Public Satisfaction Survey 2023 results

Public Engagement and Research,
Communications



Project summary

Annual general population survey

Gauge public satisfaction with:

- Quality of life in Strathcona County
- Satisfaction with County services
- Strategic plan progress





Methodology

Two data collection methods

Telephone recruitment



- Random sampling fielding strategy
- Statistically valid and significant results
- Representative sample based on age, gender and location in the County
- Target: 600 responses. Actual: 642 responses

Open, online survey



- Self-selection, communicated through County communication channels
- Target: 500 responses. Actual: 646 responses





Methodology

Why two data collection methods?



Telephone sample provides reliable statistically valid data. This presentation will focus upon this sample.



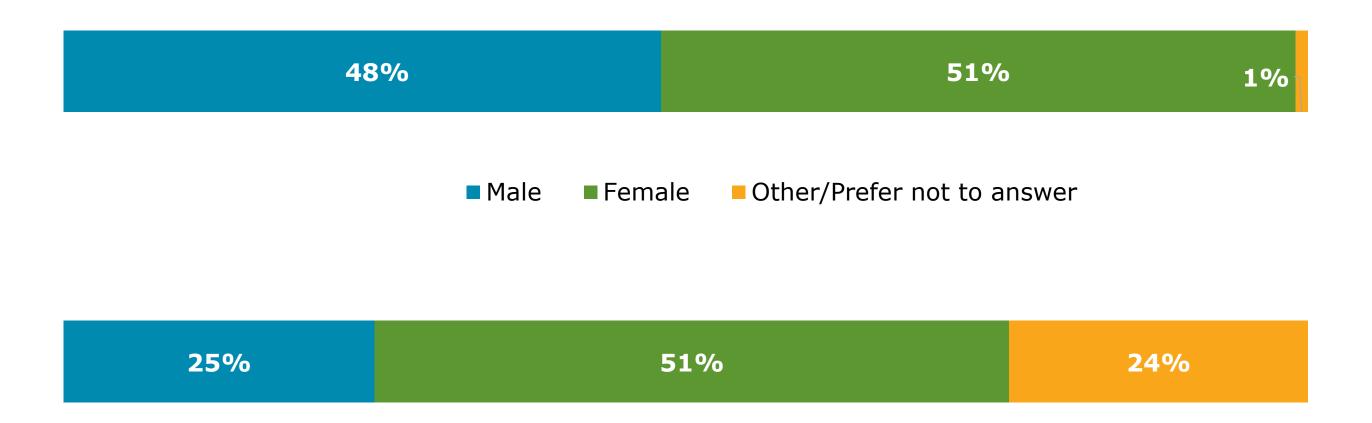
Online sample gives us inclusivity and profile in the community. Potential to collect as much information as possible.



Presentation will highlight interesting differences in the online data set.



Respondent profile



■15-34 **■**35-64 **■**65+



Respondent profile



■ Sherwood Park ■ Rural ■ Rural hamlet

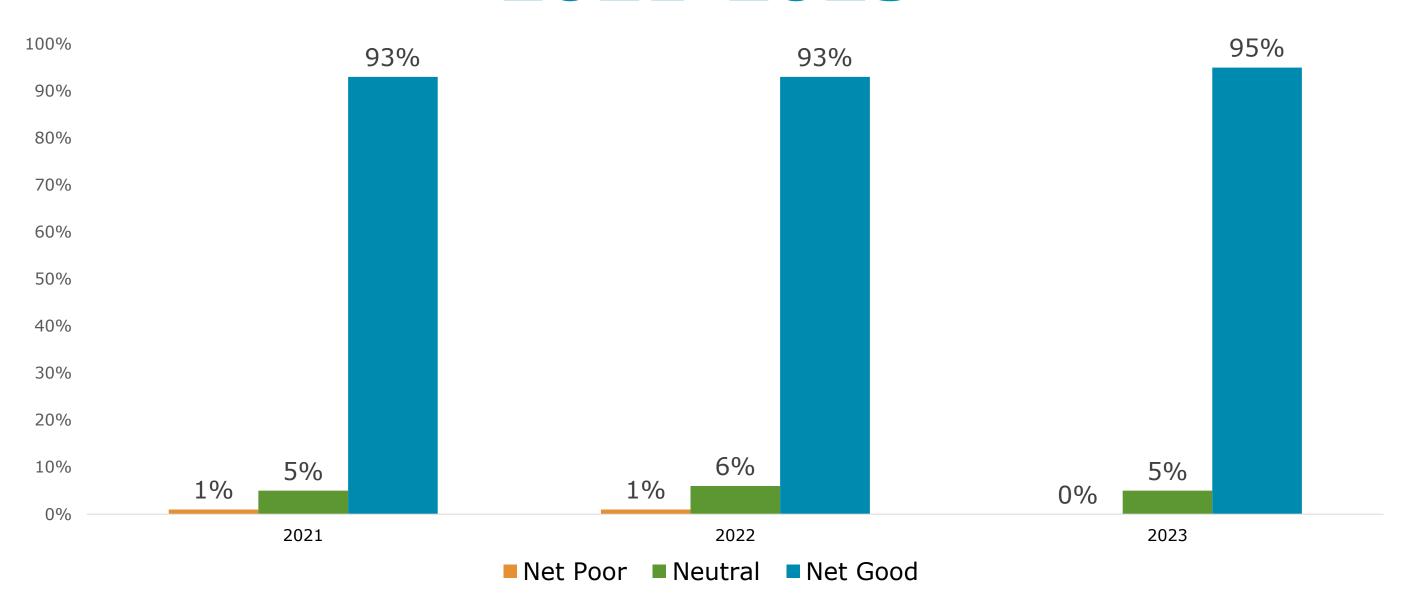


Quality of life results





Overall, as a place to live 2021-2023





Overall, as a place to live: regional comparisons*

Regional peers

95%

Strathcona County

2023

96%

St. Albert

2021

95%

City of Leduc

2021

77%

Edmonton

2017

Provincial peers

96%

County of Grande Prairie

2023

93%

Red Deer

2021

73%

Airdrie

2023

70%

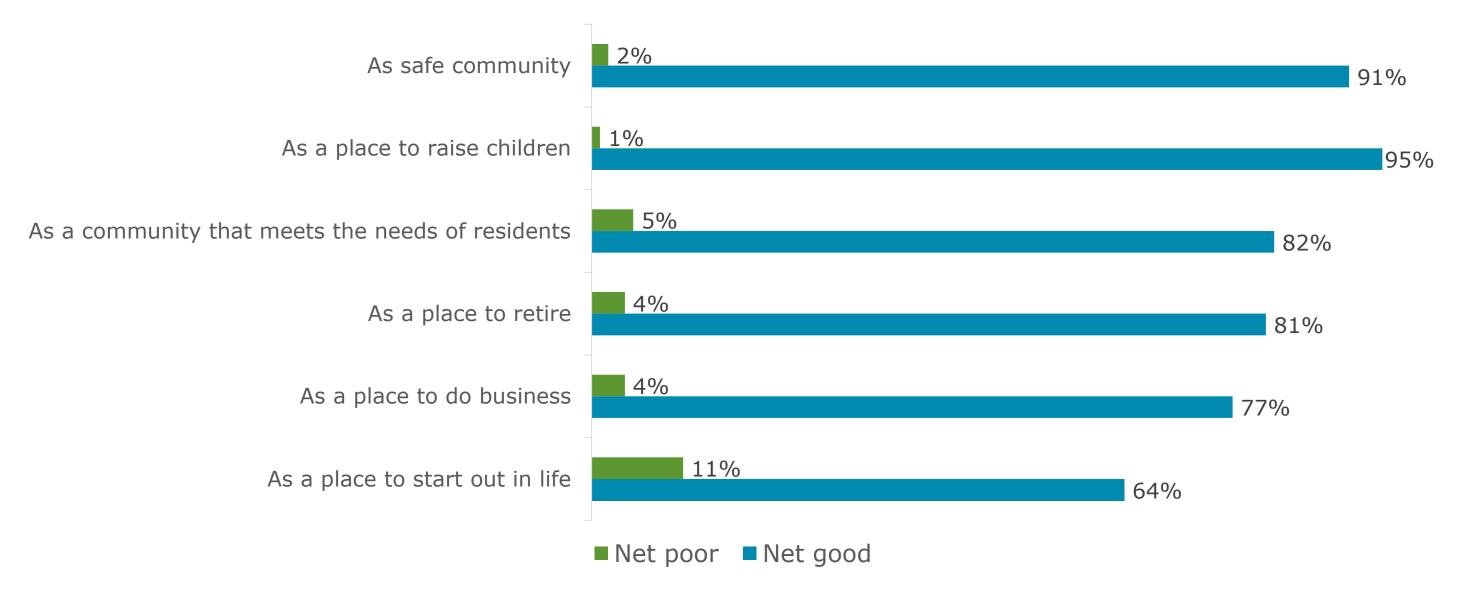
City of Grande Prairie

2022



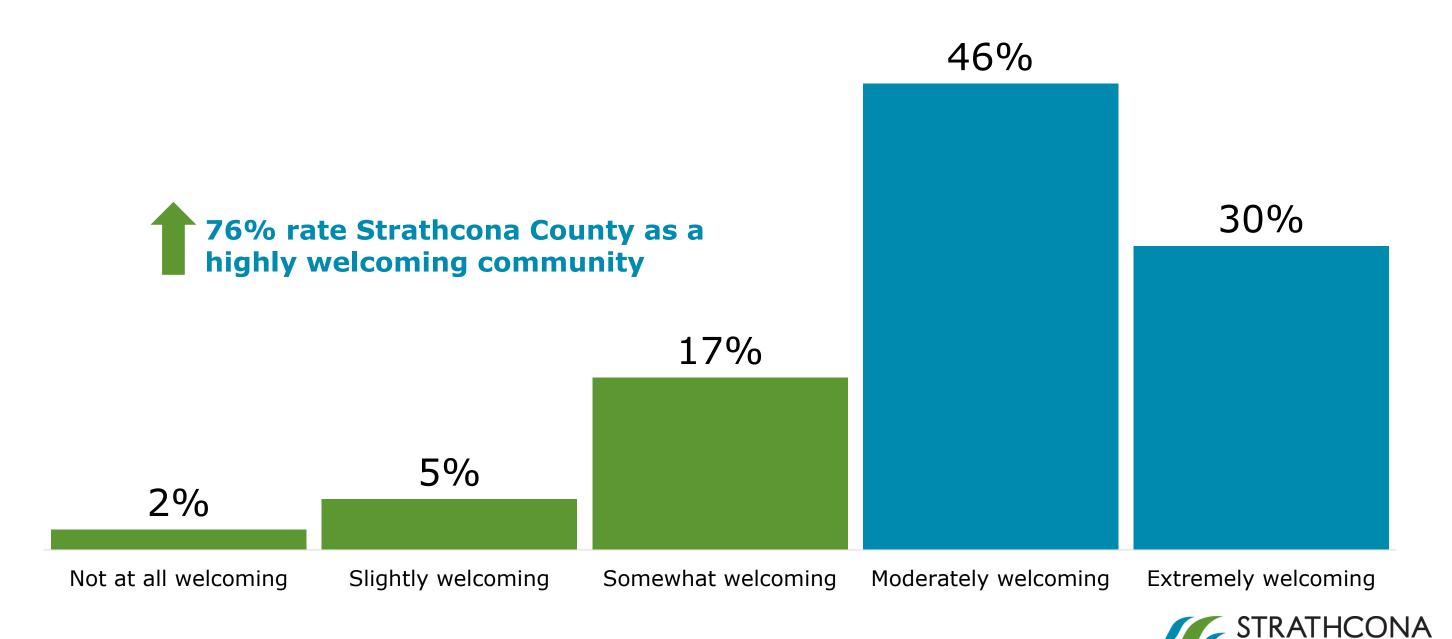
^{*}note: scales and methods are not consistent across the region

Quality of life



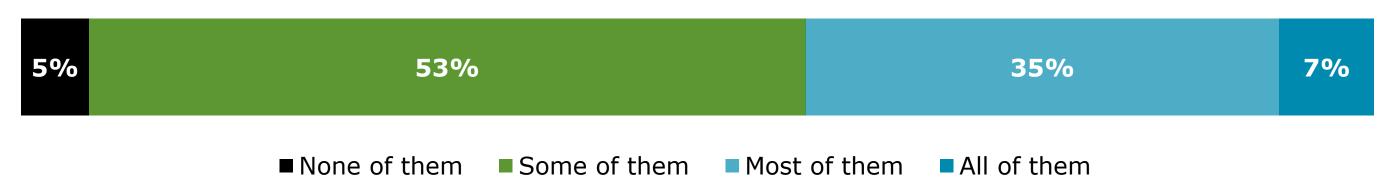


Welcoming community



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Thinking about your neighbours, how many of them do you know by name?



To what extent would you feel comfortable asking for help from one of your neighbours?



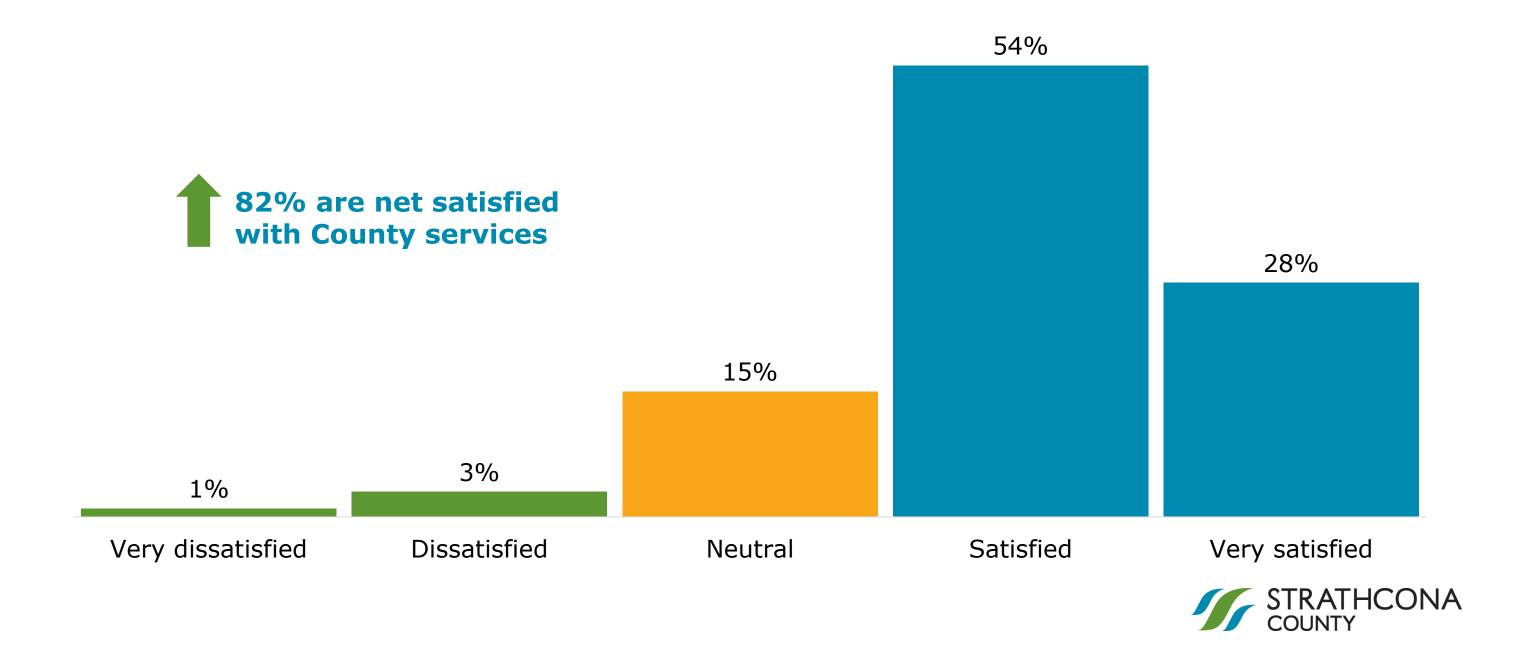


Service satisfaction

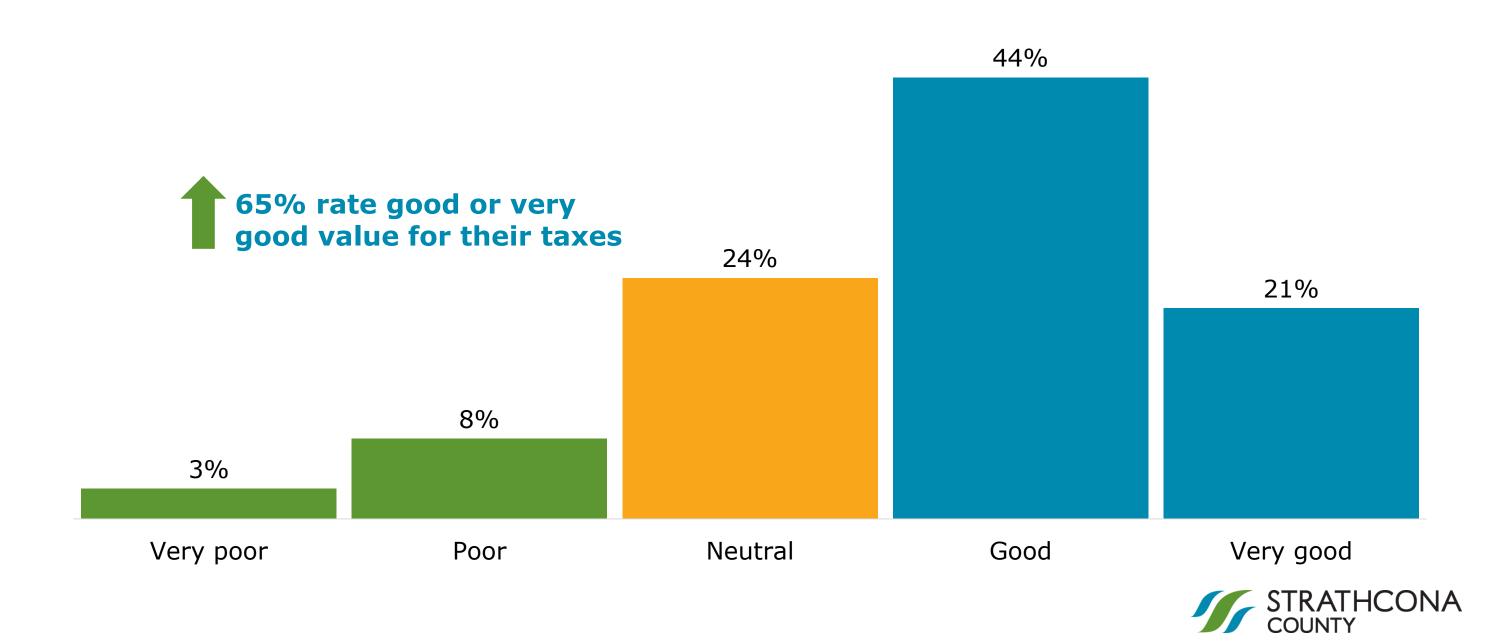




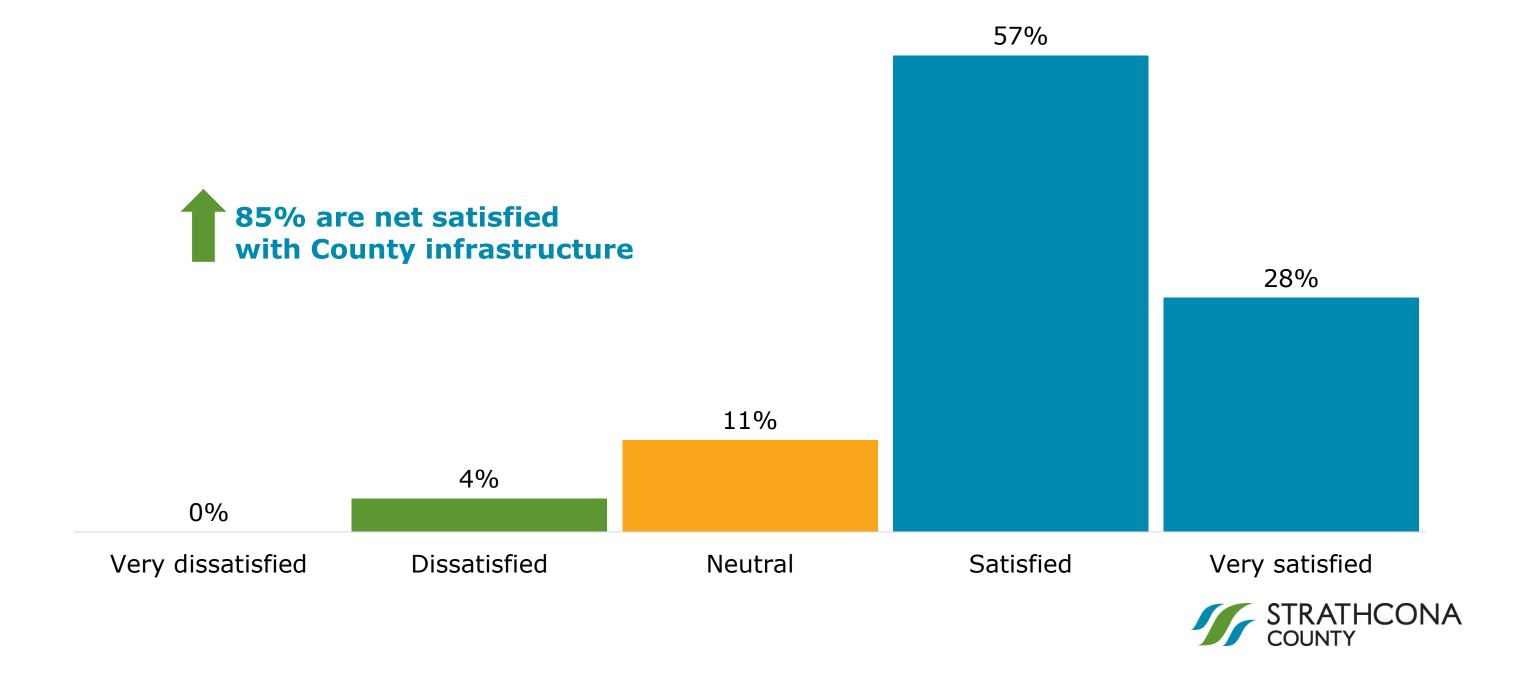
Overall service satisfaction



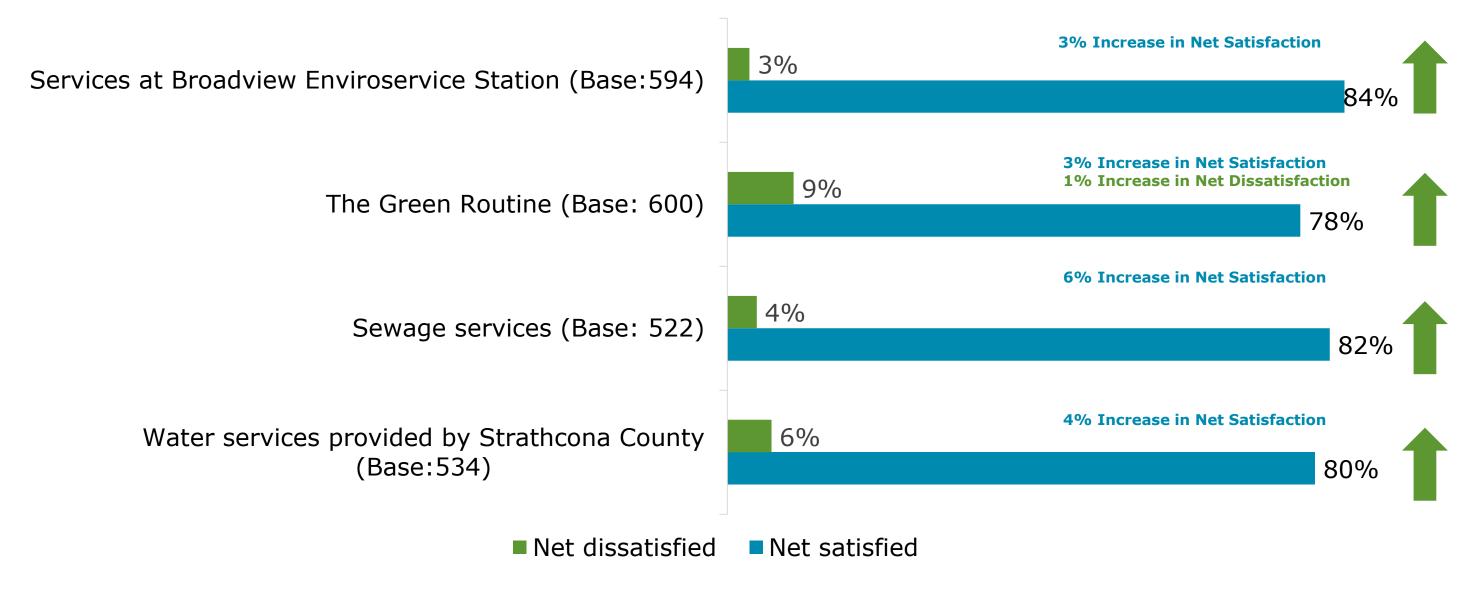
Value for services



Overall infrastructure satisfaction

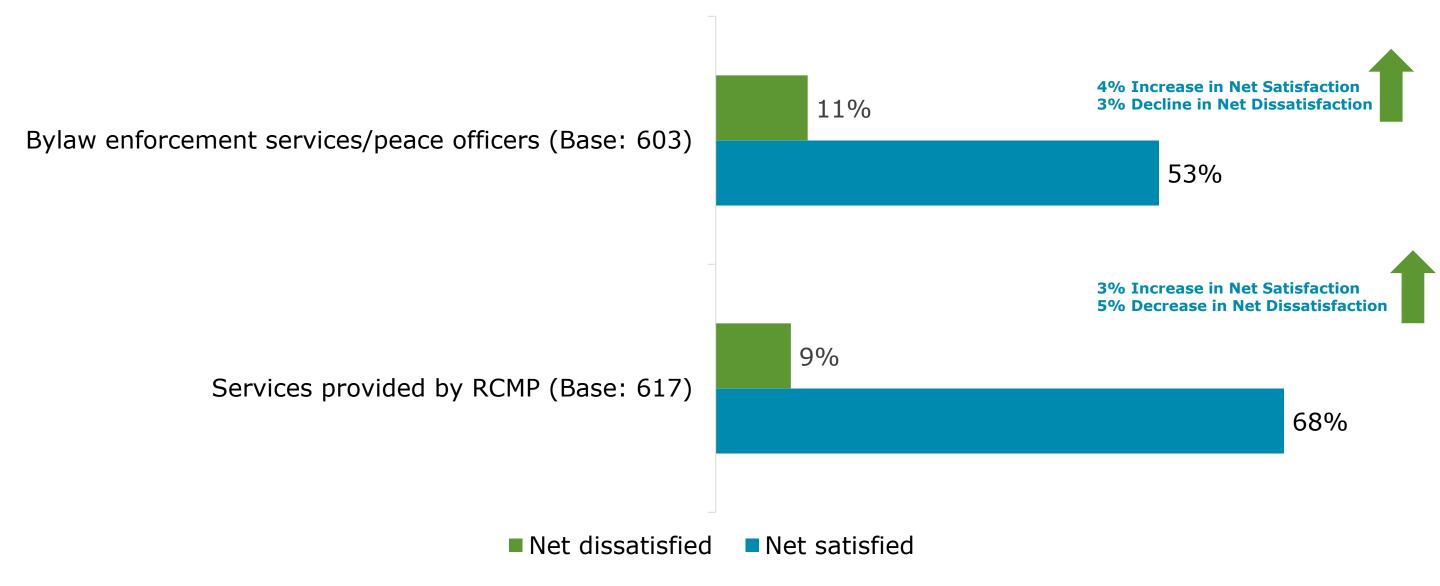


Utilities



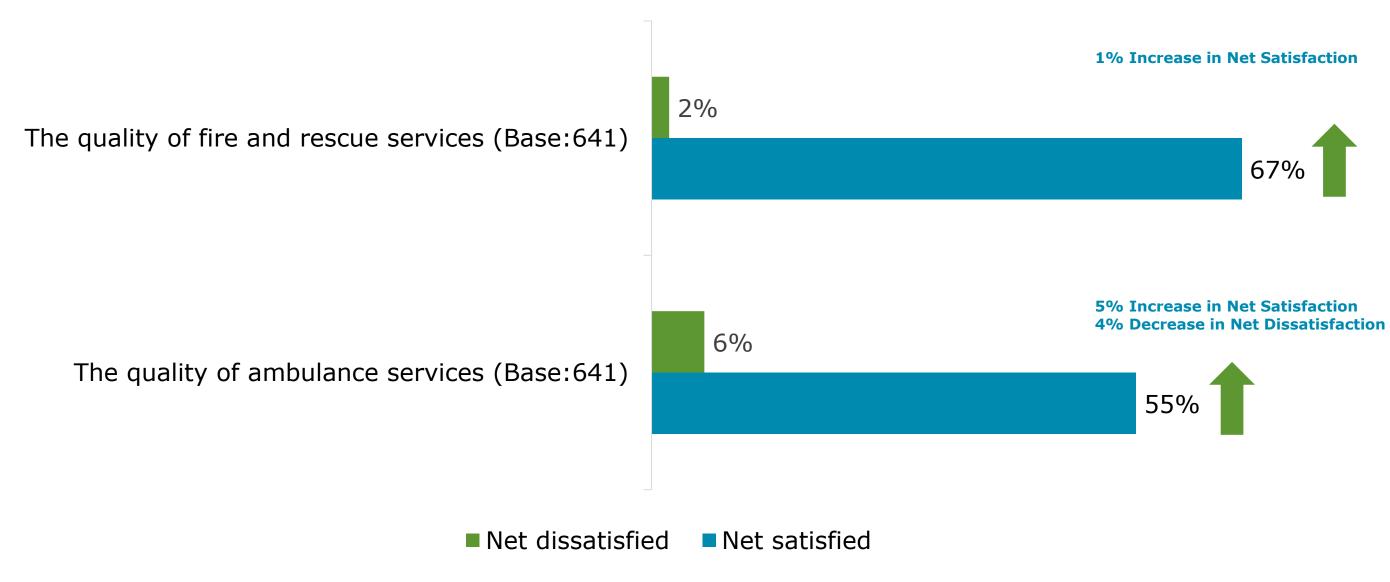


Enforcement Services



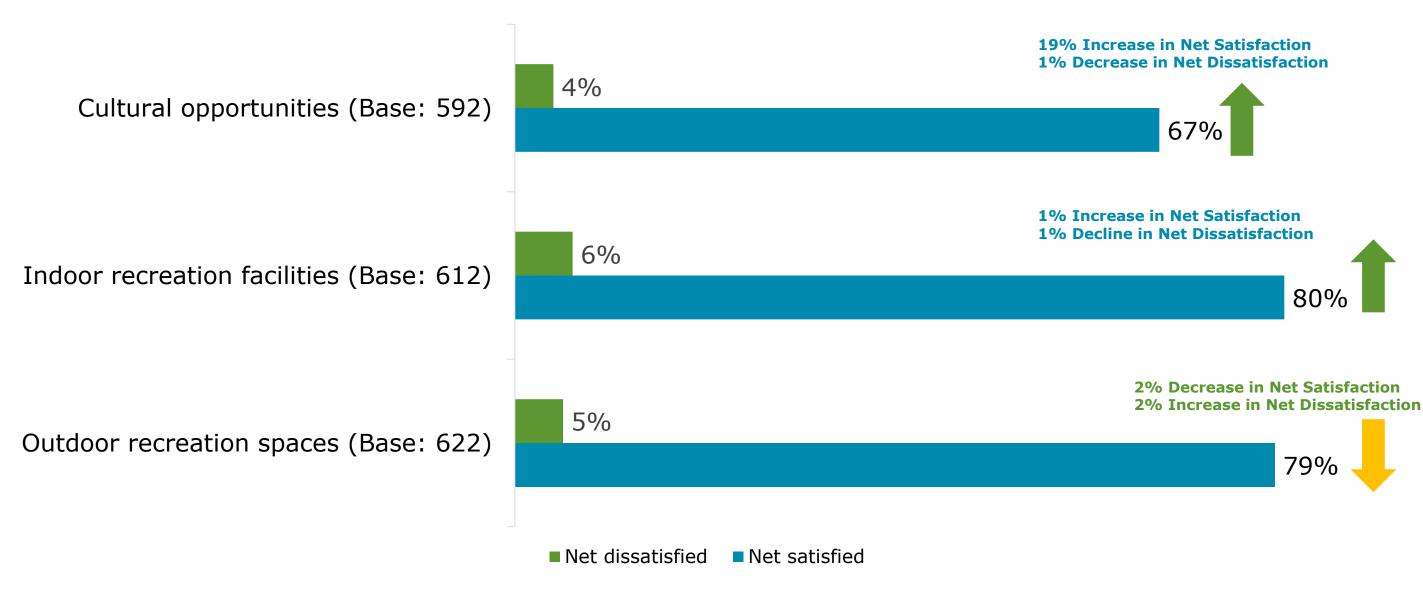


Emergency Services



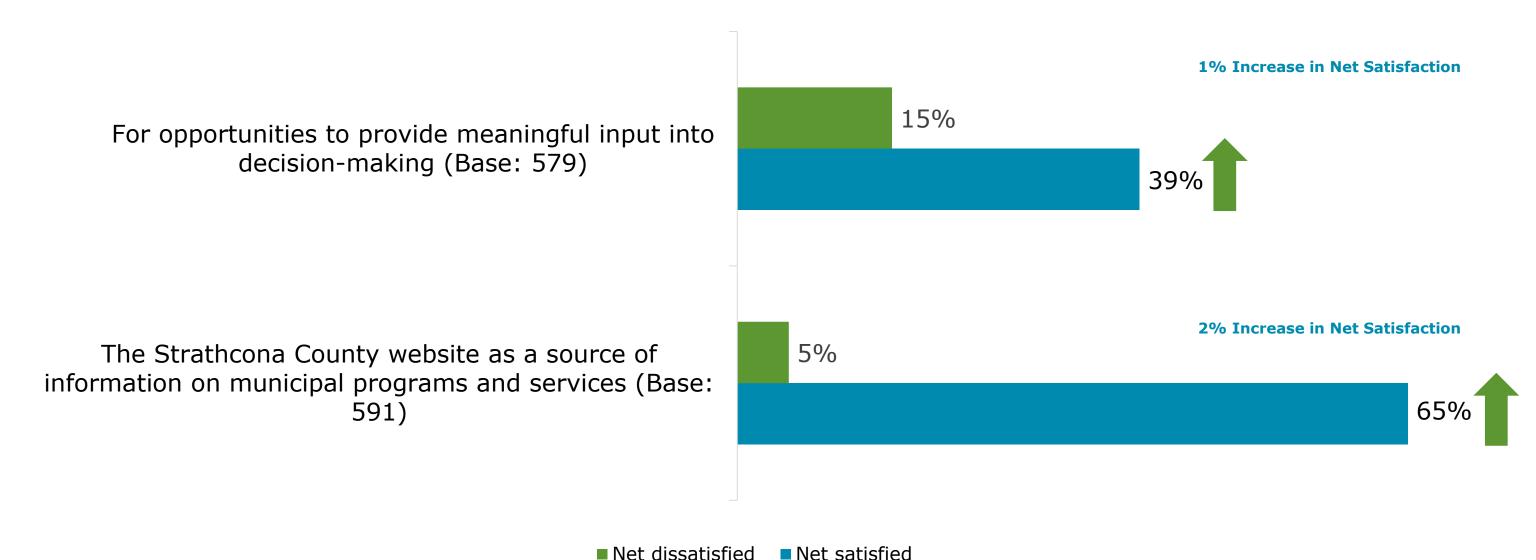


Recreation, Parks and Culture



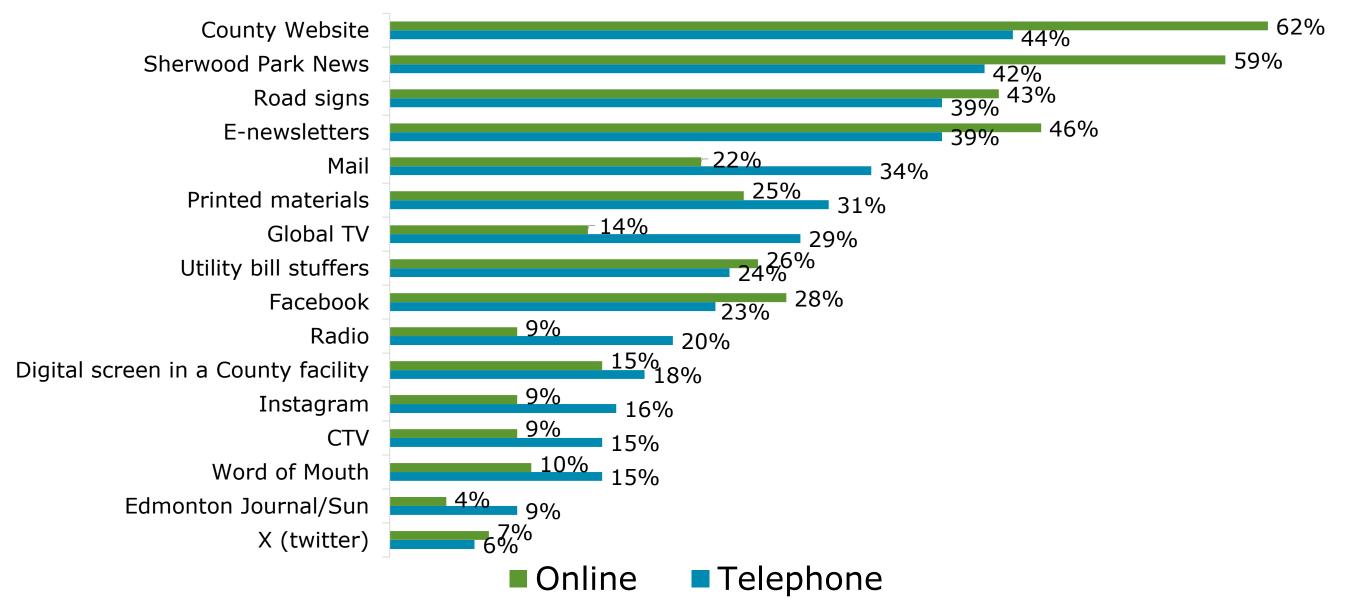


Communications



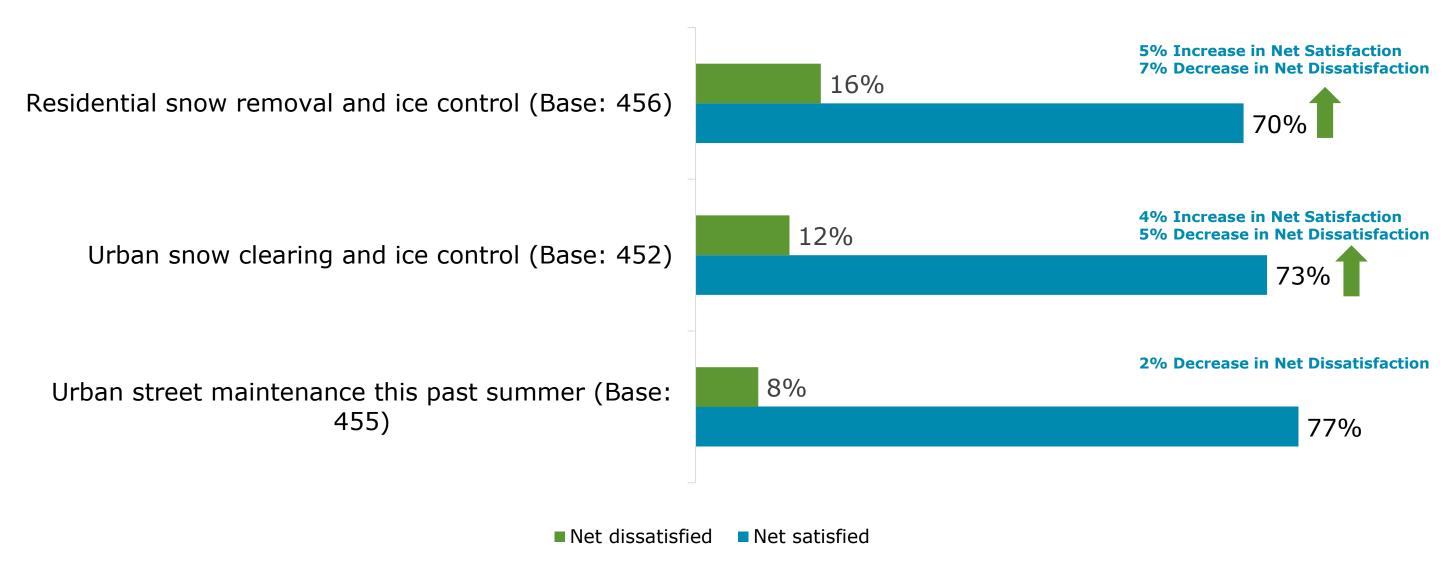


Communication preferences



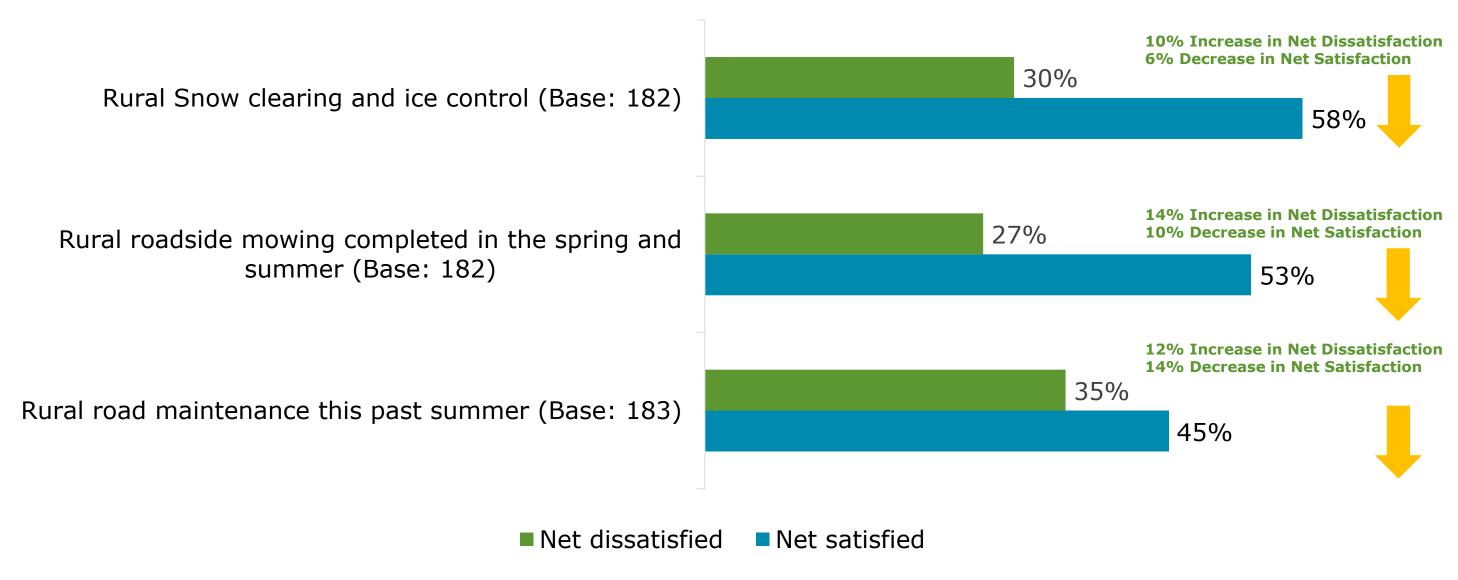


Urban snow clearing/road maintenance



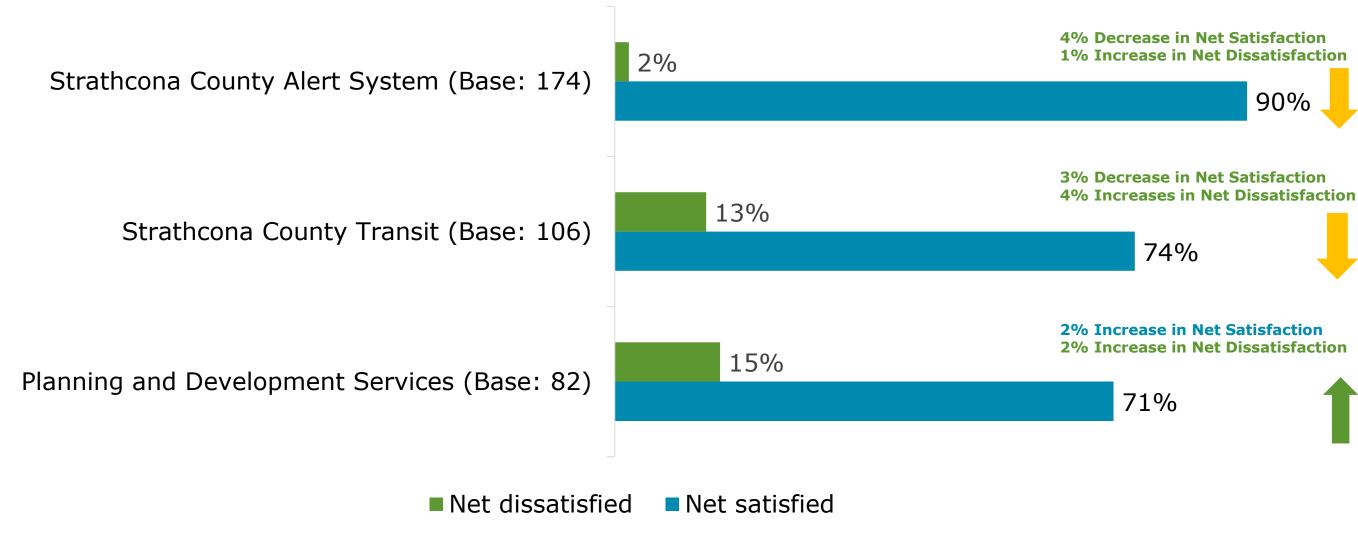


Rural snow/road maintenance





Planning and Development Services/Transit/Strathcona County Alerts





Conclusions



Key takeaways



Rural respondents continue to express less satisfaction with County services



Older respondents (55+) report higher levels of service satisfaction and quality of life than younger cohorts

Hot topics

- Affordability
- Population growth and development
- Recreation infrastructure
- County fiscal health



Key takeaways

Factors that contribute to dissatisfaction



Urban/rural division Crowth





Increasing cost of living

Factors that contribute to satisfaction



Community safety



Urban amenities



Service quality relative to taxes and neighbouring municipalities



Summary



Satisfaction is generally up across almost every quality of life category compared to 2022.



95% quality place to live (up from 93%)



85% infrastructure satisfaction (up from 80%)



82% overall service satisfaction (up from 77%)



76% welcoming community (up from 71%)



65% value for services (up from 62%)



Questions?

