

# Allegheny County Quality of Life Survey 2023 – Results by Hispanic Population – 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 the 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, but this is the first survey to include results by Hispanic/Latino residents. Many thanks to our community partner Casa San José.



### ALLEGHENY COUNTY RESULTS BY HISPANIC/LATINO RESIDENTS

- The survey results show Allegheny County Hispanic/Latino residents expressing more positive ratings of quality of life. While nearly half of both Hispanic (46%) and Non-Hispanic (46.4%) residents felt that overall quality of life in Allegheny County stayed about the same since before the start of the COVID19 pandemic in March 2020, 30.2 percent of Hispanic residents felt it had improved, well above 11.4% for all survey respondents.
- When asked if living conditions in Allegheny County will be better, worse, or about the same in 2-4 years, 47.6% of Hispanic respondents reported that living conditions will be better, compared to 26.1% of Non-Hispanic residents. Nonetheless, there was little difference between Hispanic respondents and Non-Hispanic respondents who felt that living conditions will be worse in the next 2-4 years, 27.0% and 28.6% respectively.
- 46% of Hispanic residents were very likely to recommend living in Allegheny County to someone who asks, compared to 29.9% of Non-Hispanic residents.
- Both Hispanic residents (52.4%) and Non-Hispanic residents (51.2%) felt that southwestern Pennsylvania as a place to live was either excellent or very good, with 27.0% of Hispanic/Latino residents rating the region as an excellent place to live, much higher than Non-Hispanic residents (9.3%).
- 31.7% of Hispanic residents felt that their household's financial situation had gotten somewhat worse since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, compared to 18.3% of Non-Hispanic residents. Nonetheless, Hispanic respondents were more optimistic about their own economic situation over the next year, with 67.2% of Hispanic residents feeling their economic situation will get much better or somewhat better over the next year, compared to 29.7% of Non-Hispanic residents.
- Hispanic respondents were much more likely to use public transit, with 26.6% using public transit 5 or more days per week compared to 10.3% of Non-Hispanic respondents. Even so, 62% of Hispanic respondents reported that their use of public transit has changed since the start of the COVID19 pandemic in March 2020, with 44.7% reporting that their use of public transit had decreased a lot.
- Perceptions of the neighborhood where Hispanic respondents live were generally favorable. 61.9% of Hispanic respondents rated their neighborhood as an excellent or very good place to live, compared to 57.2% of Non-Hispanic respondents, though Hispanic respondents more often reported an excellent rating.
- Hispanic respondents reported that their neighborhoods had improved in safety over the previous year, with 23.8% of Hispanic respondents reporting that their neighborhood had less crime than a year ago, compared to 9.3% of Non-Hispanic respondents. Nearly 90% of Hispanic residents reported feeling very safe or somewhat safe in their neighborhood, the same as the total survey. While 71% of Hispanic residents felt very safe or somewhat safe walking alone in their neighborhood at night, 19.4% reported feeling very unsafe.
- Food access is a problem for many in Allegheny County, but for the Hispanic respondents, 42.9% reported that their neighborhood's access to a grocery store that sells fresh produce and healthy food was excellent and 19.0% reported such access was very good. A quarter of Hispanic respondents reported that in the month before taking the survey, sometimes their household did not have enough to eat, a much higher proportion than the survey average.
- The pandemic has had comparable effects on residents across the county on accessing food assistance. 27.0% of Hispanic respondents received food from an organization since the start of the pandemic, slightly higher than 23.8% of Non-Hispanic respondents.

Results for the 2023 QOL Survey: [https://ucsur.pitt.edu/allegheny\\_county\\_qol\\_2023.php](https://ucsur.pitt.edu/allegheny_county_qol_2023.php)