

## Neighbor Survey Findings Report

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## Agenda

Purpose, Methodology, and Demographics

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

4 Things to Remember

Other Findings

Summary

Questions

## Purpose

To objectively assess resident satisfaction with the delivery of City services

To compare the City's performance with residents regionally and nationally

To help determine priorities for the community

## Methodology

## **Survey Description**

Similar to previous surveys conducted by ETC Institute.

The last survey was conducted in 2019.

## Method of Administration

Administered by by mail, phone and online.

encouraged participation with texts and emails.

### Sample

The stratified random sample was designed to ensure the completion of at least 150 surveys in each commission district.

### **Margin of Error**

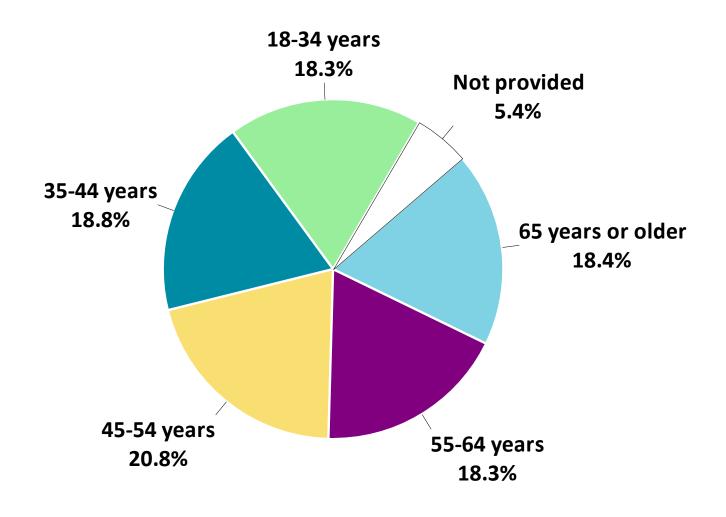
717 completed surveys were collected

+/- 3.6% at the 95% level of confidence

## Good Representation by AGE

### What is your age?

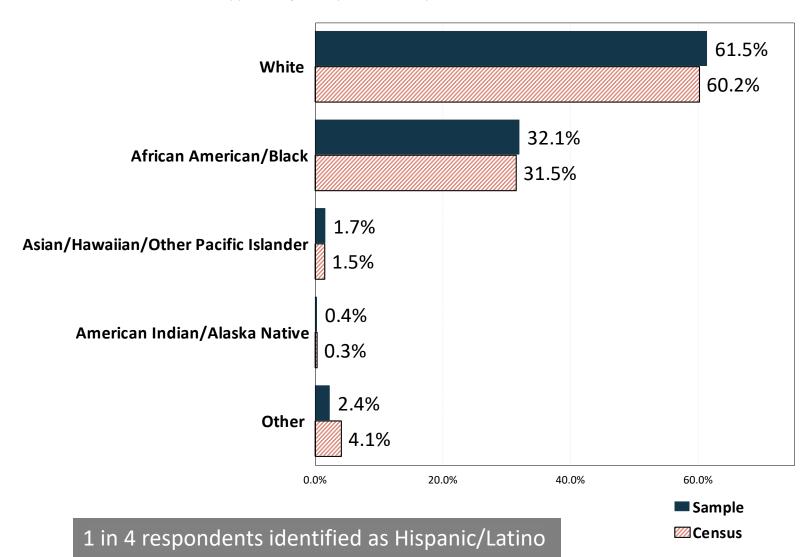
by percentage of respondents



## Good Representation by RACE

## Which of the following best describes your race?

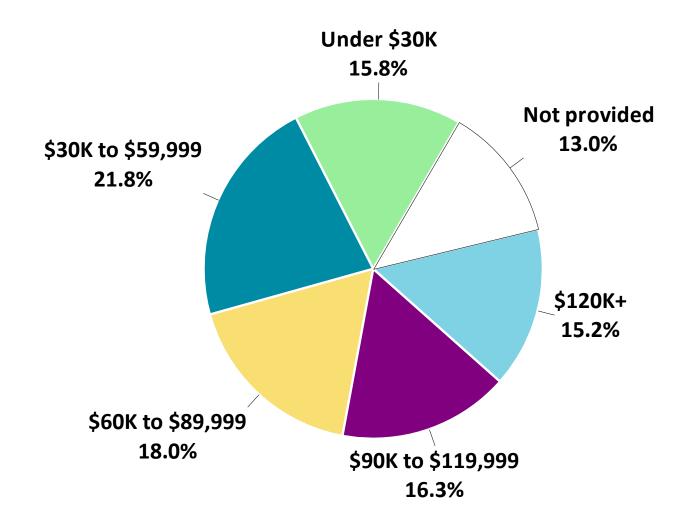
by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected)



## Good Representation by INCOME

### Would you say your total household income is...

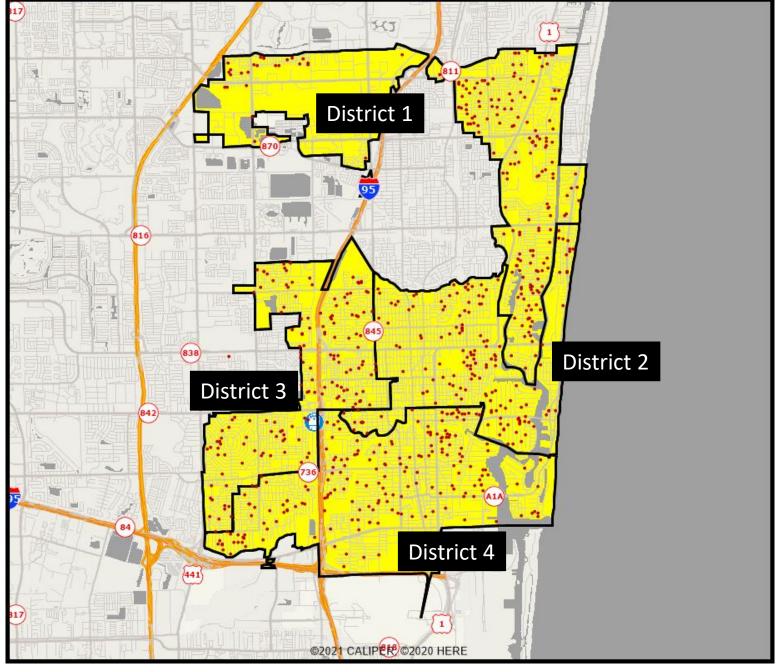
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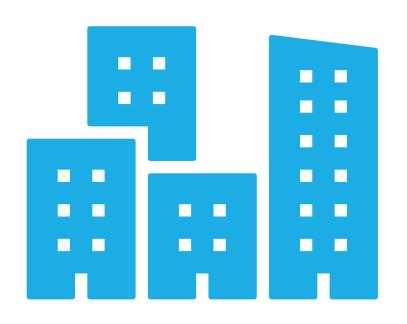
## Location of Survey Respondents

Good representation of responses throughout the City. There were at least 150 respondents from each of the City's four commission districts.

Home address of all respondents are geocoded to the block level within their district.



**Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Survey Respondents** 



## 4 Things to Remember

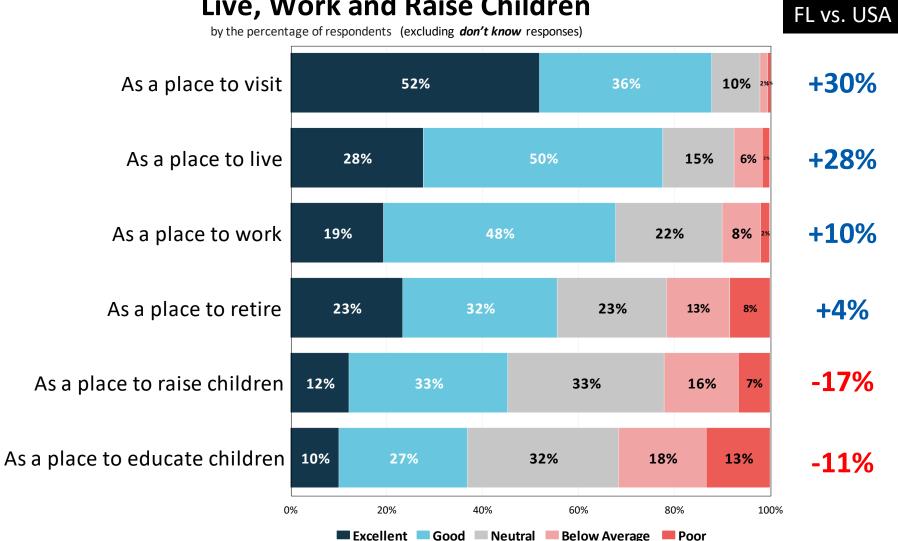
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- Satisfaction with the Overall Quality of City Services Has Increased Significantly
- 3. Satisfaction with the Value of City Taxes Has Increased Significantly
- Satisfaction with Customer Service Has Increased in All Areas

## Fort Lauderdale Continues to Set the Standard as a Place to Visit and Live

THINGS TO REMEMBER #1

The City is **Setting the** Standard as a **Place to Visit** and Live, but the City is Trailing the Nation as a Place to Raise Children.

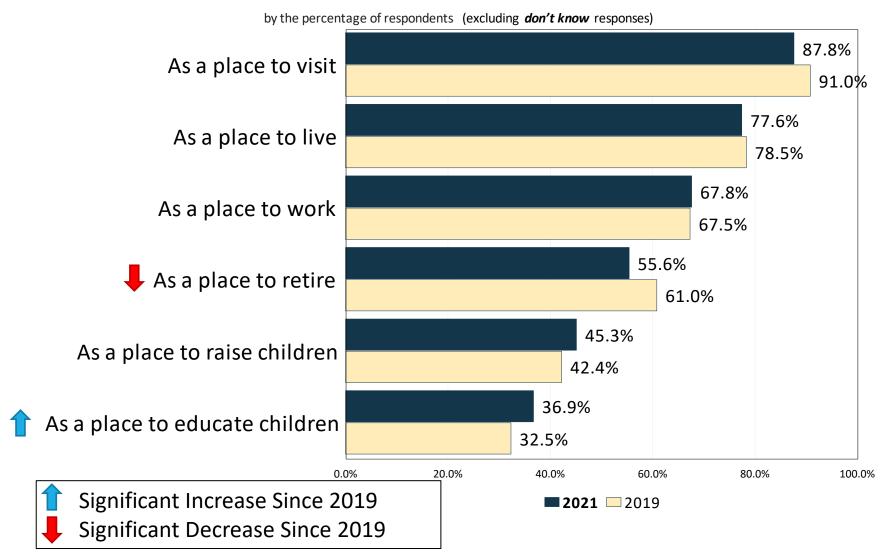
## Ratings of the City of Fort Lauderdale as a Place Live, Work and Raise Children



The Pandemic Did Not Significantly **Impact Ratings** of the City in Most Areas, **But Ratings for** the City as a Place to Raise and Educate Children Improved.

## **Trends: 2021 v. 2019**

## Ratings of the City of Fort Lauderdale as a Place Live, Work and Raise Children



## Satisfaction with the Overall Quality of City Services Has Increased Significantly

THINGS TO REMEMBER #2

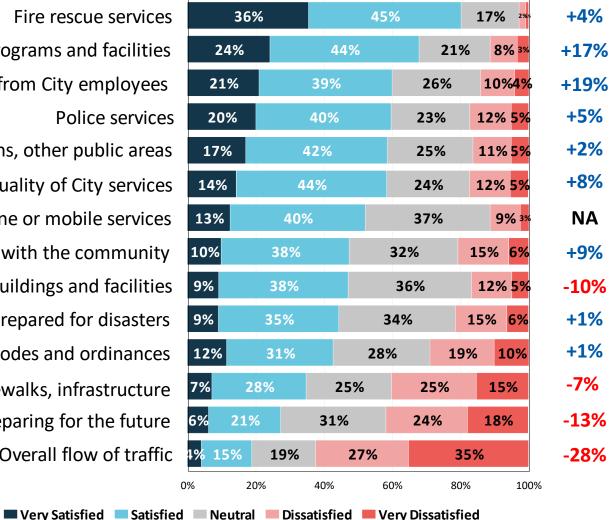
The City is **Setting** the Standard for Parks/Recreation and Customer Service, but the City is Trailing the Nation in Maintenance, Efforts to Prepare for the Future, and Traffic Flow.

### **Satisfaction with Major City Services**

by the percentage of respondents (excluding *don't know* responses)

FL vs. USA

Fire rescue services Parks and recreation programs and facilities Customer service you receive from City employees Police services Landscaping in parks, medians, other public areas Overall quality of City services Availability of online or mobile services Effectiveness of communication with the community Maintenance of City buildings and facilities How well the City is prepared for disasters Enforcement of City codes and ordinances Maintenance of City streets, sidewalks, infrastructure How well the City is preparing for the future Overall flow of traffic

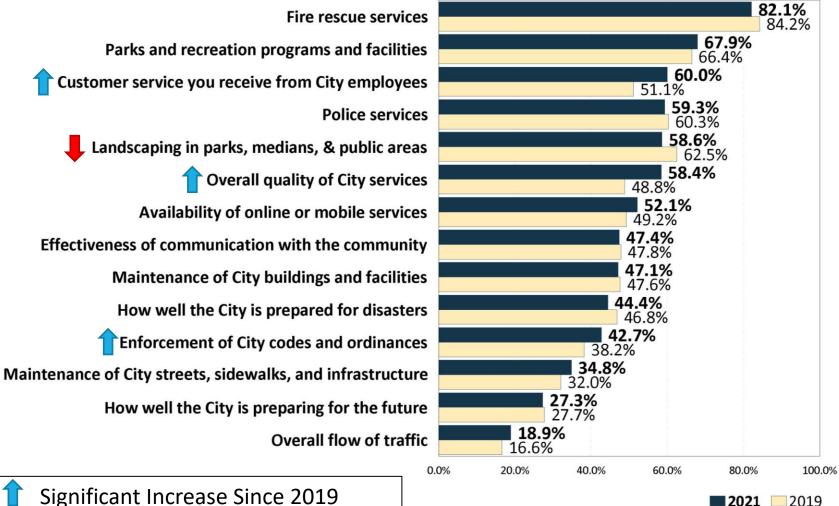


## Satisfaction with the Overall Quality of City Services and Customer Service Both Increased by 9%

### Trends: 2021 v. 2019

## **Overall Satisfaction with Major City Services**

by the sum percentage of respondents that were either *very satisfied* or *satisfied* (excluding *don't know* responses)





Significant Increase Since 2019
Significant Decrease Since 2019

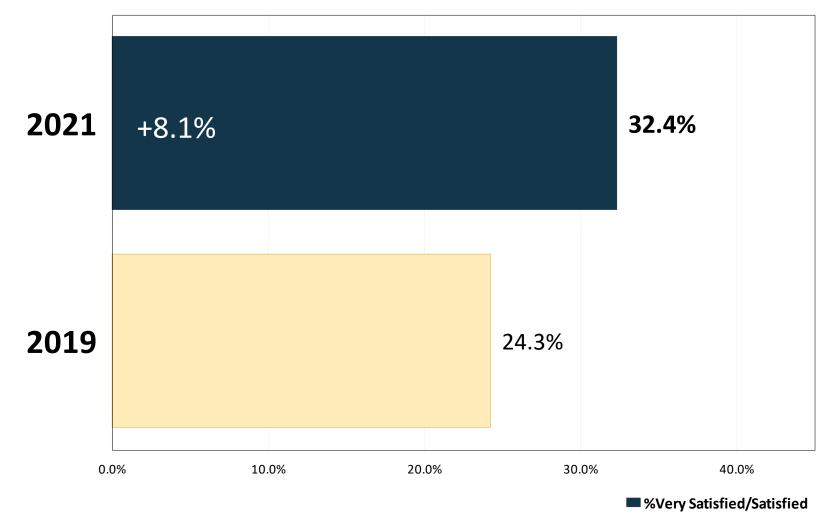
## Satisfaction with the Value of City Taxes Has Increased Significantly

THINGS TO REMEMBER #3

Satisfaction with the value residents receive for property taxes that are used to fund the City's operating budget has increased significantly since 2019

## What is your level of satisfaction with the value you receive for the portion of your property taxes that fund the City's operating budget?

by percentage of respondents (excluding don't know responses)



## Satisfaction with Customer Service Has Increased Significantly in All Areas

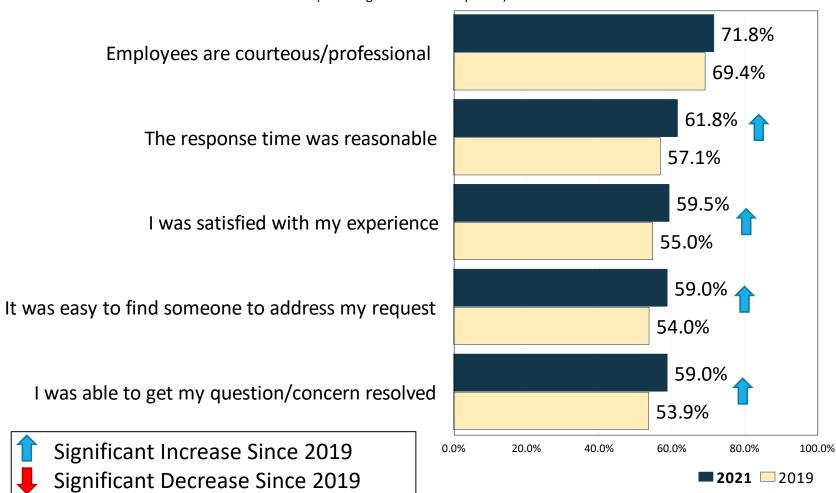
THINGS TO REMEMBER #4

## All Areas of Customer Service Have Improved Since 2019!

## **Trends: 2021 v. 2019**

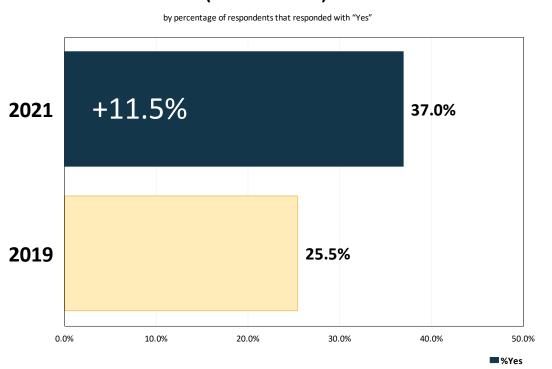
## Please rate your experience with City employees on the following behaviors.

by the sum percentage of respondents that rated their experience with City employees with **always** or **frequently** (excluding **don't know** responses)

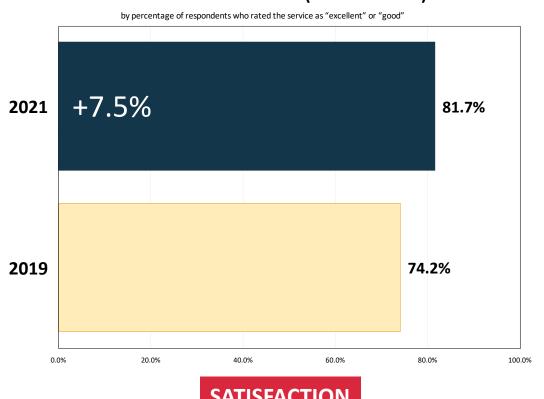


## Usage and Satisfaction with the City's 24-Hour Customer Service Center Have Improved Significantly

Have you ever contacted our 24-hour Customer Service Center (954-828-8000)?



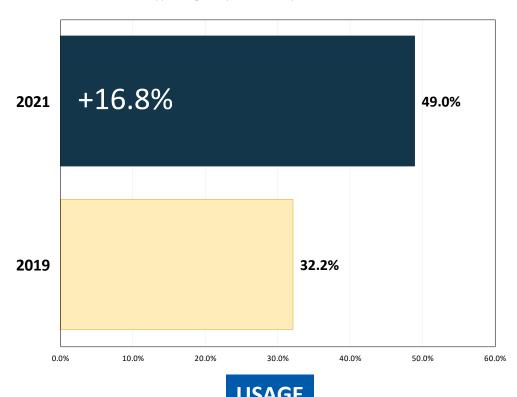
How would you rate your experience with the City's 24-hour Customer Service Center (954-828-8000)?



## Usage and Satisfaction with the City's Utility Billing Office Have Improved Significantly

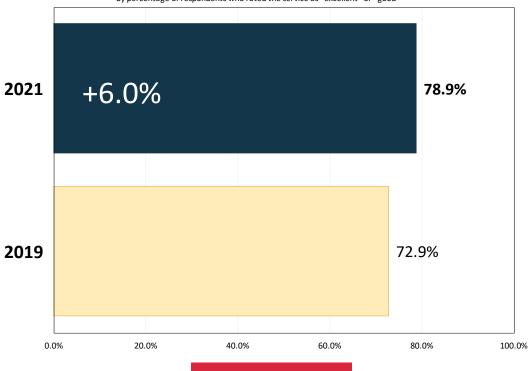
### Have you ever contacted our Utility Billing Office?

by percentage of respondents that responded with "Yes"



## How would you rate your experience with the Utility Billing Office?

by percentage of respondents who rated the service as "excellent" or "good"





## OTHER FINDINGS

Water/Sewer and Stormwater/Drainage Projects Continue to Be the Top Capital Project Investment Priorities

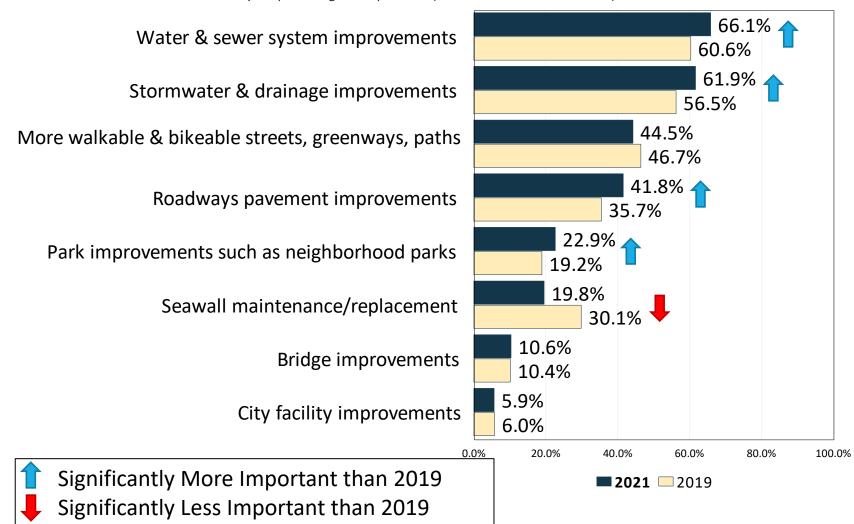
OTHER FINDINGS

Water/Sewer and Stormwater **Projects Continue** to Be the Top Priorities for the City's Community Investment Plan, But the Importance of Roadway **Improvements** Has Increased Most Since 2019

### **Trends: 2021 v. 2019**

## Capital Projects in the Community Investment Plan the Residents Think Are Most Important

by the percentage of respondents (three choices could be selected)



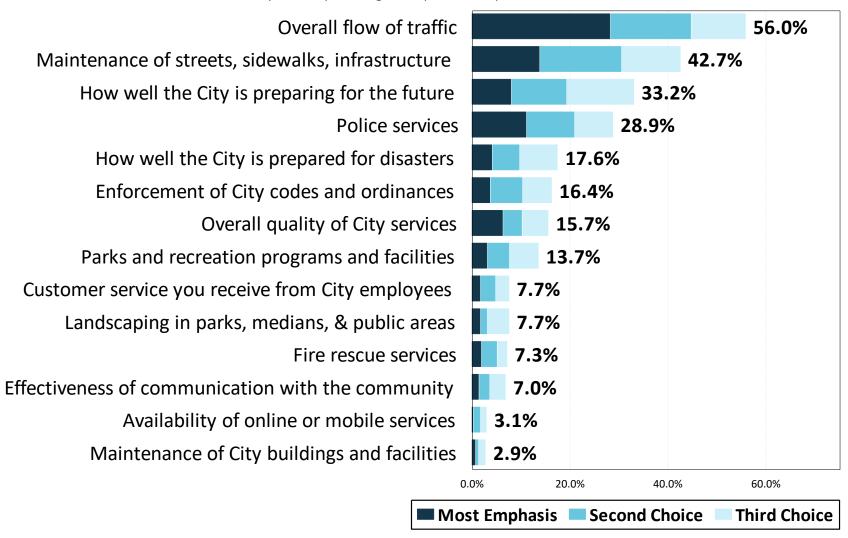
## There Are Opportunities for Improvement

OTHER FINDINGS

## Residents Think Traffic Flow and Maintenance Should Be Higher **Priorities Over** the Next Two Years

## Which THREE of the items listed do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City leaders over the next TWO years?

by the sum percentage of respondents' top three choices



# **Opportunities for Improvement**

Importance-Satisfaction Analysis Ratings 2021 City of Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Survey Major City Services

Category of Service	Most Important %	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction %	Satisfaction Rank	Importance- Satisfaction Rating	I-S Rating Rank
Very High Priority (I-S > 0.20)						
Overall flow of traffic	56%	1	19%	14	0.4542	1
Maintenance of City streets, sidewalks, and infrastructure	43%	2	35%	12	0.2784	2
How well the City is preparing for the future	33%	3	27%	13	0.2414	3
High Priority (I-S = 0.10-0.20)						
Police services	29%	4	60%	4	0.1165	4
Medium Priority (I-S < 0.10)						
How well the City is prepared for disasters Enforcement of City codes and ordinances	18% 16%	5 6	44% 43%	10 11	0.0979 0.0940	5 6
Overall quality of City services Parks and recreation programs and facilities	16% 14%	7 8	58% 68%	6 2	0.0653 0.0440	7 8
Effectiveness of communication Landscaping in parks, medians, & public areas	7% 8%	12 10	47% 59%	8 5	0.0368 0.0319	9
Customer service you receive from the City Maintenance of City buildings and facilities	8% 3%	9 14	60% 47%	3 9	0.0308 0.0153	11 12
Availability of online or mobile services Fire rescue services	3% 7%	13 11	52% 80%	7 1	0.0148 0.0145	13 14

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## Opportunities for Improvement Within Major Service Categories

### Fire/EMS

 How quickly fire rescue responds to 911 emergencies

### **Police**

- The visibility of police in neighborhood
- The City's efforts to prevent crime

## Parks and Recreation

- Maintenance of City parks
- Adult recreation programs
- Youth recreation programs

### **Utilities**

- Prevention of flooding
- Cleanliness of waterways near your home
- Overall quality of drinking water

### **Transportation**

- Traffic flow on major streets
- Cost of parking
- Traffic flow in neighborhoods

## Residents Continue to Feel Safe in Most Areas of the City

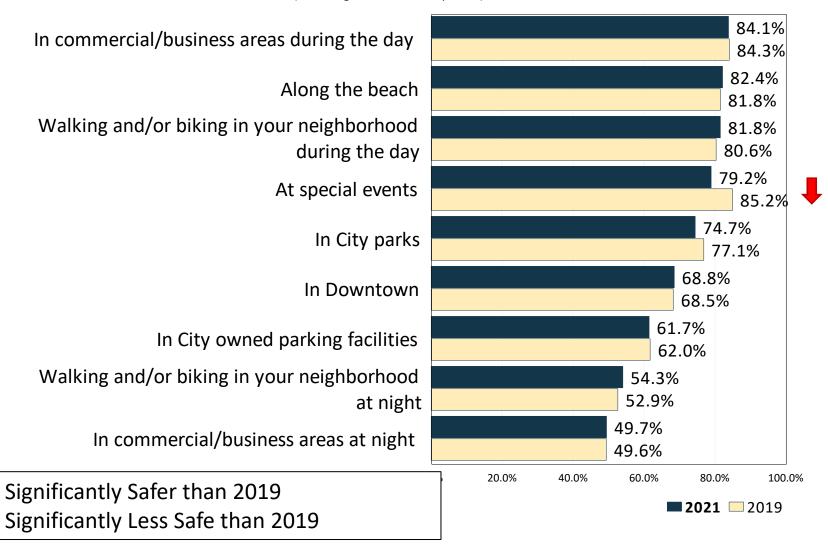
OTHER FINDINGS

Residents Continue to Feel Safe in Most Areas of the City. The Decrease in Safety Ratings at **Special Events is** Likely Related to **Concerns About** COVID.

## **Trends: 2021 v. 2019**

## **Overall Perception of Safety**

by the sum percentage of respondents the feel either **very safe** or **safe** (excluding **don't know** responses)

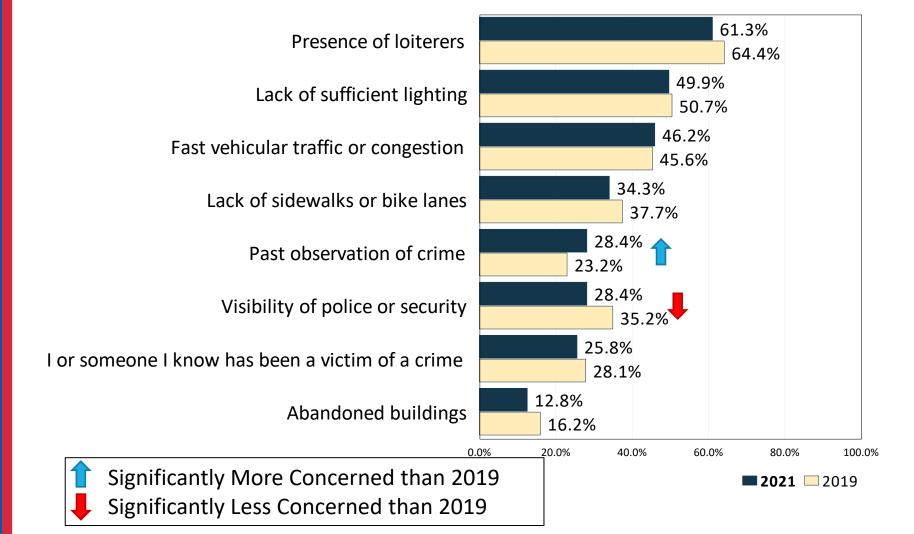


Concerns About Loitering, Insufficient Lighting and Traffic Are Still the Top 3 Safety Concerns for Residents

### **Trends: 2021 v. 2019**

## If you feel unsafe, why do you feel unsafe?

by the percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected )



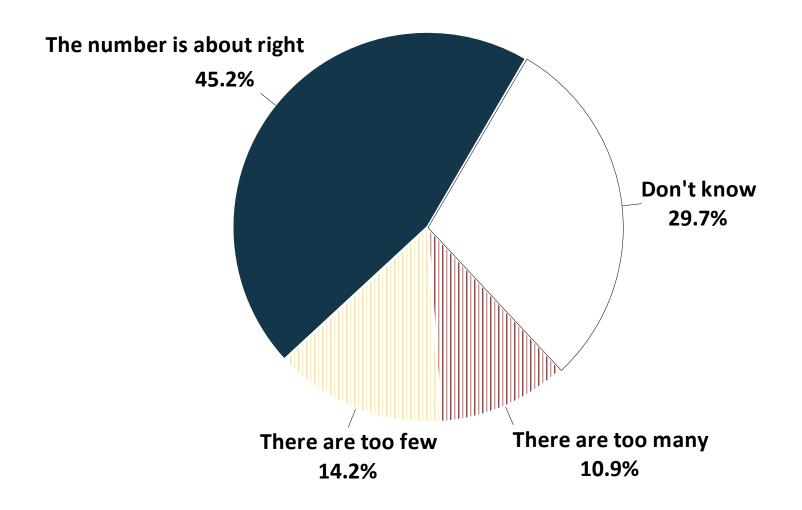
## Other Notable Findings from the Survey

OTHER FINDINGS

Among Residents Who Have an Opinion, the **Majority** Think the Number of **Special Events** Is About Right!

## Which of the following best describes your opinion about the number of special events in Fort Lauderdale?

by percentage of respondents

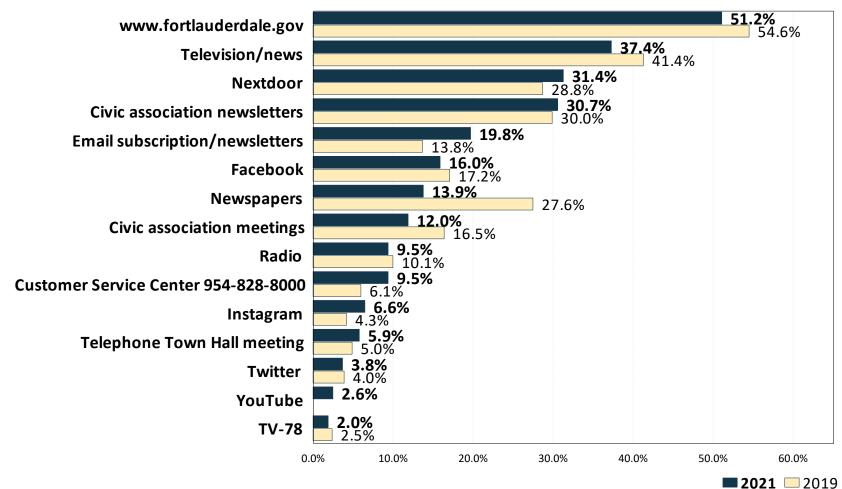


## The City's Website Continues to Be the Top Source of Information for Residents

## **Trends: 2021 v. 2019**

## Which of the following are your primary sources of information about City issues, services, programming, and events?

by the percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be selected)



## Summary

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- 4. Satisfaction with the Customer Service Has Increased in All Areas
- 5. Water/Sewer and Stormwater Projects Continue to Be the Top Capital Project Priorities for the City's Community Investment Plan
- 6. The City Should Use the Importance-Satisfaction Rating to Guide Priorities for Communication and Operational Funding which are: (1) Traffic flow, (2) Maintenance, (3) Preparing for the Future, and (4) Police Services.

## Questions?

THANK YOU!