

# ***2018 Community Survey***

## ***Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina***



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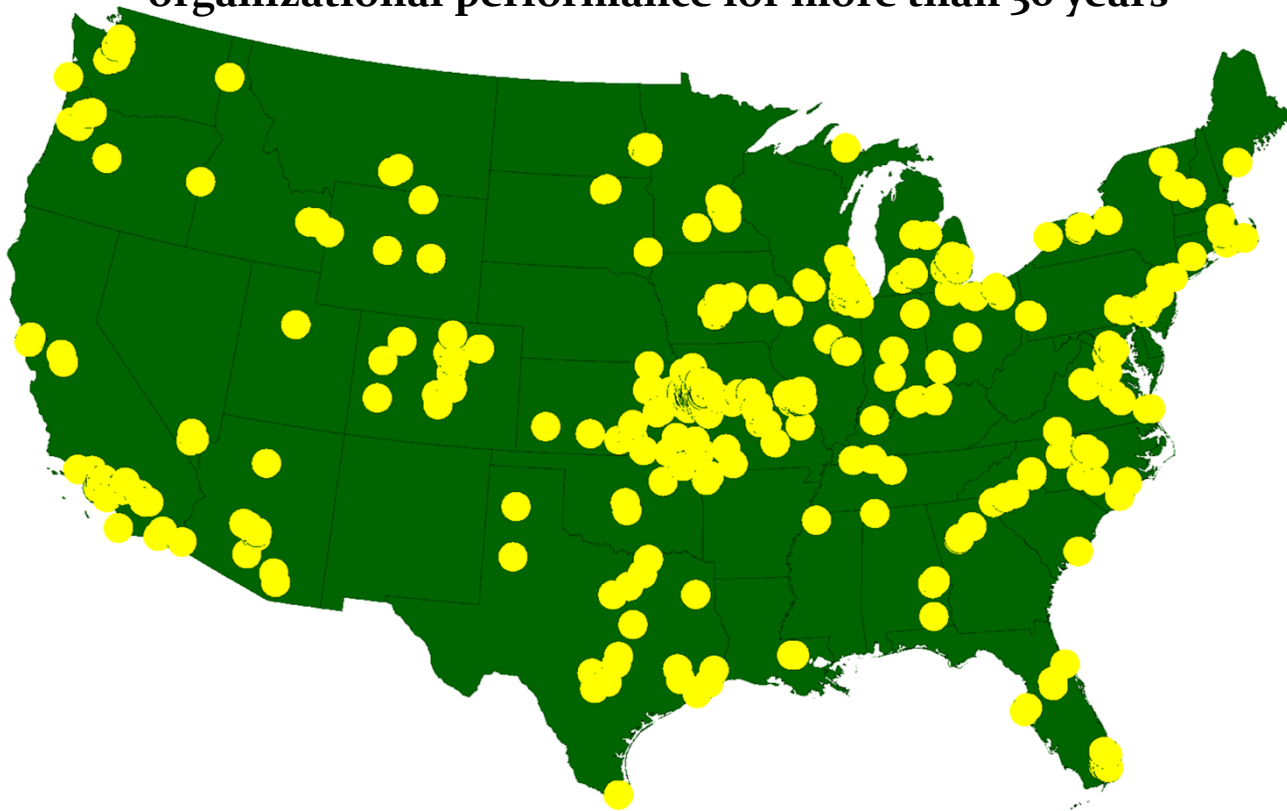


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# Why Do Surveys?

- **Less than 4% of residents attend public meetings each year**
- **The top 3 reasons people attend public meetings are:**
  - ❑ **To get awards/recognition or see others get awards/recognition**
  - ❑ **To complain about things**
  - ❑ **To change the way things are done**
- **Without a survey, community leaders don't hear from the “average” resident**

# Agenda

- **Survey Goals and Methodology**
- **Bottom Line Upfront**
- **Major Findings**
- **Summary**
- **Questions**

# Goals for This Survey

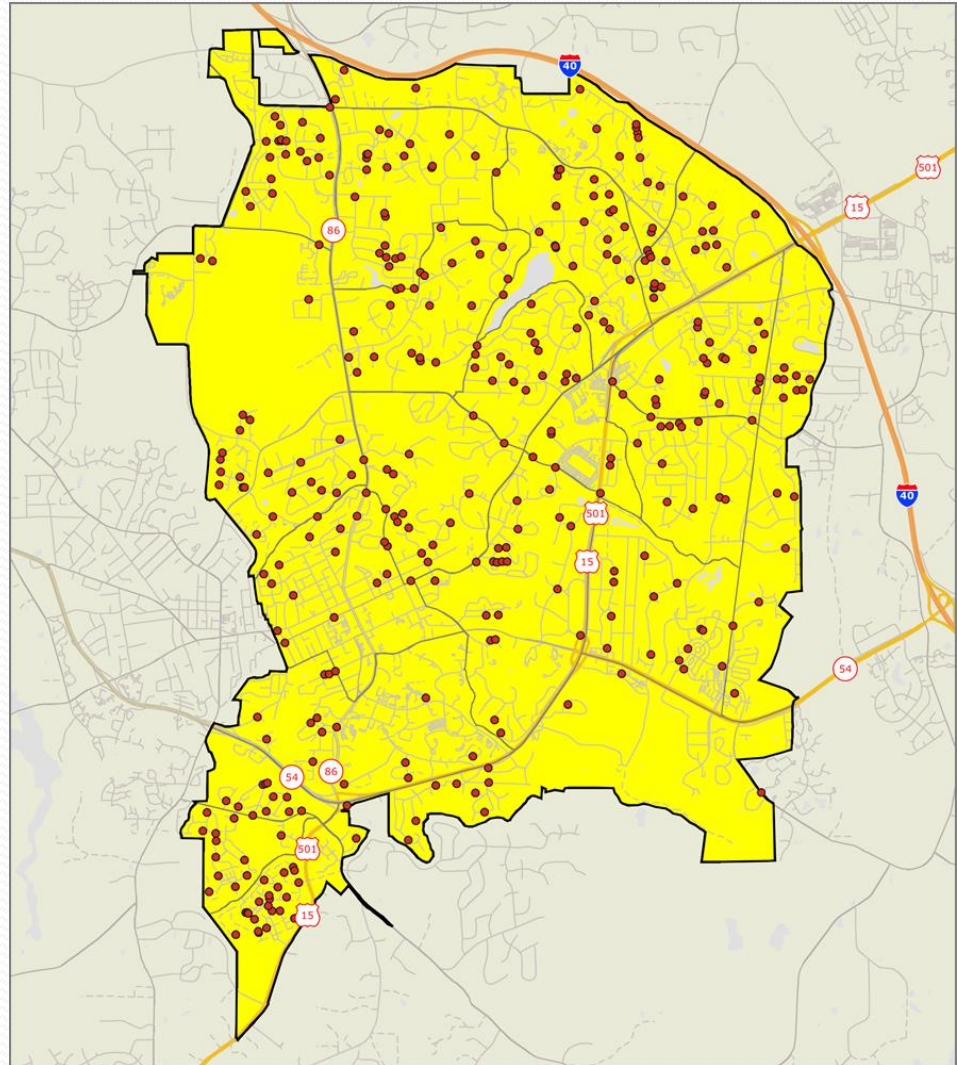
- **To objectively assess resident satisfaction with the delivery of major Town services**
- **To measure trends from previous surveys**
- **To compare the Town's performance other communities regionally and nationally**
- **To help determine priorities for the community**
- **To compliment other sources of data that Town leaders have for decision-making**

# Methodology

- **Survey Description**
  - ❑ six-page survey
  - ❑ fifth *DirectionFinder*® Survey conducted for the Town
  - ❑ revised to simplify and reduce questions and to help align the survey with the Town Council's strategic plan
- **Method of Administration**
  - ❑ by mail and phone
  - ❑ each survey took approximately 15-20 minutes to complete
- **Sample size:**
  - ❑ goal number of surveys: 400
- **Confidence level: 95%**
- **Margin of error: +/- 4.9% overall**

# Location of Survey Respondents

## Town of Chapel Hill 2018 Community Survey



Good Representation throughout the Town



# Bottom Line Up Front

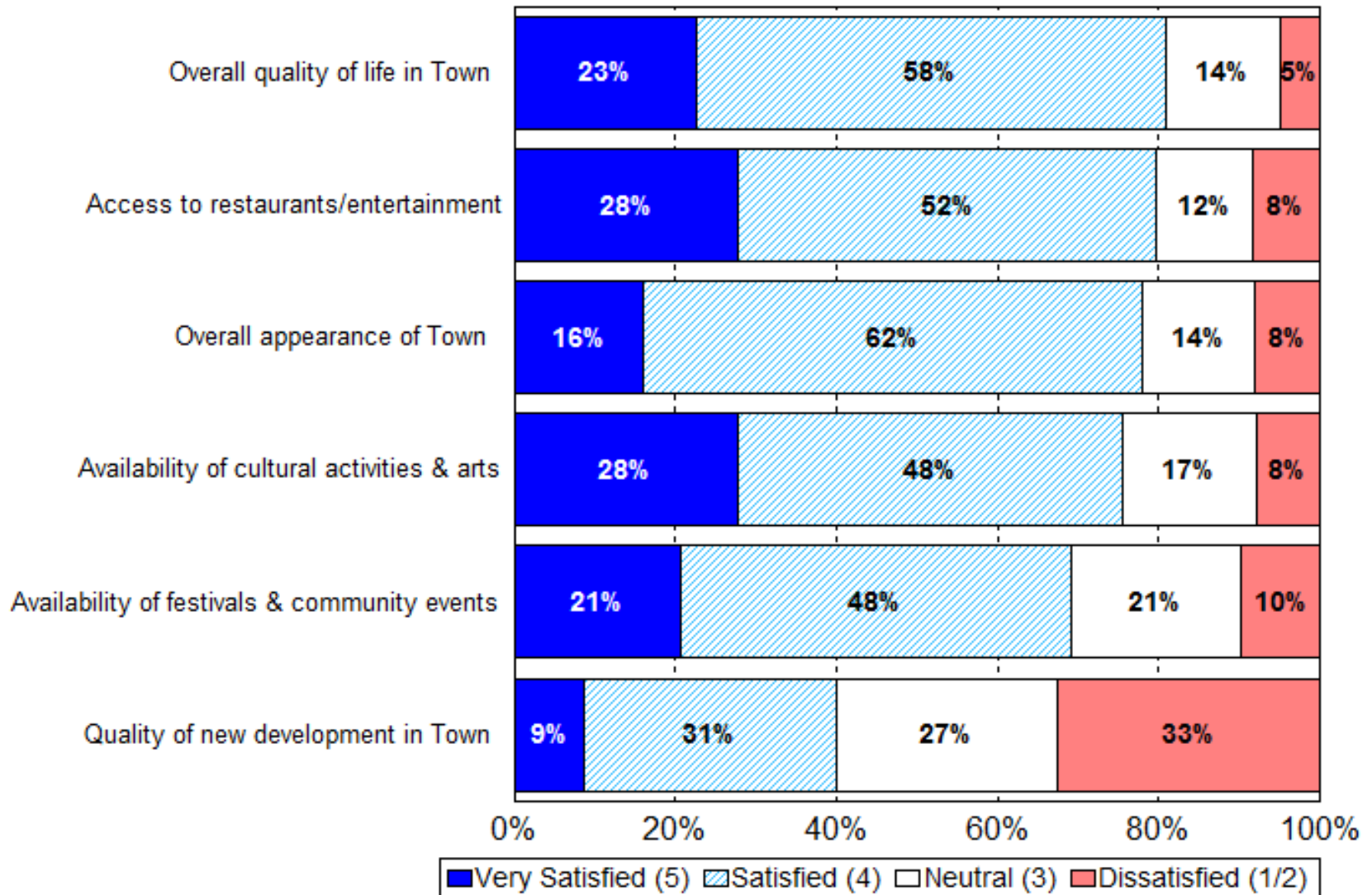
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  - ❑ The Town rated 21% above the U.S. Average and 23% above the Atlantic Regional Average in the quality of customer services provided by Town employees
- **Analysis of Trends**
  - ❑ The Town experienced an increase in overall satisfaction in 21 of the 41 areas that were assessed in 2018 and 2015, 12 were significant increases
- **Overall priorities for improvement over the next 2 years:**
  - ❑ Overall management of traffic flow
  - ❑ Overall quality of public parking



# Perceptions of the Town

# Q13. Develop Good Places, New Spaces

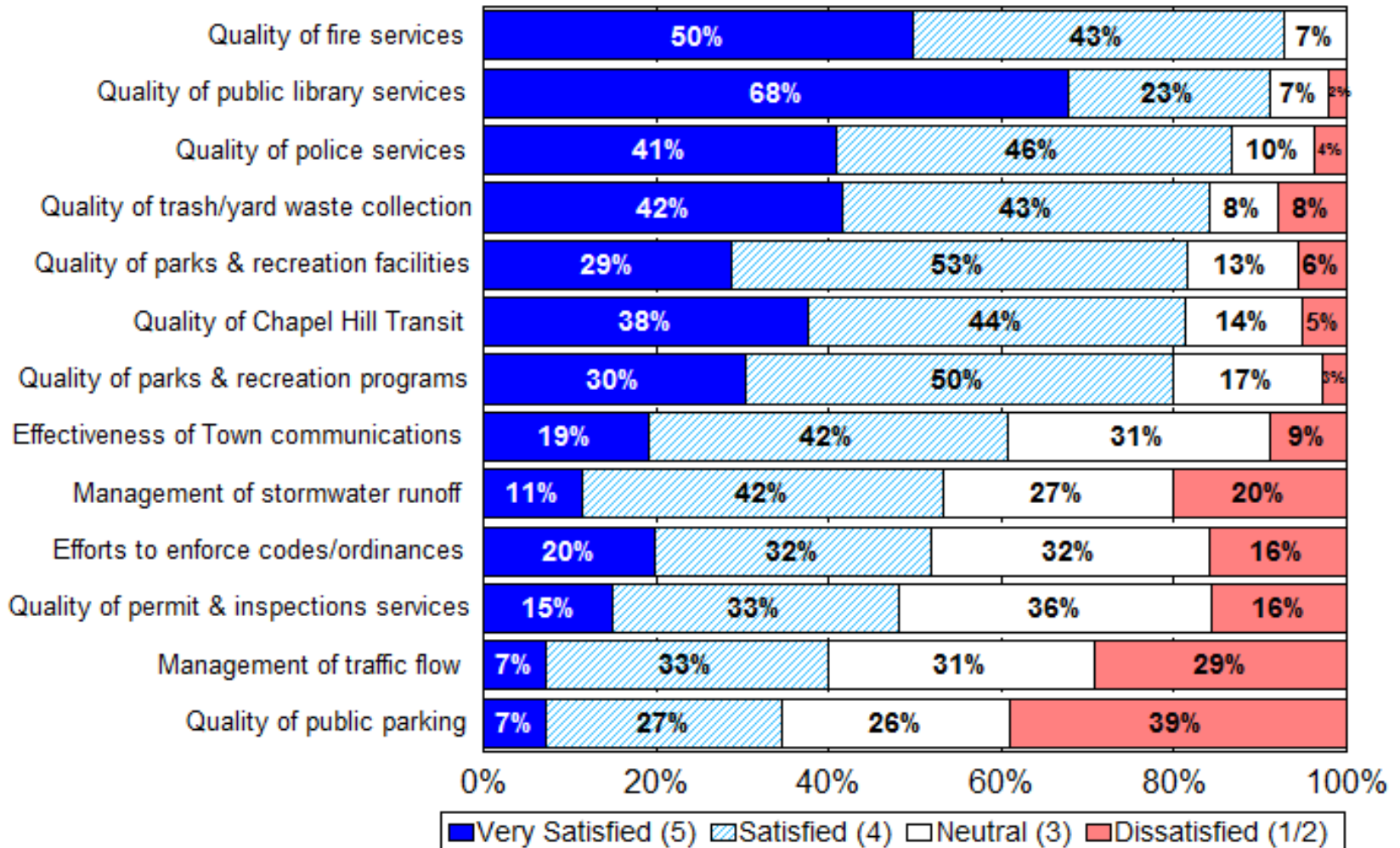
by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 1 to 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding don't knows)



**Over 80% of Residents Are Satisfied with the Overall Quality of Life in the Town**

# Q1. Overall Satisfaction with Town Services by Major Category

by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 1 to 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding don't knows)



**At least 80% of residents were satisfied with 7 of items that were rated**

# Short-Term and Long-Term Trends

# Short-Term Trends

## Notable Short-Term Increases Since 2015

- Maintenance of sidewalk surfaces
- Overall effectiveness of Town communication
- Availability of sidewalks
- Overall quality of Chapel Hill Transit
- How well the Town is planning for the future

## Notable Short-Term Decreases Since 2015

- Level of public involvement in decision making
- Ease of use of parking payment options
- Maintenance of streets
- Access to information about Town issues/events

# Long-Term Trends

## Notable Long-Term Increases Since 2009

- Availability of greenways/multi-use paths
- Availability of sidewalks
- How well Town is planning for the future
- Overall feeling of safety in Town
- Maintenance of Downtown Chapel Hill
- Police, safety, education & outreach

## Notable Long-Term Decreases Since 2009

- Maintenance of streets
- Level of public involvement in decision making
- Overall quality of life in the Town

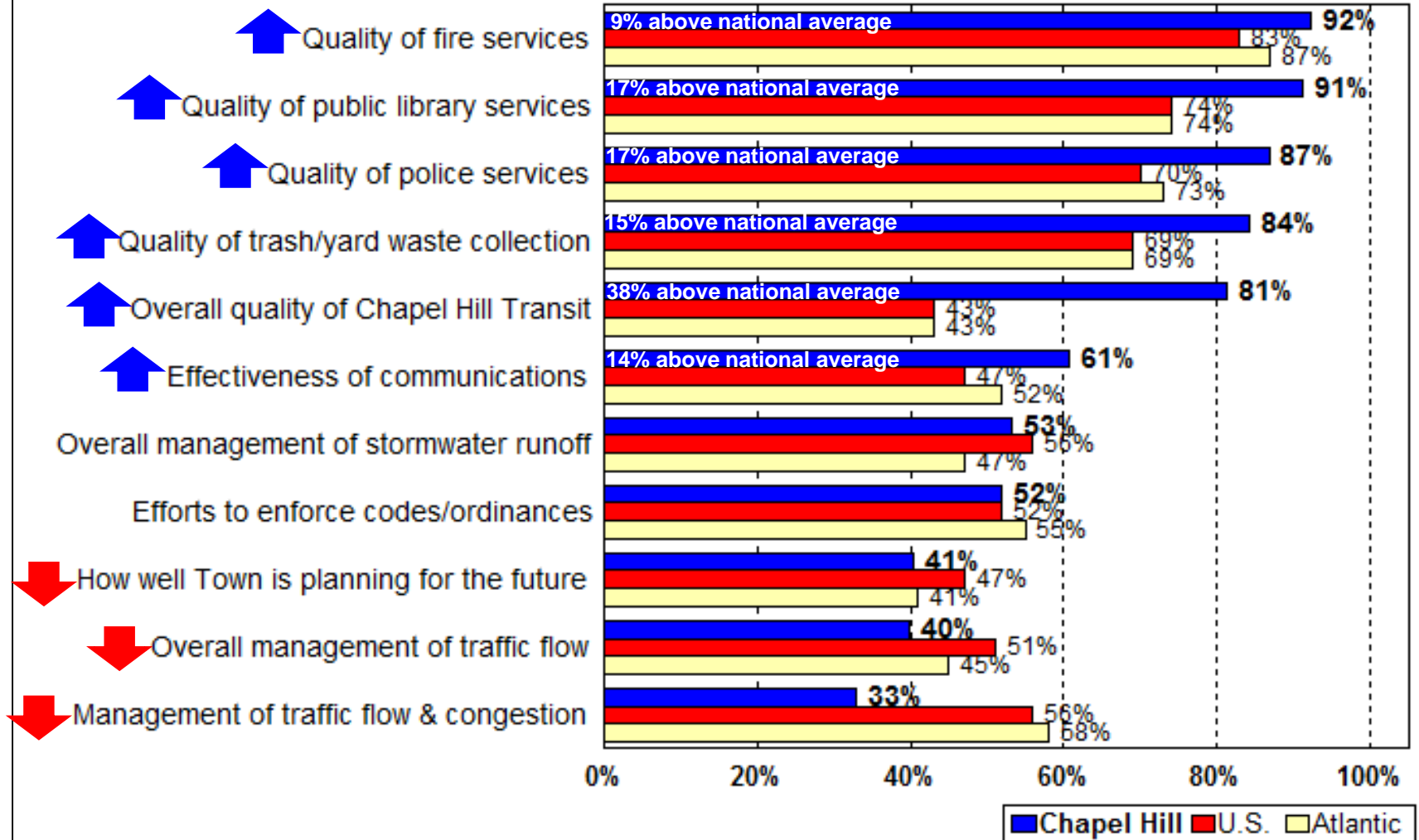


# How Chapel Hill Compares to Other Communities



# Major Categories of Services Chapel Hill vs. the U.S vs. the Atlantic

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale where 5 was "very satisfied" and 1 was "very dissatisfied" (excluding don't knows)



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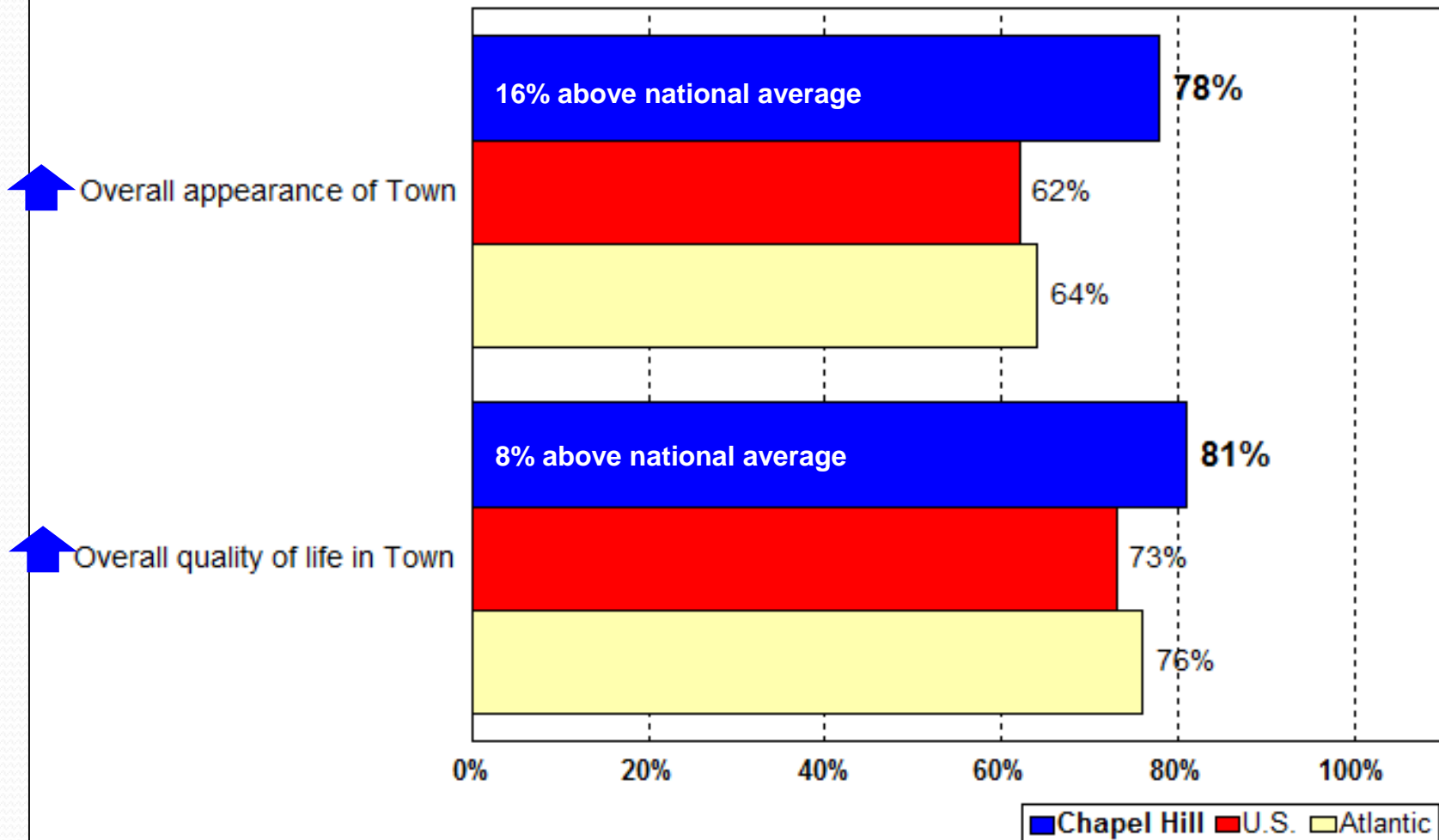
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# Develop Good Places, New Spaces

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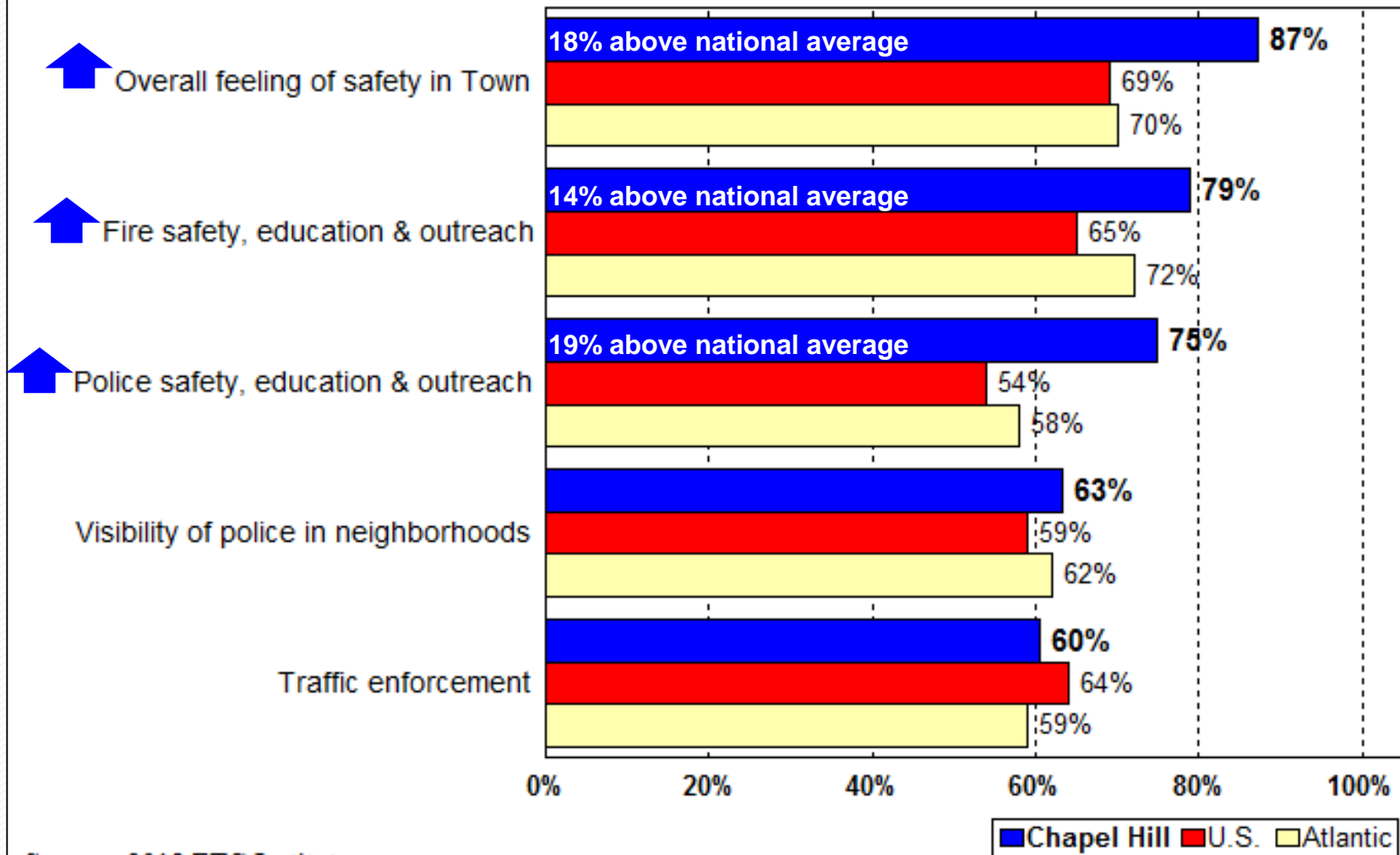
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# Protect and Provide for a Safe Community

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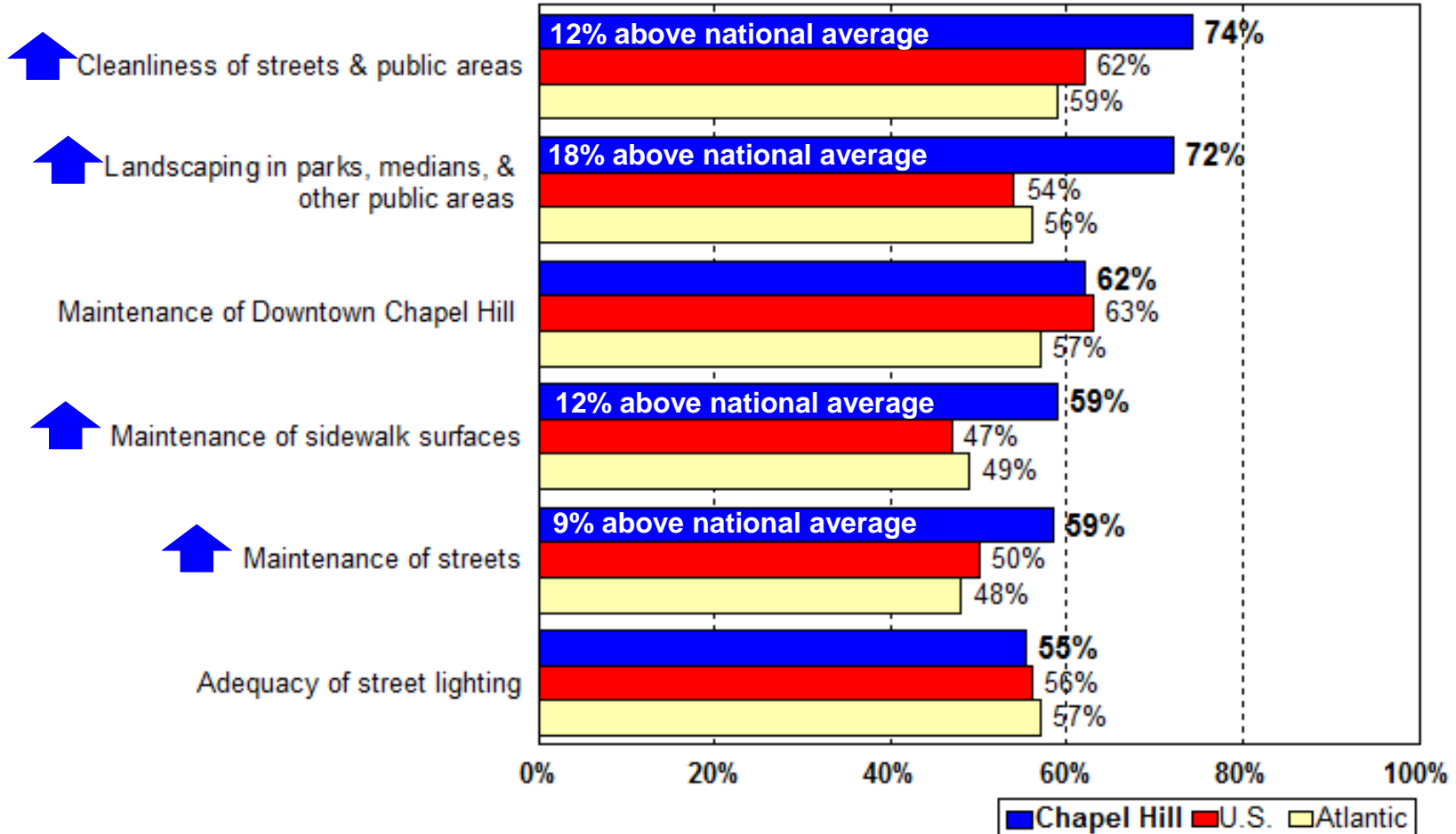
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# Nurture Our Community

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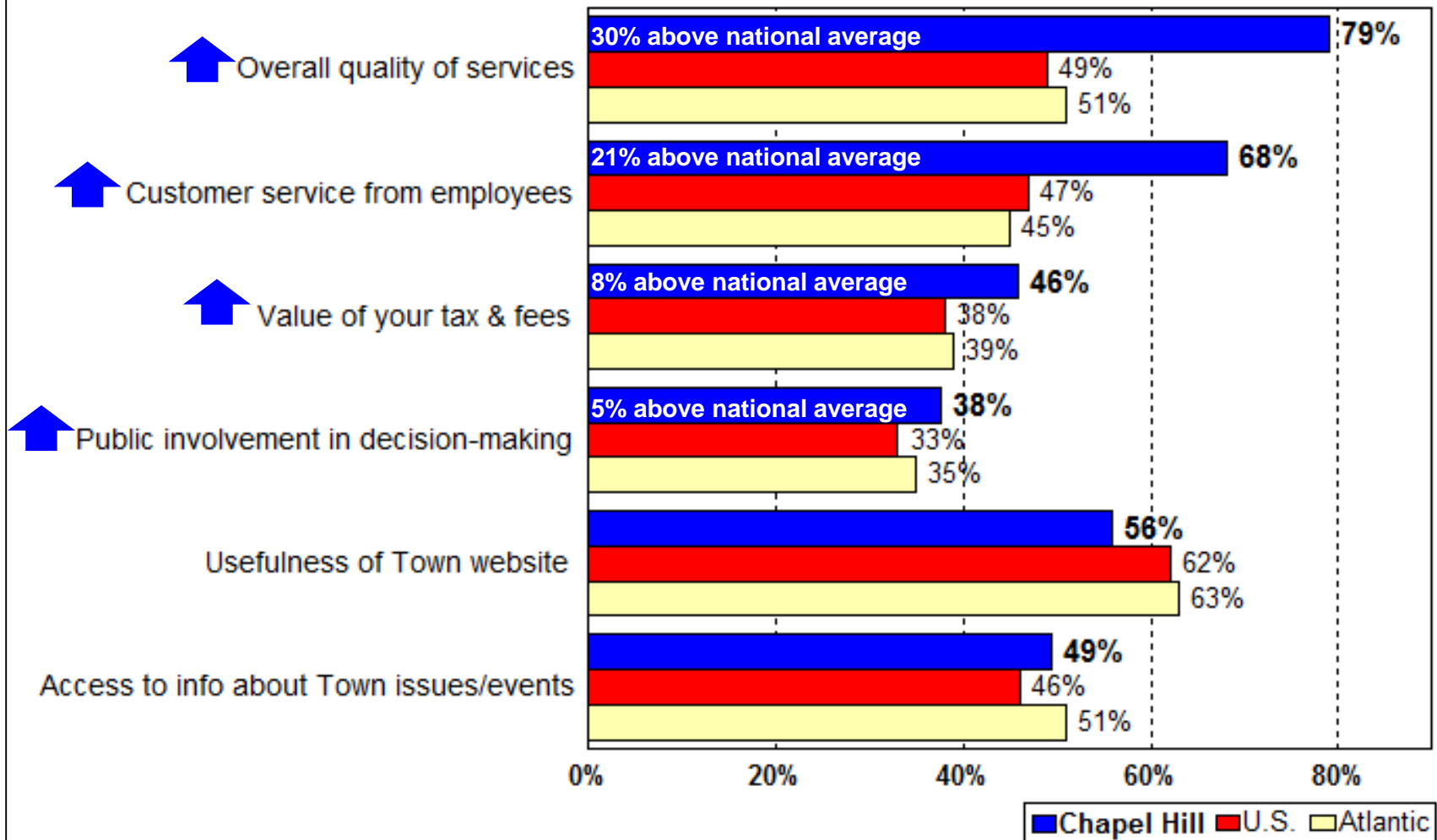
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# Govern with Quality and Steward Public Assets

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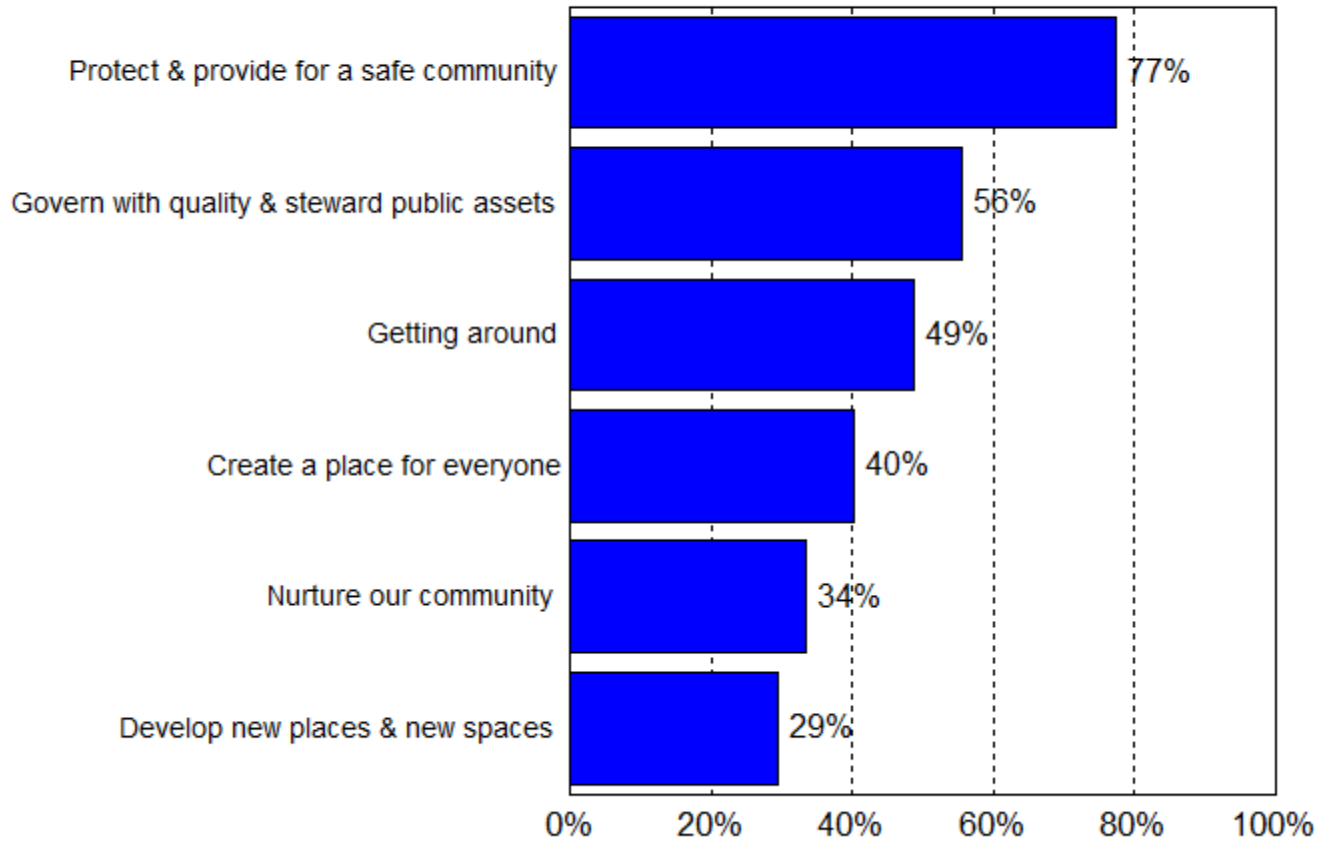
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# Priorities for Improvement

## Q19. Which Three of the Following are Most Important to You?

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their three choices



Source: ETC Institute DirectionFinder (2018 - Chapel Hill, NC)



# Major Categories of Town Services

## 2018 Importance-Satisfaction Rating Chapel Hill, North Carolina Major Categories of Services



Category of Service	Most Important %	Most Important Rank	Satisfaction %	Satisfaction Rank	Importance-Satisfaction Rating	I-S Rating Rank
Overall management of traffic flow	49%	1	40%	12	0.2951	1
Overall quality of public parking	42%	2	35%	13	0.2725	2
Overall management of stormwater runoff	15%	6	53%	9	0.0716	3
Overall effectiveness of Town communications with the public	14%	8	61%	8	0.0534	4
Overall quality of parks & recreation facilities	27%	4	82%	5	0.0501	5
Overall efforts of Town to enforce codes & ordinances	10%	11	52%	10	0.0487	6
Overall quality of Chapel Hill Transit	22%	5	81%	6	0.0408	7
Overall quality of police services	29%	3	87%	3	0.0381	8
Overall quality of permit & inspections services	7%	13	48%	11	0.0380	9
Overall quality of parks & recreation programs	15%	7	80%	7	0.0305	10
Overall quality of trash & yard waste collection services	10%	12	84%	4	0.0152	11
Overall quality of fire services	13%	9	92%	1	0.0100	12
Overall quality of public library services	10%	10	91%	2	0.0092	13

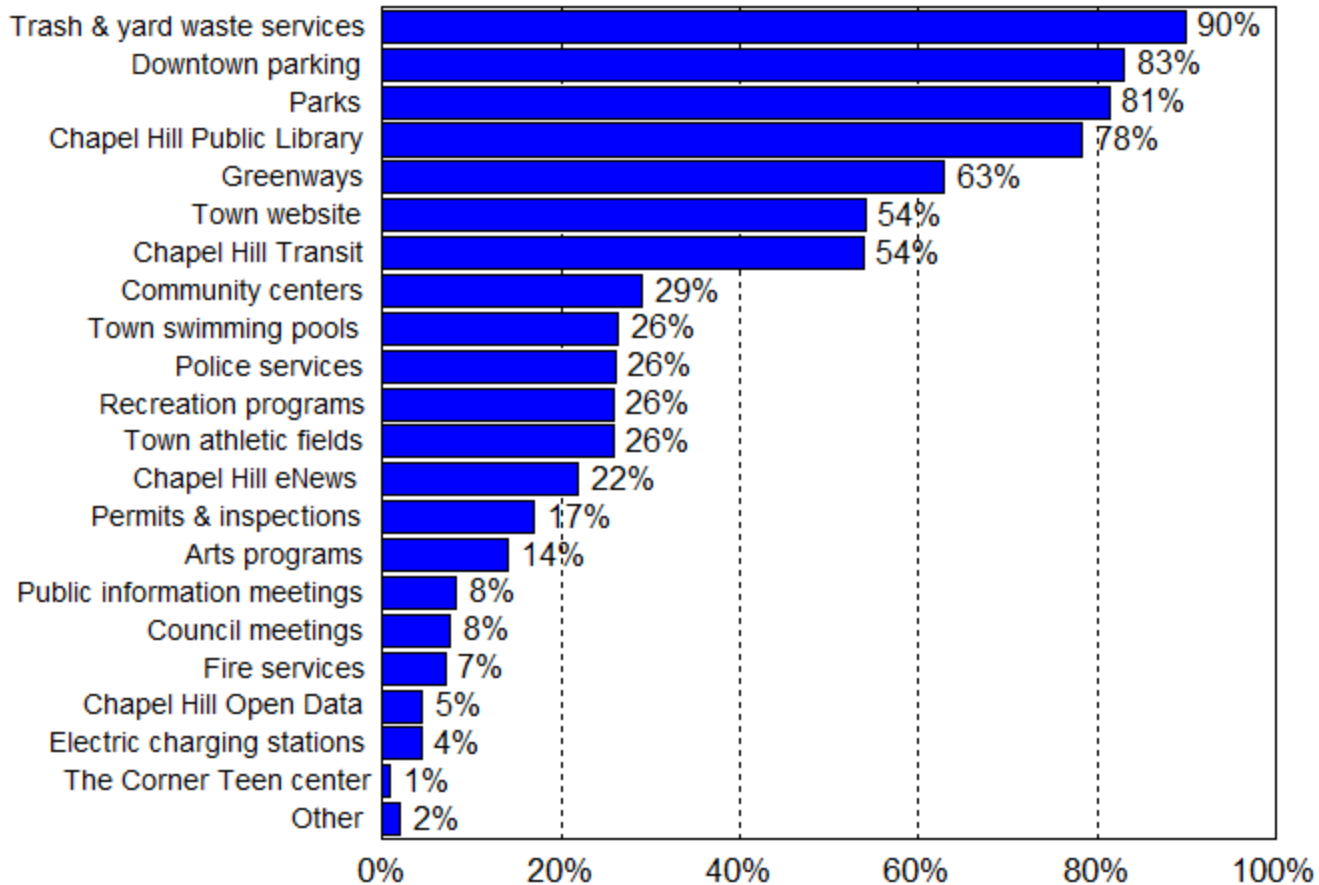
## Top Priorities

- ✓ Overall Management of Traffic Flow
- ✓ Overall Quality of Public Parking

# Other Findings

### Q3. Usage of Town Services and Facilities

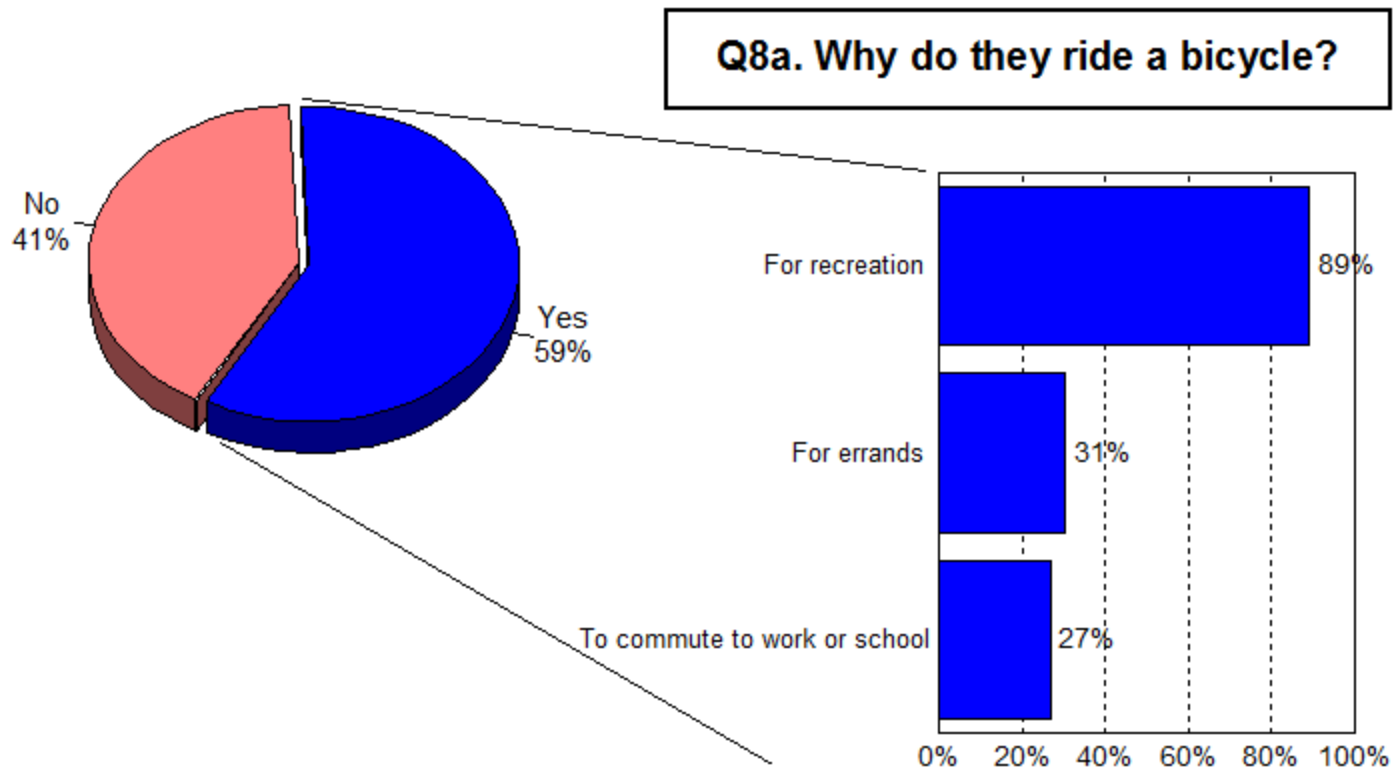
by percentage of respondents who indicated their household has used the service in the past 12 months



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## Q8. Does anyone in your household ride a bicycle?

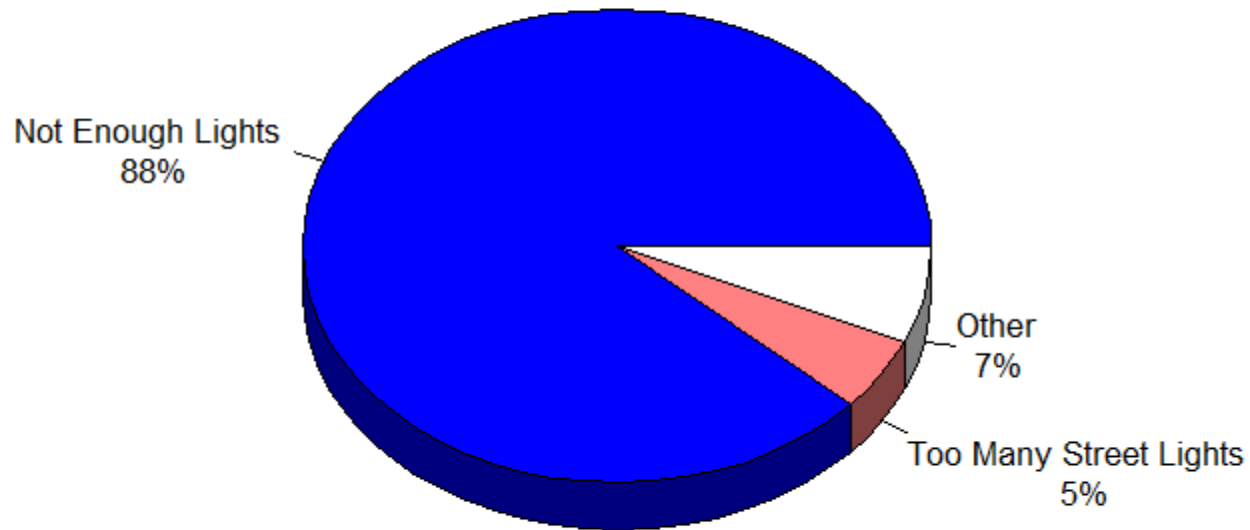
by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



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## Q11a. If you are dissatisfied with the adequacy of street lighting please indicate why.

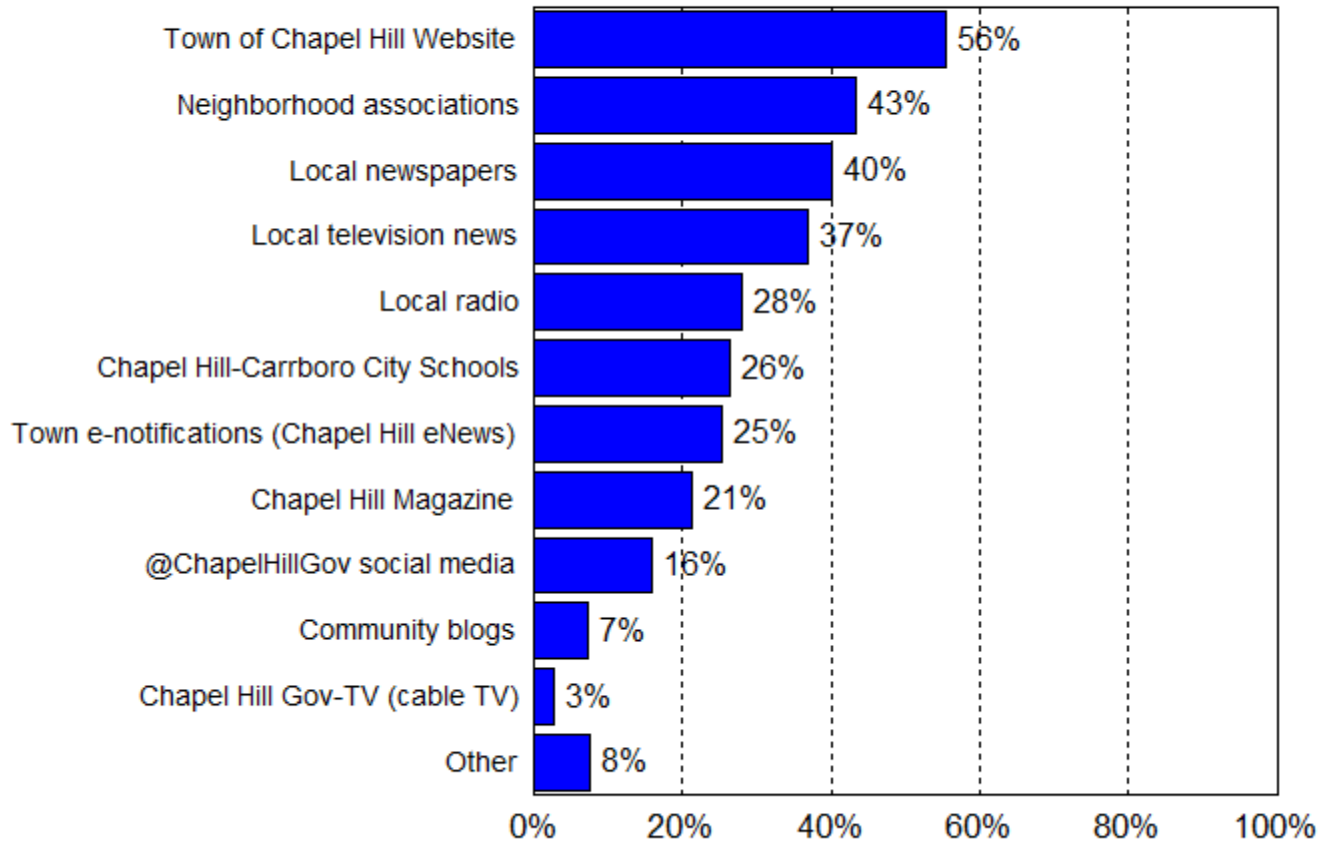
by percentage of respondents who rated the adequacy of street lighting as a 1 or 2 on a 5-point scale  
(without "not provided" responses)



Source: ETC Institute DirectionFinder (2018 - Chapel Hill, NC)

## Q20. Which of the following do you use to get information about the Town of Chapel Hill?

by percentage of respondents



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# Questions?

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