

East Ferris Community Safety and Well-Being Survey Results

We're pleased to share the results of the **East Ferris Community Safety and Well-Being Survey**. Thank you to all who participated. The results of this survey help us learn about what feeling safe, healthy and well looks like in East Ferris. Your input will inform us as we pull together a Plan to be approved by Council in keeping with legislation under the Ontario Police Services Act. The Plan will provide ongoing and future direction for a safe and healthy East Ferris, highlighting opportunities for greater integration by concerned community organizations to avoid anyone being left behind and difficult situations from escalating into a crisis. It will focus on addressing root causes of social issues and enhancing what is currently working well in East Ferris.

Nous sommes heureux de partager les résultats de l'enquête sur la sécurité et le bien-être de la communauté d'East Ferris. Merci à tous ceux qui ont participé. Les résultats de cette enquête nous permettent de savoir à quoi ressemble le sentiment de sécurité, de santé et de bien-être à East Ferris. Vos commentaires nous aideront à élaborer un plan qui sera approuvé par le Conseil, conformément à la Loi sur les services policiers de l'Ontario. Le plan fournira une orientation continue et future pour un East Ferris sûr et sain, en soulignant les possibilités d'une plus grande intégration par les organisations communautaires concernées pour éviter que quelqu'un soit laissé pour compte et que les situations difficiles ne dégénèrent en crise. Il se concentrera sur les causes profondes des problèmes sociaux et sur l'amélioration de ce qui fonctionne actuellement bien à East Ferris.

Respondents were ...

66.2%



female
[33.3% male]

98%



permanent
residents

92%



Caucasian
[3% Indigenous]

20%



65 or older
[Majority 25+]



HEALTH

A community where everyone is supported to reach both **physical** and **mental** well-being.

82% of respondents indicated that they are in good or excellent physical health.



SAFETY

A community where everyone can go about their daily activities **without risk or fear of harm**.

95% of respondents indicated that they feel safe in their own house at night.



WELL-BEING

A vibrant community where everyone is **connected** and **engaged**, with strong social support.

84% of respondents indicated feeling happy or very happy overall.

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HEALTH

1 in 5



Indicated high levels of stress

88%

Have access to a primary health care provider or family physician

8% participants indicated not having access to health care services

90%



Have access to food

8% have enough food, but not always the kind they want; 0% did not have enough food



While just over half of respondents weren't sure, **13%** believed alcohol abuse is a problem in the community while **26%** believed drug use is an issue.

Of the 26% who believed drug use is an issue, the level of drug abuse was believed to be:



SAFETY

64%



Felt like there was an increasing trend in crimes in East Ferris

75%

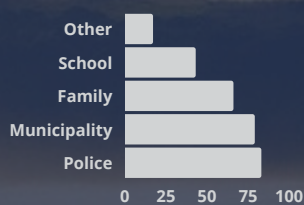
Felt that crime rates were lower than other communities in Ontario

Less than 2%



Felt unsafe in their community

Key Players in Community Safety



Ways to Improve Safety

- 1 Increased Police Presence (**35%**)
- 2 Reduce Speed Limits (**16%**)
- 3 Increase Lighting/Widening of Shoulders (**11%**)

WELL-BEING

83%



Felt a sense of belonging to the community

40%

Of those requiring child care had access

37% had access with limitations (e.g. limited hours, distance to care, etc.)

57%



Felt connected to their community



Lack of transportation barrier to accessing daily activities: **5%** grocery shopping; **4%** medical appointments; **3%** recreational activities, **<1%** employment

Ways to improve happiness include: bike path/hiking trails (**29%**), community events (**13%**), enforce speed limits (**8%**), road maintenance (**6%**), better internet (**5%**)



85% of respondents would recommend their community to anybody who seeks a peaceful life

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