

# **The National Citizen Survey™**

## **Coronado, CA**

Dashboard Summary of  
Findings

2014

# Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. The NCS captures residents’ opinions within the three pillars of a community (Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation) across eight central facets of community (Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation and Wellness, Education and Enrichment and Community Engagement). This report summarizes Coronado’s performance in the eight facets of community livability with the “General” rating as a summary of results from the overarching questions not shown within any of the eight facets. The “Overall” represents the community pillar in its entirety (the eight facets and general).

By summarizing resident ratings across the eight facets and three pillars of a livable community, a picture of Coronado’s community livability emerges. Below, the color of each community facet summarizes how residents rated each of the pillars that support it – Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation. When most ratings were higher than the benchmark, the color is the darkest shade; when most ratings were lower than the benchmark, the color is the lightest shade. A mix of ratings (higher and lower than the benchmark) results in a color between the extremes.

Broadly, Coronado’s ratings tended to be similar to or higher than the benchmark when compared to other communities across the nation. Community Characteristics were seen to be especially good, while Participation ratings were less strong. General aspects of Community Characteristics, as well as Safety, Natural Environment, Recreation and Wellness and Education and Enrichment were regarded highly by residents and received ratings higher than the national benchmarks. Governance within the facets of Recreation and Wellness and Education and Enrichment were also rated favorably and higher than the national benchmark. In general, ratings about the community’s characteristics across most of the facets were stronger than were ratings of governance or citizen engagement. This information can be helpful in identifying the areas that merit more attention.

Figure 1: Dashboard Summary

	Community Characteristics			Governance			Participation		
	Higher	Similar	Lower	Higher	Similar	Lower	Higher	Similar	Lower
Overall	28	13	5	15	24	0	6	28	2
General	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0
Safety	2	1	0	2	5	0	0	3	0
Mobility	2	2	3	3	4	0	1	2	0
Natural Environment	3	0	0	2	3	0	1	2	0
Built Environment	2	1	1	0	4	0	0	2	0
Economy	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Recreation and Wellness	3	2	0	3	0	0	1	4	0
Education and Enrichment	3	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	0
Community Engagement	2	3	0	2	6	0	2	8	1

  

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Figure 2: Detailed Dashboard

	Community Characteristics	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive	Governance	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive	Participation	Trend	Benchmark	Percent positive
General	Overall appearance	↔	↑↑	96%	Customer service	↔	↔	82%	Recommend Coronado	↔	↔	94%
	Overall quality of life	↔	↑	97%	Services provided by Coronado	↔	↑	89%	Remain in Coronado	↔	↔	87%
	Place to retire	↓	↑↑	86%	Services provided by the Federal Government	↔	↔	37%	Contacted Coronado employees	↔	↔	44%
	Place to raise children	↔	↑	94%								
	Place to live	↔	↑	97%								
	Neighborhood	↔	↑	93%								
	Overall image	↔	↑↑	96%								
Safety	Overall feeling of safety	*	↑	93%	Police	↔	↔	84%	Was NOT the victim of a crime	↔	↔	86%
	Safe in neighborhood	↔	↔	98%	Crime prevention	↓	↔	77%	Did NOT report a crime	*	↔	76%
	Safe downtown/commercial area	↔	↑	98%	Fire	↔	↑	97%	Stocked supplies for an emergency	*	↔	33%
					Fire prevention	↔	↔	90%				
					Ambulance/EMS	↔	↔	95%				
					Emergency preparedness	↔	↔	74%				
Mobility	Traffic flow	↔	↓	28%	Traffic enforcement	↓	↔	50%	Carpooled instead of driving alone	*	↔	45%
	Travel by car	↔	↓	44%	Street repair	↔	↑	63%	Walked or biked instead of driving	*	↑↑	91%
	Travel by bicycle	↔	↑↑	82%	Street cleaning	↔	↑	81%	Used public transportation instead of driving	*	↔	32%
	Ease of walking	↔	↑↑	95%	Street lighting	↓	↔	57%				
	Travel by public transportation	*	↔	55%	Sidewalk maintenance	↓	↑	68%				
	Overall ease travel	*	↔	80%	Traffic signal timing	↔	↔	39%				
	Public parking	*	↓	34%	Bus or transit services	↔	↔	72%				
Natural Environment	Overall natural environment	↔	↑	93%	Garbage collection	↔	↔	94%	Recycled at home	↔	↑	98%
	Air quality	↔	↑	87%	Recycling	↔	↑	93%	Conserved water	*	↔	90%
	Cleanliness	↔	↑	93%	Yard waste pick-up	↔	↑	88%	Made home more energy efficient	*	↔	73%
					Drinking water	↔	↔	72%				
					Open space	*	↔	79%				
Built Environment	New development in Coronado	↓	↔	62%	Sewer services	↔	↔	87%	NOT experiencing housing cost stress	↔	↔	68%
	Affordable quality housing	*	↓↓	15%	Storm drainage	↔	↔	73%	Did NOT observe a code violation	*	↔	60%
	Overall built environment	*	↑	77%	Land use, planning and zoning	↓	↔	58%				
	Public places	*	↑↑	93%	Code enforcement	↔	↔	61%				

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Economy	Overall economic health	*	↑	87%					Economy will have positive impact on income	↑	↔	31%
	Shopping opportunities	↔	↔	48%					Purchased goods or services in Coronado	*	↔	96%
	Place to visit	*	↑↑	96%					Work in Coronado	*	↓	32%
	Cost of living	*	↓	19%								
	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	*	↑	68%								
	Place to work	↔	↑	71%								
	Business and services	↓	↔	69%								
Recreation and Wellness	Fitness opportunities	*	↑	88%	City parks	↔	↑	94%	In very good to excellent health	*	↔	79%
	Recreational opportunities	↔	↑↑	90%	Recreation centers	↔	↑	95%	Used Coronado recreation centers	↑	↑	75%
	Health care	↔	↔	68%	Recreation programs	↔	↑	90%	Visited a City park	↔	↔	94%
	Mental health care	*	↔	55%					Ate 5 portions of fruits and vegetables	*	↔	91%
	Health and wellness	*	↑	87%					Participated in moderate or vigorous physical activity	*	↔	94%
Education and Enrichment	K-12 education	↔	↑	89%	Public libraries	↔	↑	98%	Used Coronado public libraries	↔	↔	78%
	Cultural/arts/music activities	↑	↑	76%	Special events	*	↑	88%	Participated in religious or spiritual activities	↓	↔	45%
	Child care/preschool	↑	↔	57%					Attended a City-sponsored event	*	↑↑	73%
	Adult education	*	↔	79%								
	Overall education and enrichment	*	↑	86%								
Community Engagement	Opportunities to participate in community matters	↔	↑	78%	Public information	↔	↑	82%	Sense of community	↓	↑	82%
	Opportunities to volunteer	↔	↔	82%	Overall direction	↓	↔	64%	Voted in local elections	↔	↔	81%
	Openness and acceptance	↔	↔	60%	Value of services for taxes paid	↓	↔	65%	Talked to or visited with neighbors	*	↔	95%
	Social events and activities	↔	↑	84%	Welcoming citizen involvement	↔	↑	65%	Attended a local public meeting	↔	↔	28%
	Neighborliness	*	↔	71%	Confidence in City government	*	↔	62%	Watched a local public meeting	↔	↓	24%
					Acting in the best interest of Coronado	*	↔	65%	Volunteered	↔	↔	50%
					Being honest	*	↔	66%	Participated in a club	↔	↑	44%
					Treating all residents fairly	*	↔	63%	Campaigned for an issue, cause or candidate	*	↔	29%
									Contacted Coronado elected officials	*	↔	24%
									Read or watched local news	*	↔	86%
								Done a favor for a neighbor	*	↔	90%	

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