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The City of Fort Collins Community Survey

Presentation of Results 2026

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2026 Community Survey Overview



Annual consumer report card for the City.

Residents rate their quality of life in the city and satisfaction with amenities and local government.

- 17th year of conducting scientific survey.
- Conducted April 21 – May 31, 2026.
- Informs strategic master plans, operational & department objectives, and the budget.
- Executive summary and full report available online.

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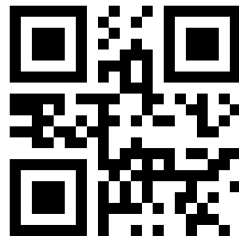


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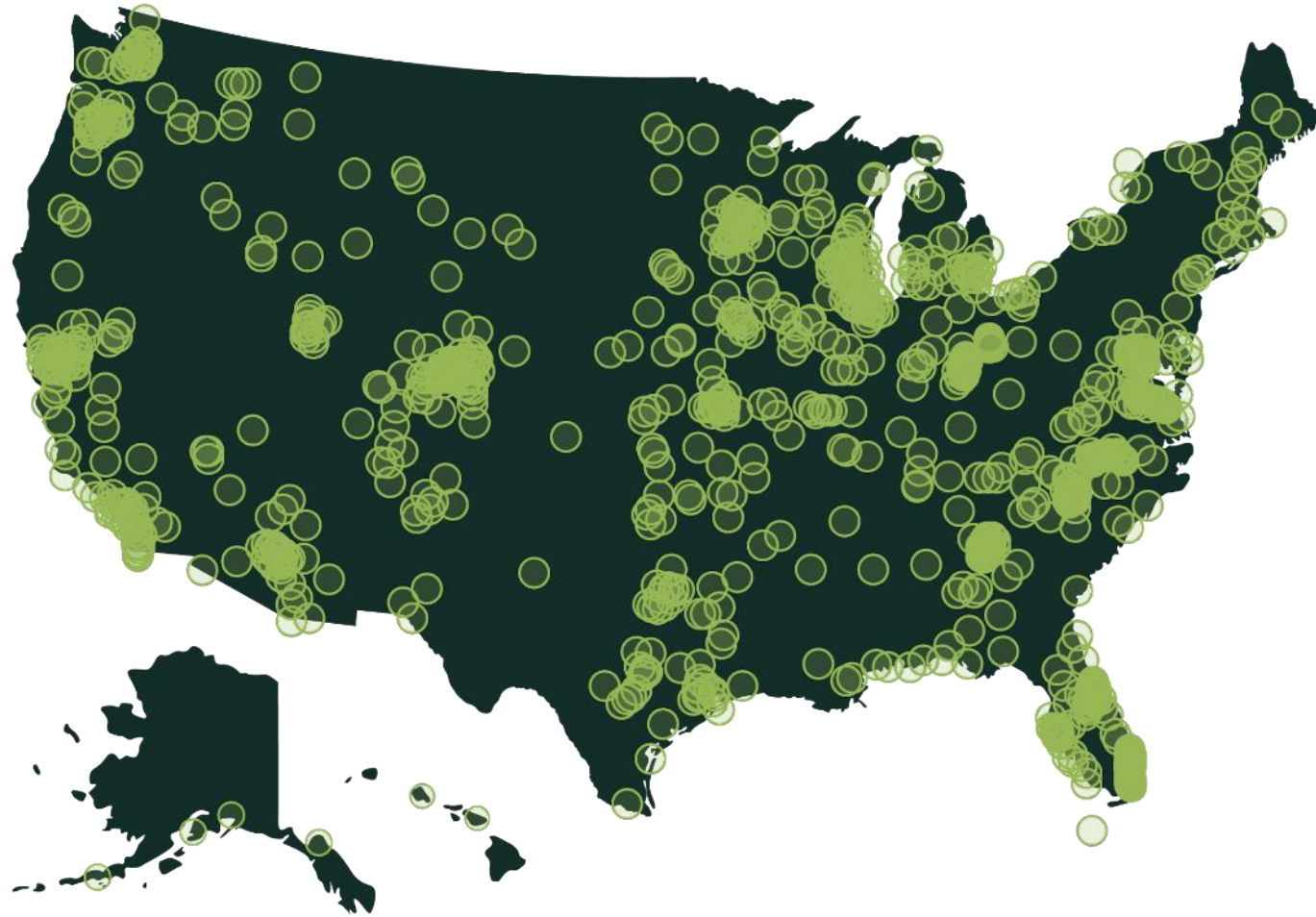
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More than **400**
comparison communities
across the nation.

Representing the opinions
of more than **50 million**
residents.

Outreach approach:

- Probability-based random sample of 4,400 households
 - postcard invitation (with online link and QR)
 - paper survey with postage paid return envelope
 - 537 total responses received (199 paper + 338 online)
- Open participation link shared by City: 363 responses

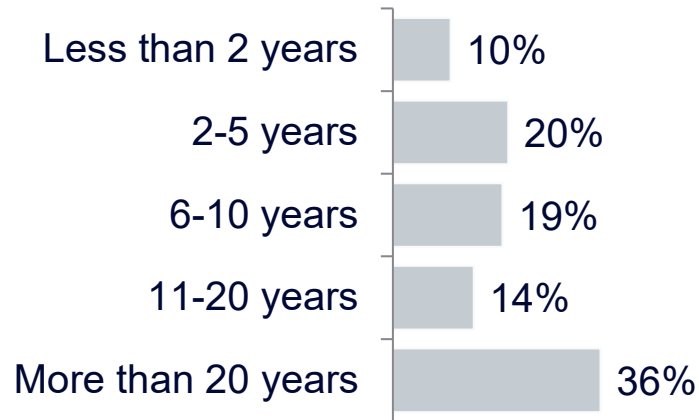
900 Survey Respondents

- Survey available in English and Spanish
- Statistically weighted to reflect Fort Collins
- **± 3% margin of error** (95% confidence interval)
- Differences between 2026 and 2025 are statistically significant if they are **±3%** or more.

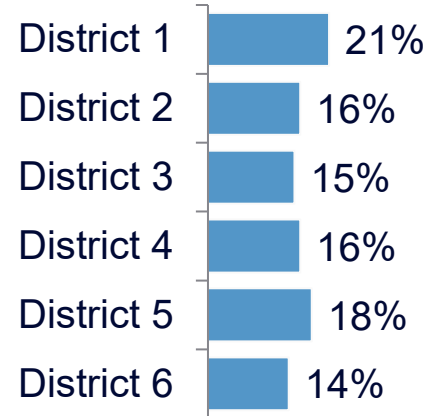


Respondents Demographics

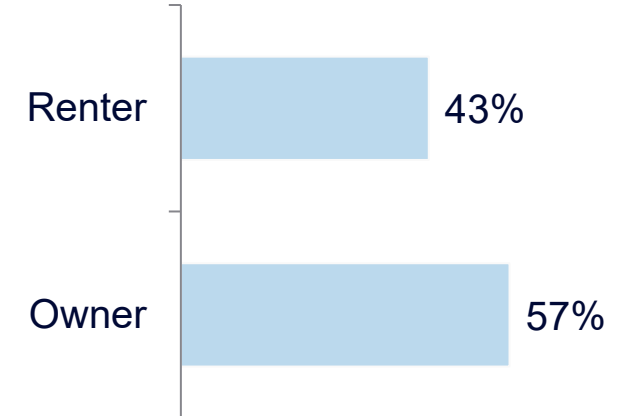
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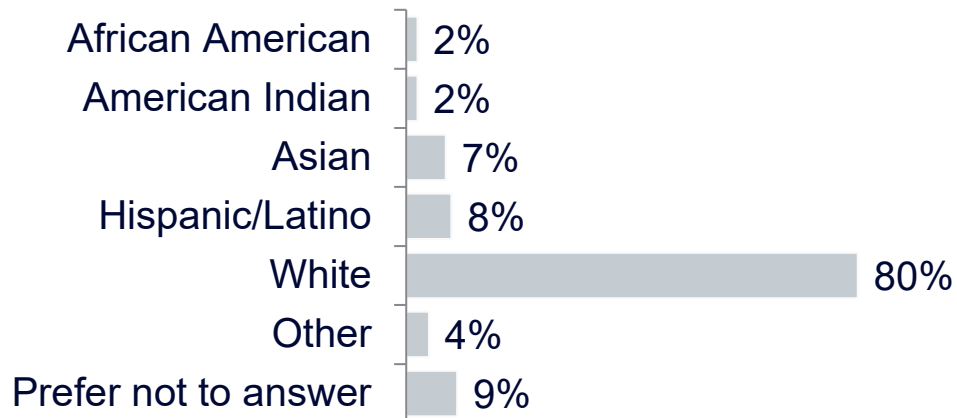
District of Residency



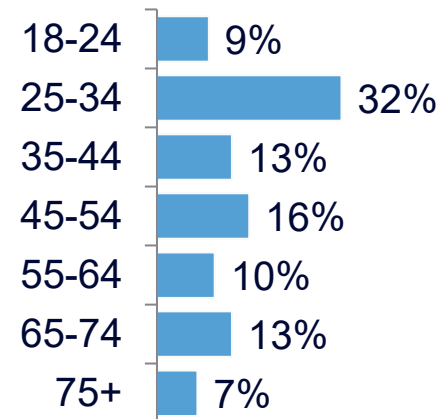
Tenure



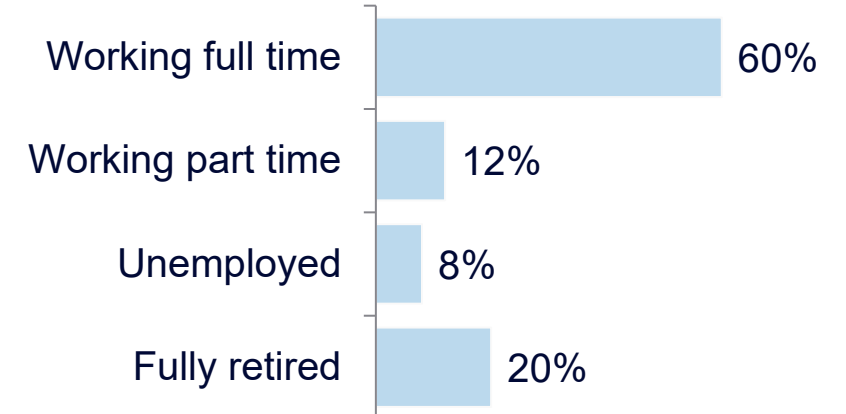
Race / Ethnicity



Age Group



Employment Status





Overview of Survey Results

Comparisons to National Benchmarks



Comparisons to Front Range Benchmarks





1

Affordability and sustainable growth

Promote affordability and sustainable growth by making development predictable, efficient and cost-effective.

2

A thriving economy

Bolster a thriving economy, with a focus on small businesses, neighborhood centers, and quality job creation.

3

Accelerate progress toward Vision Zero

Eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2032 — with emphasis on the most vulnerable road users.

4

Long-term financial sustainability

Use public funds wisely and realign service levels with long-term financial capacity.

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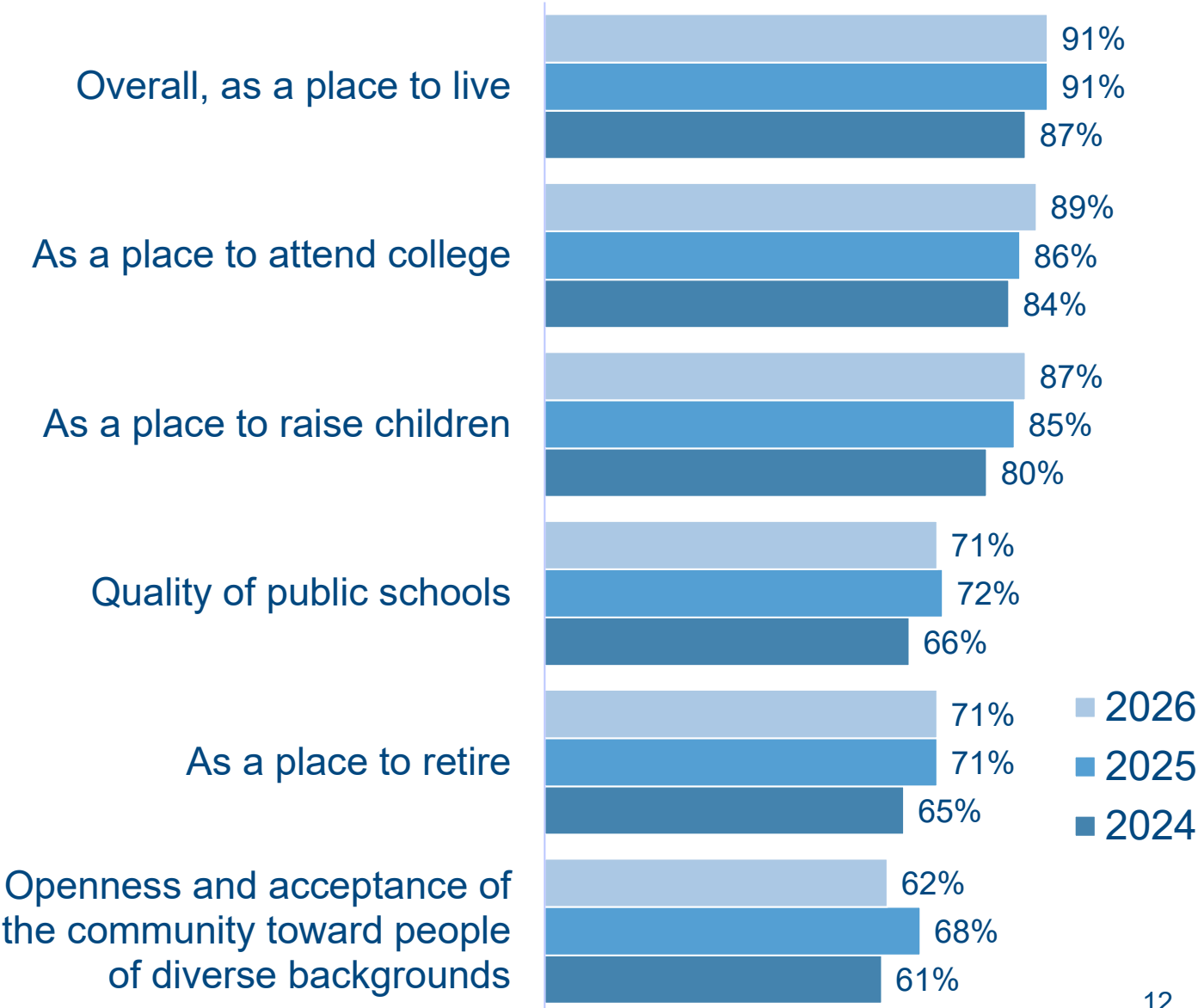
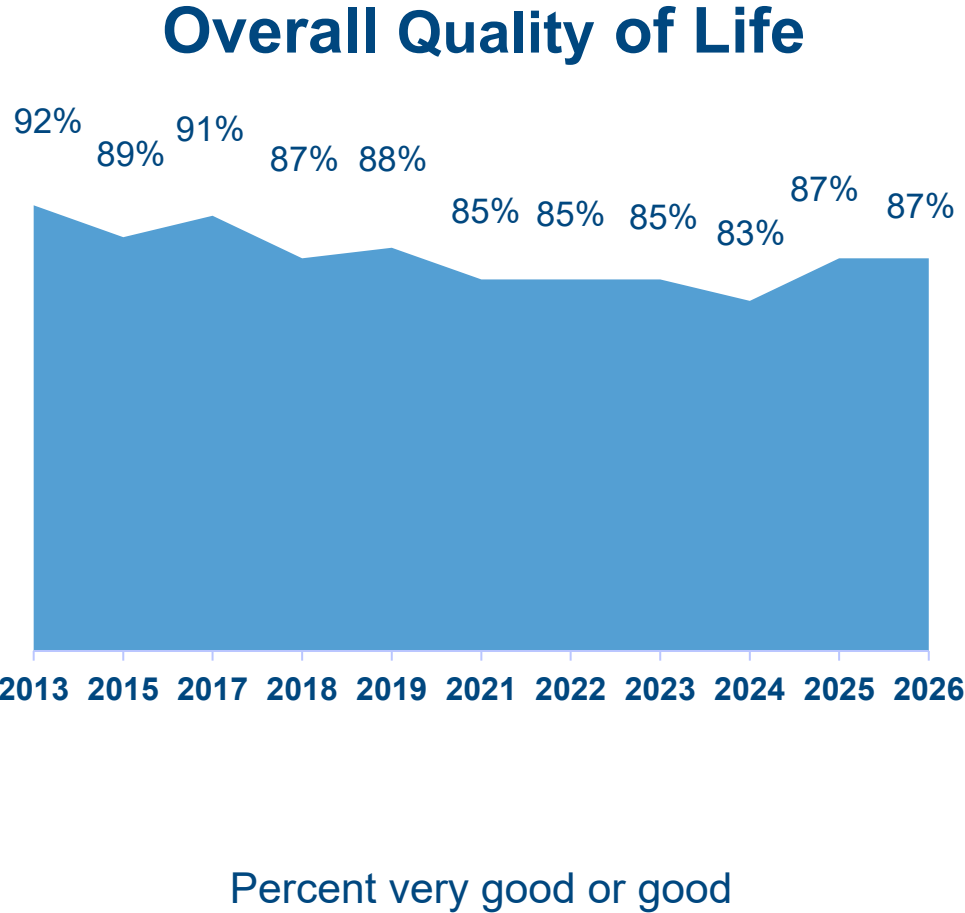
Connect community to Council actions

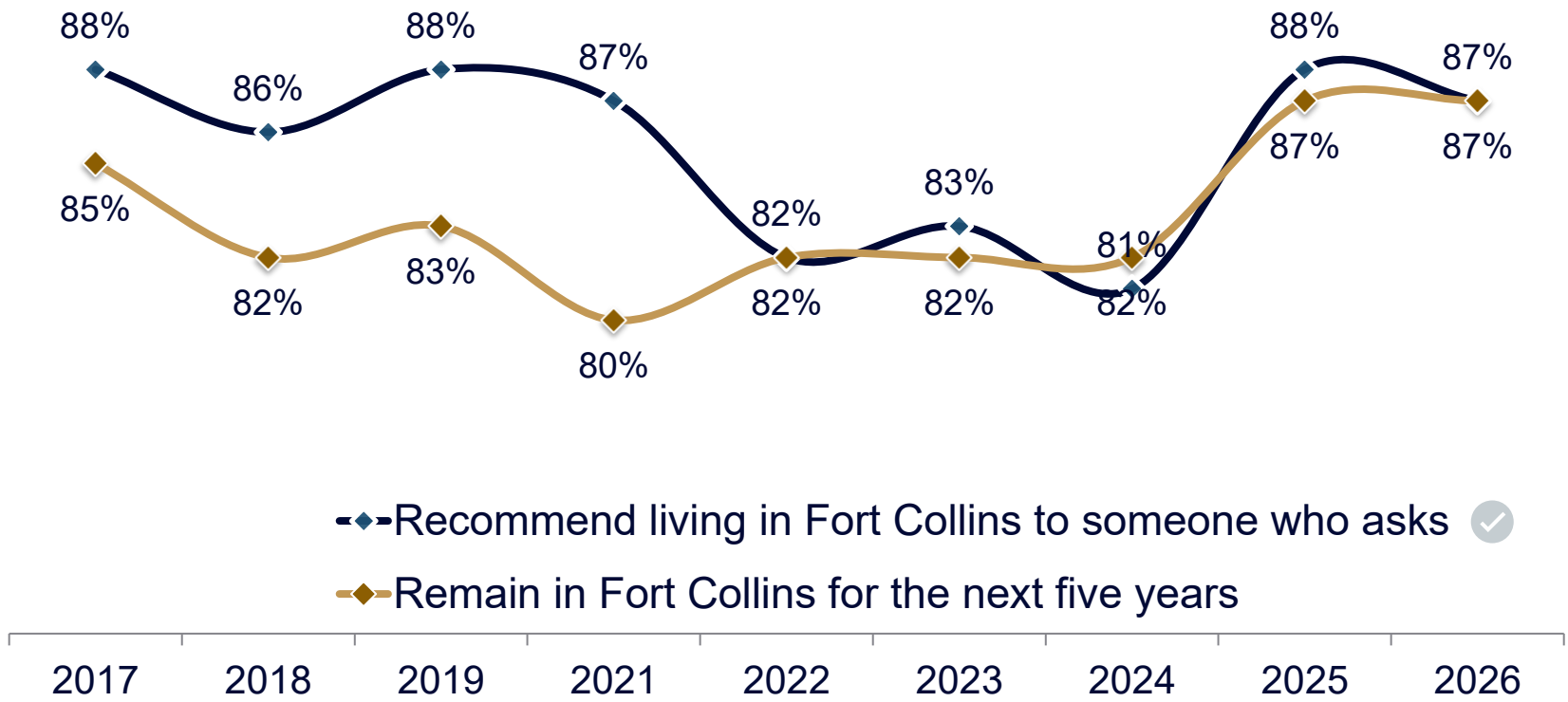
Proactive, accessible ways for everyone to stay informed and feel connected — before, during and after Council policy development.



Residents value living in Fort Collins, while affordability remains a challenge



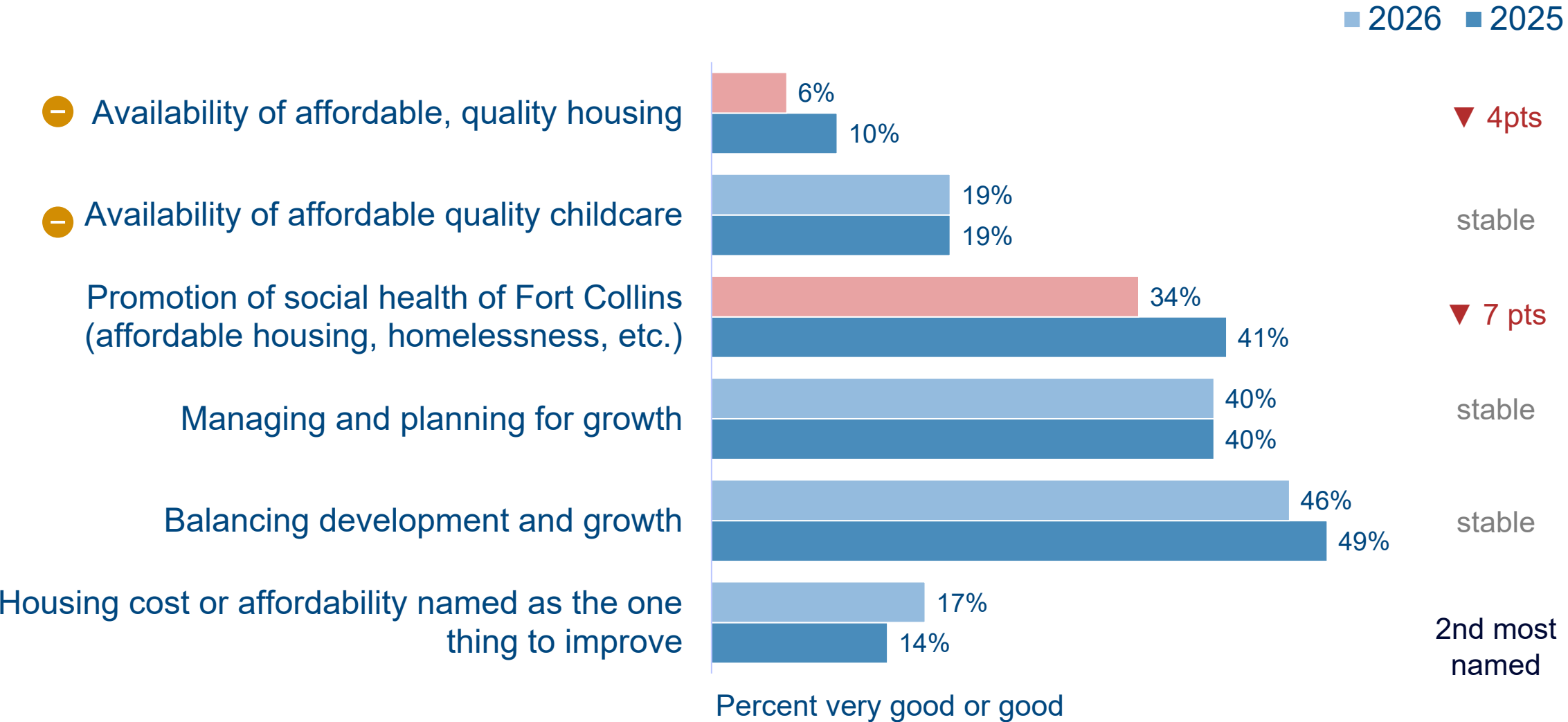




✓ Higher than the Front Range benchmark



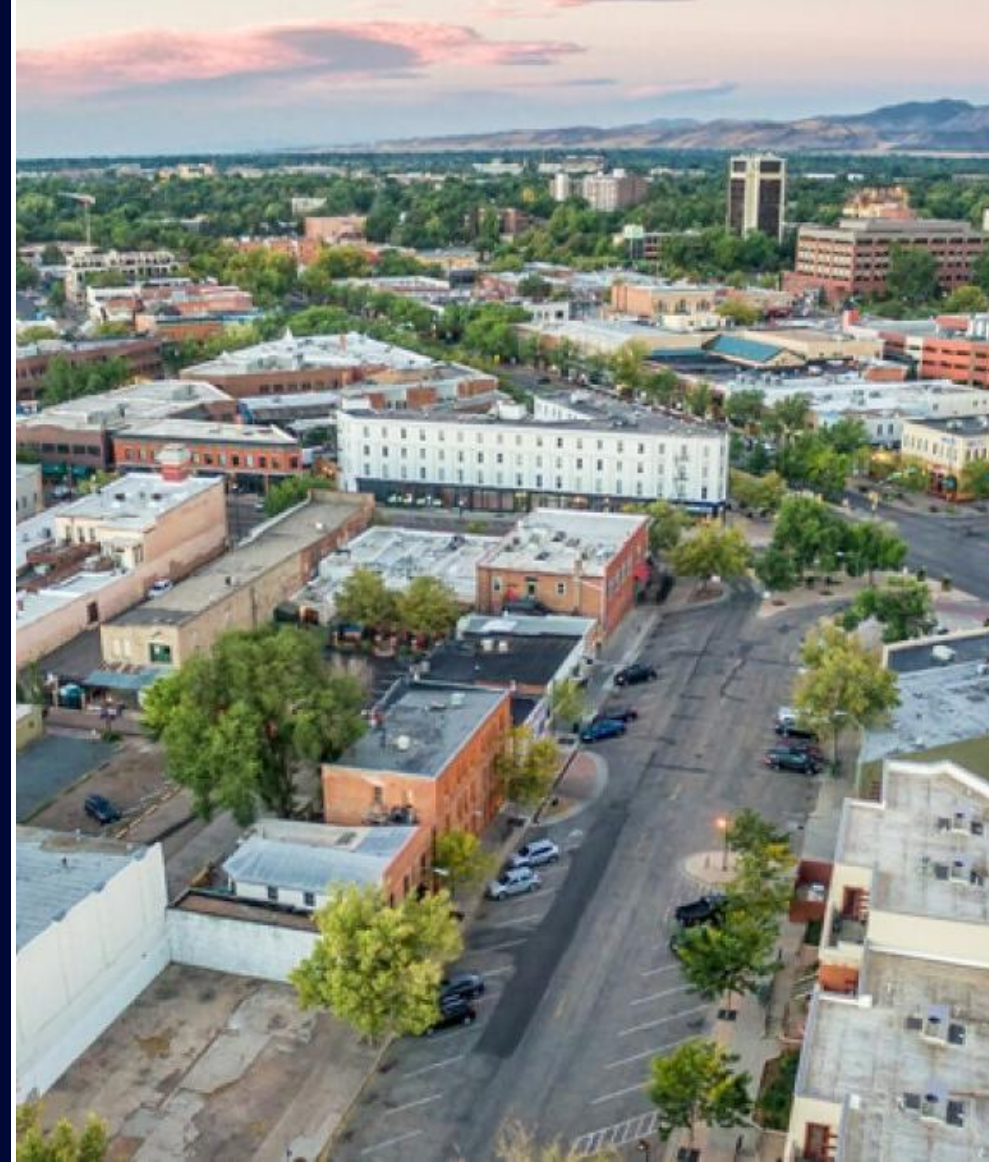
Priority 1 — Affordability and sustainable growth



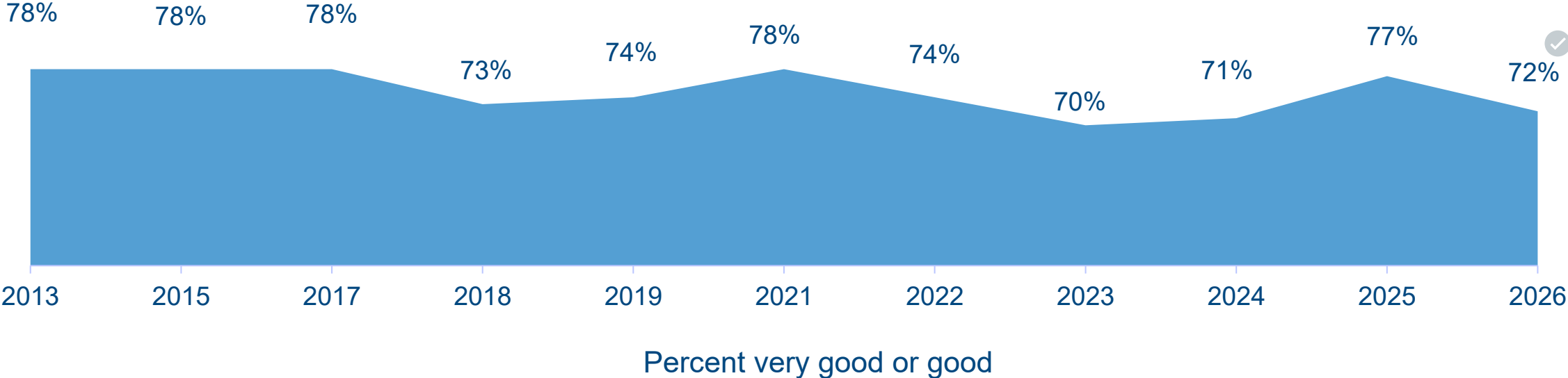
— Lower than the National benchmark



**Economic ratings remain
stable despite ongoing
business concerns**

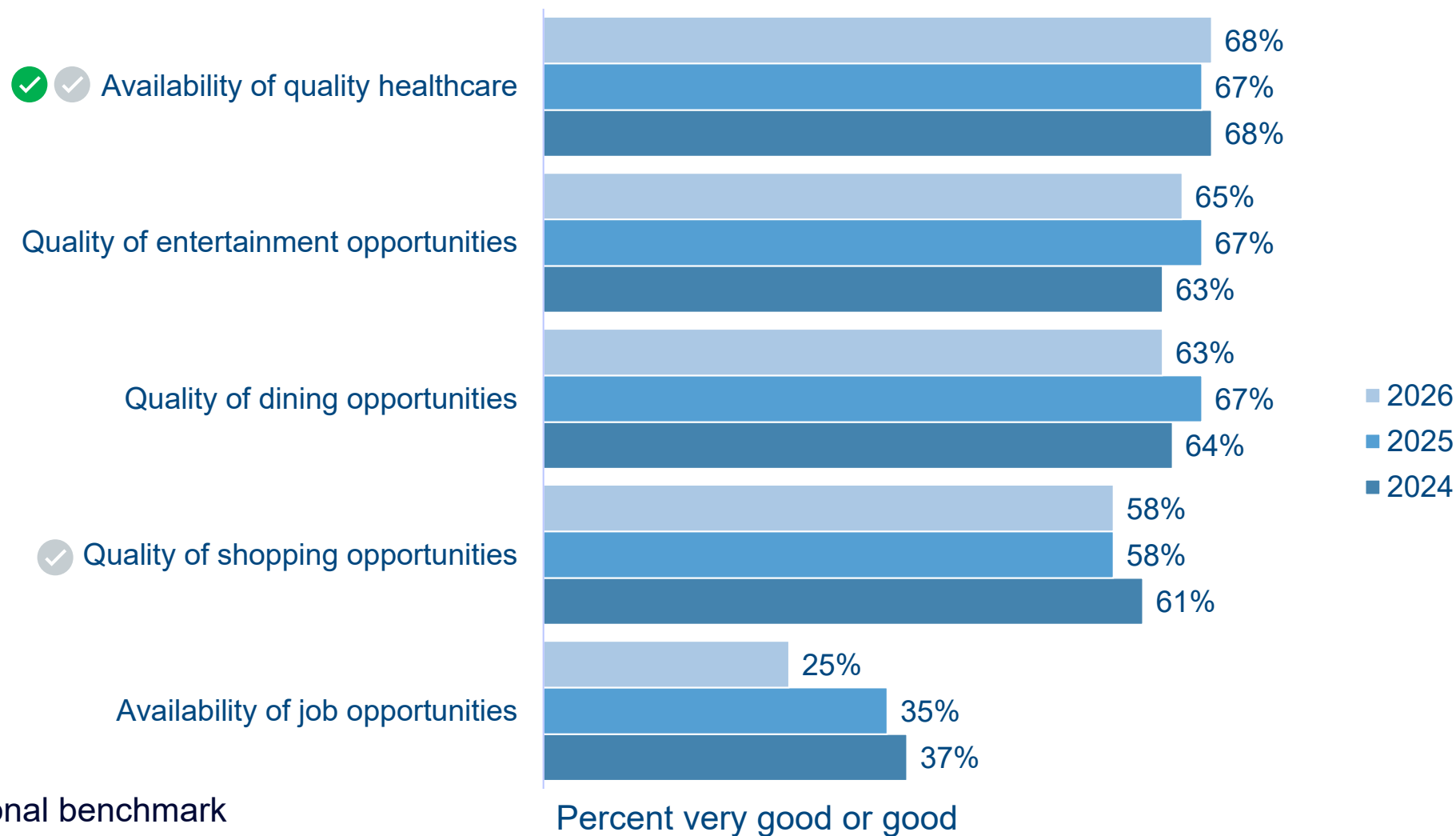


Ratings for Fort Collins as a Place to Work

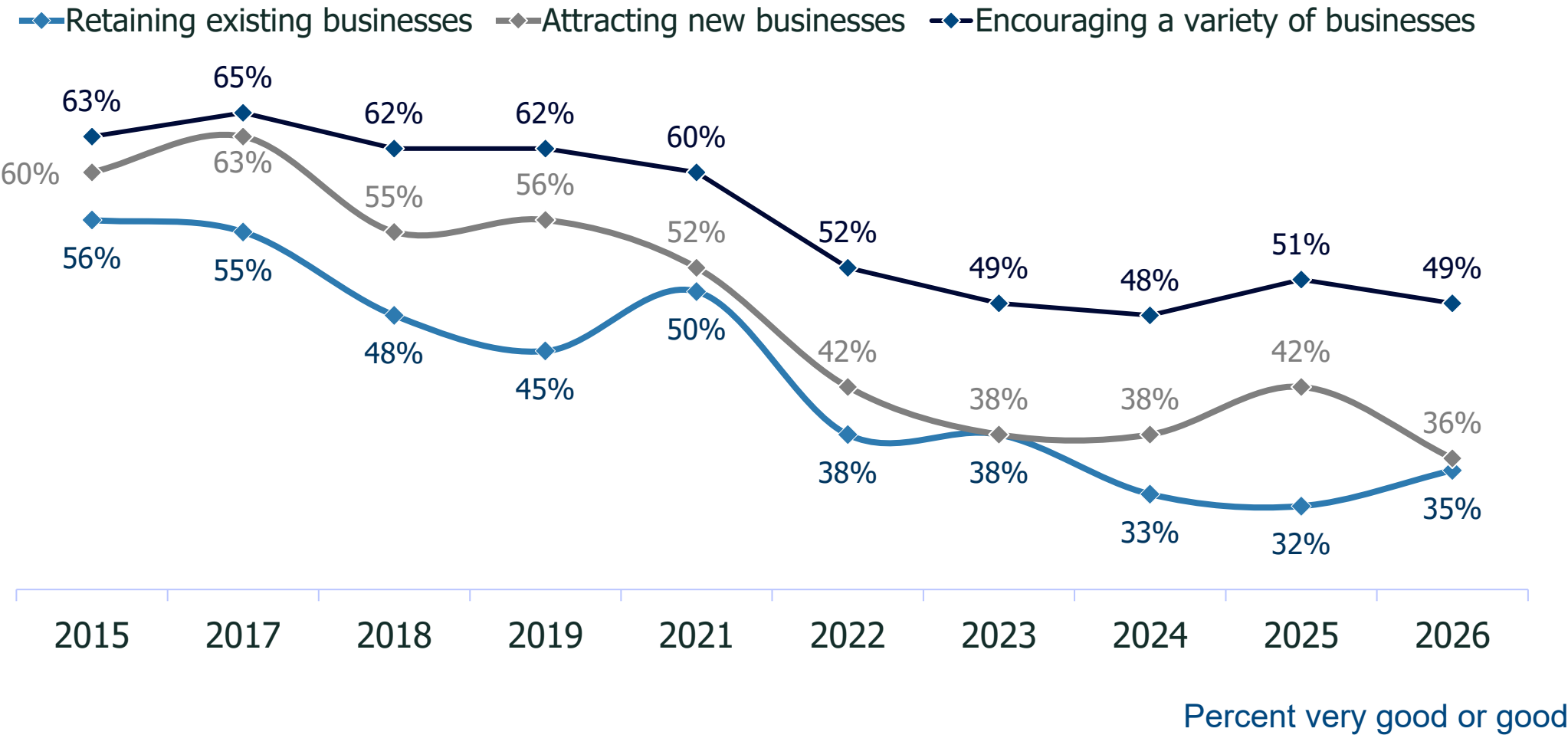


✓ Higher than the Front Range benchmark

Community Aspects of Economic Health

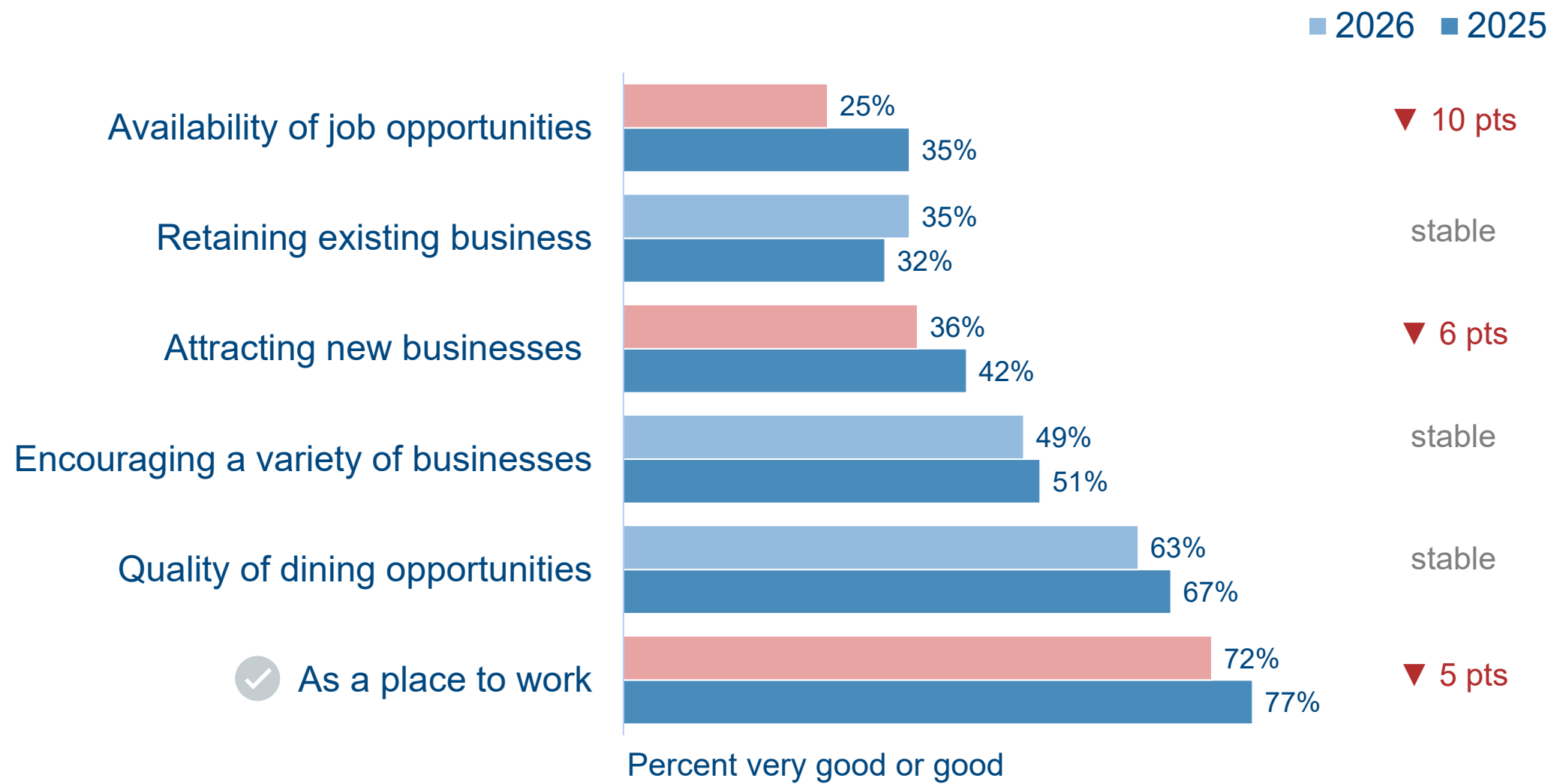


- ✓ Higher than the National benchmark
- ✓ Higher than the Front Range benchmark



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Priority 2 — Bolster a thriving economy



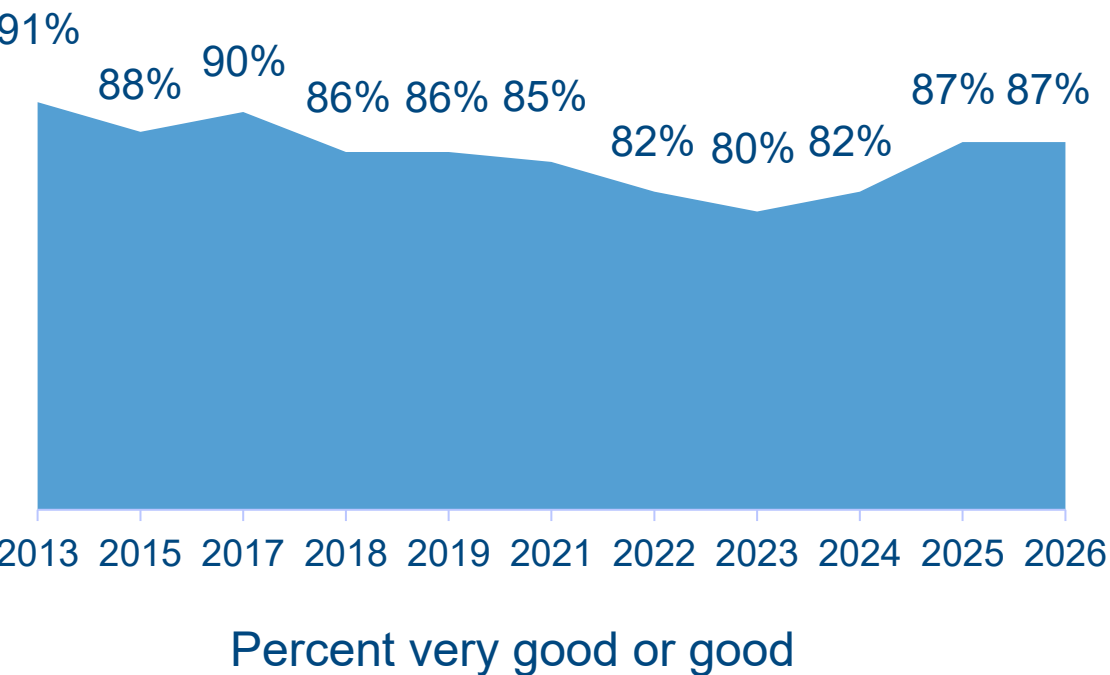
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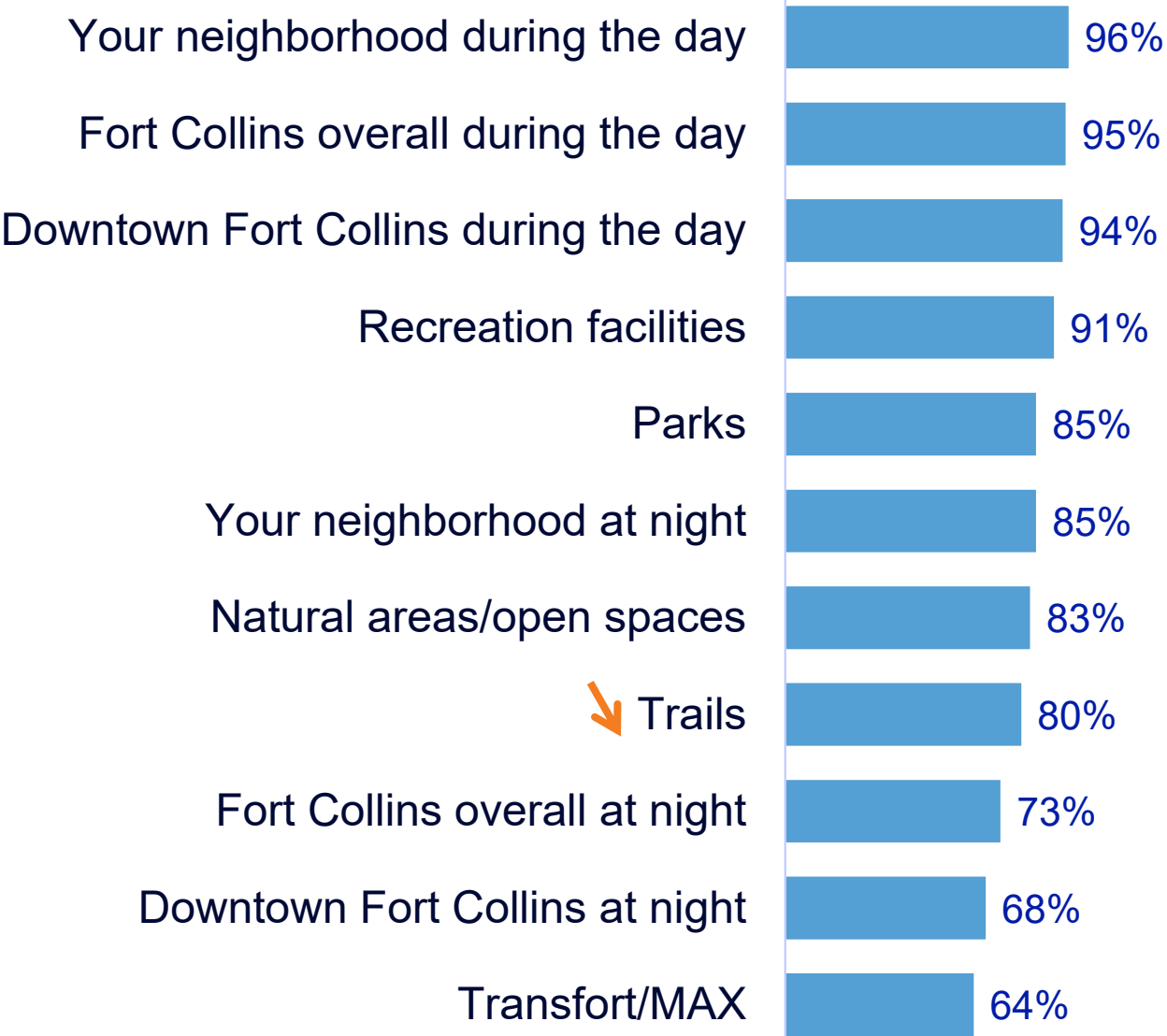
**Residents continue to
feel safe throughout
Fort Collins**



Overall feeling of safety in Fort Collins



↘ Statistically significant decrease



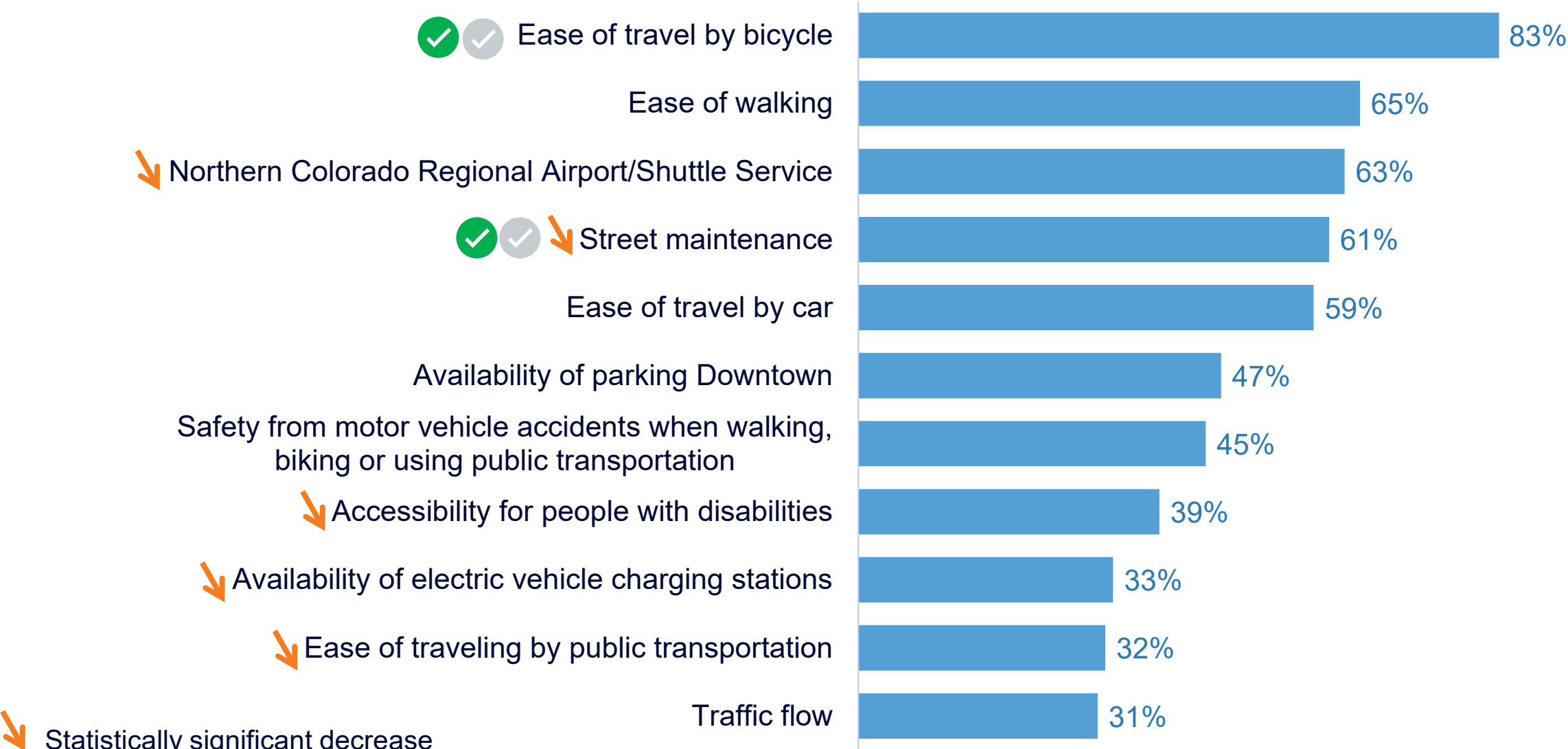
Percent always or usually safe



**Active travel leads
satisfaction, biking and
walking remain highly rated**



Transportation Ratings

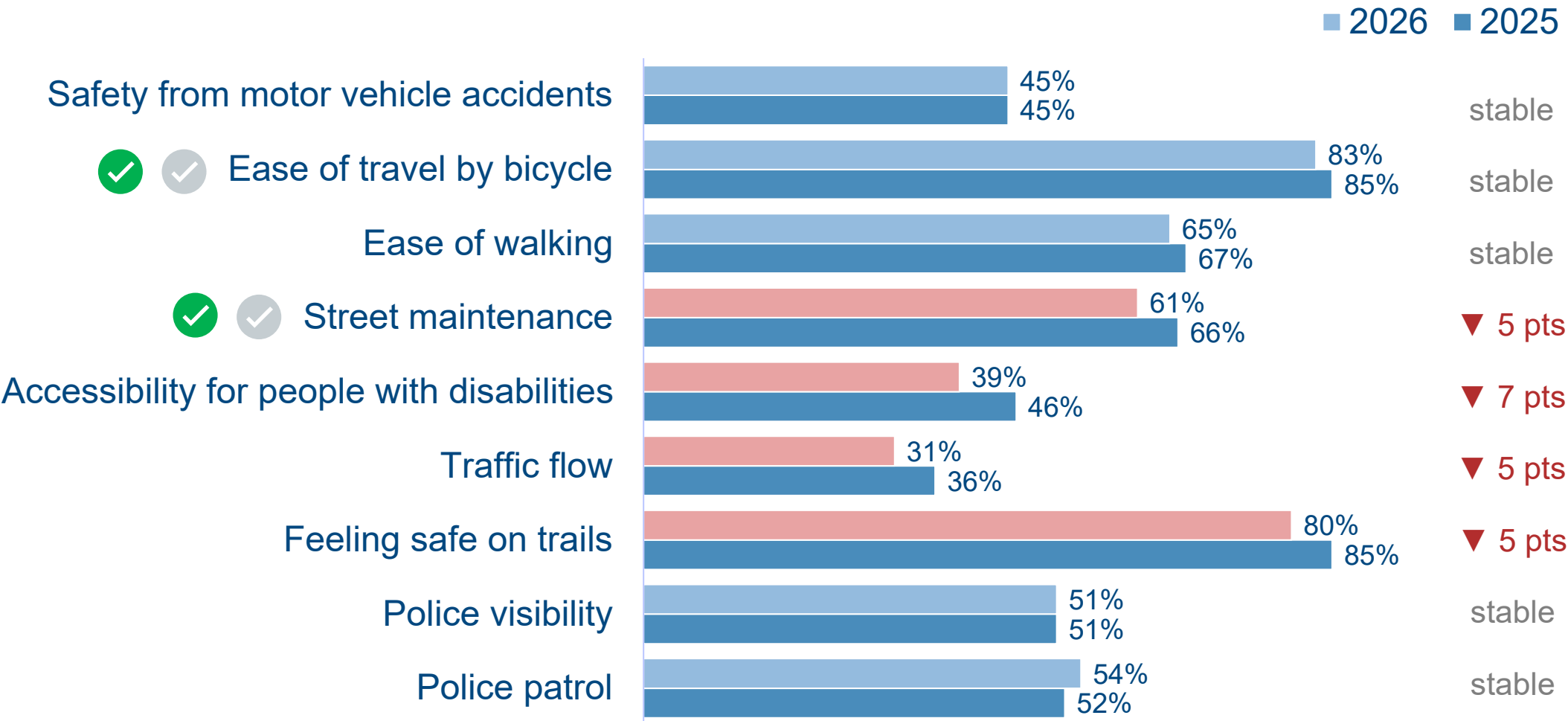


- Statistically significant decrease
- Higher than the Front Range benchmark
- Higher than the National benchmark

Percent very good or good



Priority 3 — Accelerate progress toward Vision Zero

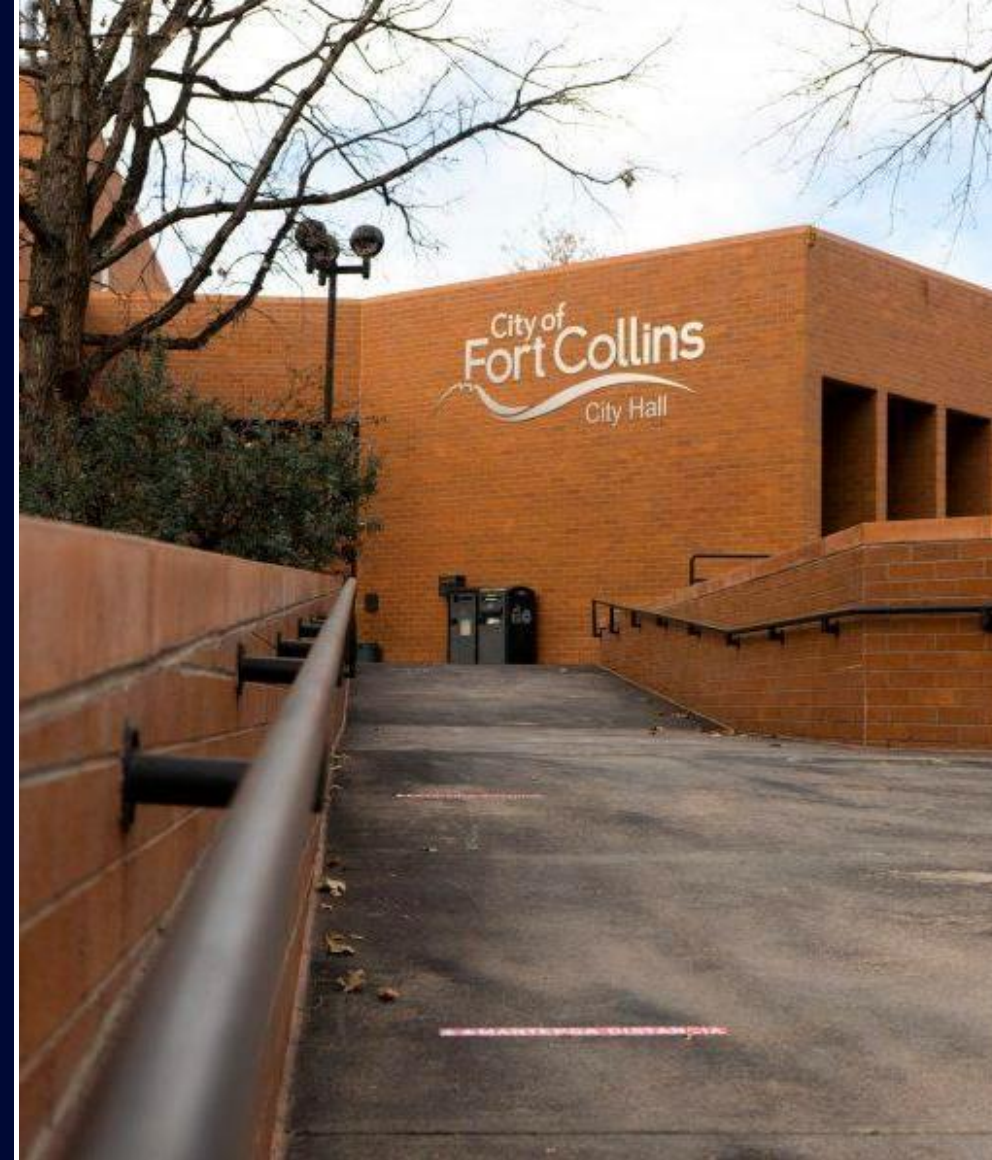


- ✓ Higher than the National benchmark
- ✓ Higher than the Front Range benchmark

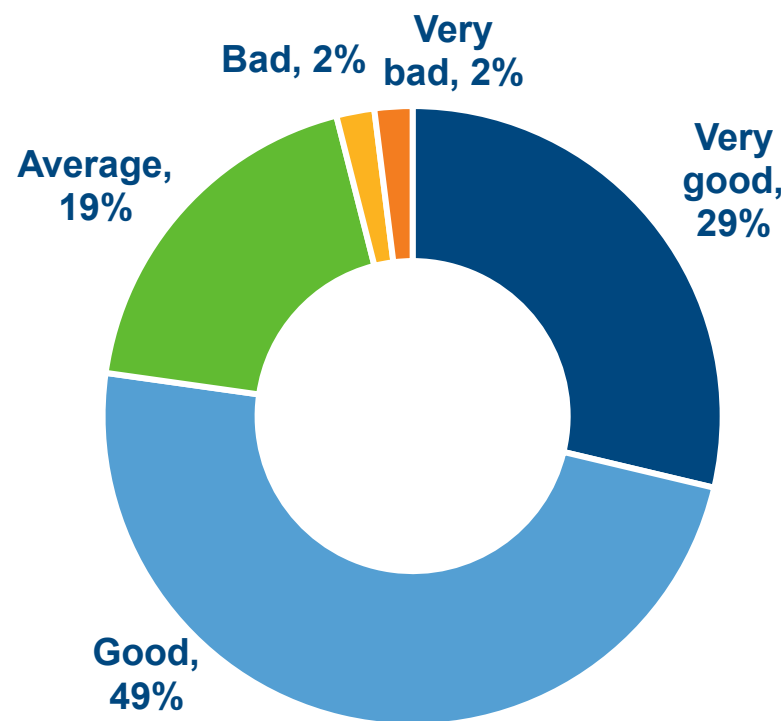
Percent very good or good / always or usually safe



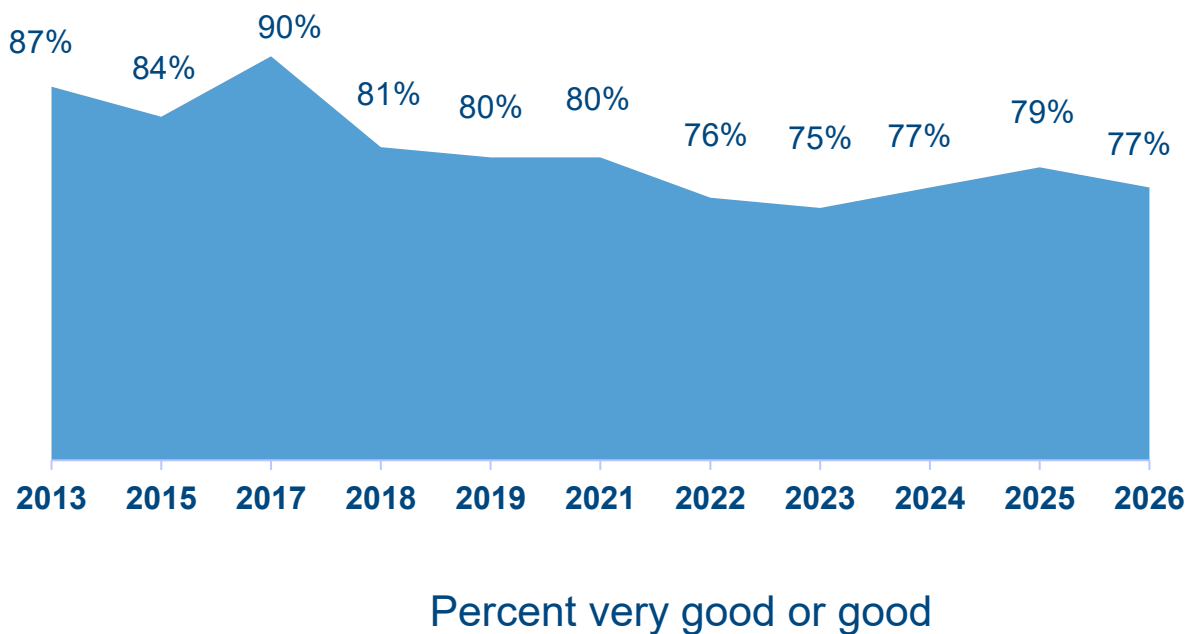
**Strong service delivery
continues across City
operations**



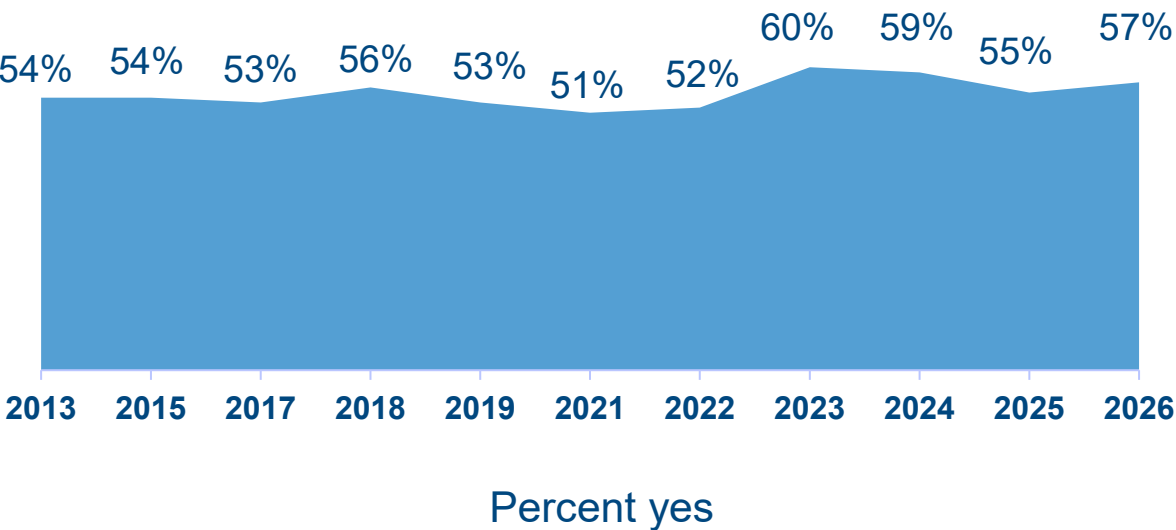
Overall Quality of City Services



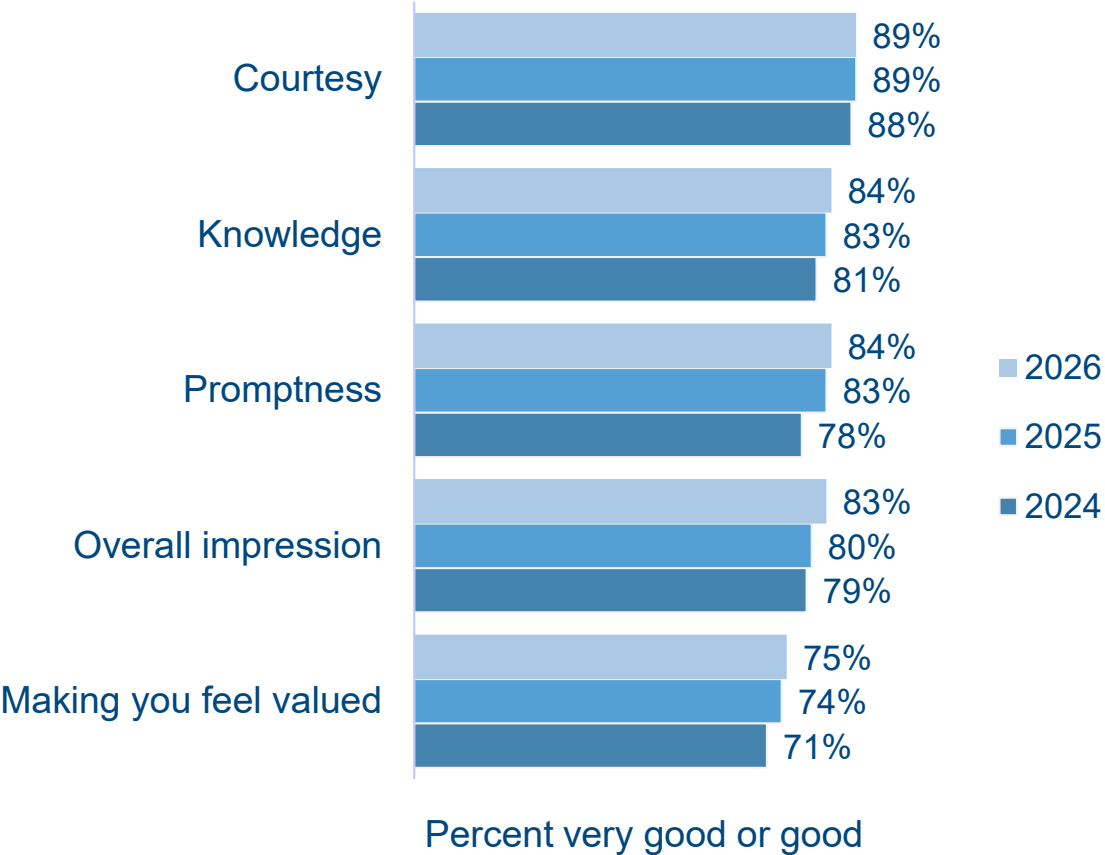
Overall Quality of City Services by Year

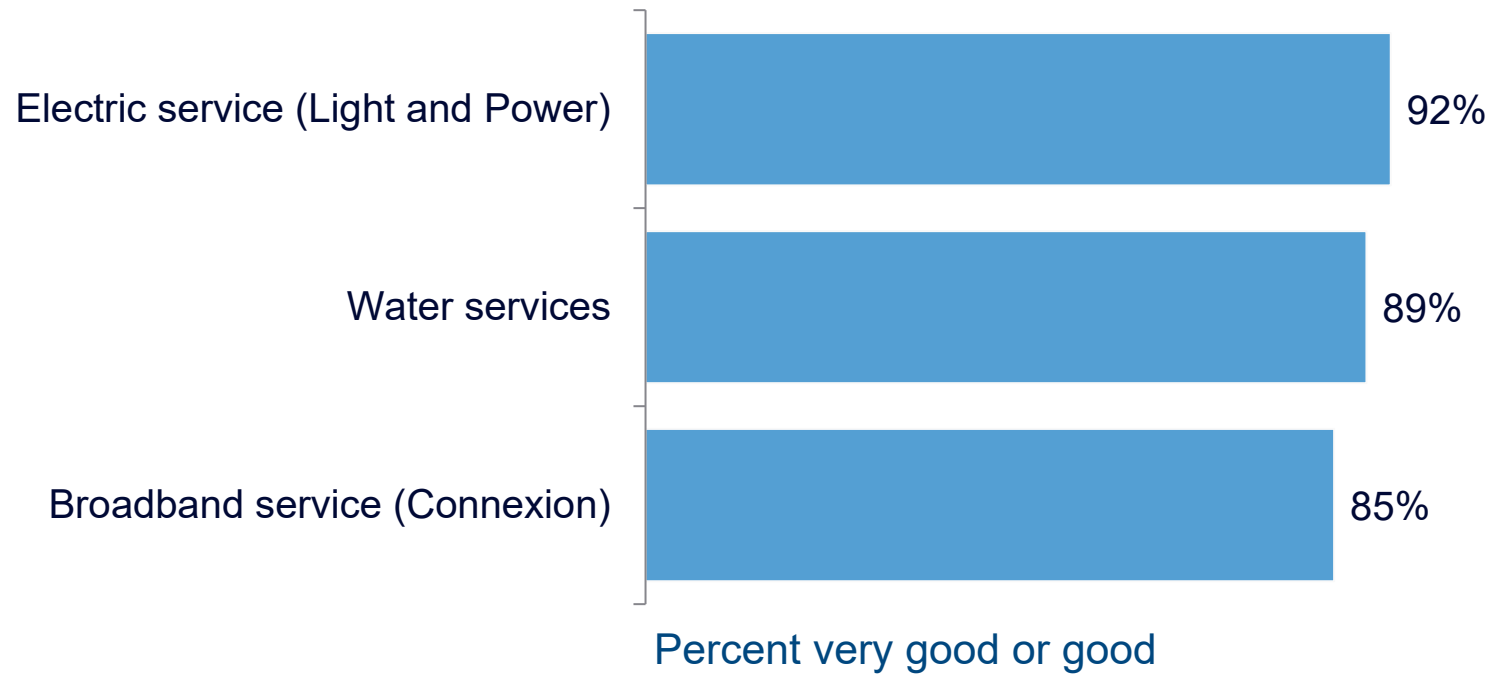


Contact with City Employees by Year



Users Ratings of City Employees by Year



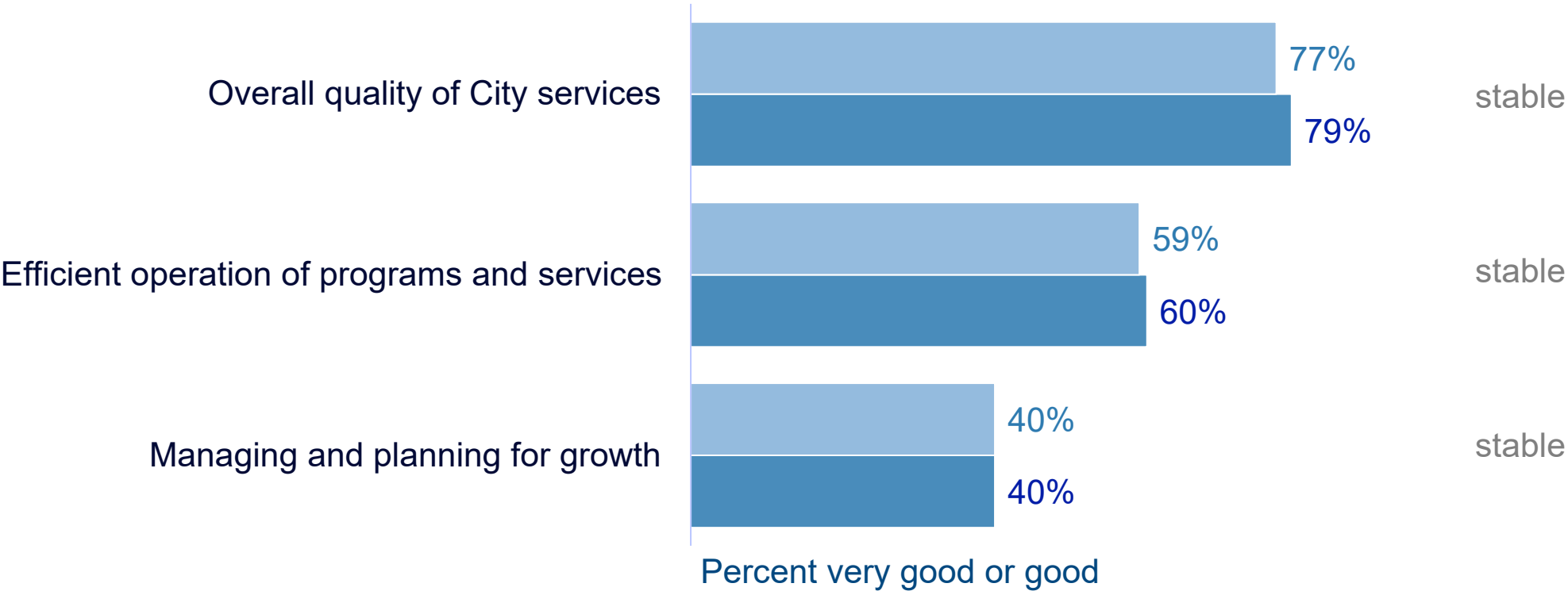




Priority 4 — Long-term financial sustainability

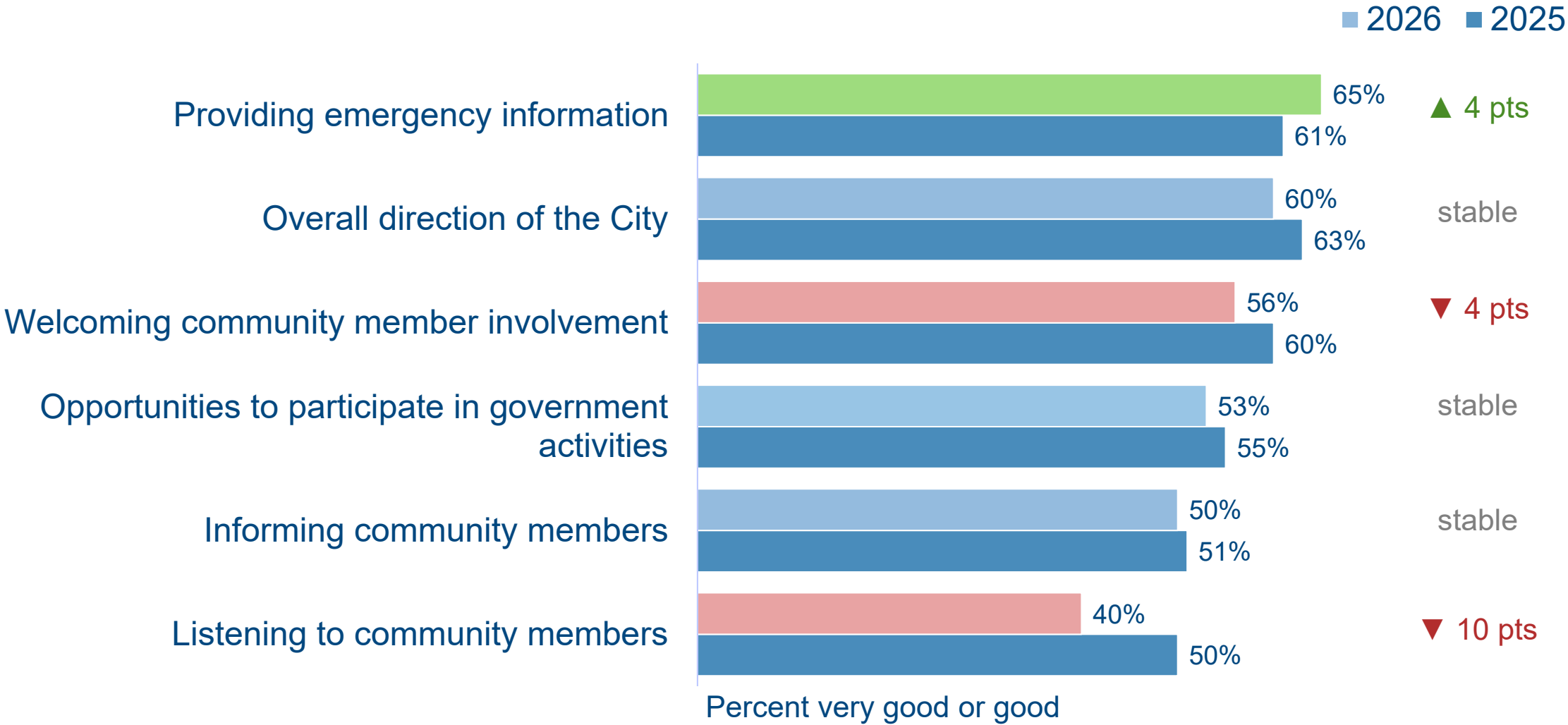
ARE RESIDENTS GETTING VALUE TODAY?

■ 2026 ■ 2025

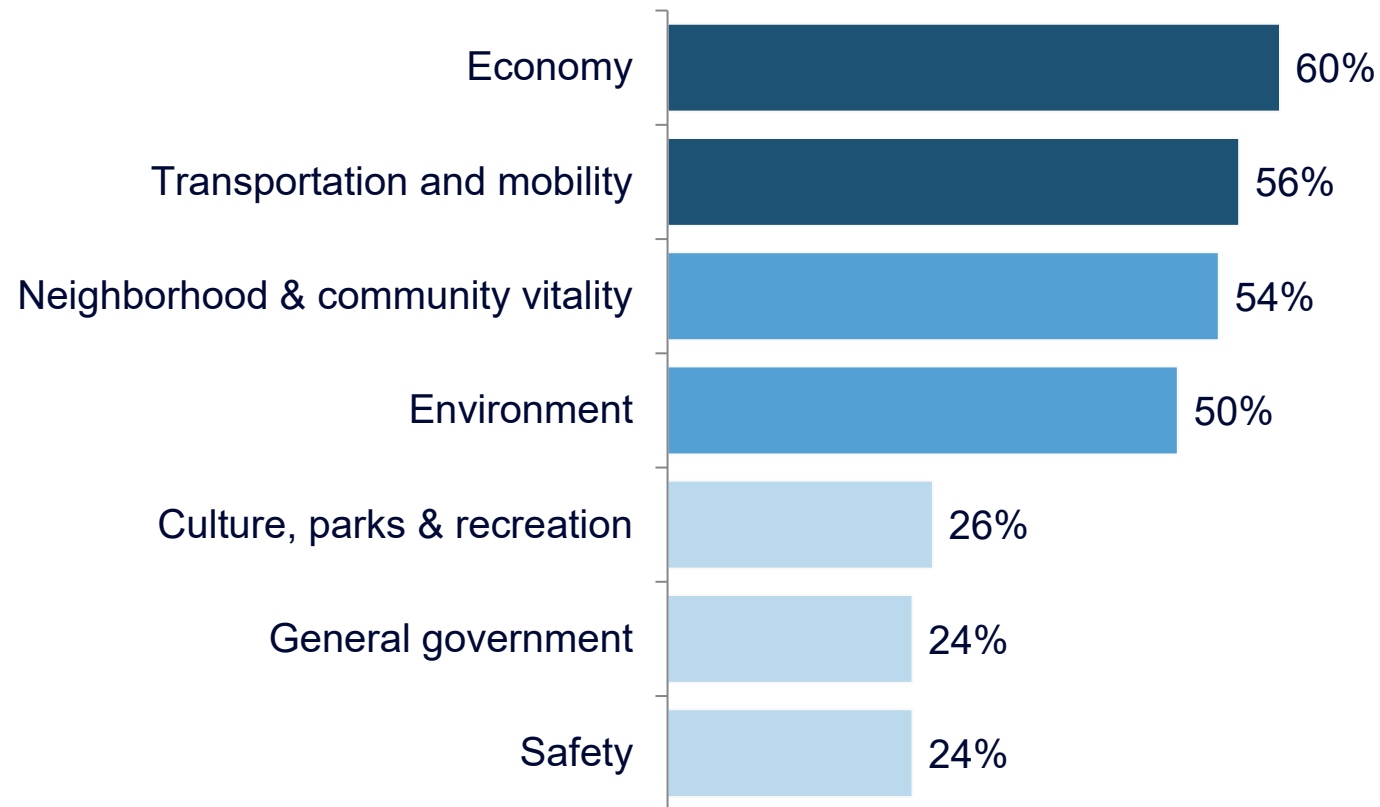




Priority 5 — Connect community to Council actions

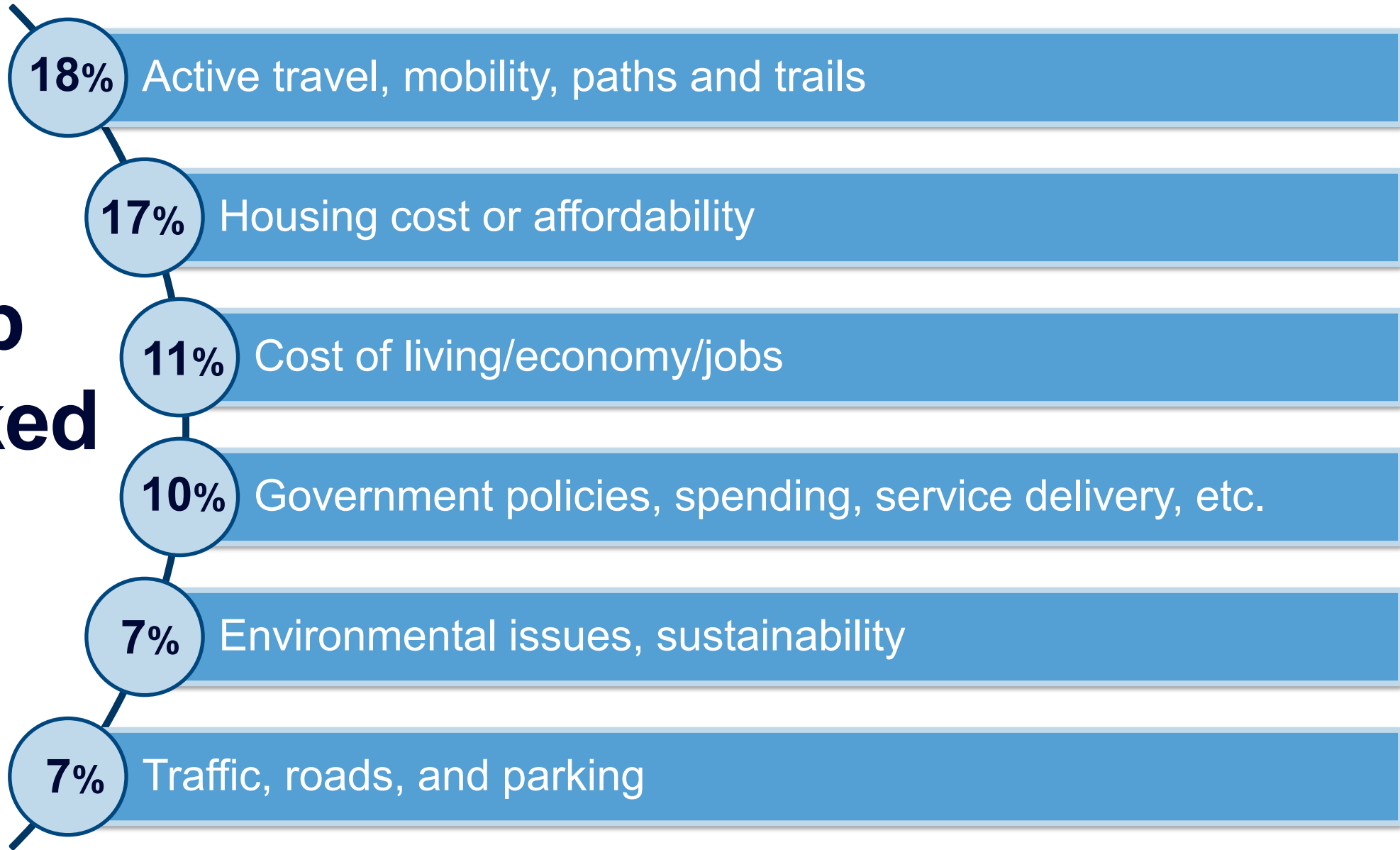


WHERE RESIDENTS WANT MORE EFFORT



Asked to pick their **top three focus areas for the next five years**, residents chose Environment (57%) and Neighborhood Livability (57%), then Transportation (54%) and Economy (53%). General government came last at 15%.

Top Ranked





Questions?



Thank you!

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