

Life in Christchurch Neighbourhoods and Communities 2019

Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood

Highlights

- Sense of Place
 - 89% (n=477) of respondents from Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood enjoy living in their neighbourhood. The top reasons for enjoying living in their neighbourhood are:
 - Venues, facilities and services are easy to access (39%, n=188)
 - Feeling safe in their neighbourhood (39%, n=186)
 - Feeling at home in their neighbourhood (36%, n=172)
 - 72% (n=389) are proud to be a resident of their neighbourhood, while 24% (n=130) neither agree nor disagree.
 - 54% (n=261) agree or strongly agree that they feel a sense of community with other people in their neighbourhood.
- Safety
 - The majority of respondents feel safe when walking alone in their neighbourhood during the day (94%, n=507) and in their home after dark (86%, n=464).
- Facilities
 - 79% (n=423) are satisfied or very satisfied with the range of recreation, shopping and socialising opportunities in their local neighbourhood.
- Community Attitudes
 - 56% (n=270) agree or strongly agree that their neighbourhood has a positive future.
 - 50% (n=235) agree or strongly agree that what is collectively best for their neighbourhood is best for them.
- Problem Assessment
 - 73% (n=330) are happy to work with others when they see a need within their neighbourhood.
 - 46% (n=211) agree or strongly agree that if there was a serious problem within the community, they could get together to solve it.

Where is there room for improvement?

- Safety
 - There is room for improvement with 56% (n=303) who feel safe or very safe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark.
- Participation
 - 36% (n=187) attend community events in their neighbourhood where they can, with 29% (n=151) who neither agree nor disagree that they do this, and 33% (n=173) who do not attend community events.
- Volunteer
 - 41% (n=212) have volunteered in their local neighbourhood in the last 12 months, while 56% (n=291) never do this. This is lower than the overall proportion for respondents (49%, n=1566).
- Leadership
 - 35% (n=175) neither agree nor disagree that their community is addressing the most important issues affecting their neighbourhood, and 24% (n=121) disagree or strongly disagree.
- Problem Assessment
 - 38% (n=174) frequently discuss neighbourhood issues with friends and neighbours, while 37% (n=170) disagree that they do so.
- Discrimination
 - 15% (n=68) have been discriminated against in the last 12 months:
 - 43% (n=29) of those who were discriminated against say it happened on the street or in a public place.
 - 46% (n=31) said they think they were discriminated against because of their age.

The Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board is currently developing their 2020-22 Community Board Plan. Two of their priority projects focus on improving community safety and increasing community participation. Both of these projects will also involve providing opportunities for people to become more involved in volunteering in their local neighbourhoods.

