## QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY ESCAMBIA COUNTY

## **About the Survey**

Quality of Life survey is an independent survey tool that was developed by Mason-Dixon. They study communities around the country and came up with the categories and characteristics that people perceive as having the most impact on the quality of life.

Quality of life is defined as an individual's perception of their position in life in the context of the culture, community, and value systems in which they live and in relation to their goals, expectations, standards, and concerns.

The survey includes standardized batteries of questions concerning the factors that contribute to and define the quality of life in the community—economic conditions, job security, educational opportunities, availability of cultural displays and entertainment, safety, clean and healthy environment, a sense of community and welcoming, a shared vision and understanding of future plans for community and economic development, and effective, competent government and community leadership that plans and executes.

Participants that are interviewed are randomly selected from commercially available phone-matched voter registration lists that included both landline and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration of the jurisdiction being surveyed.

The number of residents surveyed accurately represent the actual demographic breakdown of a community; i.e., the ratios of the respondents' gender, race, age, political affiliation, and area of residence mirror the county's real statistics.

The margin of error was below 5%, meaning that the "true" figure would fall within a less than 5% range of difference if the entire population (all voters) were sampled.

In most cases, participants were given 5 options. For this analysis:

Excellent, Good = Positive Fair, Poor = Negative Don't Know (DK)

## Mason-Dixon Polling & Research

Mason-Dixon, based in Washington, DC, is a highly-respected independent polling firm that conducts public policy and political polling research. Mason-Dixon has conducted all eleven years of polling for the Quality of Life Survey. Our principal at the firm is Larry Harris, who can be contacted at lharris@mason-dixon.com

#### How are questions chosen?

The overwhelming majority of the survey's questions were established in 2008, when the original Better Pensacola Forum committee collaborated with Mason-Dixon Polling to identify metrics that would assess our citizens' opinions regarding the City of Pensacola and Escambia County. Those original questions have remained unchanged since 2008. In 2011, a question was added to assess the job performance of Pensacola's new "strong mayor," and in 2014 questions were added to assess the job performance of other elected officials. PYP decides on a small number of new questions to add each year to assess timely or topical issues.

## This Dashboard

Most questions have 2 sections: Overview and Demographic Breakdown.

**Overview:** Data is available for standardized questions as far back as 2008, or as far back as the question was initially asked.

Some questions have been asked every since 2008 and thus, provide a long history of data. For better viewing, you may select specific years to compare in the Overview section.

**Demographics:** Data can be broken down by demographic segments back going back to 2020. The demographic breakdown will **default to the overview data of the most recent year** data is available.

Demographic data can only be viewed one year at a time.



## How to use this Dashboard

Most questions include **overall data** (left chart) and **demographic data** (right chart). Questions that have been added since 2008 will indicate so with an \* below the question. Overall data is viewable as far back as the question has been asked while demographic data is only available as far back as 2020.

Use these filters to view a specific segment of years. Year Comparison includes the QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY ESCAMBIA COUNTY year stated along with last RIGHT OR WRONG DIRECTION year and this year. Or select specific years with the drop Reset Filters down to the right. Generally, do you think that Escambia County is heading in the right direction, or are things on the wrong track? 2023 Differential Gaps Party Registration: Democrat Race: Black Last 4 Years Year(s) Demographics by Year Right Track Wrong Track 100% Demographic: Residence (1) -Year: 2023 Wrong Track Pensacola 20% Escambia Suburbs 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Worst: 2008 (22% Positive)

Best: 2020 (63% Positive)

Differential Gaps indicate demographic groups who have data that differs from the overall majority for this year. Use the table below to select a demographic to review.

> Demographic data is only available for years 2020 to the present. For further data, please review the raw data available on the PYP website.

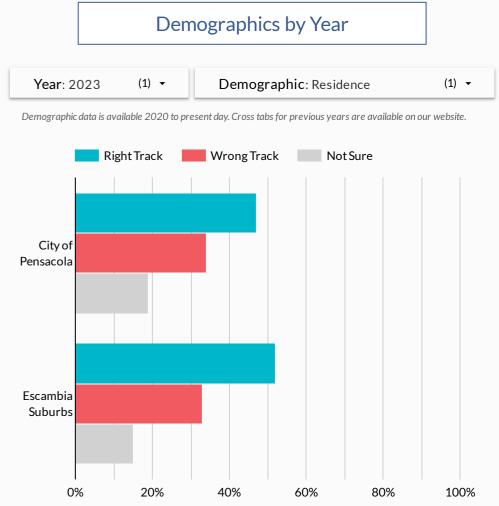
The **Best and Worst** years and statistics will be listed below where available. These are the **Highest Positive Results** and the **Lowest Positive Results**.



Generally, do you think that <u>Escambia County</u> is heading in the **right direction**, or are things on the **wrong track**?

2023 Differential Gaps
Party Registration: Democrat
Race: Black







Generally, do you think that the <u>City of Pensacola</u> is heading in the **right direction**, or are things on the **wrong track**?



What is the most important issue facing **Escambia County**?

## 2008 Comparison

Select Year(s)

							Year / Percentage
Response	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2008
Economy/Jobs	11.0%	21.0%	13.0%	17.0%	20.0%	29.0%	28.0%
Education	18.0%	16.6%	14.0%	-	13.0%	14.0%	15.0%
Crime/Drugs	12.0%	16.8%	13.0%	10.0%	23.0%	12.0%	-
Traffic/Roads	-	10.3%	-	11.0%	13.0%	13.0%	-
Covid	-	-	16.0%	18.0%	-	-	-
Cost of Living/Housing	-	15.9%	-	-	-	-	-
Poor Leadership	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.0%
Insurance	12.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gov. Spending	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0%

What is the most important issue facing the <u>City of Pensacola</u>?

## 2008 Comparison

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Response	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2008
Economy/Jobs	-	23.1%	13.0%	17.0%	26.0%	25.0%	28.0%
Crime/Drugs	17.0%	20.6%	15.0%	15.0%	28.0%	24.0%	+
Traffic/Roads	-	-	-	10.0%	9.0%	14.0%	+
Covid	-	-	14.0%	19.0%	-	-	+
Education	8.0%	8.4%	-	-	-	-	15.0%
Cost of Living/Housing	-	12.4%	12.0%	-	-	-	-
Insurance	20.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of Living	17.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth/Sprawl	-	-	-	-	7.0%	9.0%	-
Poior Leadership	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.0%
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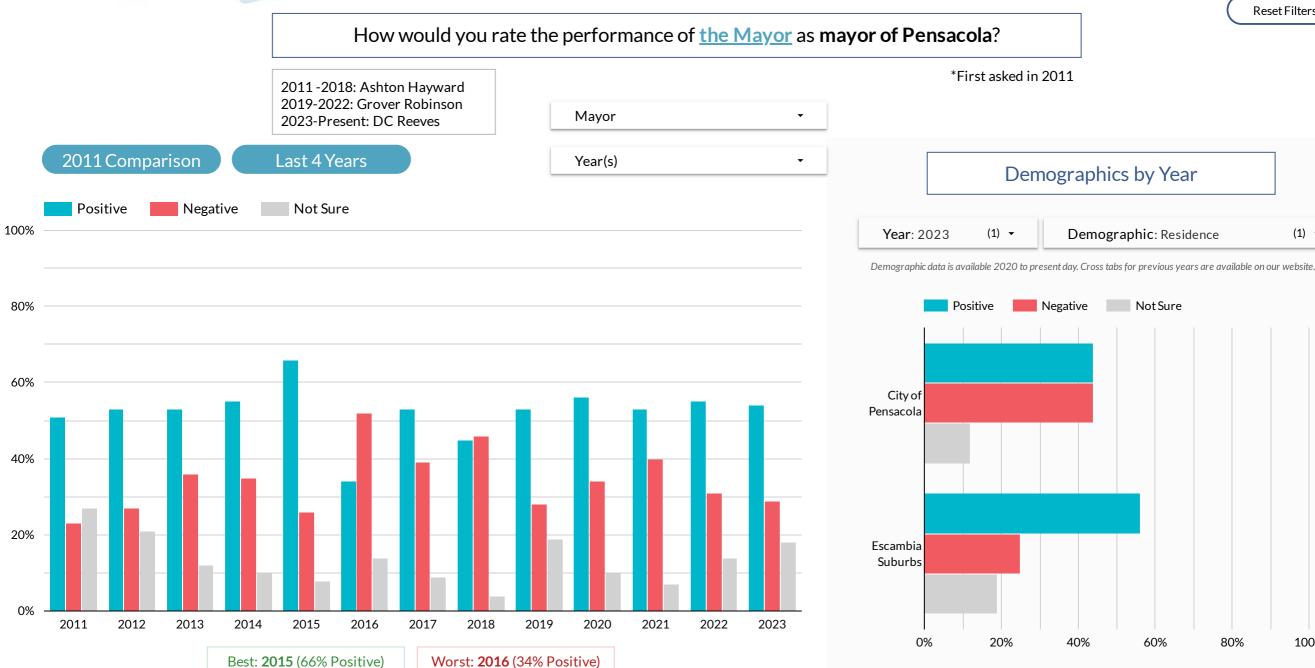




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How would you rate the performance of the Escambia County Board of Commissioners?

\*First asked in 2014



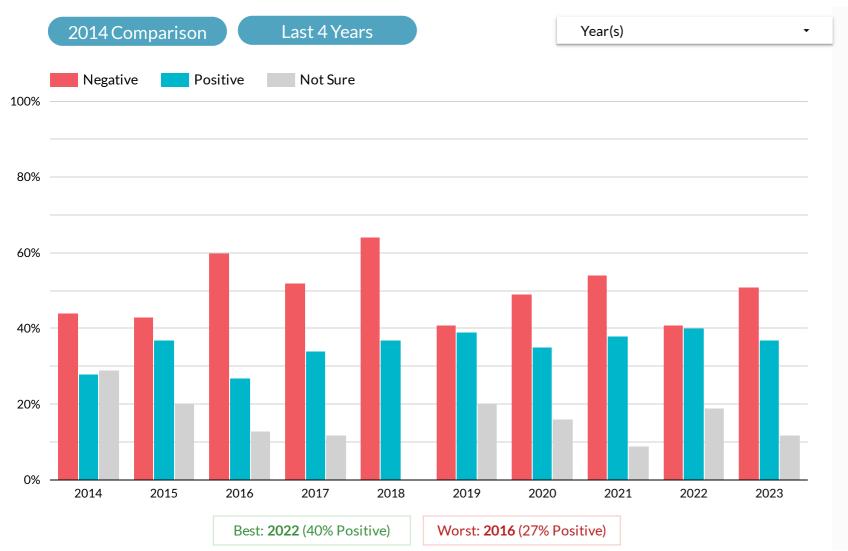
#### **JOB PERFORMANCE**

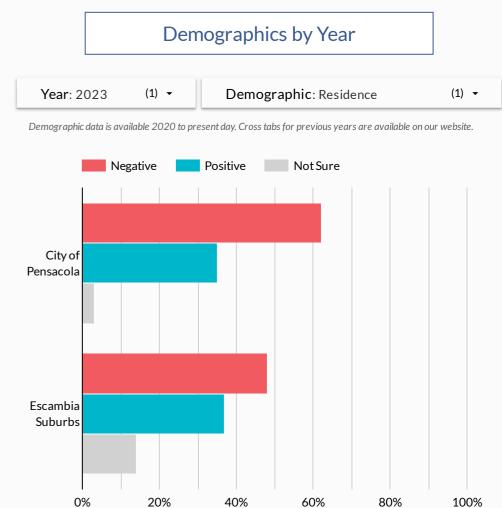
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How would you rate the performance of the **Pensacola City Council**?

\*First asked in 2014

**2023 Differential Gaps**Party Registration: *Republican* 





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How would you rate the performance of <u>the superintendent</u> as **Escambia County's superintendent of schools?** 

\*First asked in 2014

2023 Differential Gaps

Residence: City Gender: Female

Party Registration: Democrat + Independent Income: <\$40,000 Education: College Grad

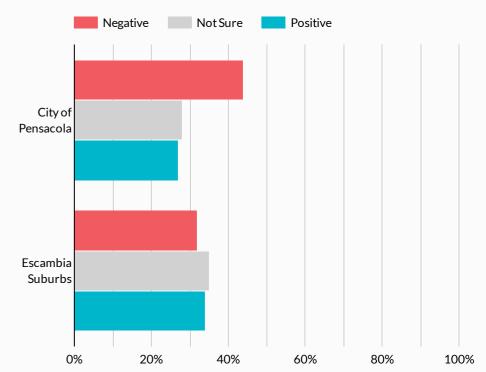
> Age: <50 Race: Black

Commission District: D3 + D5



## Demographics by Year

Year: 2023 (1) ▼ Demographic: Residence





How would you rate the performance of the **Escambia County School Board**?

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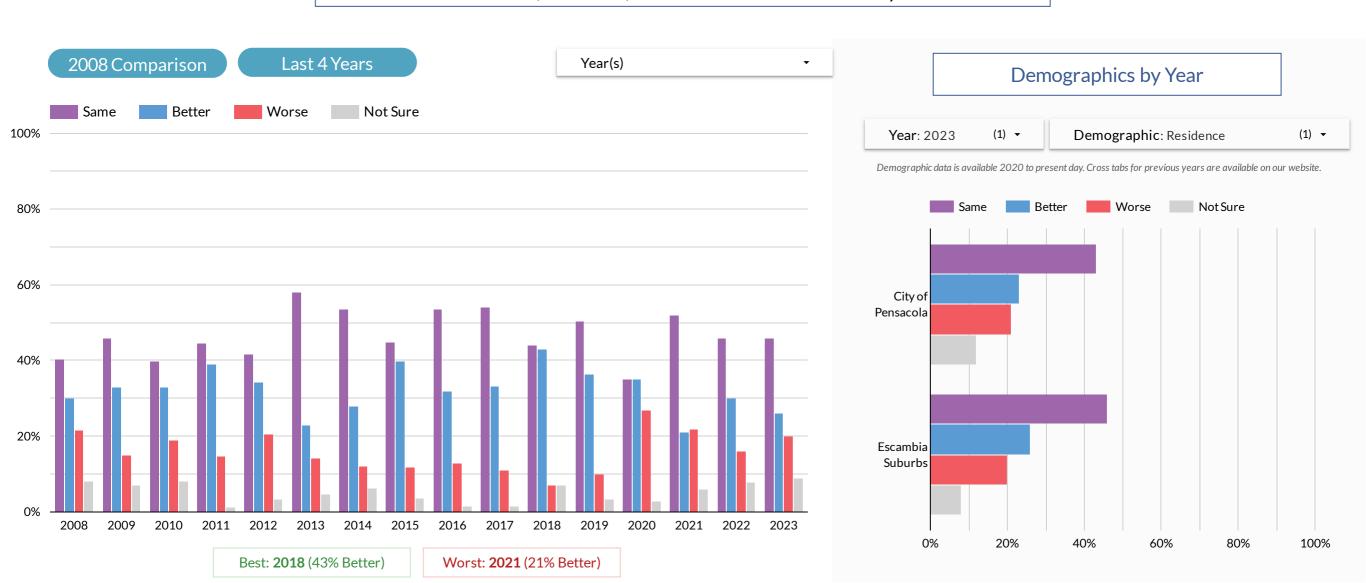


#### How would you rate economic conditions in Escambia County





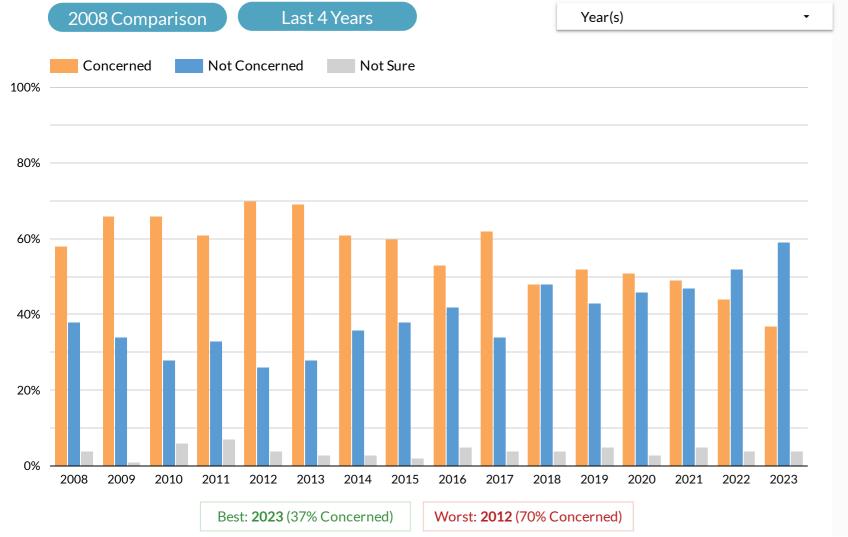
Five years from now, do you think that the **economy in Escambia County** will be better off, worse off, or about the same as it is today?





How concerned are you about the **security and future of your own job**, or the jobs of any close family members in **Escambia County area**?

2023 Differential Gaps
Party Registration: Democrat
Race: Black



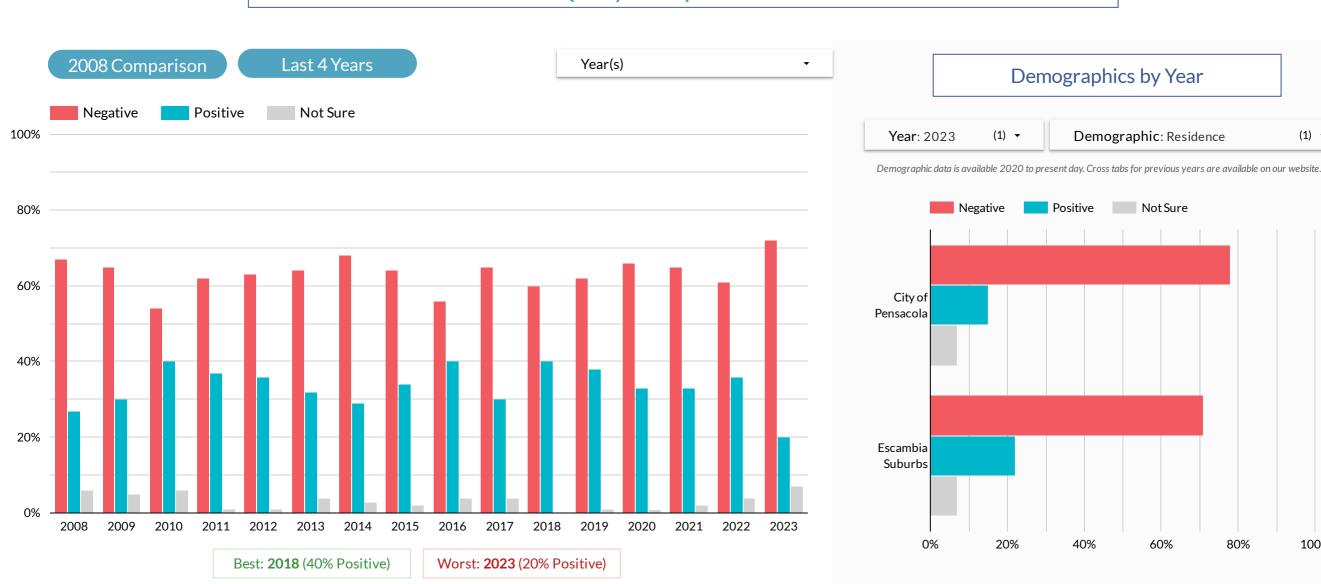
## Demographics by Year (1) 🕶 Demographic: Residence (1) 🕶 Year: 2023 Demographic data is available 2020 to present day. Cross tabs for previous years are available on our website. Not Sure Not Concerned Concerned City of Pensacola Escambia Suburbs 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



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Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County: Quality of the public schools





Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

The availability of cultural opportunities, such as theater, museums, and music.

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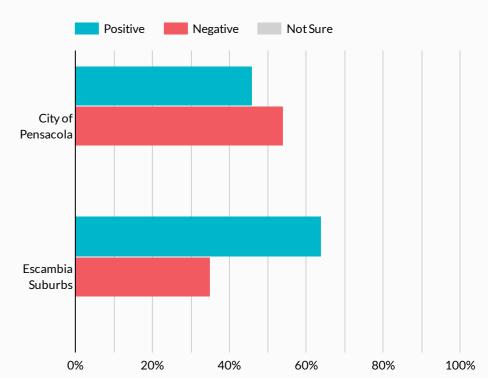
2023 Differential Gaps
Residence: City
Party Registration: Democrat

Race: Black
Commission District: D3



## Demographics by Year

Year: 2023 (1) ▼ Demographic: Residence (1) ▼



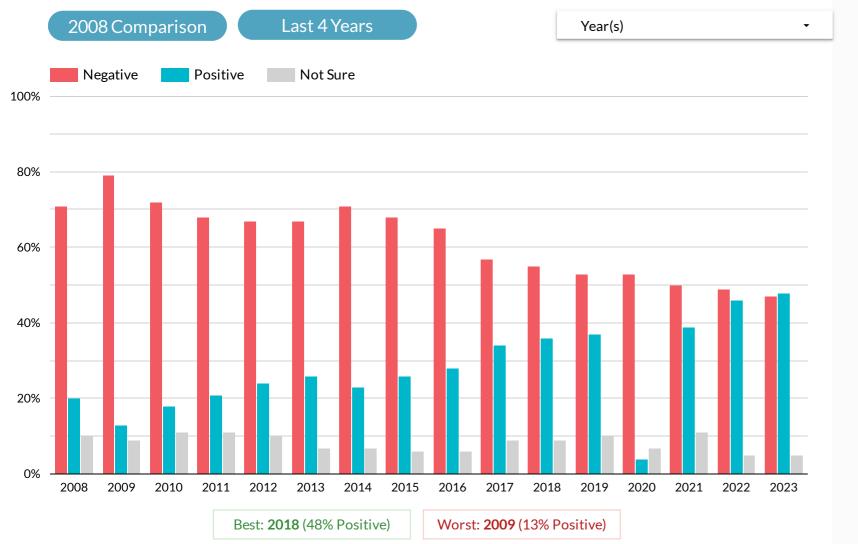


Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

Offering job opportunities for you and those in your household

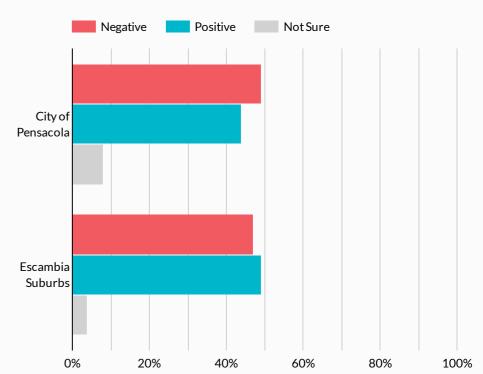
2023 Differential Gaps
Residence: City
Gender: Female
Party Registration: Democrat
Income: <\$40,000
Race: Black
Commission District: D3 + D4

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## Demographics by Year

Year: 2023 (1) ▼ Demographic: Residence (1) ▼





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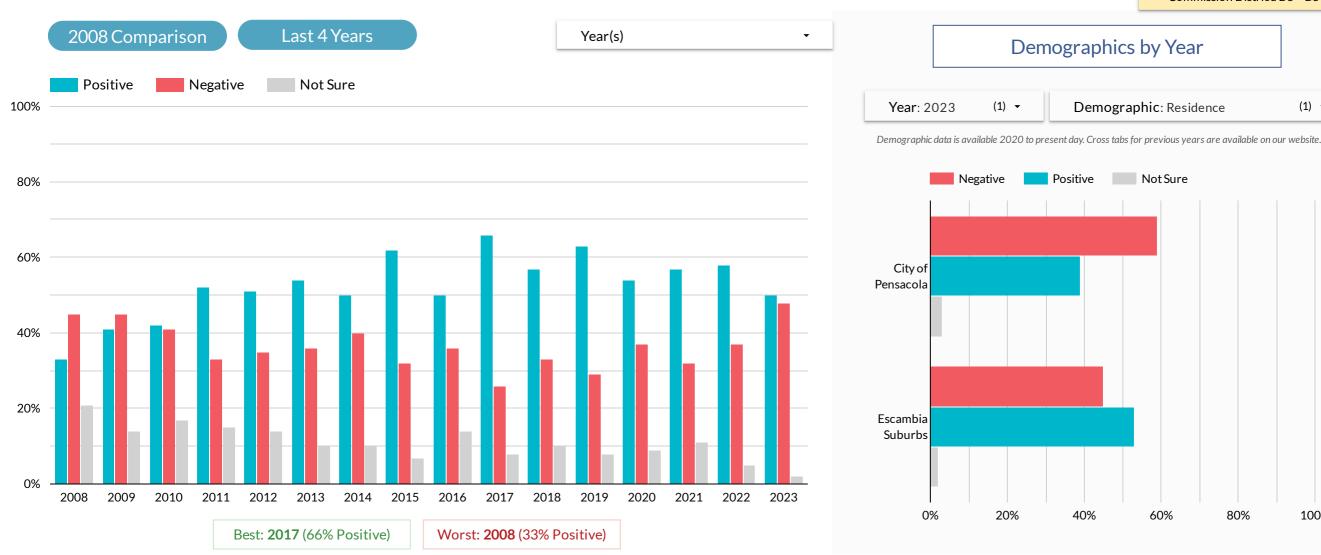
Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

Having a vibrant nightlife and entertainment options for people of all ages

2023 Differential Gaps Residence: City Gender: Female Party Registration: Democrat Age: 50+ Race: Black Commission District: D3 + D5

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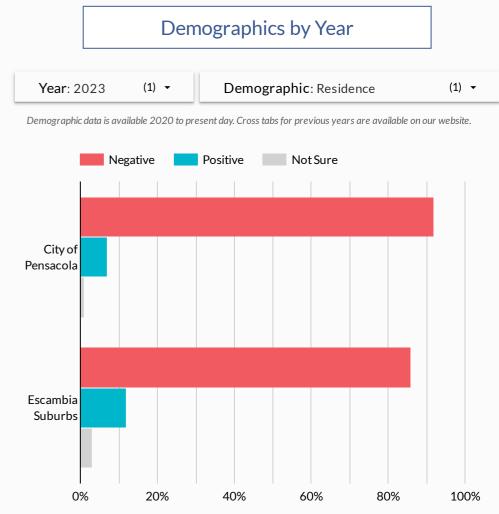




Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

Availability of affordable housing







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Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County: **Public Transportation** 

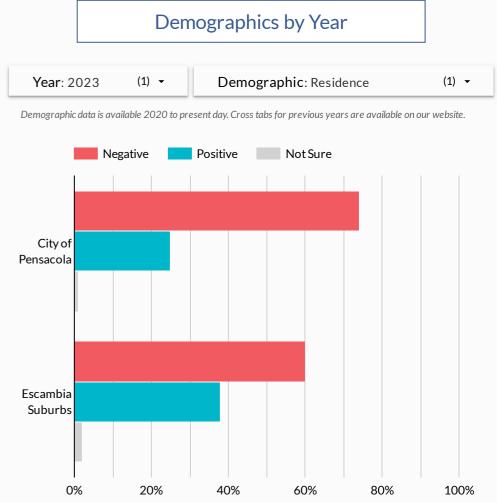




Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

Public Safety and low crime

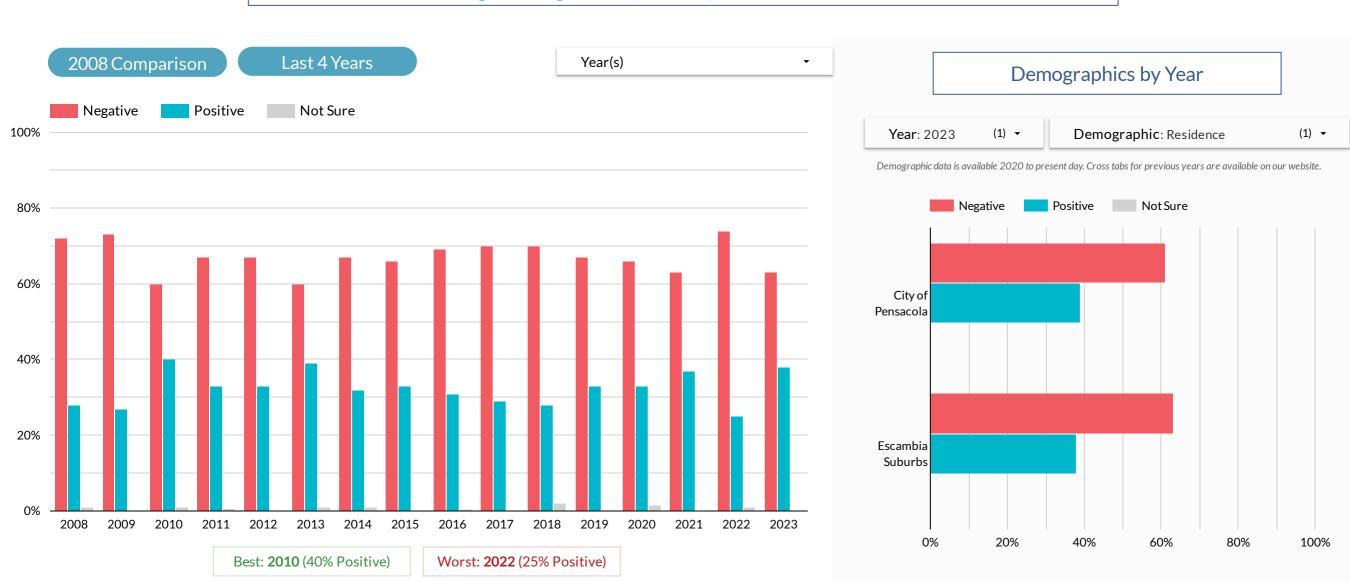






Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

Being able to get from place to place with little traffic



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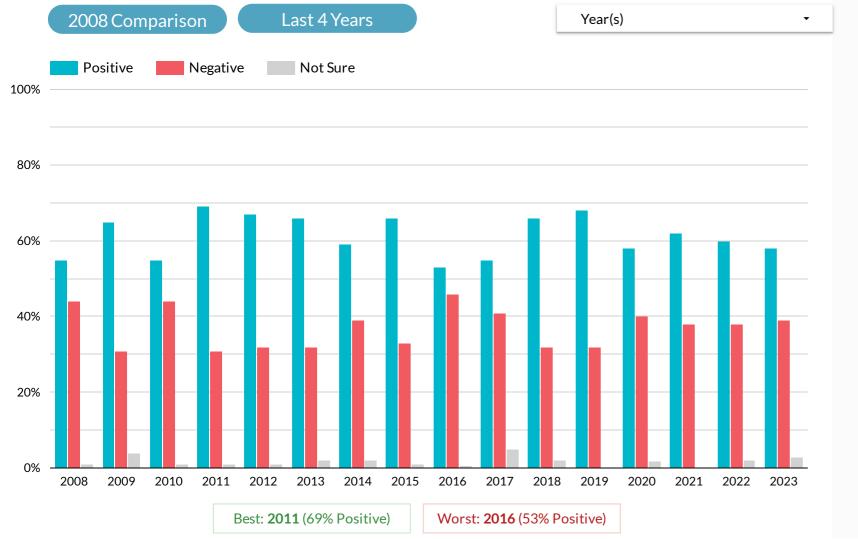
Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

Availability of quality health care

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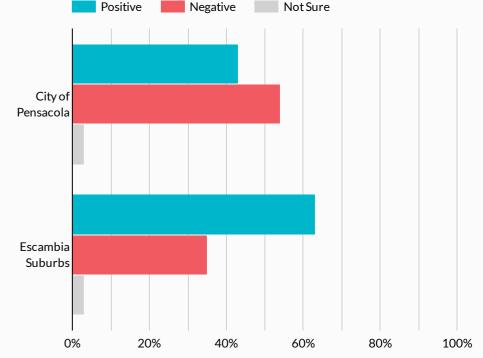
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2023 Differential Gaps
Residence: City
Party Registration: Democrat
Race: Black
Commission District: D3



## Demographics by Year

Year: 2023 (1) ▼ Demographic: Residence

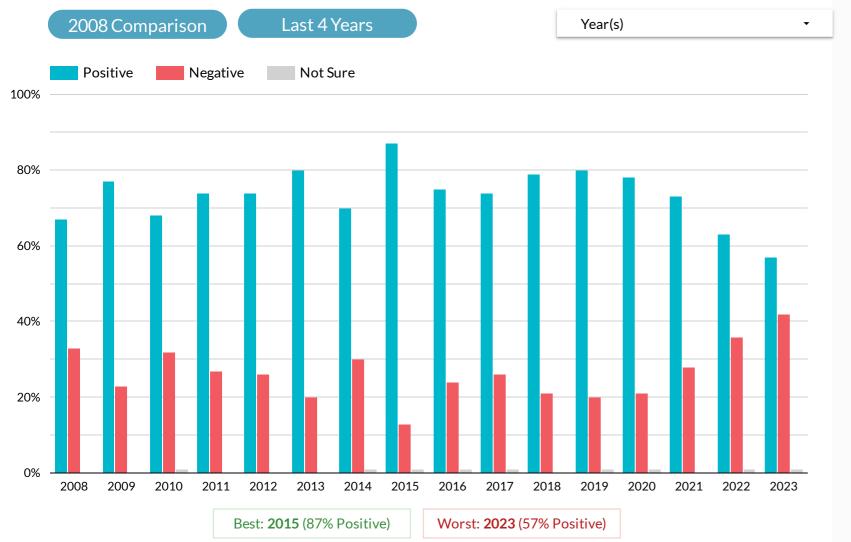




Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

The availability of outdoor parks and playgrounds

2023 Differential Gaps Residence: City Party Registration: Democrat Race: Black Commission District: D3



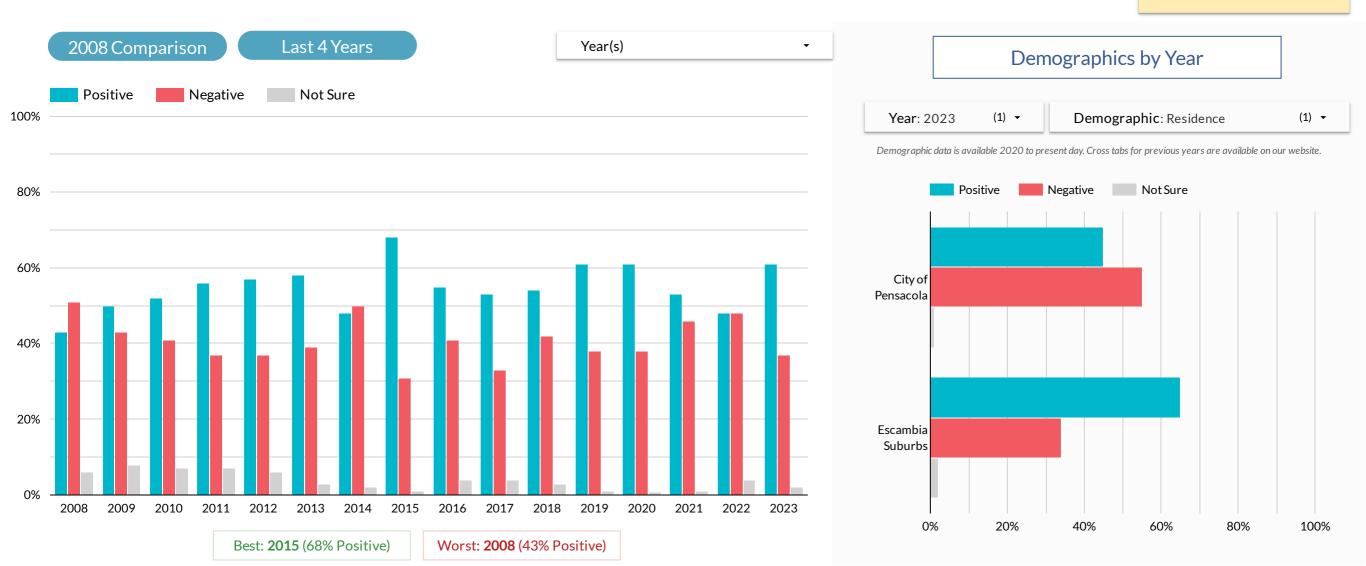
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Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

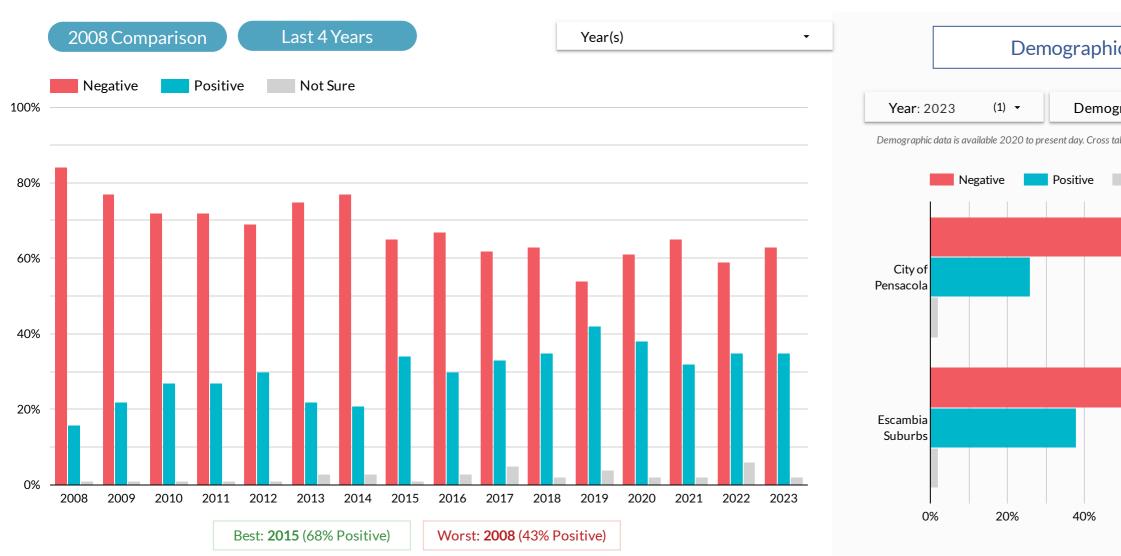
Welcoming and inviting to people of diverse backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures

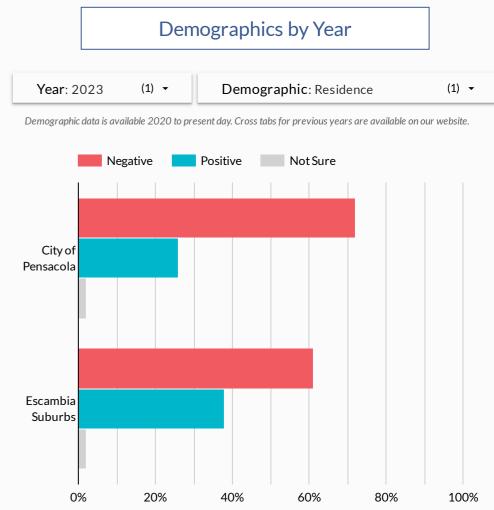
2023 Differential Gaps Residence: City Party Registration: Democrat Race: Black Commission District: D3





Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County: Effective leadership from elected officials

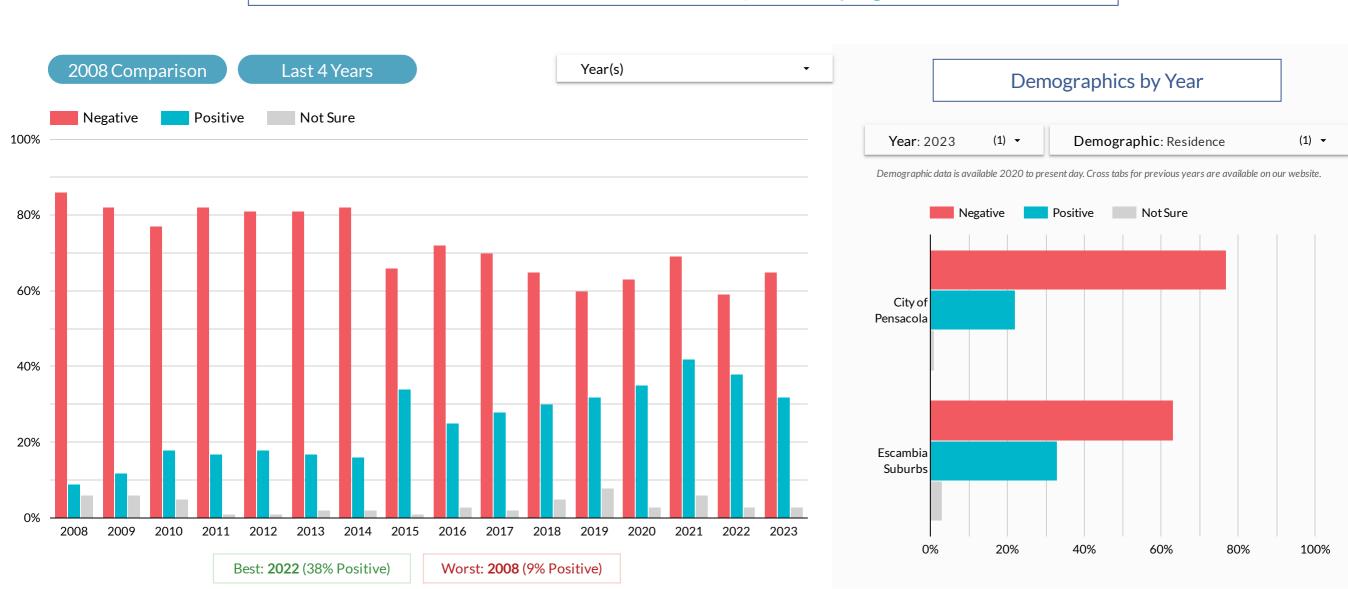






Rating qualities and characteristics that contribute to the quality of life in Escambia County:

A shared vision for economic development and job growth



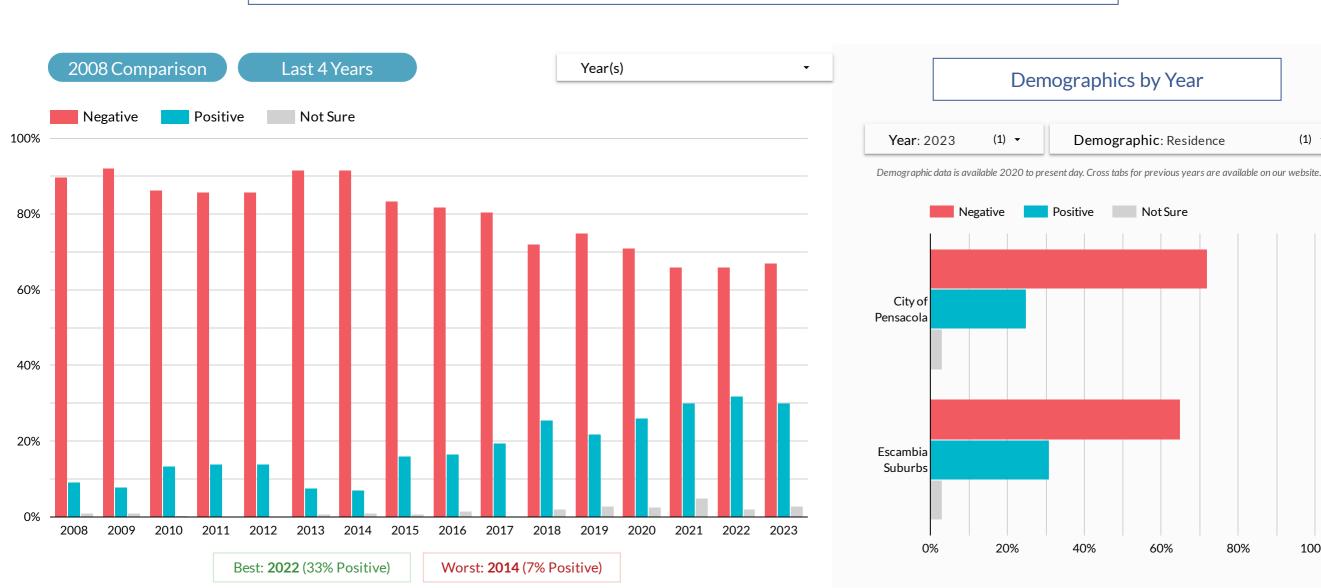


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#### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

Recent college graduates looking to enter the job market



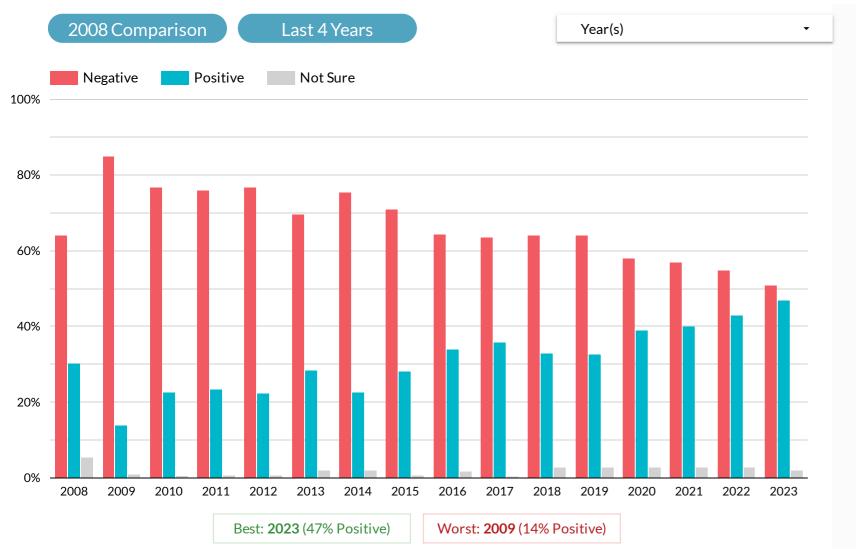


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#### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

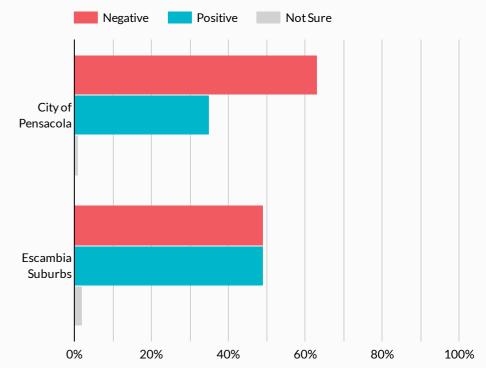
Young, single people

2023 Differential Gaps Gender: Male Party Registration: Republican Education: No College Degree Race: White



## Demographics by Year

Year: 2023 (1) ▼ Demographic: Residence



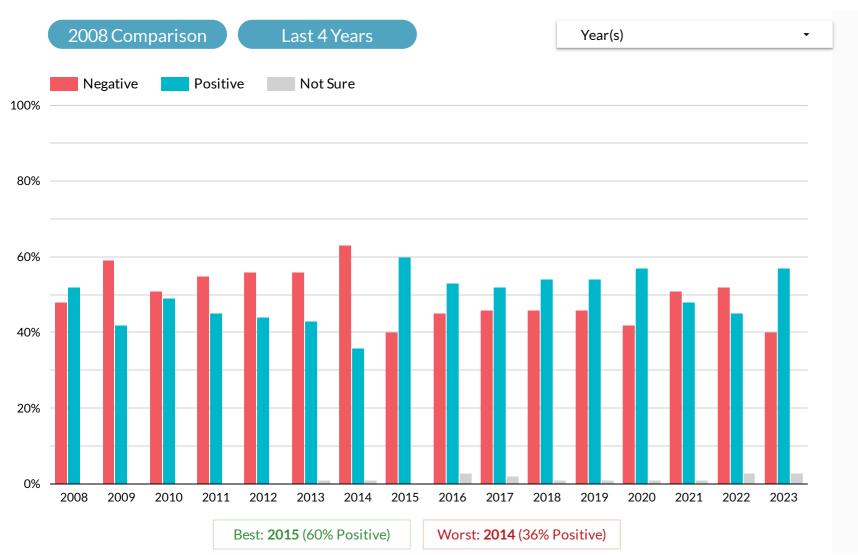


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#### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

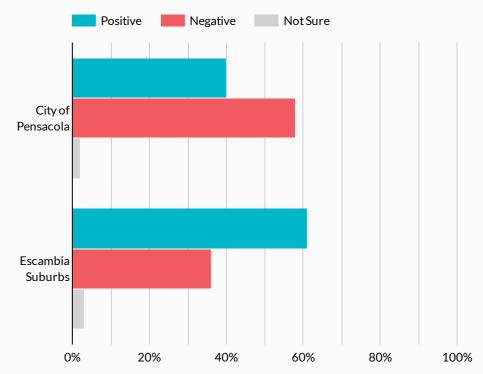
Families with children

**2023 Differential Gaps**Residence: City
Party Registration: Democrat
Race: Black



## Demographics by Year

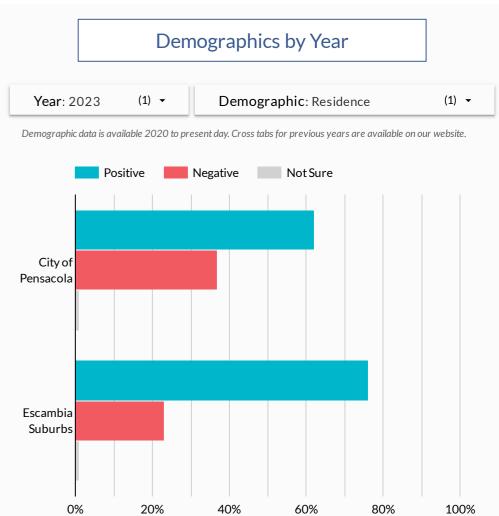
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# Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for: Retirees





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#### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

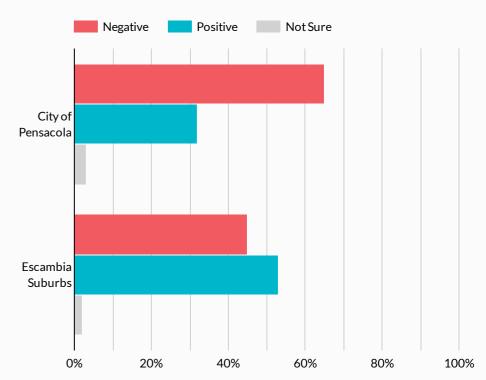
Racial and ethnic minorities

**2023 Differential Gaps** All demographics differ opinions on this question.



## Demographics by Year

Year: 2023 (1) ▼ Demographic: Residence



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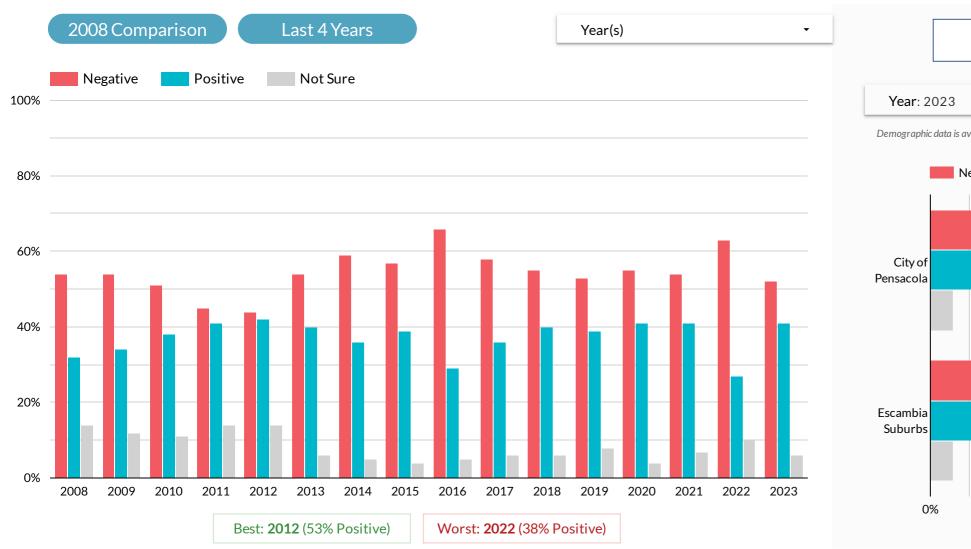
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#### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

Immigrants from other countries

**2023 Differential Gaps**Party Registration: Republican
Education: No College Degree
Race: White



## Demographics by Year

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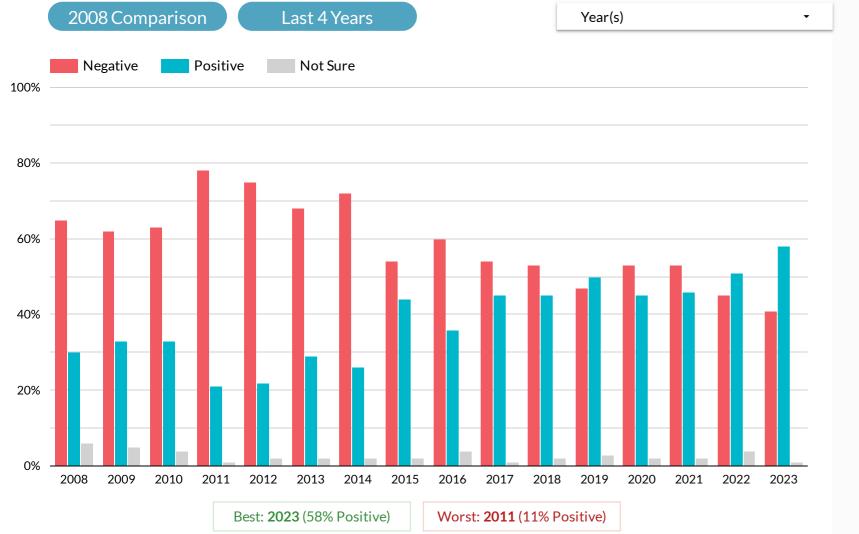


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#### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

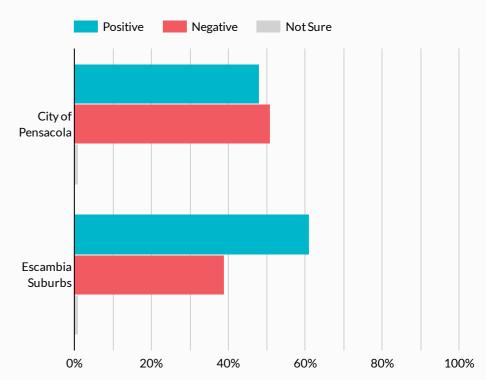
**Entrepreneurs and people starting new businesses** 

2023 Differential Gaps Residence: City Party Registration: Democrat Race: Black



# Demographics by Year (1) • Demographic: Residence

Year: 2023



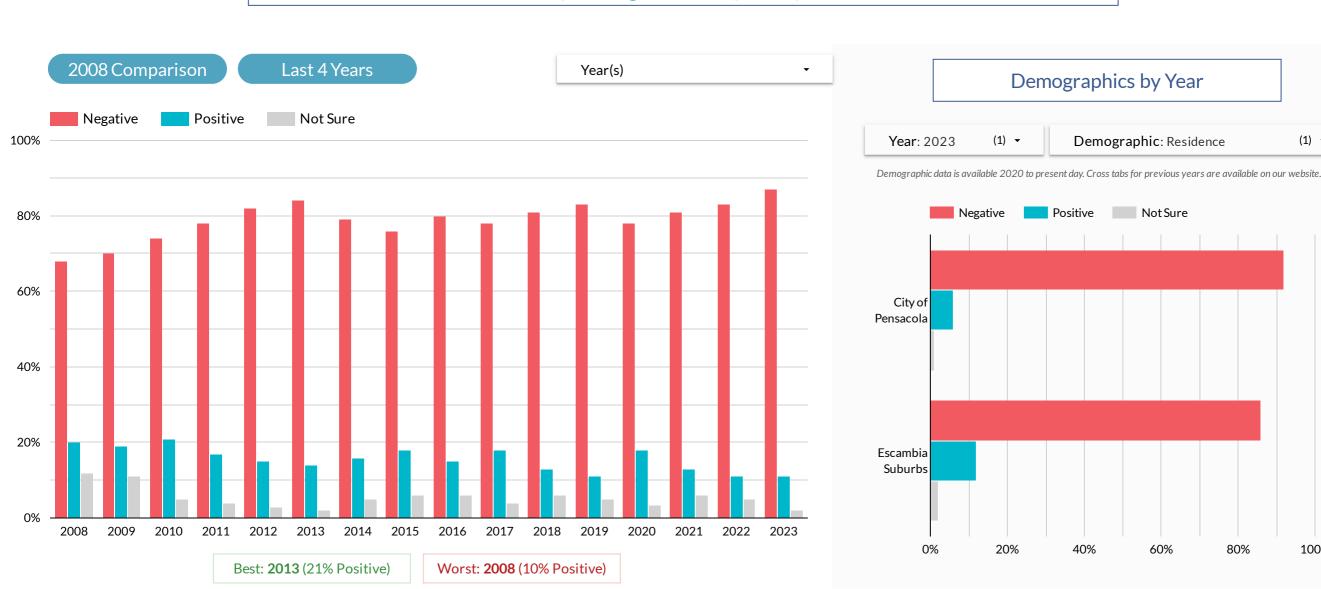


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#### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

People living below the poverty line



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### Rating Escambia County **as a place to live** for:

People like you

\*First asked in 2021

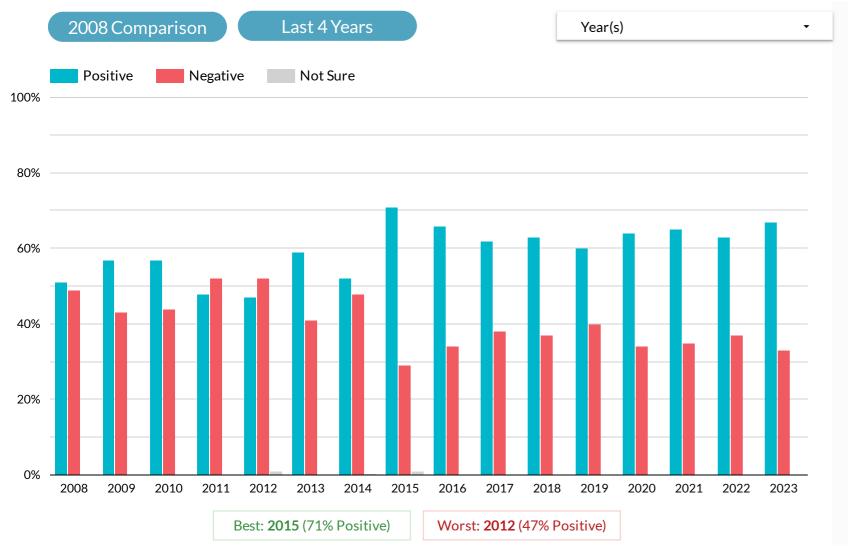
**2023 Differential Gaps**Residence: City
Party Registration: *Democrat*Race: *Black* 





How would you rate the overall quality of life in Escambia County?

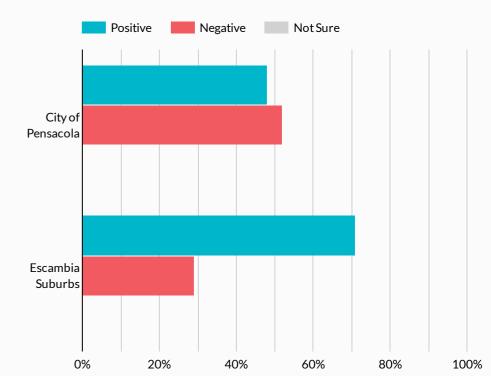
2023 Differential Gaps Residence: City Party Registration: Democrat Race: Black



# Demographics by Year

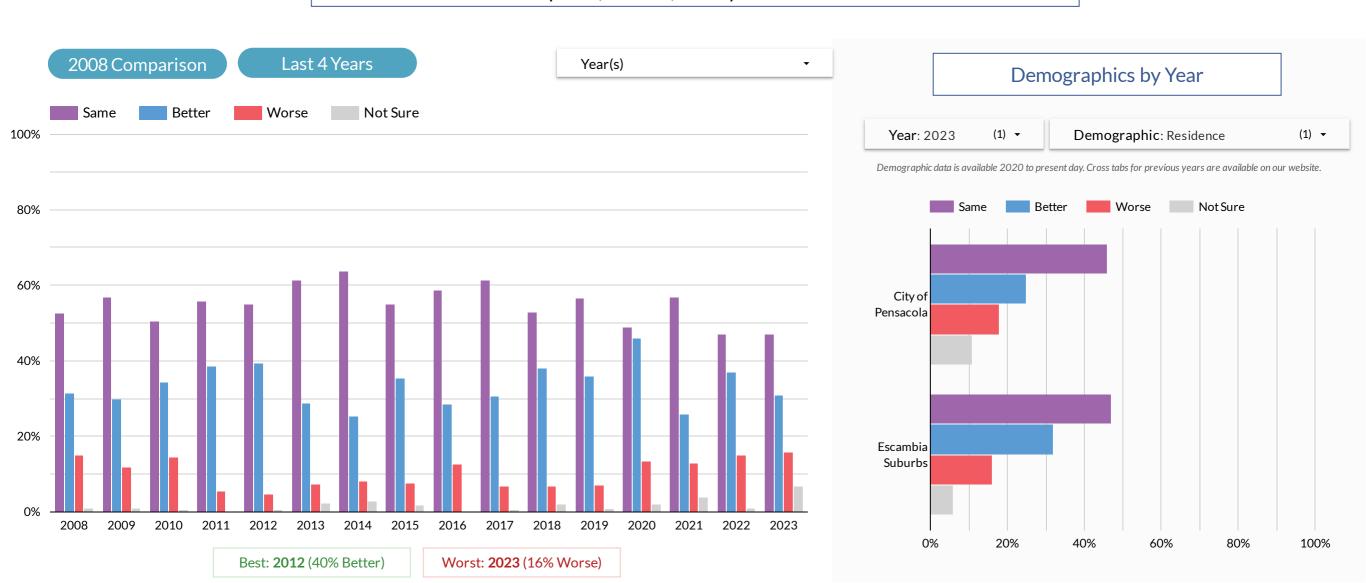
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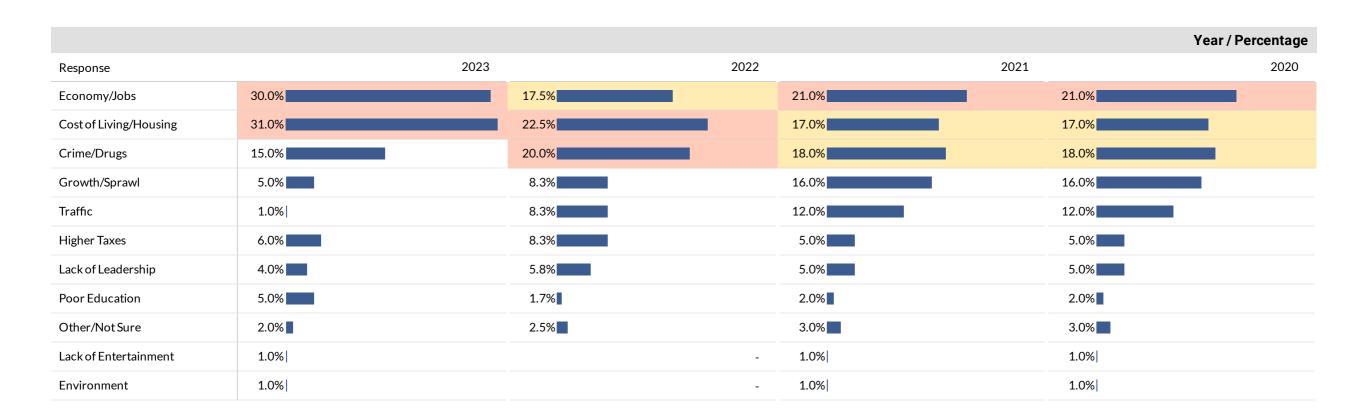


Over the next 5 years do you think that the quality of life in Escambia County will improve, worsen, or stay about the sam





#### What is the **primary reason** you think the **quality of life will worsen**?



Best: **2022** (33% Positive)

Worst: 2014 (7% Positive)



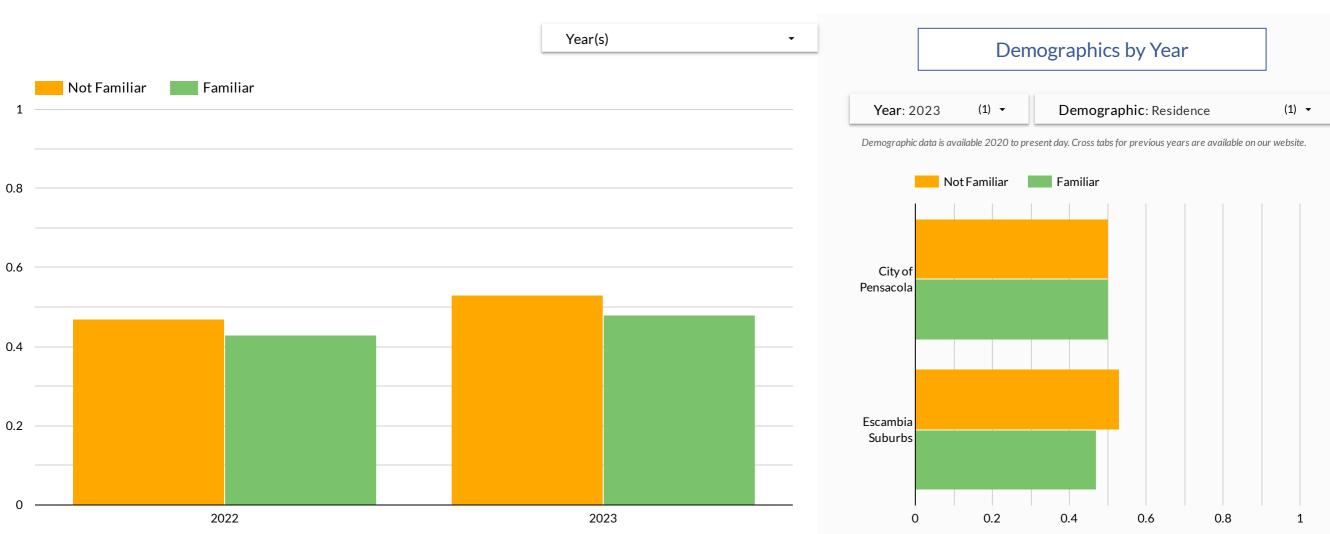
Economic Development generates investment, wealth, tax base and jobs from which many community benefits are created.

How familiar are you with vision and plans for economic development in Escambia County?

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**2023 Differential Gaps**Education: College Grad
Commission District: D4 + D5

\*First asked in 2022

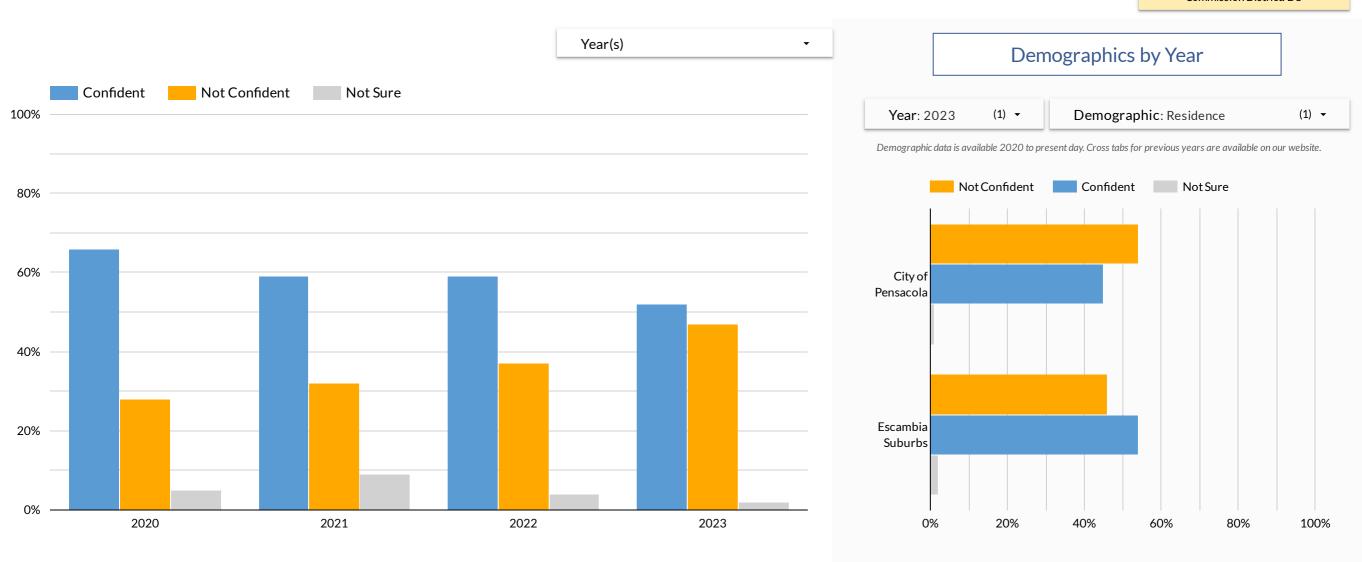




How confident are you in the vision, plans and leadership for economic development in Escambia County?

\*First asked in 2020

2023 Differential Gaps Residence: City Party Registration: Democrat Black: Race Commission District: D3





**Community Development** generates solutions to problems, like housing, education, transportation, and neighborhood renewal, making the community a better place to live and work.

How familiar are you with the vision and plans for community development in Escambia County?

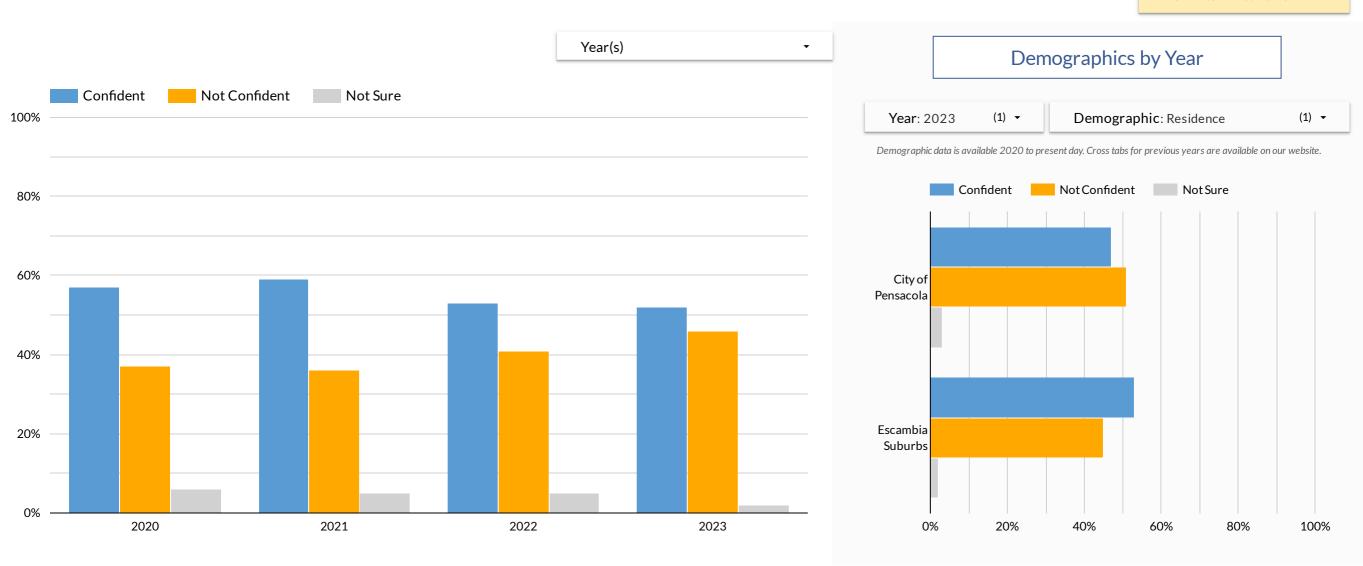




How confident are you in the vision, plans and leadership for community development in Escambia County?

\*First asked in 2020

2023 Differential Gaps Residence: City Party Registration: Democrat Black: Race Commission District: D3 + D4

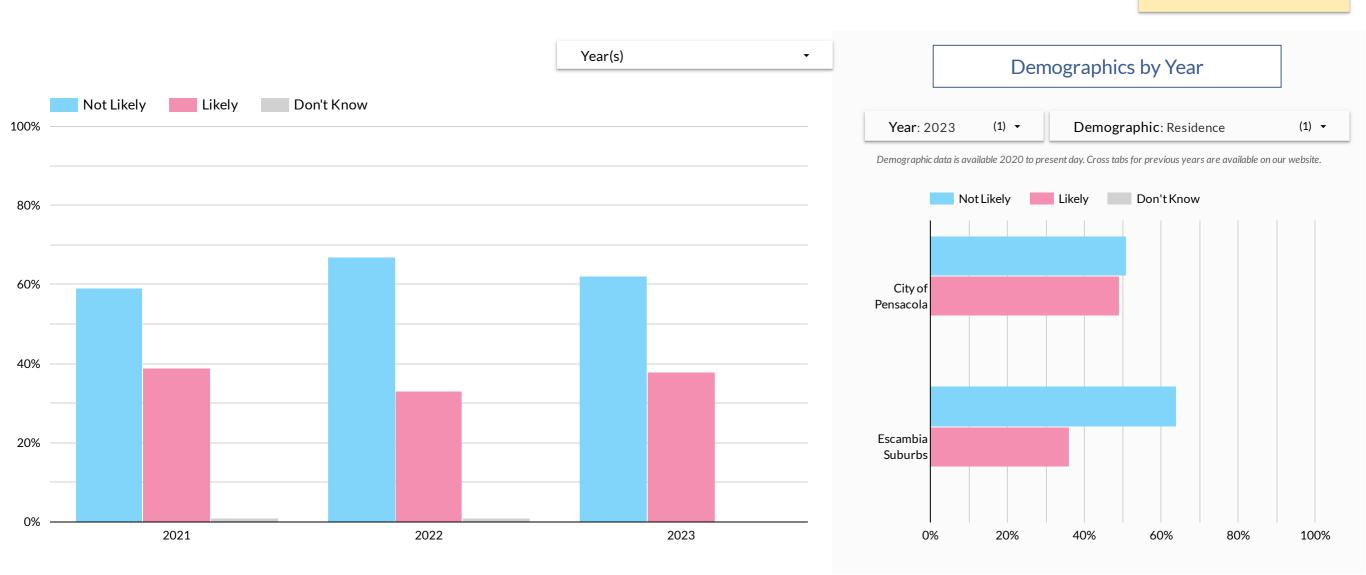




How likely are you or an immediate family member to move from **Escambia County** in the next 5 years?

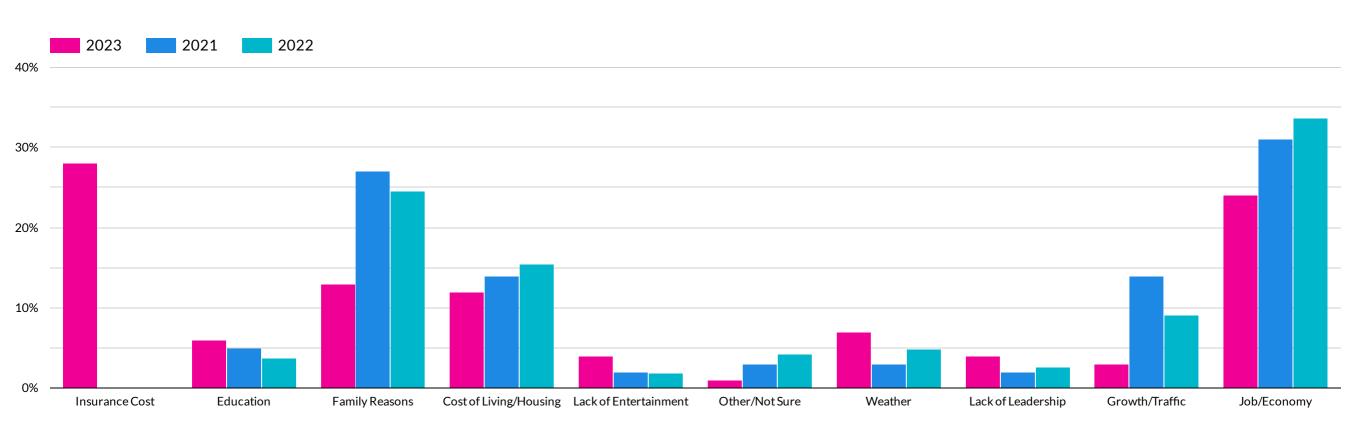
\*First asked in 2021

2023 Differential Gaps Party Registration: Democrat Black: Race



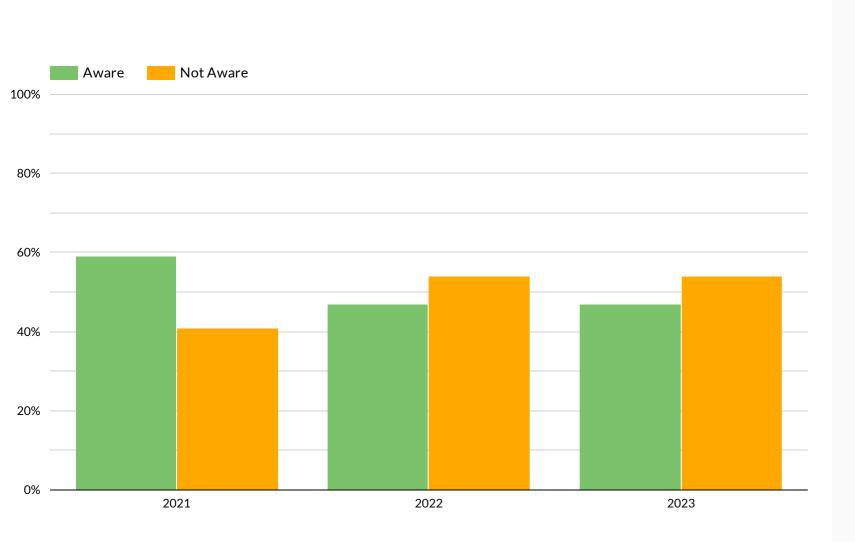
In your opinion, what is the primary reason that you or a family member are likely to leave the area?

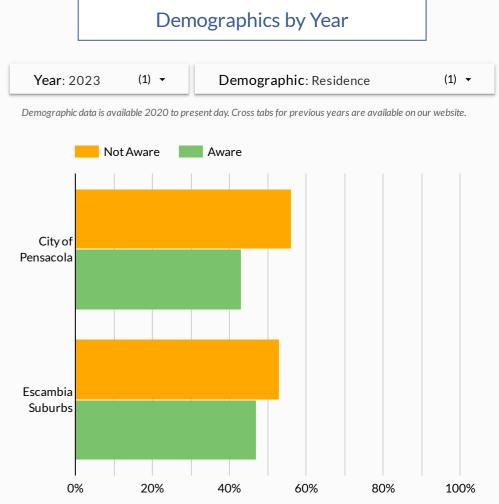
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How aware are you of CivicCon, the local organization formed to increase the engagement of the community in civic conversations with local leaders about public policy?

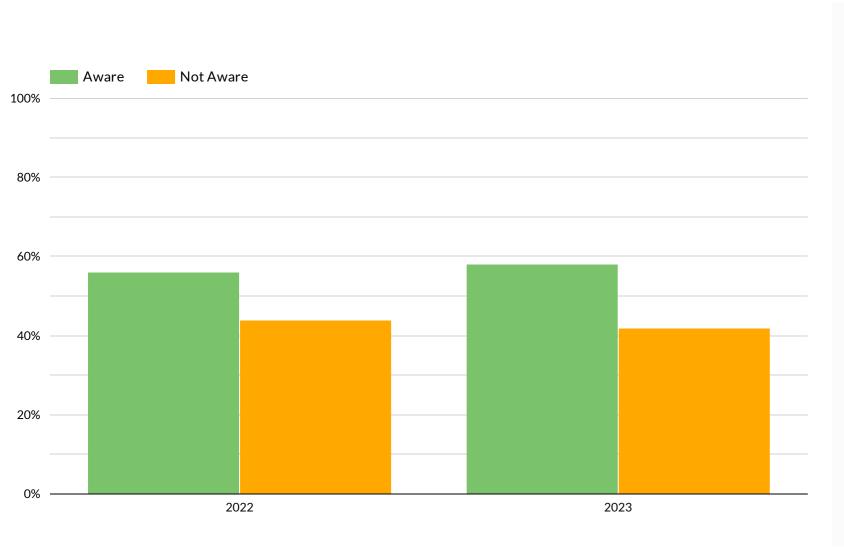
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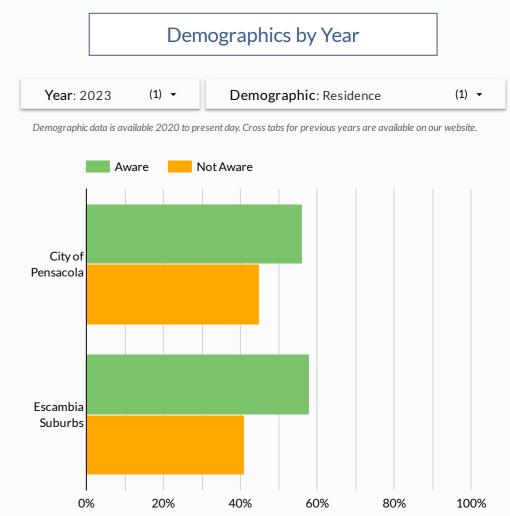




How aware are you of Pensacola Young Professionals?

\*First asked in 2022





### **Race Relations**

We recognize that we cannot begin to impact the quality of life for our community if we are not addressing the disparities in lived experiences.

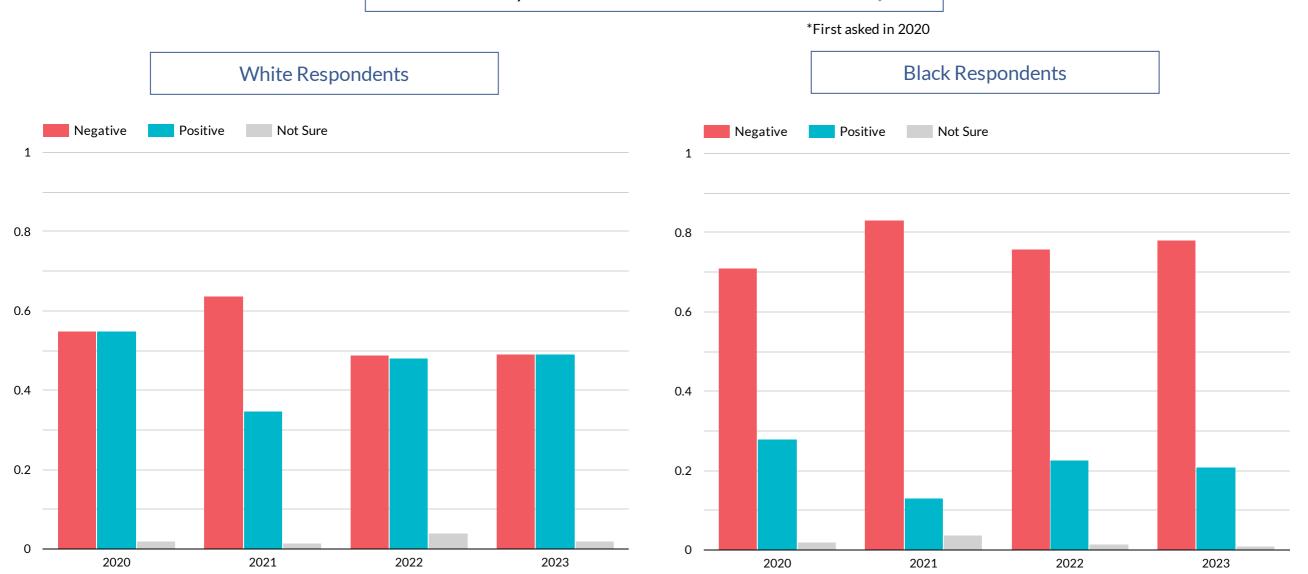
In 2020, we witnessed national outrage to systemic racism in our country. That year, we made the decision to expand the survey and address this issue in our own community. In the following years, we have opted to continue these survey questions to continue to measure and address these issues here at home.

While national media and exposure of these issues has decreased, it's clear that the issue itself has not. We hope that by bringing to light the perception of race relations in Escambia and the Pensacola Bay area, we can support a community that is safe and inclusive for all who call it home.

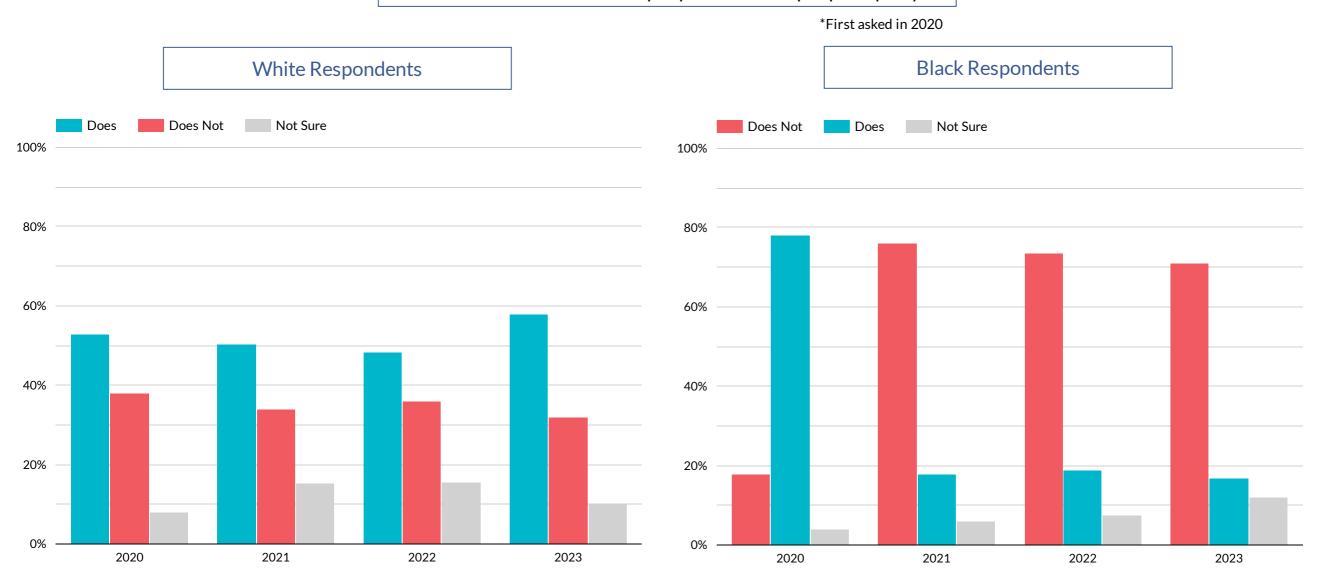
How would you rate **race relations** in the **City of Pensacola**?



### How would you rate race relations in Escambia County?



Do you believe the **criminal justice** system in **Escambia County** does or does not treat black people and white people equally?



Do you believe that systemic racism does or does not exist in Escambia County?







How would rate the **relationship between the black community** and the police in the **City of Pensacola**?





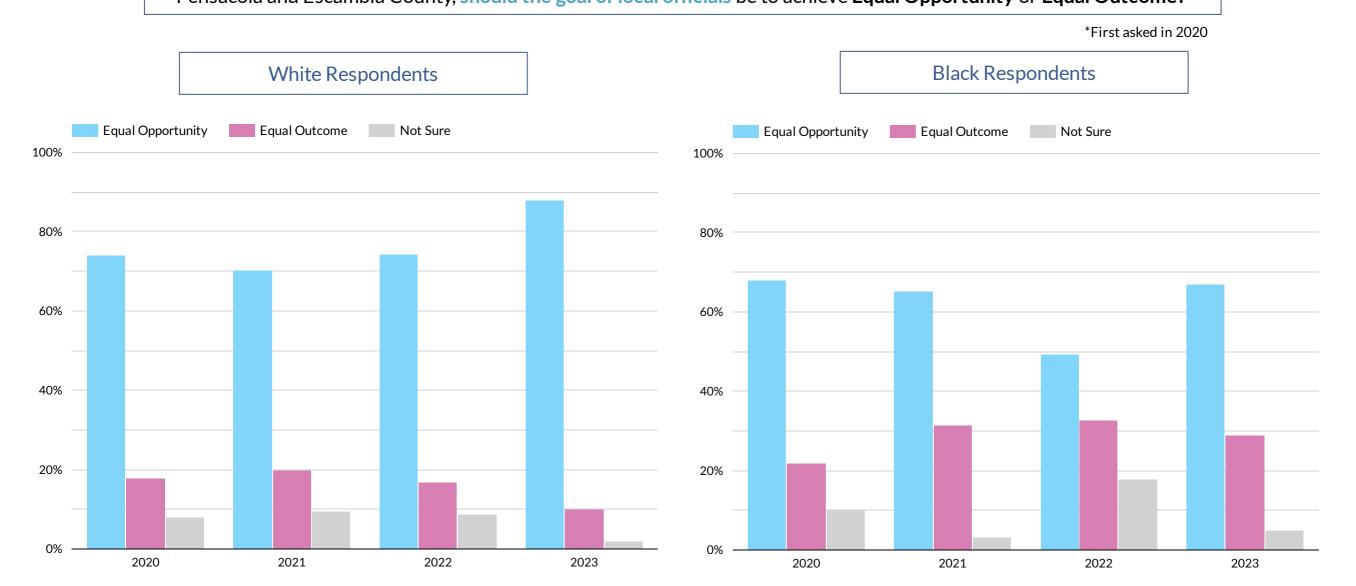
How would rate the **relationship between the black community** and the police in **Escambia County**?



## QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY ESCAMBIA COUNTY

When it comes to addressing the **economic and education disparities** that exist between most black and white residents in Pensacola and Escambia County, **should the goal of local officials** be to achieve **Equal Opportunity** or **Equal Outcome?** 

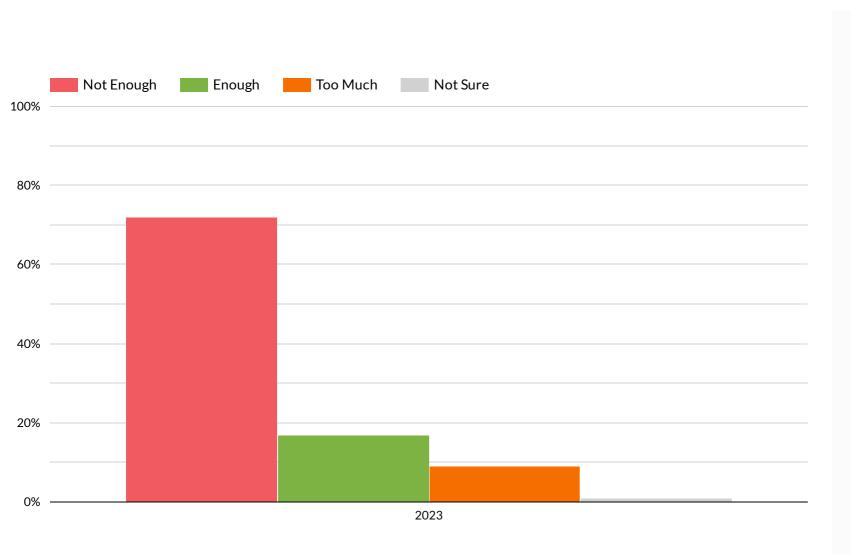
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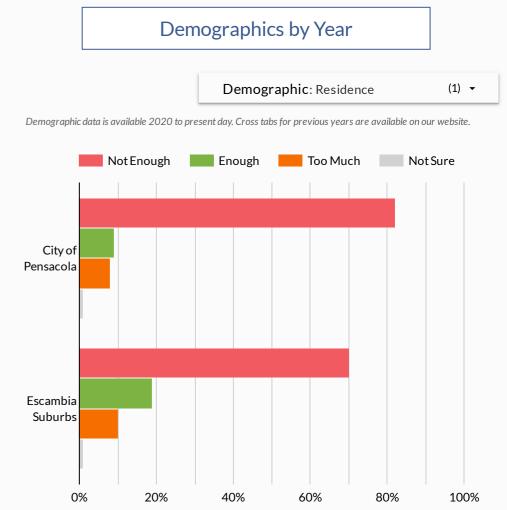




In terms of investing time and money toward reducing homelessness and housing challenges in our community, our local governments officials doing...

\*Only asked in 2023







Efforts that address affordable housing fall in to a few broad categories that target specific challenges and populations. Which of the following do you think should be the priority effort in **Escambia County**?

\*Only asked in 2021

