# NORTH STAR + Greenacres, FL

Branding Research + Strategy Presentation January, 2025 Branding Process



Stakeholder & Community Education

• Insight Gathering & Research

**DNA & Strategy Formation** 

Creative Brand & Message Development

Brand Action Ideas

# mostly confirmation and articulation

Today's presentation is about research and strategy and does not include any creative elements for Greenacres.



#### Research Instruments

- Research and Planning Audit
- Communication and Media Audit
- Situation Analysis
- Site Visit:
  - Familiarization Tour
  - Stakeholders/Residents Interviews
  - Focus Groups
  - Undercover Interviews
- Community Survey
- Brand Barometer
- Consumer Awareness + Perception Study (Quantitative) Visitors & Non-visitors to Greenacres from around the State of Florida
- External Perception Study (Qualitative) Interviews about Greenacres with external influencers

#### METHODOLOGY

Site Visit Intercepts ReimagineGreenacres.com Focus Groups Stakeholder Interviews (in person, phone conversations, and via Zoom)



#### **Best Descriptors**

Location Convenient Celebrating Diversity Green Givers Caring Comfort Pass-Through Buffer City Potential Parks Events

Endless Possibilities Undefined Regular Folks Business-Friendly Low Profile Overlooked **Relatively Affordable** Well-Managed Centralized Forgetful For All

Greatest Assets **City Services** Events PBSO Parks Bowling Alley / Skating Rink Diverse Restaurants Location Passport Services Fire Dept. **Community Center** Okeeheelee Park (proximity to) Local Flavor Youth Programs Exit on the Turnpike

Opportunities Redevelopment Sports Destination Pickleball Tournaments Retail Destinations Bringing People Together Cultural Events Connecting Small Businesses Storytelling Improved Signage, City Markers, & Pole Banners

Challenges Traffic Transportation Mobility Land-locked No Available Land City Boundaries Constantly Evolving Affordable Housing Safety Always Short on Funding **Rehabbing Existing Homes** 

Missing Mixed Use Downtown Area Shopping Good Brewery Splash Pad Walkability Awareness Messaging / A Story Hotels Historical Greenacres Days Athletic Facilities Sports Tourism Healthcare Public Art **Higher Education** 

#### What We Think Outsiders Say

"The middle of the county." "That's where Okeeheelee Park is." "I don't know much about it." "No reason to go there." "Quite a bit of crime." "We don't even cross their mind." "Where's that?" "Traffic and crime." "Other cities know us because of Andrea and the work she's done " Most Important to Identity Diversity Green spaces Location Activities at Community Center New Pickleball Center High Quality Parks Cultural Events

## Brand Barometer

150 Respondents



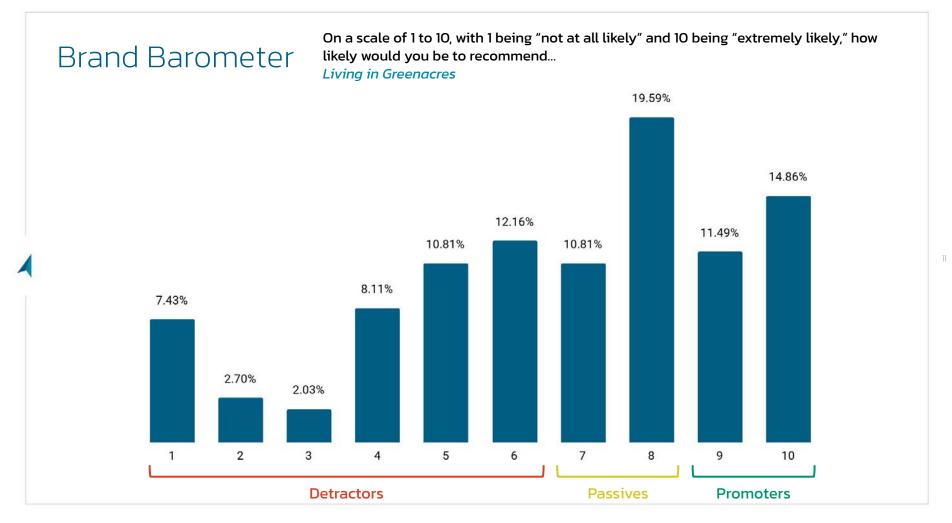
Answering The Question:

"On a scale of 1-10, how likely are you to recommend **living**, visiting, or conducting business in *Greenacres* to a friend or colleague?"

The Math: Promoters (9-10), Passives (7-8), Detractors (1-6)

Promoters – Detractors = Brand Advocacy Score (Net Promoter Score)

Passives are not counted.



#### Brand Barometer

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being "not at all likely" and 10 being "extremely likely," how likely would you be to recommend... Living in Greenacres

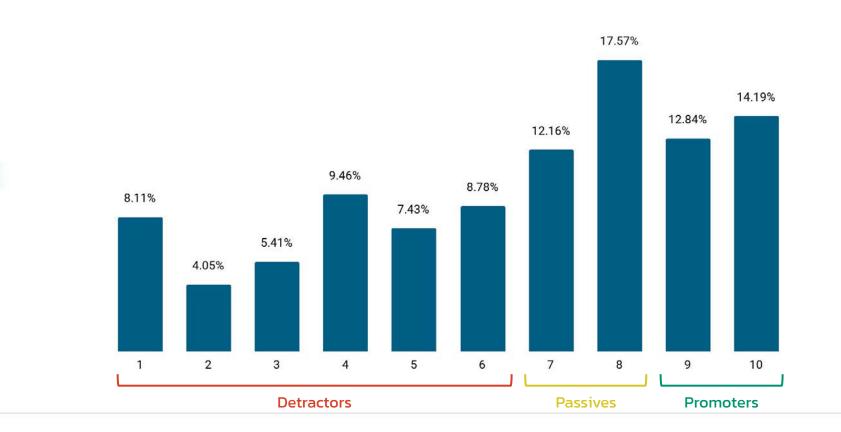
# -16.89%

Overall Brand Advocacy Score Living in Greenacres

(% of Promoters minus % of Detractors)

#### Brand Barometer

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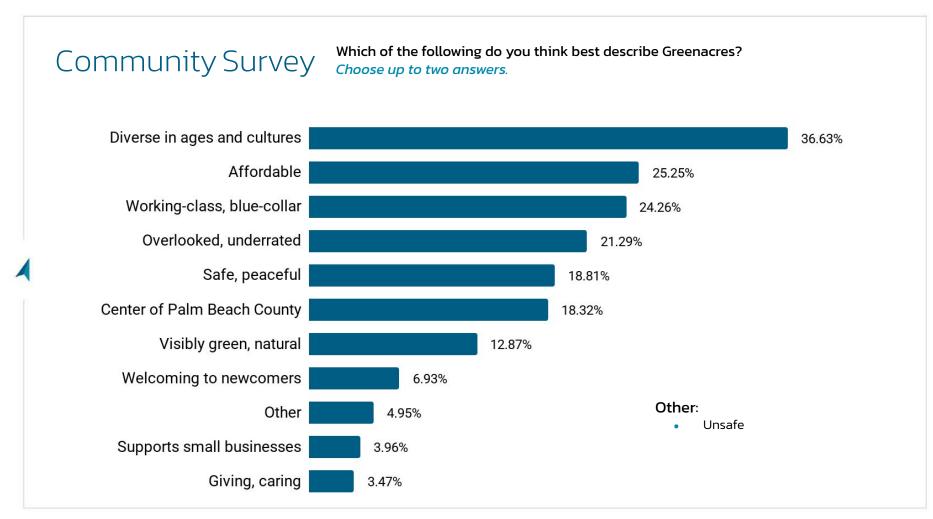


# On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being "not at all likely" and 10 being "extremely likely," how Brand Barometer likely would you be to recommend Greenacres to a friend or colleague... Greenacres National Average 12.18% 8.95% -2.06%

-16.89% -16.21% -15.54% Living Visiting Conducting Business 14

150 Respondents





#### In your opinion, what are the two greatest assets of Greenacres? Community Survey Choose up to two answers. Access to and from everywhere 39.18% Parks and open spaces 31.44% Youth activities and programs 20.10% Proximity to Okeeheelee Park 18.04% Choice of neighborhoods, housing 14.95% Variety of shops and restaurants 14.43% Greenacres Community Center 13.40% Established Hispanic community 12.37% Other: Well-attended events, celebrations 10.82% Affordability Capable and smart city leaders 9.28% Other 3.09%

What is the first adjective or descriptive phrase that comes to mind when you think of the following communities near Greenacres?

#### Lake Worth Beach

- Beach access
- Artistic, eclectic

#### Palm Springs

- Small
- Run-down, blighted

#### Royal Palm Beach

- Beautiful
- Far

#### Wellington

- Equestrian, horses
- Expensive, wealthy

Community Survey What distinguishes Greenacres from other nearby communities?

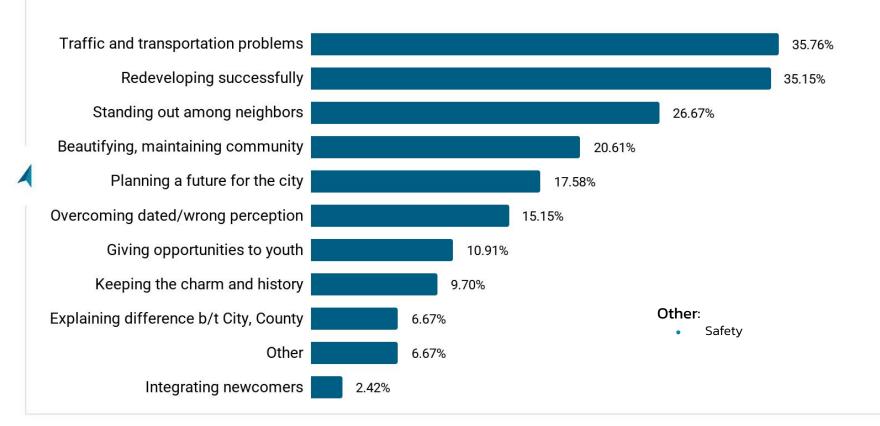
# 1. Diversity

2. Central location

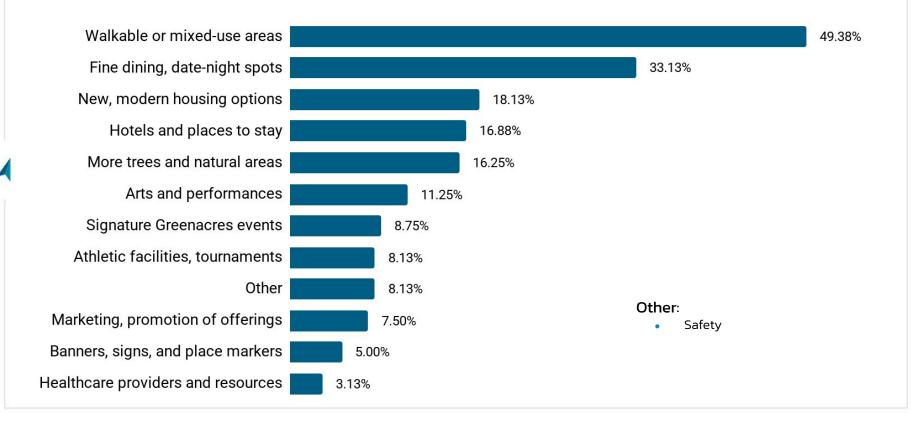
# 3. Great parks

Other top answers include (in order of frequency): Affordability, Events, City Services, Sense of Community, Green

## Community Survey In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges currently facing Greenacres? *Choose up to two answers.*

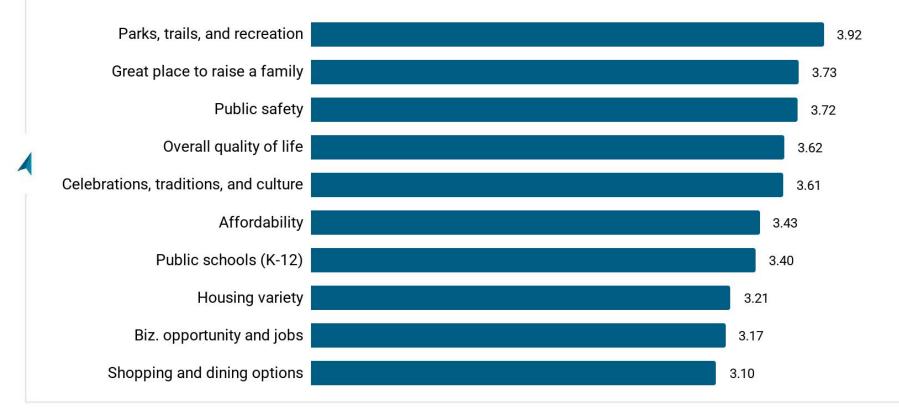


In your opinion, what is missing in Greenacres? *Choose up to two answers.* 



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In your opinion, please rate the following Greenacres attributes and characteristics on a scale from 1-5, where 1 is "Poor" and 5 is "Excellent."



The year 2026 will mark the 100th anniversary of incorporation for the City of Greenacres. What places, people, or characteristics of Greenacres do you want to celebrate to commemorate this milestone?

#### **Community Diversity**

- "Highlight the richness of the culture diversity and the history of the city!"
- "We should have a multicultural celebration."

#### **Progress & Future Plans**

- "Show how Greenacres has changed in 100 years; show the progress."
- "Appreciation for the City's development and culture"
- "It would be great to explore Greenacres' history, understand how it has evolved over the years, and celebrate the City's progress. It would also be exciting to look ahead and learn about the future plans for Greenacres as it continues to grow."

#### **History & Foundations**

- "There's a fact about the history of this city that moves me. When LC Swain bought this land, it was his intention to make a community FOR the working class. I would hope to see that the vision of a working class city is celebrated."
- "Celebrate the founders. Teach residents about its history."

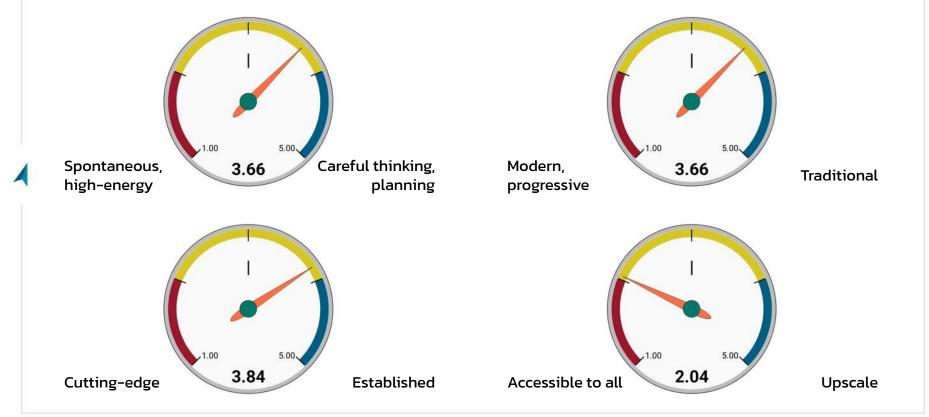
#### Parks & Green Spaces

- "Samuel J. Ferreri Community Park has been around for years, it has Liberty Park right behind it and it has held a lot of City events"
- "Highlight what makes Greenacres 'Green.' including the parks and nature."

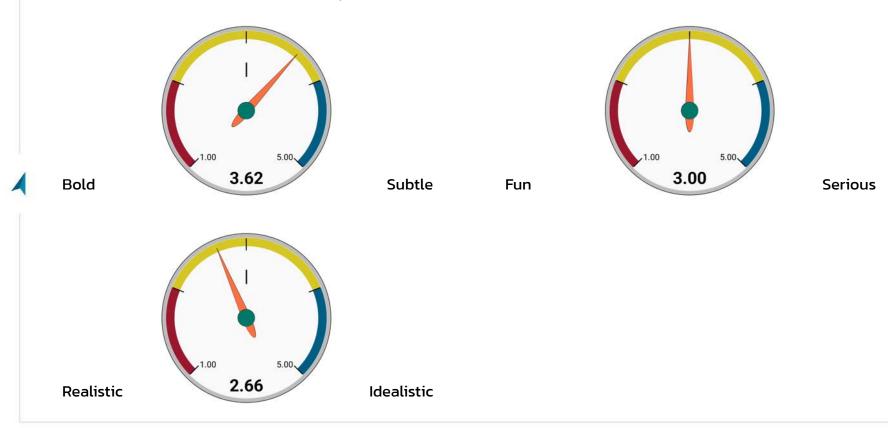
# **Brand Character**



The pairs of phrases below represent opposite characteristics. Please indicate which phrase is a better descriptor for Greenacres by marking a bubble on the spectrum from 1 to 5.



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Which **vehicle** best represents the personality of Greenacres?

# 42.47% Minivan

Which of the images below best represents the personality of Greenacres? *Vehicles* 



Minivan 42.47%



Hybrid Sedan 23.39%



Pickup Truck 15.07%



Classic Car 15.07%



**rv** 2.74%



#### Off-road SUV 1.37%

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Imported Coupe 0.00%

Which **Building/Architectural Style** best represents the personality of Greenacres?

# 46.58% Planned Community

Which of the images below best represents the personality of Greenacres? Buildings/Architectural Styles



Planned Community 46.58%



Condominium



Historic Home 21.92%



Farmhouse





Modern 1.37%



Executive Home 0.00%

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Which **Brand Personas/Archetypes** best represents the personality of Greenacres?

# **47.22%** Helper

Which of the images below best represents the personality of Greenacres? *Brand Personas/Archetypes* 



Helper 47.22%



Teacher 19.44%



Best Friend 16.67%



Hero 8.33%



Explorer 2.78%



Creative 2.78%



Entertainer 1.39%



Tech Scientist 1.39%





What visual symbol or landmark is iconic in Greenacres? *Share up to three answers.* 



Parks 25%

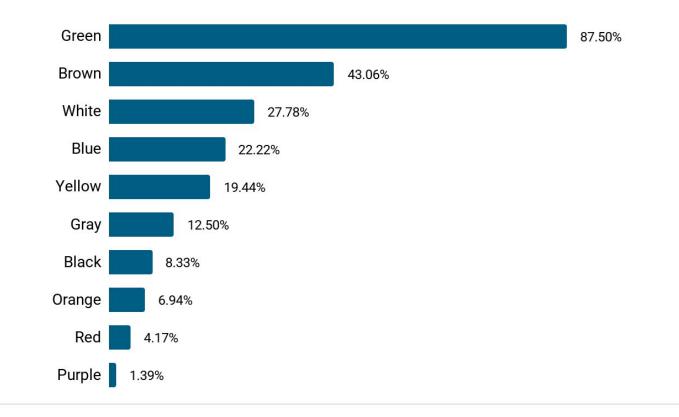






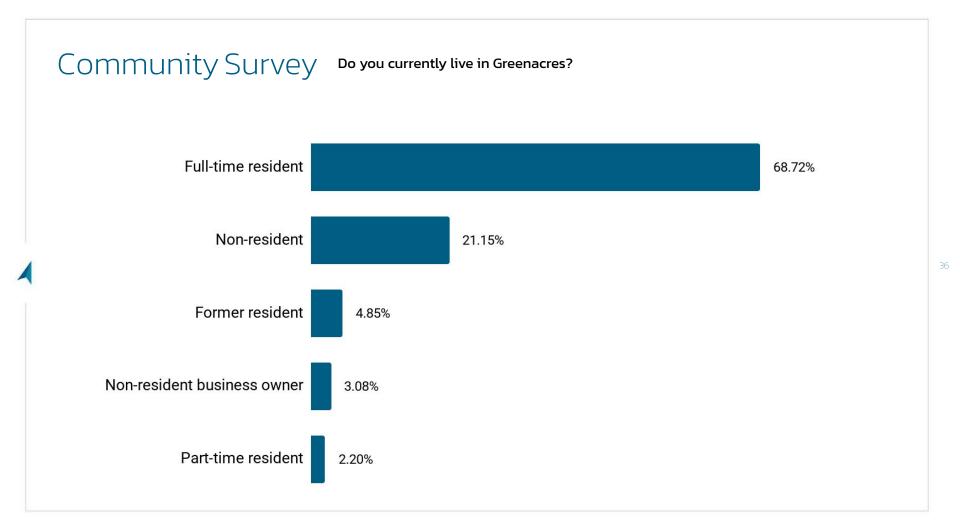
Squirrel 8%

Which colors do you most associate with the personality and physical nature of Greenacres? *Choose up to three answers.* 



# Demographics

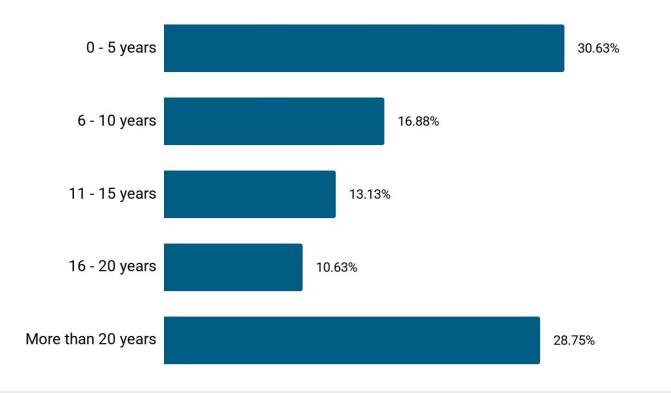




#### **RESIDENTS ONLY**

Community Survey

How long have you been a resident of Greenacres?



# Community Survey

#### **RESIDENTS ONLY** Why do you choose to live in Greenacres?

#### **Convenient, Central Location**

- "It is centrally located as well as convenient to travel to work for myself and family."
- "Quick and easy access to everything I need (grocery, restaurants, parks, shopping, Turnpike)."

#### Affordable Cost of Living

- "It has affordable taxes and housing"
- "I own a small condo, live on a minimal Social Security Retirement benefit, and cannot afford to live elsewhere."
- "Greenacres seemed to be the most affordable city when I was looking for a new home. This area is inexpensive compared to other places, such as Palm Beach Gardens, Boca Raton, Delray Beach."

#### **Great Place for Families**

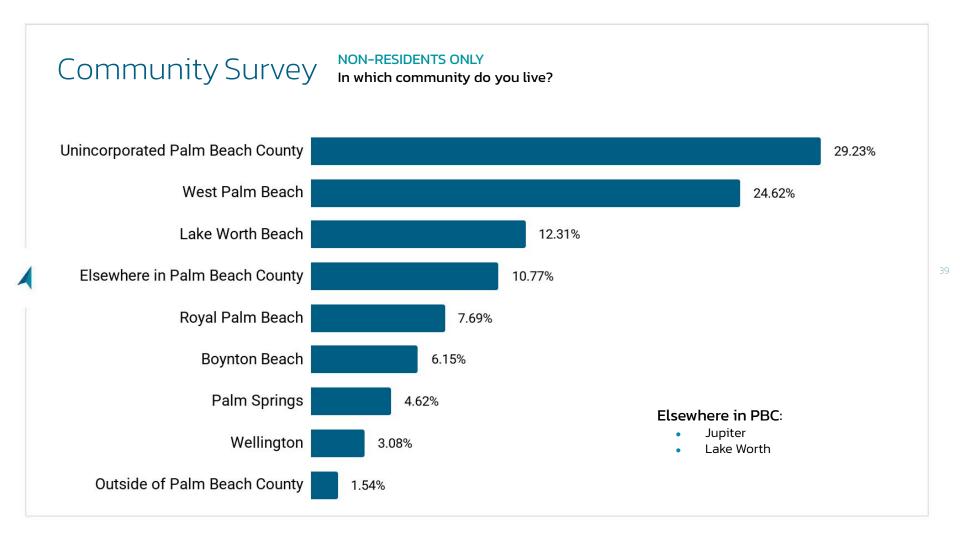
- "The community is nice and pleasant for families to grow and start."
- "It's a fun, family-oriented, middle-class haven of middle America."

#### Feeling of Community

• "Great small town that does a lot for its community"

#### Multicultural Population

- "I love the diversity..."
- "Bilingual school"



### Comunity Survey Which of the following includes your age?

18 - 24 4.79% 25 - 34 11.64% 35 - 44 45 - 54 18.49%

7.53%

3.42%

10.96%

Under 18 0.00%

55 - 64

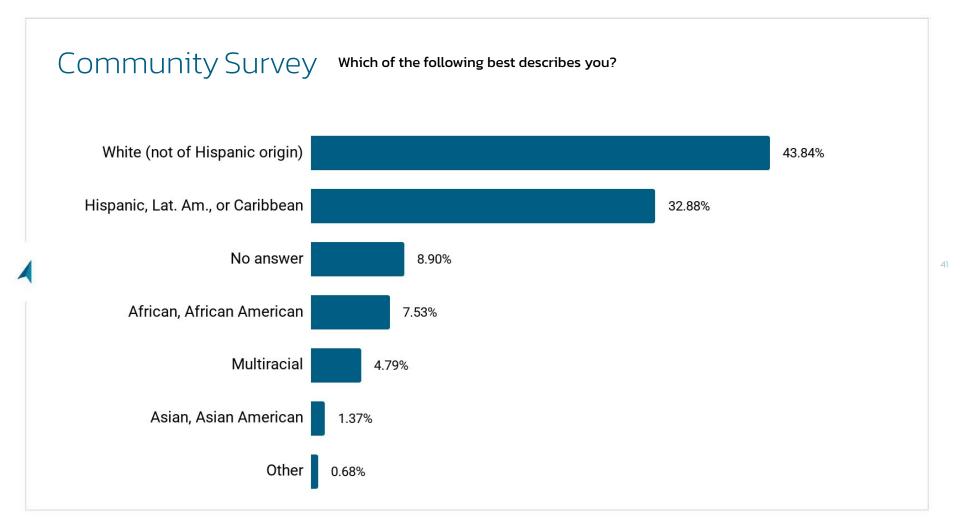
65 - 74

75 or older

No answer

23.97%

19.18%



# Consumer Awareness + Perception Study

300 Respondents



## Consumer Awareness and Perception Study

### **300 Total Respondents**

- 150 from Palm Beach County
- 150 from Broward and Miami-Dade Counties

### Terminations included:

- 82 for living outside areas of interest
- 7 for being under 18
- 37 for having lived or worked in Greenacres
- 343 for not being familiar with Greenacres

#### SURVEY TERMINATION

## Consumer Awareness and Perception Study

### Markets

- Palm Beach County
- Broward and Miami–Dade Counties

### Age

- Under 45 years old
- 45 years old and older

### Visitors (237 respondents)

Visitors indicated that they have visited Greenacres since 2021.

### Gender

- Women
- Men

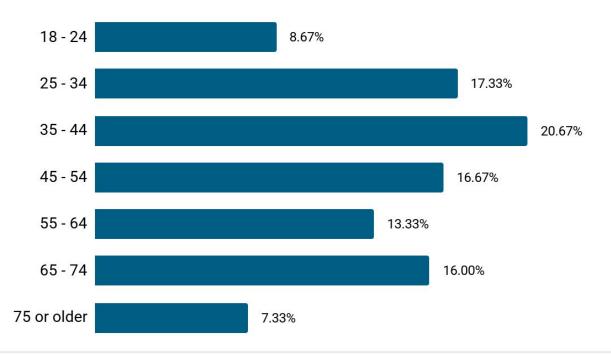
#### SURVEY ANALYSIS GROUPINGS

# Demographics

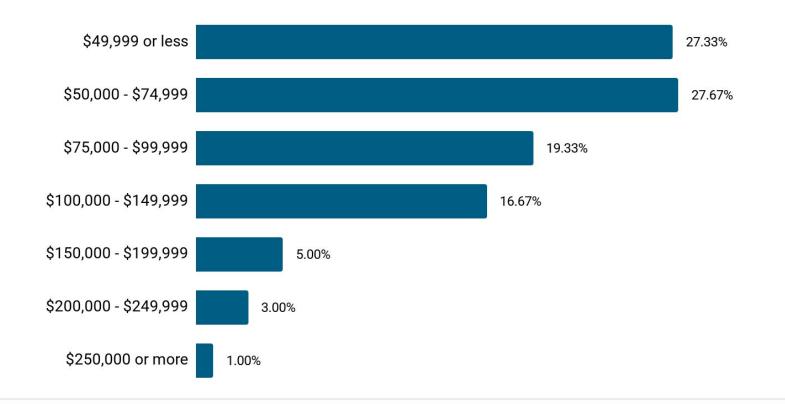


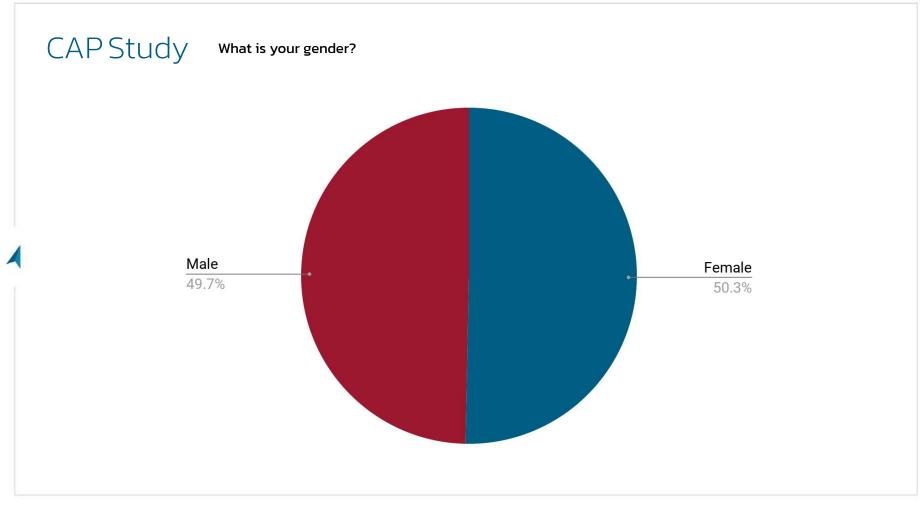
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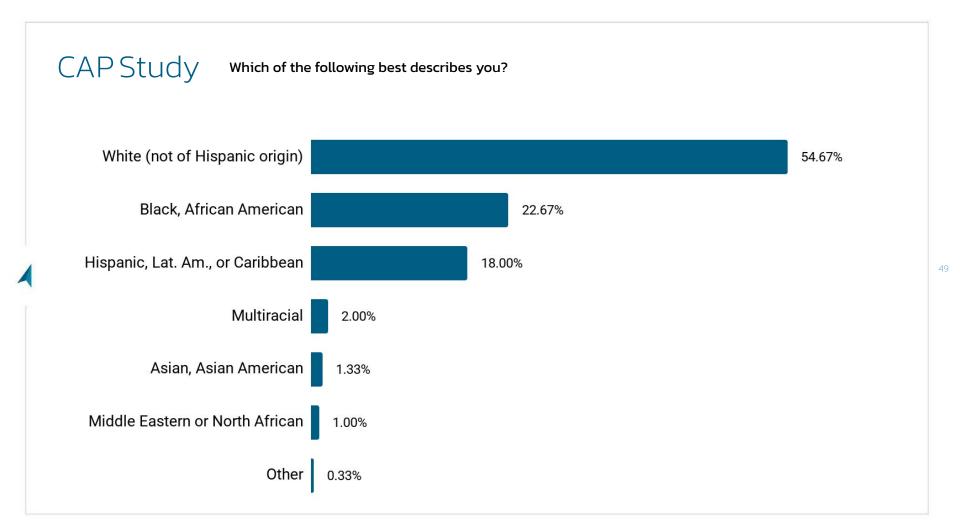
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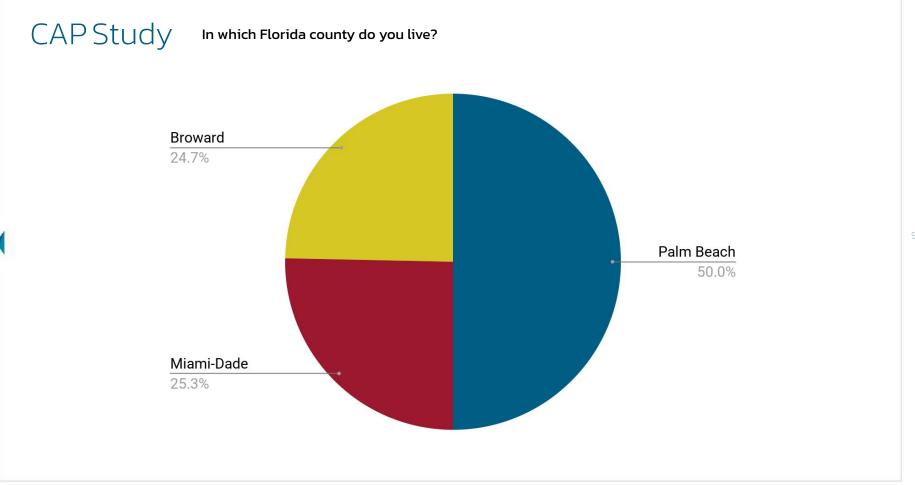


Which of the following ranges includes your total household income?



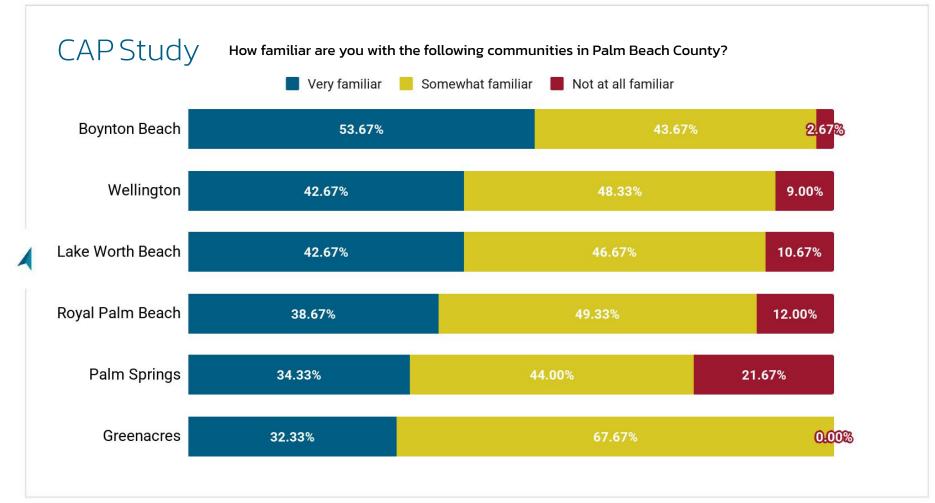


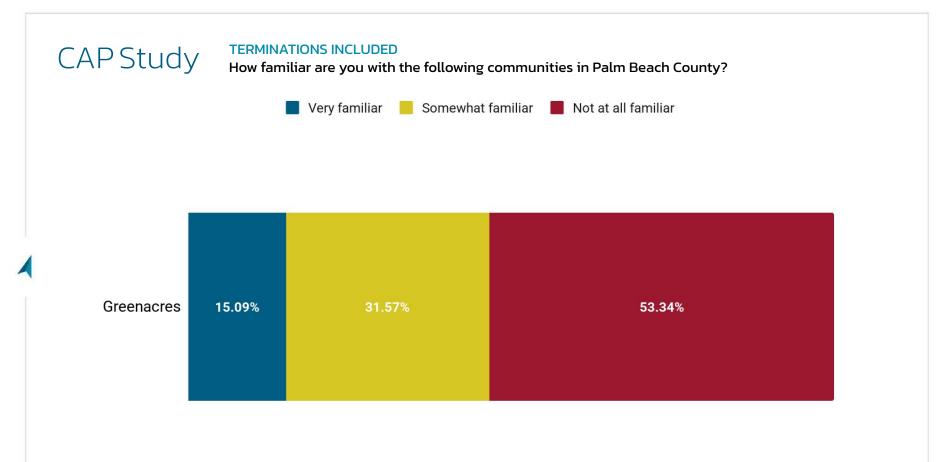


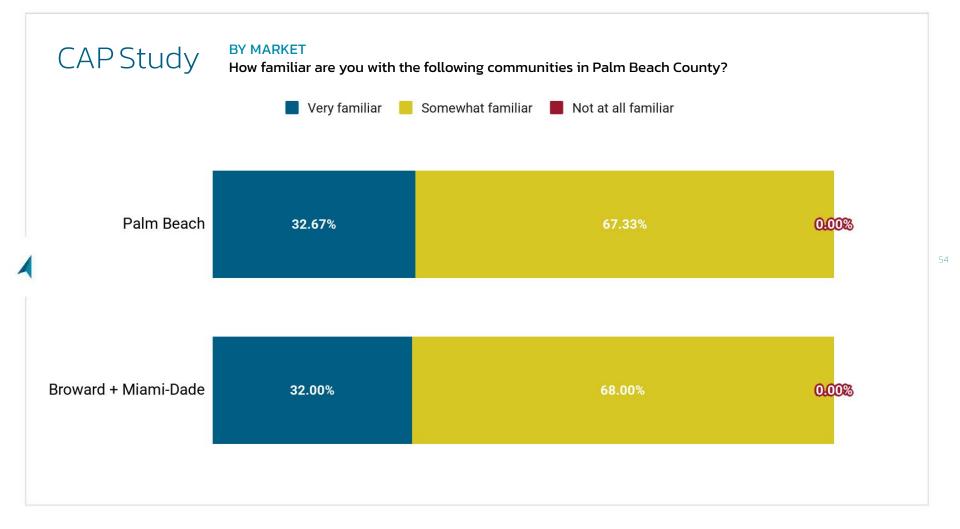


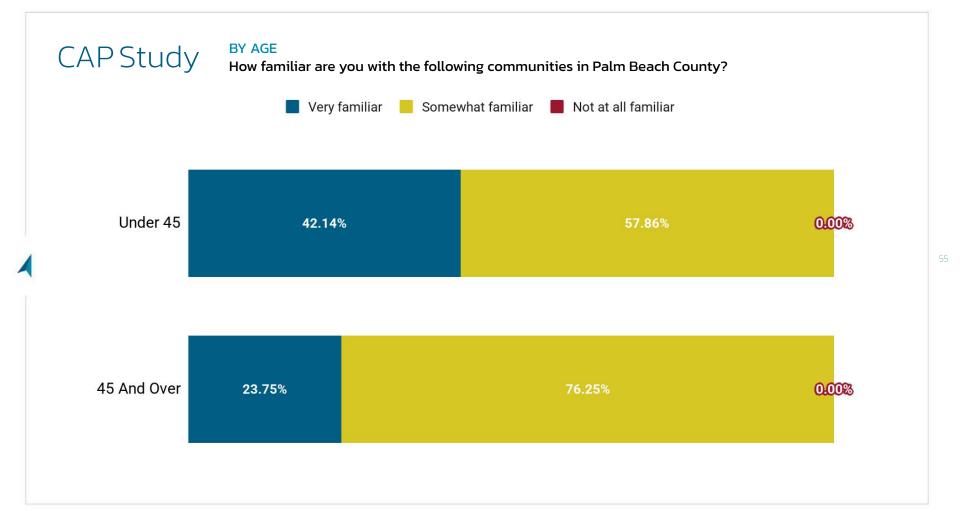
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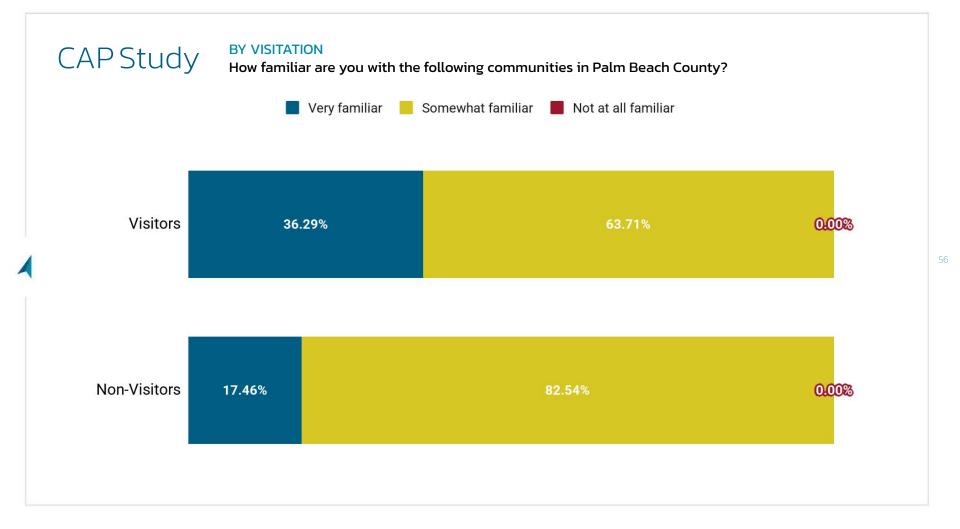


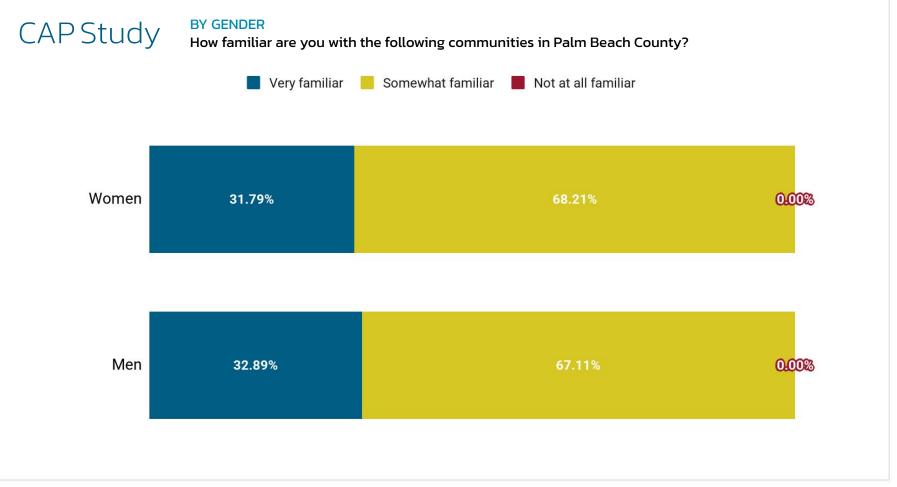












# **Unaided Perceptions**



When you think of these communities, what is the first thing that comes to mind?

### **Boynton Beach**

- Beach
- Nice area

#### Greenacres

- Family-oriented
- Open land, trees

#### Lake Worth Beach

- Beach
- Beautiful

#### Palm Springs

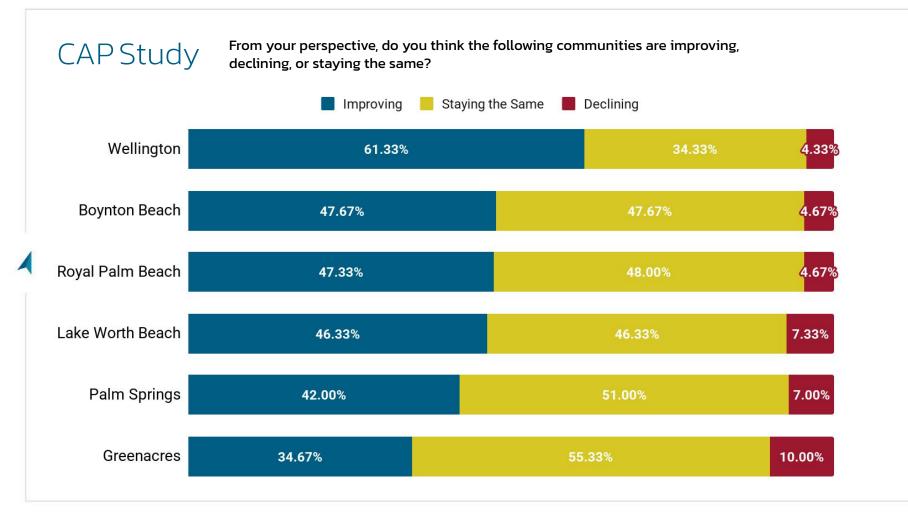
- Rich, wealthy
- Palm trees

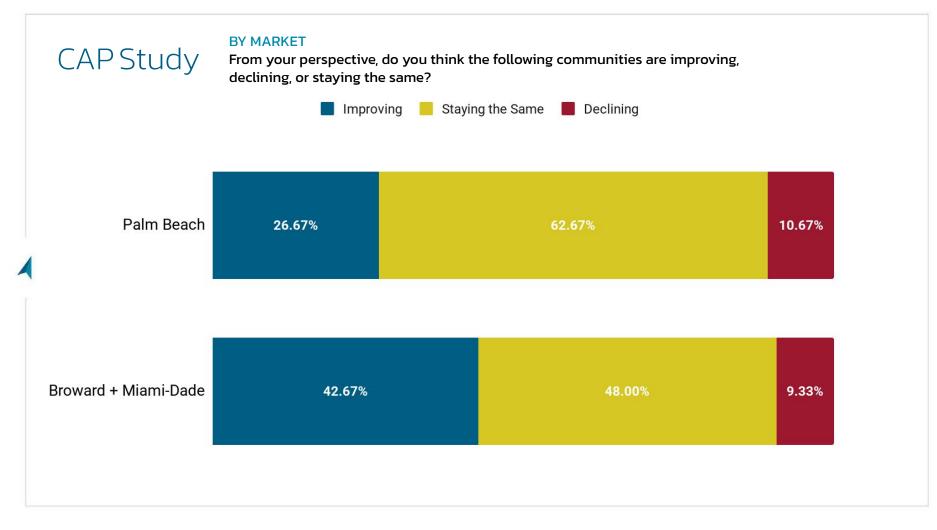
#### Royal Palm Beach

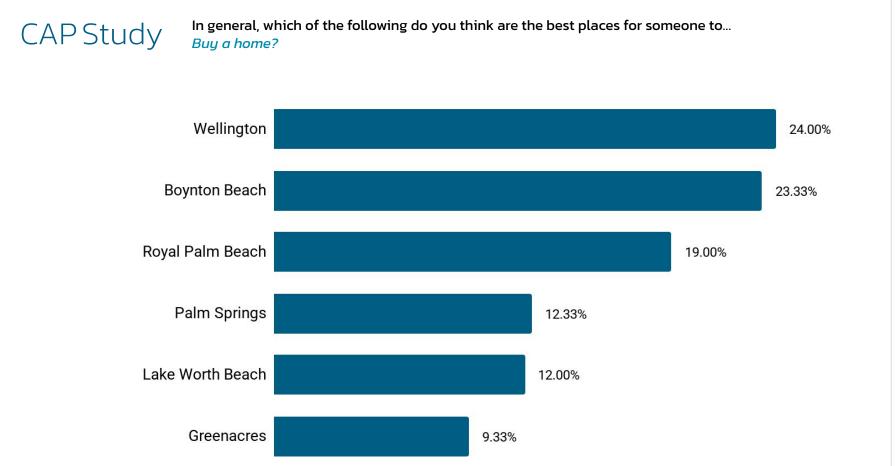
- Wealthy, expensive
- Busy, growing

#### Wellington

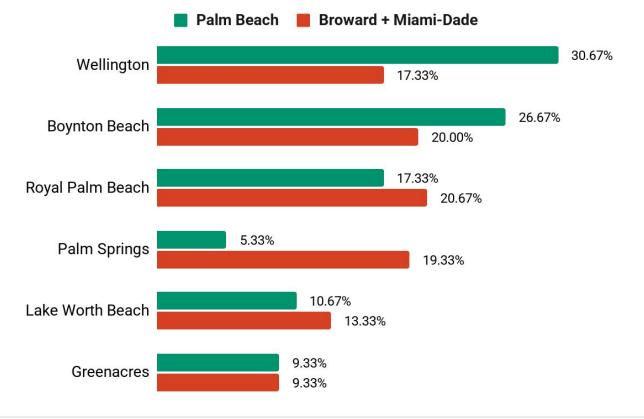
- Equestrian, horse country
- Mall



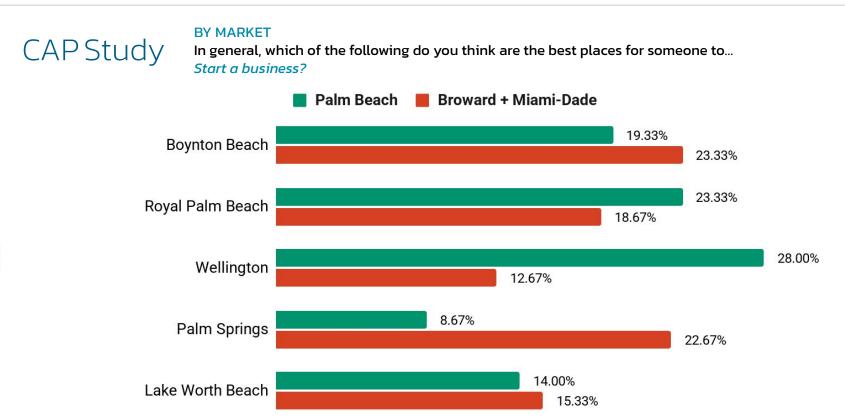




BY GENDER In general, which of the following do you think are the best places for someone to... Buy a home?



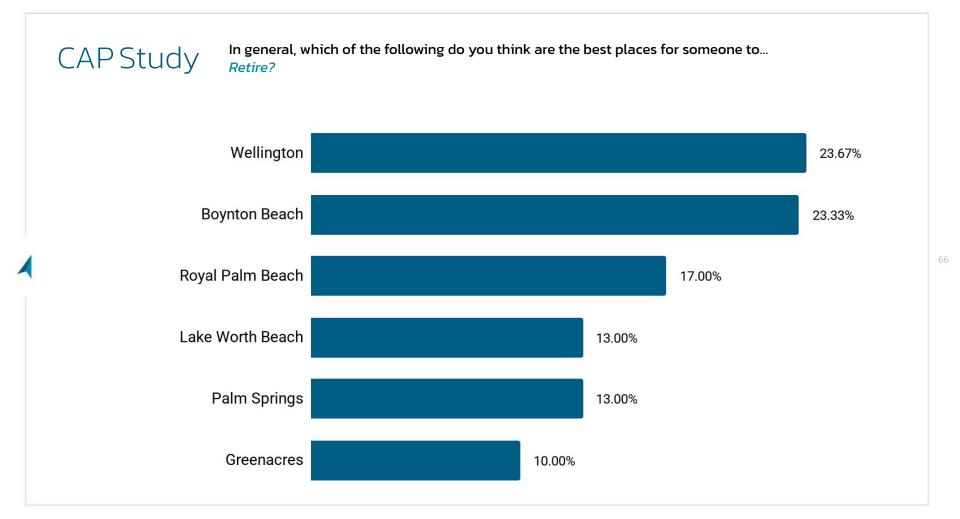
CAPStudy In general, which of the following do you think are the best places for someone to... Start a business? **Boynton Beach** 21.33% Royal Palm Beach 21.00% Wellington 20.33% Palm Springs 15.67% Lake Worth Beach 14.67% Greenacres 7.00%

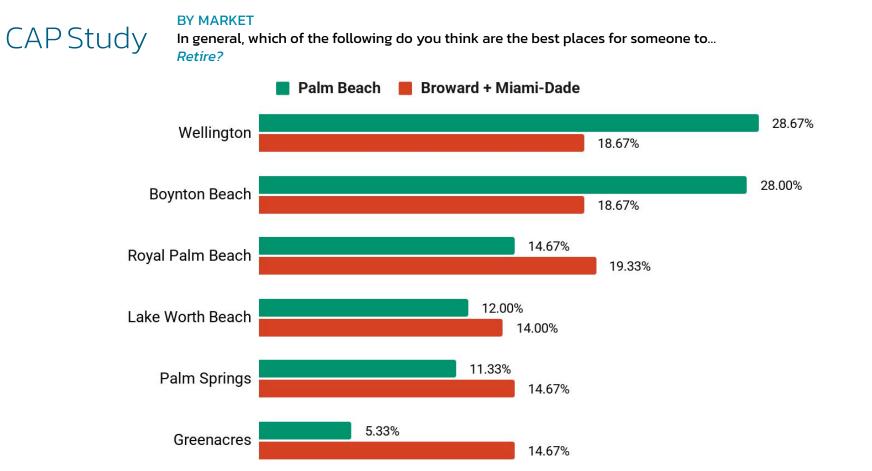


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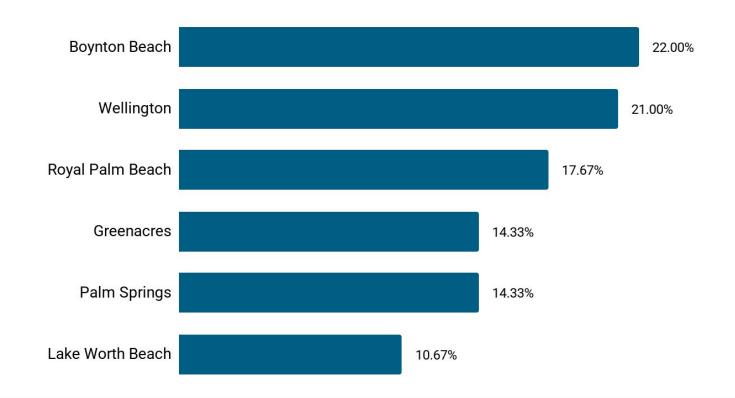
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Greenacres





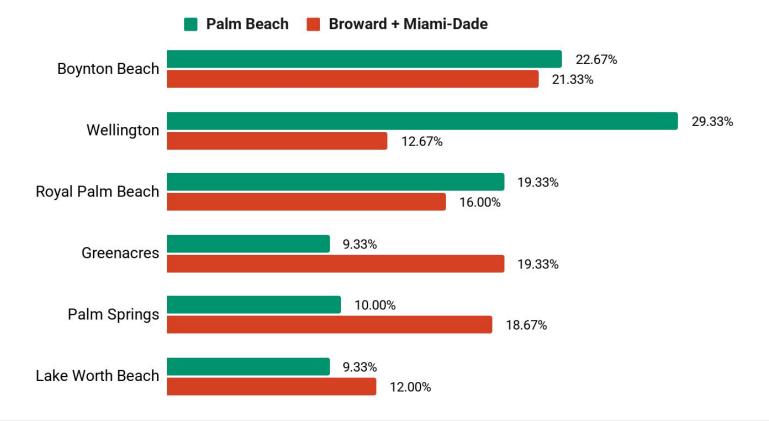
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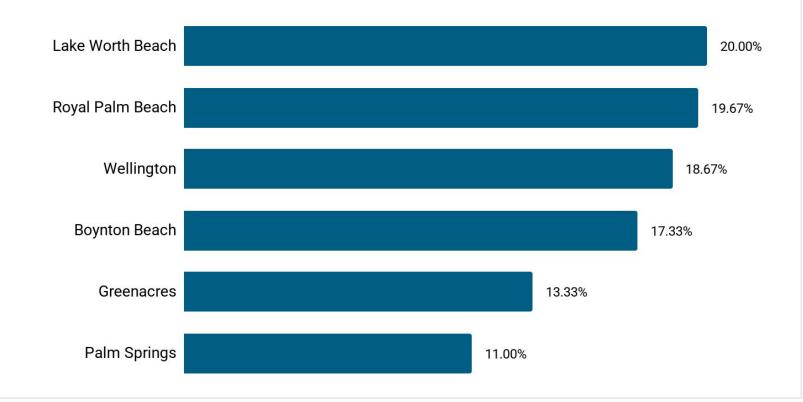
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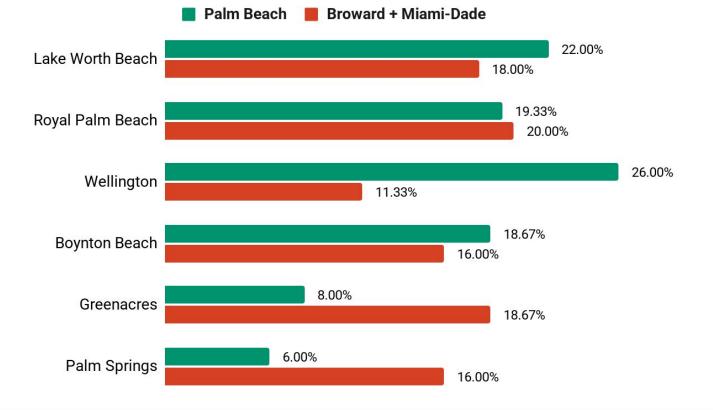
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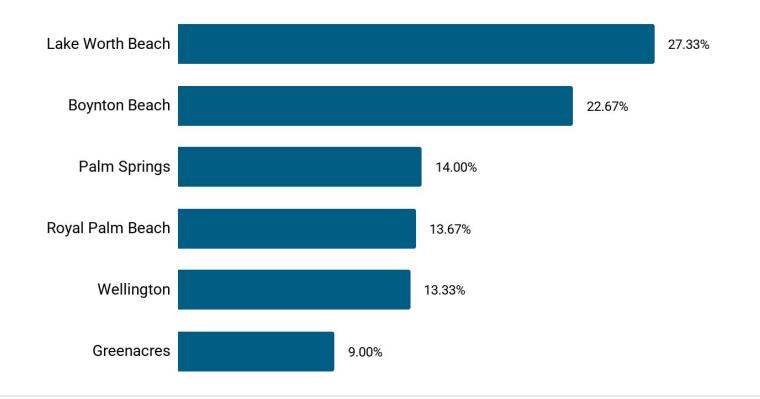
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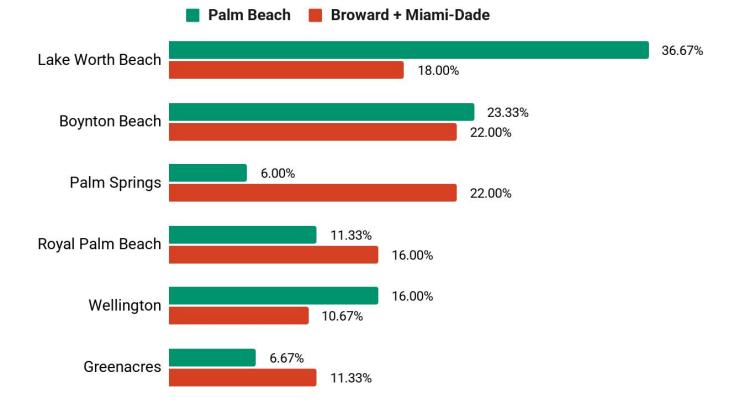
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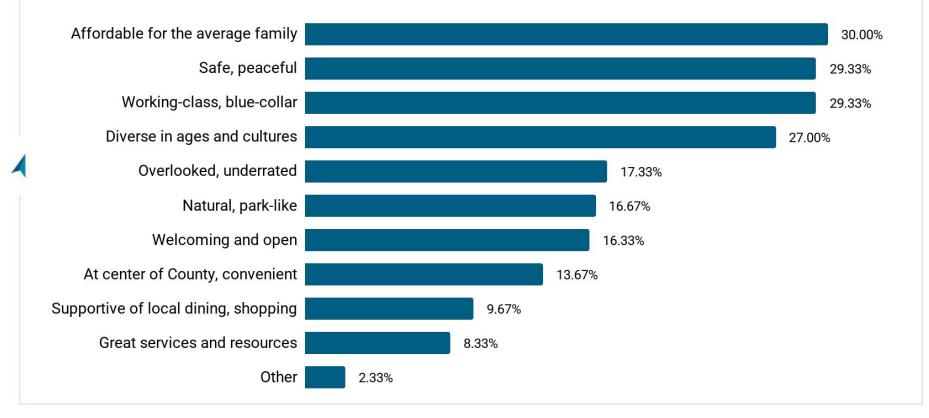


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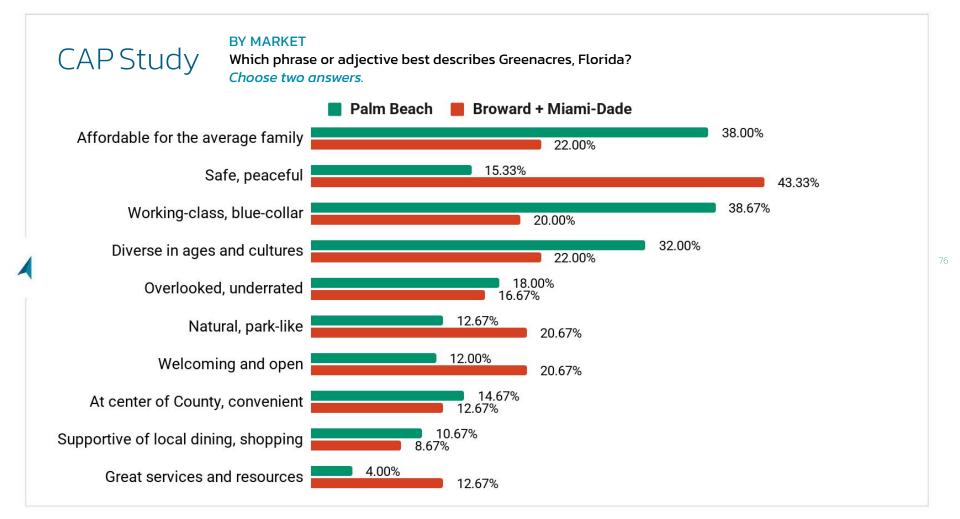


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Which phrase or adjective best describes Greenacres, Florida? *Choose two answers.* 

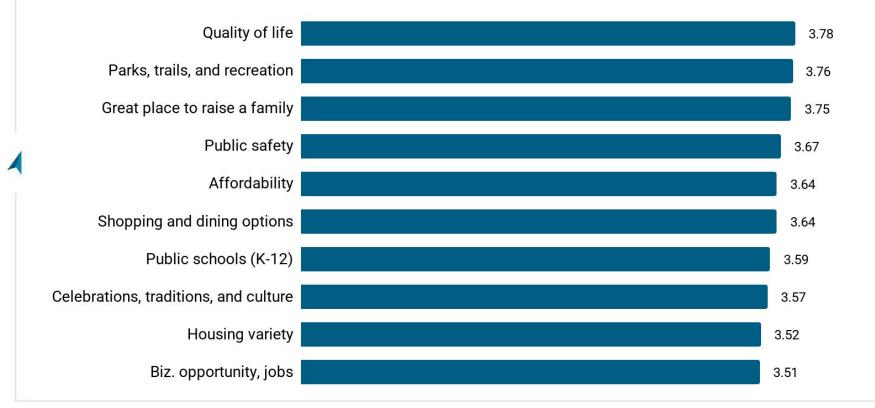


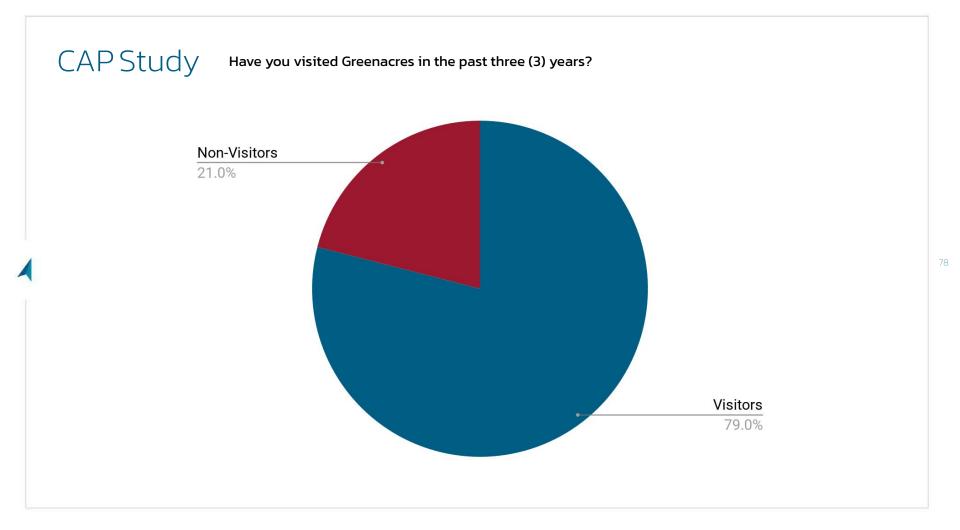
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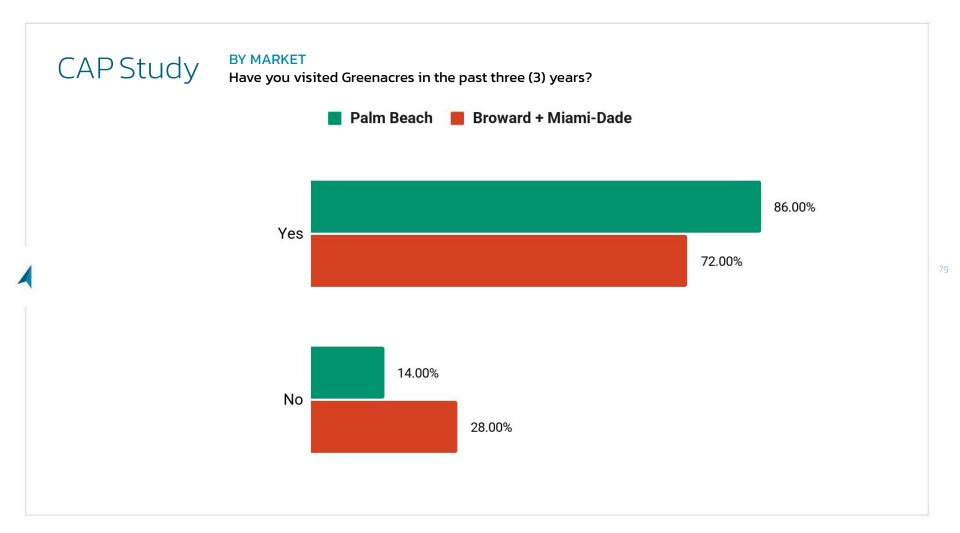


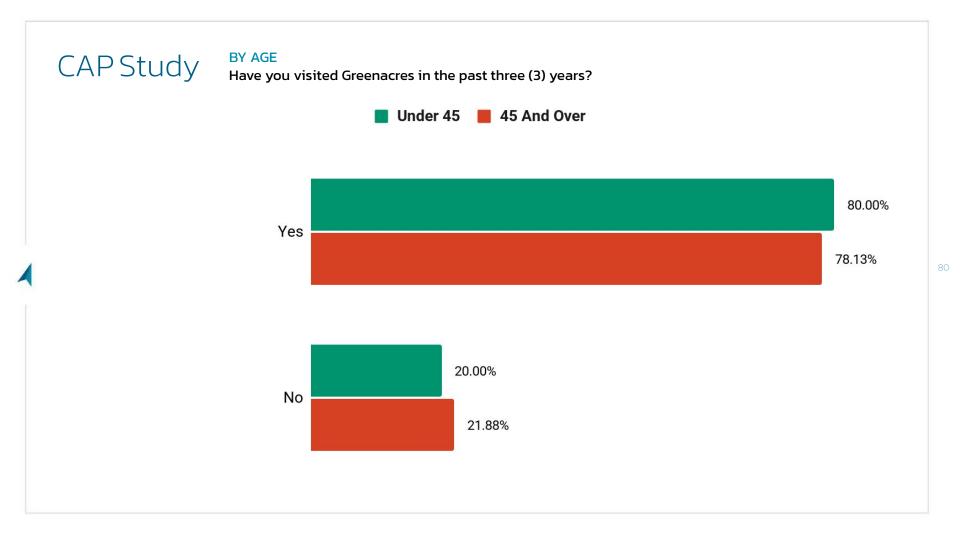
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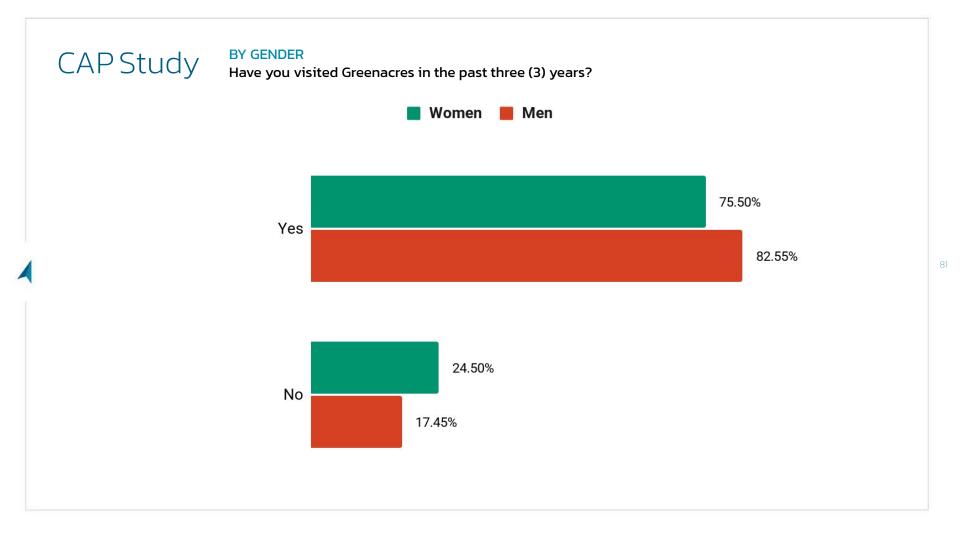
Based on your perception of Greenacres, in your opinion, please rate its following attributes on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is "Poor" and 5 is "Excellent."







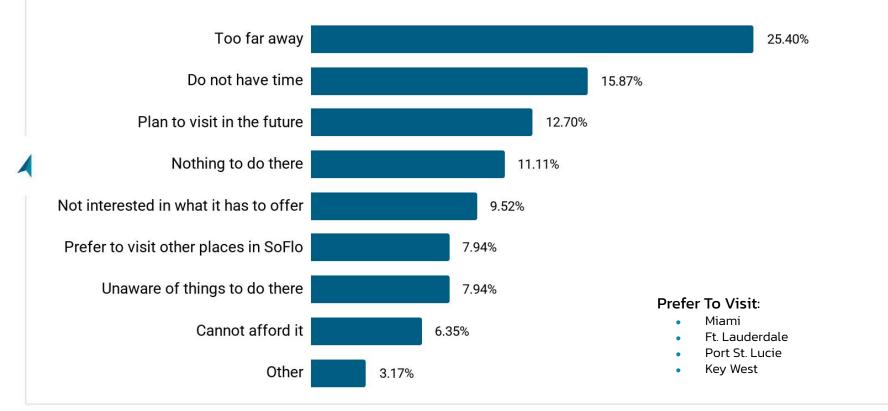




#### NON-VISITORS ONLY, 63 RESPONSES

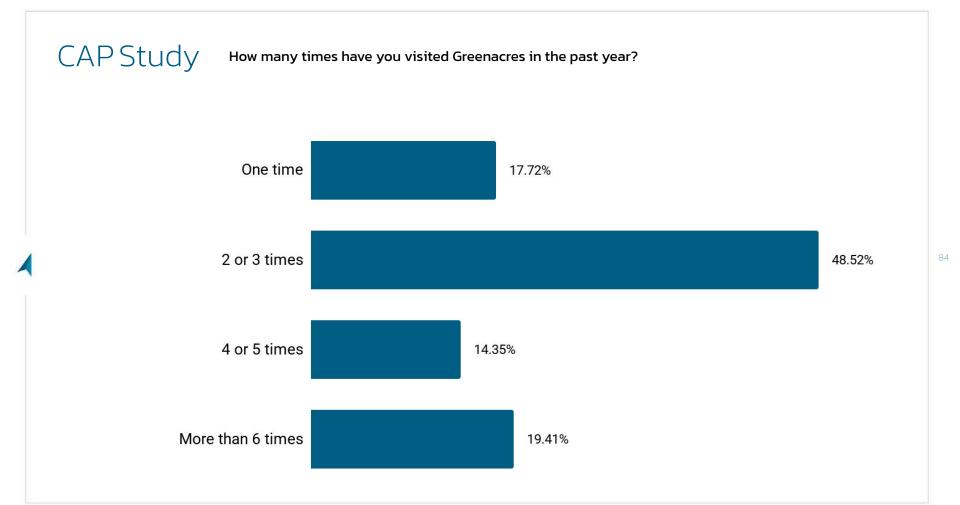
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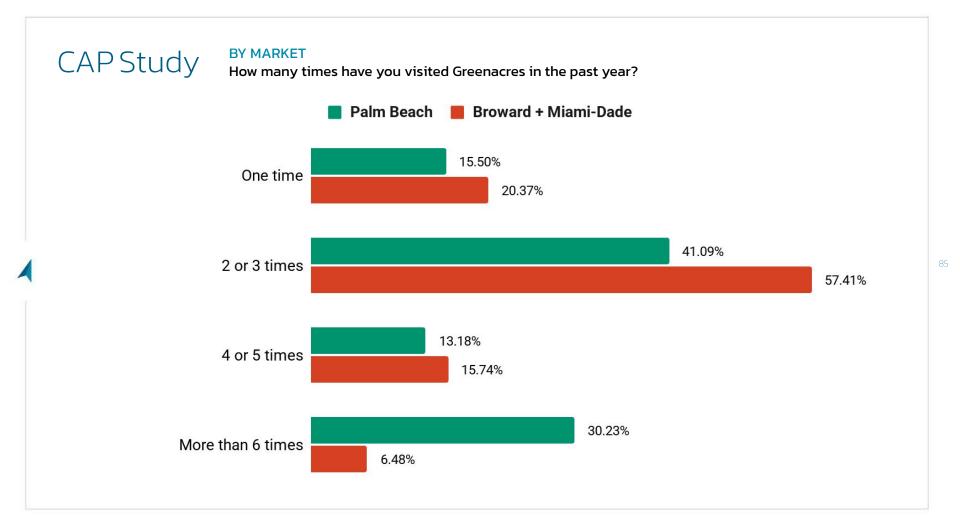
Why have you not visited Greenacres recently?



# Visitors

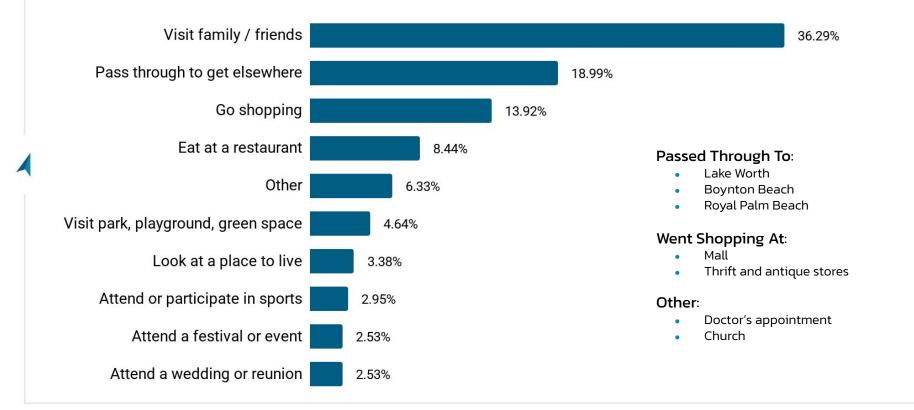


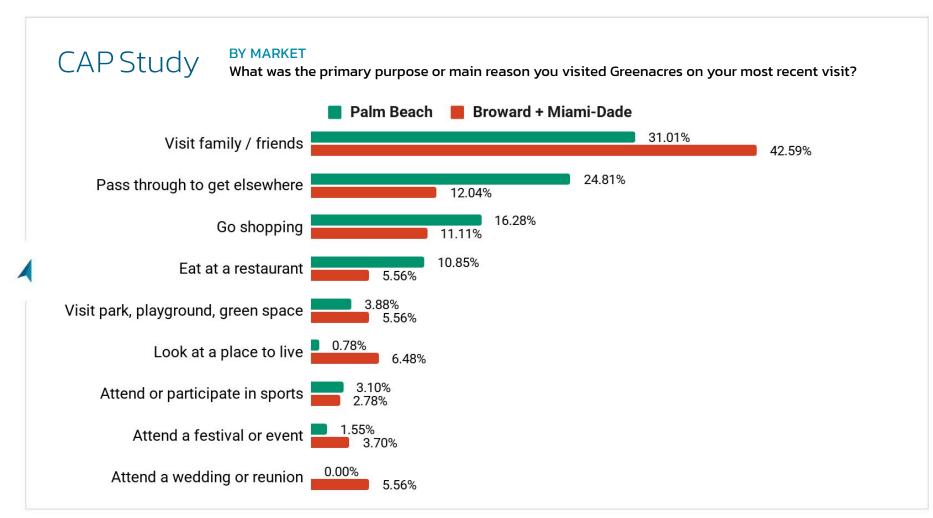




### CAPStudy

What was the primary purpose or main reason you visited Greenacres on your most recent visit?





### CAPStudy

Lasting Impressions

What aspect of Greenacres leaves the most positive impression on visitors and newcomers?

- "The parks are beautiful."
- "Very greenish with lots of trees"
- "It's loaded with stores and offices of all kinds."
- "It's a lot more peaceful than Miami."
- "The restaurants are very diverse."
- "It is clean and well maintained."
- "Beautiful homes in the tucked away communities"
- "Get more for your money"
- "Good diversity and lots of offerings for all types of people"
- "The local people are hospitable, and the neighbors get along well with each other."

What aspect of Greenacres leaves the most negative impression on visitors and newcomers?

- "The crime rate is slowly getting higher."
- "The traffic is very heavy."
- "Everything there is expensive."
- "It's pretty far from major cities."
- "Some areas are more dated and not maintained well."
- "Some of the businesses are run-down and/or in disrepair."
- "Not much to do, not many parks, not too many jobs."
- "It's getting too crowded."
- "Low income area"

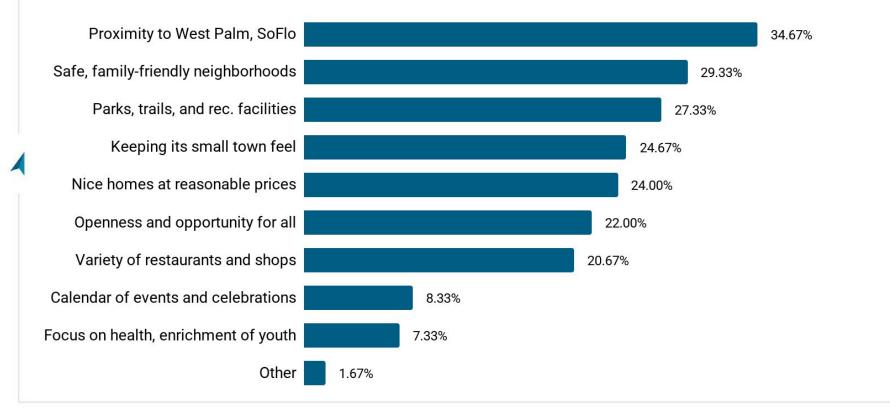
#### LASTING IMPRESSIONS

# All Respondents

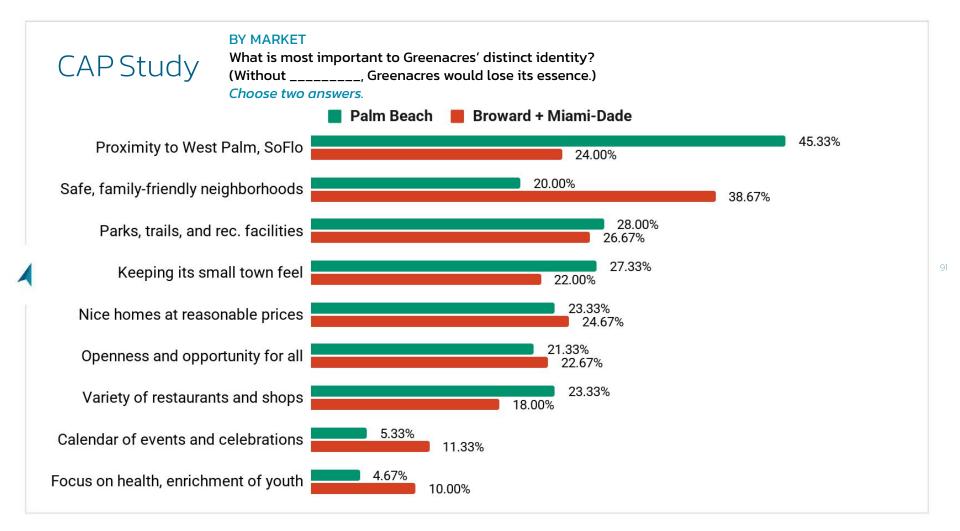




What is most important to Greenacres' distinct identity? (Without \_\_\_\_\_, Greenacres would lose its essence.) *Choose two answers*.



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## External Qualitative Data

Influencer Perception Study



### Influencer Perception Study

Assets Diversity Parks City Govt. City Manager Housing Variety Cultural Events Restaurant Variety Challenges Reputation Standing Out Pass-Through City Traffic Little Available Land Slow to Change

#### Missing Shopping Dining A Key Attraction Reason to Visit Athletic Facilities Mixed Use Downtown Area

#### **EXTERNAL PERCEPTIONS**

Revitalization Historic City Core Redevelopment Network for Businesses

**Opportunities** 

# STRATEGY Insights



We heard lots of great things.

Greenacres is known for its parks and peaceful environment

In a lot of centrally located cities, you see more pavement than green, but we put in a lot of effort to truly be a tree city.

Diversity is a true strength in the community

Everyone in the region has diversity, but it's next level here.

INSIGHTS

### We heard some concerns.

There is confusion about the city boundaries

The unclear boundaries can affect news coverage accuracy here. A lot of the crime reported here doesn't even actually happen in Greenacres.

Where there's growth, there's growing pains

It made me a little sad to see all the growth, all my childhood places are getting demolished.

#### People tend to pass through without stopping

I have spent very little time in Greenacres. It is between places that I do go, so I drive through it, but I have found no reason to stop.\*

INSIGHTS

\* external comment

### What's distinct?

#### Greenacres is a welcoming and friendly community

Greenacres is more community centered than other cities. The people matter the most.

#### The city's history as an affordable place for the middle class to grow roots

Greenacres feels humble in a way. It's where working people live. They work all over the county but it's here is where home is after the shift ends.

Its strategically convenient location within PBC

We're in the middle of it all. I heard from a county administrator that "You have it made because you have a turnpike exit." INSIGHTS

STRATEGY DNA Platform



### **DNA Platform Framework**

**DNA STATEMENT** 

Target Audience: To whom Greenacres has the most appeal

Frame of Reference: Geographic context of Greenacres

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**Point-of-Difference**: What makes Greenacres special



Benefit: Why it should matter to the consumer

### Greenacres DNA Platform Statement

**DNA STATEMENT** 



For those who dream of a South Florida that is both welcoming and within reach,



Greenacres, the convenient heart of Palm Beach County, one of Florida's largest and most dynamic regions,



has been a natural haven for hardworking families for nearly a century



so you can build and savor a life defined by connection.

#### **DNA STATEMENT**

### Strategy Rationale



For those who dream of a South Florida that is both welcoming and within reach,

- "Dream" evokes the aspirations of young families starting their lives, older generations seeking to fulfill their retirement goals, and entrepreneurs taking their first steps toward success. It also draws inspiration from "American Dream," resonating deeply with the city's immigrant community who have built vibrant and fulfilling lives in Greenacres.
- "Welcoming" captures the sense of peace and safety that defines Greenacres, offering a natural retreat amidst its parks and green spaces. It also alludes to the community spirit of acceptance and camaraderie found here.
- "Within reach" reflects both the city's geographic accessibility—situated close to Palm Beach County and South Florida's resources—and its affordability. For many, Greenacres makes the American Dream of owning a home and building a life achievable.

### Strategy Rationale

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Greenacres, the convenient heart of Palm Beach County, one of Florida's largest and most dynamic regions,

- "Convenient heart" emphasizes Greenacres' prime location between major transportation arteries like the Florida Turnpike and I-95, providing easy access to surrounding cities, resources, and amenities. This positioning makes it an ideal place for residents who value accessibility to work, education, and leisure while still enjoying the comfort of a well-rooted community.
- The inclusion of "heart" also symbolizes the tight-knit community found in Greenacres.
- "One of Florida's largest and most dynamic regions" situates Greenacres within the broader context of Palm Beach County's significance, underscoring the area's economic strength, cultural diversity, and thriving opportunities. This not only highlights the appeal of Greenacres itself but also its proximity to the broader opportunities offered by one of Florida's most vibrant counties.

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has been a natural haven for hardworking families for nearly a century

- Reflects Greenacres' origins as a community intentionally designed to provide middle-class families with a safe and affordable place to build their lives. This history of inclusivity and accessibility is a cornerstone of the city's identity, shaping its reputation as a welcoming and resilient community.
- The phrase also nods to the upcoming Centennial, celebrating a century of growth and opportunity rooted in these founding principles.
- "Natural haven" underscores the city's abundant parks and green spaces, symbolizing its enduring commitment to providing families with a high quality of life. It also works as a reference to the city as a logical and inviting entry point for those seeking to put down roots in South Florida.

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- The inclusion of "build" is intentional, signaling that Greenacres is not only a place to start a family but a community where families can grow, thrive, and remain for generations. It reflects stability, opportunity, and a lasting sense of home.
- Often associated with taste, "savor" nods to Greenacres' vibrant culinary scene while also emphasizing a lifestyle that is both attainable and fulfilling for working-class residents. Here, families can not only build their lives but truly enjoy them, free from the pressures of financial overreach. "Savor" also evokes a sense of safety, highlighting Greenacres as a secure place to raise a family and relish the comforts of a close-knit community.
- "Connection" encompasses multiple dimensions: connection to the rest of Palm Beach County and South Florida through convenient access; and connection to a shared sense of belonging that brings neighbors together and fosters a vibrant, inclusive culture.

### Greenacres DNA Platform Statement

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### Thank You, Greenacres!

