

What are we monitoring?

The proportion of residents who believe their neighbourhood is a safe place to live. The Council conducts a bi-annual Community Survey (previously conducted annually) of a representative sample of the population that includes assessing resident perceptions of their neighbourhood safety. In particular, the survey assesses whether respondents agree with the statement "I feel that I am generally safe in my neighbourhood".

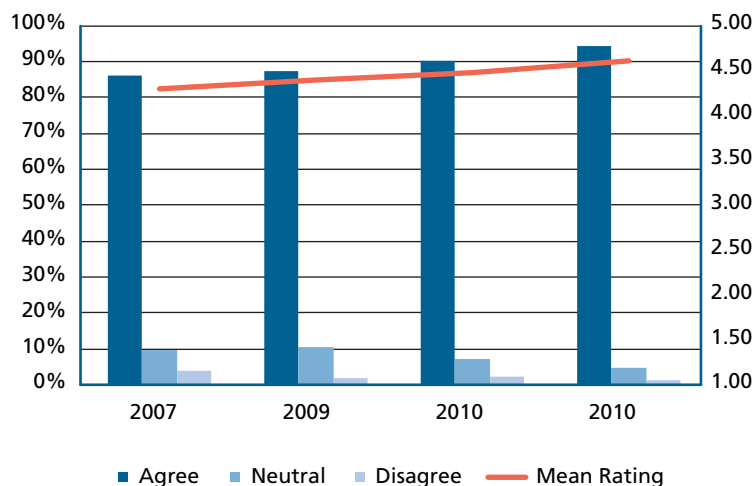
What is the trend?

This trend remains steady over the past four years with a majority of residents feeling that they are generally feeling safe in their neighbourhood. Over 90% of people have a high level of agreement with the statement.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Perceiving your neighbourhood as a safe place to live is a basic measure of community satisfaction. It indicates that crime levels are low and that services provided are working to provide residents with a feeling of safety. Everyone needs to feel safe in the place where they live.

Community Feeling of Neighbourhood Safety



Survey Response to the Statement "I feel that I am generally safe in my neighbourhood"

Year	2007	2009	2010	Year	2016
% Agree High	86.2%	87.4%	90.4%	Agree	94.4%
% Agree Medium	9.5%	10.6%	7.4%	Neutral	4.9%
% Agree Low	4.1%	2.0%	2.4%	Disagree	0.7%
No Response	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	No Response	0.0%
Mean Rating	4.30	4.40	4.47	Mean Rating	4.30

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, Blue Mountains Community Surveys