

# 2023 National Community Survey

## Summary of Results



**NEVADA COUNTY**  
CALIFORNIA

### About the National Community Survey

In the summer of 2023, Nevada County worked with the National Research Center to conduct its second National Citizen Survey. The National Citizen Survey is designed to capture a data-based picture of residents' needs and perspectives using scientific survey methods and best practices. The survey covers resident opinions on community characteristics, with additional policy questions added that are specific to Nevada County.

### Key Findings

- Nevada County continues to be a highly desirable and engaging community, yet participants emphasize the importance of fostering inclusivity.
- Residents experience a strong sense of safety in Nevada County but indicate concerns about wildfire preparedness.
- The local economy is strong but poses challenges to community affordability.
- The County's natural environment and parks and recreational opportunities remain highly valued by residents.

### Overall Perceptions

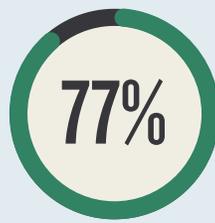
The following percentages are for resident ratings of **excellent** and **very good**.



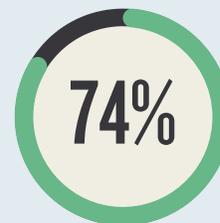
PLACE TO LIVE



QUALITY OF LIFE



FEELING OF SAFETY



QUALITY OF BUSINESS AND SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS



QUALITY OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### Where We Shine

Residents rated the following as **excellent** or **very good**.

92% PLACE TO VISIT

87% RESIDENT WILDFIRE EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS

87% RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Where We Can Do Better

Resident ratings that fell **below** the national benchmarks of **excellent** or **good**.



33%

OVERALL QUALITY OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- New bus wraps and branding have improved user experience and increased ridership by 16%.
- The County is introducing two e-buses into their fleet in 2024.



23%

QUALITY OF AFFORDABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS

- \$75M in state funding to be awarded to a local provider, linking another 4,000 rural households.
- Approved policies to speed up broadband installation on new projects.



20%

VARIETY OF HOUSING OPTIONS

- Made it less expensive to permit "granny units."
- 93 units of new affordable housing are currently in the pipeline in addition to 140 new units last year.

View the full survey results: [nevadacountyca.gov/CommunitySurvey](https://nevadacountyca.gov/CommunitySurvey)

