

# Allegheny County Quality of Life Survey 2023 – Results by City of Pittsburgh Police District Brief

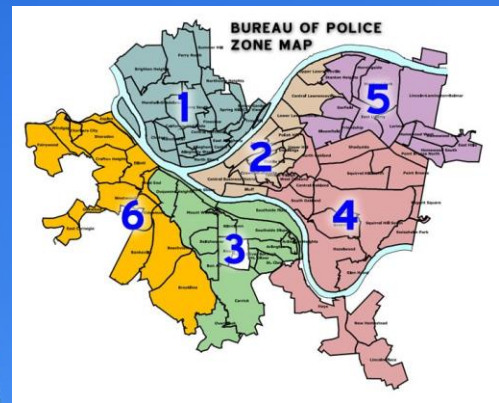
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## UCSUR's 2023 QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY

The University of Pittsburgh Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR), with UrbanKind, conducted its 2023 Allegheny County Quality of Life survey in Summer - Fall 2023. The 100-plus question survey was funded by the Pittsburgh Foundation, The Heinz Endowments, and UCSUR. The survey asks a large diverse community sample for their personal perceptions of quality of life and livability, how they are changing, and quality of life in their own neighborhood. The project builds on previous QOL surveys conducted by UCSUR. The survey results are presented in multiple ways. This brief focuses on results concerning public safety, organized by the six City of Pittsburgh Police Districts. Survey respondents in the City of Pittsburgh = 772.



### CITY OF PITTSBURGH RESULTS BY POLICE DISTRICT

- The pandemic has had comparable effects on residents across the city of Pittsburgh, regardless of race or geographic location in the city. On average, 43.5% of city of Pittsburgh respondents felt that quality of life in the county has declined since the start of the pandemic in March 2020.
- Residents who rated their neighborhood as an excellent or very good place to live varied by race and geography. 38% of Black city residents and 50% of white city residents rated their neighborhood as an excellent or very good place to live. By Police District, Zones 4 and 5 residents were the most positive about their neighborhood, with 62% and 58% respectively rating their neighborhood as an excellent or very good place to live, while residents in Zones 1 and 3 gave the lowest ratings of their neighborhood as a place to live.
- Overall, in the city of Pittsburgh, 25% of city residents felt there was more crime in their neighborhood compared to a year before, with only a slight difference between Black residents (25%) and Nonblack respondents (22%). But residents' perceptions of crime in their neighborhood varied widely across parts of the city. While 11% of residents in Zone 5 and 13% in Zone 6 felt there was more crime in their neighborhood than a year ago, 38% of Zone 3 and 30% of Zone 1 respondents felt there was more crime in their neighborhood compared to a year ago.
- When asked to compare crime in their own neighborhood with other neighborhoods, respondents in Zone 4 (59%), Zone 5 (45%), and Zone 6 (48%) felt there was less crime in their own neighborhood compared to other areas. Respondents in Zones 1, 2 and 3 were more likely to report more crime in their neighborhood compared to other areas.
- 27% of Zone 1 respondents rated community law enforcement giving protection to people in their neighborhood as poor. Zone 6 reported the highest ratings of police giving protection to people in their neighborhood, with 17% reporting excellent protection and only 1% reporting poor protection.
- Trust in residents' law enforcement agency was lowest in Zones 1 and 3, where 28% of respondents reported not trusting their law enforcement agency at all.
- Over 80% of respondents in Zones 3, 4, 5 and 6 had the lowest ratings of their law enforcement agency practicing community policing, with well over 80% of respondents in these zones reporting community policing was practiced either not at all or just to a little extent.
- Police communicating with community members received low ratings across Zones, with over 80% of respondents in all zones reporting little or no regular communications. Similarly, respondents across zones reported that law enforcement rarely developed relationships with community members. The exception was Zone 2, where nearly 40% of respondents reported that law enforcement developed relationships with community members to a great extent or a lot.
- When asked if their law enforcement agency worked with community members to solve local problems, respondents in Zone 2 reported the highest levels of working together, with 40% of respondents reporting that their law enforcement agency works with community partners to solve local problems to a great extent or a lot. Zones 3 and 5 reported much lower positive views at 16% and 14% respectively.

*Results for the 2023 QOL Survey for City of Pittsburgh Police Districts:*

<https://ucsur.pitt.edu/files/center/qol/2023/Allegheny%20County%20QOL%20Survey%202023%20-%20City%20of%20Pittsburgh.pdf> For all survey results: [https://ucsur.pitt.edu/allegheny\\_county\\_qol\\_2023.php](https://ucsur.pitt.edu/allegheny_county_qol_2023.php)