



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

### **Brief Summary:**

The University of Pittsburgh Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR), with UrbanKind, conducted its 2023 Allegheny County Quality of Life survey in Fall 2023. The project is 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 in the County, how it is changing, and rating quality of life in their own neighborhood/community. The project combines primary survey data collection with secondary data to address quality of life topics across multiple domains.

The project builds on previous QOL surveys conducted by UCSUR in 2011 and 2018 that showed significant differences by race in quality of life across multiple dimensions in Allegheny County, particularly in housing, health, neighborhood, environment, public safety and overall well-being. ([https://ucsur.pitt.edu/files/center/jurr\\_15\\_2\\_jurr0005\\_deitrick\\_briem.pdf](https://ucsur.pitt.edu/files/center/jurr_15_2_jurr0005_deitrick_briem.pdf))

The 2023 survey combines a set of questions from previous surveys to compare changes, particularly with the COVID19 pandemic, and new questions reflective of more current issues in quality of life in Allegheny County.

Results show indicators with higher rates of negative ratings in 2023 from 2018, suggesting impacts of the pandemic in contributing to declines in quality of life for some Allegheny County residents. The survey also adds new dimensions from the previous surveys in the areas of food access, policing and community, and new areas of environmental concerns.

The goal of the 2023 survey is to expand the dissemination of results and create impacts by translating results into meaningful changes in policies, planning and programs to improve and advance equity in our county. Analysis and dissemination of results will proceed in Spring – Summer 2024.

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## **Methodology:**

- Third Quality of Life Survey completed by UCSUR
  - Previous surveys in 2011 and 2018
  - View impacts of pandemic
- Conducted July – November 2023
- Methods
  - UCSUR Research Registry
  - Targeted outreach to underrepresented cohorts
- Total sample size = 2,038
  - Black respondents = 416
  - White respondents = 1,559
  - Not Black/not White = 139 (Asian or Asian descent; Native American; Other)\*

## **Cross Tabulations:**

- By race
- By sex/gender
- By age
- By educational attainment
- By income
- By City of Pittsburgh/Rest of Allegheny County
  - By race (Black/NonBlack)
- By City of Pittsburgh Police Zones

## **Modules:**

- Overall
- Neighborhood
- Environment
- Health
- Food access
- Housing
- Transportation
- Education
- Public safety
- Economy
- Arts
- Religion
- Government
- Technology
- Well-being