

Life in Christchurch Neighbourhoods and Communities 2019 Overall Summary Results

Highlights

- Sense of Place
 - 87% (n=2834) enjoy living in their neighbourhood, with the top reasons being:
 - The natural environment (48%, n=1352)
 - Feeling at home in their neighbourhood (34%, n=969)
 - Easy to access venues, facilities and services (33%, n=935)
 - 72% (n=2359) of respondents are proud to be a resident in their neighbourhood.
 - 64% (n=2083) of respondents understand the issues their neighbourhood is currently facing and the issues they may face in the future.
- Problem Assessment
 - 77% (n=2157) are happy to work with others when they see a need in their neighbourhood.
- Safety
 - 92% (n=2989) feel safe or very safe walking in their neighbourhood during the day and 87% (n=2829) feel safe or very safe in their homes after dark.
- Facilities
 - 71% (n=2313) are satisfied or very satisfied with the range of recreation, shopping and socialising opportunities in their neighbourhood.
 - 46% (n=1456) agree or strongly agree that they attend events in their community where they can, while 27% (n=831) disagree or strongly disagree.
- Volunteering
 - Respondents are more inclined to volunteer for groups or organisations in their Wider community 62% (n=1938) than their Local community 50% (n=1566). The top three organisations / groups that people volunteer for are:
 - Environmental / conservation (26%, n=577)
 - Education, schools or research (23%, n=525)
 - Sports clubs (21%, n=470)
 - Of those who have **never** volunteered in the last 12 months (28%, n=1027), 51% (n=526) would be encouraged to volunteer if they had more time, or if there was work that interested them (34%, n=352).

Where is there room for improvement?

- Sense of Place
 - 13% (n=415) **do not** enjoy living in their neighbourhood; the main reasons being:
 - People speeding through their streets (32%, n=133)
 - Not feeling safe in their neighbourhood 30% (n=125)
 - While 88% (n=2580) of respondents think it is important to feel a sense of community with their neighbours, 59% (n=1708) of respondents actually feel a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood.
 - 32% (n=924) do not think they live in a close knit community, with a further 36% (n=1048) that neither agree nor disagree.
- Leadership
 - 26% (n=784) agree or strongly agree that if they share their opinions with community leaders they will listen, while 32% (n=974) neither agree nor disagree.
- Community Attitudes
 - 12% (n=353) agree or strongly agree that young people are encouraged to take on leadership roles in their neighbourhood, with a further 33% (n=946) who neither agree nor disagree and 35% (n=1009) that don't know. This is a challenge that is present across all communities in this survey.
- Safety
 - 55% (n=1774) feel safe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark, while 22% (n=732) feel unsafe or very unsafe.
- Discrimination
 - 15% (n=423) have been discriminated against in the last 12 months
 - 37% (n=157) the discrimination happened on the street or a public place
 - The main reasons respondents think they were discriminated against is:
 - Age (35%, n=148)
 - Gender (34%, n=144)
 - 31% (n=867) have seen or heard someone being discriminated against. Their race or ethnic group (63%, n=543) or their skin colour (42%, n=360) were the main reasons thought to be why they were discriminated against.