

Perceptions of neighborhood health in Greater Cincinnati

Living in a healthy neighborhood has a positive impact on personal health.¹

To assess if adults in Greater Cincinnati feel our community is a healthy place to live, the Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey (CHSS) asks questions about neighborhood and regional health.

3 in 10 think Greater Cincinnati is a healthy place to live; regional differences present

CHSS asks, “How would you rate the Greater Cincinnati Region as a healthy place to live? Would you say excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?” About 3 in 10 residents (31%) rate Greater Cincinnati excellent or very good as a healthy place to live. However, responses vary by region.

Residents of Hamilton County suburbs are most likely to say the region is a healthy place to live, with 36% rating the region excellent or very good. Residents of the Indiana² (18%) and rural Kentucky³ (20%)

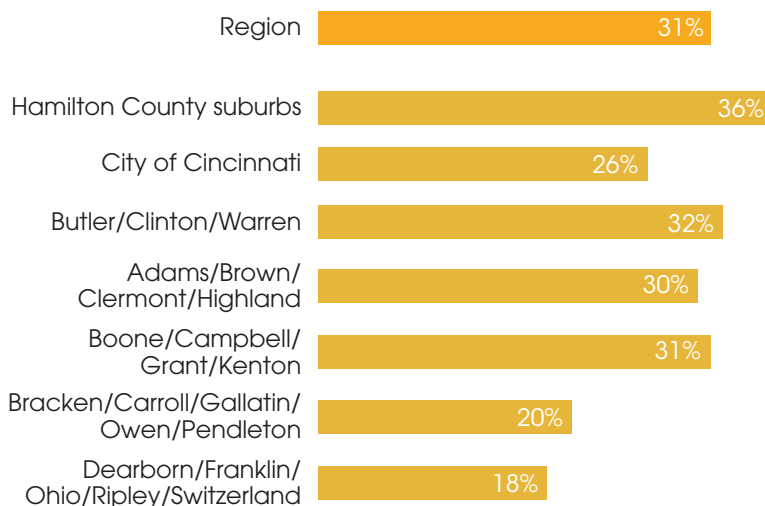
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¹ For more about healthy communities, please see www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/index.htm

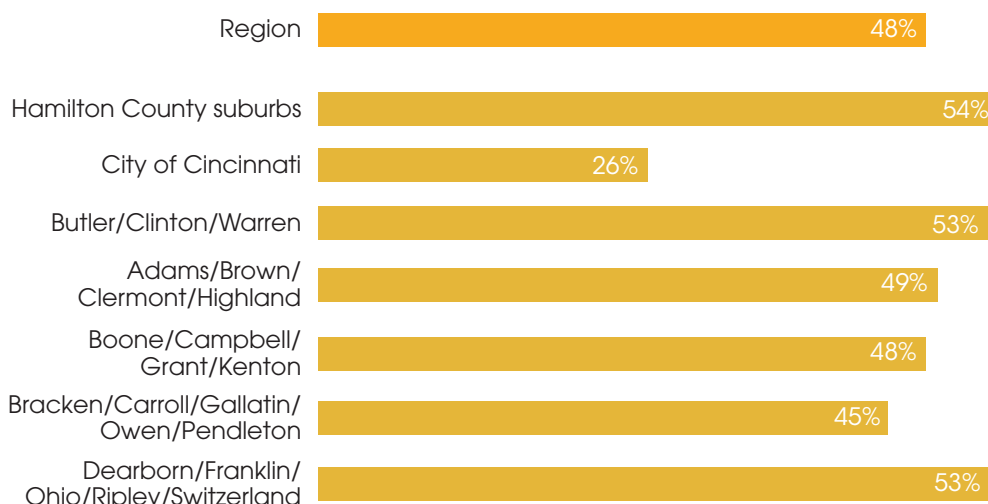
² Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties.

³ Bracken, Carroll, Gallatin, Owen and Pendleton counties.

Percentage of people who say the region is a healthy place to live (Graph shows adults who rated the region excellent or very good as a healthy place to live.)



Percentage of people who say their neighborhood is a healthy place to live (Graph shows adults who rated their neighborhood excellent or very good as a healthy place to live.)



parts of the region are least likely to say the region is a healthy place to live.

Half say their neighborhood is a healthy place to live

CHSS also asks, “How would you rate your neighborhood as a healthy place to live? Would you say excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?”

Nearly 5 in 10 adults (48%) in Greater Cincinnati rate their own neighborhood as a healthy place to live. City of Cincinnati residents are the least likely to report their neighborhood as excellent or very good (26%), while Hamilton County suburban residents (54%) are the most likely.

Healthier residents report healthier region, neighborhood

Adults reporting excellent or very good personal health⁴ report the region and their neighborhood as a healthy place to live more often than those who are less healthy.

Adults who rate their neighborhood as a healthy place to live are more likely than those who rate their neighborhoods poorly to report that the region is a healthy place to live.

⁴ CHSS asks, “In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?”

Race, poverty status, education play role in perception of regional, neighborhood health

African Americans in our region are less likely than other racial groups to report that the region or their neighborhood is a healthy place to live.

Adults living at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)⁵ are less likely than adults living above 100% FPL to rate the region or their neighborhood as a healthy place to live.

As education levels increase, the percentage of adults who report that the region and their neighborhood is a healthy place to live also increases.

⁵ In 2013, 100% FPL for a family of four was an annual income of \$23,550.