Allegheny County 2023
Quality of Life Survey

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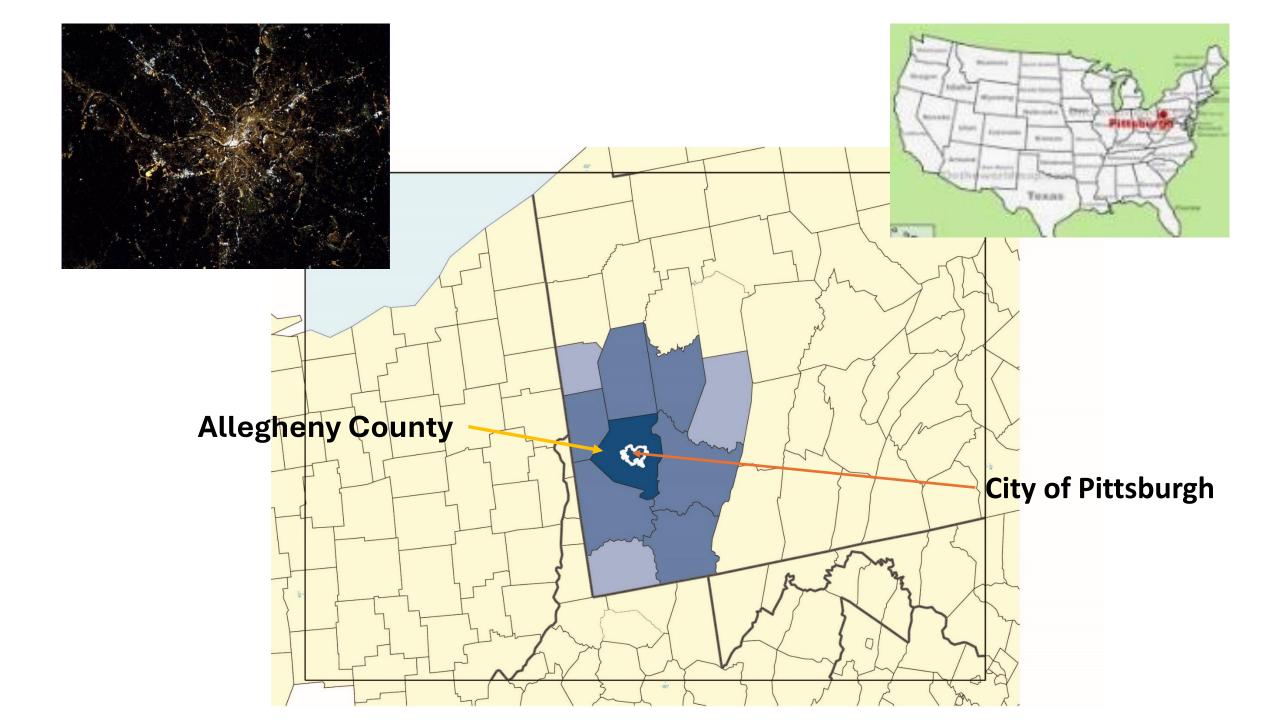
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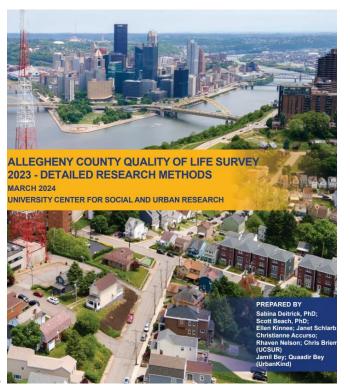






### **Allegheny County Quality of Life Survey 2023**

- Third QOL survey completed by UCSUR
  - Previous surveys 2011 and 2018
  - Impacts of COVID19 pandemic
- Web-based survey conducted Summer Fall 2023
  - IRB-approved
  - Non-probability sampling method
  - UCSUR's Research Registry
  - Additional phases with telephone surveys to targeted populations minority and younger aged residents
- Total survey respondents = 2,038
- Data weighted statistically for age, sex, race and education to be representative of county population. Closely matches external benchmarks of the population.
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) -- geo-code survey respondents (through ArcGIS Pro 3.2) from respondents listing nearest street intersections to their home.



## **Domains of the 2023 Survey**

- Overall
- Neighborhood
- Environment
- Health
- Food Access
- Housing
- Transportation
- Education

- Public Safety
- Economy
- Arts
- Religion
- Government
- Technology
- Well-being

#### **Partner:**



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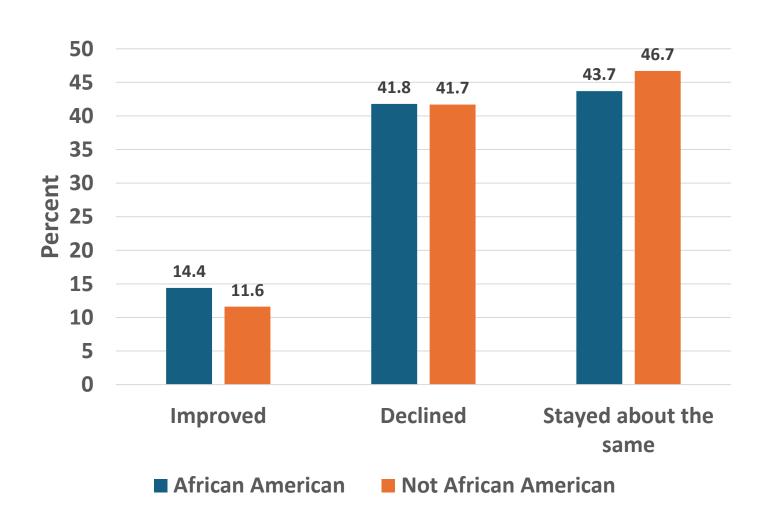
### Goals

- Understanding continuing impacts of the COVID19 pandemic on Allegheny County residents
- Analyzing differential impacts of the pandemic on different socio-economic groups and geographies
- Assessing the gap in quality of life between white and Black Allegheny County residents
- Expanding geography to include sub-district within the City of Pittsburgh for the Pittsburgh Police Department
- Expanding to include Hispanic/Latino residents analysis

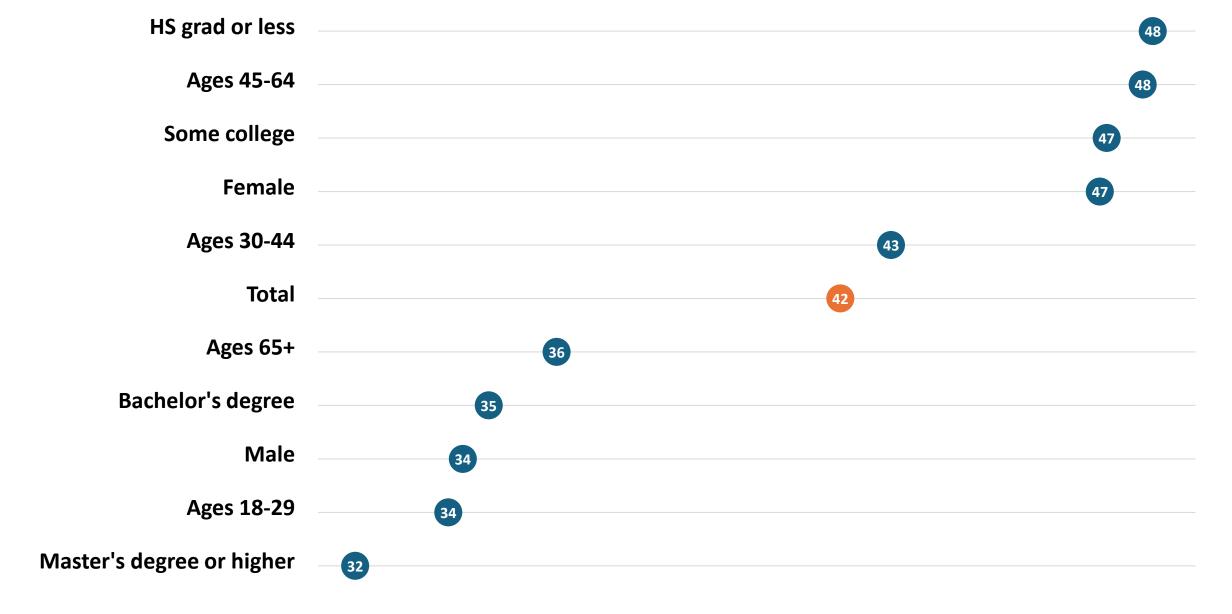




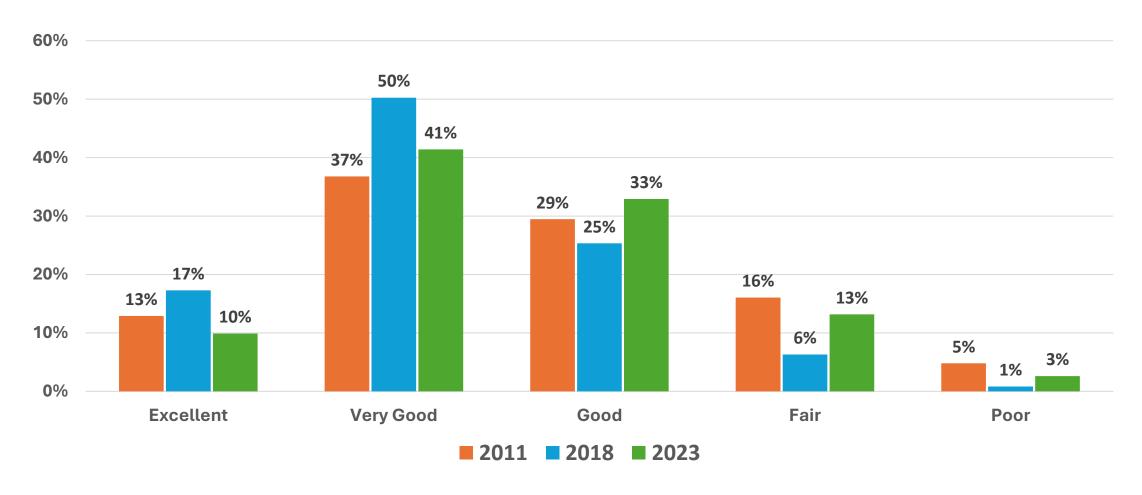
Overall3: Since before the start of the COVI19 pandemic in March 2020, would you say that the overall quality of life in Allegheny County has improved, declined, or stayed the same during the past few years?



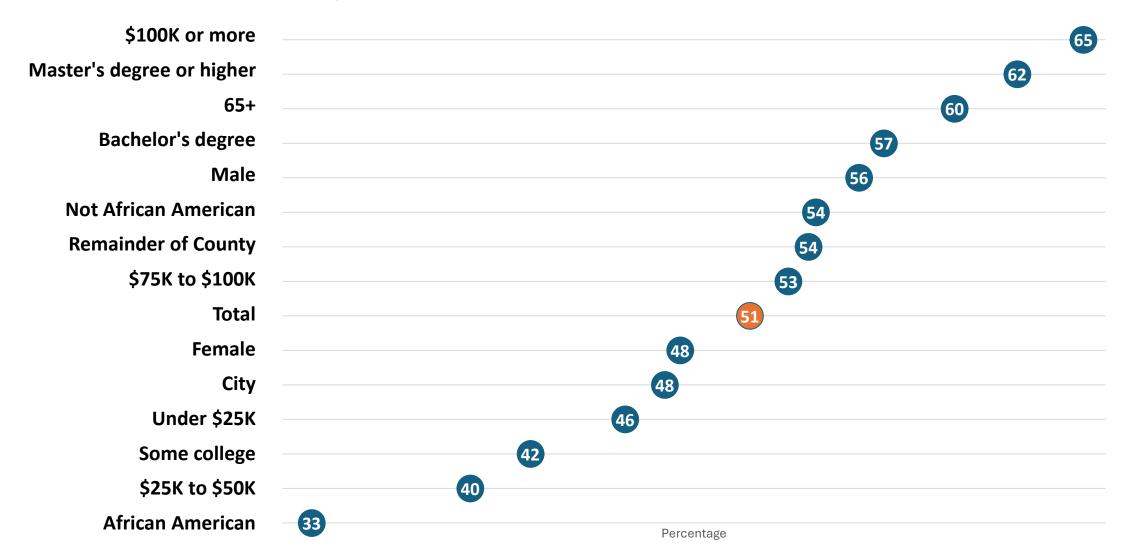
## Overall 3: Since before the start of the COVI19 pandemic in March 2020, the overall quality of life in Allegheny County has <u>declined</u>



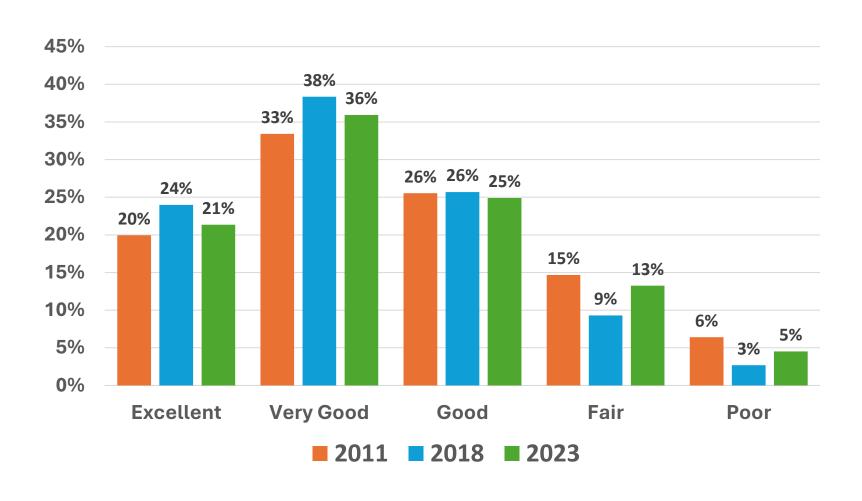
Overall 7: Thinking about the overall quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania, how would you rate the region as a place to live? Would you say it is ...



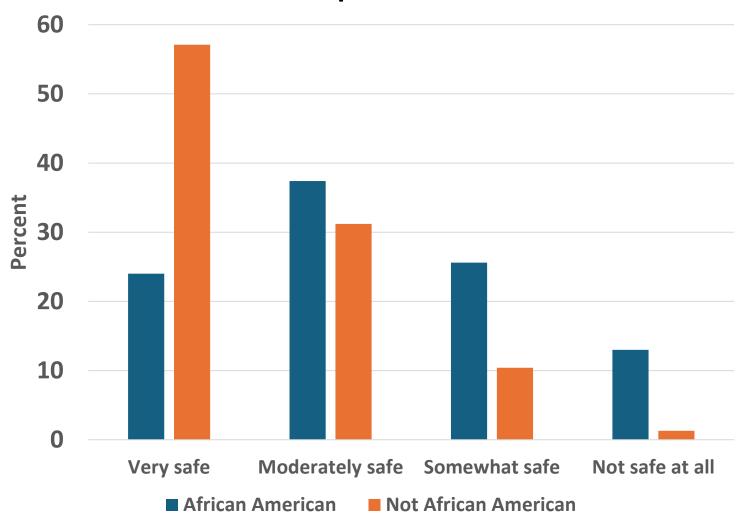
# Overall 7: Thinking about the overall quality of life in southwestern Pennsylvania, would you rate the region as <u>an excellent or very good place</u> to live?



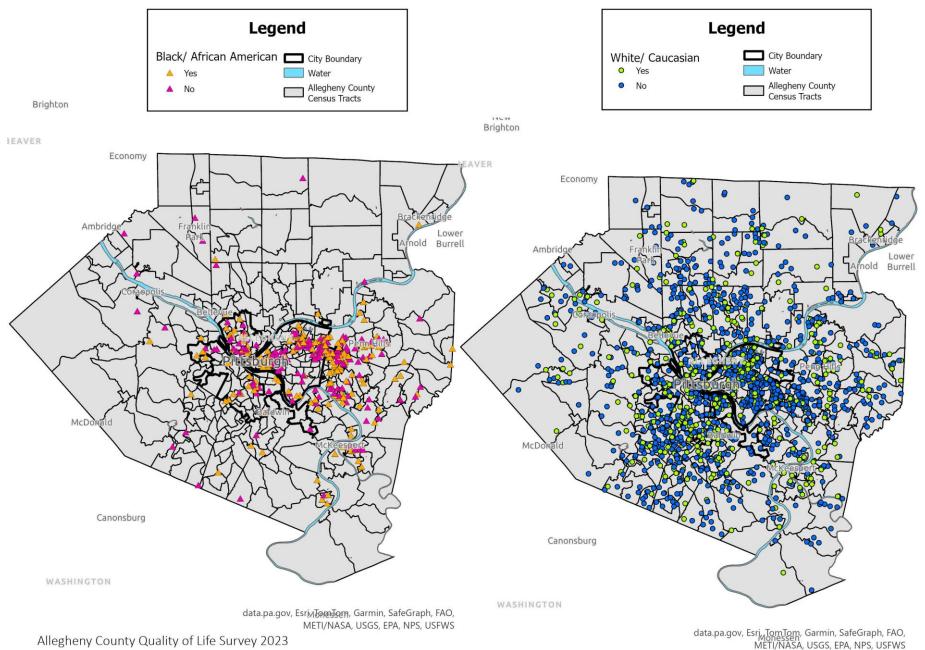
## Neighborhood: How would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live? Would you say it is ...



## Wellbeing: How safe do you feel about resuming normal activities as your community recovers from the COVID19 pandemic?



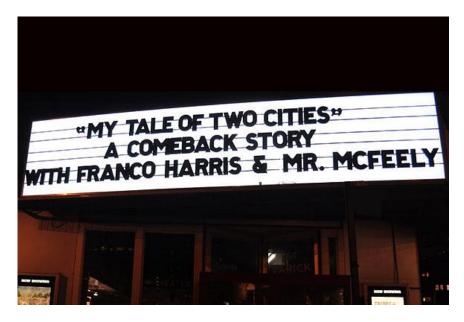
Housing 4: Do you spend 30% or more of your income on housing?



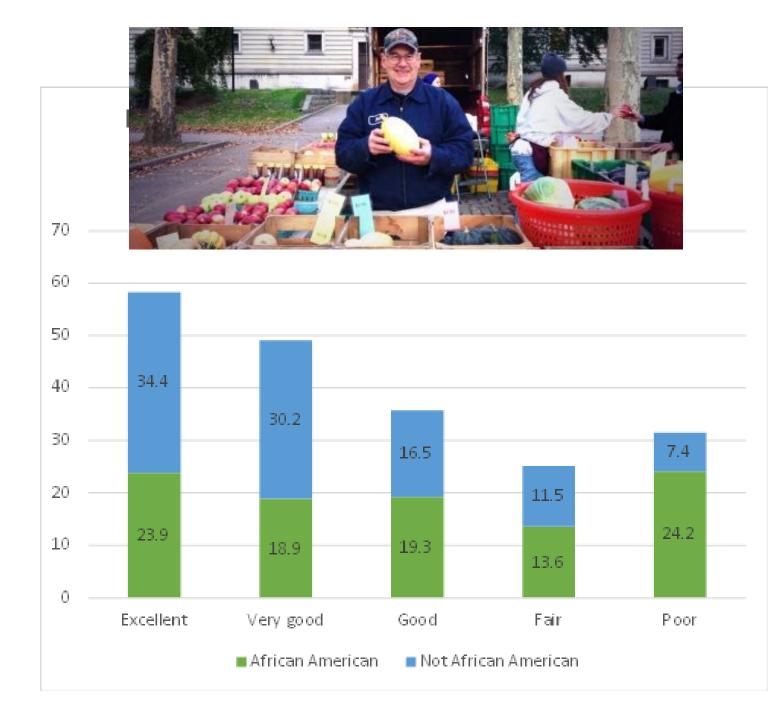
### Dissemination and direct outreach – Examples (so far)

- Food 21
- Pittsburgh Police
- Latino/Hispanic community



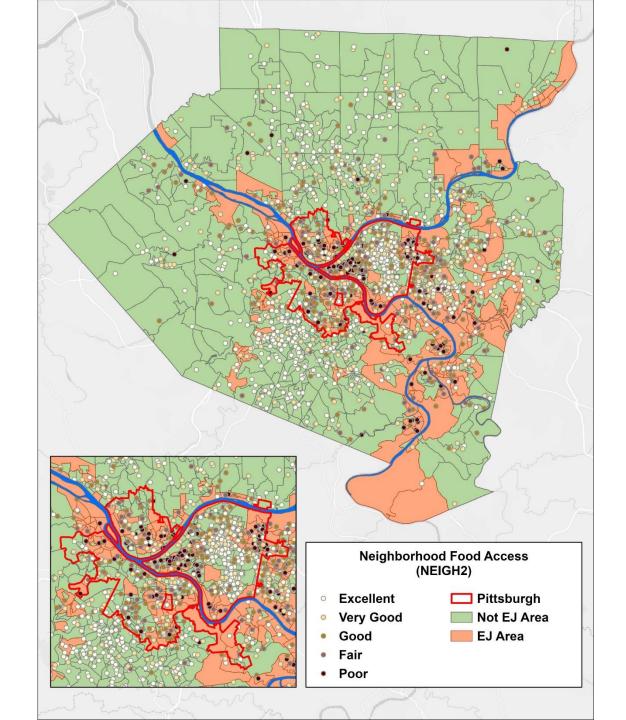


Neighborhood: How would you rate your neighborhood's access to a grocery store that sells fresh produce and healthy food?

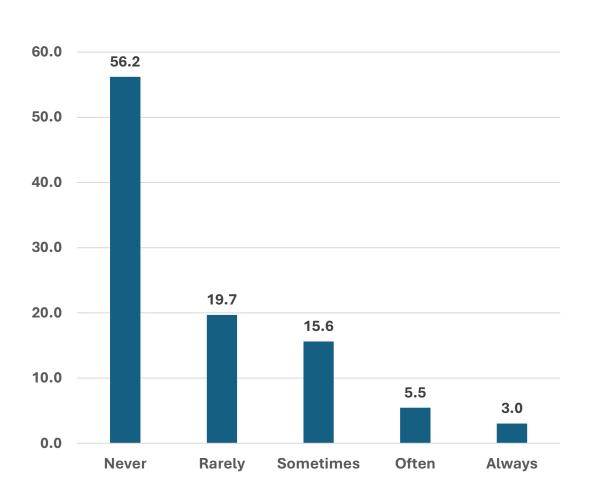


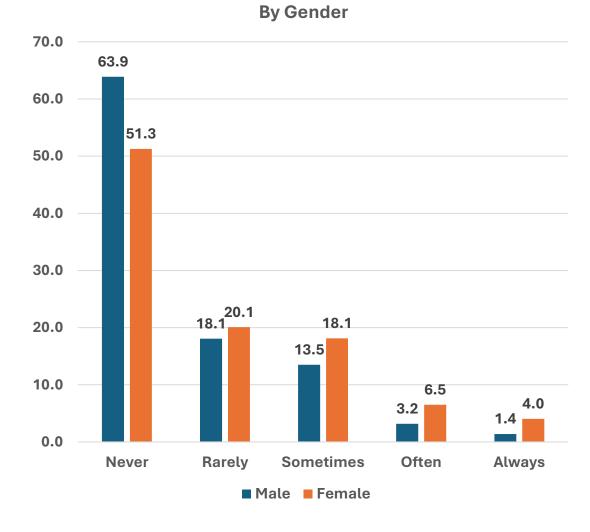
NEIGH2 How would you rate your neighborhood's access to a grocery store that sells fresh produce and healthy food?

	Overall	County	City
1 Excellent	33.0	37.2	26.1
2 Very good	29.0	32.3	23.4
3 Good	16.8	16.5	17.2
4 Fair	11.6	9.7	14.8
5 Poor	9.6	4.4	18.4



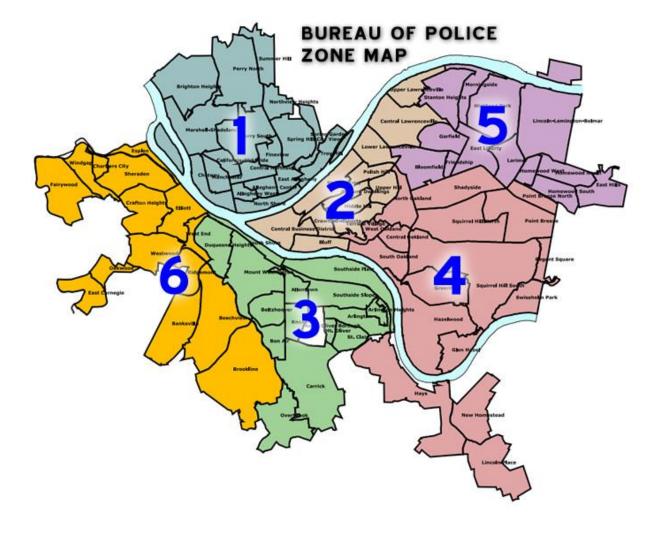
# Food Access 1: How often does your household have difficulty paying for food?



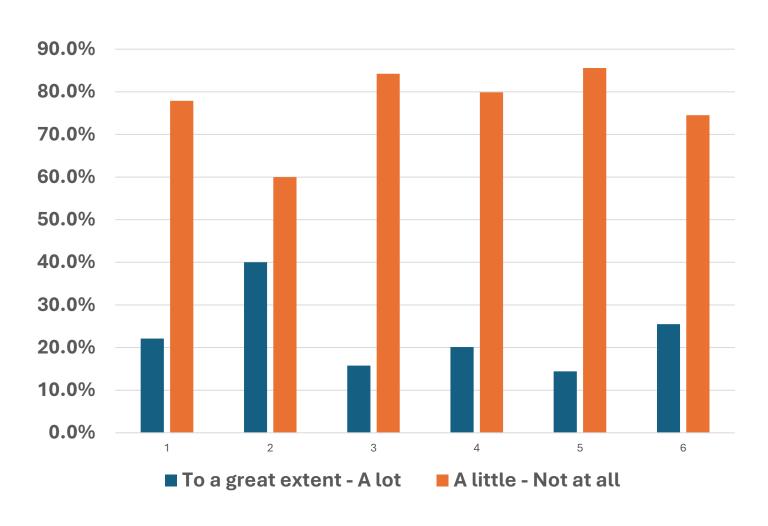


## Number of respondents by Police District, City of Pittsburgh

Police Zone	No. of respondents
1	83
2	77
3	105
4	235
5	191
6	80



## SAFETY6 To what extent does your law enforcement agency work together with community members to solve local problems?



#### **Allegheny County Quality of Life Survey Conclusions**

- Continued significant differences in perceptions of quality of life in Allegheny County by race and age
- Declines in indicators of quality of life from 2018 survey reflecting impacts of COVID 19 pandemic
- Areas for policymakers and planners to work to continue to improve in health, environment, neighborhood conditions
- Disseminations of results across many stakeholders

## **Community Surveys and Quality of Life**

### **Questions & discussion**

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