

NOTABLE RESULTS: MIMACS - Grand Rapids Wave 1

January 15 - March 18, 2024

1,379 Respondents

Residency

- Just under half (49%) of Grand Rapids adults have lived in Grand Rapids for more than 20 years [city_res_len_gr1], though only 16% have been in the same residence for more than 20 years [current_res_len_gr1].
- 40% of Grand Rapids households rent their current residence [housing_gr1].

Healthcare

- Most Grand Rapids residents are covered by insurance (91%) [insurance_type_gr1] and have a place where they regularly go for medical care (83%) [med_care_place_gr1]. However, sizable numbers say they have experienced problems getting an appointment soon enough (29%) [healthcare_prob_scheappt_gr1], don't trust the healthcare system (22%) [healthcare_prob_trust_gr1], and have concerns about their out-of-pocket costs (37%) [healthcare_prob_cost_gr1]. And more than a third (37%) say they had to wait to get medical care during the past 12 months because of the costs [med_care_delay_cost_gr1].

COVID-19

- More than 6 in 10 (63%) of Grand Rapids residents report that they had COVID-19 at least once, with another 8% reporting they are not sure [c3_covid_had_gr1].
- Of those that have had COVID at least once, 26% say they experienced COVID symptoms for longer than a month [c3_covlong_gr1].
 - The most commonly reported long COVID symptoms are:
 - Tiredness or fatigue (73%) [c3_covlong_tired_gr1]
 - Difficulty concentrating, forgetfulness, or memory problems (56%) [c3_covlong_fog_gr1]
 - Changes to taste/smell (52%) [c3_covlong_smell_gr1]
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath (51%) [c3_covlong_breath_gr1]
 - Joint or muscle pain (43%) [c3_covlong_joint_gr1]

Mental Health

- Large percentages of Grand Rapids residents report feeling nervous/anxious/on edge (54%) [mh_anxiety_gr1], being unable to stop worrying (38%) [mh_worry_gr1], or feeling depressed (38%) [mh_depress_gr1] for at least one day in the past week.
- Many Grand Rapids residents also report lacking companionship (50%) [mh_companionship_gr1], feeling left out (49%) [mh_leftout_gr1], or feeling isolated from others (48%) [mh_isolated_gr1] at least some of the time.

Neighborhood Satisfaction

- When asked about their satisfaction with various aspects of their neighborhoods, Grand Rapids residents are most satisfied with their access to nearby stores (71%) [nb_satis_stores_gr1], public facilities (69%) [nb_satis_facilities_gr1], parks and playgrounds (66%) [nb_satis_parks_gr1], and the condition of most houses (57%) [nb_satis_housequal_gr1]. They are least satisfied with the availability of affordable housing (26%) [nb_satis_houseprice_gr1] and crime (38%) [nb_satis_crime_gr1].
- Over three quarters (76%) report being at least somewhat satisfied overall with their neighborhood as a place to live [nb_satis_gr1].

Transportation

- Roughly a quarter (22%) of Grand Rapids residents experience some level of transportation insecurity—a measure that captures if residents are unable to move from place to place in a safe or timely manner due to an absence of resources necessary for transportation.
 - 13% experience low transportation insecurity.
 - 8% report high transportation insecurity.
 - 78% of Grand Rapids residents are transportation secure.
- Grand Rapids residents are highly dependent on cars to get around. 86% drive their own personal vehicle at least a few times per week [transport_mode_owncar_gr1]. Only 5% take the bus regularly [transport_mode_bus_gr1] or use paratransit (2%) [transport_mode_para_gr1] or a taxi service or rideshare (4%) [transport_mode_taxi_gr1].
- 10% of adults in Grand Rapids don't have a valid driver's license [license_gr1].
- 2% don't have insurance for the vehicle they use most of the time [vehicle_usual_insur_gr1].

Financial Precarity

- 22% of Grand Rapids households report having unmanageable levels of debt [fin_debtexp_gr1].
- 26% could not pay a \$400 emergency expense, while another 7% say they don't know if they could [expense_400_gr1].
- 34% had to cut the size of meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food [cut_meal_cost_gr1].
- 21% made at least one late rent or mortgage payment in the last year [freq_late_housing_gr1].

Immigration

- Grand Rapids residents are more likely to think it should be easier (44%) for foreigners to immigrate to the US, versus 23% that think it should be harder. 15% are unsure [immig_ease_gr1].
- More than twice as many Grand Rapids residents feel immigrants are more of a benefit (46%) rather than a cost (21%) to American society [immig_benefit_gr1].

Trust in Government

- Grand Rapids residents on the whole are trusting of their governments to make decisions that are good for them. Small numbers never trust the federal (16%) [fedgov_decision_gr1], local (9%) [localgov_decision_gr1] or state (11%) government [stategov_decision_gr1].