

Los Alamos County, NM 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 Los Alamos County. 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 419 residents of Los Alamos County collected from August 2nd, 2024 to September 6th, 2024. The margin of error around any reported percentage is 12% for all respondents and the response rate for the 2024 survey was 5%. Survey results were weighted so that the demographic profile of respondents was representative of the demographic profile of adults in Los Alamos County.



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, Los Alamos County'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 Los Alamos County residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. Being rated as "higher" or "lower" than the benchmark means that Los Alamos County'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 Los Alamos County's average rating was more than 20 points different when compared to the benchmark.

Trends over time

Trend data for Los Alamos County 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 six percentage points between the 2022 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.

Key Findings

Highest-performing areas:

• Nearly all Los Alamos County residents rated the overall feeling of safety as excellent or good, with similarly high scores for feeling safe in neighborhoods and commercial areas during the day.

• Residents value Los Alamos County's natural environment, with 9 in 10 rating cleanliness and air quality as excellent or good, both higher than national benchmarks.

• Recreational opportunities are highly valued, with 9 in 10 respondents rating walking trails and fitness opportunities much higher than national averages. Public library services were rated positively by virtually all participants, higher than the national benchmark.

Lowest-performing areas:

• While significantly increasing 2022, several ratings related to the local economy and businesses remained lower than the national benchmark, including:

- Overall quality of business and service establishments
- $\circ\;$ The variety of business and service establishments
- $\circ~$ The vibrancy of downtown/commercial area
- Shopping opportunities

• Affordability stood out as a priority, with the cost of living and availability of affordable quality housing, health care, health services, and food scoring lower than national averages, however economic outlook improved since 2022.

• Some ratings related to community design scored lower than the national benchmark, including well-planned residential and commercial growth, variety of housing options, and overall quality of new development.

Other notable results:

Custom questions provided valuable insights into the community's evolving needs.

- Residents highlighted community housing and local business as a priority, followed by quality of governance with a focus on fiscal stewardship and effective, effective and reliable services
- Traditional media (print and online new sources, television, radio) as a primary source of information about Los Alamos County.

• About 1 in 10 participants have downloaded the Los Alamos Now App, and those that had were satisfied with the app's ease of navigation and use.

Areas of greatest change since 2024:

Of the 122 evaluative questions included on both the 2022 and 2024 surveys, 84 were statistically similar to previous results. Significant upward trends were seen in 31 items, while 2 ratings decreased significantly since 2022. The most significant of those trends are listed below.

Increases

- Power (electric and/or gas) utility (+23%)
- Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Los Alamos County (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband) (+22%)
- What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? (+15%)

Decreases

- Los Alamos County open space (-11)
- The Federal Government (-9%)



Methods

Selecting survey recipients

All households within Los Alamos County were eligible to participate in the survey. A list of all households within the zip codes serving Los Alamos County 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 Los Alamos County 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 Los Alamos County 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 two areas - Los Alamos or White Rock. 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 3,500 randomly selected households received mailings beginning on June 28th, 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 was a reminder postcard inviting the household one final time to participate in the survey. 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.

Of the 3,500 households that received the invitations to participate, 419 completed the survey, providing an overall response rate of 12%. The response rate was calculated using AAPOR's response rate #2 for mailed surveys of unnamed persons.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 Los Alamos County survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent reported for all respondents (419 completed surveys).

In addition to the randomly selected "probability sample" of households, a link to an online open-participation survey was publicized by Los Alamos County. 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 Los Alamos County and also a question about where they heard about the survey. The open-participation survey was open to all county residents and became available on August 23rd, 2024. The survey remained open for two 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 Los Alamos County. 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	10%	25%	26%
	35-54	30%	33%	33%
	55+	60%	42%	42%
Area	Los Alamos	69%	71%	71%
	White Rock	31%	29%	29%
Hispanic origin	No, not of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	91%	83%	83%
ongin	Yes, I consider myself to be of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin	9%	17%	17%
Housing tenure	Own	89%	73%	73%
	Rent	11%	27%	27%
Housing type	Attached	25%	39%	39%
	Detached	75%	61%	61%
Race & Hispanic	Not white alone	16%	28%	28%
origin	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	84%	72%	72%
Sex	Man	49%	52%	52%
	Woman	51%	48%	48%
Sex/age	Man 18-34	5%	14%	14%
	Man 35-54	15%	17%	17%
	Man 55+	29%	21%	21%
	Woman 18-34	6%	12%	12%

Woman 35-54	15%	16%	16%
Woman 55+	30%	21%	21%

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

Los Alamos County funded this research. Please contact Julie Williams-Hill of Los Alamos County at julie.williams@lacnm.us 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/

Pasek, J. (2014). ANES Weighting Algorithm. Retrieved from <u>https://surveyinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Full-anesrake-paper.pdf</u>
 Targets come from the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey

Facets of Livability



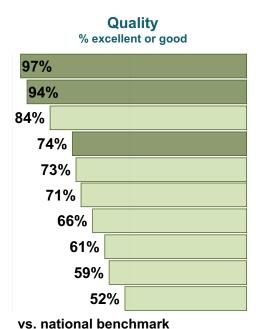
Every jurisdiction must balance limited resources while meeting resident needs and striving to optimize community livability. To this end, it is helpful to know what aspects of the community are most important to residents and which they perceive as being of higher or lower quality. It is especially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

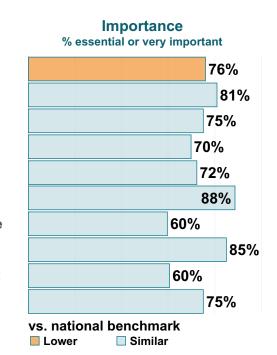
The table below shows the proportion of residents who rated the community facets positively for quality and the priority (importance) placed on each. Also displayed is whether local quality ratings were lower, similar, or higher t...

Facet of

Livability



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



Higher Much higher Similar
Quality/Importance Gap Analysis

The gap analysis chart below shows the same data as above; however, this chart more clearly illustrates the comparative differences in quality and importance ratings for each facet, as well as the absolute ratings for each.

Utilities	Quality				71%		
	Importance						88%
Economy	Quality		<u> </u>				
	Importance					3 🔘	35%
Natural Environment	Quality						94%
	Importance					81%	
Safety	Quality						97% 🔵
	Importance				76%	6	
Parks and Recreation	Quality					84	%
	Importance				75%		
Community Design	Quality	52%					
	Importance				75%		
Health and Wellness	Quality				73%		
	Importance				72%		
Mobility	Quality				74%		
	Importance				70%		
Inclusivity and Engage	Quality		59%				
	Importance		60%				
Education, Arts, and C	Quality			66%			
	Importance		060%				
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The overall quality of life in Los Alamos County, 2024

Fair 16% Excellent 36% Good 45%

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.

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



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

(% very or somewhat likely)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Recommend living in Los Alamos County to someone who asks		81%•	78%	76% Similar
Remain in Los Alamos County for the next five years		84%•	83%	85% Similar

Please rate each of the following in the community.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall image or reputation		65%•	62%	● 68% Similar

Overall confidence in Los Alamos County government, 2024

Poor 29% Good 35% Fair 25%

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 Los Alamos County. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Public information services		72%•	72%	71% Similar
Overall customer service by Los Alamos County employees		83%•	82%	vs. benchmark [®] 84% Similar

Please rate the following categories of Los Alamos County government performance. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
The value of services for local taxes		67% •	57%	● 60% Similar
The overall direction that the County government is taking		48%	0.50/	38%
laking			35%	Lower
The job the County government does at welcoming		50%		46%
resident involvement			39%	Similar
		48%		46%
Overall confidence in County government		40%	36%	Similar
		49%		41%
Acting in the best interest of the community		4370	38%	Lower
		49%		51%
Being honest		49 /0	42%	Similar
		45%⊷		47%
Being open and transparent to the public		+J /0	37%	Similar
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Informing residents about issues facing the	50%	48%
community	43%	Similar
	55%	46%
Treating all residents fairly	45%	Similar
	63%	• 58%
Treating residents with respect	53%	Similar

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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Attended a local public meeting		22%	26%	27% Similar
Contacted Los Alamos County elected officials to express your opinion		18%	24%	23% Similar
Contacted Los Alamos County for help or information		62%	64%	68% Much higher
Watched a local public meeting		26%•	36%	24% Similar

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

Los Alamos County	2018	2020 76%	2022 64%	2024 74% Similar
The Federal Government			56% 	47% Similar

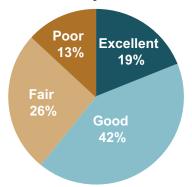
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following? (% excellent or good)

The State of New Mexico	42%	
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Overall economic health of Los Alamos County, 2024

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 Los Alamos County as a whole. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall economic health		70% •	64%	61% Similar
				vs. benchmark ¹⁰

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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Los Alamos County as a place to work		83%	83%	78% Higher
Los Alamos County as a place to visit		57%	51%	62% Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Economic development		29%	20%	28% Lower

Please rate each of the following in the community.

(% excellent or good)



Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	23%	20% Much lower
Employment opportunities	36% 49%	44% Similar
Shopping opportunities	7%•4%	9% Much ● lower
Cost of living	18% 14%	15% Lower

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

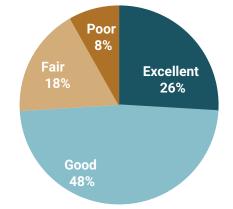
(% very	or somewhat	positive)
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	2018	2020	2022	2024
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:		13%•	12%	Similar

Overall quality of the transportation system in Los Alamos County, 2024

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.



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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
		84%		74%
Overall quality of the transportation system			74%	Higher
				vs. benchmark ¹¹

Please also rate each of the following in the community.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Traffic flow on major streets		73%	55%	59% Similar
Ease of public parking		83%•	78%	——● 80% Higher
Ease of travel by car		88%	83%	● 86% Higher
Ease of travel by public transportation		76%	67%	67% Much higher
Ease of travel by bicycle		68%•	59%	64% Similar
Ease of walking		84%•	80%	78% Higher

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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Used public transportation instead of driving		38%•	35%	45% ● Much higher
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone		46%•	53%	55% Similar
Walked or biked instead of driving		72%•	71%	74% Higher

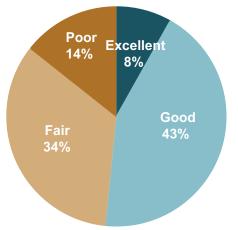
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Traffic enforcement		71%•	66%	66% Similar
Traffic signal timing		67%	56%	67% Similar
Street repair		49%⊷	42%	49% Similar
Street cleaning		80%•	81%	79% Higher
Street lighting		77%•	71%	74% Similar
Snow removal		77%•	77%	76% Similar
Sidewalk maintenance		63%∙───	56%	64% Similar
Bus or transit services		88%	82%	● 82% Much higher

Overall design or layout of Los Alamos County's residential and commercial areas, 2024

Community Design

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



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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall design or layout of residential and		55%	48%	52% Similar
commercial areas				vs. benchmark ¹²

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Los Alamos County.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Your neighborhood as a place to live		91%	87%	90% Similar

Please also rate each of the following in the community.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Well-planned residential growth		29%•	17%	22% Lower
Well-planned commercial growth		15%•	6% •	11% Much lower
Well-designed neighborhoods	Attachment	42% ●	37%	46% Similar

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Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	78%	84%	● 84% Higher
Public places where people want to spend time	71%	59%	71% Similar
Variety of housing options	18%	12%	13% Much ● lower
Availability of affordable quality housing	8%	5% •	7% Much lower
Overall quality of new development	24%	15%	23% Lower
Overall appearance	59% 	54%	57% Similar

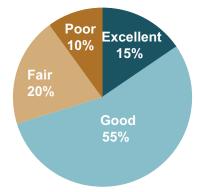
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County. (% excellent or good)



Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Los Alamos County, 2024

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.

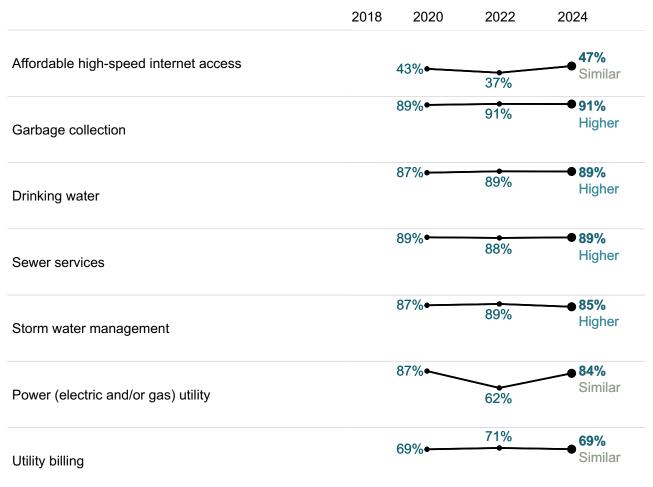


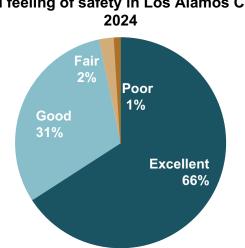
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Los Alamos County as a whole. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure		73% •	50%	71% Similar vs. benchmark ¹³

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County.

(% excellent or good)





Overall feeling of safety in Los Alamos County,

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 Los Alamos County as a whole. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall feeling of safety		97%	96%	● 97% Much higher vs. benchmark ¹⁴

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

(% very of somewhat sale)	2018	2020	2022	2024
In your neighborhood during the day		98%•	99%	● 98% Similar
n Los Alamos County's downtown/commercial area during the day		98%	98%	● 96% Similar
From property crime		93%•	92%	——● 90% Higher
From violent crime		96%	97%	● 95% Higher
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster		71%⊷	64%	70% Similar

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Police/Sheriff services		86%•	87%	86% Similar
Crime prevention		86%	91%	88% Higher
Animal control		82%-	81%	83% Similar
Ambulance or emergency medical services		90%•	91%	90% Similar
Fire services		94%	96%	● 96% Similar
Fire prevention and education		88%•	87%	88% Higher
Emergency preparedness		76%	82%	81% Higher

Overall quality of natural environment in Los Alamos County, 2024

Fair 6% Good 27% Excellent 67%

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 Los Alamos County as a whole. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall quality of natural environment		95%	95%	● 94% Higher vs. benchmark ¹⁵

Please also rate each of the following in the community.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Cleanliness		86%•	85%	-● 88% Higher
Air quality		92%	94%	94% Higher

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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Preservation of natural areas		82%	80%	● 81% Higher
Los Alamos County open space			93%	82% Higher
Recycling		80%•	78%	77% Similar
Yard waste pick-up		85%•	85%	86% Higher

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

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Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, 2024

Fair 4% 12% Excellent 45% Good 39%

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 Los Alamos County as a whole. (% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities		87% [•]	84%	• 84% Similar vs. benchmark ¹⁶

Please also rate each of the following in the community.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Availability of paths and walking trails		86%	95%	90% Much higher
Fitness opportunities		80%	86%	87% Higher
Recreational opportunities		58%	80%	—_● 81% Higher

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County. $\binom{9}{2}$ excellent or good

(% exce	llent or	good)
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	2018	2020	2022	2024
County parks		87%	84%	87% Similar
Recreation programs or classes		70%	66%	73% Similar
Recreation centers or facilities		70%•	64%	71% Similar

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

Attachment A

Overall health and wellness opportunities in Los Alamos County, 2024

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.



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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Overall health and wellness opportunities		78%	75%	●73% Similar vs. benchmark
Please also rate each of the following in the com (% excellent or good)	munity.			
	2018	2020	2022	2024
		48%		40%
Availability of affordable quality food			37%	Lower
		50%	<u> </u>	_ 35%
Availability of affordable quality health care			34%	Lower
		41%		43%
Availability of preventive health services		1170	39%	Lower
		49%		
Availability of affordable quality mental health care				28%
······································			22%	Similar

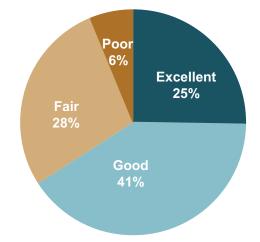
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County.

(% excellent or good)

	2018	2020 63%	2022	2024 49%
Health services			49%	Similar
Please rate your overall health. (% excellent or very good)				
	2018	2020	2022	2024
Please rate your overall health.		72%	74%	76% Similar



Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts, 2024



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Education, Arts, and Culture

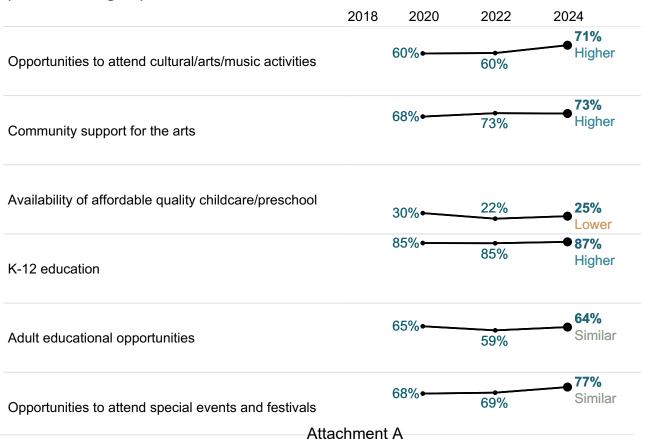
Participation in the arts, in educational opportunities, and in cultural activities is linked to increased civic engagement, greater social tolerance, and enhanced enjoyment of the local community.

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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
		70%	66%	−−−● 66% Similar
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts				vs. benchmark ¹⁸

Please also rate each of the following in the community.

(% excellent or good)



Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Los Alamos County.

(% excellent or good)

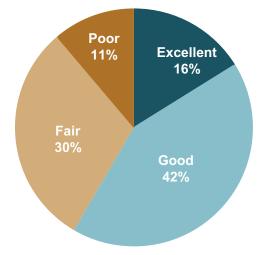
	2018	2020	2022	2024
Public library services		93%•	96%	97% Higher



Residents' connection and engagement with their community, 2024

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.



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



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Los Alamos County.

(% excellent or good)

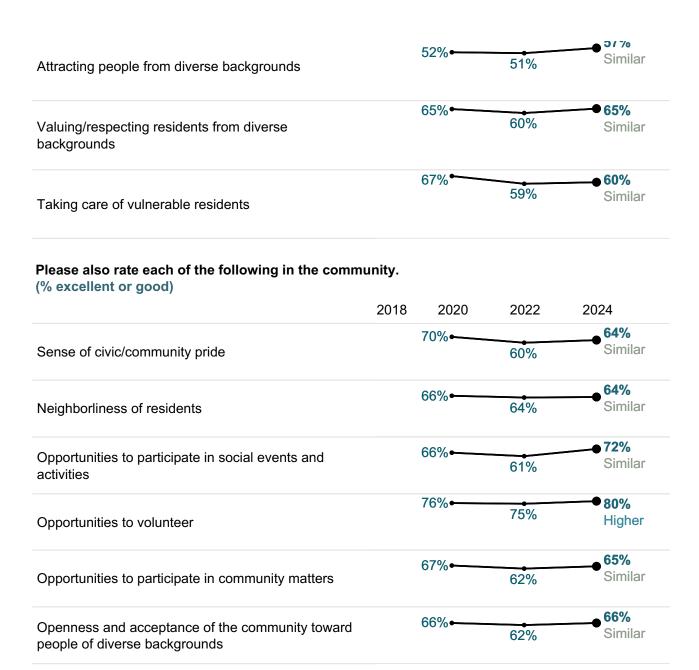


Please rate the job you feel the community does at each of the following.

(% excellent or good)	2018	2020	2022	2024
Making all residents feel welcome		67% •	65%	−−● 63% Similar

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

	2018	2020	2022	2024
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate		18%	21%	20% Similar
Voted in your most recent local election		77%	83%	73% Similar

Custom questions

Below are the complete set of responses to each custom question on the survey. By default, "don't know" responses are excluded, but may be added to the table using the response filter below.

			Include "don't know" No
Quality of Governance	Communication and engagement	High priority	58%
	and engagement	Medium priority	39%
		Low priority	2%
		Not a priority	0%
	Intergovernmental,	High priority	34%
	Tribal and regional relations	Medium priority	47%
		Low priority	15%
		Not a priority	5%
	Fiscal stewardship	High priority	71%
		Medium priority	26%
		Low priority	3%
		Not a priority	0%
Operational	Effective, efficient and reliable services	High priority	80%
Excellence		Medium priority	19%
		Low priority	1%
		Not a priority	0%
	Infrastructure asset management	High priority	60%
		Medium priority	36%
		Low priority	4%
		Not a priority	0%
	Employee	High priority	42%
	recruitment and retention	Medium priority	48%
		Low priority Attachment A	8%

		Not a priority	2%)
Economic Vitality	Housing	High priority	78%)
		Medium priority	19%)
		Low priority	3%	•
		Not a priority	0%)
	Local business	High priority	77%)
		Medium priority	21%)
		Low priority	2%)
		Not a priority	0%)
	Downtown	High priority	53%)
	revitalization	Medium priority	35%)
		Low priority	11%)
		Not a priority	2%)
	Tourism and special events	High priority	16%)
		Medium priority	46%)
		Low priority	32%)
		Not a priority	6%)
	Community broadband	High priority	42%)
	broaubanu	Medium priority	38%)
		Low priority	15%)
		Not a priority	5%	•
Quality of Life	Health, wellbeing and social services	High priority	58%	
	and social services	Medium priority	36%)
		Low priority	6%	•
		Not a priority	0%)
	Diversity, equity and inclusivity	High priority	32%	
	and molusivity	Medium priority	37%)
		Low priority	18%)
		Attachment A		

		Not a priority	13%
	Mobility	High priority	35%
		Medium priority	48%
		Low priority	14%
		Not a priority	4%
	Educational,	High priority	24%
	historical and cultural amenities	Medium priority	55%
		Low priority	18%
		Not a priority	4%
	Open space, parks	High priority	47%
	and recreation	Medium priority	41%
		Low priority	10%
	Public safety	Not a priority	2%
		High priority	63%
		Medium priority	30%
		Low priority	7%
		Not a priority	1%
Environmental	Natural resource	High priority	64%
Stewardship	protection	Medium priority	30%
		Low priority	5%
		Not a priority	1%
	Greenhouse gas	High priority	39%
	reduction	Medium priority	32%
		Low priority	16%
		Not a priority	13%
	Carbon-neutral	High priority	40%
	energy supply	Medium priority	31%
		Low priority	16%
		Attachment A	

		Not a priority	12%
	Water conservation	High priority	62%
		Medium priority	29%
		Low priority	7%
		Not a priority	1%
	Waste	High priority	50%
	management	Medium priority	42%
		Low priority	8%
		Not a priority	1%
Please rate how much of a source	Traditional media	Major source	58%
of information	(print and online news sources,	Minor source	33%
about Los Alamos County, if at all,	television, radio)	Not a source	9%
each of the following have been for your	Social media platforms	Major source	26%
household over the past 12 months.		Minor source	38%
		Not a source	35%
	Utility bill inserts	Major source	31%
		Minor source	53%
		Not a source	16%
	E-newsletters	Major source	21%
	(County Line, DPU Scoop, Bottom Line, Library News)	Minor source	40%
	Life, Library News)	Not a source	39%
	Los Alamos County website	Major source	24%
	(losalamosnm.us)	Minor source	53%
		Not a source	22%
	Public meetings	Major source	10%
		Minor source	37%
		Not a source	53%
	Other	Major source	8%
		Minor source Attachment A	29%

Not a source	63%
Have you No downloaded and/or	39%
used the Los Yes Alamos Now app?	10%
Not familiar with the app	50%
How satisfied are Very satisfied you, if it all, with the	21%
app's ease of Somewhat satisfied navigation and	73%
use? Somewhat dissatisfied	2%
Very dissatisfied	5%