

The City of Ramsey 2020 Community Survey

Please complete this survey if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday (the year of birth does not matter). Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Ramsey.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Ramsey as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Ramsey as a place to raise children	1	2	3	4	5
Ramsey as a place to work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ramsey as a place to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ramsey as a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall economic health of Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall design or layout of Ramsey's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas)	1	2	3	4	5
Overall feeling of safety in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of natural environment in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Recommend living in Ramsey to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Ramsey for the next five years.....	1	2	3	4	5

4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<u>Very safe</u>	<u>Somewhat safe</u>	<u>Neither safe nor unsafe</u>	<u>Somewhat unsafe</u>	<u>Very unsafe</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Ramsey's downtown/commercial area during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From property crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From violent crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From fire, flood or other natural disaster	1	2	3	4	5	6

5. Please rate the job you feel the Ramsey community does at each of the following.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Making all residents feel welcome	1	2	3	4	5
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

6. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5

7. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Ramsey as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Traffic flow on major streets.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned residential growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned commercial growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-designed neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.) ...	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	1	2	3	4	5
Community support for the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool.....	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of civic/community pride.....	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Ramsey	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5

8. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Contacted the City of Ramsey (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	1	2
Contacted Ramsey elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion.....	1	2
Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.)	1	2
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting.....	1	2
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Ramsey	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause or candidate.....	1	2
Voted in your most recent local election	1	2
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving.....	1	2
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone.....	1	2
Walked or biked instead of driving.....	1	2

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9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Ramsey.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Public information services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet access.....	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection.....	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Power (electric and/or gas) utility.....	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Police/Sheriff services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention.....	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations).....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands and greenbelts).....	1	2	3	4	5
Ramsey open space.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling.....	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up.....	1	2	3	4	5
City parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Ramsey employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

10. Please rate the following categories of Ramsey government performance.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Ramsey is taking.....	1	2	3	4	5
The job Ramsey government does at welcoming resident involvement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Ramsey government.....	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being open and transparent to the public.....	1	2	3	4	5
Informing residents about issues facing the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating residents with respect.....	1	2	3	4	5

11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The City of Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government.....	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Ramsey community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Overall economic health of Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Ramsey's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.).....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Ramsey (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas).....	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Ramsey.....	1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture and the arts.....	1	2	3	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community.....	1	2	3	4

13. To what extent are each of the following a source of information for you about Ramsey city government and its activities?

	<u>Major source</u>	<u>Moderate source</u>	<u>Minor source</u>	<u>Not a source</u>
City newsletter (<i>Ramsey Resident</i>).....	1	2	3	4
Local newspaper.....	1	2	3	4
City website (www.cityoframsey.com).....	1	2	3	4
Word-of-mouth.....	1	2	3	4
Cable television (QCTV).....	1	2	3	4
City employees.....	1	2	3	4
Public meetings.....	1	2	3	4
City social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).....	1	2	3	4
Video conference attendance of City meetings (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.).....	1	2	3	4

14. Please indicate to what extent you support or oppose the city investigating the following changes to new or existing amenities, each of which could accordingly result in a tax increase:

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>
Making improvements to existing/established parks.....	1	2	3	4
Building new parks.....	1	2	3	4
Making improvements to existing trails.....	1	2	3	4
Building new trails.....	1	2	3	4
Building a new community center.....	1	2	3	4

15. Please rate how important, if at all, you think each of the following priorities are for the City to focus on in the next five years:

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Balancing rural character and urban growth (development patterns).....	1	2	3	4
Creating an active community (parks, trails, open space, recreation).....	1	2	3	4
Creating a connected community (roads, trails, sidewalks, rail, transportation).....	1	2	3	4
Creating financial stability for the City (stable tax rates).....	1	2	3	4
Providing quality public safety services (Police and Fire).....	1	2	3	4

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Our last questions are about you and your household.
Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

	Several times a day	Once a day	A few times a week	Every few weeks	Less often or never	Don't know
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop or tablet computer	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access the internet from your cell phone.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use or check email.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Share your opinions online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shop online	1	2	3	4	5	6

D2. Would you say that in general your health is:

- Excellent
 Very good
 Good
 Fair
 Poor

D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months?

Do you think the impact will be:

- Very positive
 Somewhat positive
 Neutral
 Somewhat negative
 Very negative

D4. How many years have you lived in Ramsey?

- Less than 2 years
 2-5 years
 6-10 years
 11-20 years
 More than 20 years

D5. Which best describes the building you live in?

- One family house detached from any other houses
 Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)
 Mobile home
 Other

D6. Do you rent or own your home?

- Rent
 Own

D7. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- Less than \$500 \$2,000 to \$2,499
 \$500 to \$999 \$2,500 to \$2,999
 \$1,000 to \$1,499 \$3,000 to \$3,499
 \$1,500 to \$1,999 \$3,500 or more

D8. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- No Yes

D9. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- No Yes

D10. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- Less than \$25,000 \$75,000 to \$99,999
 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$150,000 or more

D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino
 Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino

D12. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander
 Black or African American
 White
 Other

D13. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years 55-64 years
 25-34 years 65-74 years
 35-44 years 75 years or older
 45-54 years

D14. What is your gender?

- Female
 Male
 Identify in another way

Thank you! Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to:
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