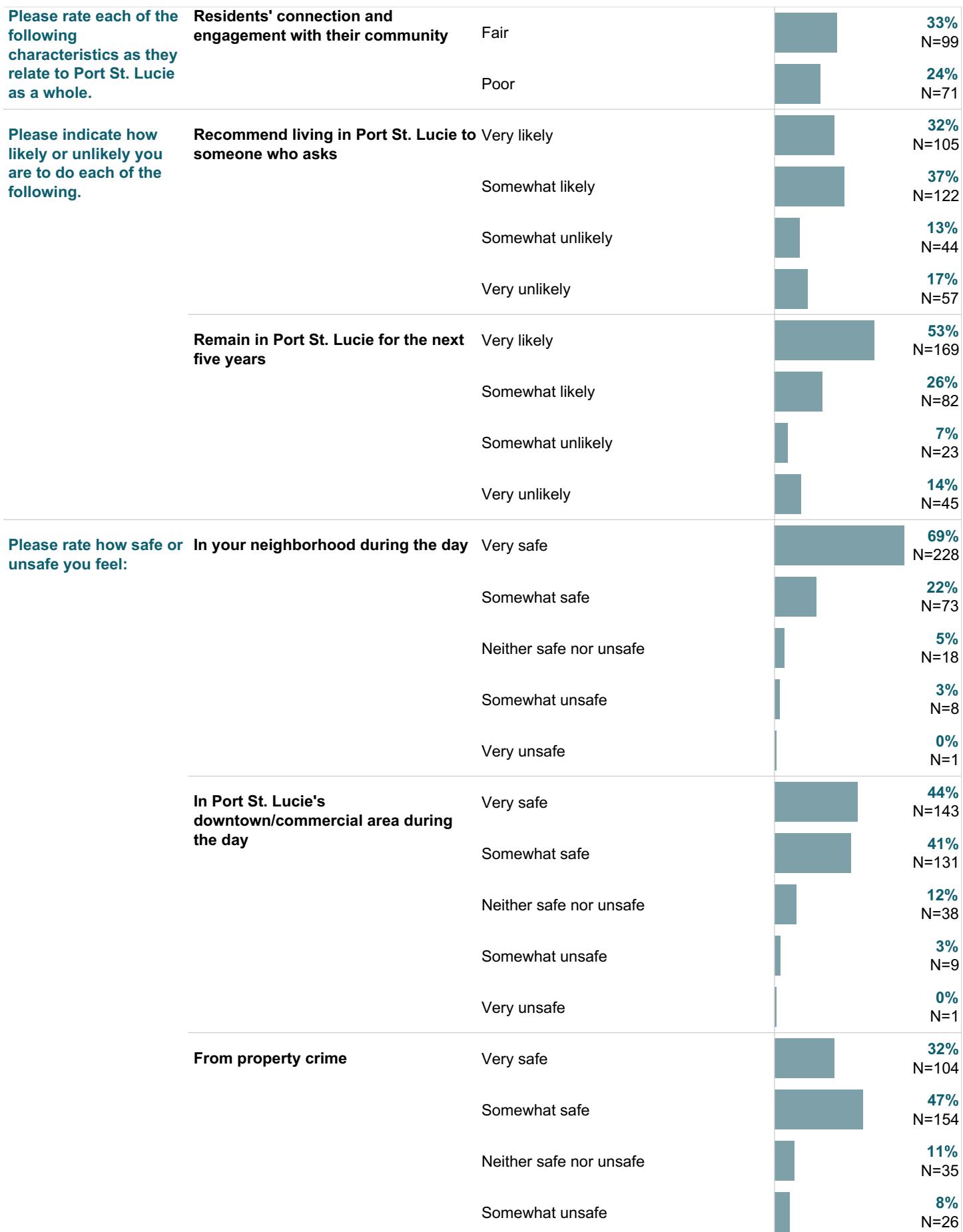
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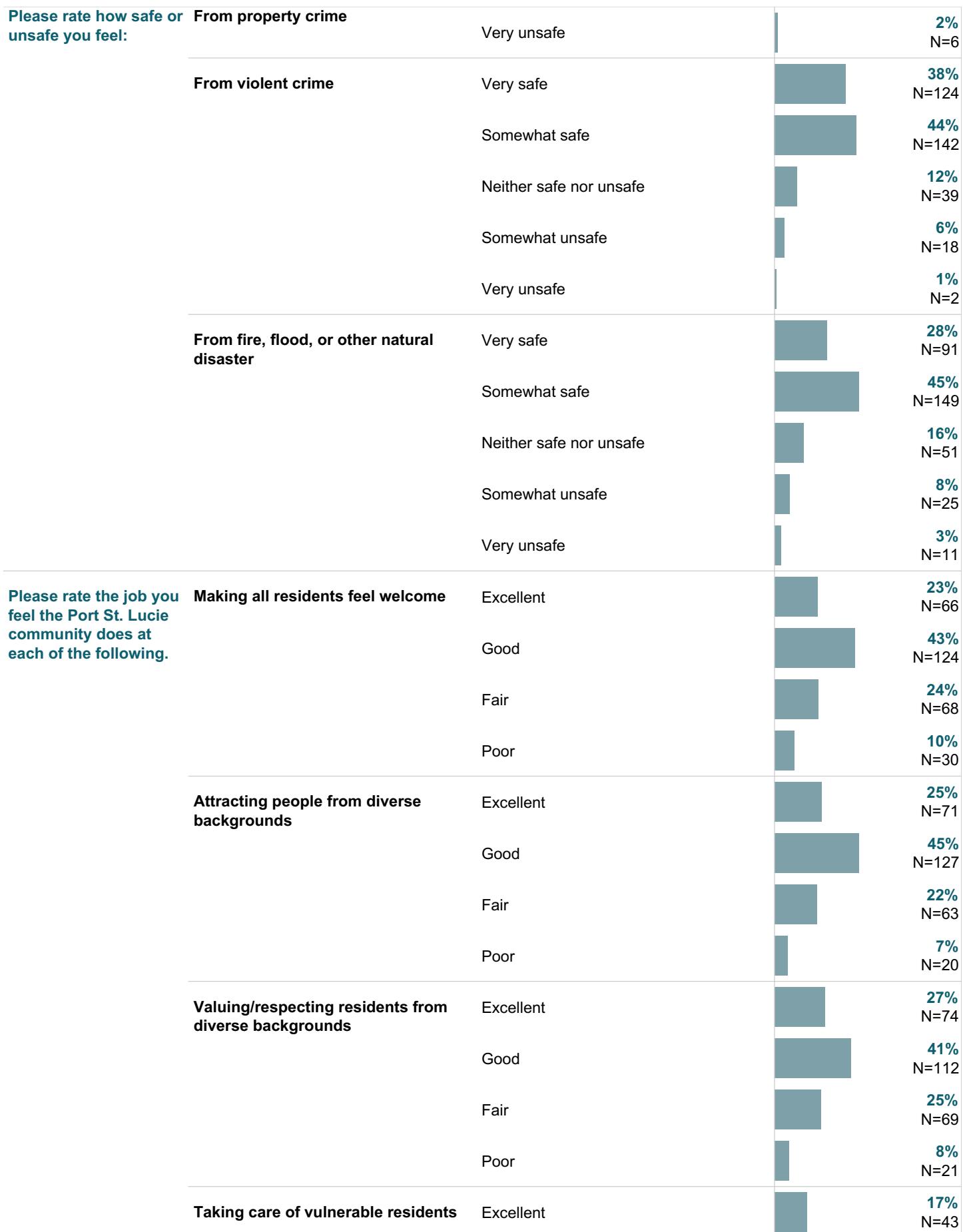
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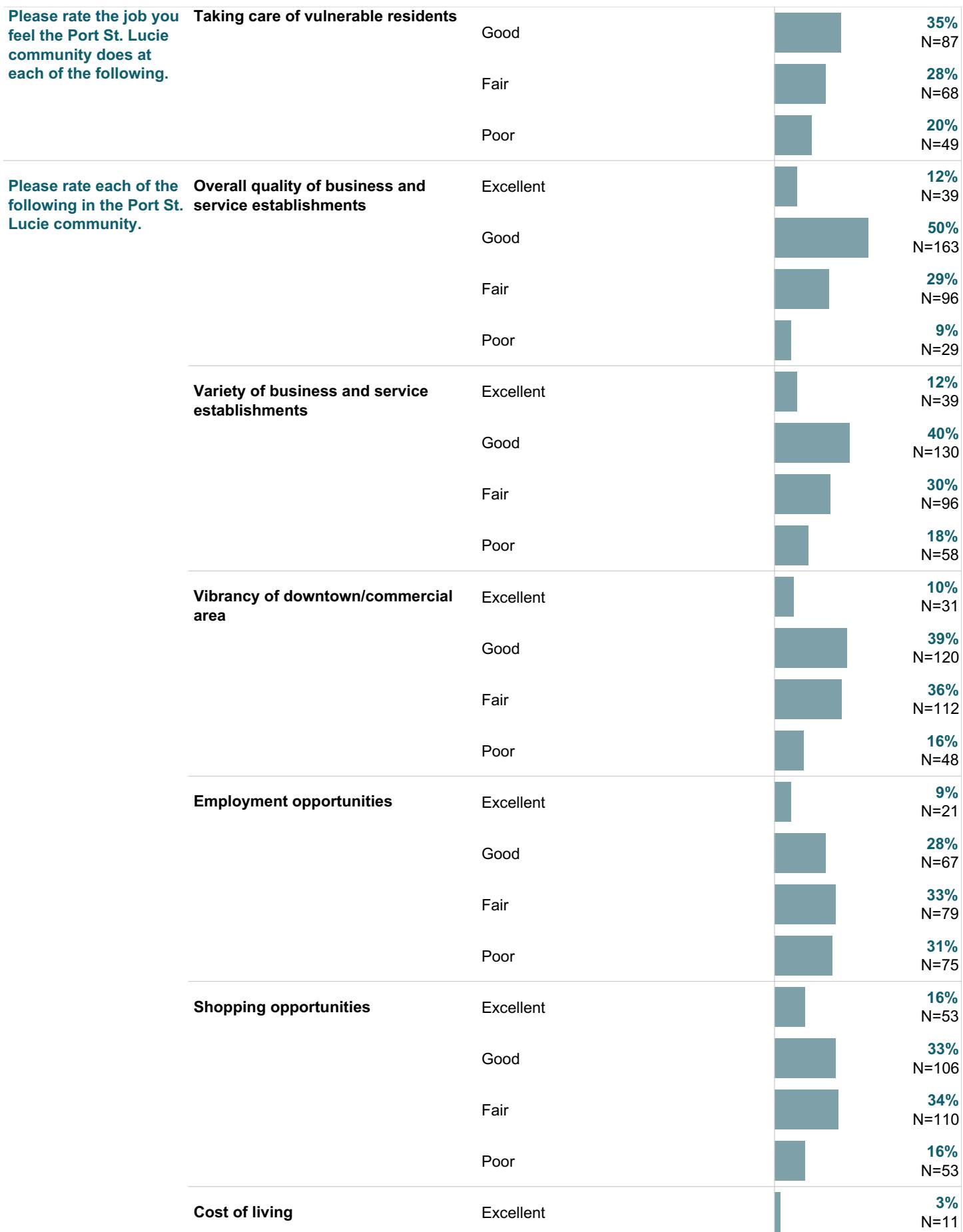


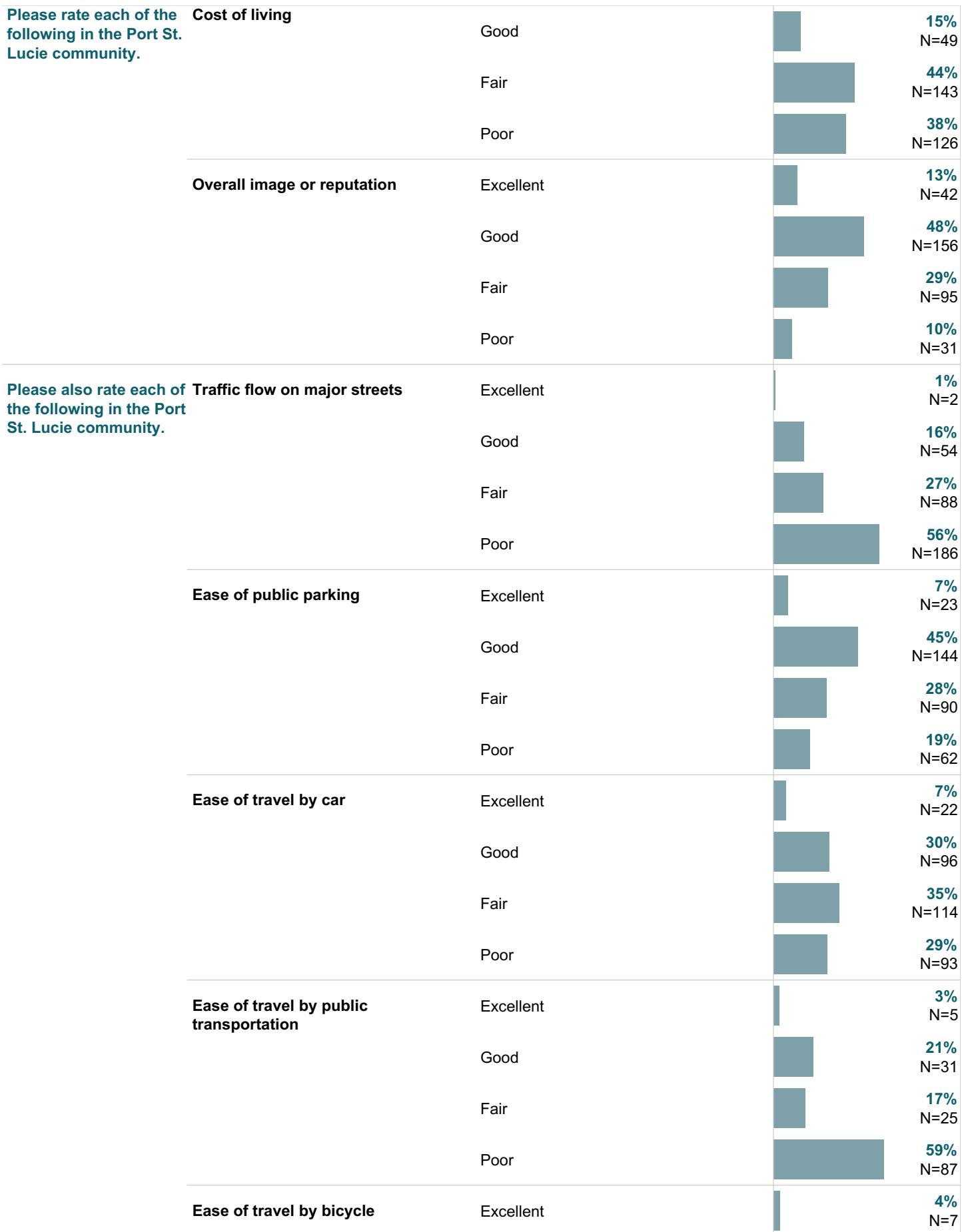




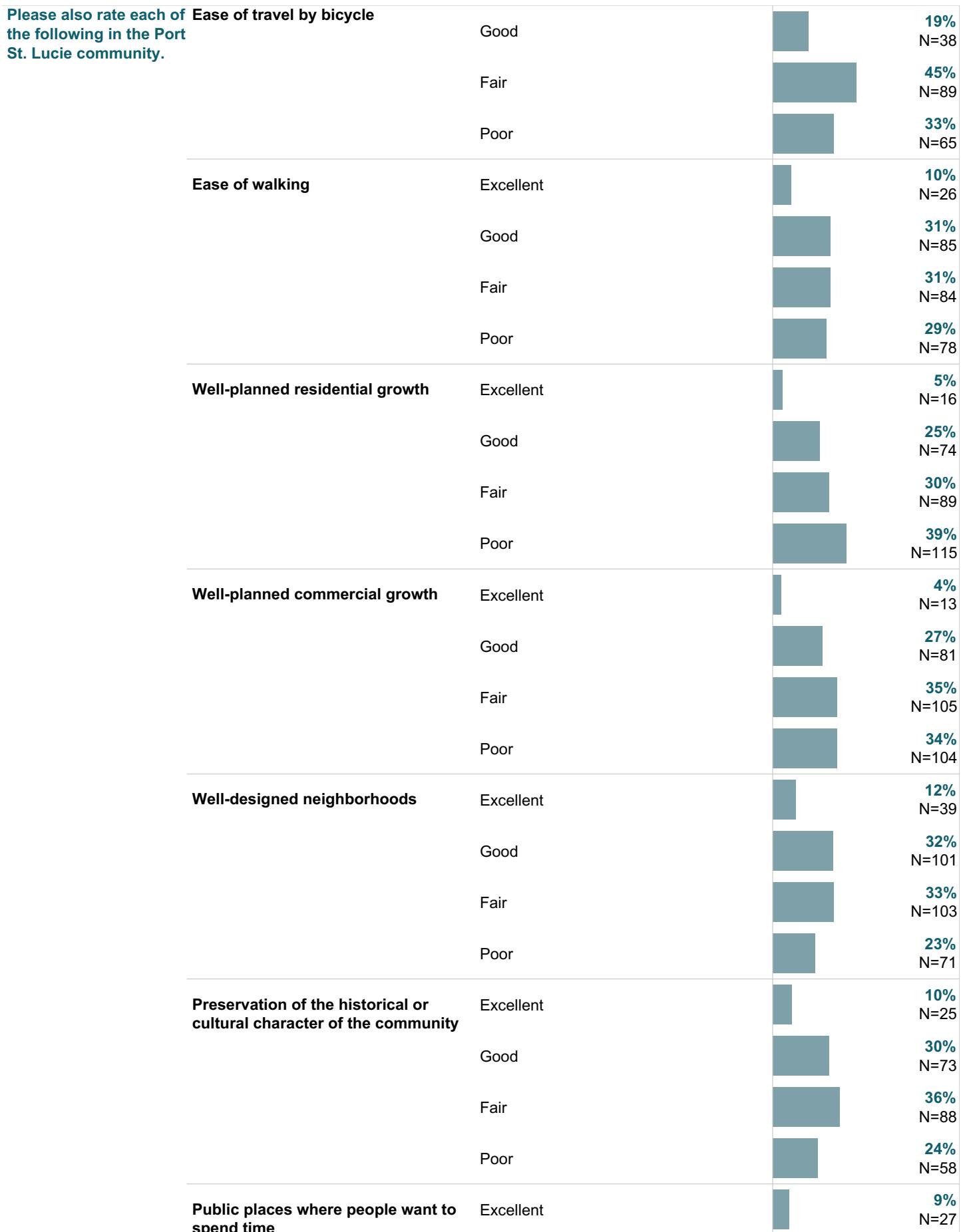




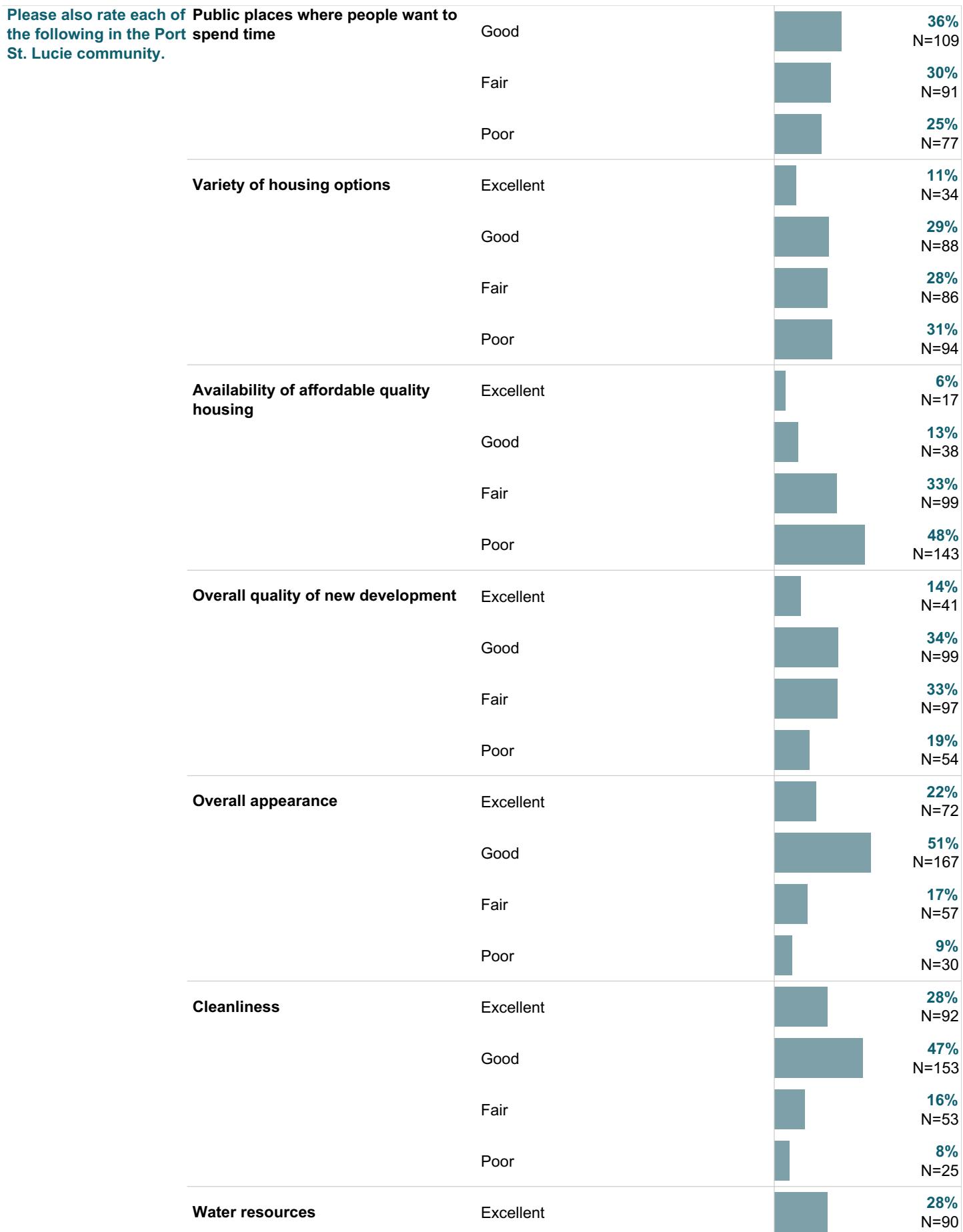




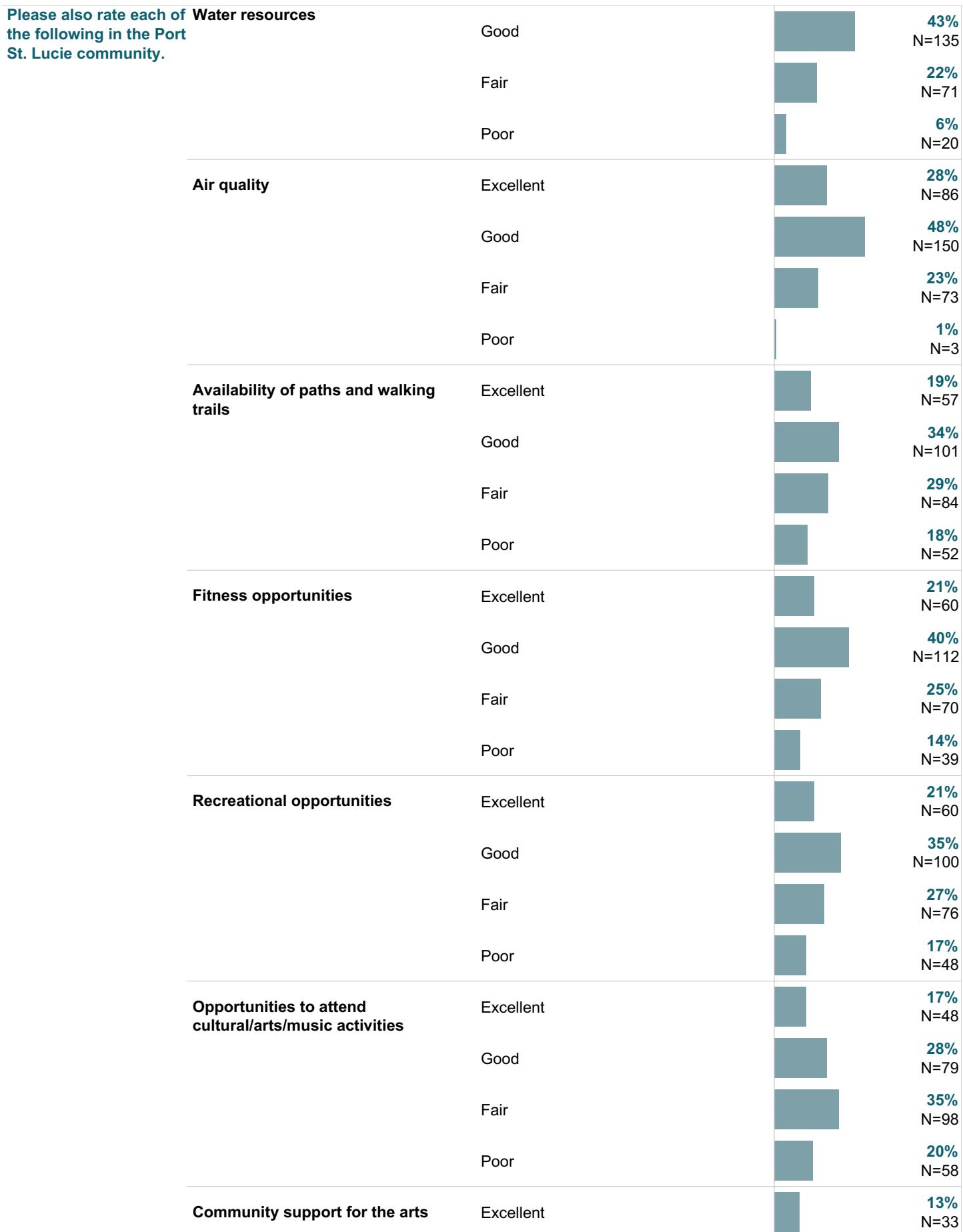
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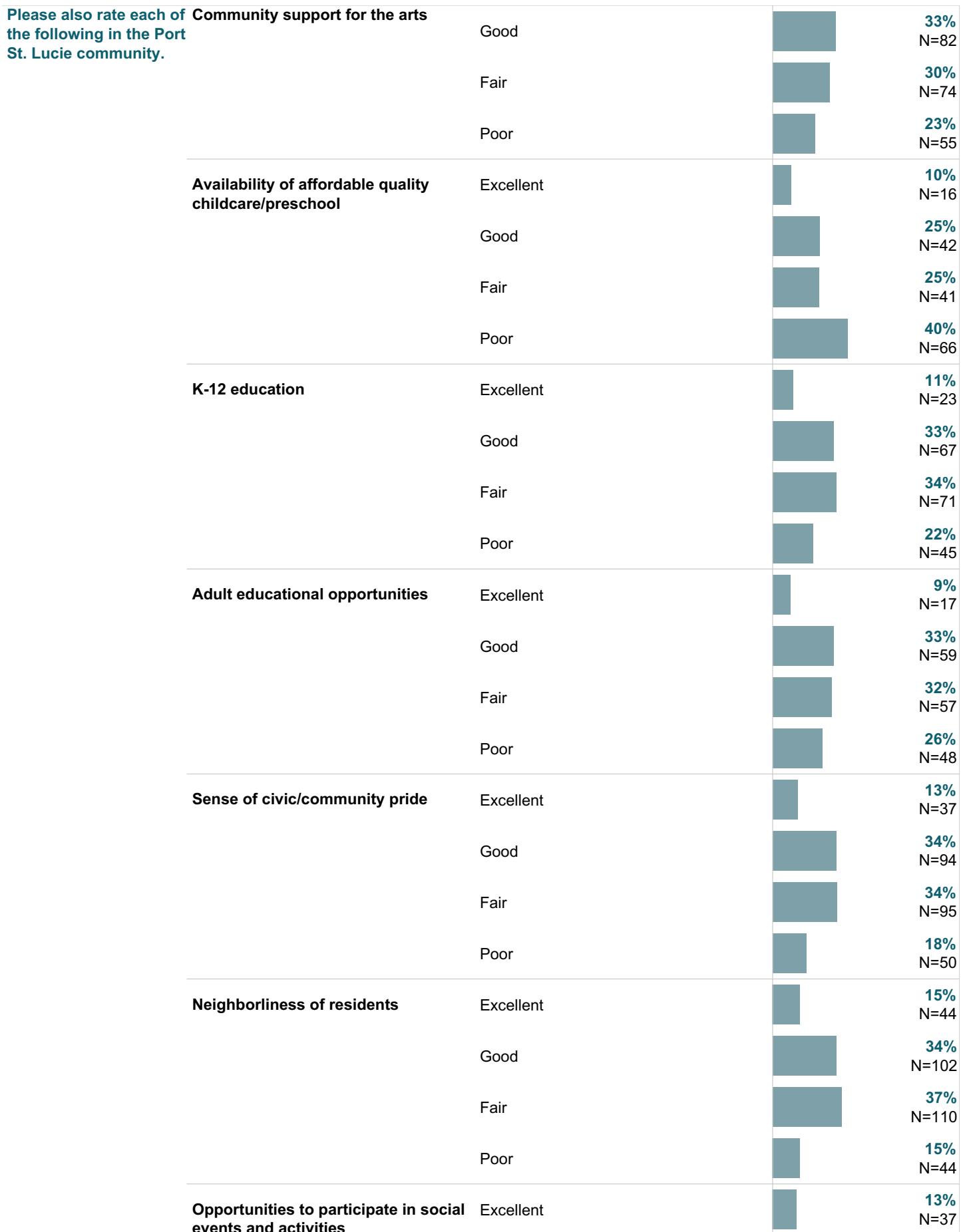
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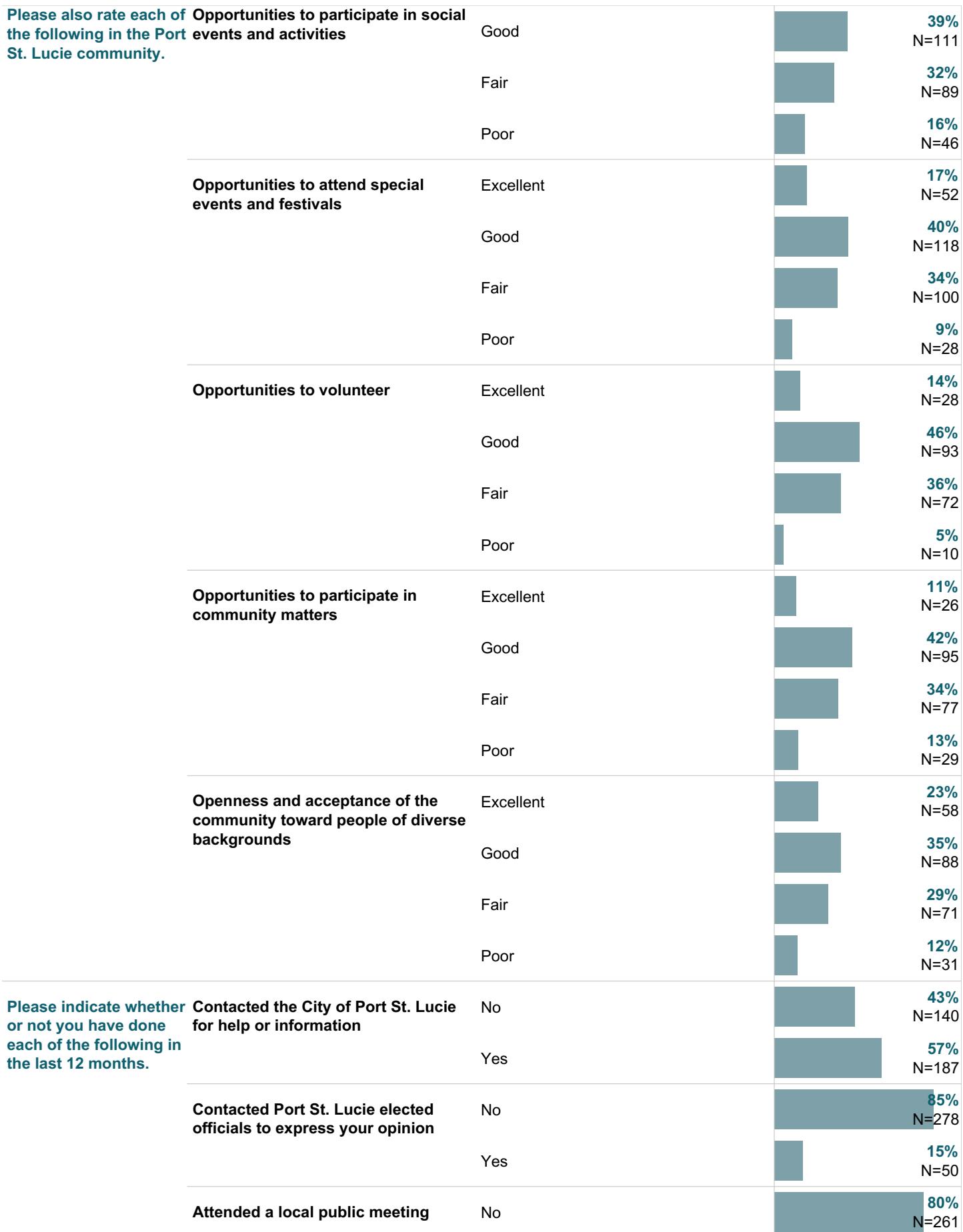
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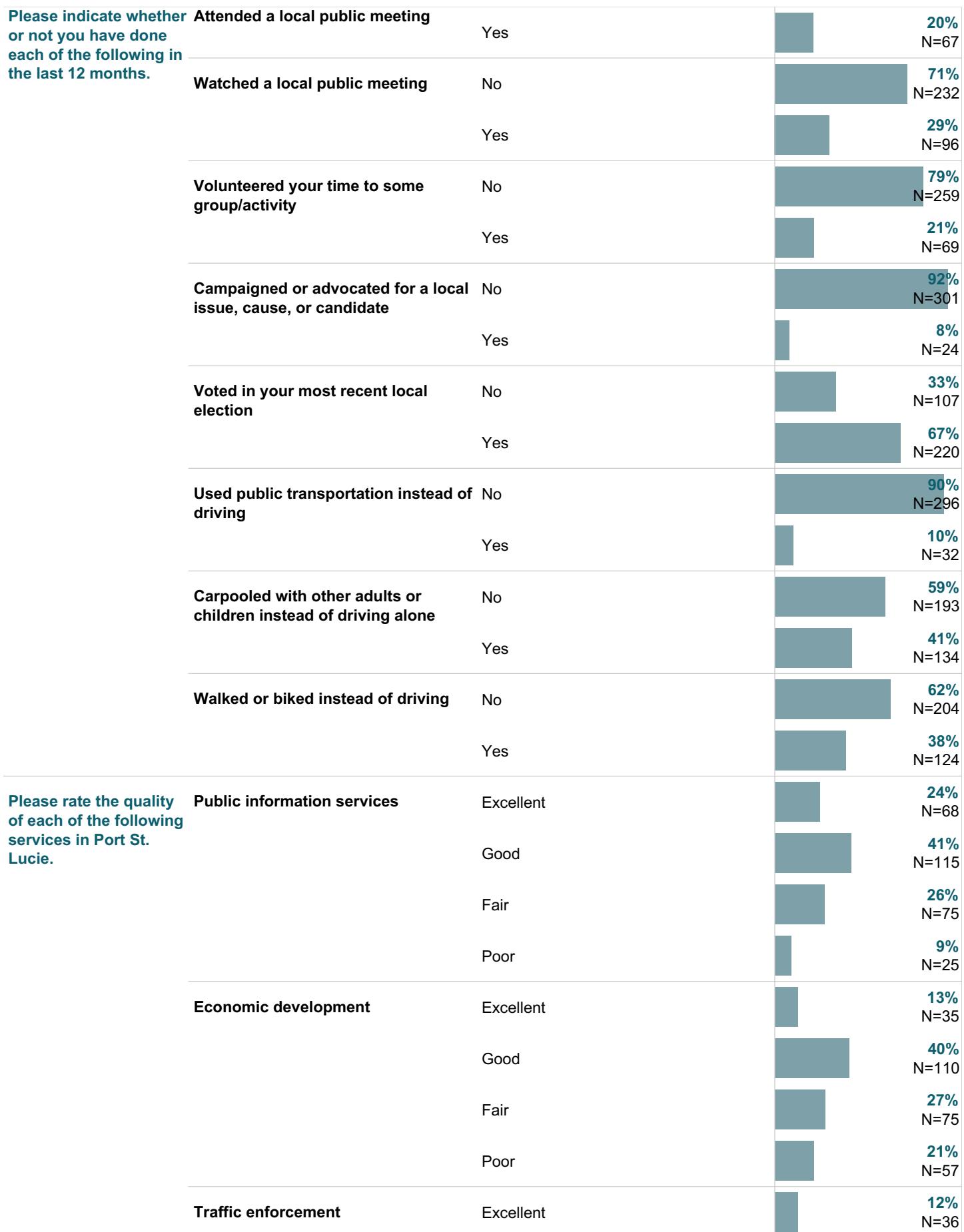


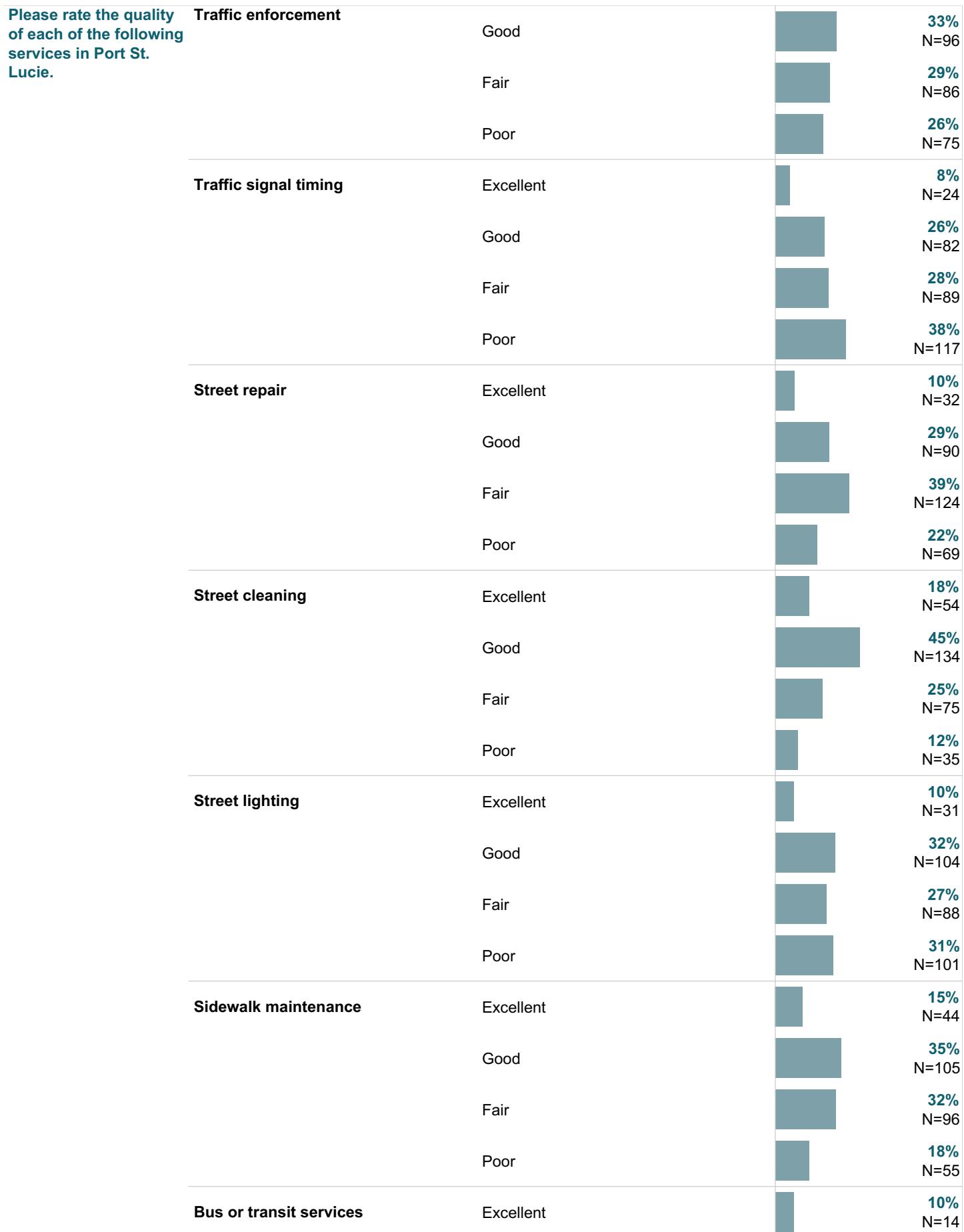
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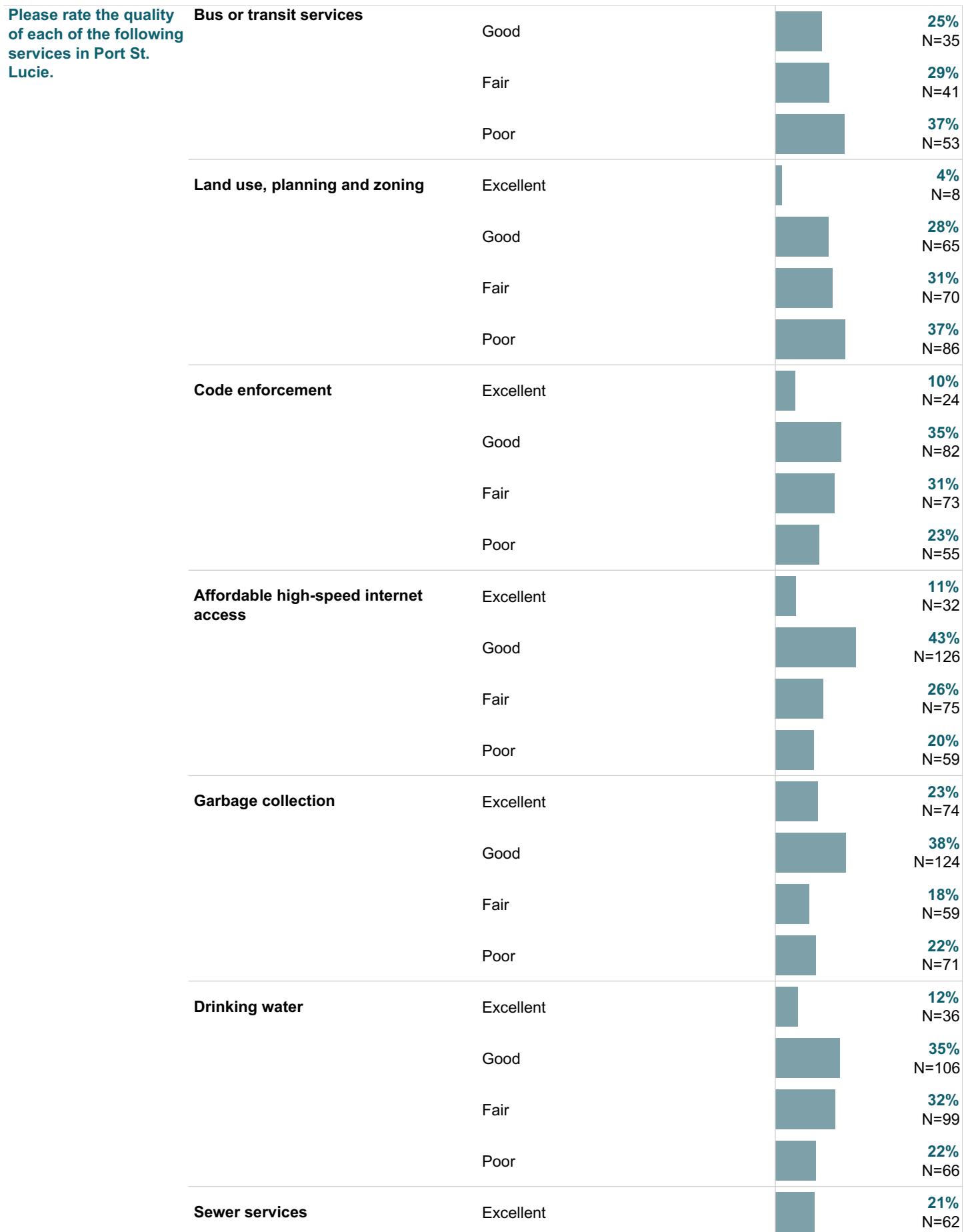


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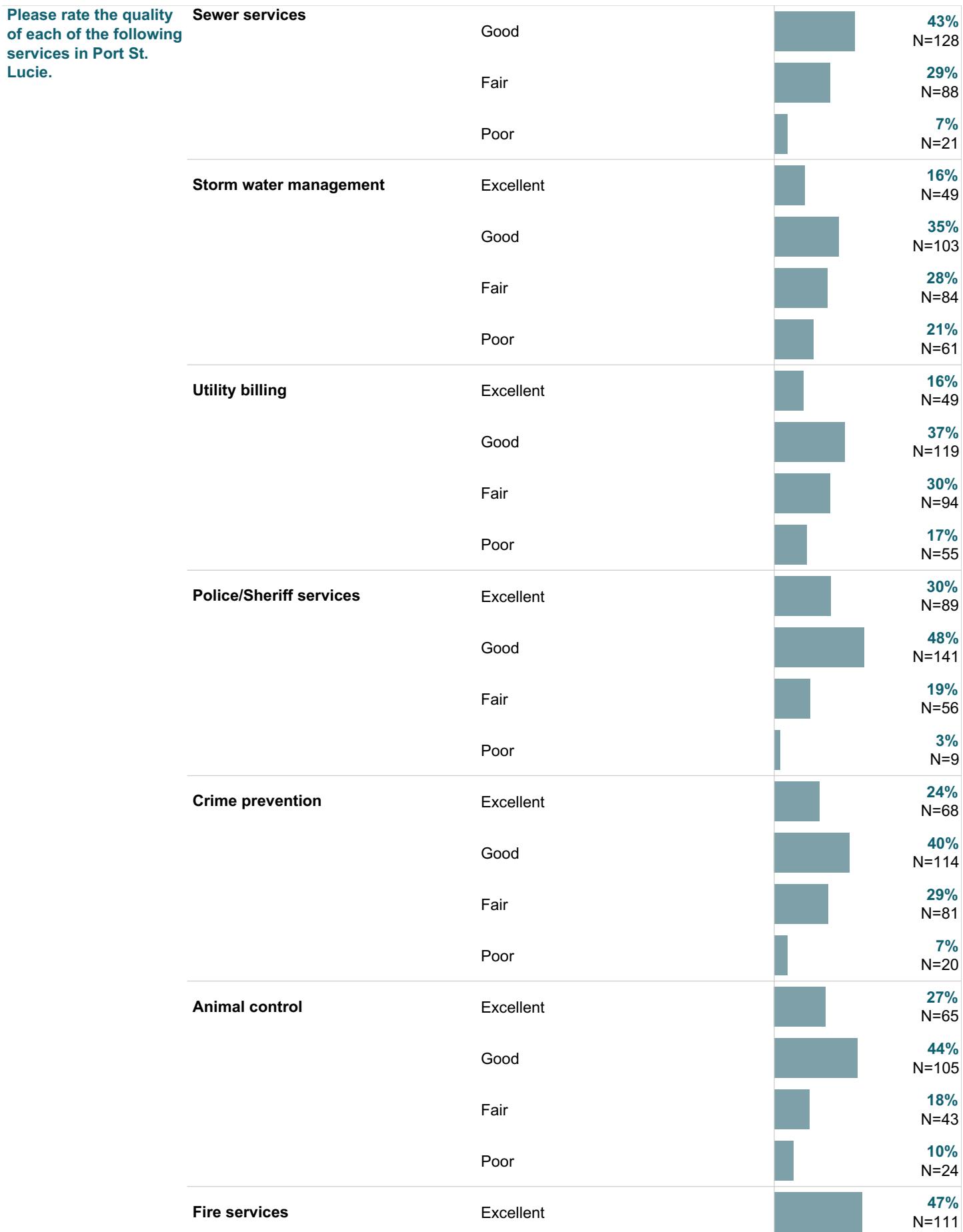


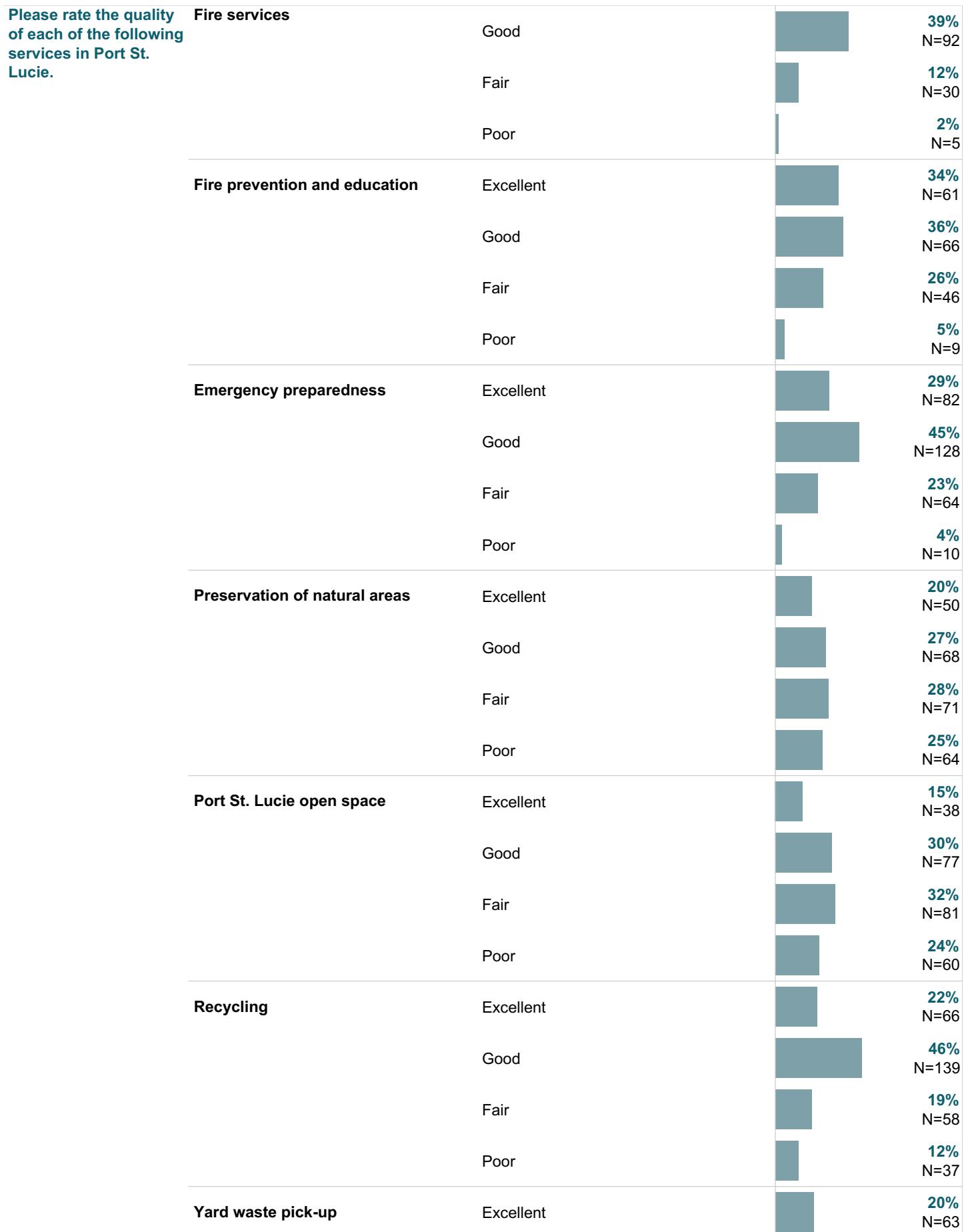


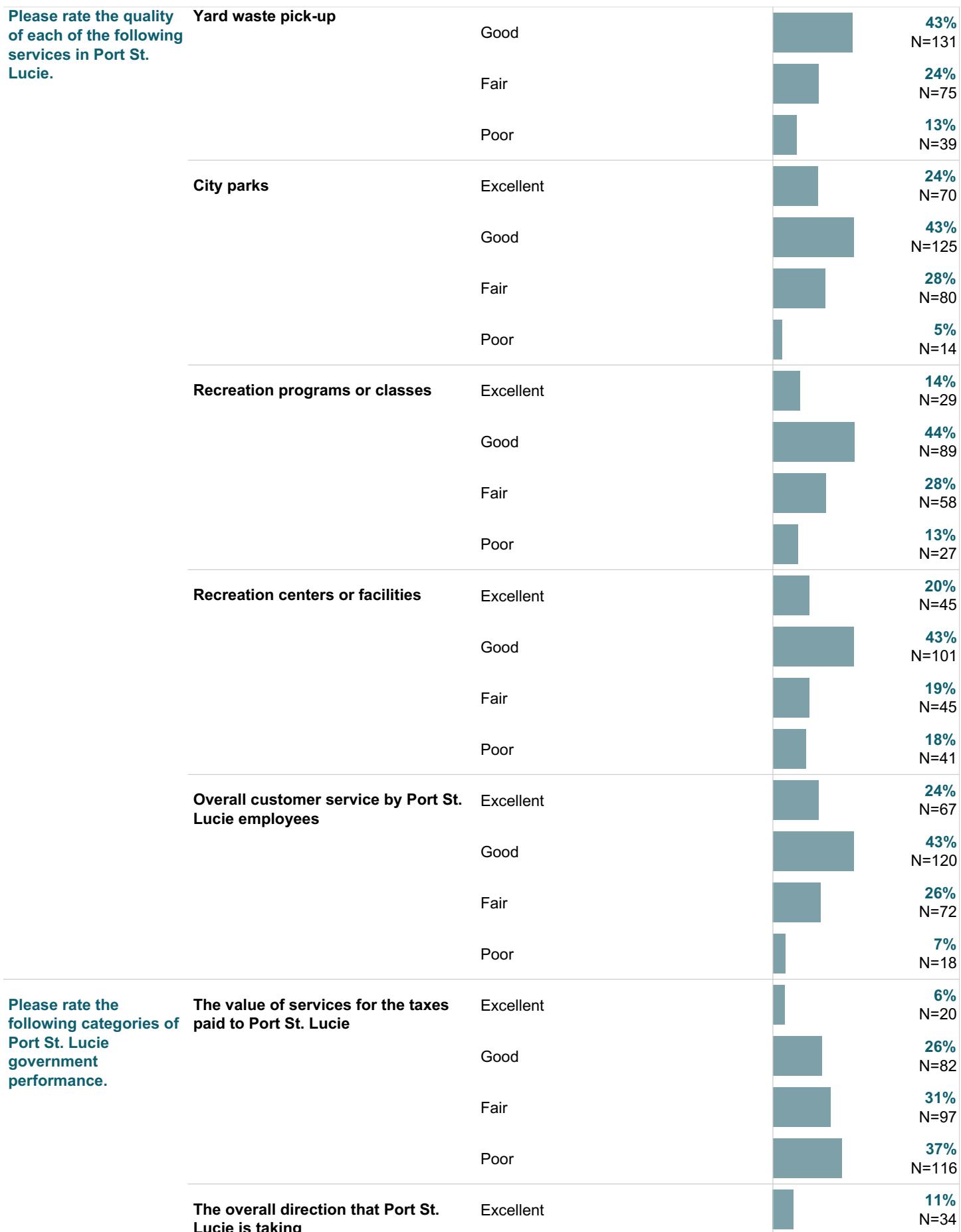


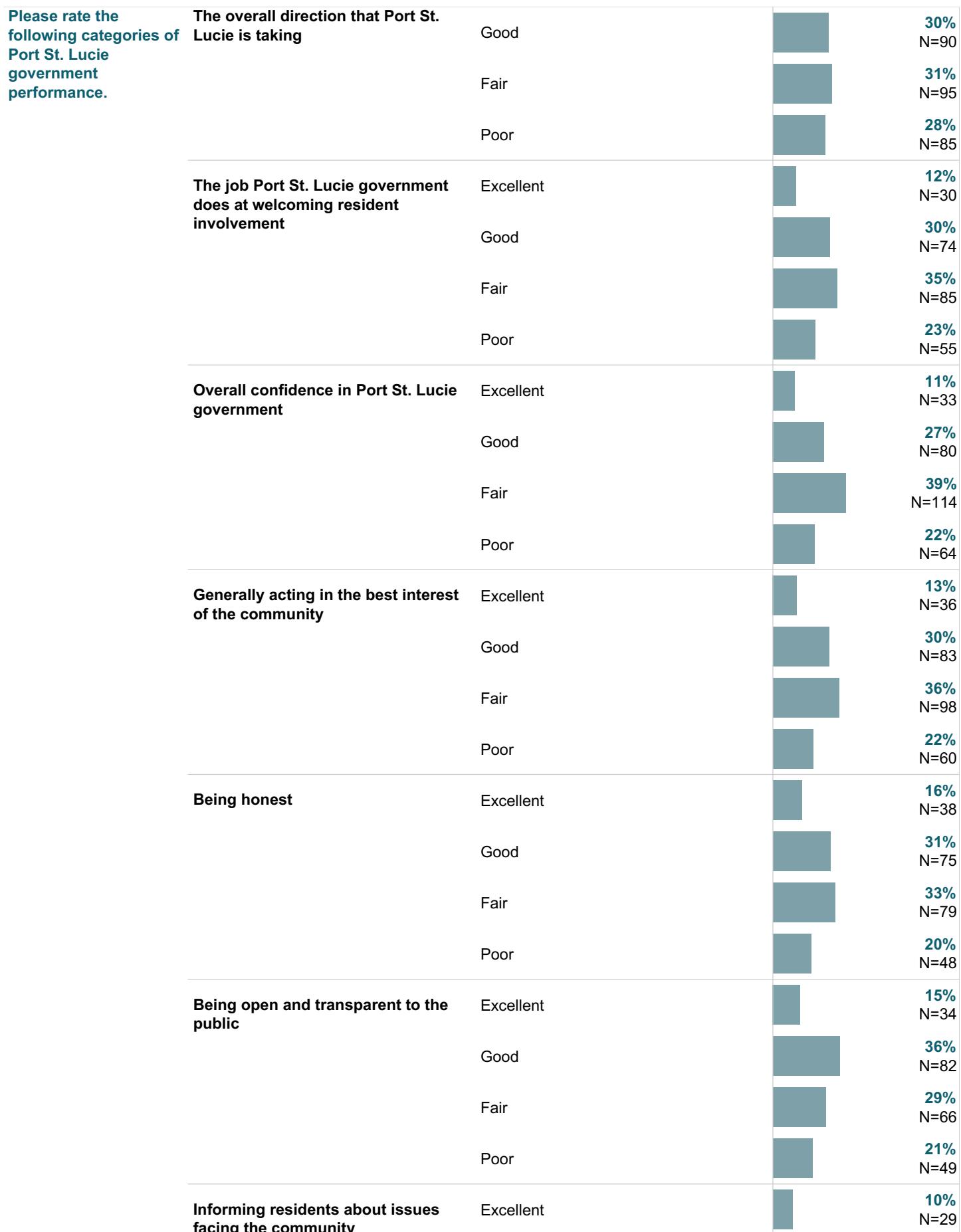


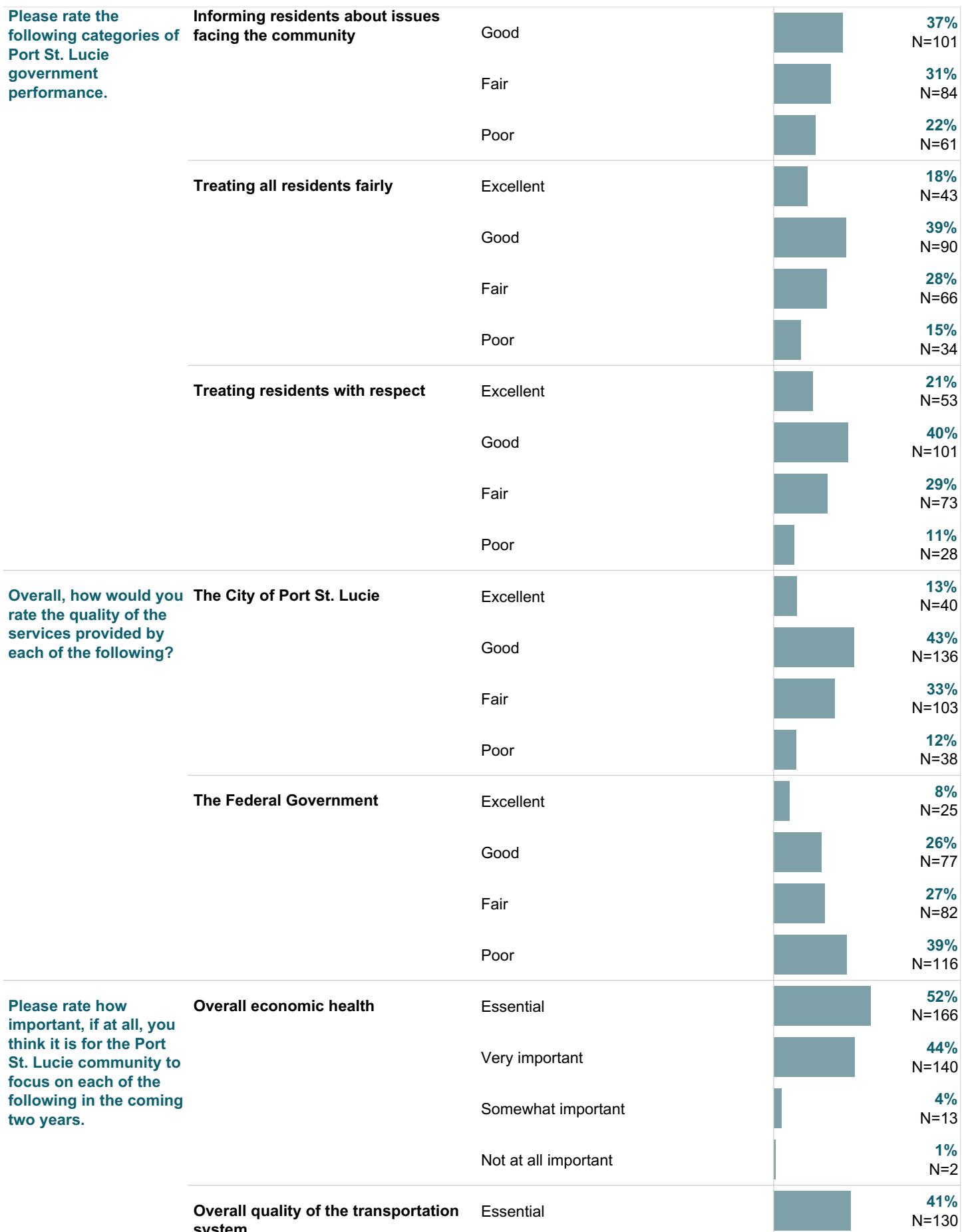
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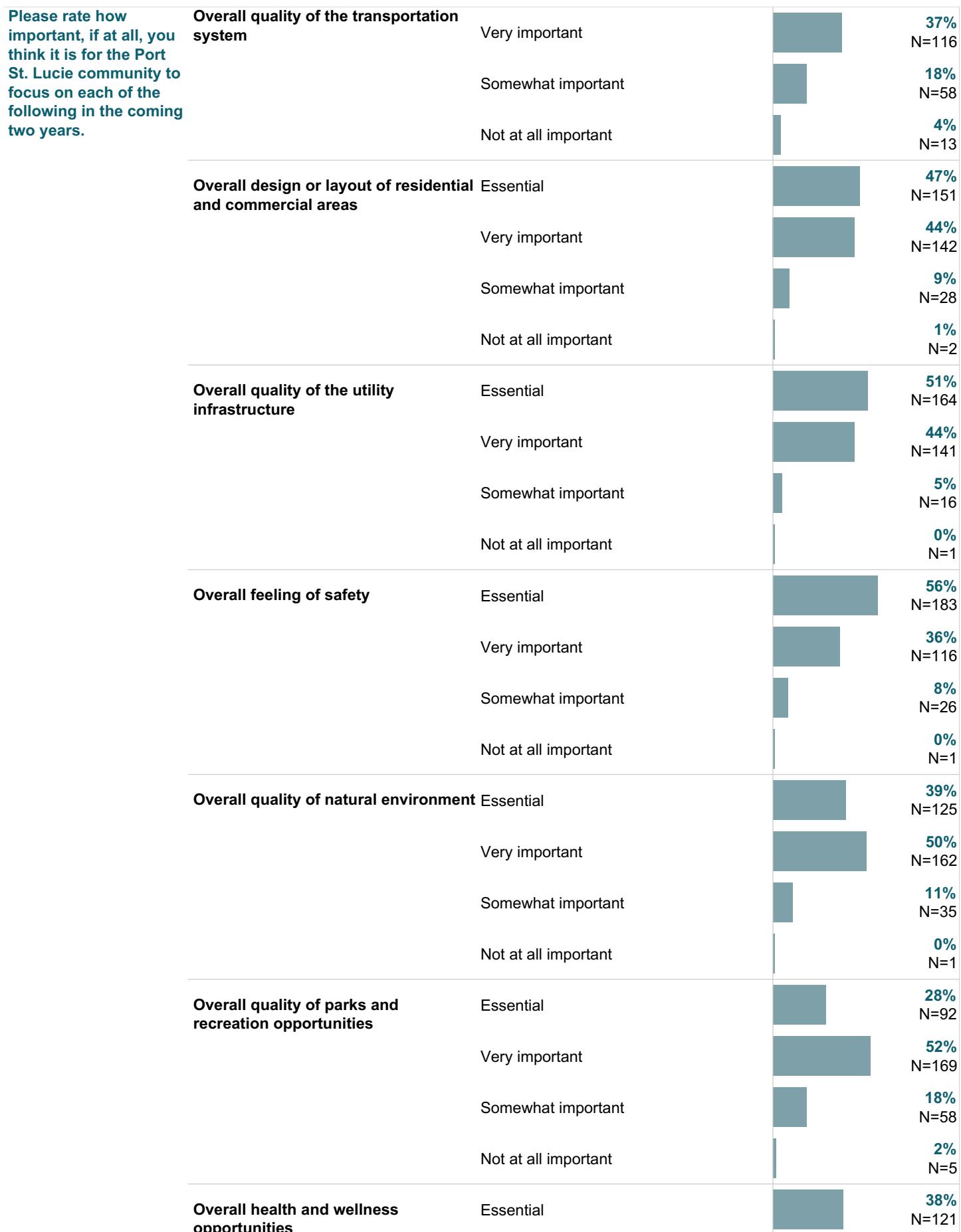


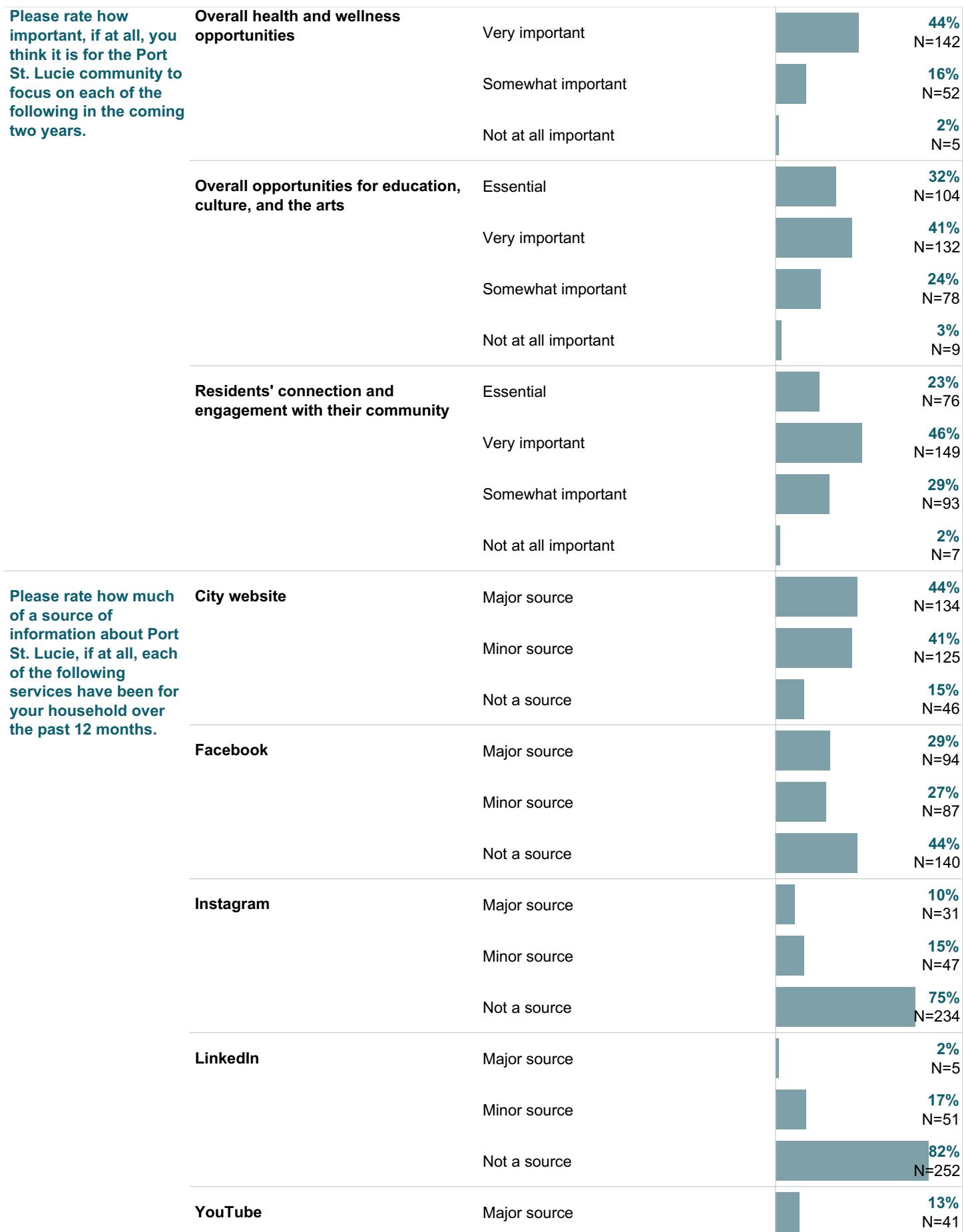


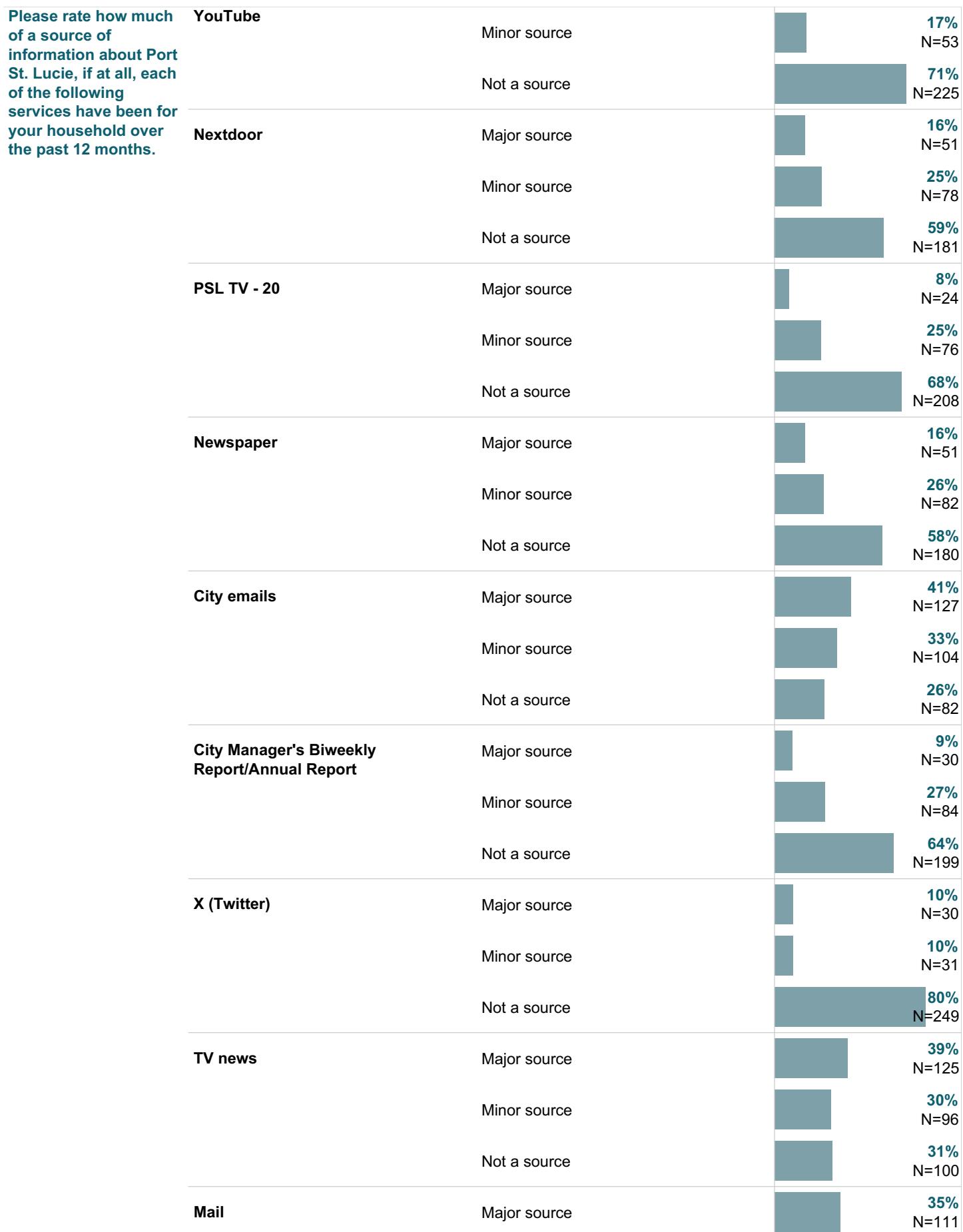


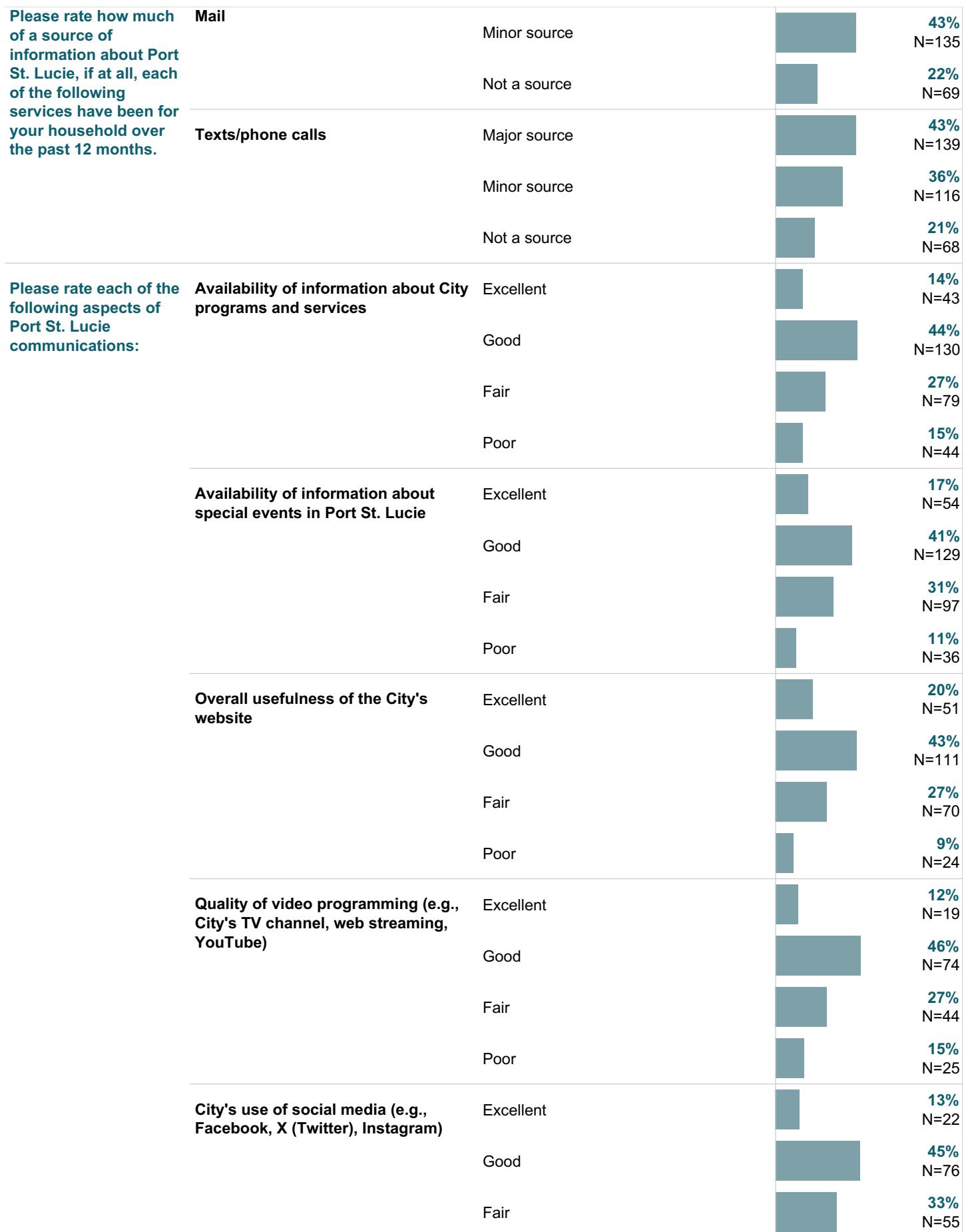


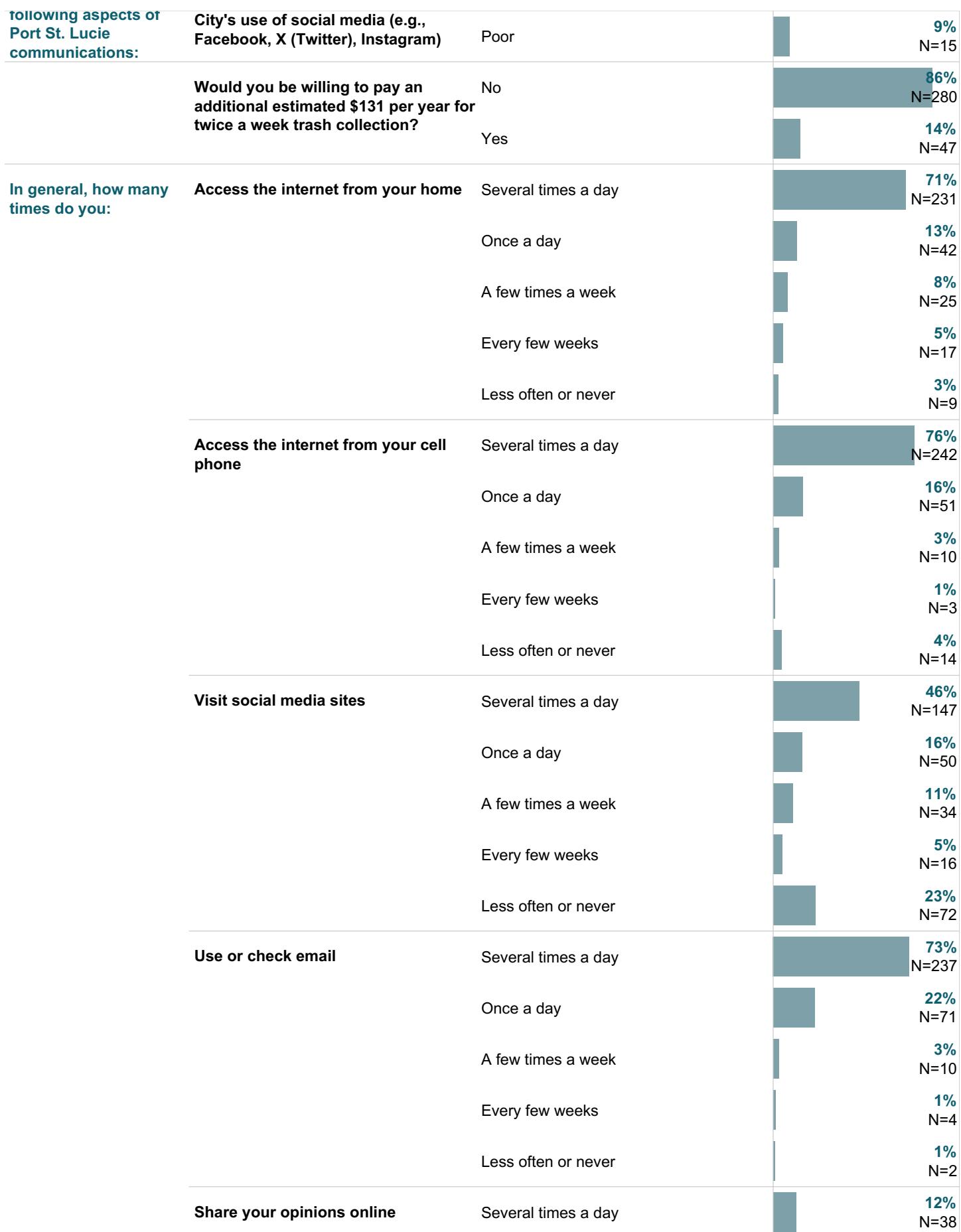


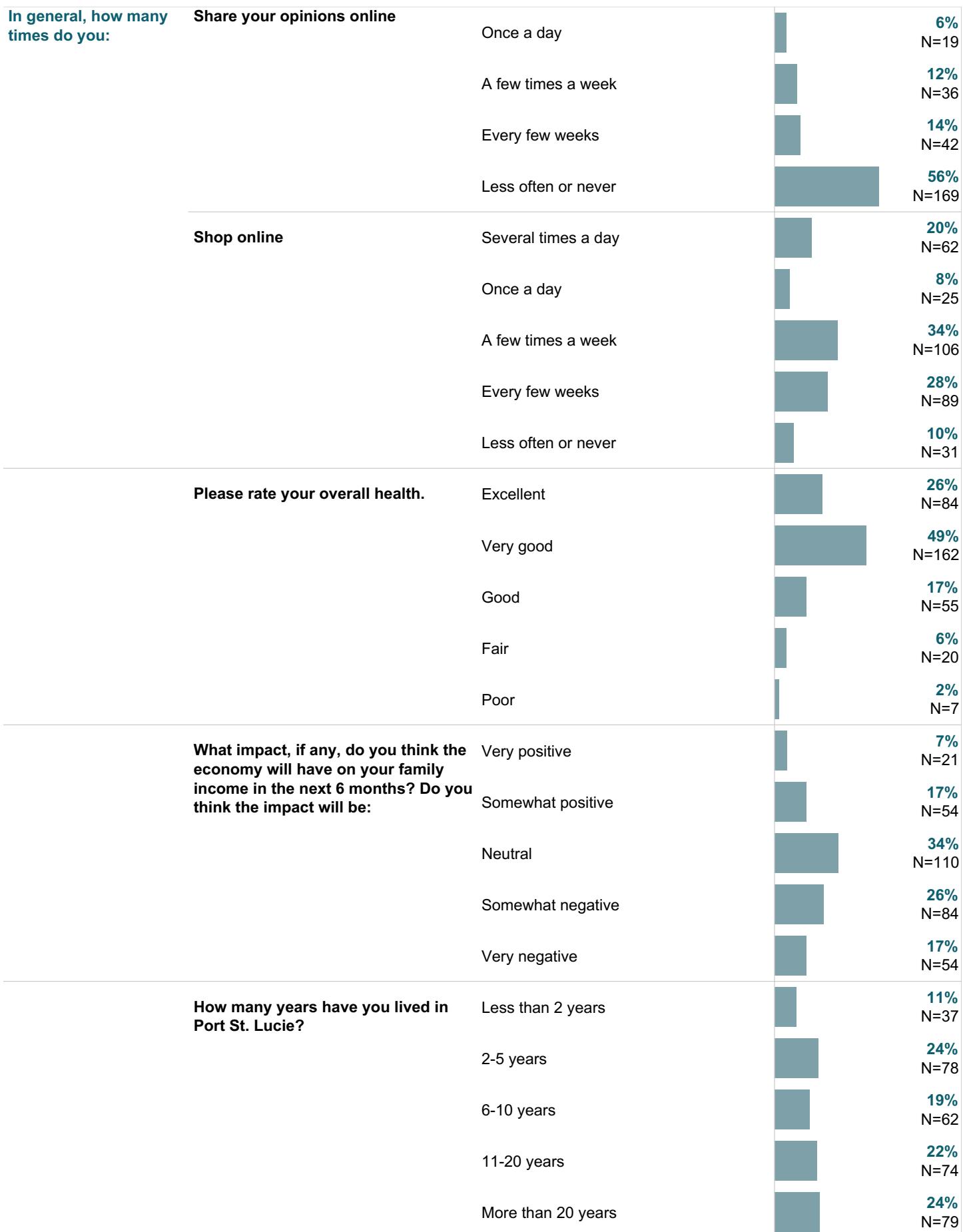


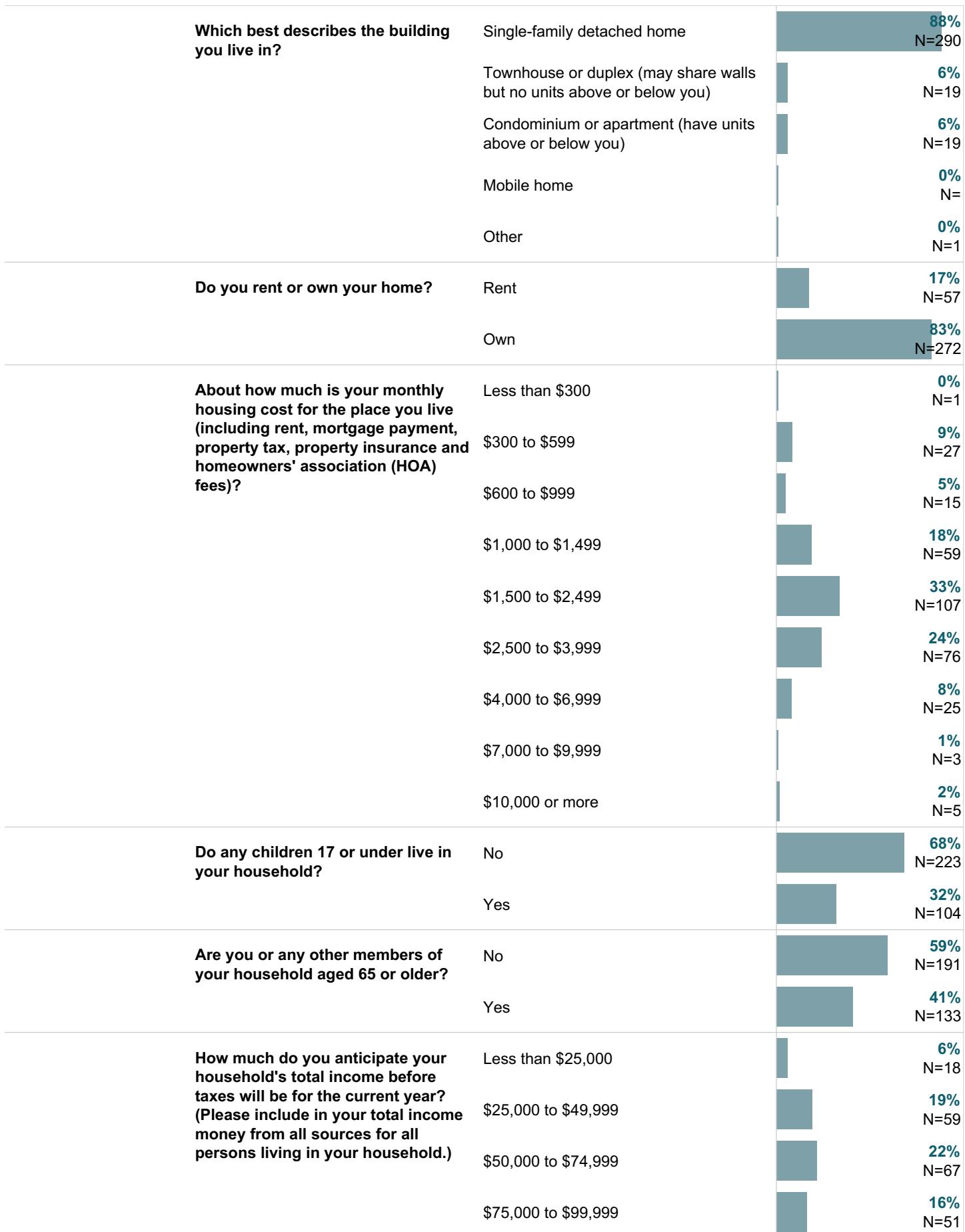


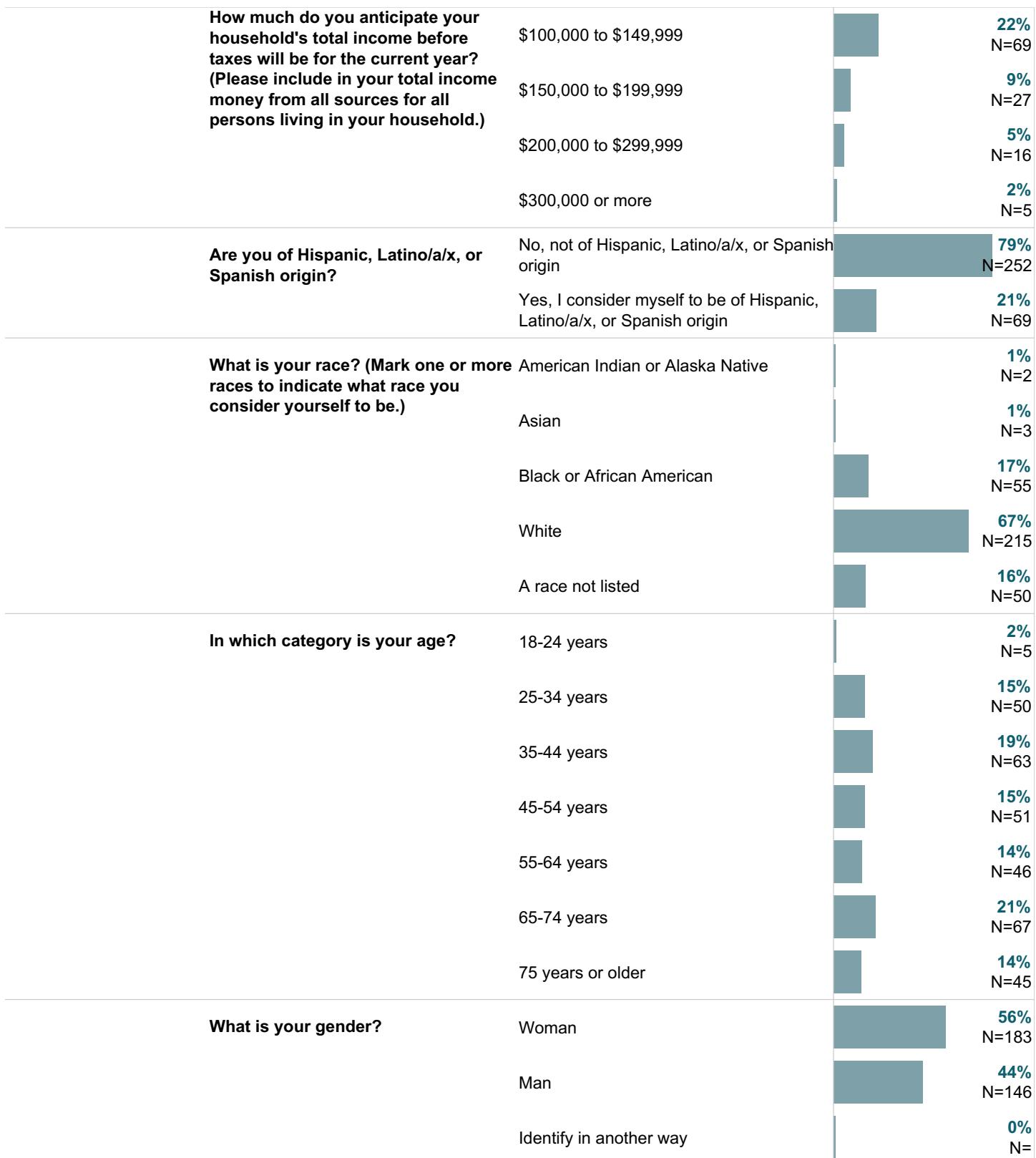












Methods (Open Participation)



As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™), the City of Port St. Lucie conducted a survey of 3,000 residents. Survey invitations were mailed to randomly selected households and data were collected from January 23rd, 2024 to February 27th, 2024. 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 Port St. Lucie. The open participation survey was identical to the probability sample survey with two small updates; it included a map at the beginning asking where the respondent lives and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open participation survey was open to all Port St. Lucie residents and became available on February 3rd, 2024. The survey remained open for about three weeks and there were 1,691 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 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey estimates for adults in the City of Port St. Lucie. 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.¹⁸ The results of the weighting sche..

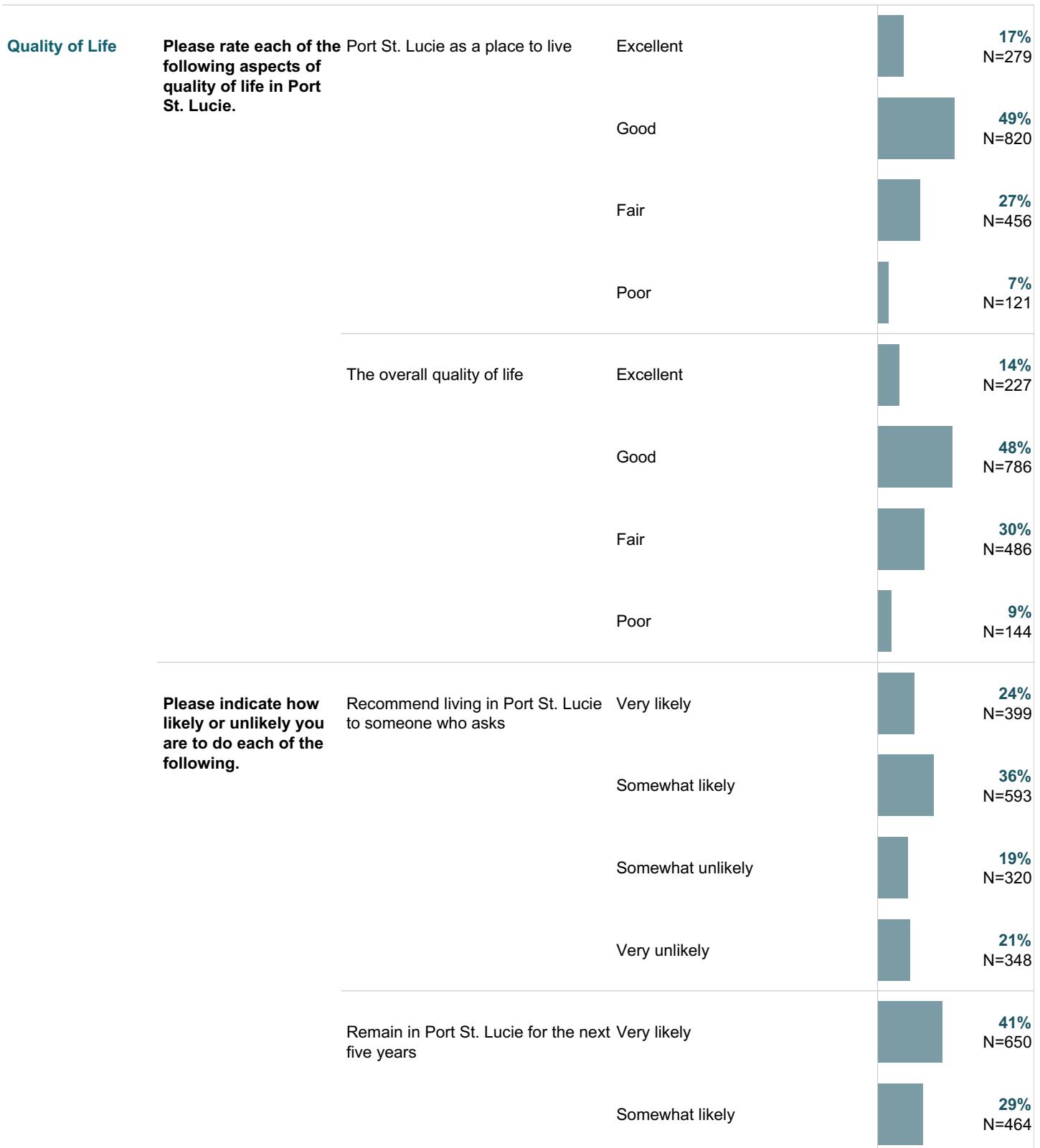
		Unweighted	Weighted	Target ¹⁹
Age	18-34	5%	21%	24%
	35-54	31%	33%	32%
	55+	63%	46%	44%
Area	Area 1	17%	24%	24%
	Area 2	30%	27%	27%
	Area 3	28%	24%	24%
	Area 4	26%	25%	25%
Hispanic	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	86%	79%	79%
	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	14%	21%	21%
Housing type	Attached	6%	11%	11%
	Detached	94%	89%	89%
Race/ethnic..	Not white alone	26%	44%	44%
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	74%	56%	56%
Sex	Man	34%	46%	48%

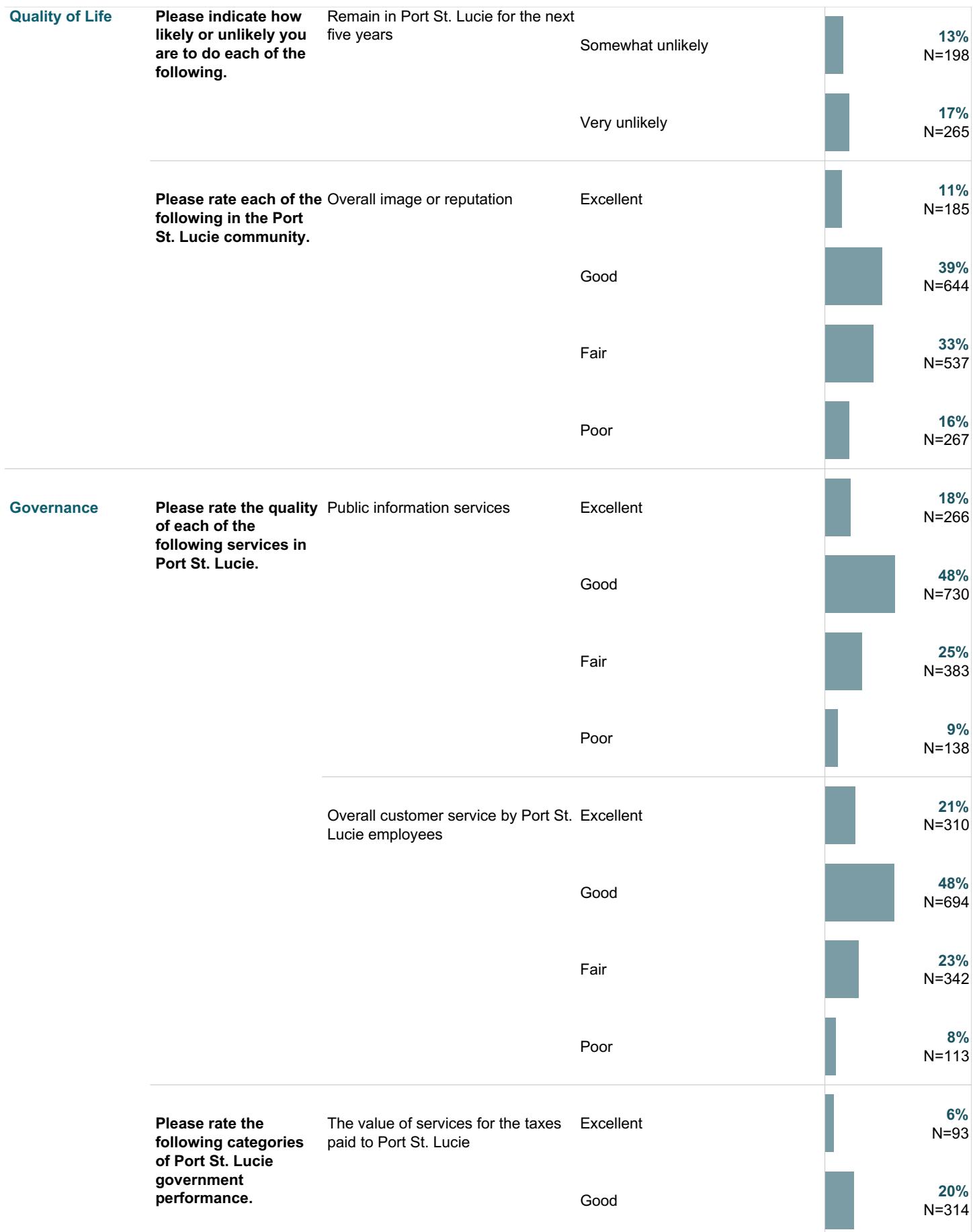
	Woman	66%	54%	52%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	2%	9%	12%
	Man 35-54	9%	16%	15%
	Man 55+	23%	22%	21%
	Woman 18-34	4%	12%	12%
	Woman 35-54	23%	17%	16%
	Woman 55+	39%	24%	23%
Tenure	Own	95%	83%	83%
	Rent	5%	17%	17%

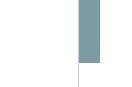
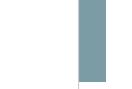
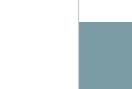
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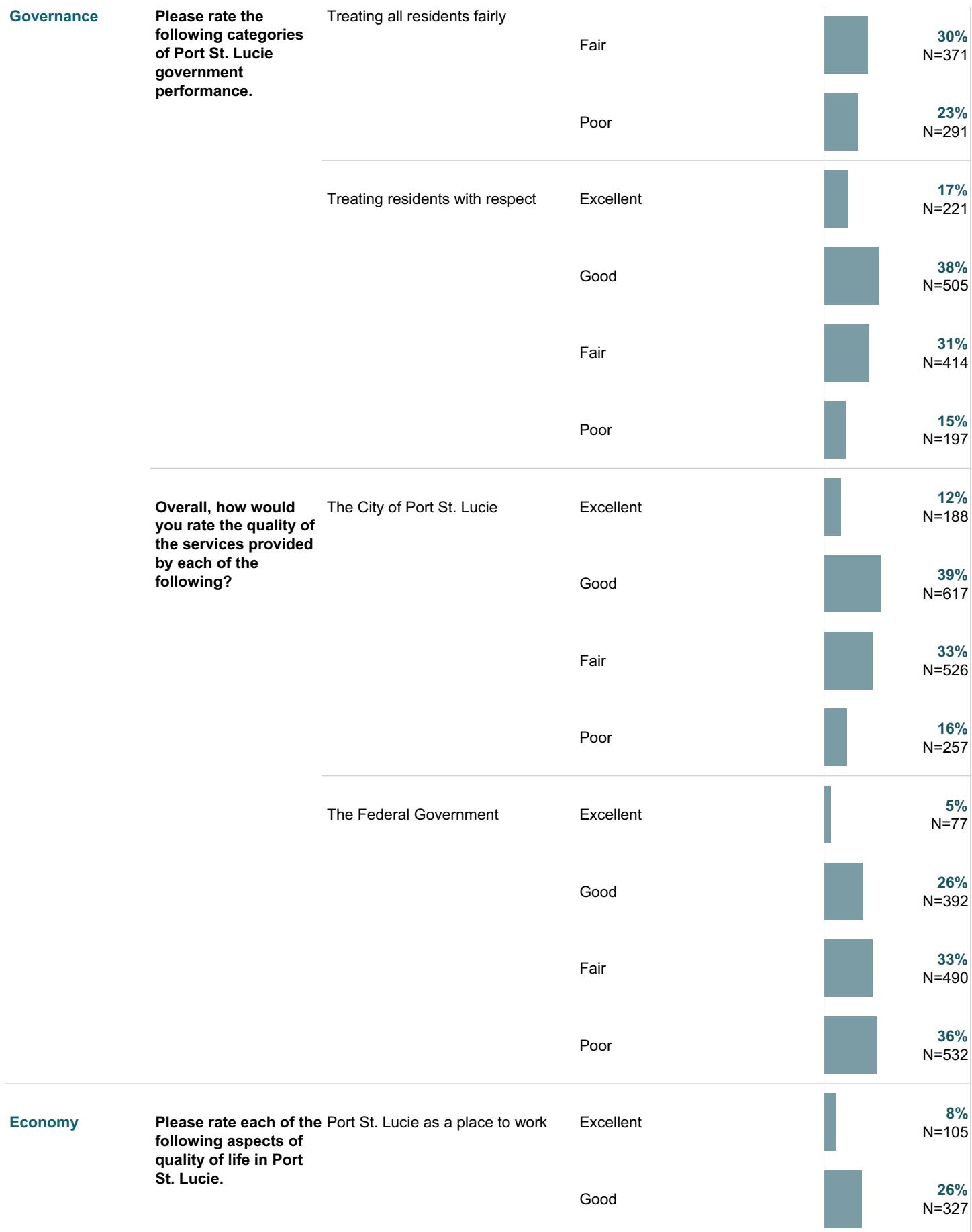
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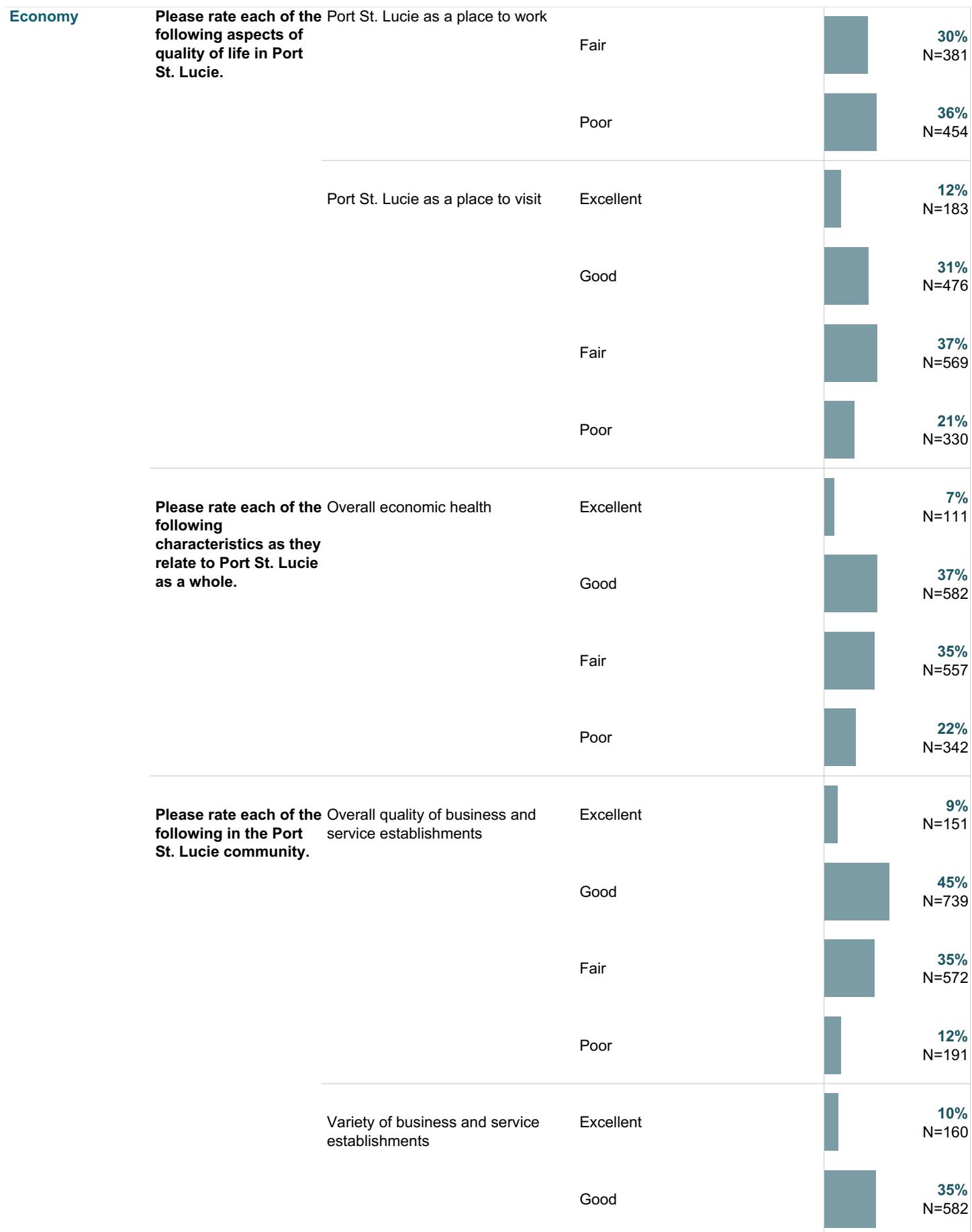
This dashboard contains a complete set of responses to each question on the open participation survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter to the right. In some tables, the percentages may not sum to 100%; this is either because the question permitted the respondent to "choose all that apply", or for a question that asked the respondent to select one answer, it is due to the customary practice of rounding values to the nearest whole number.

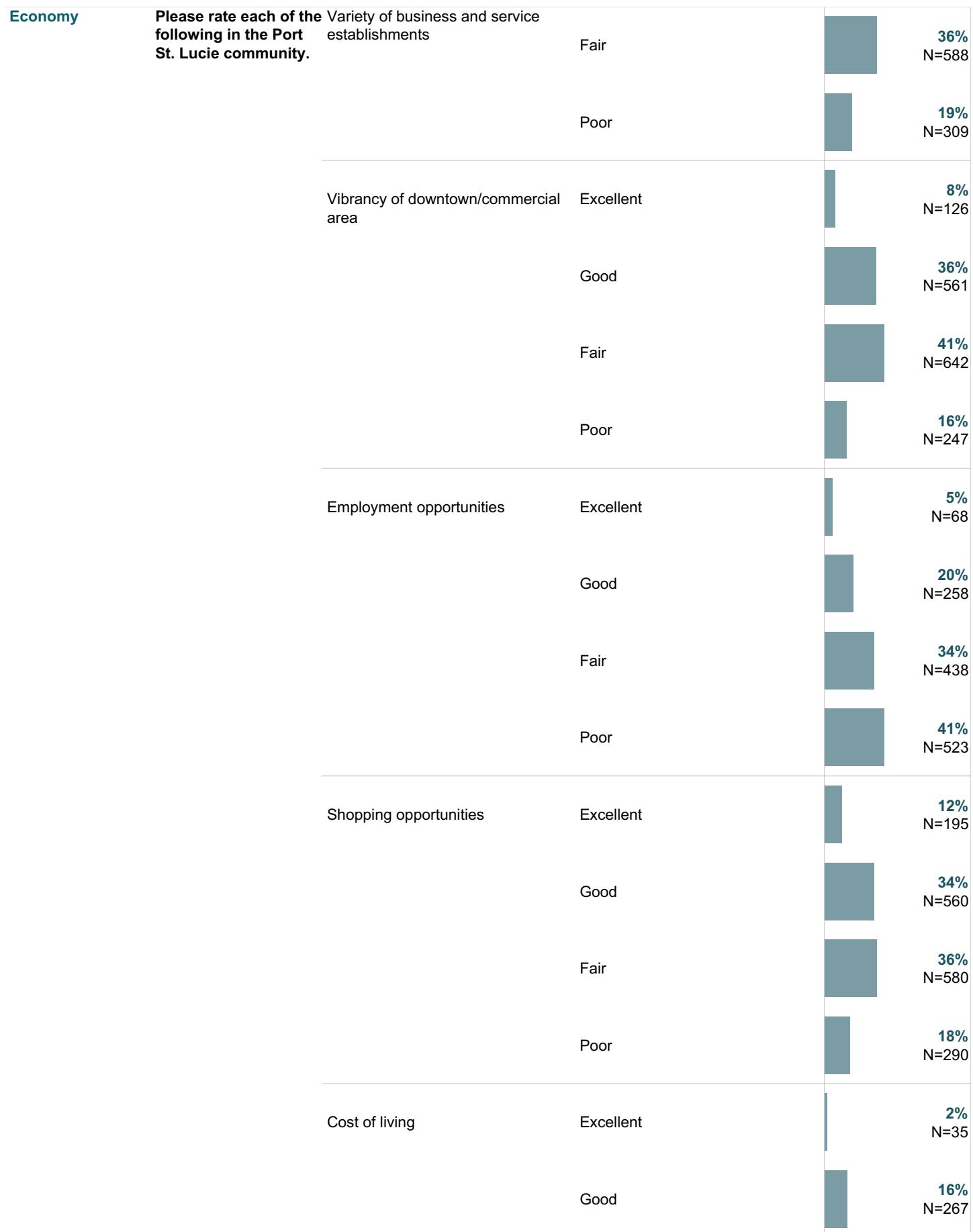


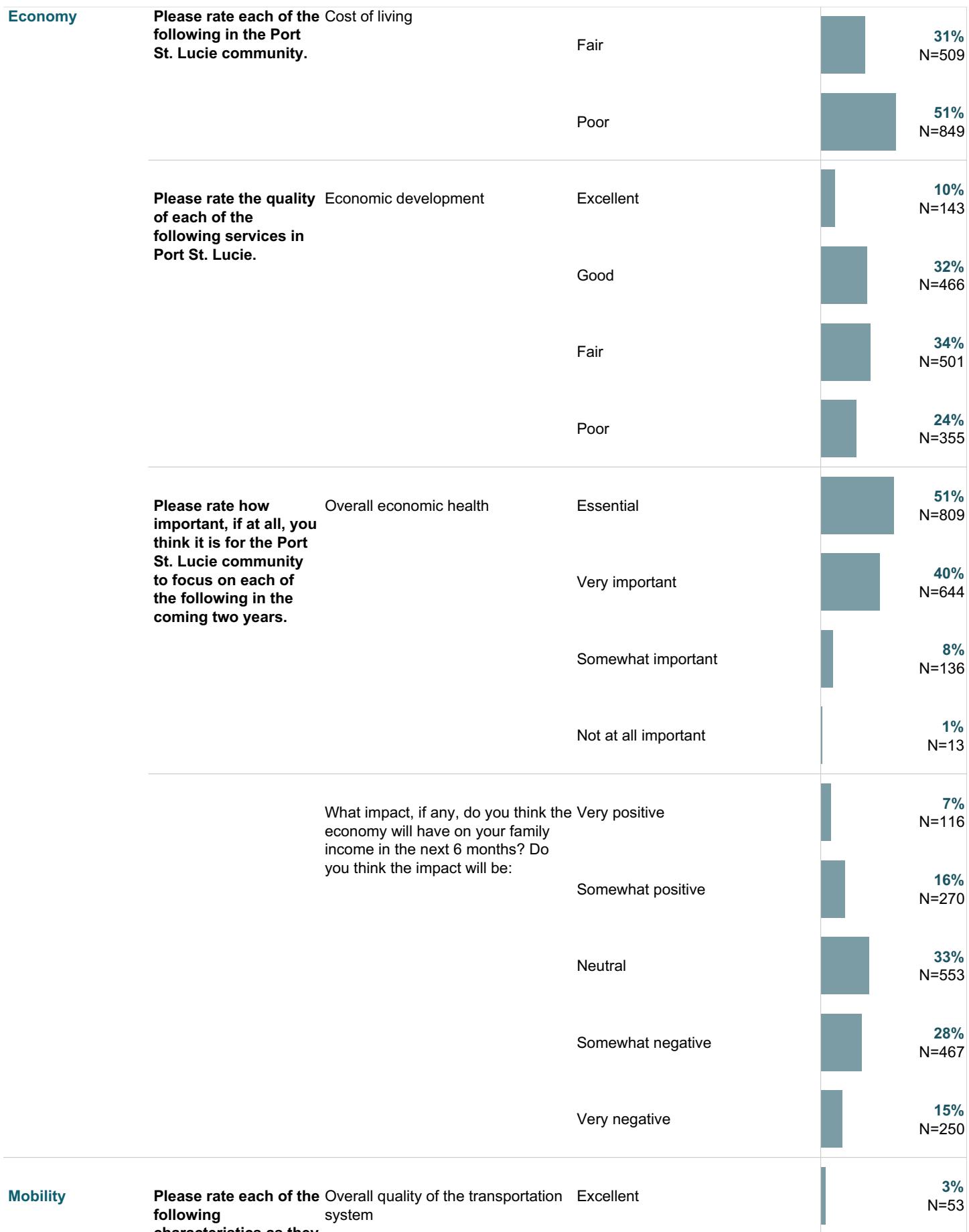


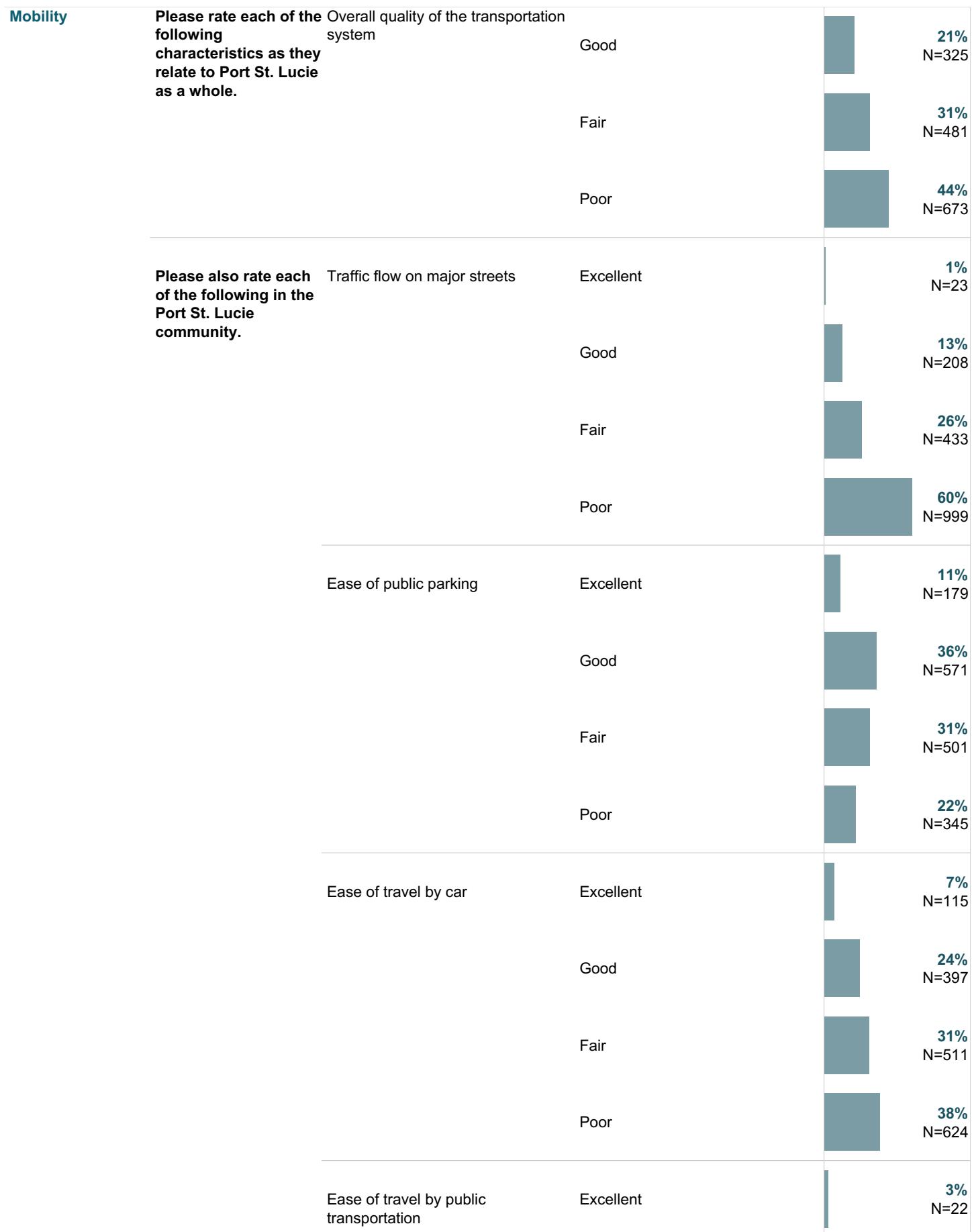
Governance	Please rate the following categories of Port St. Lucie government performance.	Generally acting in the best interest of the community	Fair		31% N=467
			Poor		35% N=538
Governance	Being honest	Excellent			9% N=117
		Good			28% N=365
Governance	Fair	Excellent			34% N=442
		Good			28% N=357
Governance	Poor	Excellent			10% N=129
		Good			28% N=370
Governance	Being open and transparent to the public	Excellent			31% N=410
		Good			31% N=410
Governance	Fair	Excellent			13% N=185
		Good			29% N=421
Governance	Poor	Excellent			31% N=453
		Good			28% N=403
Governance	Treating all residents fairly	Excellent			13% N=157
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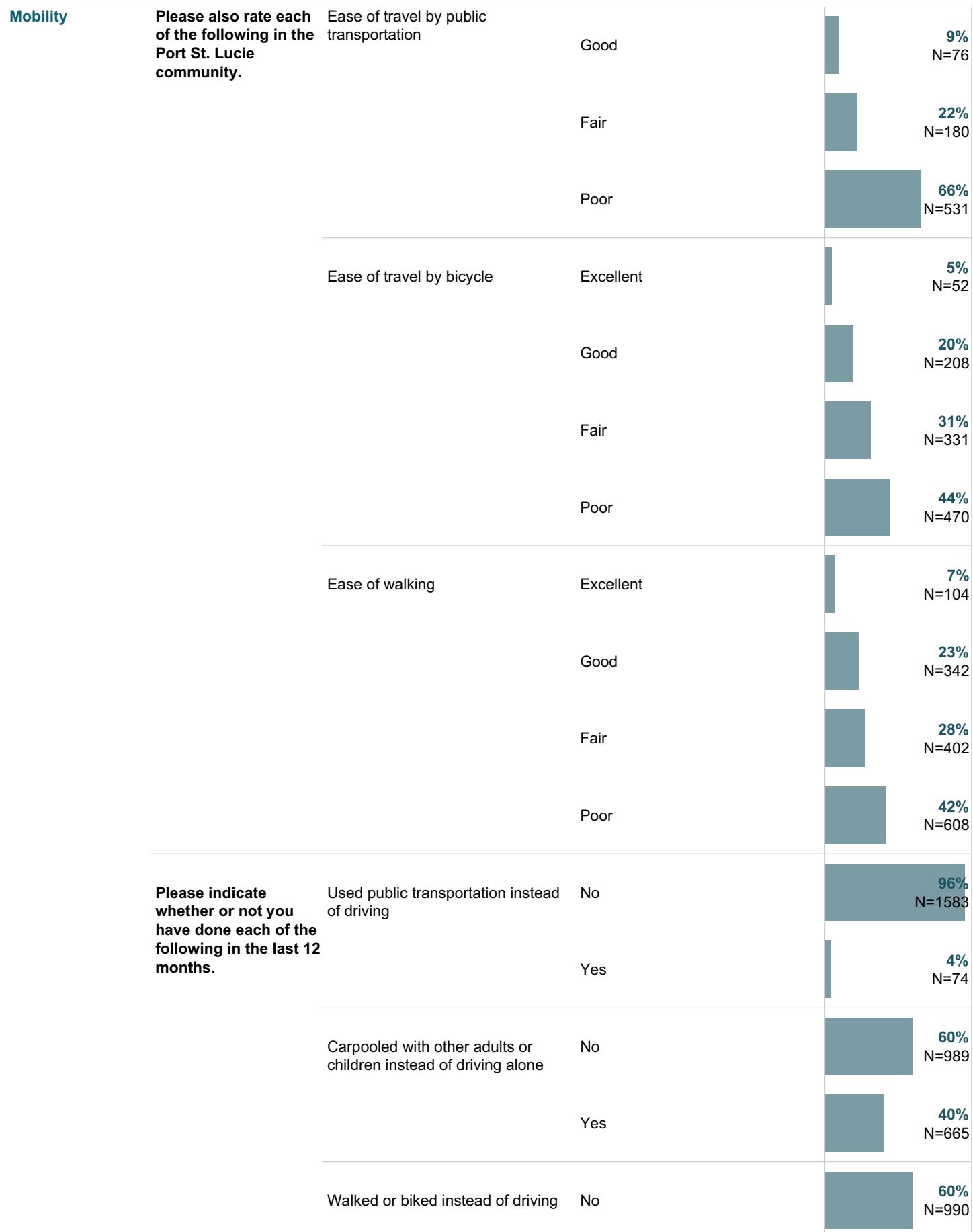


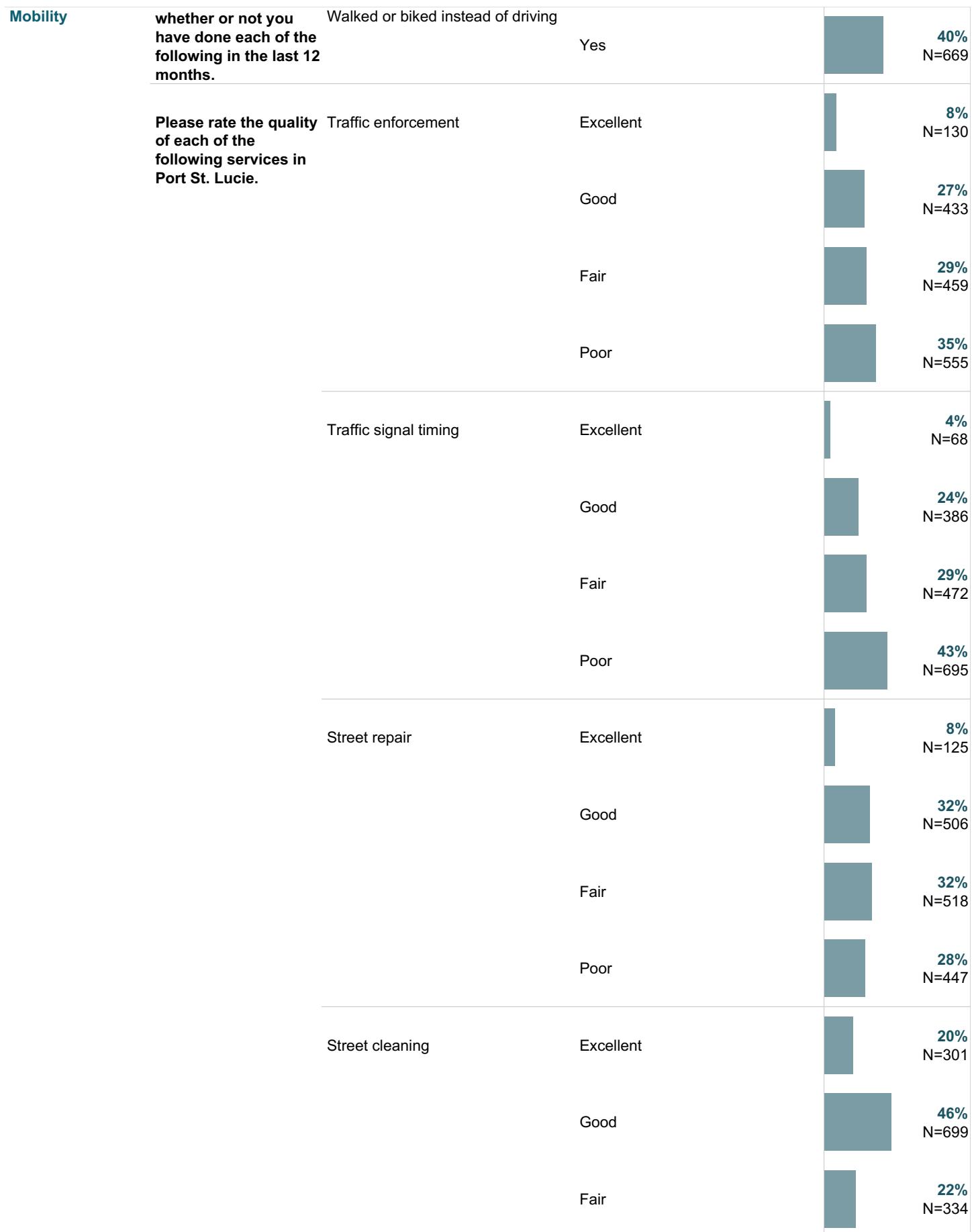


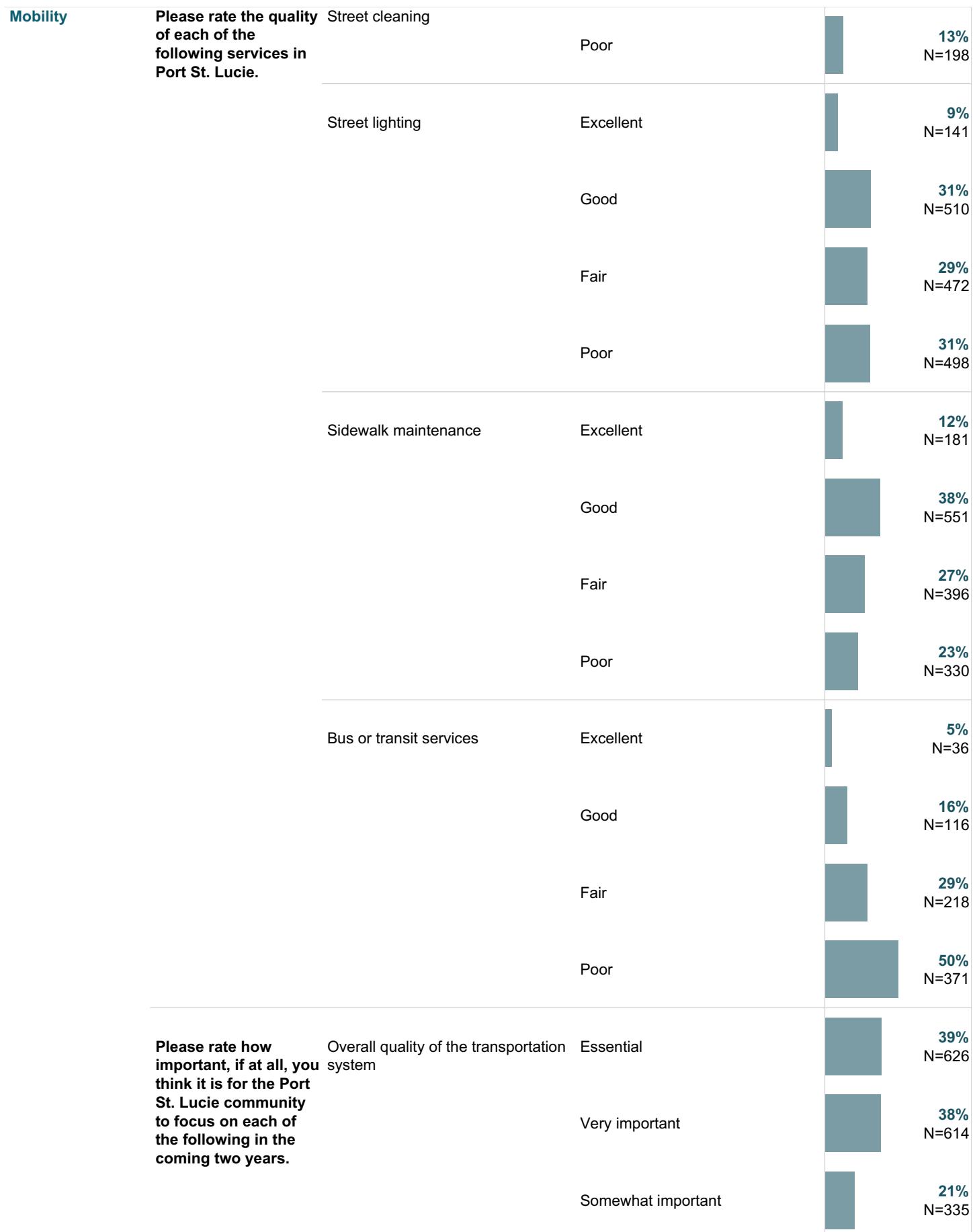


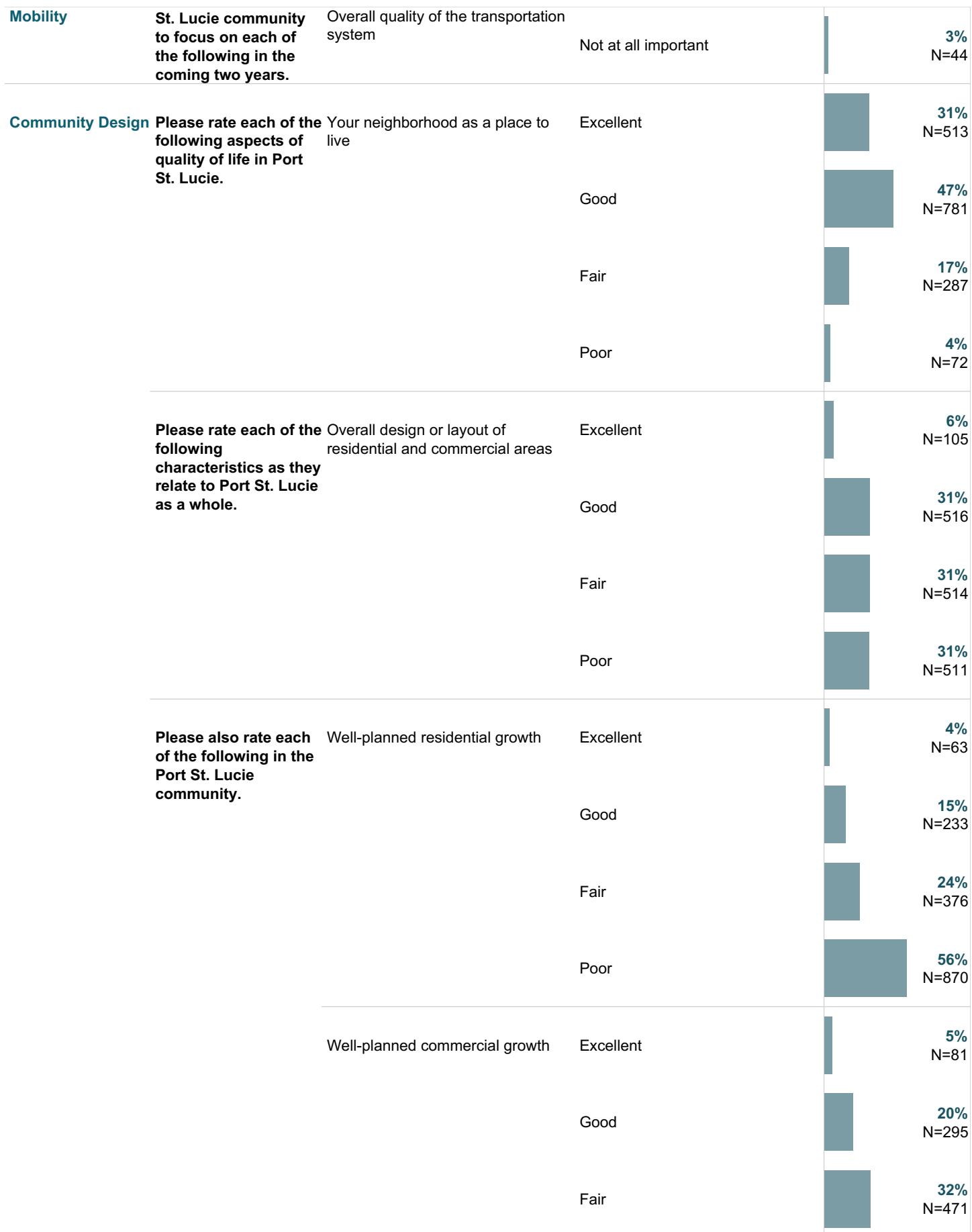


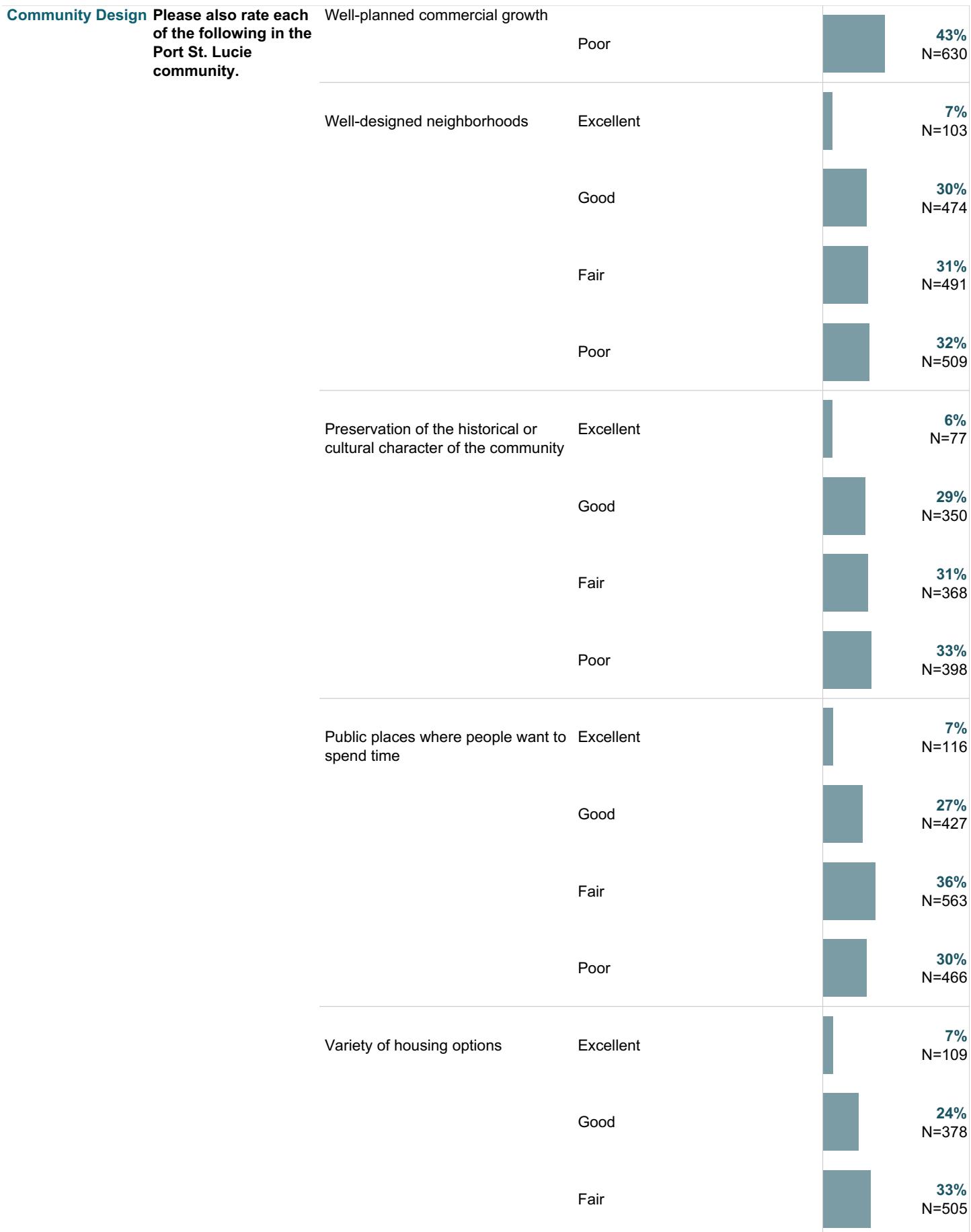


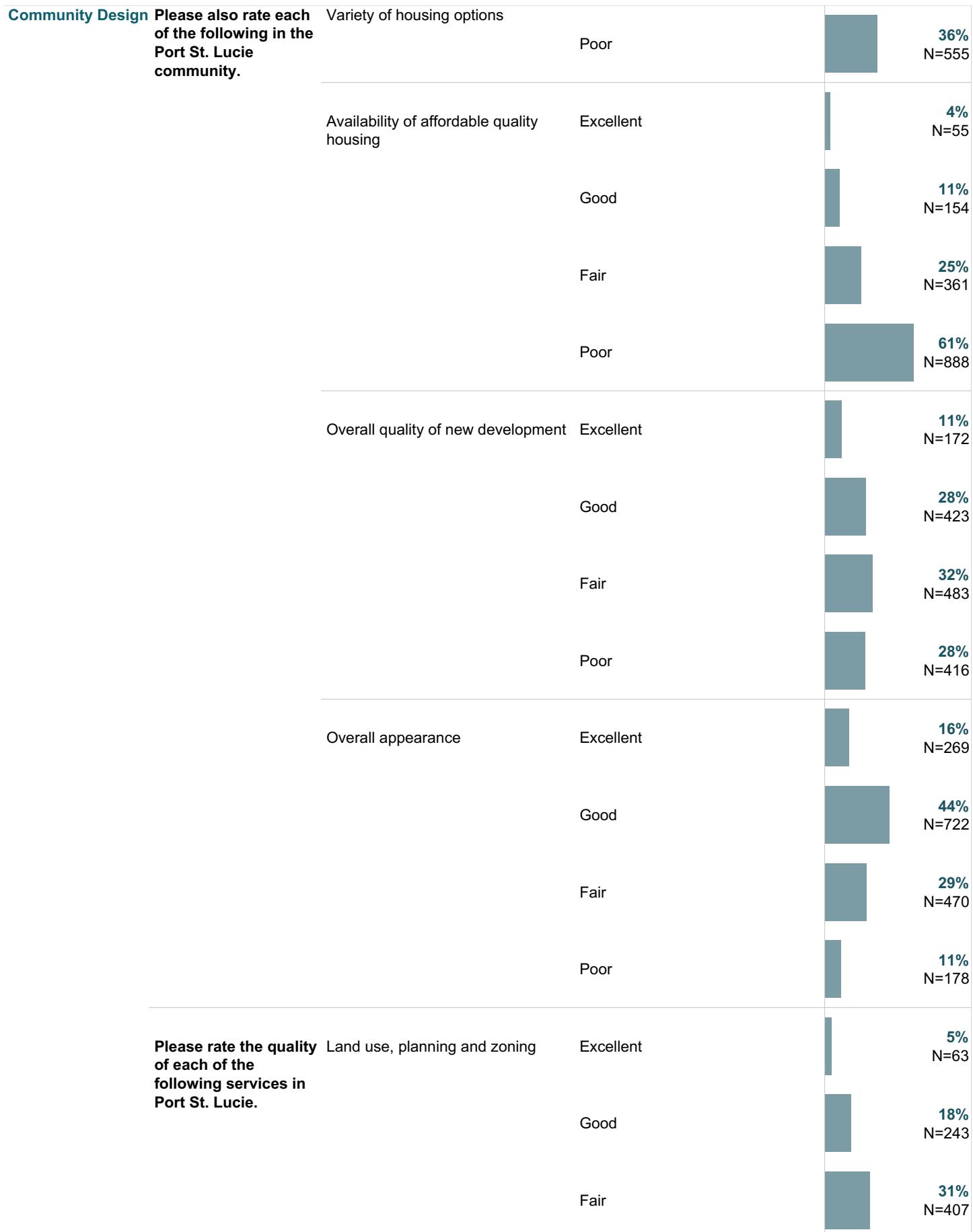


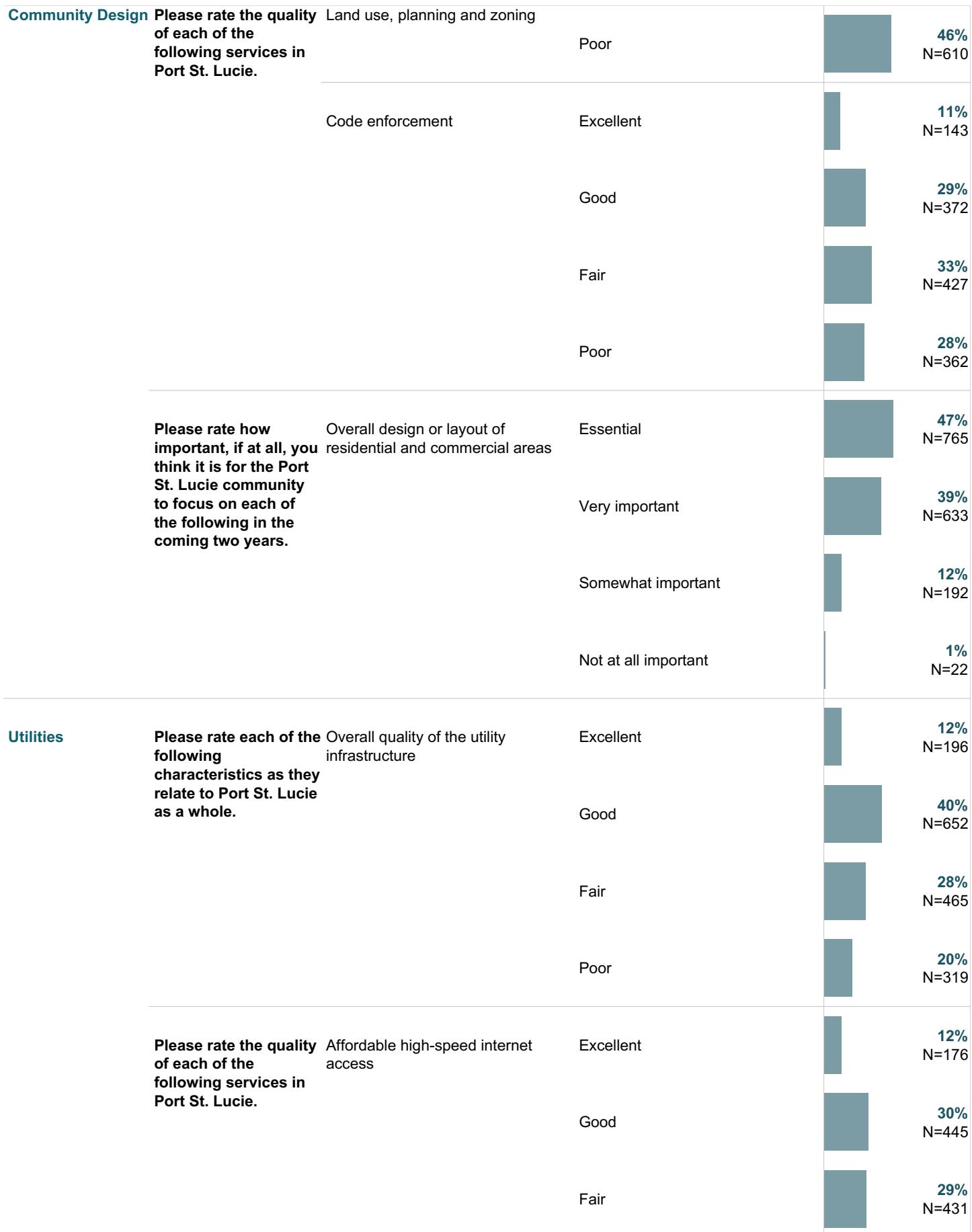


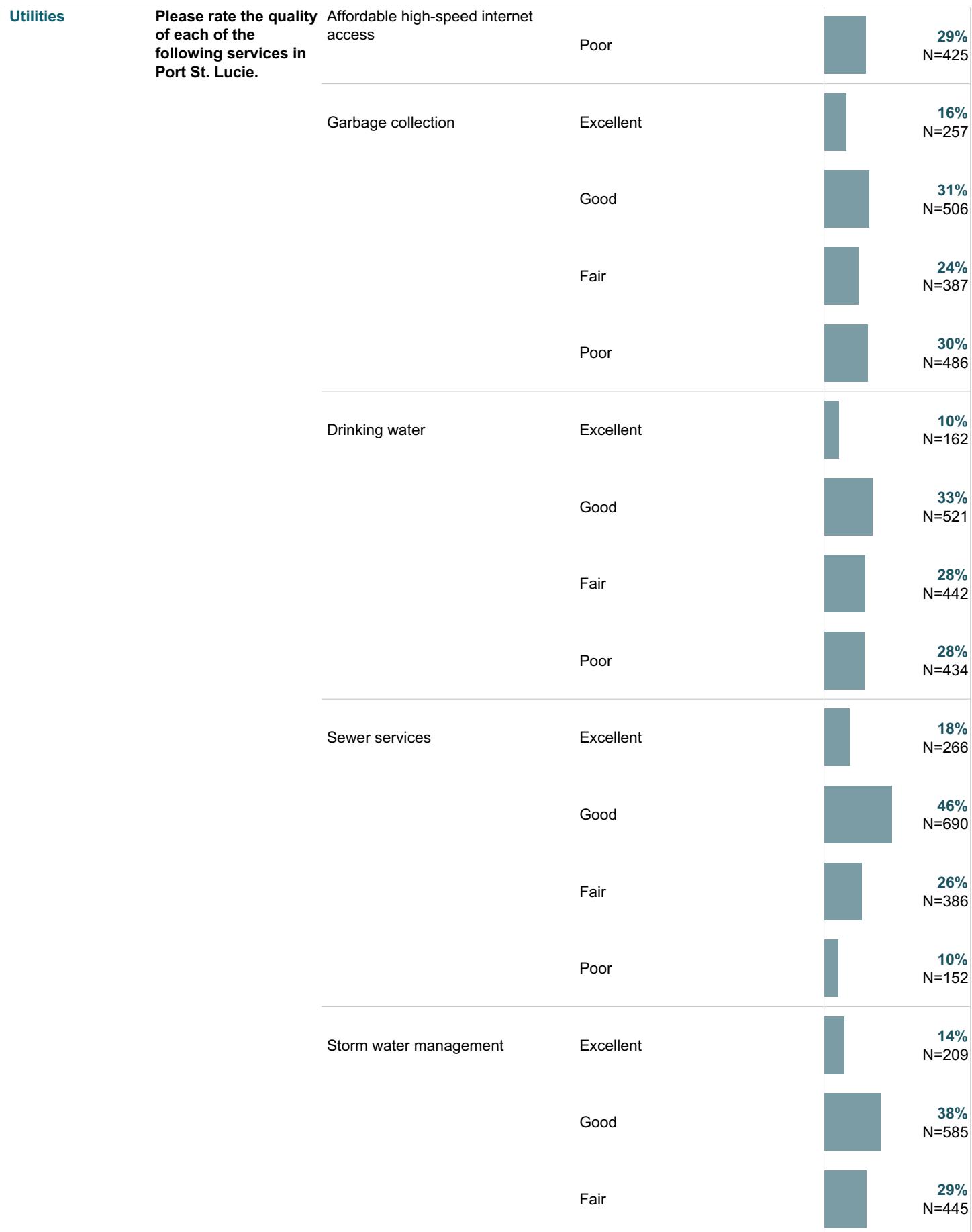


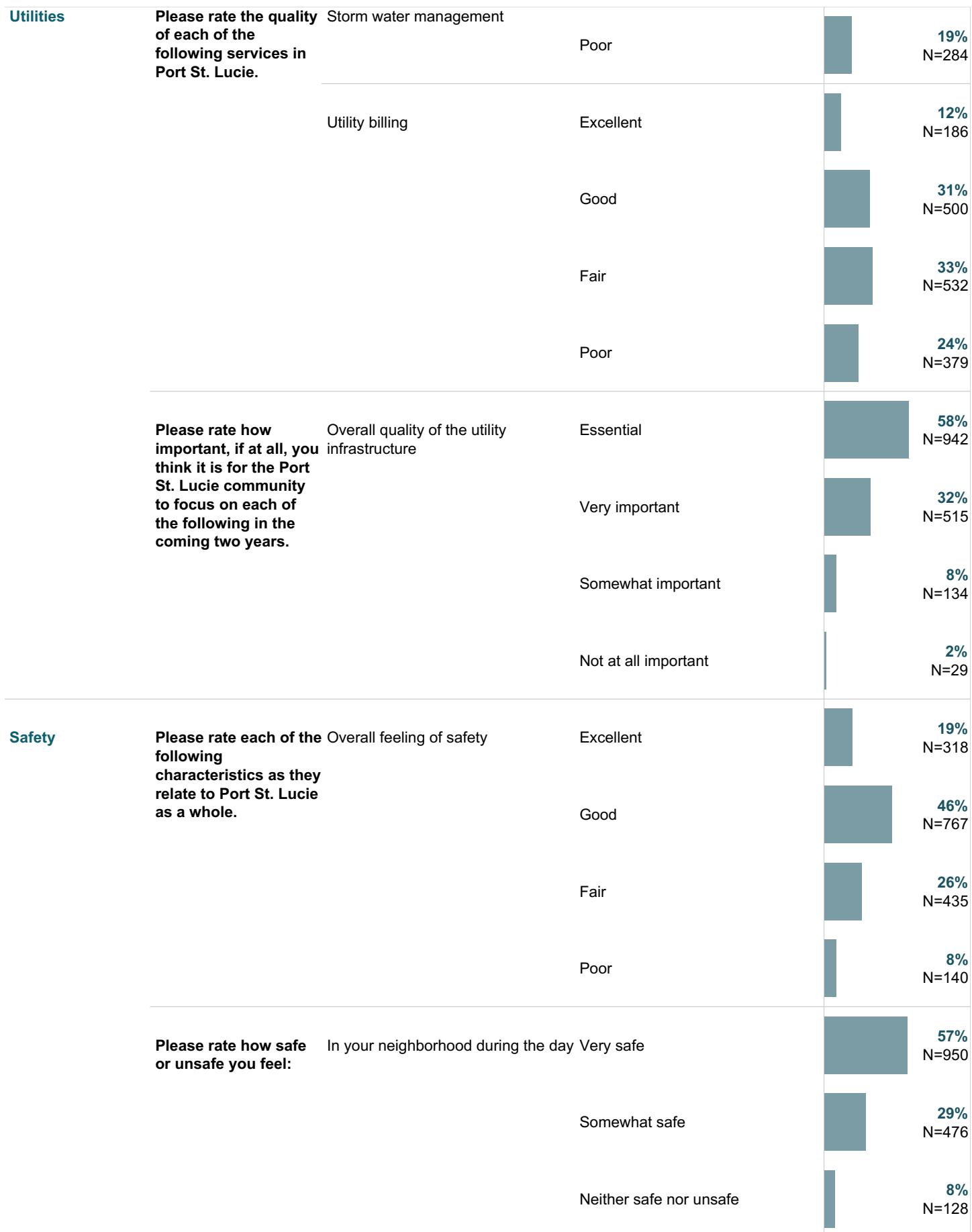


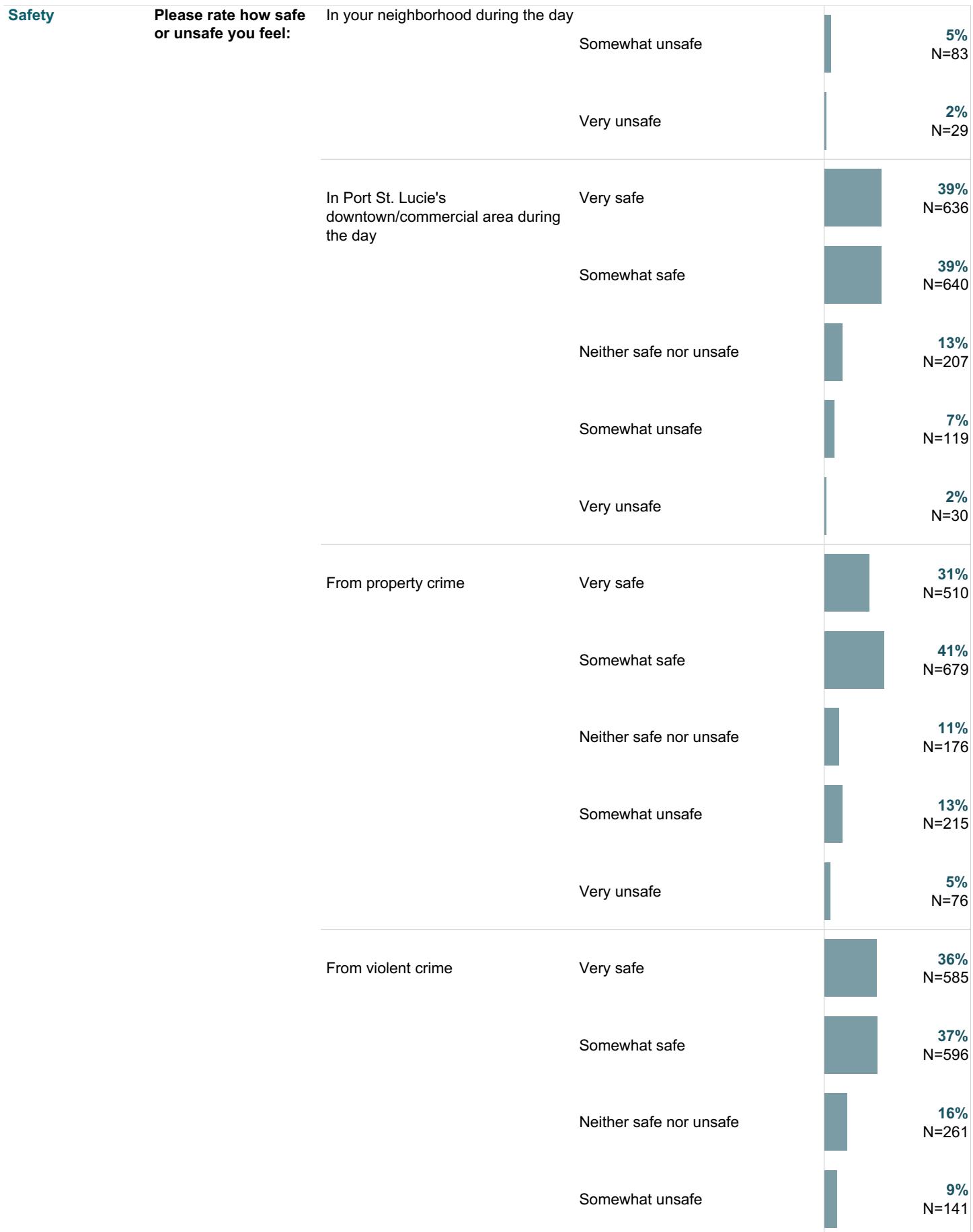


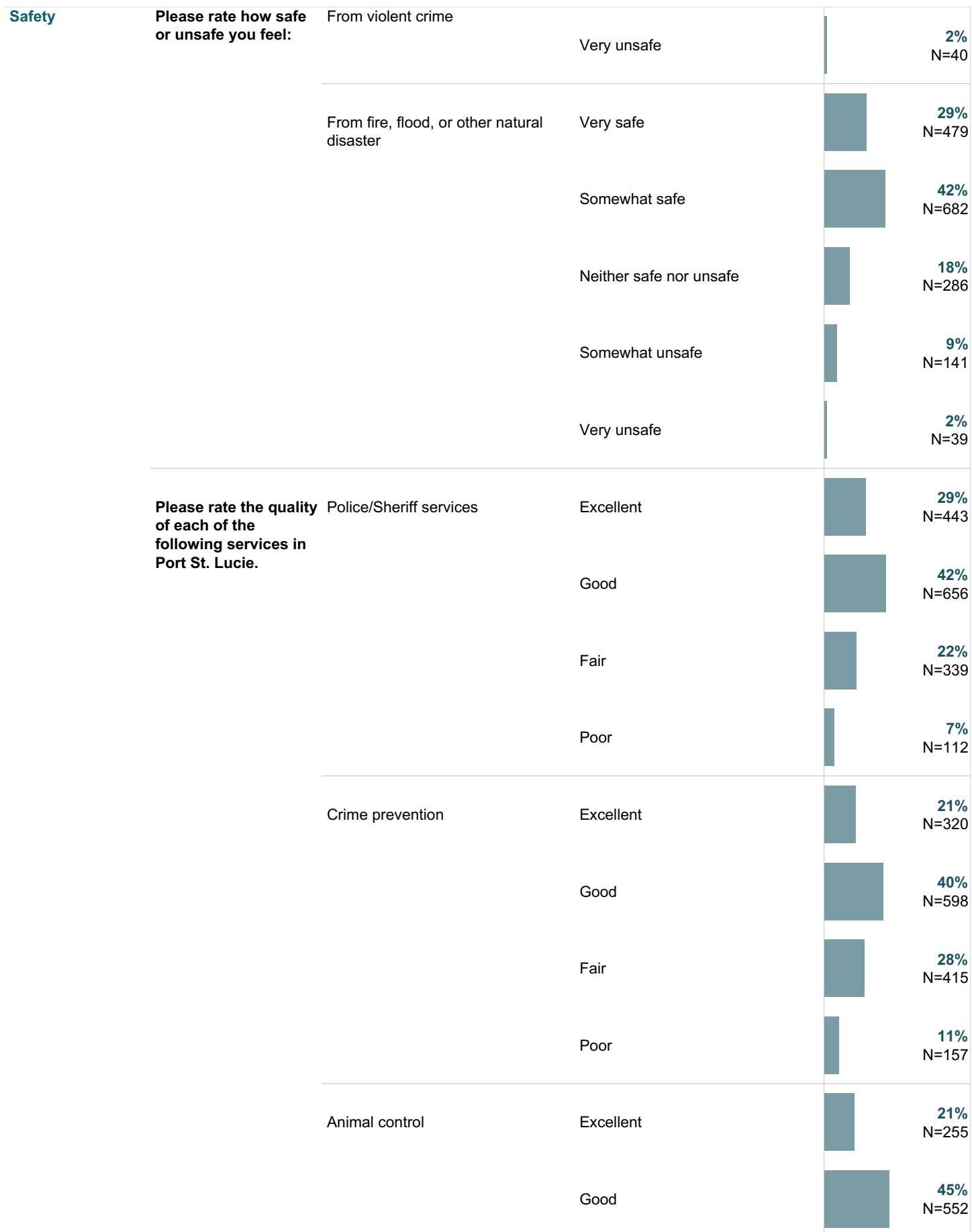


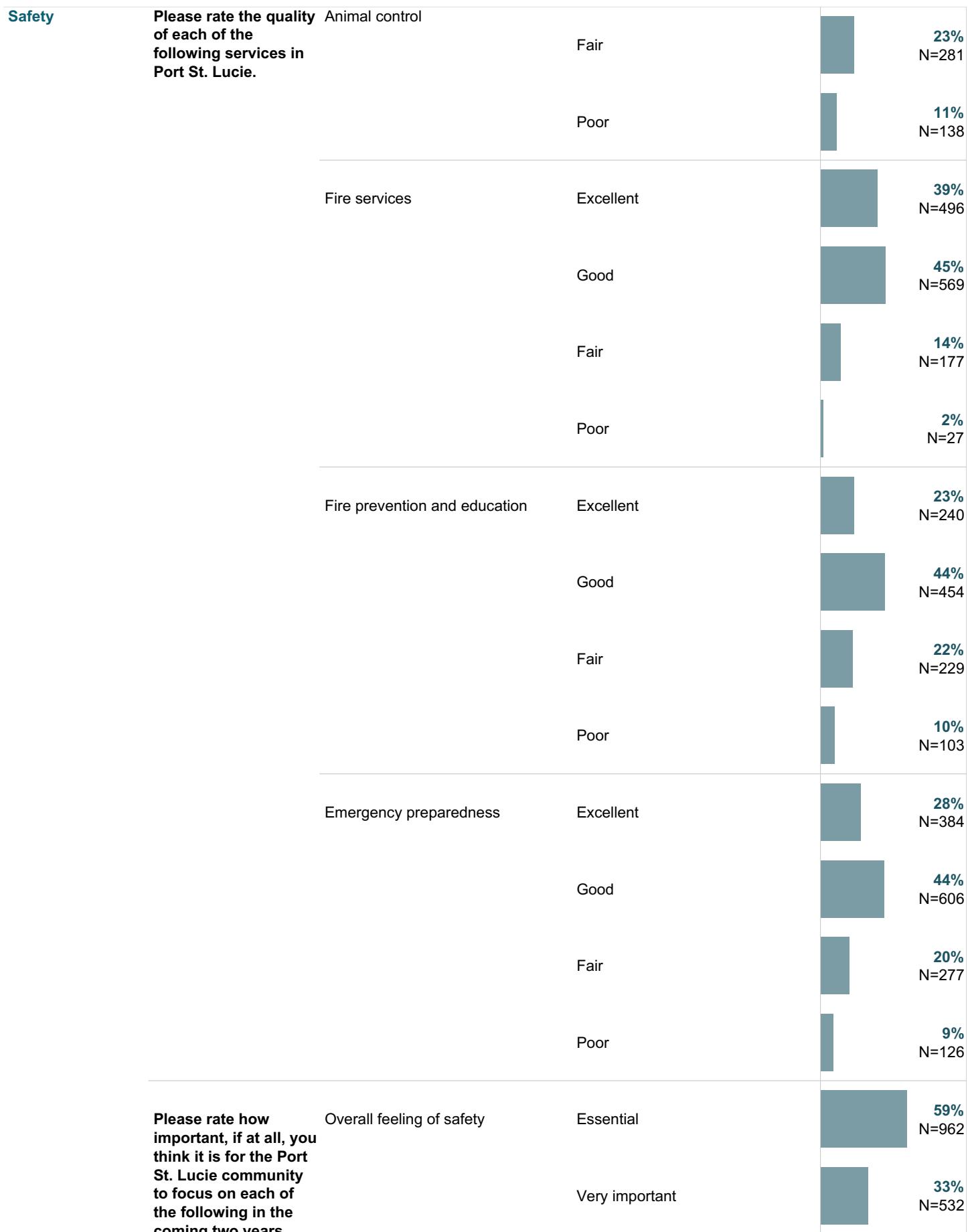


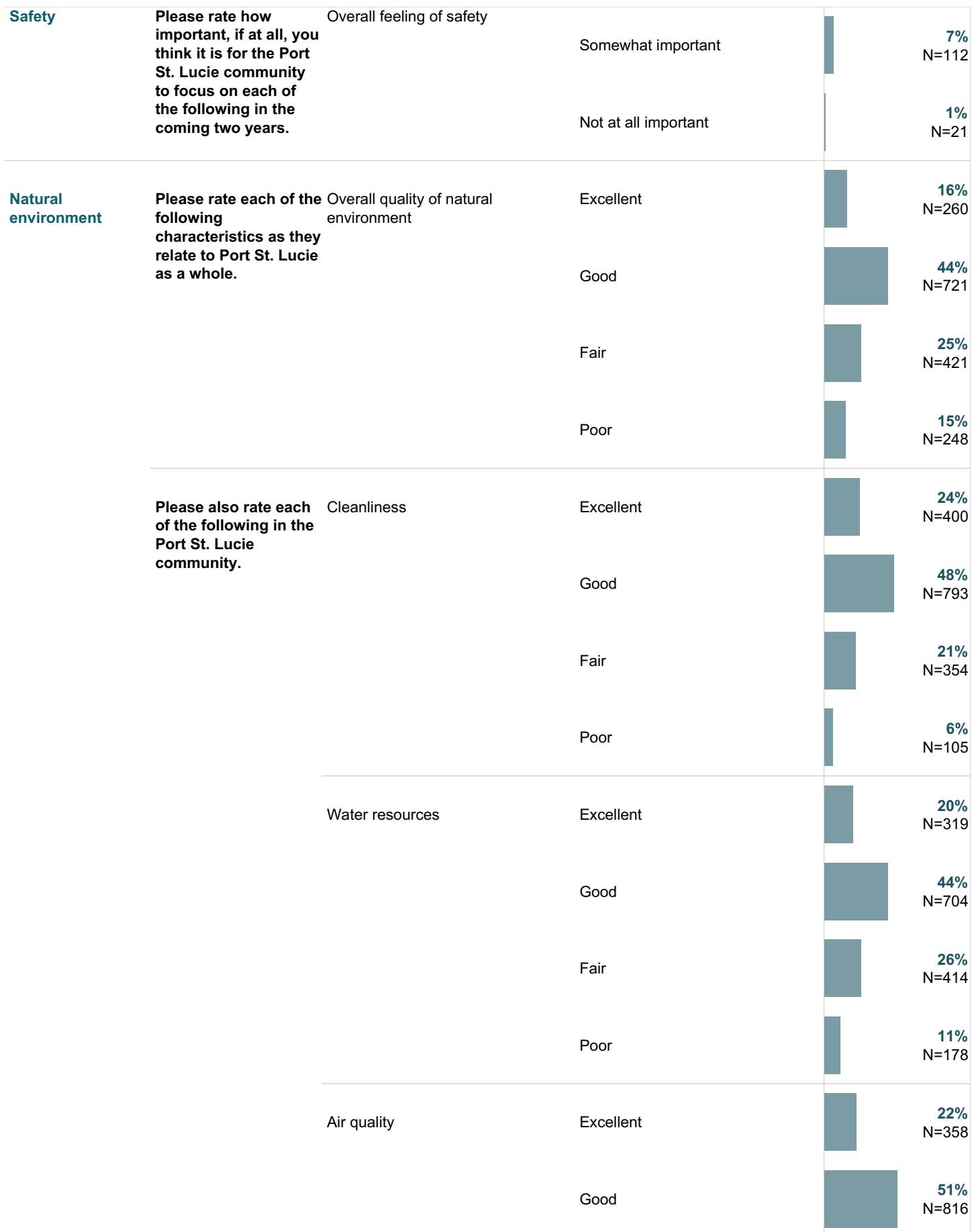


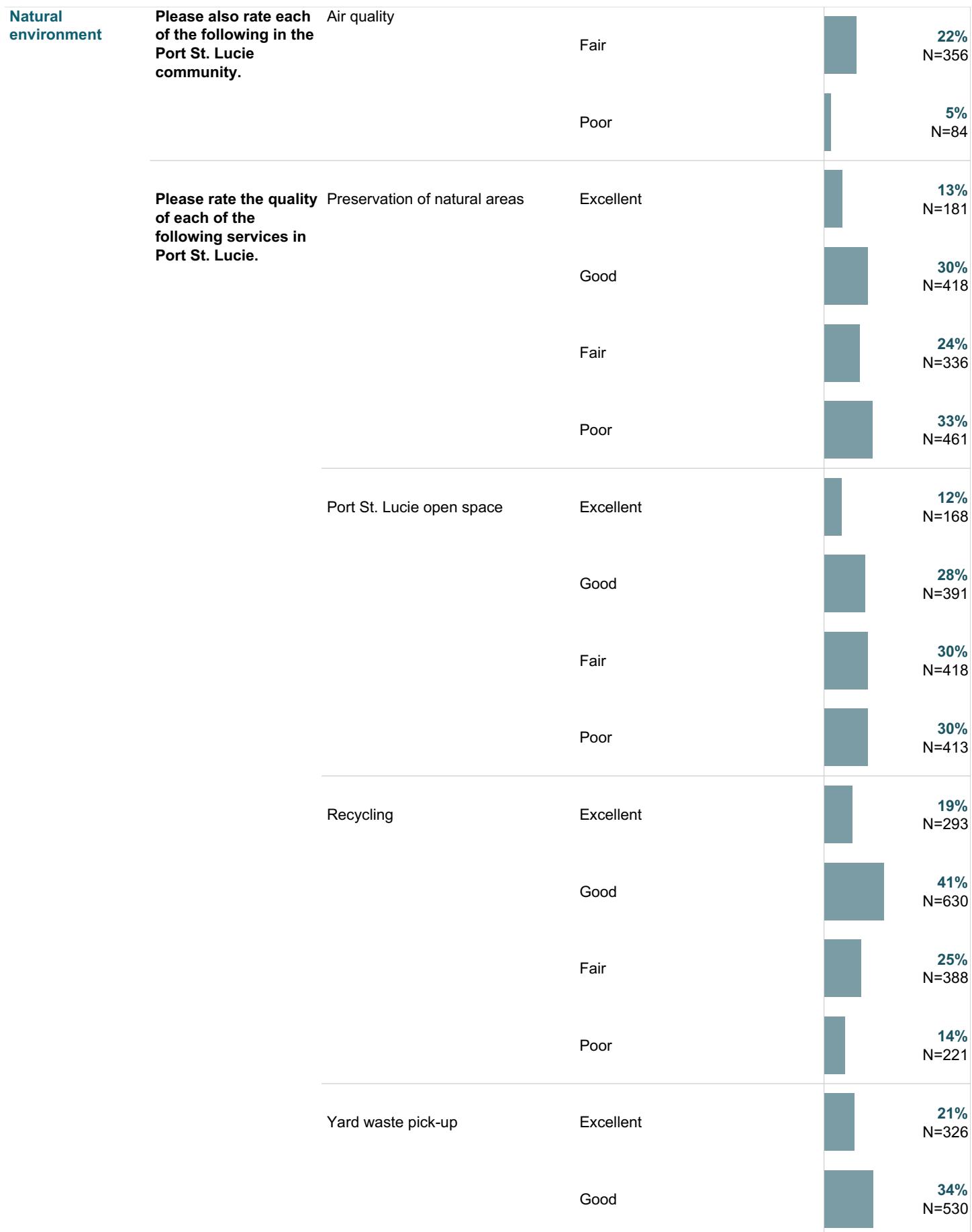


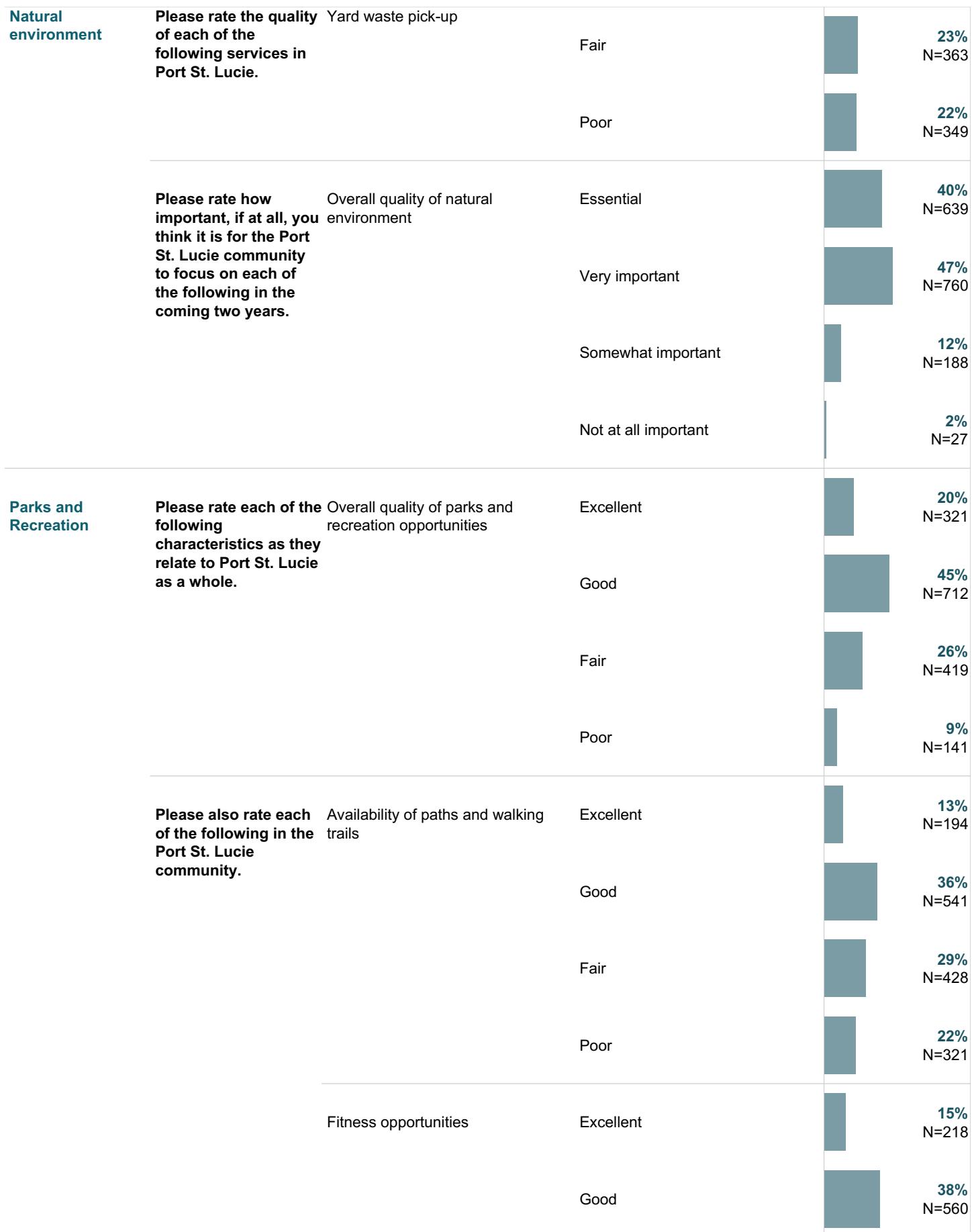


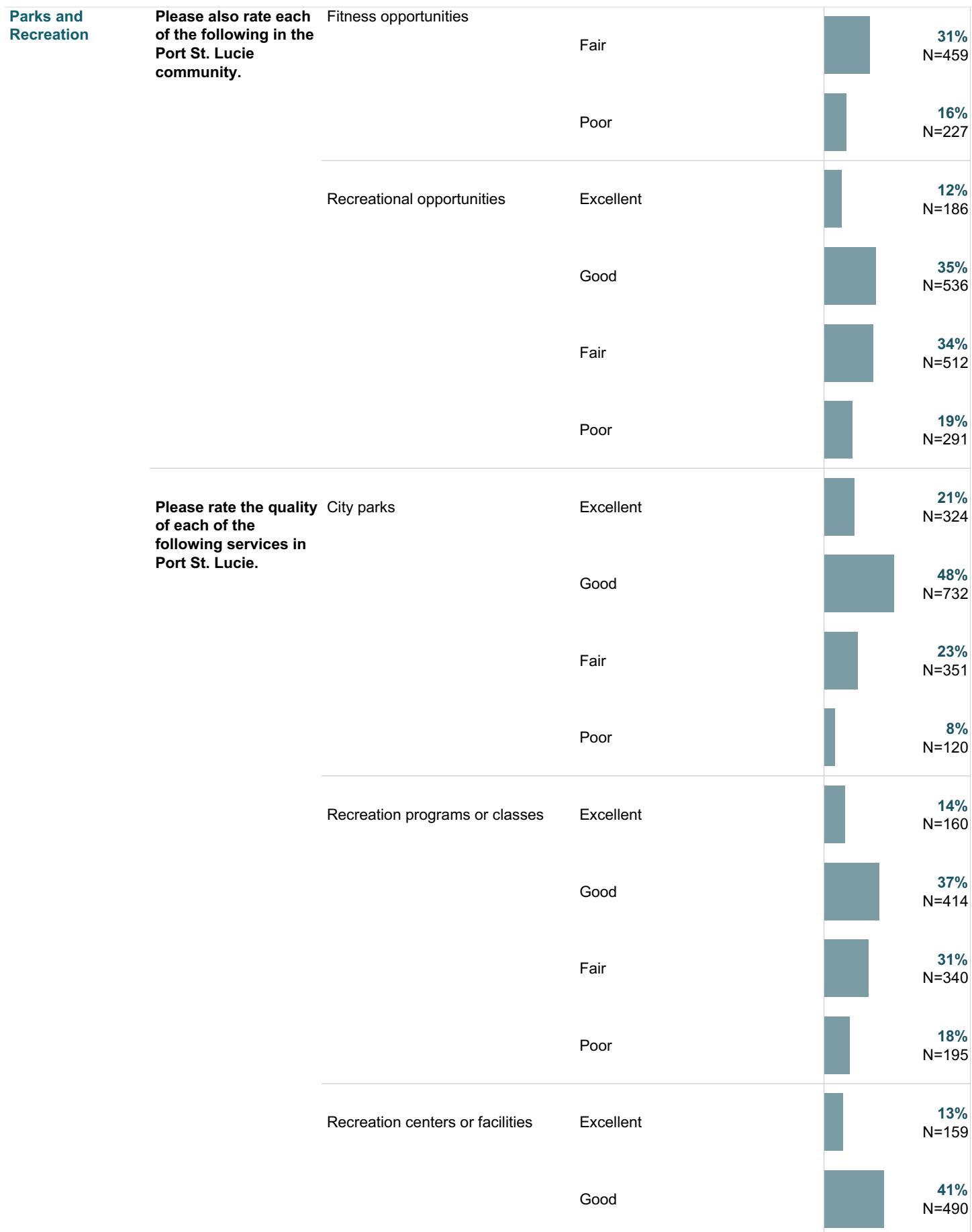


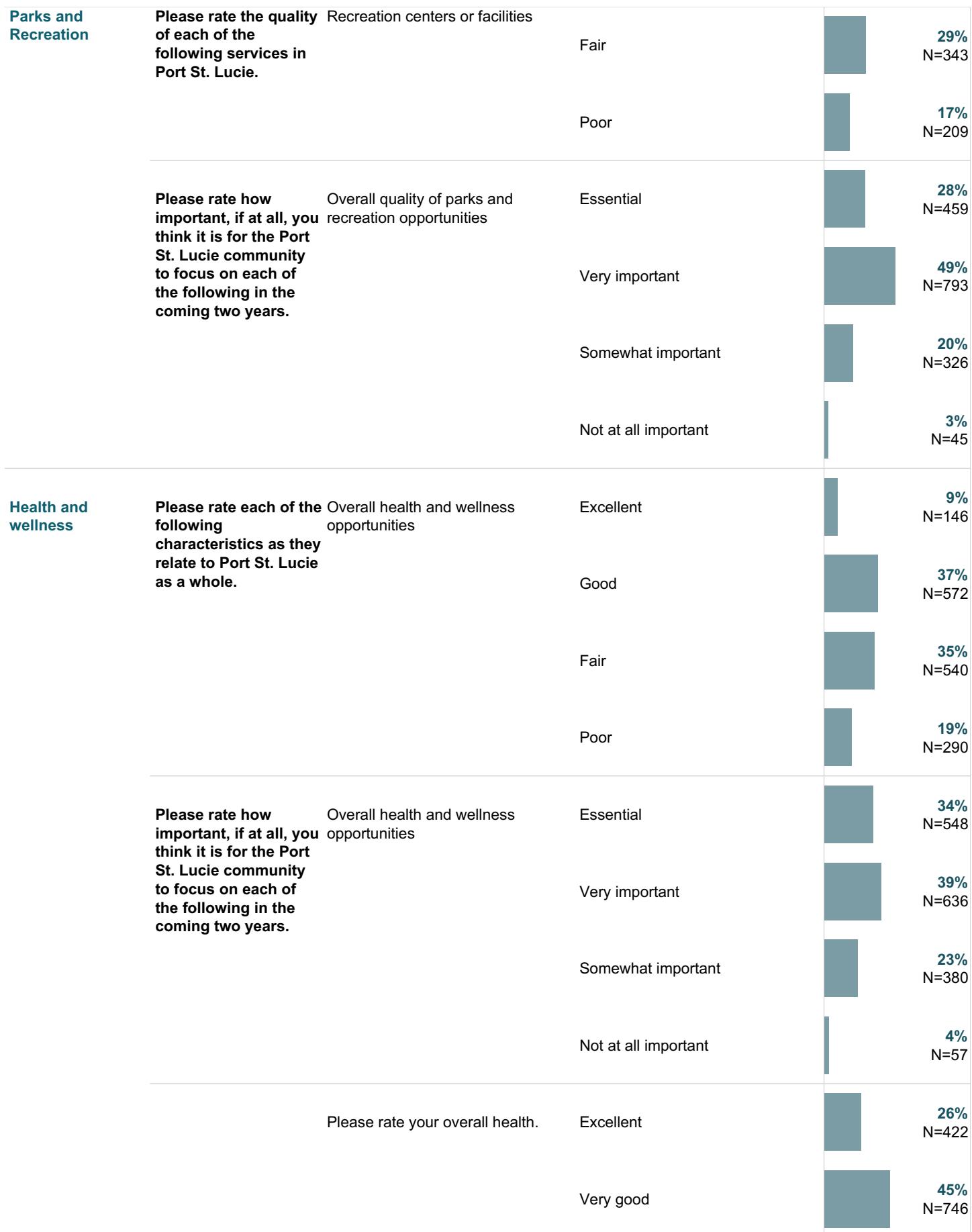


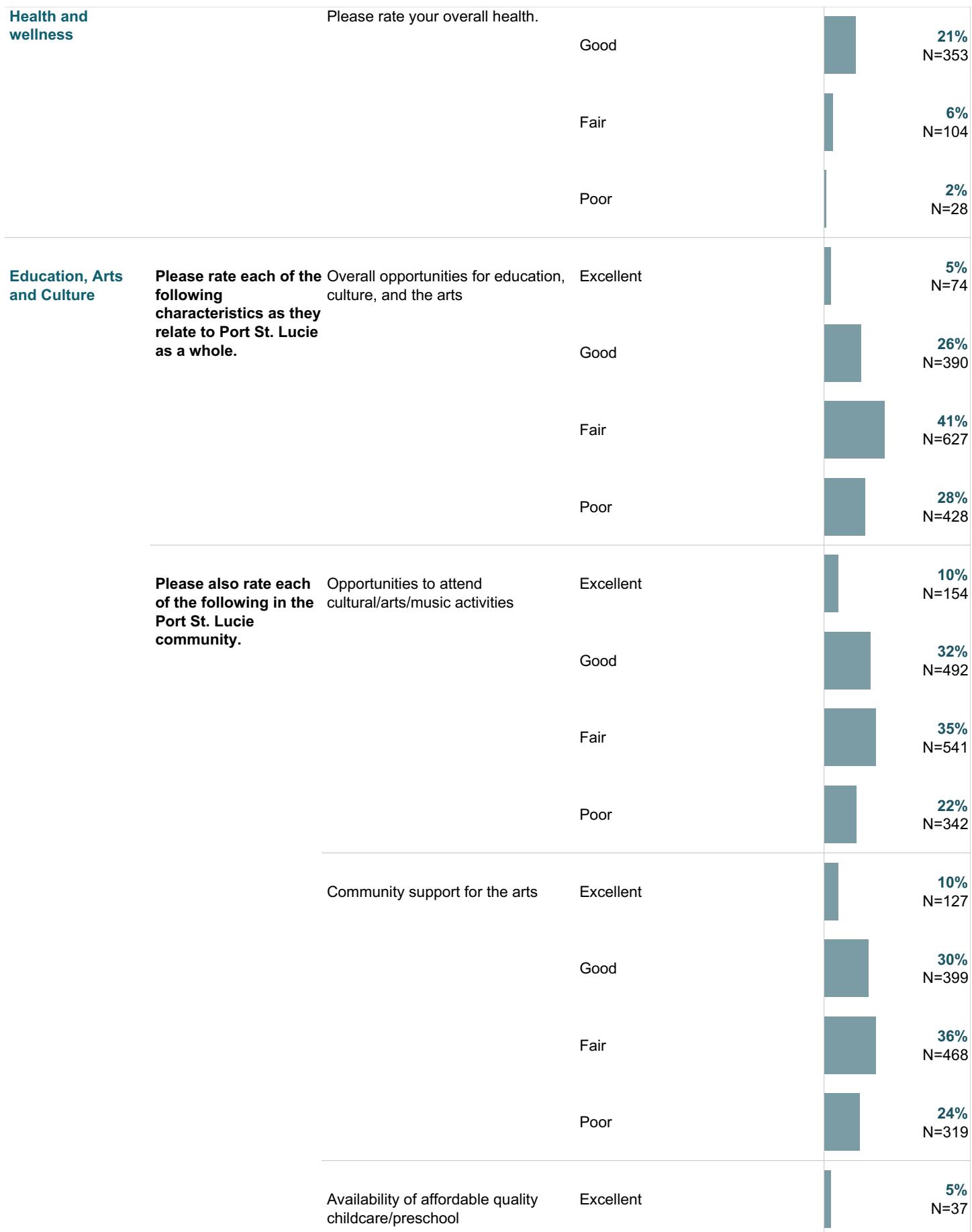


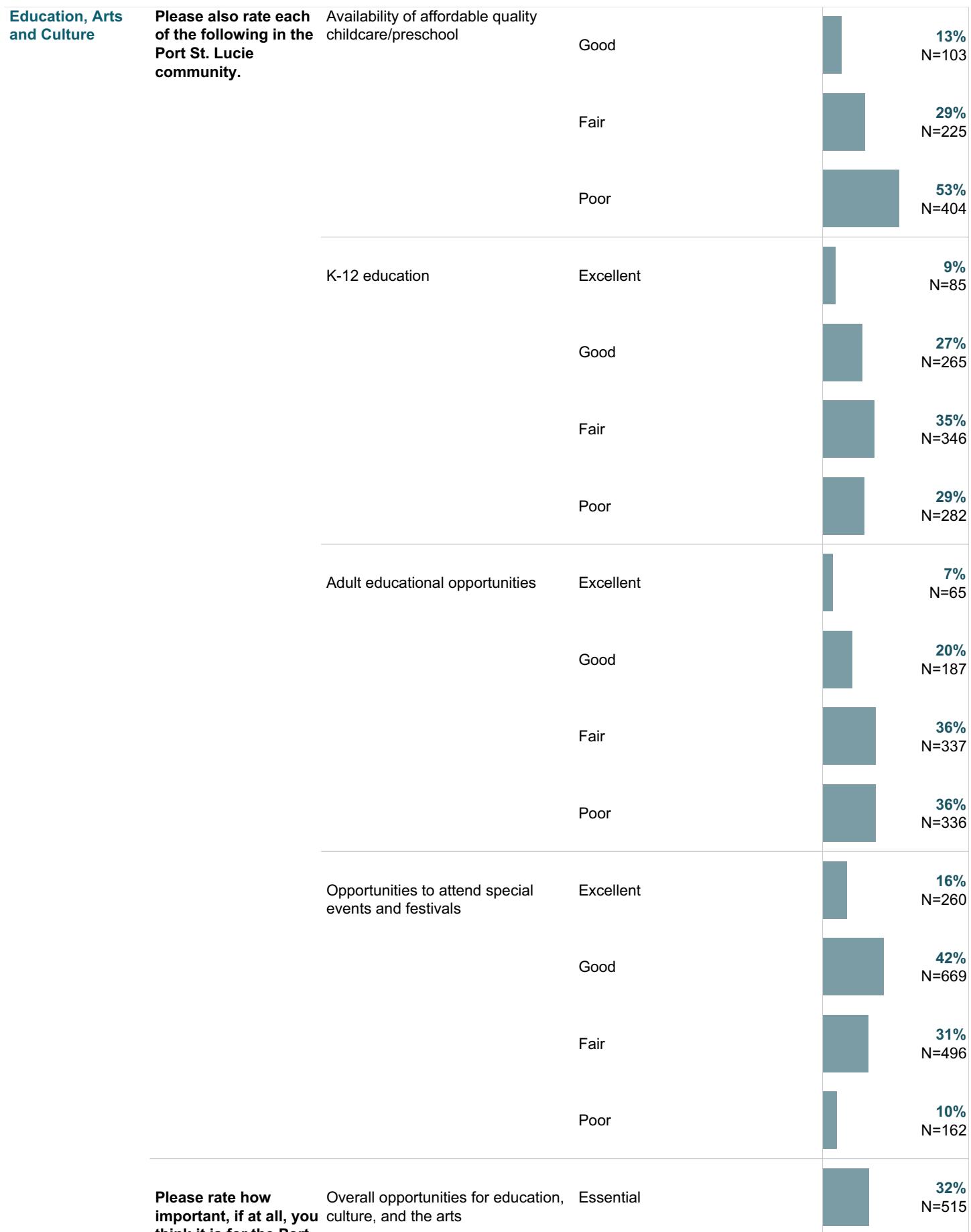


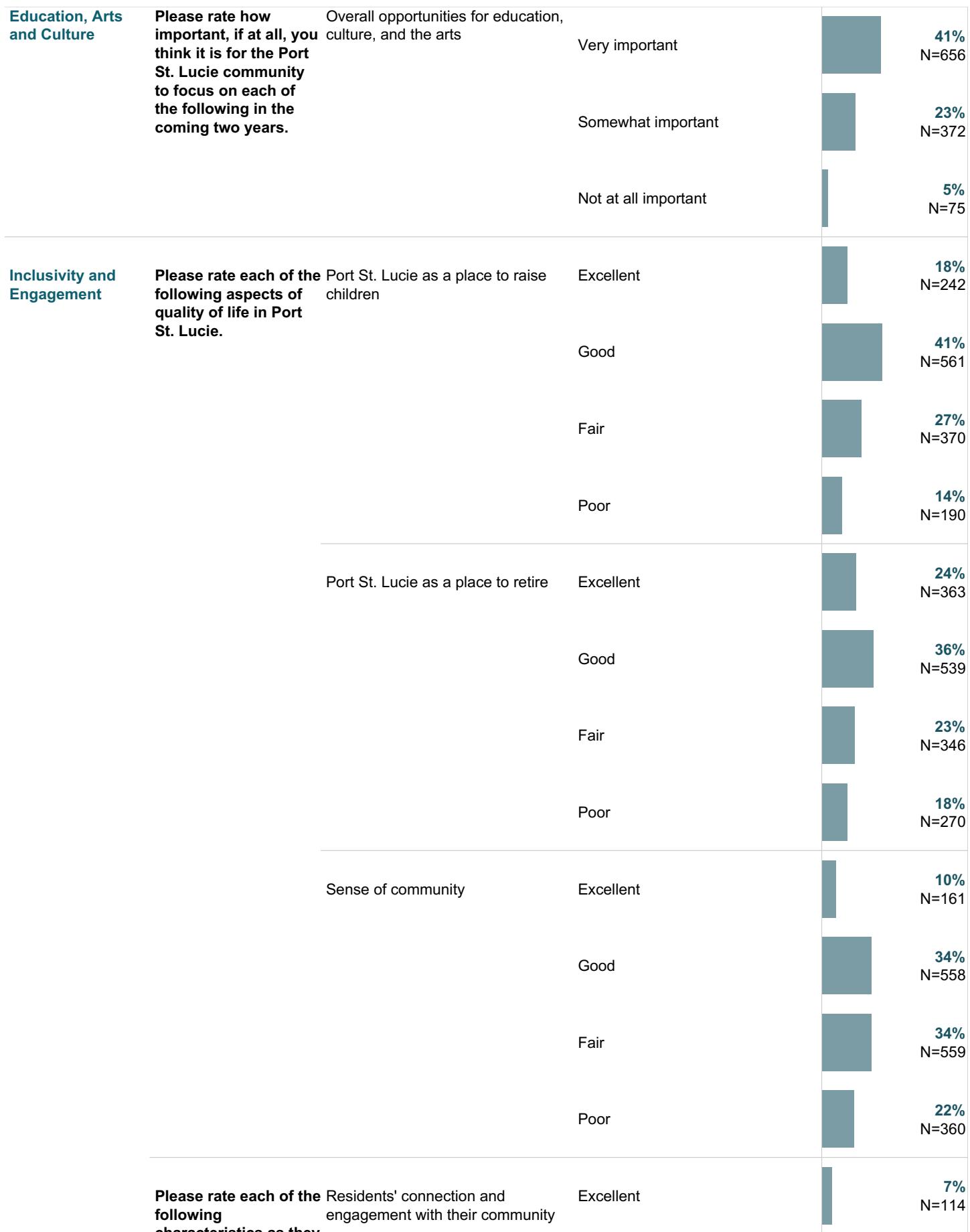


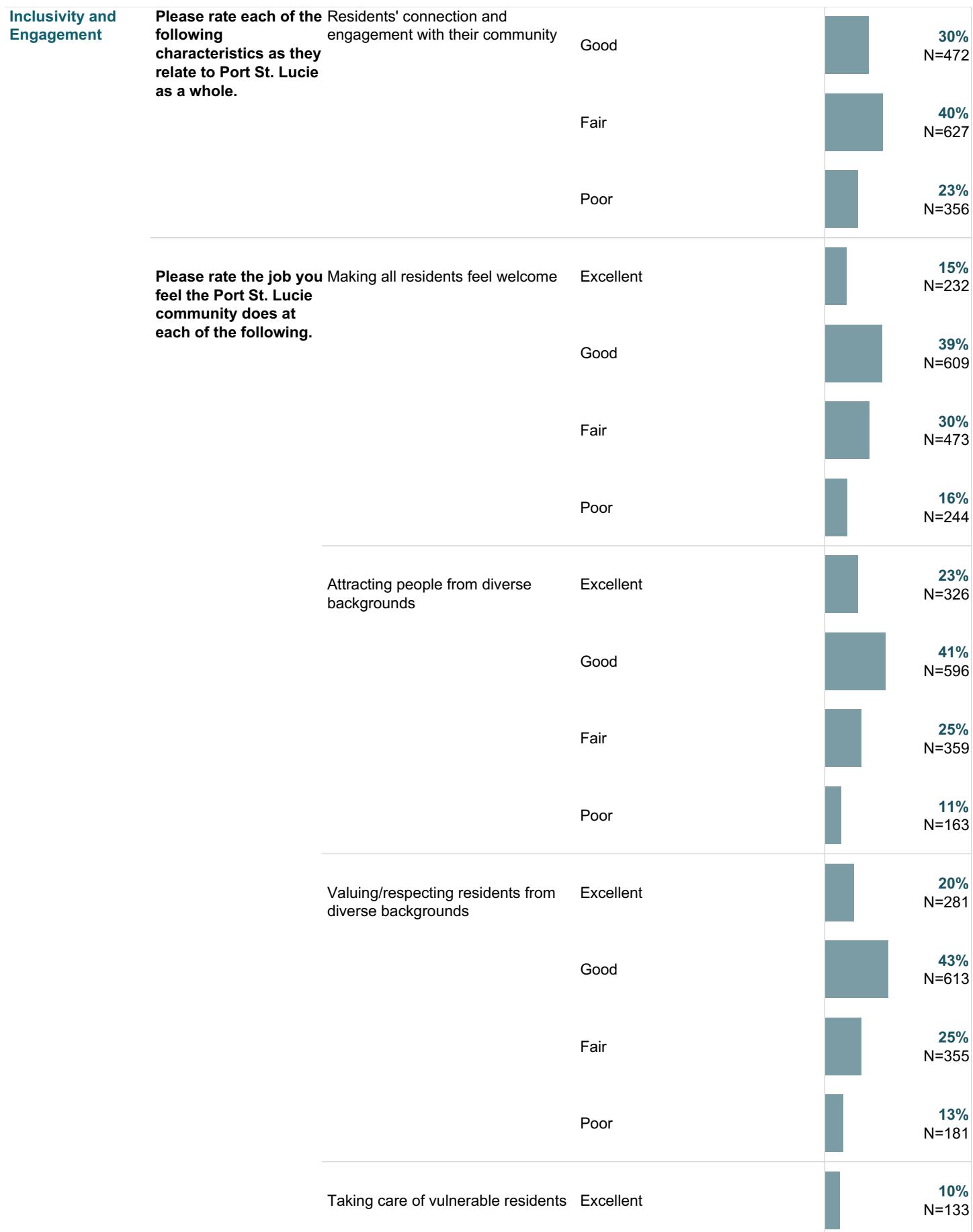


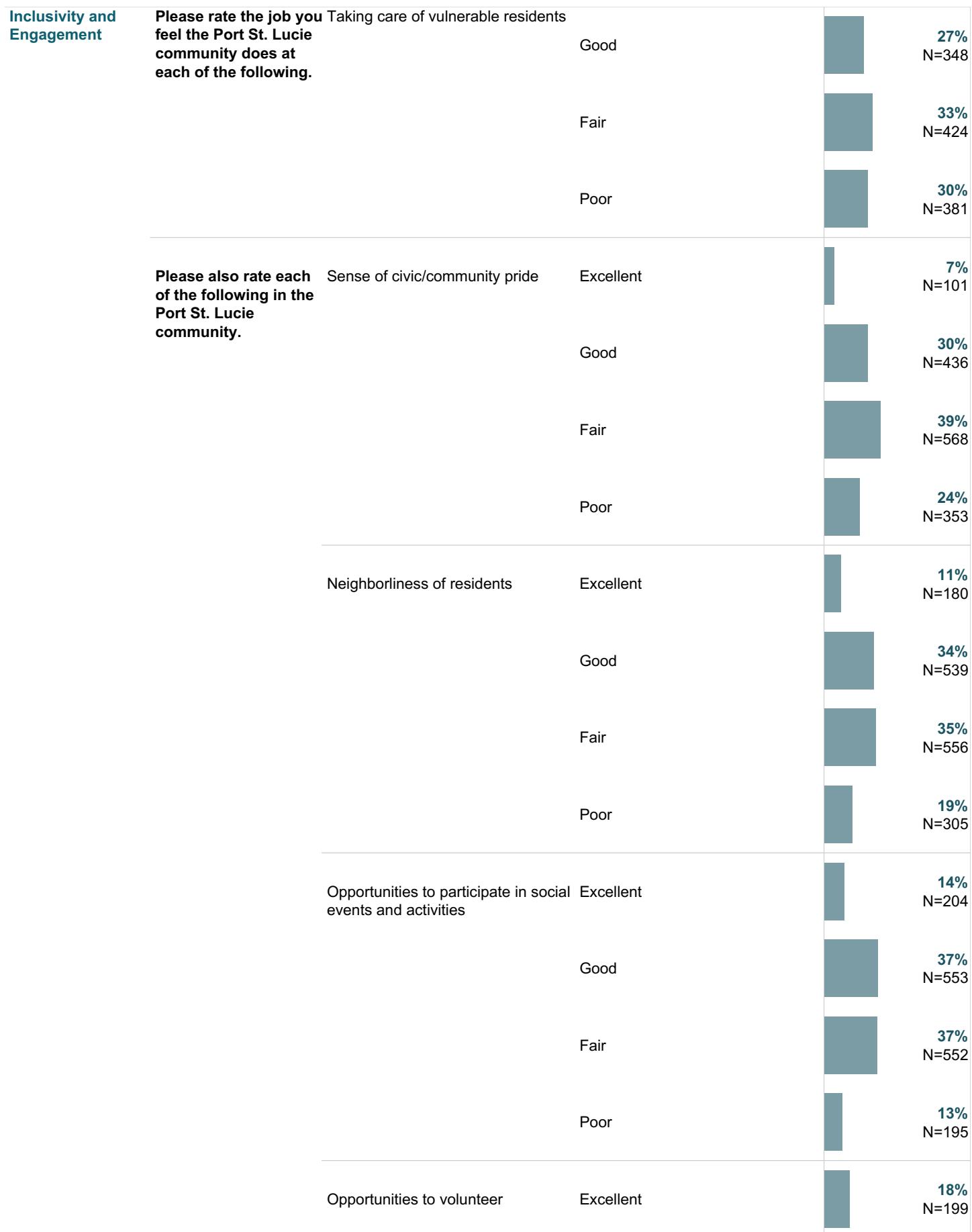


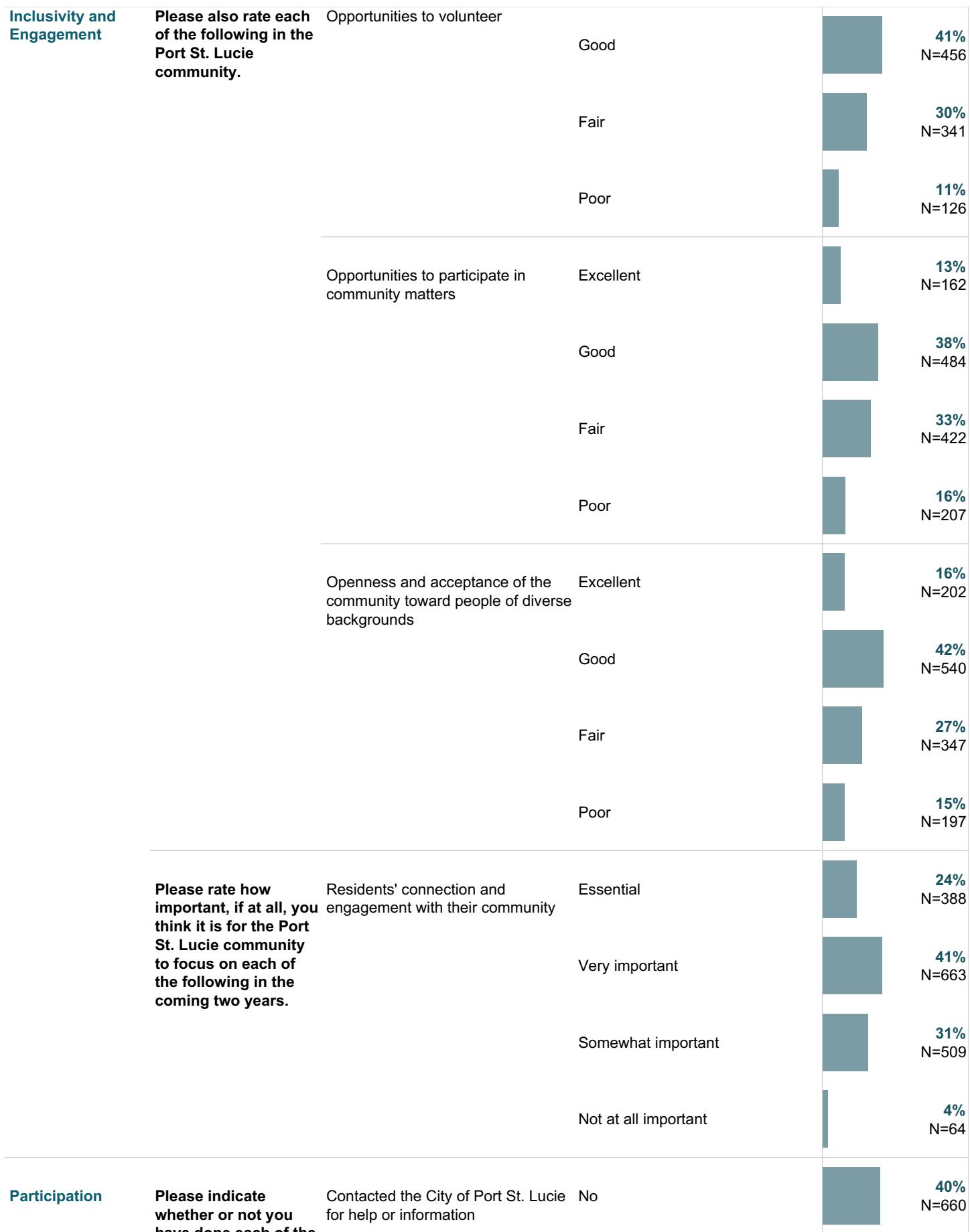


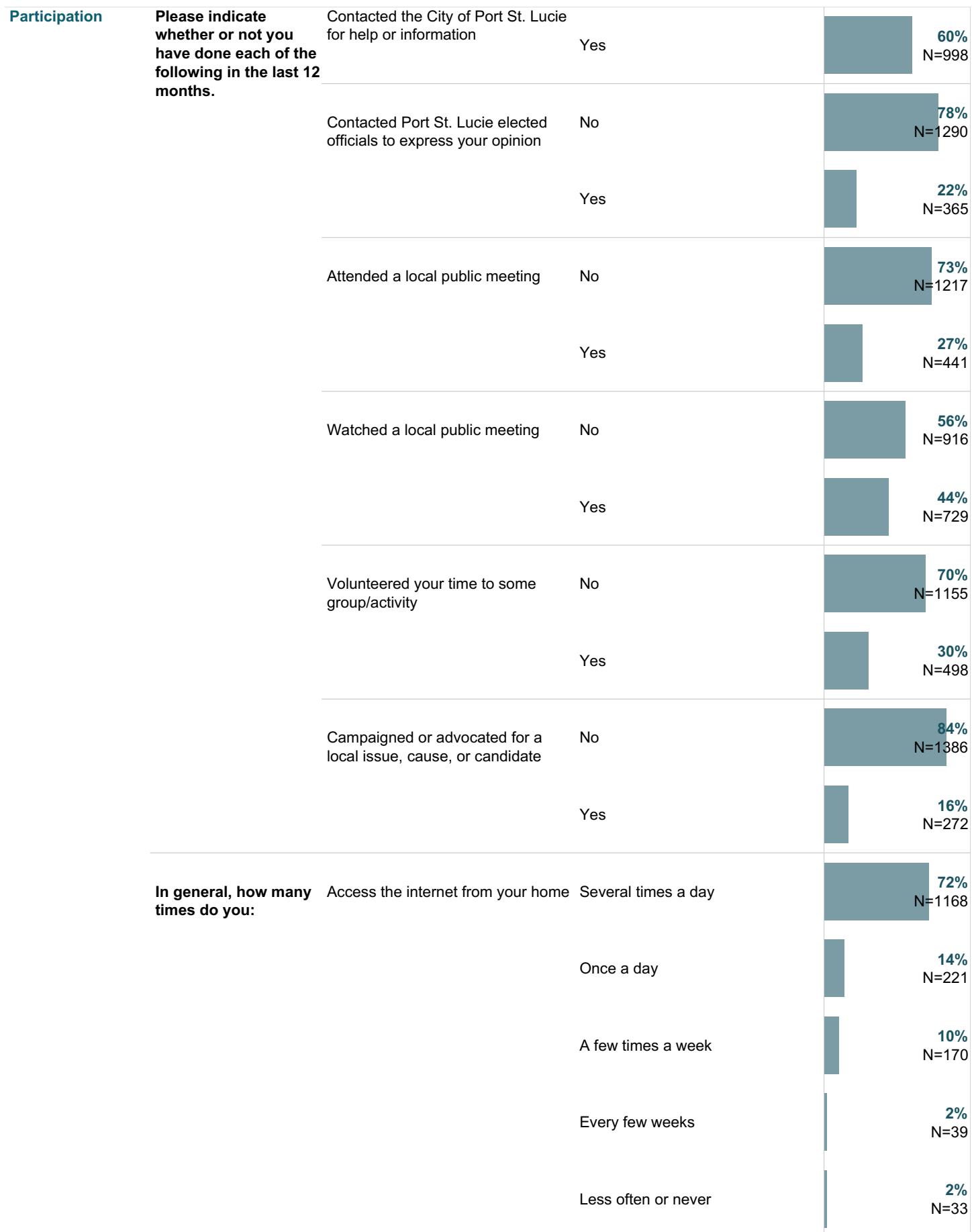


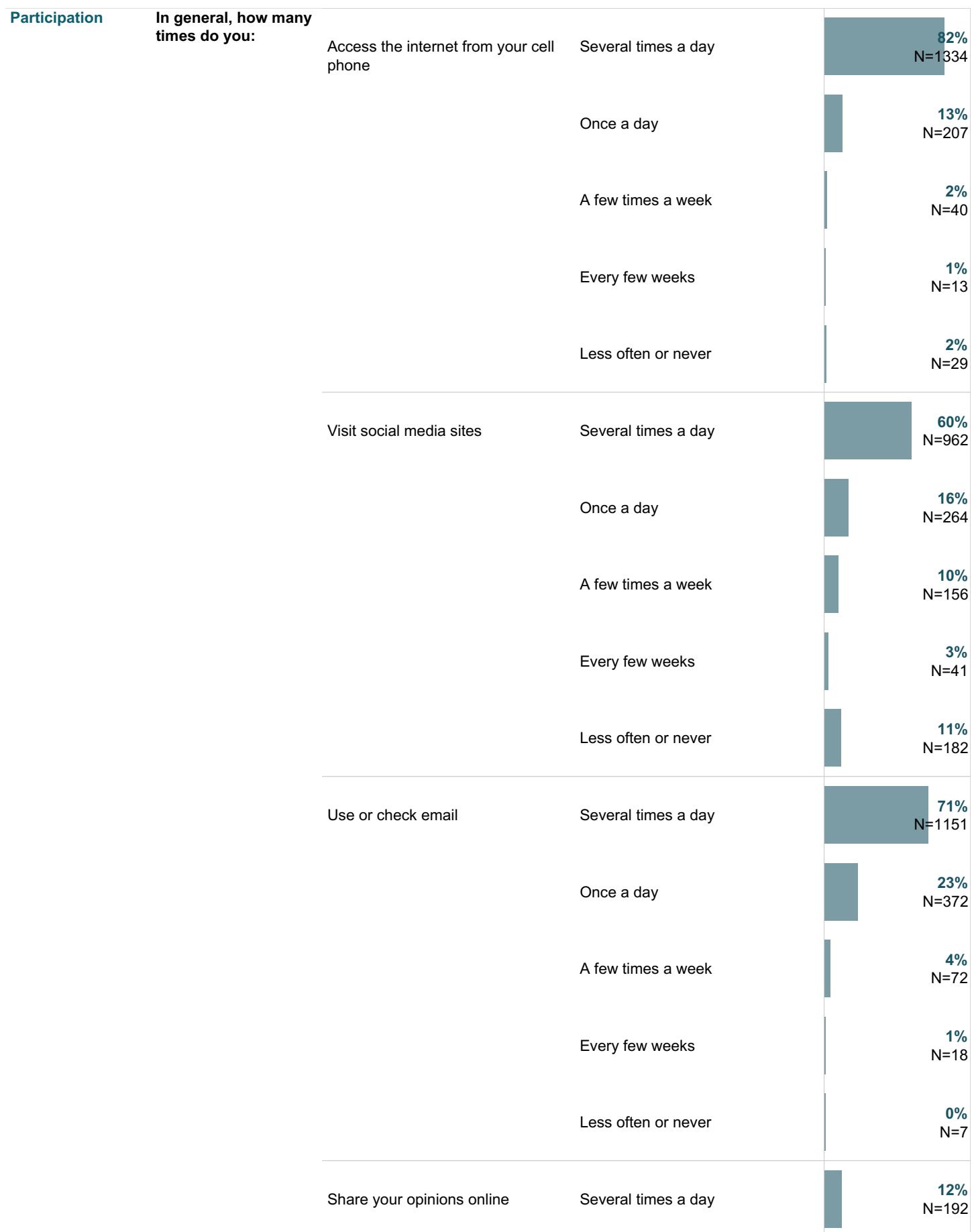


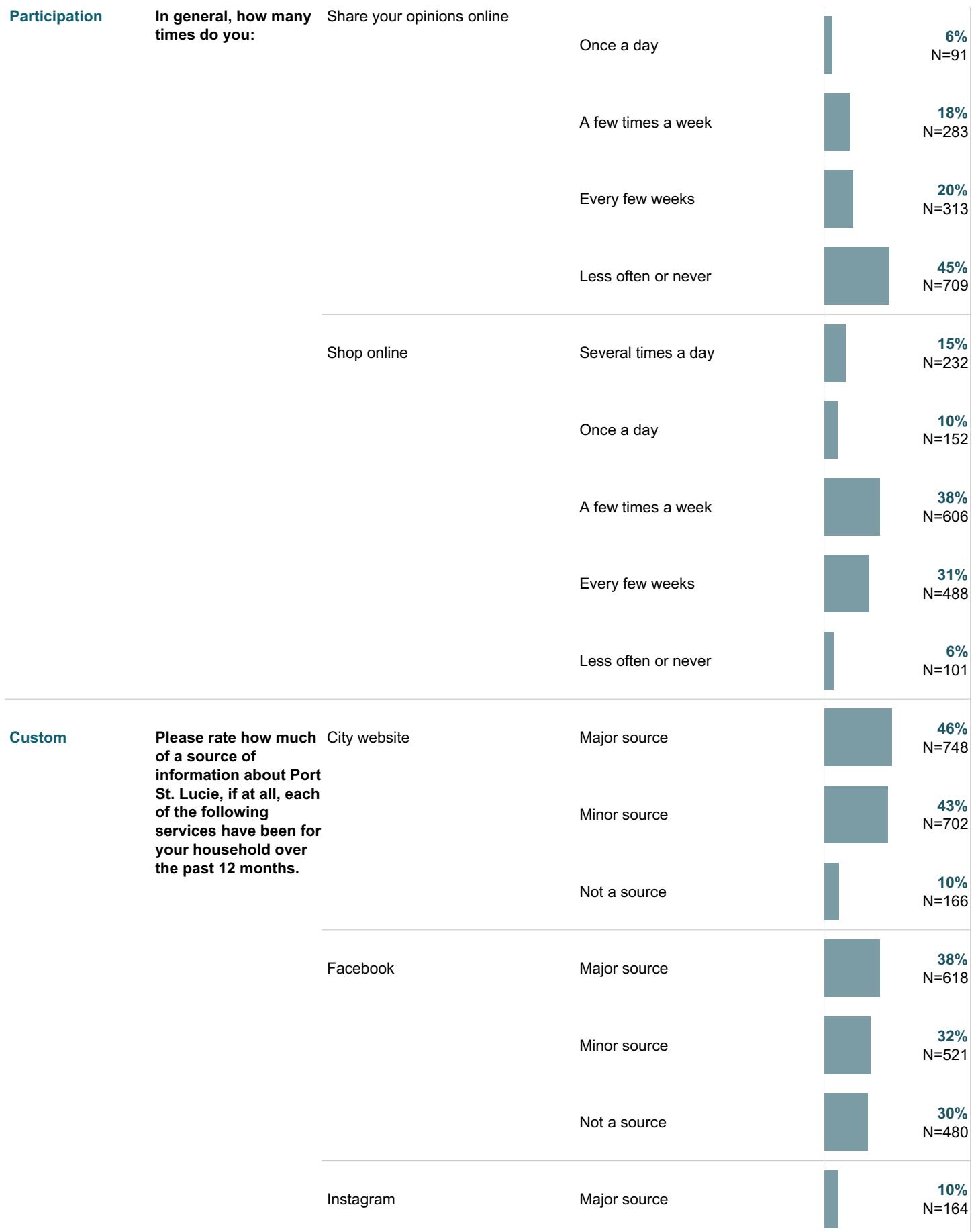


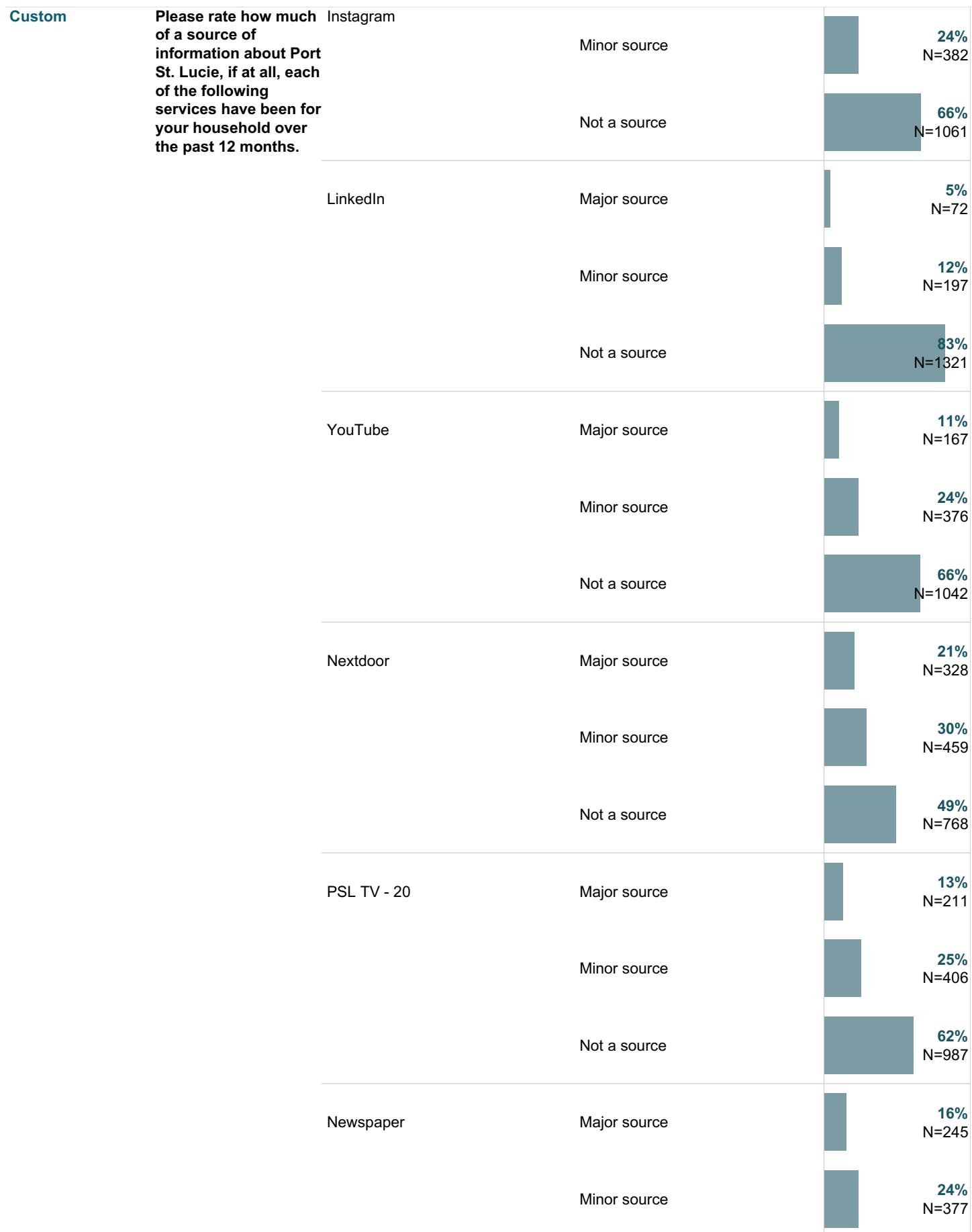


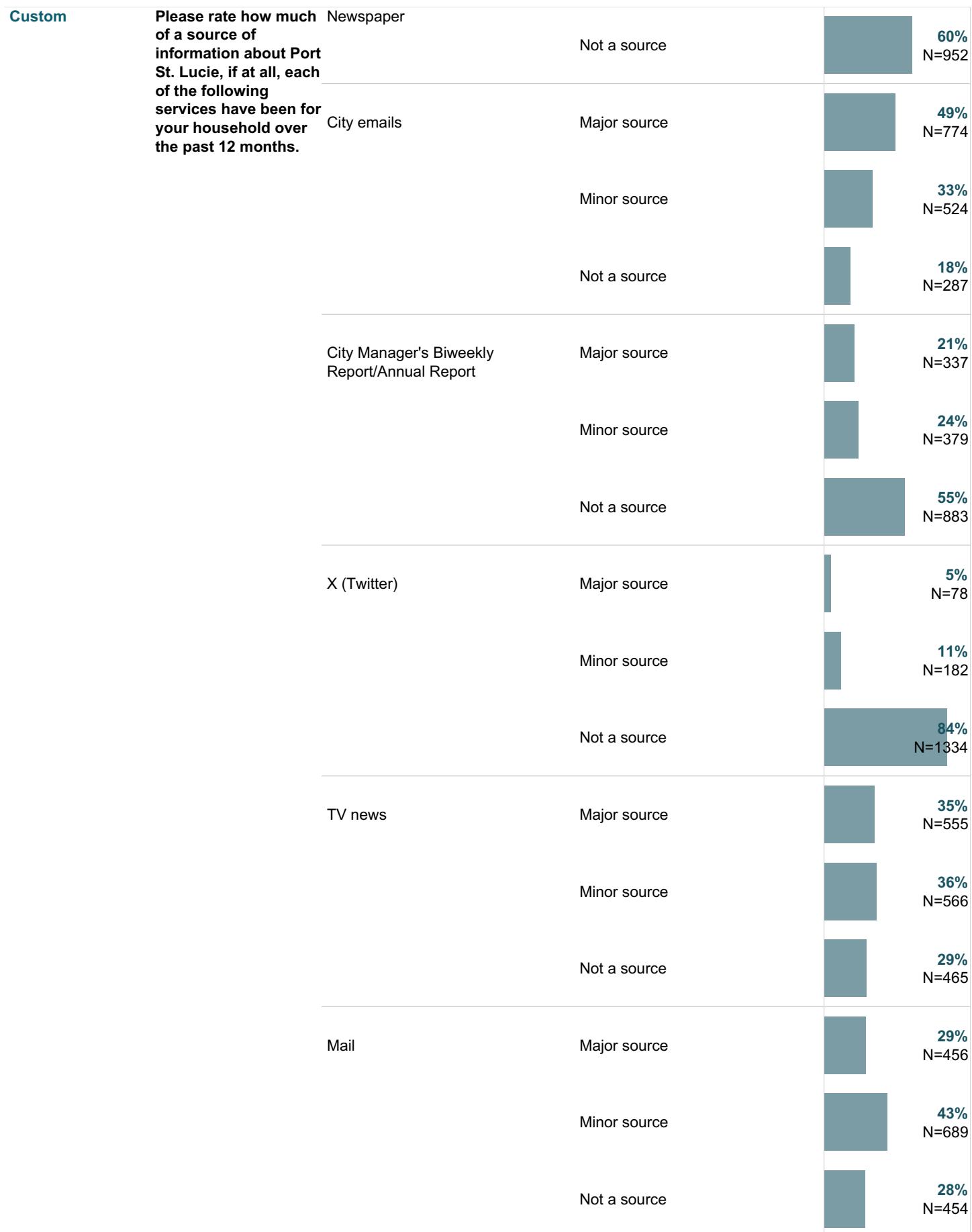


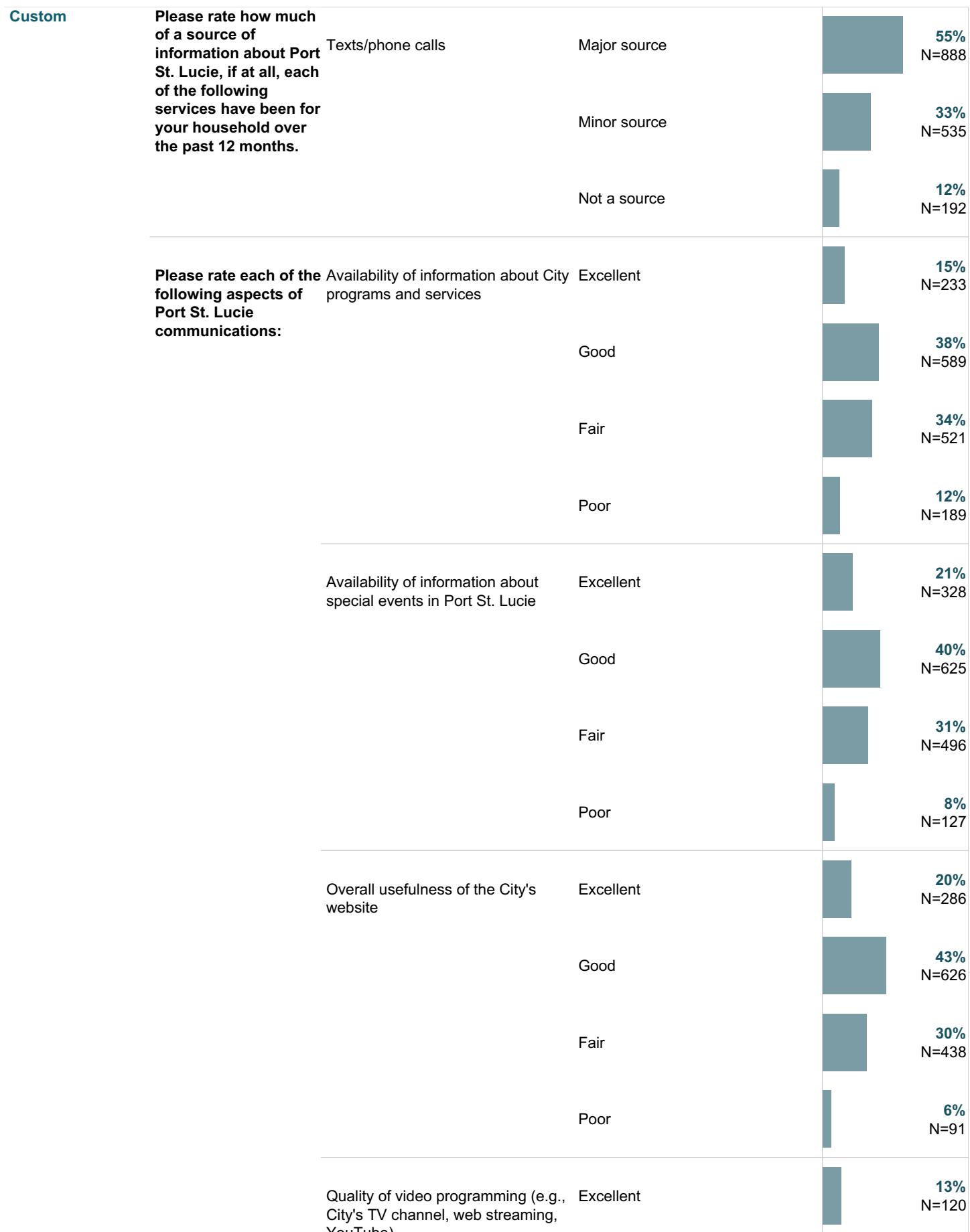


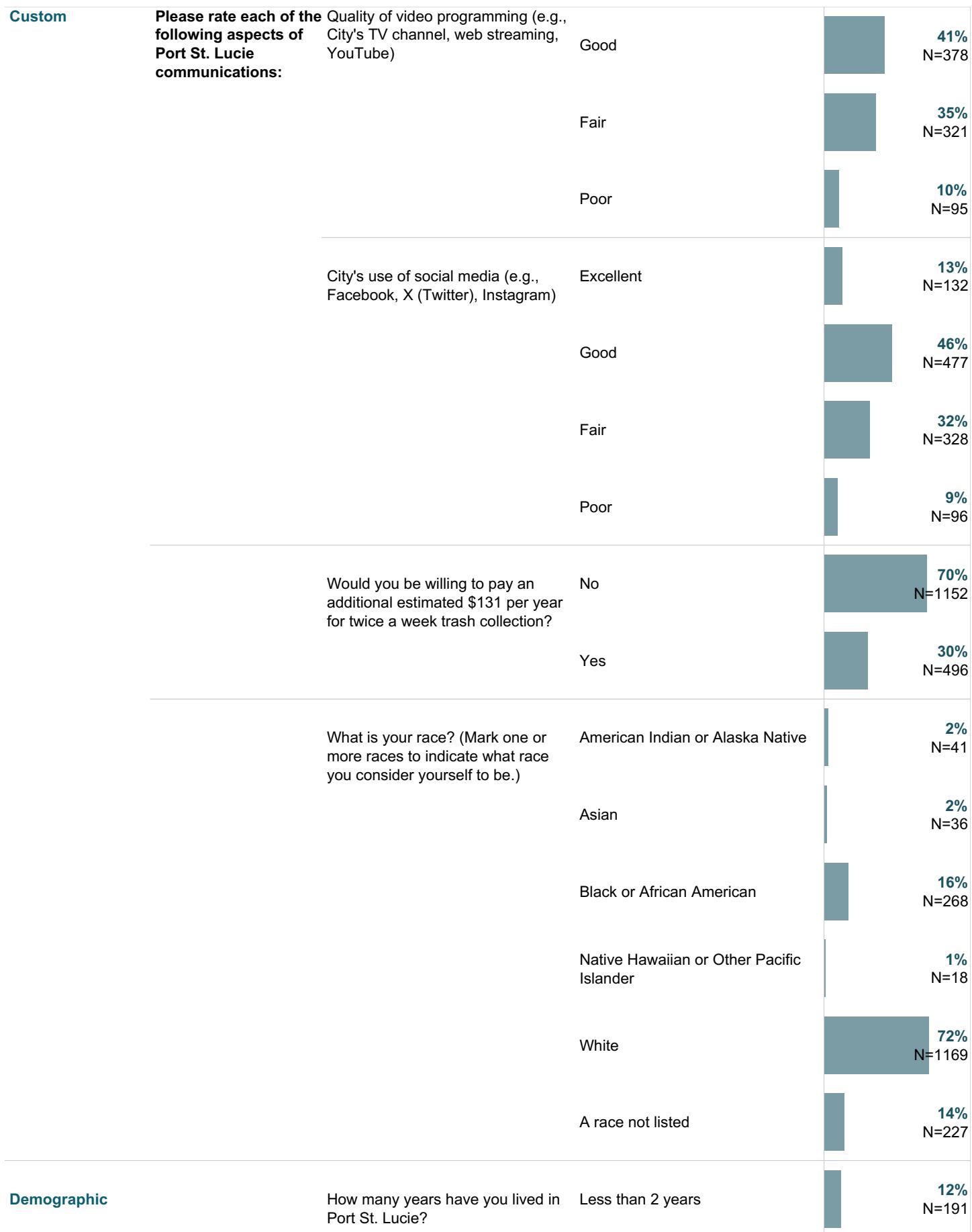


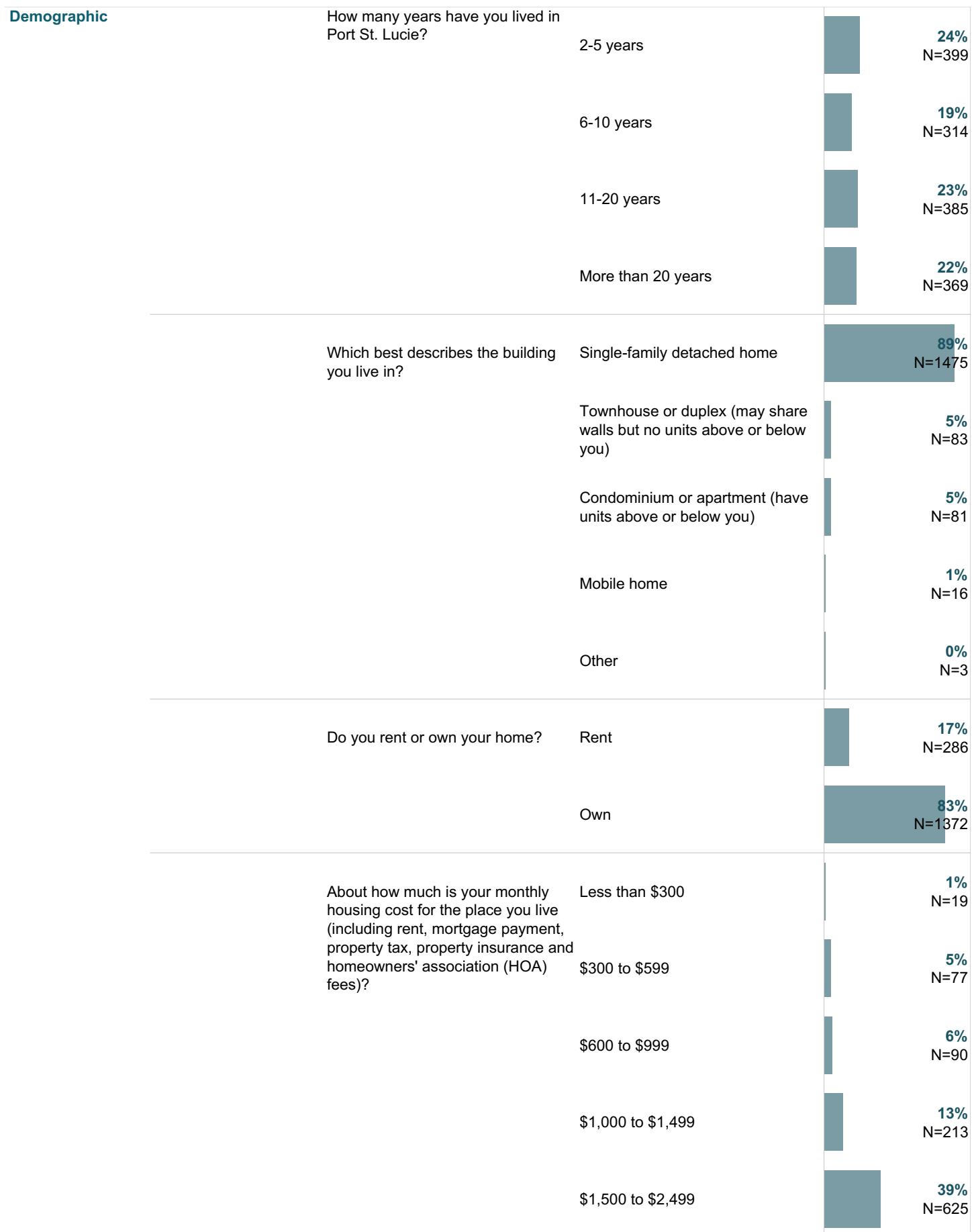


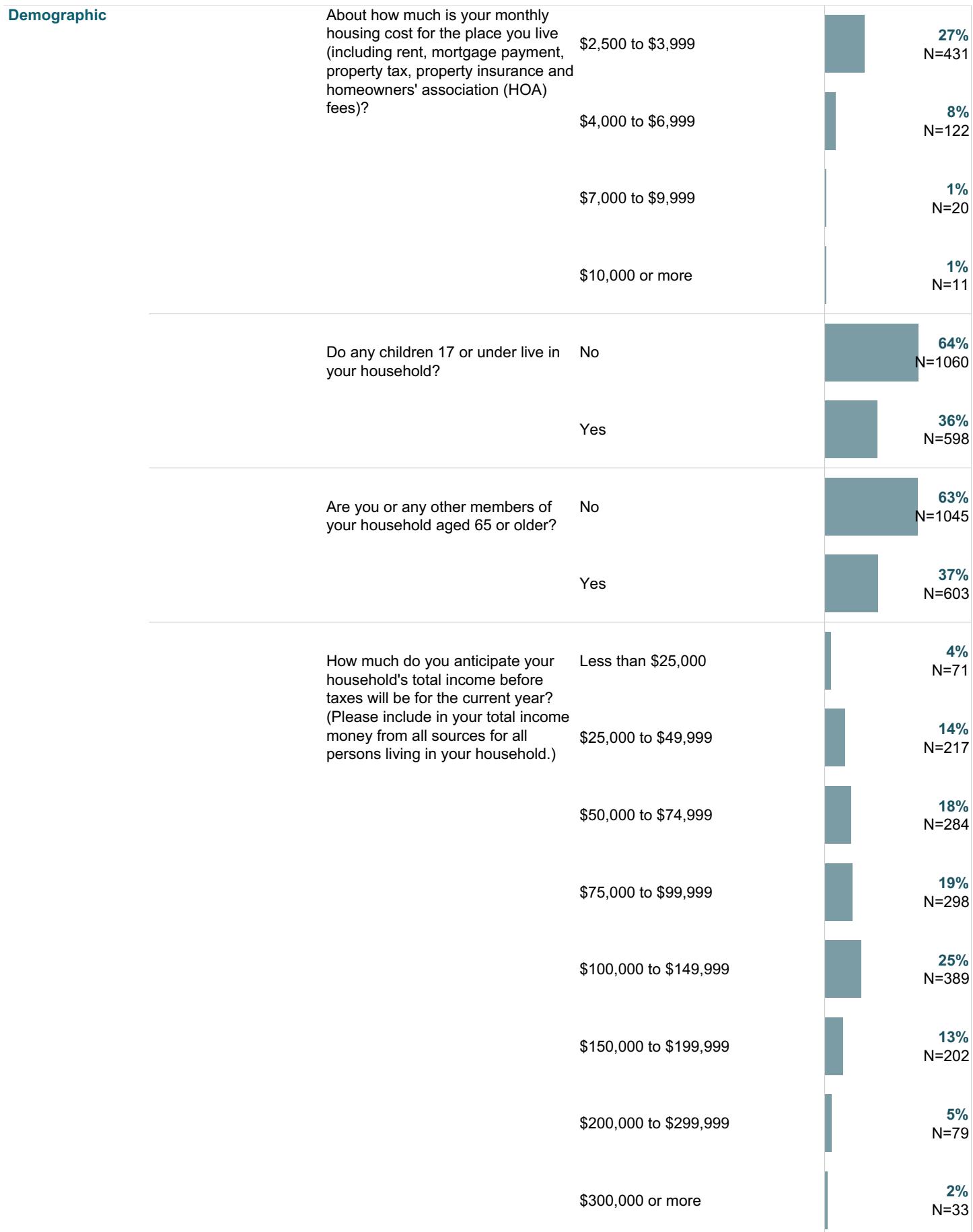




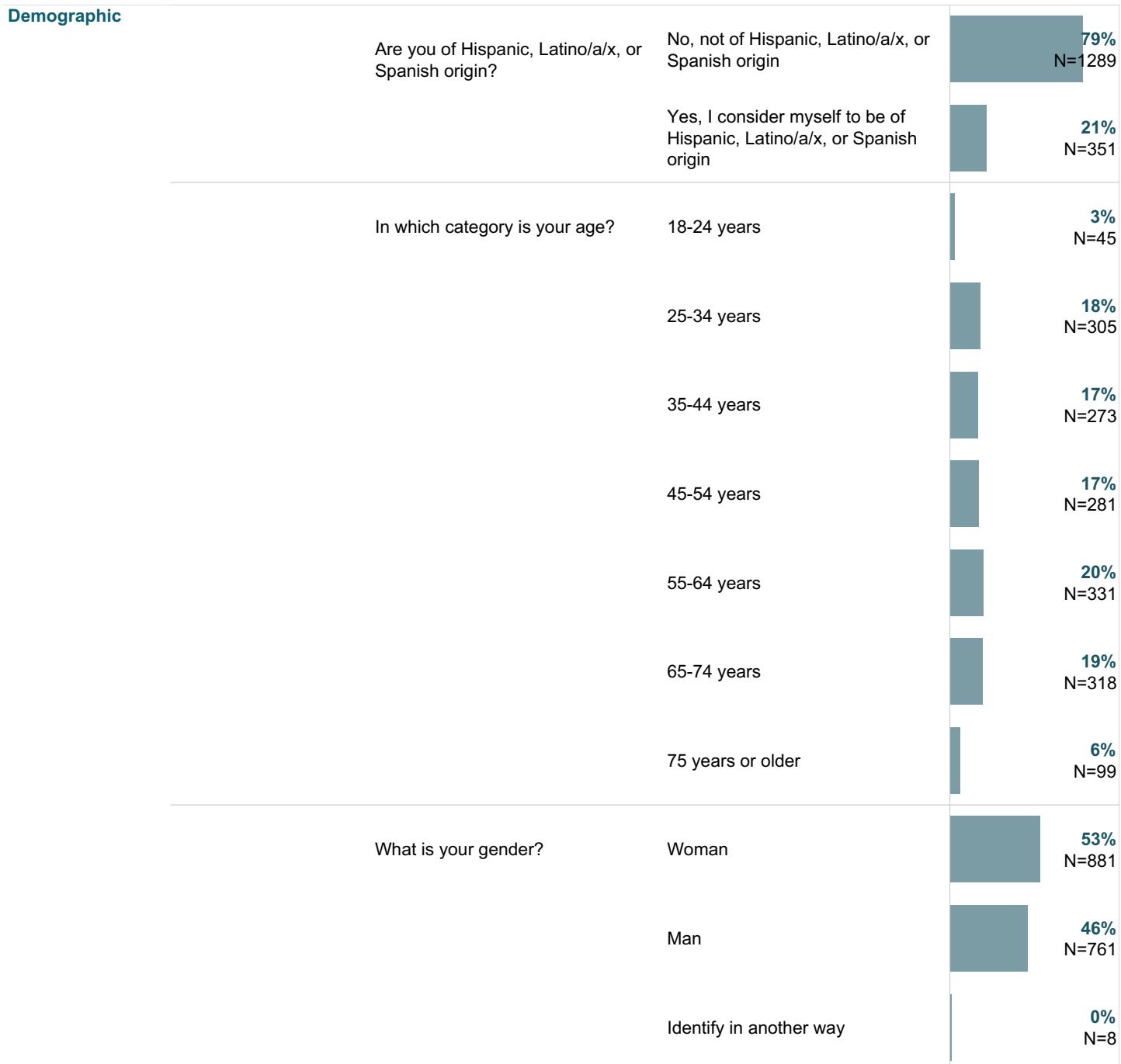








Demographic



Please complete this survey if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday (the year of birth does not matter). Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Port St. Lucie.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Port St. Lucie as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Port St. Lucie as a place to raise children	1	2	3	4	5
Port St. Lucie as a place to work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Port St. Lucie as a place to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Port St. Lucie as a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Port St. Lucie as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall economic health of Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall design or layout of Port St. Lucie's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Port St. Lucie..... (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	1	2	3	4	5
Overall feeling of safety in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of natural environment in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Recommend living in Port St. Lucie to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Port St. Lucie for the next five years.....	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<u>Very safe</u>	<u>Somewhat safe</u>	<u>Neither safe nor unsafe</u>	<u>Somewhat unsafe</u>	<u>Very unsafe</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Port St. Lucie's commercial areas during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From property crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From violent crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Please rate the job you feel the Port St. Lucie community does at each of the following.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Making all residents feel welcome	1	2	3	4	5
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrancy of commercial areas	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5

7. Please also rate each of the following in the Port St. Lucie community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Traffic flow on major streets.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned residential growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned commercial growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-designed neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.) ...	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	1	2	3	4	5
Community support for the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool.....	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of civic/community pride.....	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5

8. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Contacted the City of Port St. Lucie (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information.....	1	2
Contacted Port St. Lucie elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion.....	1	2
Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	1	2
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting.....	1	2
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Port St. Lucie	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate.....	1	2
Voted in your most recent local election	1	2
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving.....	1	2
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	1	2
Walked or biked instead of driving.....	1	2

9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Port St. Lucie.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Public information services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet access	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing	1	2	3	4	5
Police services	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention.....	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts)	1	2	3	4	5
Port St. Lucie open space.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling.....	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up.....	1	2	3	4	5
City parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Port St. Lucie employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

10. Please rate the following categories of Port St. Lucie government performance.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Port St. Lucie is taking.....	1	2	3	4	5
The job Port St. Lucie government does at welcoming resident involvement.	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Port St. Lucie government.....	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being open and transparent to the public.....	1	2	3	4	5
Informing residents about issues facing the community	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly	1	2	3	4	5
Treating residents with respect	1	2	3	4	5

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 Port St. Lucie.....	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 Port St. Lucie 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 Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Port St. Lucie.....	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Port St. Lucie's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Port St. Lucie (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband)	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Port St. Lucie	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 much of a source of information about Port St. Lucie, if at all, each of the following services have been for your household over the past 12 months.

	<u>Major source</u>	<u>Minor source</u>	<u>Not a source</u>
City website	1	2	3
Facebook.....	1	2	3
Instagram	1	2	3
LinkedIn.....	1	2	3
YouTube.....	1	2	3
Nextdoor	1	2	3
PSL TV - 20.....	1	2	3
Newspaper.....	1	2	3
City emails.....	1	2	3
City Manager's Biweekly Report/Annual Report.....	1	2	3
X (Twitter)	1	2	3
TV news.....	1	2	3
Mail.....	1	2	3
Texts/phone calls	1	2	3

14. Please rate each of the following aspects of Port St. Lucie communications:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Availability of information about City programs and services	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of information about special events in Port St. Lucie	1	2	3	4	5
Overall usefulness of the City's website.....	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of video programming (e.g., City's TV channel, web streaming, YouTube).....	1	2	3	4	5
City's use of social media (e.g., Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram).....	1	2	3	4	5

15. Would you be willing to pay an additional estimated \$131 per year for twice a week trash collection?

No Yes

16. What are the top three priorities you would like the City to focus on in the next year?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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, X (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 Port St. Lucie?

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?

Single-family detached home
 Townhouse or duplex (may share walls but no units above or below you)
 Condominium or apartment (have units above or below you)
 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 \$300 \$2,500 to \$3,999
 \$300 to \$599 \$4,000 to \$6,999
 \$600 to \$999 \$7,000 to \$9,999
 \$1,000 to \$1,499 \$10,000 or more
 \$1,500 to \$2,499

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 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$150,000 to \$199,999
 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$200,000 to \$299,999
 \$75,000 to \$99,999 \$300,000 or more

D11. Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?

No Yes

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
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White
 A race not listed

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?

Woman
 Man
 Identify in another way

Thank you!

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