

What are we monitoring?

The proportion of residents who agree that they have a non-family member in their area to turn to, in times of crisis, as measured by the Councils bi-annual Community Survey of a representative sample of the population.

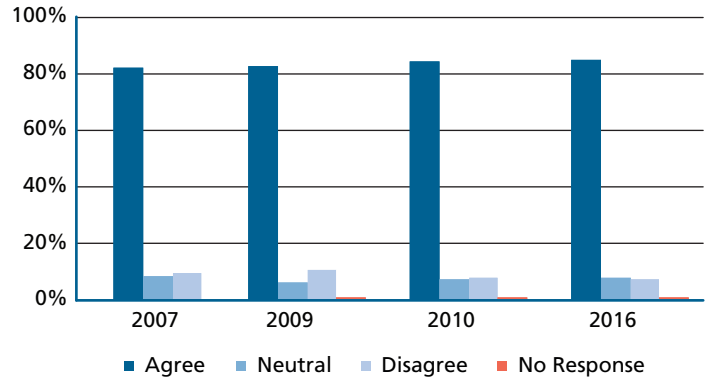
What is the trend?

The vast majority of those surveyed, over 80%, agree that they have a non-family member to turn to in times of crisis. This proportion has remained fairly steady since the measure was first recorded in 2007. The proportion of people who disagree with the statement has fallen from 9.4% in 2007 to 7.2% in 2016.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Having someone local to turn to in times of crisis is an important measure of community connectedness. If most people feel they can call on someone in their area when needed, it indicates a strong community where people willingly help each other.

Blue Mountains Residents Surveyed who agree "they have someone outside their immediate family in their area to turn to in times of crisis"



Proportion of Blue Mountains Residents Surveyed who agree "they have someone outside their immediate family in their area to turn to in times of crisis"

Year	2007	2009	2010	2016
Agree	82.0%	82.6%	84.3%	85.0%
Neutral	8.3%	6.3%	7.4%	7.8%
Disagree	9.4%	10.5%	8.2%	7.2%
No Response	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%
Mean Rating	4.20	4.30	4.35	4.39

Source: Blue Mountains City Council Community Surveys 2007–2016