



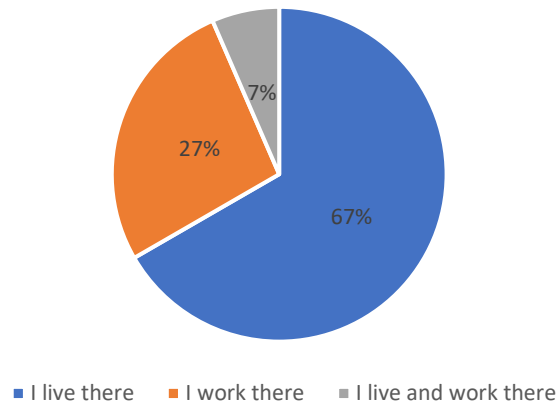
HOUSING ENVIRONMENT SURVEY RESULTS

The City of Seattle Office of City Auditor adapted the Housing Environment Survey for use in the Belltown neighborhood. The anonymous survey was administered in January 2024. See the appendix below for more information about the survey.

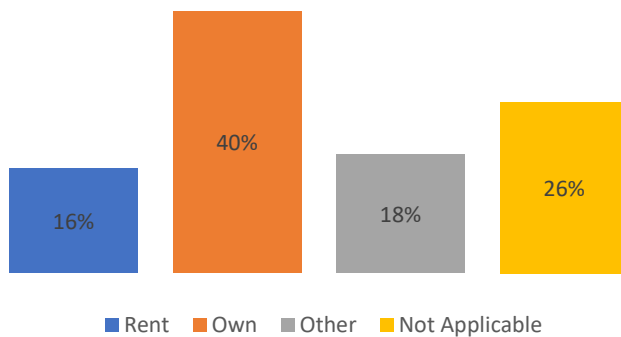
Total Survey Responders = 138

Pre-Survey Questions

DO YOU LIVE OR WORK AT THIRD AVENUE
BETWEEN VIRGINIA ST. AND BLANCHARD ST.?

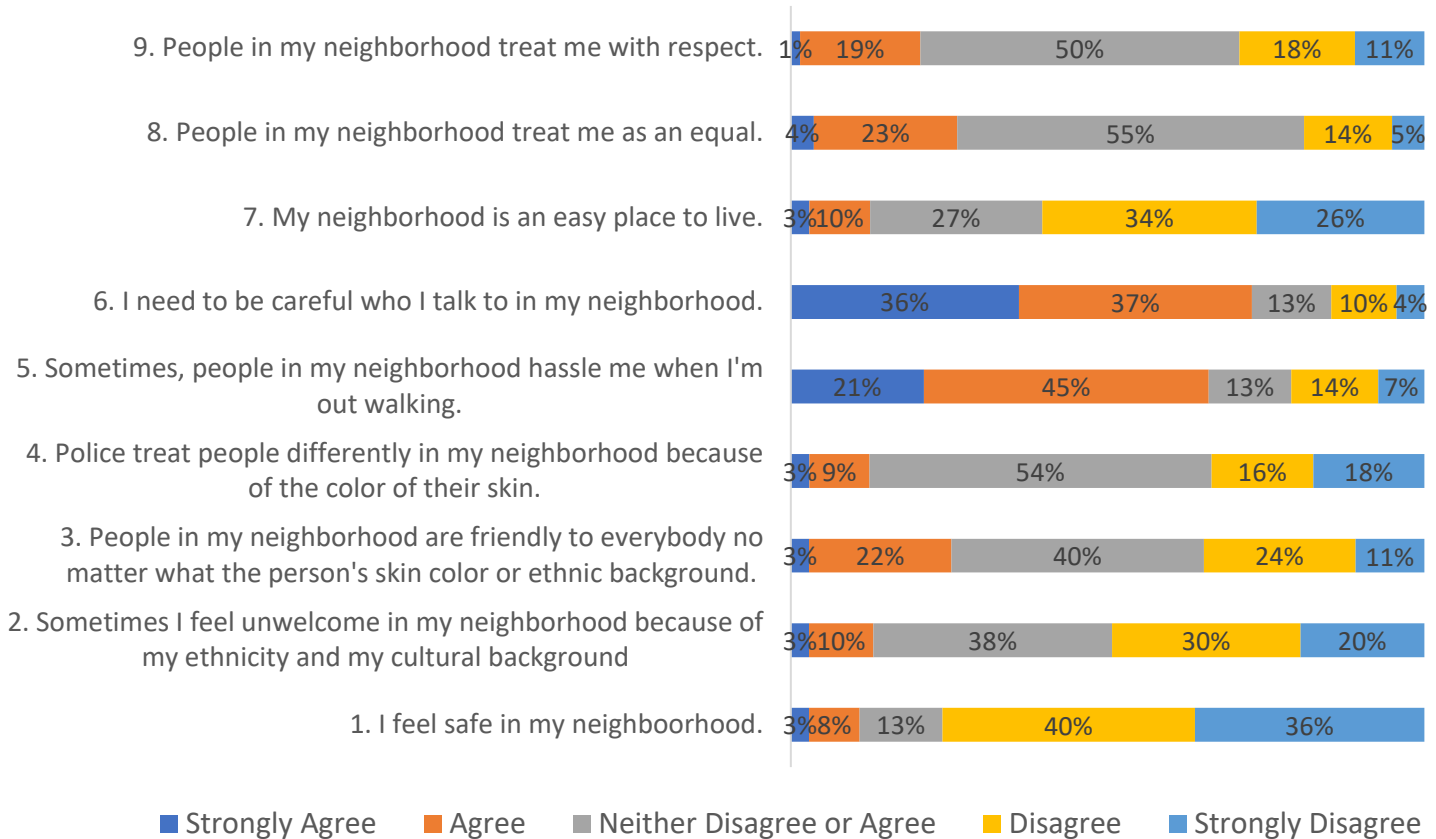


IF YOU LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DO
YOU RENT, SUBLET, OR OWN YOUR OWN
PLACE?

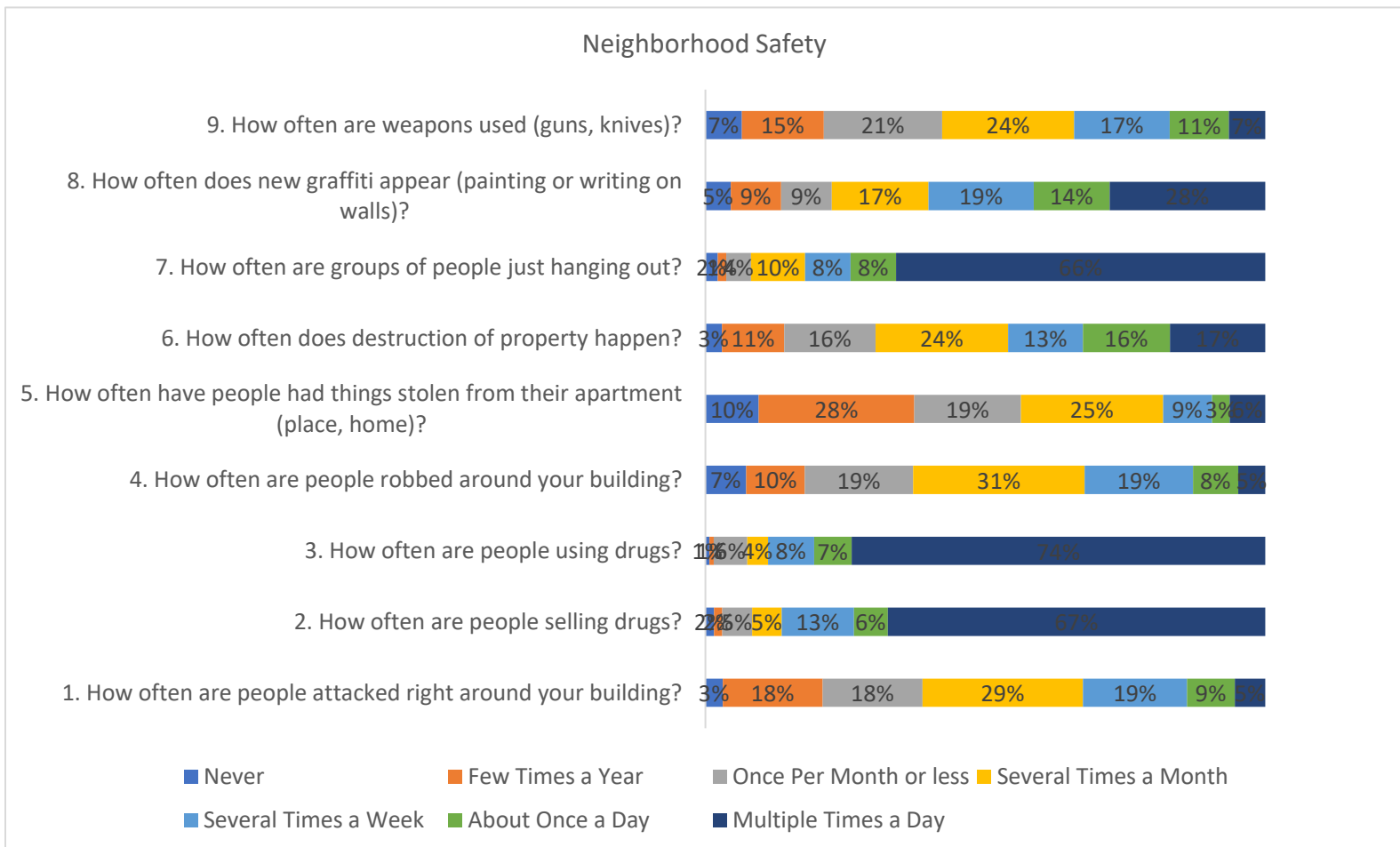


Neighborhood Social Climate

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Neighborhood Safety



What else would you like to tell us about your neighborhood?

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The building tries but often the cameras don't capture problems --mostly just one or two people--telling staff -- the problem
Gang stalkers are hurting me deeply and I haven't done anything to anyone. Needs to stop.
I wouldn't live anywhere else
Its been. Without the violence, it would be beautiful.
Need more police patrol
A lot of Homeless people living in hallway of __ floor
live in Belltown moving to lower Queen Anne to get away
People gather in doorways making it hard to enter or exit
You know drugs. It's the drugs and the mental state
Its old and well used
It seems to breathe a lot of gas around here, I'm really tired of it.
People steal whatever they want. Just load up in the store and walk out, I see it all the time.
People needing help yell all night across the street by bus stop

It does have its ugly side, but that's just poverty
I've worked at this location for 2_ years. I've never felt more unsafe walking down the street around my office than in the last 3 years. We have employees working remotely because they don't feel safe coming to the office. Our property is damaged on a weekly basis. We've invested \$35,000 in the last few years to make improvements to our front entry and make it more appealing and safer but those investments have been destroyed. The city should help fund improvements.
I'm uncomfortable with the homeless and drug users sleeping or hanging out on the street on a daily basis. While I haven't personally been approached or attacked (I am vigilant about not walking near these people when able), it makes me not want to work at the office!
It is unsafe. _I fear for my employees. There is little police presence unless there is a murder. I don't feel protected. The amount of out in the open drug use is disgusting and scary. I wish there was a way to reduce or eliminate this. I do not use any man doors in our parking garage since in the past I have interrupted drug use or drug sales and fear for my life getting in the middle of this. I don't want to be here after dark. I wish we would get more enforcement control this illegal behavior.
I don't know how frequent robberies/attacks are in my area (3rd & Lenora). Drug use and loitering is constant and obvious, but individuals on the street seem generally non-violent (at least during business hours).
If the mayor and city officials had any real concerns about the citizens of Seattle. They would immediately have the police start making arrests for the petty crimes and open-air drug market that goes on directly across from my building. How does the mayor expect the people to abide by the law when he doesn't allow his police force to enforce the laws. You have to enforce the small crimes in order for people to respect the major ones. The last few mayors have had no guts to make the changes that are necessary to bring Seattle back to what it once was prior to the pandemic. A vibrant downtown and neighborhoods. There will always be crime, but people are more brazen now since they now there will be little to no repercussions. All politicians and officials ever do is talk. They never take action. Everyone is too afraid of offending everyone else. They need to suck it up and clean up Seattle. Just the other day at the CVS on 4th across from the Cinerama, I saw two guys go in there with masks and just start filling up their backpacks. The poor _ at the counter just said, we can't do anything about a robbery taking place. What kind of nonsense is that? I seriously doubt the new mayor will actually do anything to try and make Seattle the world class city it once was. Until an elected official has the guts to actually implement change without fear of what their constituents will think, nothing is going to change. Don't use the excuse of not having the funds. That's a bs excuse. There's always money available if you really want something done, you'll find the funds. I've been in Seattle for 3_ years. I've seen it change over those years. Some for the better some, not so much. End of rant.
The open air selling of stolen merchandise in front of the YWCA building at 3rd and Lenora makes this side of the street unwelcoming and challenging to traverse. The number of people who congregate in front of the Simon House, Plymouth's low income housing, makes this side of the street unwelcoming and challenging. These examples are on city sidewalks.
We need more police who arrest people using and selling drugs.
It is fine in the daytime but after dark is when I need to be very careful outside my building.
Prostitution, public urination, defecation, unauthorized encampment, violent arguments, harassment in the streets.
There are a lot of vacant shops and businesses that remain are often vandalized or have issues with homeless people camping nearby. My husband owns a _ shop and people come in frequently seeking bathrooms, which are for customers only, and occasionally get abusive and loud when they're denied access.
Find a place for mentally ill to live, what about the rest of us? Stop concentrating services for indigent people in belltown. It's not economically viable. It's an expensive place and doesn't make sense. Do it more efficiently elsewhere.
The parking lot on Lenora between 2nd and 3rd is always full of drug sellers, users, and loiters. It's insane. Can the owners of the lot be encouraged to monitor activity on their property?
The construction has also created hiring spaces that feel unsafe.
We love Belltown! Sadly the homeless/drug addiction problem is major. There is zero regard by the drug addicted to open use of drugs. As a community we must come to terms with civil commitment against their will. We need to admit if someones whole life is living on the street, eating out of garbage cans and singularly focused on the of fentanyl laced foil in their hand has HIT ROCK BOTTOM. They will refuse help but they need to be moved to a safe place and stabilized.

I have been harassed everyday. I'm a __ and have been attacked daily. I have stabbed, had people OD right on the front door, have to hold the front doors shut from being attacked. 3rd Ave has some of the worst crimes. I watch drug dealing, drug use and prostitution daily. Help!!!!
For the building I live in the people are nice, friendly, supportive. As for people in the neighborhood (I mean hanging out in the streets) that is where the issues lie. Mentally ill, drug addicted, and drug using. It makes me not want to go out and that prevents me from supporting &/or spending money at businesses and activities in my community. People should not be allowed to loiter, use drugs, camp out, or sell stolen goods on the sidewalks.
More police, higher response time from police, the drug addicts, dealers, violent homeless, loiterers GONE.
Please help stop open drug use
I work at __ and no matter what I wear how I look or what I do, there are drug addicts who make me feel uncomfortable just walking to work. They come into the shop asking for free stuff dropping their drugs inside the shop and won't listen to me to leave the premises. There are drug addicts sometimes naked/sleeping/using on the sidewalks. I don't even know if the shit on the sidewalk is from an animal or a human. I'm always on guard.
Our bldg is located adjacent to numerous social service agencies. I'm afraid that as new bldg like the Modern and First Light, more of these issues will be pushed a block north and things could get worse. Why are all the social services located on the same few blocks?
Nothing ever seems to get done about the tents going up blocking sidewalk access or the constant drug dealing. One area gets a crackdown and everyone moves a block away and then comes back a few weeks later. The City of Seattle continues to just play Whack-a-Mole with these troublesome areas.
I am a woman in my __s and have been personally chased and cornered and had to fend off an attacker twice in the last 1.5 years. In that same time period, I have had an attempted break in for my specific unit once, successful break in into my building at least 6 times, and have tried to walk out of my lobby 3 times to find my property manager actively fighting off an intruder. I genuinely live in terror and cannot wait to leave this place. Financially I cannot afford to because my property value is in the toilet due to nobody wanting to buy in this area. Nobody wants to come visit me here either because it's not worth the risk.
Neighborhood is a sadly a complete dump. Cops don't do anything. Constant drug use. Personally saw a pregnant lady get shot outside of my business from point blank range. Then the next week, there is a man running away from the police with a shot gun and I happen to see it while getting lunch in Belltown. And this is what constantly goes on down here. 3rd and virginia 2 story garage parking lot people selling and using drugs constantly. People defacating on the street in front of my business. Us constantly removing needles from the front portion of my office. I've been here for __ years now and I'm honestly suprisd more businesses have not picked up and left due to the homeless and drug problem and the lack of response from the police/local government. I know I will be leaving soon too to a better part of seattle that isn't so crime ridden, unsafe, and overlooked by city council/police.
It is worth investing in . More money for police, more training for police , more mental health workers .
These questions have been hard. I don't go out in my neighborhood very much. It's not the nice neighborhood I moved into years ago. How do I know how the police treat people? I've not seen a policeman on the street in years. In the last three years, I can remember seeing a cluster of 3 or 4 police cars with lots of red lights blinking maybe 3 times but few police on the street.
Tents have popped again and people are visibly inebriated and unpredictable. It is uncomfortable.
Drug use and theft is high in the neighborhood.
There have been multiple occasions of human fecal matter or urine on or near the surfaces that myself and coworkers walk. Our __ has break-ins weekly, if not daily that result in elicit drug use, theft, or both. We have had knives pulled on us and have developed a buddy-system when walking around at any time of the day. We witnessed an individual attempting to light one of the local buildings on fire from the alley. There are multiple occasions throughout the week of individuals screaming at nothing and then yelling at passersby. I would personally never choose to live here unless the homeless crisis was cleaned up.
Stop enabling criminals and drug addicts. You are not prosecuting people that are damaging business owners buildings with graffiti, and then you have the city putting notices on business owners buildings that they're going to receive a fine if they don't have the graffiti removed. That is absolutely insanity!!! Bring the Police and bike police back and start protecting our City. Maybe have the City Leaders in Bellevue show you how to keep a City where people feel safe!! Walk through downtown Bellevue and see how thriving and inviting it is to shop and spend time. Our poor leaders ruined our City.

Very scary. Not safe. Terrifying. The city needs to help our citizens, it is getting ridiculous.
I'm uncomfortable going out the front door at night, as I'm worried that someone will use a gun nearby. You never know what another person on the street might be thinking or doing.
There needs to be more police presence on 3rd ave
It is not safe. I want everyone to be safe, cared for, housed, and provided the care they need. I can't walk to and from the store with my __ anymore. I'm moving.
Urinating in doorways and defecating in the alleys happens daily.
Lenora between 3rd and 2nd..DRUGS DRUGS DRUGS prostitution etc in parking lot....a police car needs to drive by every half hour and arrest these thugs...why are drugs allowed anywhere??? Remove them...why are drugs being taken on streets..ARREST THEM!. Why do I hear screaming at 2am>>>??? ARREST THESE THUGS! Why is crime allowed daily? ARREST THEM. Why are stolen goods allowed to be sold on streets? ARREST THEM. Why are thugs allowed to loiter? ARREST THEM. Etc etc. Why am I accosted on an evening walk for money??REMOVE THEM! Why are people allowed to defecate on sidewalks>???
It's lawless now. There are no apparent consequences to crime. Someone was shot in the middle of the day next to my condo. This started before COVID. I've been living here since 200_, and it has seriously declined over the past 5-10 years.
Since moving to this neighborhood in 201_, the changes and the erosion of decency in the neighborhood has saddened, angered, and isolated us. There have been over a dozen violent and overdose deaths within two blocks of our building, a prostitution tent, constant drug use and selling, three personal friends assaulted in broad daylight for no reason, a couple shot driving home in their car, and more. I have been screamed at in the middle of the day by crackheads accusing me of some crime against them in their hallucinatory state. I now walk in the area fully prepared to protect myself by any means necessary. It makes me sad that just 5 years ago this neighborhood was so beautiful. We intend to leave Seattle and never return. It's not the rain that deters people from the city...it's the cesspool of crime and homelessness and echoes of fentanyl that has caused most of our building to move away, 10 of our good friends, and many friends we made who did not stay here and moved on. I met a woman whose family helped create Seattle, and she expressed the shame she felt over what it's become. I will not spend another year watching people smoke meth and overdose and beat the living shit out of one another.
Remove the junkies and 90% of the problems would be solved
The lack of police presence and enforcement , This stems from my humble opinion terrible legislation that needs to be revisited and repealed with voters input
Often smells like urine and have to watch your step for human feces. CVS at 4th/Lenora feels like corporate gave up on preventing theft or cleaning. Our costs as condo owners (__) have increased to cover security and destruction. It is rare to NOT witness an extremely high drug user or person experiencing a serious mental health crisis, sometimes borderline violent, at least once walking to/from home. My __ hasn't felt safe walking alone, in the middle of the day, for years. She won't walk alone at night. Most of us residents are kind, compassionate people that recognize these people need real help but the near epidemic level of crime, drug use, lack of respect for property (let alone cleanliness) and general feeling of a lack of safety is overwhelming. We want to assist but the possibility of getting spat on, stabbed or even shot, just for making eye contact, is a real threat.
Smells bad and dirty. No pride in ownership. Shuttered businesses!!!
Please clean it up, it's become very seedy. I feel unsafe as a woman who lives alone. We must take action.
We all know the problem is due to the drug dealers and homeless right outside our apartment building. We need something done now!!
Not safe especially at night.
I can't really say how often people are attacked or use weapons, but those options were available above. I can say that drug use is frequent and scary for passersby by I have not ever been physically harmed because of it. Tents pop up frequently on blocks around the area and seem to just move from one location to another and so are back every few months in the same places or similar places, even if they are removed.
BELLTOWN IS BULLSHIT NOW DRUGS CRIME SHIT ON THE STREETS SIDEWALK PEOPLE DO WHAT THEY WANT AND THERE IS SO MUCH FREE HELP HERE IN SEATTLE YOU NEED TO ARREST AND JAIL PEOPLE IT WON'T KILL THEM WE GOT WEAK LAW MAKERS

We need major change in this section of the city, and also continuing down to Bell street. Drug dealing is everywhere and is a major source of the crime happening. Get these dealers in jail! There are rarely police patrolling this area; very rare arrests for drug dealing. This needs to change. These people strung out on drugs are ruining this city; they steal, they hurt people, they ruin property. Businesses can't afford to stay downtown because of theft. I have __ young kid and the things they've had to witness, just within the block of our condo, are terrible. People walking around half naked; people shooting up on the sidewalk, people that look like they're dead because they're so high. Having to walk around bodies and tents in downtown Seattle!! This is wrong and an ethical offense! We need legal change; allowing these folks to continue doing illegal drugs is hurting themselves and hurting our community. We need laws to mandate treatment or jail time, because otherwise these addicts will never help themselves by choosing treatment. We need to do right by them and help them at their time of need by making treatment mandatory. We must make serious changes to get our beautiful downtown back.

This neighborhood is very unsafe. There are constant groups of people doing drugs, being harassed, and people stealing from the cvs a block away. This area is one of the worst areas the city has and needs help being cleaned up in an appropriate and humane way. Underserved populations need help with addiction and mental issues. Being relocated to another area does not help and they always come back anyways. They need actual help.

This area in which we live, has had almost 10 shootings in the past year (possibly more). There are also several attacks from people using random objects to hurt others. This needs to be taken seriously.

Just the other day I was followed as I walking (pretty fast mind you) back from a friend's apartment __, to my apartment building __. As soon as I got to my building, they noticed a good amount of people going to the same building. They ended up hiding next to one of the pillars on the side of my building. It was not even 30 seconds before I got inside that I could see them through the lobby window of our building dropping a small knife while proceeding to do drugs.

I do not feel safe around this area. In fact, we are moving in the very near future because of this. Please help us find a solution to this issue.

I've had units in __ since 19__. I've seen much worse street activity. What helped was private security forces patrolling and the completion of the Amazon complex which starts at 4th and Lenora.

Our neighbor hood is treated like a trash can, toilet, blatant drug den, and hang out for criminally and mentally insane activity. No enforcement of current laws. Not a good place to invest in a home or to start a business.

The high concentration of bus stops contributes to an elevated number of vagrants. Areas around Bell St., Regrade Park, and Plymouth Housing are especially between the loitering and camping. There are some months where it feels like the sounds of either ambulances or police cars around the area is incessant. For being so close to major business and tourist areas it's pretty pitiful but it could be a really nice area

We are saddened by the uptick of crime, drugs, homeless and mentally ill presence in our neighborhood. I am a female who no longer feels safe walking in the neighborhood or __ as I have had multiple issues being followed and verbally attacked. Businesses in our area are continuously facing being robbed, employees attacked, as well as our building management is continuously trying to protect us from the loitering of people actively smoking fentanyl in our building lobby and surroundings. We remain hopeful that this situation will get better and that the city will take the necessary steps to crack down and clean up what was and can be a beautiful and safe city to reside in.

Lack of or extremely delayed police presence and response. Calls seem to only be answered in extreme situations (ex. weapon use). Homeless camping, pan-handling, property break-ins and theft, and groups of people drug dealing and drug use are a daily occurrence.

I've loved living here since 19__. I'm sorry to see the decay.

I stay inside as much as I can to avoid street crime. I don't feel safe so I stay inside as much as I can.

The homeless have made a lot Business Owner closed their business due to the drugs, crime, harassment

The security in this area is abysmal. The fact that people are allowed to freely do and sell drugs out of tents is insane! These are not people that are "down on their luck." These are criminals that are choosing to live this way, and it negatively impacts the ability to live a happy productive life of hundreds of law abiding taxpayers. The rights of productive tax payers should not be getting trampled by a bunch of criminals intent on being drains on society.

I live in the __, a privately owned building. I don't feel unsafe here. Nobody involved in the street life ever approaches me, except once in a while to ask for money, which I don't mind. We have had some vandalism and thefts here, fewer now than in the first couple years of the pandemic. There are encampments from time to time, like the one at 3rd and Blanchard right now. I have no info on the drug selling, robbery, or weapons because I don't see that. I suspect that there is drug dealing because I hear people shouting to each other, that is, communicating with each other, on the street at all hours (though when I look out the window I can't see what they're doing). I also sometimes hear distressed yelling as if someone is in the throes of a meth high, and the occasional argument. I see people slumped over in an apparent opioid stupor a few times a month. I have heard gunfire two or three times in the last few years. I heard the gunfire from the shooting last year at 4th and Lenora in which the woman was killed in her car by a man who had evidently been camping behind the YWCA. This was a sad event, but it did not make me afraid to live here; I considered it a random event like others in different parts of the city and not something that grew out of particular conditions in my neighborhood. It was a sad manifestation of the larger problems of housing, poor mental health care, and all the effing guns that we don't seem to be able to control.

I have also had multiple occasions of people trying to follow me inside my building that do not have permission to be inside.

Nothing racial is noticed. No racist area. Drug users and dealers are accommodated. Stores allow shoplifting. I never see police on foot.

It's overrun by drug-addicts

We urgently need action. I do not feel safe and have been assaulted several times walking to and from Westlake station. I hardly see police in the area.

Our neighborhood has the potential for so much greatness, yet the level of lawless behavior originating around the YWCA and all the bus stops makes it very unsafe and uninviting.

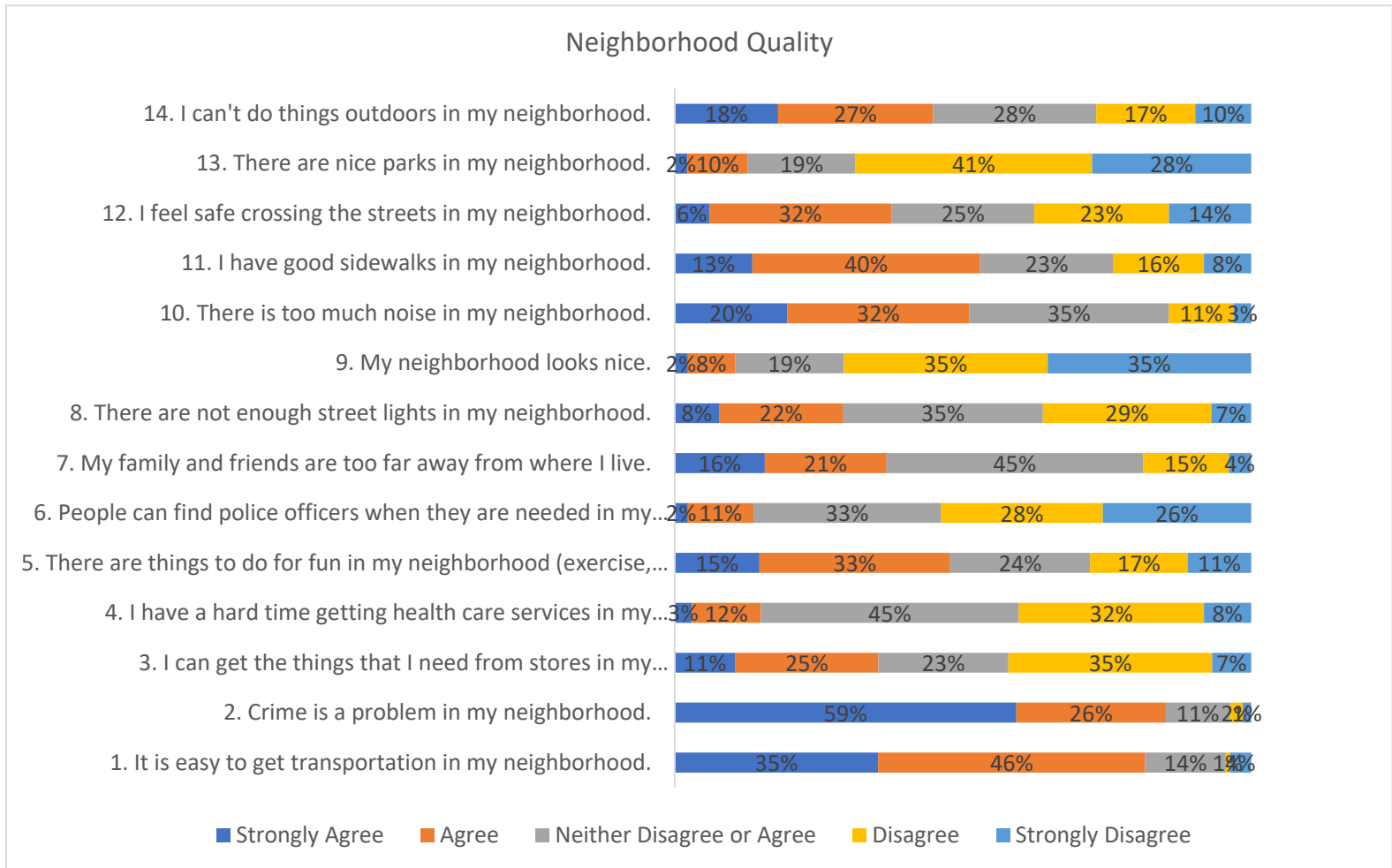
People sleeping several times a day. Going to the bathroom. Smoking drugs.

I don't feel safe having overnight visitors due to car break-ins on this block.

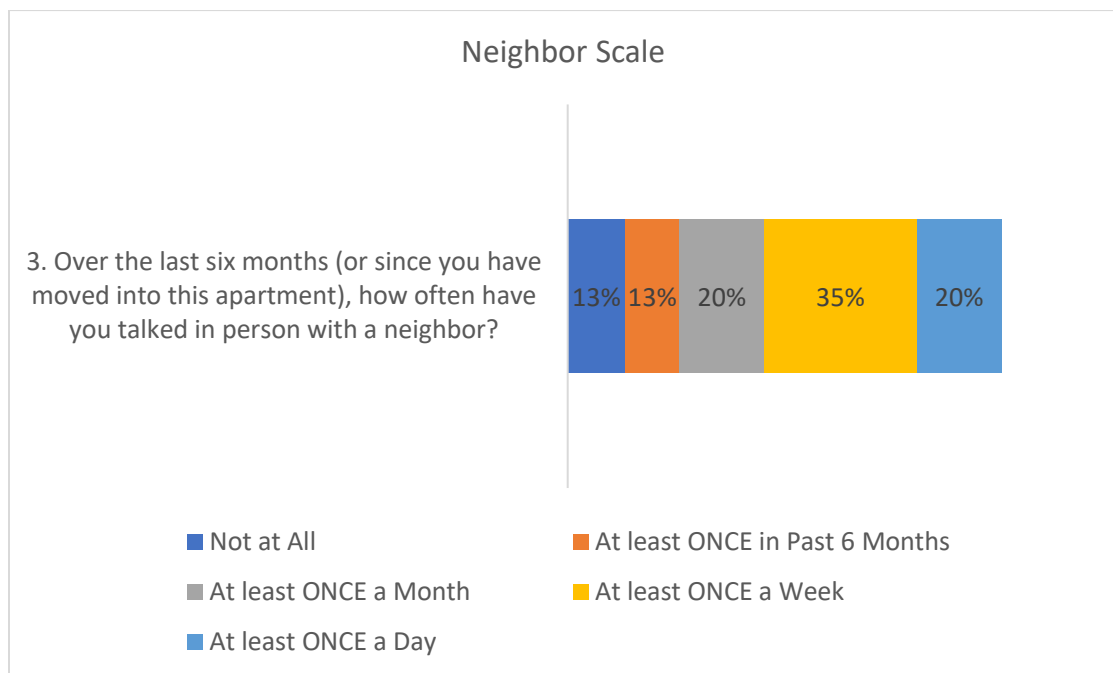
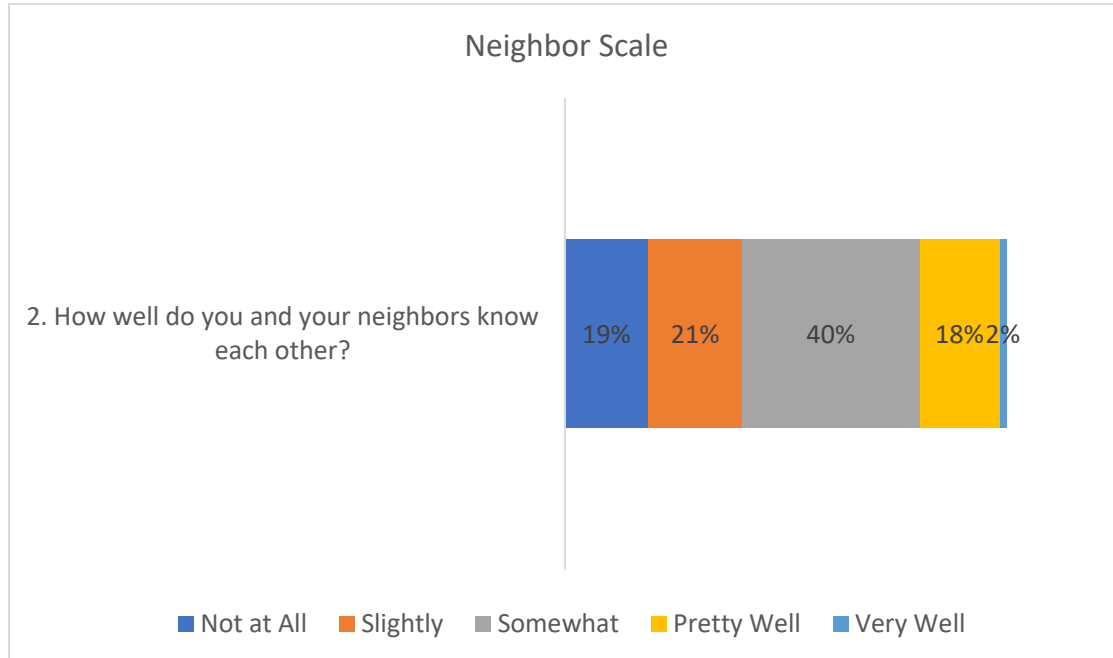
The doors of the building where I live have been smashed multiple times.

Apocalyptic like what you watch in the movies. Too many drug activities. Not conducive to have a family life. I don't feel safe when I go out no matter whether it's day or night time. I'm moving out of the city if no drastic change or improvements in the next 6 months.

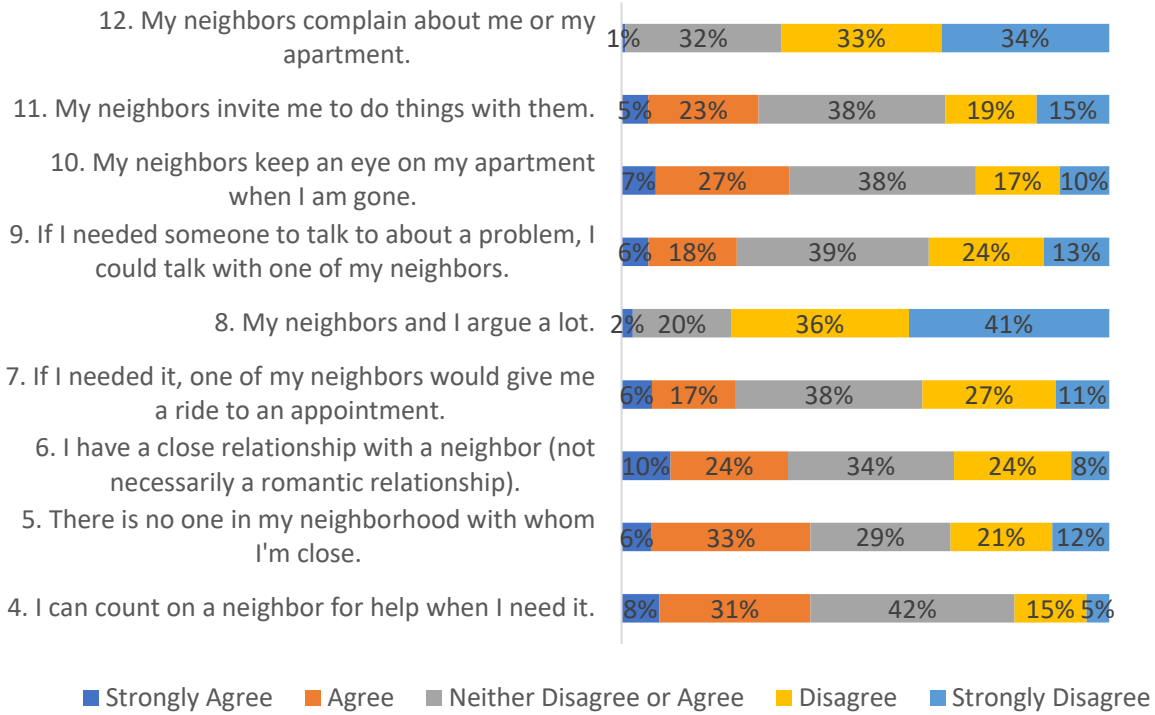
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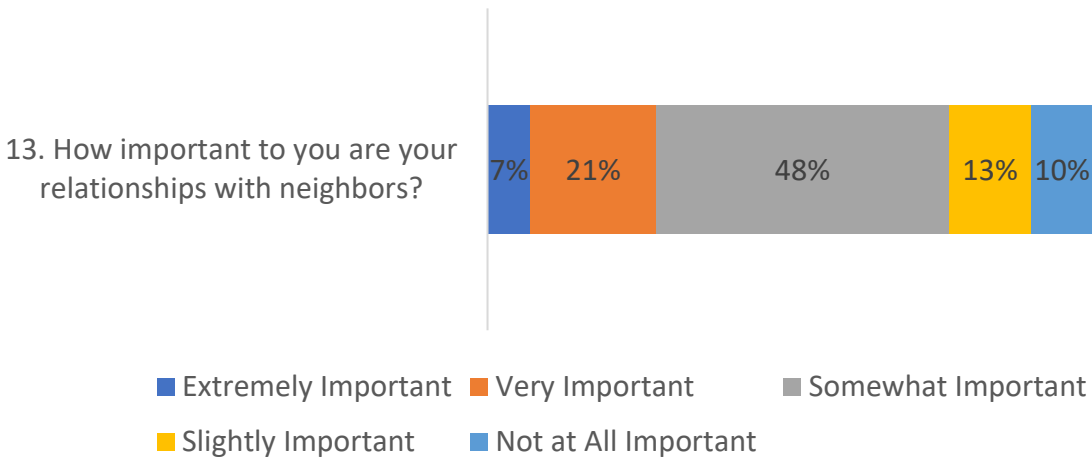
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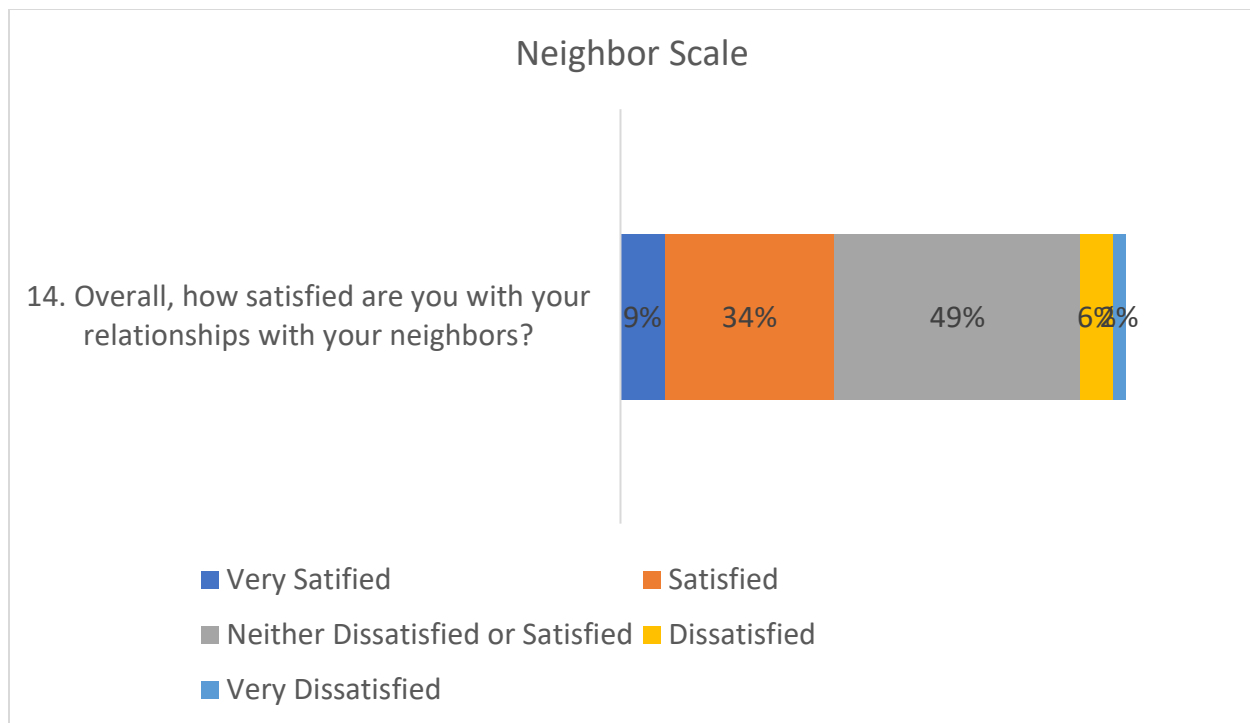


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What else would you like to tell us?

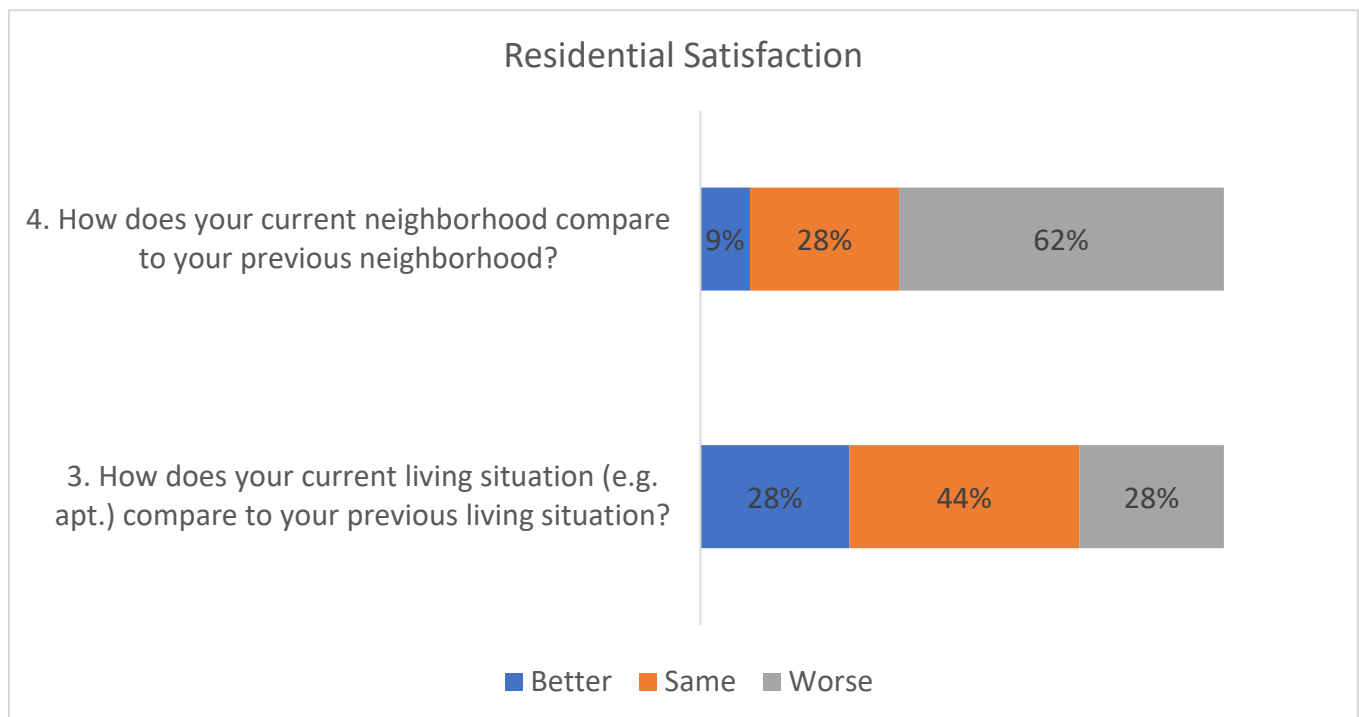
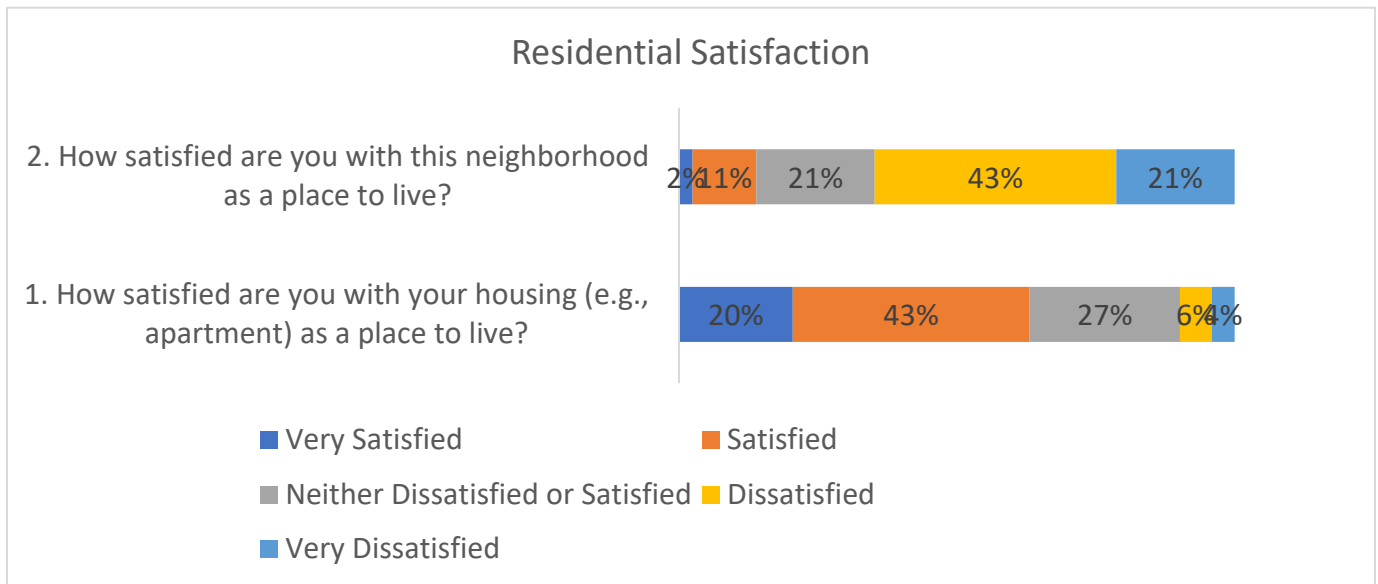
<i>What else would you like to tell us?</i>
There is only one problem neighbor - He is not violent (can be if he drinks) - but a Butthead!
Get the electronic harrasment out of my building or I'm gogin to start a lawsuit.
People always need to fight something. There's nothing to fight. People from different backgrounds and lifestyles all living together. Fore the most part tolerating each other. You should see this area on a Saturday nite. Clubs are banging, smokers are smoking, and they're all on one little patch. Thank the ___ for creating this beauty.
I was clean for 1_ years then I moved to Belltown but got help from ___ to move to better surroundings
More police downtown, "no tents", return of Ma-Pa grocery
The shoplifting has to stop and the graffiti etc. People need to be held accountable for their crimes. It's never going to get any better until laws are enforced.
I find staff more friendly than tenants
Someone got into my room and took two pairing knives. Since the I'm sorry that I leave without locking the door. Also, the tenants are probably more friendly generally than I answered in the survey.
Nothing
I work in the area, but do not live here and do not have a relationship with those that do. If this section is intended to apply to co-workers, then I am very satisfied, have close relationships, and can rely on them for help. Basically, the opposite of what is recoded here.
Living in a vertical community is a challenge. The addition of the new pickle ball courts are a nice addition. More open green space would be a great addition to the neighborhood. Need police presence on Bell Street Park. Need the YWCA to be a better neighbor. The City needs to enforce its clean alley program, specifically the alley behind the YWCA.
We like to keep it to ourselves. Our building managers are very responsible and we have a very good relationship.

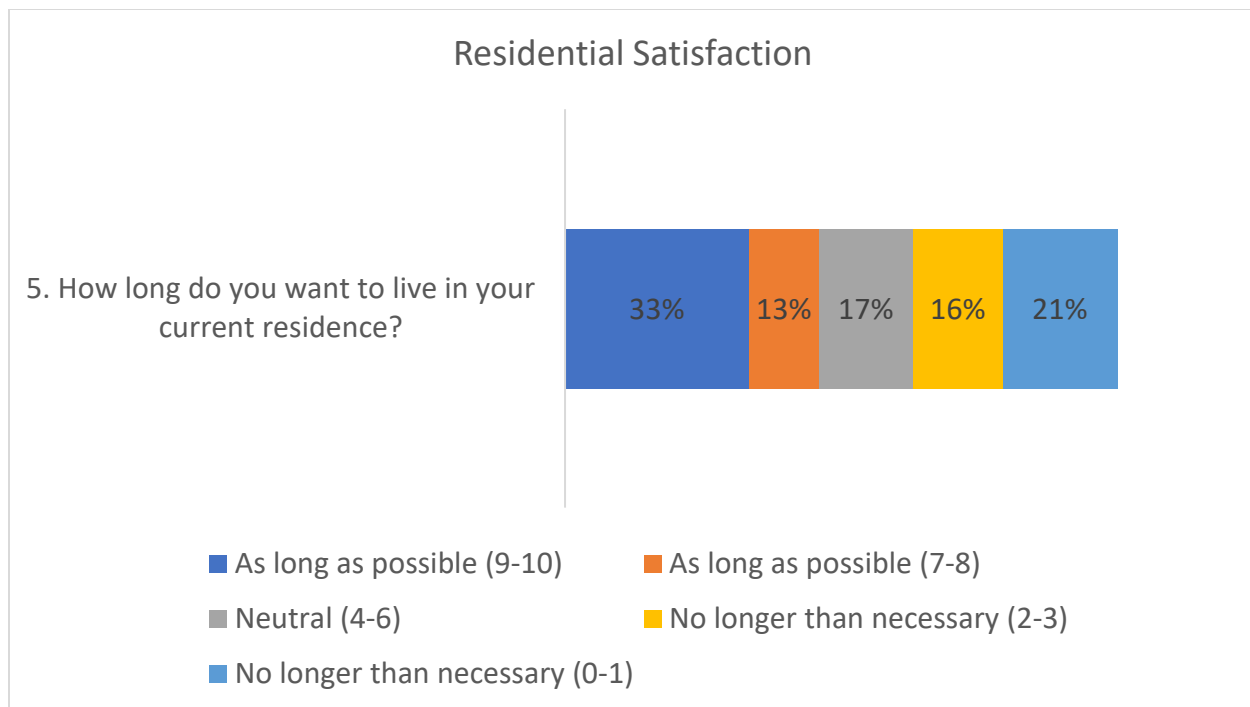
I don't really know what you mean by neighbors in this context...people in our building? People in the buildings around us? It's a dense neighborhood, so you may want to clarify what you mean by "neighbor".
Again, we need a system to get the drug addicted off the street into a safe environment where they can get sober, be assessed and moved to some form of monitored housing and further help.
My building and the people in it are nice. The people surrounding the streets on 3rd are not equally as desirable. Because of this I avoid walking on 3rd, and am always walking on 4th it 2nd.
We live in a secure building and neighbors are friendly and reliable.
I just work at ___ so it's not often we talk to the people who live in the apartment building next to us.
I feel that everyone is busy with their own lives and doesn't care to socialize. There is a large % of renters. The Board has limited the number of renters to owners which is positive.
I've lived in the same ___ for 4_ years. Neighbors come and go. Some of my closest friendship have moved away. I have friends all over the city. I know neighbors enough to call them in an emergency but living on the same floor of a ___ makes me nervous about making too close a relationship. This is not like living in a separate house. We live too close to be emotionally close.
I do not live in the neighborhood. I work in the neighborhood.
Neighbor questions are NA
City of Seattle is dead
I do not live in the neighborhood
Many ethnicities in our building and I've never witnessed any animosity between residents. Everyone seems to get along well with one another.
My ___ makes it hard to socialize but my neighbors seem nice. One moved away that I was close with ___ (___)
remove the drugs, the homeless, the mentally ill so we can walk when we want safely.
The people living in our ___ are not the problem, though oblivious at times.
Enforce the drug use and push to change legislation on vagrancy
Neighbors are not the problem, it's the drug dealers and homeless, that needs to be fix!
Drugs need to be taken out of our neighborhoods!
I WORK FOR ___, YOU NEED TO START ARRESTING THE DRUG ADDICTS PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN WALK IN SOME PARTS OF SEATTLE, I SEE IT EVERYDAY ALL DAY AND IT'S SAD YOU LET THIS CITY GO TO HELL START CLEANING IT UP JAIL WORKS , THEY DID IT TO ME THANK YOU
My unit in ___ is a "pied a terre" (sp), i.e., a "flat in the City." My main residence is in ___. I visit Seattle once or twice per month.
After 2 years, I've had no issues with anyone in the ___. I think it's a good community, with high standards, content to live and let live.
Nothing
It would be great if there were neighbor activities for neighbors to join together, meet & greet.
This area need help with moving the homeless and mentally ill else where. There is lot tents in the street
As the manager of a ___, I have firsthand awareness of the problems bot only on the street, but with a large number if residents. Many of these people have seen Seattle ho from a beautiful city they can be proud of, to a cesspool that shouldn't be happening in this country. Seattle used to be considered an especially clean city. That is no longer the case. We have allowed criminals to take over our streets under the guise of criminal justice reform. The only people benefitting from this are cartels that are flooding our streets with poison. It is time to quit treating our current problem as being driven by a bad economy and start realizing that most of the people out on the streets now, are choosing to live that way. As long as we do not punish them for their criminal activity, they will continue to do it.
It's a modestly friendly ___ with a lot of long-term owners. I don't know people from other buildings in the neighborhood.
Neighbors were interpreted as local residents, not local transient people hanging out, doing/selling drugs, or using public transit. Living here, you begin to recognize the residents out of necessity, in case you need their help on the street.
The neighbors I know or even meet in the lobby or elevator are polite and cordial.

The building where I live and its occupants are not the source of negative responses in this survey. Those stem primarily from the neighborhood, specifically the area from 3rd Avenue and Virginia to 3rd Avenue and Blanchard.

I hope filling up this survey is not. waste of time and finally results to positive outcomes and security improvements on 3rd Avenue.

Residential Satisfaction





Why do you feel that way?

<i>5a. Why do you feel that way?</i>
___ has been wonderful to me - that doesn't mean screening of potential neighbors could not be better or more complete!! It only takes one neighbor to ruin your day!!one!! He is still here and they (___) know!!What will it take??
Because of the electronic harassment stalking and (indecipherable) me daily and there's nothing I can do about it but I'm looking for ways to deal with it.
I'm comfortable here
Because of the ___. They don't judge. They're just beautiful.
Affordable housing
Safe, clean, spacious
I'm moving
Quiet, nice place
Because I can
Because of Management
I want to move back to the woods
Seattle is a good place to live
I am disabled I feel that I am getting better
Hope the drug problem can be cleaned up and the trouble making loiteriers
Because of the rent price
I want downtown to improve. The downtown has lost so many large businesses, Bed Bath and Beyond, Bartell's, Macy's, Gap, etc., but also small ones as well, restaurants, the Indian grocer, etc.
Homeless and crime

I have a feeling the neighborhood is returning to it's former safe and thriving state and would like to live in it once it gets safe again.
because I invested a lot of money in my condo and I have hope for the future and would like to stay in Seattle because it is my community.
feel unsafe walking outside after dark, too much substance abuse apparent from those on the streets outside of my residence
I like living in the city. I can walk to work, shop, and entertainment. But we hardly go out at night due to the safety.
We just purchased our condo and plan to live in it for a while. However I have ___ to drive ___ to most activities (school, play dates, parks) so that is frustrating.
Crazy people all over the sidewalks- exhausted by it
It's loud (bus traffic - can't change city noises; but in the summers it is SO LOUD with people yelling in the streets, loitering in front of Coastline Church playing a stereo at max volume at night, cars racing up and down 2nd Ave., people loitering outside of the Plymouth Housing/Langston Senior Center always yelling, the fire alarm going off every other day at the YWCA....)
The neighborhood doesn't always feel safe, particularly after dark. Lots of sirens and yelling outside.
Living downtown is great. The car stays parked and we walk everywhere or have public transportation available. Of course we want the city, county and state to work on filling the empty business spaces to help the vitality of downtown.
I work here, ___ and Seattle use to be one of cleanest, safest citys.
I might desire a new career and surroundings.
This is our main home. We d like to retire here but probably won't due to the decline of the neighborhood and Belltown/downtown. It has become a cestpool of drunk, drug addled people who defecate, masturbate, pass-out on the streets and have little respect for personal property. At any time of day, I can see dealers selling drugs openly with out any concern that police will do anything. It's awful. Groups of drunks-addicts gather in corners and stay there for hours as discouraged people cross the streets and to avoid being hassled.
I have already lived here 4_ years.
When it comes to working in this location, this area makes me never want to come in person to work even though I love what I do. My friends and I used to wander Pike Place Market and this area to go shopping and eat good food and now no one wants to come downtown.
The homeless population and the loiterers make me nervous. Also, he trash in the alley on Lenora between 3rd and 4th is horrendous.
Lived here for 2_ years and probably couldn't find anything as affordable at this time. Without a car (or driver's license), transportation limits where I can live.
I am terrified for my safety due to actual attempted assaults and break ins that have already happened to me personally
It depends on if it improves, also the older I get the more concerned I become about safety.
I own this place, I've made it just like I like it. The only way I'll move is because I'm too old and incapacitated to live by myself. I hate the fact that 3rd Avenue (where I live) is now a dump but it didn't used to be. I hate the fact that shops are closed, restaurants are closed, drugs are openly used, don't go out without passing people who make me nervous. My friends don't like to come downtown to visit me.
Crime unsafe not enough police
Not safe and gross, forced to work here
I like my home and get along well with other residents. I like living in downtown Seattle

My neighborhood is worse than it was 10 years ago. More crime, more graffiti, more loitering, more being approached by aggressive panhandlers, more fighting at the bus stop, more visible drug use, more visible knives.
The neighborhood is unsafe. I don't feel safe walking around.
Again the area isn't safe anymore. We've had break ins. We have to play music so people stay away from the door.
The loitering, drug use, and people screaming/having episodes surrounding the building makes me want to move.
Overall feeling about the neighborhood is not as good as it used to be.
Want to retire in __ years and Seattle is too expensive to retire.
The neighborhood is not safe
cheap mortgage rate, close to everything makes my place ideal...we need druggies, homeless and mentally ill removed from area..safe streets,,,no crime,,,no money begging...safe relaxed life without drama
I love my condo and the proximity to pike place, sporting arenas, other neighborhoods, waterfront, restaurants, but crime and drugs are ridiculous. Two recent shootings within a block. Another shooting a handful of years ago. Probably more shootings I'm unaware of. Several breaking within a few months.
The rent is cheap for a large place, and the apartment has some nice features, but the open air drug dealing and vagrants are a real problem. We've been here almost a year, and seriously looking for a better place, but it's difficult to find one that we can afford as easily as this one.
This is my home. I have invested time and effort.
Belltown is now a shithole.
I own it. It would be much nicer without the junkies.
We split time between Seattle and __ so we are fortunate to have the luxury of a quieter, safer quality of life part of the year, making the issues downtown more bearable for us than most
Lived here for 1__ years but only because we can't afford anything we like better in the City.
I love my actual apartment and the building Itself. But Belltown has turned into helltown. It's noisy and i don't feel safe a lot of the time. Homelessness and drug use have gone rampant.
I lived in downtown __ before moving to Belltown and Belltown seems to have a much worse homeless, drug, and gun violence problem more consistently with little to nothing being done about it around the area. It is so sad to see.
Due to drug dealers, crime and homelessness right outside our Condo.
Love Seattle
The neighborhood does not seem to be improving and in fact seems to be getting worse despite the luxury high rises coming in. I am also sad that stores and restaurants seem to be leaving. Only incentive to stay is the view of the water and proximity to the waterfront.
THIS CITY HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT GOOD TO ME AND I LOVE SEATTLE WASHINGTON A LOT OF HELP HERE AND WE NEED TO RESCUE HER FROM THE WEAK BULLSHIT LAW MAKERS AMEN THANK YOU AND BE SAFE
Because of the crime in this neighborhood. It's no place to raise a family. There is drug use, trash, graffiti and criminal everywhere here.
I love the apartment and building. I love how the area has so many things to do and see. It is walkable to major events and is a great place to live; minus feeling unsafe in the neighborhood itself.
I love the location. I can walk in all 4 directions.

Will purchase home in other locale
Feel unsafe.
Previous apartment was near ___ park, much safer streets and nighttime. Except for the freight trains making it hard to sleep. I much prefer my current apartment but the surrounding areas are much much worse. For personal reasons my plan is too move out of state anyway, but I can say for certain that having to witness the sewage pit that is 3rd between Virginia and Bell on a daily basis os doing nothing to keep me around any longer than needed, and I purchased my place!
The crime, drugs and loitering and general feeling of the neighborhood being unsafe is the reason I feel the way I do
location, proximity to things to do, ease of commute to work
I'm ___.
A little bit of a nature.
Not so many opportunity to know and meet neighbor.
I feel my neighborhood need help to remove the homeless, the drug addicts.
I love living in the city. Belltown is so close to so much of what the city has to offer, it's hard to want to leave. But as soon as I am not guven a place here from work, I will definitely move to at least a different neighborhood. I don't think I could justify paying the rent or mortgage in this neighborhood, and not feel safe or proud of my neighborhood.
I like being centrally located with good transit options.
We moved in here in 200_ and continue to be very happy with our situation.
Nice place, convenient to transportation and services.
Safety
Want to leave city of Seattle. Too liberal. City Council has ruined this city
This area is overrun by drug addicts, so it's difficult to raise kids here.
The area rapidly declined in the last 10 years and no action is being taken. People are not as friendly as they used to be.
Mostly because I cannot afford to purchase elsewhere in Seattle.
Home values aren't great right now, moving isn't an easy option.
Neighbors in building are fine. The neighborhood itself is very unsafe, and one feels exposed and at risk trying to complete basic tasks such as catching a bus or just walking down the block. Most neighbors have to walk down the middle of the street on Blanchard between 2nd and 3rd Avenues because the sidewalks on either side are occupied by open-air drug markets and at nighttime are barely visible with the poor lighting on that block. With all the shoplifting, "local" stores have very little inventory so most of our shopping needs have to be met in other neighborhoods, some not that close. The use of the few outdoor neighborhood amenities in the area is restricted because of continuous presence of human waste, drug paraphernalia, and people openly engaging in illegal and criminal activities.
I feel unsafe currently living in this neighborhood. Lots of scary drug activities. I feel always unsecure walking around the neighborhood. Lots of addicts tries to hassle you especially on 3rd and Lenora, 3rd and Blanchard.

APPENDIX – HOUSING ENVIRONMENT SURVEY

Overview

The Housing Environment Survey (HES) was developed by Bret Kloos and his colleagues at the University of South Carolina. HES grew out of their applied work to promote community inclusion and adaptive functioning for persons living in supported housing.

The City of Seattle Office of City Auditor has adapted the Housing Environment Survey for use in the Belltown neighborhood (Third Avenue between Virginia St. and Blanchard St.). The survey is intended to be optional, and results are anonymous. The results from the survey will be used to help inform the implementation of evidence-based interventions to reduce overdose events and crimes against persons at specific places in Seattle where those events are concentrated.

1. Do you live or work in Belltown?
2. If you live in the neighborhood, do you rent, sublet, or own your unit?

Neighborhood Social Climate (HES-NSC)

Okay, now I will ask about how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements about your neighborhood.

	1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither Disagree or Agree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree				
1. I feel safe in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Sometimes I feel unwelcome in my neighborhood because of my ethnicity and my cultural background.	1	2	3	4	5
3. People in my neighborhood are friendly to everybody no matter what the person's skin color or ethnic background.	1	2	3	4	5
4. Police treat people differently in my neighborhood because of the color of their skin.	1	2	3	4	5
5. Sometimes, people in my neighborhood hassle me when I'm out walking.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I need to be careful who I talk to in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
7. My neighborhood is an easy place to live.	1	2	3	4	5
8. People in my neighborhood treat me as an equal.	1	2	3	4	5
9. People in my neighborhood treat me with respect.	1	2	3	4	5

Neighborhood Safety (HES-S)

Next I will ask about activity in your neighborhood. Please think about the area right outside of or in your building.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Never						
	Few Times a Year						
	Once Per Month or Less						
	Several Times a Month						
	Several Times a Week						
	About Once a Day						
	Multiple Times a Day						
1. How often are people attacked right around your building?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. How often are people selling drugs?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. How often are people using drugs?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. How often are people robbed around your building?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. How often have people had things stolen from their apartment (place, home)?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. How often does destruction of property happen?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. How often are groups of people just hanging out?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. How often does new graffiti appear (painting or writing on walls)?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
9. How often are weapons used (guns, knives)?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

What else would you like to tell us about your neighborhood?

Neighborhood Quality (HES-NQ)

For the next questions, I'll ask your opinion about different parts of your neighborhood. Please tell me how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each statement.

	1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither Disagree or Agree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree				
1. It is easy to get transportation in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Crime is a problem in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I can get the things that I need from stores in my neighborhood (food, clothes, supplies).	1	2	3	4	5
4. I have a hard time getting health care services in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
5. There are things to do for fun in my neighborhood (exercise, entertainment).	1	2	3	4	5
6. People can find police officers when they are needed in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
7. My family and friends are too far away from where I live.	1	2	3	4	5
8. There are not enough street lights in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
9. My neighborhood looks nice.	1	2	3	4	5
10. There is too much noise in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I have good sidewalks in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I feel safe crossing the streets in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
13. There are nice parks in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I can't do things outdoors in my neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5

Neighbor Scale (HES-N)*Now I have some questions about contact you have with others where you live.*1. **How many of your neighbors do you know well?** __ __2. **How well do you and your neighbors know each other?**

Not at All	Slightly	Somewhat	Pretty Well	Very Well
1	2	3	4	5

3. **Over the last six months (or since you have moved into this apartment), how often have you talked in person with a neighbor?**

Not at All	At least ONCE in Past 6 Months	At least ONCE a Month	At least ONCE a Week	At least ONCE a Day
1	2	3	4	5

For these next questions, how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements?

	1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither Disagree or Agree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree				
4. I can count on a neighbor for help when I need it.	1	2	3	4	5
5. There is no one in my neighborhood with whom I'm close.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I have a close relationship with a neighbor (not necessarily a romantic relationship).	1	2	3	4	5
7. If I needed it, one of my neighbors would give me a ride to an appointment.	1	2	3	4	5
8. My neighbors and I argue a lot.	1	2	3	4	5
9. If I needed someone to talk to about a problem, I could talk with one of my neighbors.	1	2	3	4	5
10. My neighbors keep an eye on my apartment when I am gone.	1	2	3	4	5
11. My neighbors invite me to do things with them.	1	2	3	4	5
12. My neighbors complain about me or my apartment.	1	2	3	4	5

13. **How important to you are your relationships with neighbors?**

Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Extremely Important
1	2	3	4	5

14. **Overall, how satisfied are you with your relationships with your neighbors?**

Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Dissatisfied or Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1	2	3	4	5

What else would you like to tell us?

Residential Satisfaction (HES-RS)*I'd like to ask you some general questions about your living situation.***1. How satisfied are you with your housing (e.g., apartment) as a place to live?**

Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Dissatisfied or Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1	2	3	4	5

2. How satisfied are you with this neighborhood as a place to live?

Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Dissatisfied or Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1	2	3	4	5

3. How does your current living situation (e.g. apt.) compare to your previous living situation?

Better	Same	Worse
1	2	3

4. How does your current neighborhood compare to your previous neighborhood?

Better	Same	Worse
1	2	3

5. How long do you want to live in your current residence?

No longer than necessary

As long as possible

1	2	3	4	5
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5a. Why do you feel that way?
