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**Mariposa County, CA**  
Comparisons by Demographic Subgroups  
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# Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report discusses differences in opinion of survey respondents by length of residency in Mariposa County, housing tenure, race and ethnicity and age of respondent.

Responses in the following tables show only the proportion of respondents giving a certain answer; for example, the percent of respondents who rated the quality of life as “excellent” or “good,” or the percent of respondents who attended a public meeting more than once a month. ANOVA and chi-square tests of significance were applied to these comparisons of survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between subgroups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed are “real.” Where differences were statistically significant, they have been shaded grey.

The margin of error for all respondents (449) is generally no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent. The margin of error for subgroups is less precise. For subgroups of approximately 100 respondents, the margin of error is plus or minus 10 percentage points.

Notable differences between demographic subgroups included the following:

- When differences occurred among residents who had lived in Mariposa County for different lengths of time, those who had lived in the County for more than 20 years tended to give more positive ratings to aspects of Community Characteristics than residents who had lived in the County for shorter periods of time. Some differences in opinion by length of residency occurred within Governance and Participation; but no clear pattern emerged within these pillars.
- Homeowners were more likely to give high marks to aspects of Community Characteristics than those who rented their homes. Conversely, renters were more likely to give higher marks to aspects of Governance than homeowners. Homeowners reported higher levels of Participation, especially within Community Engagement.
- Some differences of opinion were observed between respondents that were white alone, not Hispanic and those that were Hispanic and/or another race. When differences occurred, residents that were white alone, not Hispanic gave higher ratings to aspects of Community Characteristics and Governance than their counterparts. Further, white alone, not Hispanic residents also reported higher rates of Participation.
- Mariposa County residents aged 18-34 were less likely to give positive ratings to Community Characteristics and reported lower levels of Participation than older residents. Respondents aged 55 and over gave higher marks to aspects of Governance than residents younger than 55.

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Table 1: Community Characteristics - General

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
The overall quality of life in Mariposa County	71%	74%	78%	58%	83%	76%	72%	53%	79%	81%	75%
Overall image or reputation of Mariposa County	61%	61%	77%	67%	69%	71%	59%	61%	73%	69%	68%
Mariposa County as a place to live	65%	81%	80%	65%	83%	77%	78%	56%	76%	87%	78%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	87%	81%	95%	84%	91%	92%	78%	87%	92%	89%	89%
Mariposa County as a place to raise children	70%	69%	83%	75%	77%	78%	75%	81%	74%	78%	77%
Mariposa County as a place to retire	92%	66%	73%	72%	75%	76%	65%	92%	69%	73%	74%
Overall appearance of Mariposa County	80%	75%	77%	72%	79%	78%	70%	67%	79%	80%	77%

Table 2: Community Characteristics - Safety

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Overall feeling of safety in Mariposa County	82%	87%	93%	85%	91%	90%	85%	77%	97%	89%	89%
In your neighborhood during the day	96%	94%	95%	93%	96%	97%	87%	93%	98%	94%	95%
In Mariposa County's downtown/commercial area during the day	91%	93%	91%	85%	95%	93%	87%	79%	94%	95%	92%

Table 3: Community Characteristics - Mobility

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	63%	58%	78%	64%	70%	68%	69%	52%	79%	68%	68%
Traffic flow on major streets	65%	71%	72%	60%	75%	72%	66%	49%	77%	74%	70%
Ease of public parking	54%	47%	33%	39%	42%	41%	46%	23%	43%	47%	41%
Ease of travel by car in Mariposa County	70%	73%	76%	74%	74%	74%	76%	61%	81%	74%	74%
Ease of travel by bicycle in Mariposa County	17%	26%	27%	27%	22%	21%	39%	21%	20%	30%	25%
Ease of walking in Mariposa County	48%	49%	51%	45%	52%	47%	63%	35%	51%	54%	50%
Availability of paths and walking trails	51%	38%	42%	43%	42%	43%	43%	46%	44%	40%	43%

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Table 4: Community Characteristics - Natural Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Quality of overall natural environment in Mariposa County	79%	83%	89%	80%	88%	86%	79%	70%	91%	86%	85%
Air quality	83%	85%	89%	82%	89%	90%	73%	80%	89%	88%	87%
Cleanliness of Mariposa County	81%	82%	77%	79%	79%	80%	75%	67%	89%	77%	79%

Table 5: Community Characteristics - Built Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Overall "built environment" of Mariposa County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	45%	40%	43%	37%	45%	43%	38%	35%	40%	47%	43%
Public places where people want to spend time	53%	55%	57%	48%	59%	56%	55%	34%	56%	64%	56%
Variety of housing options	25%	11%	11%	6%	17%	13%	21%	6%	13%	17%	14%
Availability of affordable quality housing	28%	12%	12%	6%	19%	14%	20%	10%	15%	18%	15%
Overall quality of new development in Mariposa County	28%	27%	23%	33%	21%	26%	22%	38%	22%	21%	25%

Table 6: Community Characteristics - Economy

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Overall economic health of Mariposa County	24%	28%	22%	25%	24%	23%	28%	13%	27%	26%	24%
Mariposa County as a place to work	25%	29%	36%	35%	30%	34%	26%	19%	39%	32%	32%
Mariposa County as a place to visit	87%	80%	79%	69%	87%	82%	77%	72%	78%	87%	81%
Employment opportunities	7%	16%	4%	16%	4%	8%	10%	7%	10%	8%	8%
Shopping opportunities	18%	23%	16%	26%	15%	19%	17%	20%	18%	19%	19%
Cost of living in Mariposa County	35%	30%	28%	22%	33%	31%	22%	21%	26%	36%	30%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Mariposa County	43%	45%	50%	46%	48%	50%	32%	44%	51%	46%	47%
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	46%	39%	50%	48%	45%	48%	39%	48%	50%	42%	46%

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Table 7: Community Characteristics - Recreation and Wellness

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Health and wellness opportunities in Mariposa County	26%	33%	31%	27%	32%	32%	27%	32%	27%	33%	31%
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	53%	50%	50%	48%	51%	51%	52%	61%	48%	49%	51%
Recreational opportunities	73%	60%	59%	51%	67%	62%	57%	48%	62%	66%	62%
Availability of affordable quality food	31%	41%	51%	38%	46%	46%	33%	21%	44%	52%	44%
Availability of affordable quality health care	16%	17%	20%	19%	18%	19%	18%	17%	8%	27%	19%
Availability of preventive health services	16%	17%	20%	15%	20%	19%	16%	8%	13%	26%	18%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	23%	13%	14%	17%	15%	15%	19%	8%	16%	19%	16%

Table 8: Community Characteristics - Education and Enrichment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	33%	29%	29%	36%	27%	29%	30%	32%	25%	33%	30%
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	17%	30%	41%	36%	34%	37%	30%	56%	23%	37%	35%
K-12 education	56%	46%	69%	61%	60%	64%	48%	48%	59%	67%	61%
Adult educational opportunities	19%	20%	11%	15%	15%	15%	14%	0%	13%	23%	15%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	54%	49%	47%	46%	50%	52%	35%	43%	48%	52%	49%
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	59%	71%	73%	69%	70%	70%	71%	54%	68%	76%	70%

Table 9: Community Characteristics - Community Engagement

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	50%	61%	53%	44%	60%	56%	51%	41%	62%	55%	55%
Opportunities to volunteer	65%	74%	73%	66%	75%	75%	51%	45%	81%	75%	72%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	56%	65%	64%	53%	68%	65%	51%	36%	73%	66%	63%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	42%	30%	49%	27%	48%	41%	40%	15%	47%	47%	42%

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Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Neighborliness of residents in Mariposa County	71%	66%	70%	62%	72%	73%	48%	60%	72%	70%	69%

Table 10: Governance - General

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Mariposa County	53%	62%	60%	56%	61%	62%	46%	46%	58%	66%	59%
The value of services for the taxes paid to Mariposa County	33%	41%	37%	41%	37%	39%	30%	33%	36%	41%	38%
The overall direction that Mariposa County is taking	42%	44%	36%	40%	40%	44%	16%	41%	40%	39%	39%
The job Mariposa County government does at welcoming citizen involvement	35%	53%	45%	42%	47%	48%	35%	27%	54%	46%	46%
Overall confidence in Mariposa County government	25%	45%	40%	34%	41%	42%	24%	31%	38%	43%	39%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	41%	50%	38%	37%	45%	45%	27%	41%	42%	44%	42%
Being honest	33%	50%	43%	43%	44%	47%	27%	37%	38%	51%	44%
Treating all residents fairly	31%	45%	45%	38%	44%	45%	28%	39%	36%	48%	42%
Overall customer service by Mariposa County employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	70%	77%	69%	74%	71%	74%	57%	71%	68%	75%	72%
The Federal Government	15%	27%	32%	24%	29%	27%	28%	18%	29%	29%	28%

Table 11: Governance - Safety

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Police/Sheriff services	83%	86%	90%	83%	90%	89%	84%	80%	89%	90%	88%
Fire services	99%	93%	94%	99%	92%	94%	98%	100%	94%	93%	94%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	75%	80%	78%	75%	79%	79%	72%	65%	71%	87%	78%
Crime prevention	69%	67%	80%	79%	72%	76%	65%	66%	76%	76%	74%
Fire prevention and education	81%	72%	80%	79%	77%	79%	72%	65%	82%	80%	77%
Animal control	52%	61%	64%	73%	56%	64%	46%	66%	67%	56%	61%
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	64%	68%	67%	70%	66%	67%	65%	80%	68%	62%	67%

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Table 12: Governance - Mobility

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Traffic enforcement	68%	64%	74%	69%	70%	73%	54%	61%	70%	74%	70%
Street repair	23%	22%	17%	26%	17%	20%	17%	18%	16%	23%	20%
Street lighting	20%	23%	26%	30%	21%	24%	25%	15%	22%	29%	24%
Snow removal	84%	62%	70%	72%	68%	74%	54%	82%	64%	70%	70%
Sidewalk maintenance	55%	43%	40%	53%	40%	45%	43%	44%	41%	47%	44%

Table 13: Governance - Natural Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Garbage collection	43%	52%	49%	51%	48%	48%	60%	52%	45%	51%	49%
Recycling	45%	59%	51%	50%	53%	52%	51%	27%	49%	62%	52%
Drinking water	73%	66%	55%	56%	65%	64%	50%	60%	61%	64%	63%
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	63%	62%	62%	58%	64%	64%	53%	58%	68%	60%	62%
Mariposa County open space	73%	67%	64%	67%	67%	68%	58%	58%	76%	63%	67%

Table 14: Governance - Built Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Storm drainage	46%	27%	19%	33%	25%	28%	21%	22%	21%	33%	28%
Sewer services	50%	63%	58%	56%	59%	59%	51%	56%	57%	61%	58%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	56%	63%	64%	52%	66%	64%	58%	38%	64%	69%	63%
Utility billing	35%	55%	46%	41%	49%	48%	41%	25%	40%	58%	47%
Land use, planning and zoning	46%	34%	30%	36%	34%	35%	33%	36%	37%	33%	34%
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	37%	28%	36%	48%	29%	34%	34%	34%	35%	32%	33%
Cable television	32%	33%	26%	31%	28%	32%	14%	0%	25%	38%	30%

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Table 15: Governance - Economy

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Economic development	10%	29%	16%	19%	19%	20%	15%	28%	16%	19%	19%

Table 16: Governance - Recreation and Wellness

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
County parks	58%	68%	61%	58%	65%	62%	60%	55%	62%	66%	63%
Recreation programs or classes	50%	47%	47%	52%	46%	47%	48%	51%	45%	48%	48%
Recreation centers or facilities	52%	44%	43%	56%	40%	46%	39%	52%	43%	44%	44%
Health services	10%	30%	32%	32%	26%	27%	30%	18%	25%	33%	28%

Table 17: Governance - Education and Enrichment

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Public library services	85%	80%	84%	87%	81%	86%	66%	83%	84%	81%	83%
County-sponsored special events	63%	67%	57%	72%	56%	64%	44%	77%	60%	57%	61%

Table 18: Governance - Community Engagement

Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Public information services	72%	71%	71%	80%	67%	73%	63%	100%	69%	66%	71%

Table 19: Participation General

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Sense of community	67%	74%	78%	74%	75%	78%	57%	59%	85%	72%	74%
Recommend living in Mariposa County to someone who asks	72%	79%	84%	68%	85%	81%	72%	60%	81%	87%	80%
Remain in Mariposa County for the next five years	80%	87%	93%	85%	90%	90%	84%	85%	93%	88%	88%



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Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Contacted Mariposa County (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	48%	52%	49%	33%	58%	52%	36%	37%	50%	54%	50%

Table 20: Participation - Safety

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Was NOT the victim of a crime	92%	90%	91%	93%	90%	93%	79%	88%	91%	92%	91%
Did NOT report a crime	91%	87%	79%	88%	82%	85%	80%	84%	84%	84%	84%
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	63%	63%	64%	58%	66%	63%	63%	55%	65%	65%	64%

Table 21: Participation - Mobility

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Walked or biked instead of driving	41%	41%	38%	53%	33%	40%	36%	44%	48%	32%	39%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	42%	48%	47%	48%	46%	45%	53%	52%	56%	39%	47%

Table 22: Participation - Natural Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Recycle at home	92%	97%	99%	97%	97%	98%	95%	97%	97%	98%	97%
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	85%	86%	83%	80%	87%	83%	91%	75%	86%	87%	85%
Made efforts to conserve water	91%	97%	97%	96%	96%	95%	98%	89%	98%	96%	96%

Table 23: Participation - Built Environment

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
NOT under housing cost stress	66%	70%	77%	66%	75%	74%	64%	74%	71%	73%	72%
Did NOT observe a code violation	41%	48%	43%	56%	39%	45%	44%	50%	46%	40%	44%

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Table 24: Participation - Economy

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Mariposa County	93%	92%	95%	92%	94%	95%	87%	90%	91%	97%	94%
Economy will have positive impact on income	32%	27%	24%	25%	27%	27%	24%	21%	35%	23%	26%
Work in Mariposa County	46%	61%	54%	70%	47%	53%	62%	64%	78%	34%	54%

Table 25: Participation - Recreation and Wellness

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Used Mariposa County recreation centers or their services	44%	53%	57%	52%	54%	51%	62%	55%	57%	49%	52%
Visited a neighborhood park or County park	72%	76%	66%	73%	70%	70%	75%	79%	78%	63%	70%
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	79%	88%	81%	76%	86%	83%	85%	83%	87%	81%	83%
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	86%	94%	84%	87%	89%	89%	81%	100%	92%	80%	87%
Reported being in "very good" or "excellent" health	67%	69%	60%	61%	66%	65%	63%	86%	68%	55%	64%

Table 26: Participation - Education and Enrichment

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Used Mariposa County public libraries or their services	54%	68%	62%	68%	59%	61%	70%	56%	70%	59%	62%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Mariposa County	28%	29%	40%	25%	38%	33%	36%	12%	35%	40%	34%
Attended a County-sponsored event	55%	57%	58%	51%	60%	59%	48%	52%	58%	58%	57%

Table 27: Participation - Community Engagement

Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	15%	37%	35%	25%	35%	32%	29%	34%	31%	31%	31%
Contacted Mariposa County elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	14%	22%	24%	6%	29%	21%	23%	2%	18%	31%	21%

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Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Mariposa County	37%	56%	59%	54%	54%	55%	48%	38%	64%	53%	54%
Participated in a club	31%	31%	38%	33%	36%	36%	28%	26%	34%	38%	35%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	90%	93%	91%	86%	94%	94%	81%	87%	94%	91%	92%
Done a favor for a neighbor	85%	89%	92%	85%	92%	92%	78%	87%	93%	88%	90%
Attended a local public meeting	26%	53%	43%	33%	48%	44%	40%	25%	47%	47%	43%
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	82%	84%	90%	76%	91%	87%	81%	72%	87%	91%	86%
Vote in local elections	82%	94%	96%	86%	96%	92%	97%	83%	94%	95%	93%

Table 28: Community Focus Areas

Percent rating positively (e.g., essential/very important)	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Overall feeling of safety in Mariposa County	81%	83%	84%	79%	85%	83%	84%	77%	82%	86%	83%
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	85%	76%	69%	87%	69%	75%	76%	77%	76%	74%	75%
Quality of overall natural environment in Mariposa County	86%	81%	76%	84%	78%	80%	77%	86%	81%	77%	80%
Overall "built environment" of Mariposa County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	63%	73%	71%	72%	69%	72%	61%	68%	73%	69%	70%
Health and wellness opportunities in Mariposa County	85%	81%	83%	85%	82%	84%	77%	79%	80%	86%	83%
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	79%	80%	81%	86%	78%	81%	78%	89%	80%	77%	80%
Overall economic health of Mariposa County	93%	91%	90%	94%	89%	92%	85%	93%	96%	86%	91%
Sense of community	75%	73%	81%	65%	82%	78%	72%	63%	82%	79%	77%

Table 29: County Priorities

How much of a priority, if at all, should it be for Mariposa County to address each of the following over the next three years? (Percent rating as "high priority" or "medium priority").	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
Build infrastructure to support economic development (e.g., broadband, zoning, utility expansion, etc.)	95%	96%	88%	96%	90%	92%	93%	92%	96%	89%	92%
Create additional housing for all income levels	90%	91%	80%	99%	79%	85%	90%	88%	87%	83%	85%
Expand park experience and tourism opportunities in the county	80%	81%	79%	76%	82%	79%	82%	62%	83%	83%	80%
Develop a recreation center in town	62%	64%	67%	65%	65%	64%	68%	57%	68%	65%	65%

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Table 30: Balancing the County Budget

Mariposa County is in the process of developing long-term budget forecasts to help balance the budget and reinforce long-term fiscal stability. Please indicate how much you support or oppose each of the following methods of balancing the County budget: (Percent rating as "strongly support" or "somewhat support").	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
	Slow down capital projects (roads, bridges, facilities, etc.)	14%	26%	27%	21%	25%	24%	22%	23%	24%	
Borrow money to pay for capital projects (roads, bridges, recreation facilities, government buildings, etc.)	37%	50%	47%	55%	43%	46%	48%	44%	50%	44%	46%
Reduce or eliminate services (library services, park maintenance, non-emergency services, trash pick-up, etc.)	8%	13%	11%	11%	11%	10%	17%	11%	10%	11%	12%
Raise taxes or fees to maintain current service levels	45%	35%	26%	34%	32%	33%	28%	32%	36%	30%	33%

Table 31: Potential Tax Increases on Tourists and Visitors

The County is interested in raising taxes on tourists and visitors staying in local lodging establishments. Visitors and tourists would pay these taxes to help fund the continuation or development of services including roads, fire prevention and response, crime prevention and housing development. Comparable jurisdictions typically charge 14-17%; Mariposa County's rate is 11%. Please indicate whether you would support or oppose a ballot initiative for each of the following potential tax increases on tourists and visitors to help fund the services previously listed: (Percent rating as "strongly support" or "somewhat support").	Length of residency			Housing tenure		Race/ethnicity		Age			Overall
	5 years or less	6 to 20 years	More than 20 years	Rent	Own	White alone, not Hispanic	Hispanic and/or other race	18-34	35-54	55+	
	A 4% increase (for a total of 15%)	71%	50%	49%	56%	53%	53%	57%	69%	53%	
A 3% increase (for a total of 14%)	76%	57%	57%	60%	62%	62%	57%	83%	59%	55%	61%
A 2% increase (for a total of 13%)	78%	65%	69%	79%	66%	73%	52%	89%	70%	64%	70%
No increase (maintain overall total of 11%)	14%	36%	30%	21%	31%	25%	48%	4%	27%	39%	29%