Somerville Happiness Survey Data Dictionary

# What is this?

This is a data dictionary for the Somerville Happiness Survey Data 2011-2021.

Visit the [Open Data Portal](https://data.somervillema.gov/Happiness/Somerville-Happiness-Survey-Responses/bi8e-5vw8) to download data; view the survey instruments; and explore reports.

We’ve made a tool that allows you to visualize the data presented here! Find it on [Tableau Public](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/cityofsomerville/viz/HappinessSurvey_16859917841420/QuestionOverTime).

Find more information about the Happiness Survey on the [City of Somerville website](https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/mayors-office/somerstat).

# Survey Information

## ID

**Data Type:** Integer

**Description:** A unique ID for the row

## Year

**Data Type:** Integer

**Description:** The year the survey was taken.

**Possible Values:**

* 2011
* 2013
* 2015
* 2017
* 2019
* 2021

## Survey.Method

**Data Type:** Text

**Description:** How the survey was conducted

**Possible Values:**

* Mail
* Phone
* Email
* Facebook 18-24 year olds

**Years Availability:** All

**Notes:**

* 2013-2021 were conducted entirely by mail, so all records are “Mail.”
* In visualization, we’ve marked Email and Facebook as “Online”. Facebook had only 14 responses for 2011, so it would be hard to see them otherwise. Links from Facebook and Email went to the same online form.

## Survey.Language

**Data Type:** Text

**Description:** The language the survey was taken in (metadata, not a question on the survey). This data was not collected for every year.

**Possible Values:**

* English
* Spanish
* Portuguese
* Haitian Creole
* Nepali

**Years Available:** 2017, 2019, 2021

**Notes:**

* Phone survey scripts exist in both English and Spanish, but no data recorded on which, if any, conversations were in Spanish.
* For the answer to the question “What languages do you speak at home?” see the “Languages Spoken” columns.

# Languages Spoken

Various columns have been generated to identify the most commonly spoken languages in Somerville have been generated from a question which asks users to list languages spoken at home, in combination with the Survey.Language.

### Output Columns

#### Boolean Columns

The following columns are Boolean (1, 0, or blank): 1 if the language was present in the write-in list or was the language the survey was taken in; 0 if the language question was answered, but the response does not include this language; and blank if insufficient language information is available to determine.

* **Languages.Spoken.English**
* **Languages.Spoken.Spanish**
* **Languages.Spoken.Portuguese**
* **Languages.Spoken.Chinese**
* **Languages.Spoken.Nepali**
* **Languages.Spoken.Haitian.Creole**
* **Languages.Spoken.Other** (still Boolean, 1 for any other language besides those noted in another column; not a count of languages or name of languages)

#### Language.Spoken.Category

This is a text summary column. Options:

* English Only Speaker – *Speaks only English*
* English+ Speaker – *Speaks English and one or more other languages*
* Non-English Speaker – *Speaks one or more non-English languages; survey was done in another language and English was not indicated as a language spoken.*
* Non-English Language Speaker (English Unknown) *- surveys in a non-English language when the language spoken question was not asked or not filled out.*

### Survey Question

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2017, 2019, 2021 | What language(s) do you speak at home? |
| 2015 | What language, other than English, do you speak at home? |

**Question Type:** Open text

**Notes:**

* In 2015, every participant was marked for “English,” because language data was not collected and the wording of the question implied an English default (so it was never written in). If a person wrote “none,” they were counted as “English only speaker,” and everyone else was counted as “English+.” We have no way of knowing if any participants did not speak English.
* If a person wrote simply “Creole,” this was counted as Haitian Creole.

**Years Available:** 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 (Question varies)

# Race & Ethnicity

Various columns have been generated to identify which race and ethnicity group(s) the survey taker identifies with, combining questions about race and Hispanic identity.

### Output Columns

#### Boolean Columns

The following are Boolean (1, 0, or blank): 1 if the given race or ethnicity category was selected or written in; 0 if the relevant question was filled in, but does this race or ethnicity was not selected; and blank if insufficient information is available to determine.

* **Race.Ethnicity.Asian.Pacific.Islander**
* **Race.Ethnicity.Black**
* **Race.Ethnicity.Hispanic**
* **Race.Ethnicity.White**
* **Race.Ethnicity.Other**
* **Race.Ethnicity.PreferNotToSay**

#### Race.Ethnicity.census

This is a summary column designed to give a single descriptor of the person’s race or ethnicity that matches the categories in the U.S. Census, for comparison of demographics to other sources.

**Possible Values:**

* White
* Black or African American
* Hispanic or Latino
* Asian or Pacific Islander
* American Indian or Alaska Native
* Two or more races
* Another race

**Notes:**

* To match the census, where Hispanic/Latino was chosen as a race (even if other options were chosen), census race/ethnicity is given as “Hispanic or Latino.” In other cases, when two or more options were chosen, the value is “Two or more races.”
* While the Census presently separates “Asian” and “Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander,” we grouped Asian and Pacific Islander because the 2011 data does and because the standalone Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander population is too small to report separately.
* One way that we diverged from the Census is by counting people wrote in “Middle Eastern” as “another race” (the Census designates them as white). This group was too small to have a noticeable effect on the numbers.

### Survey Question - Ethnicity

**Question Type:** Multiple Choice

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2013 | Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?   * + Yes   + No |
| 2011 (phone version) | Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?[IF YES, ASK THE FOLLOWING]: "and would you describe your origins as Mexican, Mexican American and/or Chicano, Puerto Rican, or Cuban?"   * No, not of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin * Yes: Mexican, Mexican American or Chicano * Yes: Puerto Rican * Yes: Cuban * Other Specify * Don’t know |

### Survey Question - Race

**Question Type/Question Text:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Type** | **Question Text** |
| 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | Multiple Choice | What is your race or ethnicity? (check all that apply)   * + Asian   + Black/African American   + Hispanic/Latino   + White   + Other |
| 2013 | Multiple Choice | What is your race? (check all that apply)   * + White   + Black/African American   + Asian |
| 2011 (mail) | Open Text | What is your ethnicity? |
| 2011 (phone) | Multiple Choice | What is your race? Would you say…   * + White   + African American   + Asian/Pacific Islander   + American Indian   + Other Specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   + Don’t Know |

# Other Demographics

## Gender

### Output Column

#### Gender

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Male
* Female
* Nonbinary
* Multiple people

### Survey Question

**Question Type/Question Text:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Type** | **Question Text** |
| 2017, 2019, 2021 | Multiple Choice | What is your gender? (check all that apply)   * + Female   + Male   + Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2013, 2015 | Multiple Choice | What is your sex?   * + Male   + Female |
| 2011 (written version) | Open Text | What is your gender? (M/F) |
| 2011 (phone version) | Multiple Choice | [01] Male  [02] Female |

**Notes**:

* People who specified a gender such as “genderqueer” were coded as “nonbinary.”
* People who indicated a binary gender and were trans (e.g. “trans man”) were coded with the appropriate binary gender (“trans man” => “male”).
* People who checked off both male and female (and did not indicate a nonbinary gender) and/or wrote in something like “A couple filled this out” were coded as “multiple people.”

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## Age

### Output Columns

#### Age

A description of the survey taker’s age, designed to match the multiple choice category selected by the survey taker, or categorize write-ins.

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

Most years (2011 phone or online, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021):

* 18-24
* 25-34
* 35-44
* 45-54
* 55-64
* 65-74
* 75+

2011 (Mail):

* 18-21
* 22-25
* 26-30
* 31-40
* 41-50
* 51-60
* 61+

#### Age.mid

This is a midpoint between the boundaries identified in Age. In cases of decimals, it’s rounded up. For example, if the age range is “35 to 44,” the midpoint is 40 (39.5 rounded up). Note that this may not be the person’s actual age. For example, a person who writes in their age as 36 will be coded as “35 to 44” and the midpoint will be 40. The purpose of the midpoint is to allow numeric calculations on ranges while obscuring potentially private information.

**Data Type:** Numeric

### Survey Question

**Question Type/Question Text:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Type** | **Question Text** |
| 2019, 2021 | Open Text | What is your age? |
| 2013, 2015, 2017, 2011 (online) | Multiple Choice | Age?   * + 18-24   + 25-34   + 35-44   + 45-54   + 55-64   + 65-74   + 75 or older |
| 2011 (mail) | Multiple Choice | Age?   * + 18-21   + 22-25   + 26-30   + 31-40   + 41-50   + 51-60   + 61 or older |
| 2011 (phone) | Multiple Choice | Which age group do you fall in?  [01] Under 18 years old  [02] 18-24 years old  [03] 25-34 years old  [04] 35-44 years old  [05] 45-54 years old  [06] 55-64 years old  [07] 65-74 years old  [08] 75 years or older  [98] Refused |

**Notes:**

* All interpretable open text results have been assigned to one of the categories.
* We have made an effort to consolidate the categories, but 2011 (mail version) is different enough that we retained the original categories.

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## Tenure

### Output Columns

#### Tenure

A description of the year range that the person has lived in Somerville, designed to match the multiple choice category selected by the survey taker, or categorize write-ins.

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Less than a year
* 1-3 years
* 4-7 years
* 8-10 years
* 11-15 years
* 16-20 years
* 21 years or more

#### Tenure.mid

This is a midpoint between the boundaries identified in Tenure. In cases of decimals, it’s rounded up. For example, if the age range is “8 to 10 years,” the midpoint is 9. Note that this may not be the actual number of years the person has lived in Somerville; a person who writes in “10 years” will be coded as “8-10 years” and the midpoint will be 9. The purpose of the midpoint is to allow numeric calculations on ranges while obscuring potentially private information.

**Data Type:** Numeric

### Survey Question

**Question Type/Question Text:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Type** | **Question Text** |
| 2011 (mail), 2019, 2021 | Open Text | How long have you lived in Somerville? |
| 2013, 2015, 2017 | Multiple Choice | How long have you lived here?   * + Less than a year   + 1-3 years   + 4-7 years   + 8-10 years   + 11-15 years   + 16-20 years   + 21 years or more |
| 2011 (phone) | Multiple Choice | How long have you lived in Somerville?  [01] Less than a year  [02] 1-3 years  [03] 4-7 years  [04] 8-10 years  [05] 11-15 years  [06] 16-20 years  [07] More than 20 years  [98] Refused |

**Notes:** Open text responses have been coded to one of the given categories.

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## Household.Income

### Output Columns

#### Household.Income

A description designed to match the multiple choice category. Not inflation adjusted.

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

Most Years (2015, 2017, 2019, 2021):

* Less than $10,000
* $10,000 to $24,999
* $25,000 to $49,999
* $50,000 to $74,999
* $75,000 to $99,999
* $100,000 to $149,999
* $150,000 to $199,999
* $200,000 or more

2013: Same as most years, but the maximum bucket is “$150,000 or more”

2011 (phone):

* Less than $20,000
* $20,000 to $39,999
* $40,000 to $59,999
* $60,000 to $79,999
* $80,000 to $99,999
* $100,000 to $119,999
* $120,000 to $139,999
* $140,000 to $159,999
* $160,000 to $179,999
* $180,000 to $199,999
* $200,000 or more

2011 (mail):

* Less than $10,000
* $10,000 to $19,999
* $20,000 to $39,999
* $40,000 to $59,999
* $60,000 to $79,999
* $80,000 to $99,999
* $100,000 or more

#### Household.Income.mid

The midpoint of the range designated in Household.Income. The purpose of the midpoint is to allow numeric calculations on ranges while obscuring potentially private information.

**Data Type:** Numeric

#### Inflation.Adjustment

Calculated with the [Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator](https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm), for June of each survey year. Multiply Household.Income.mid by Inflation.Adjustment to get values in 2021 dollars.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| $1 in… | Has the same buying power as what in June 2021? |
| June 2011 | 1.2 |
| June 2013 | 1.16 |
| June 2015 | 1.14 |
| June 2017 | 1.11 |
| June 2019 | 1.06 |
| June 2021 | 1 |

**Data Type:** Numeric

#### Somerville.Median.Income

Median income from “Income in the Past 12 Months” table ([S1901](https://data.census.gov/table?q=median+income&g=060XX00US2501762535&tid=ACSST5Y2011.S1901)) from American Community Survey. Divide Household.Income.mid by Somerville.Median.Income to find the participant’s income as a percent of the median.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ACS Year | Median Income (5-Year Estimate) |
| 2011 | 64,480 |
| 2013 | 67,118 |
| 2015 | 73,106 |
| 2017 | 84,722 |
| 2019 | 97,328 |
| 2021 | 108,896 |

**Data Type:** Numeric

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | What is your annual household income?   * Less than $10,000 * $10,000 to $24,999 * $25,000 to $49,999 * $50,000 to $74,999 * $75,000 to $99,999 * $100,000 to $149,999 * $150,000 to $199,999 * $200,000 or more |
| 2013 | What is your annual household income?   * Less than $10,000 * $10,000 to $24,999 * $25,000 to $49,999 * $50,000 to $74,999 * $75,000 to $99,999 * $100,000 to $149,999 * $150,000 or more |
| 2011 (mail) | What is your annual household income? *[Open Text]*  *Note that although this was open text, the data source we have has already categorized these:*   * Less than $10,000 * $10,000 - $19,999 * $20,000 - $29,999 * $30,000 - $39,999 * $40,000 - $49,999 * $50,000 - $59,999 * $60,000 - $69,999 * $70,000 - $79,999 * $80,000 - $89,999 * $90,000 - $100,000 * $100,000 and up |
| 2011 (phone) | Into which of the following categories does your 2010 household income fall before taxes?   * Less than $20,000 * $20,000 to just under $40,000 * $40,000 to just under $60,000 * $60,000 to just under $80,000 * $80,000 to just under $100,000 * $100,000 to just under $120,000 * $120,000 to just under $140,000 * $140,000 to just under $160,000 * $160,000 to just under $180,000 * $180,000 to just under $200,000 * $200,000 to just under $220,000 * $220,000 to just under $240,000 * $240,000 to just under $260,000 * $260,000 to just under $280,000 * $280,000 to just under $300,000 * $300,000 and above * Don’t know |

**Notes:**

* Due to the buckets being of different sizes and breakpoints, we don’t recommend comparing buckets across years.
* To compare years it’s helpful to use the midpoint of the bucket on a continuous scale, either adjusted for inflation (multiply by Inflation.Adjustment) or as a percentage of median income.

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 (Options vary, see above)

## Housing.Status

### Output Column

#### Housing.Status

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Own
* Rent
* Other

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2011 (written), 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | Describe your housing status in Somerville.   * Own * Rent * Other (specify) |
| 2011 (phone) | 18. Q22. Do you own your home or rent?  [01] Own  [02] Rent  [96] Other Specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  [97] Don’t Know  [98] Refused |

**Years Available:** 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## Children

### Output Column

#### Children.YN

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* yes
* no

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Type** | **Question Text** |
| 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | Multiple Choice | Do you have children age 18 or younger who live with you?   * Yes * No |
| 2011 (phone version) | Numeric | 17. How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? [Record exact number]  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  [00] None  [97] Don’t Know  [98] Refused |

**Notes:**

* For 2011, any numeric answer above 0 has been recorded as “yes,” and “None” has been recorded as “no.”

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## Student

### Output Column

#### Student.YN

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* yes
* no

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:** Are you a student?

**Notes:** Although this question wasn’t asked in 2011, in some cases a “yes” is filled in for people who selected “student” employment status.

**Years Available:** 2011 (partial), 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## Disability

### Output Column

#### Disability.YN

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* yes
* no

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Possible Values:**

* yes
* no

**Question Text:** Do you identify as having a disability and/or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more of your major life activities?

**Notes:** Although this question wasn’t asked in 2011, in some cases a “yes” is filled in for people who selected “disabled” employment status. Assume this is a floor.

**Years Available:** 2011 (partial), 2021

## Employment Status

### Output Column

#### Employment.Status

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Employed
* Unemployed
* Student
* Homemaker
* Retired
* Self-employed
* Disabled

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:** Are you presently?

[01] Employed

[02] Unemployed

[03] a Student

[04] a Housewife

[05] Retired

[06] Self-employed

[07] Disabled

[96] Other Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do not read)

[98] Refused

**Notes:**

* When the value is “Student,” Student.YN is set to “yes.”
* When the value is “Disabled,” Disability.YN is set to “yes.” However, we cannot confidently assume anyone who hasn’t selected this is *not* disabled, since these options are not mutually exclusive and the wording implies a narrow definition of disability having to do with employment status.

**Years Available:** 2011 (phone only)

## Marital Status

### Output Column

#### Marital.Status

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Single (never married)
* Divorced/ Separated
* Living with a partner, but not married
* Married
* Widowed

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:** What is your marital status?

**Years Available:** 2011 only

# Multiple Choice

## Do.you.feel.the.City.is.headed.in.the.right.direction.or.is.it.on.the.wrong.track

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Right direction
* Wrong track
* Not sure

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2019, 2021 | Do you feel the City is headed in the right direction or is it on the wrong track?   * Right direction * Wrong track * Not sure |
| 2011 (written) | Overall, would you say that the City of Somerville is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?   * Right direction * Wrong direction * Don’t know |
| 2011 (phone) | Overall, would you say that the City of Somerville is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?  [01] Right direction  [02] Wrong direction  [97] Don’t know (do not read)  [98] Refused (do not read) |

**Notes:** Values from 2011 have been mapped to equivalent values from 2019/2021. “Wrong direction” has been mapped to “Wrong track,” and “Don’t know” has been mapped to “Not sure.”

**Years Available:** 2011,2019, 2021

## In.the.past.year.have.you.used.311..via.phone.online.etc.

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Yes, once
* Yes, more than once
* No

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:** In the past year, have you used 311 via phone, online, etc.

**Years Available:** 2021

## In.the.past.year.did.you.attend.a.city.led.meeting

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* Yes, once
* Yes, more than once
* No

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:** In the past year, did you attend a city-led meeting?

**Years Available:** 2021

## Do.you.plan.to.move.away.from.Somerville.in.the.next.two.years

**Data Type:** Text

**Possible Values:**

* no
* yes

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Multiple choice

**Question Text:** Do you plan to move away from Somerville in the next two years?

**Years Available:** 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

# Scales

## How.happy.do.you.feel.right.now

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How happy do you feel right now?

**Scale Terminals:** “I feel very unhappy right now” to “I feel very happy right now”

**Notes:**

* In 2017, 2019, and 2021, the words “right now” were underlined.
* Write-in half values (e.g. 5.5) have been rounded to the next integer (5.5 => 6)

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013,2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## How.satisfied.are.you.with.your.life.in.general

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How satisfied are you with your life in general?

**Scale Terminals:** “I am very unsatisfied with my life” to “I am very satisfied with my life”

**Notes:**

* In 2017, 2019, and 2021, the words “in general” were underlined.
* Write-in half values (e.g. 5.5) have been rounded to the next integer (5.5 => 6)

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013,2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## How.satisfied.are.you.with.Somerville.as.a.place.to.live

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | How satisfied are you with Somerville as a place to live? |
| 2011 | Taking everything into account, how satisfied are you with Somerville as a place to live? |

**Scale Terminals:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Scale Terminals** |
| 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | “Very unsatisfied” to “Very satisfied” |
| 2011 | “Not at all satisfied” to “Extremely satisfied” |

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013,2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 (Question varies, see above)

## How.satisfied.are.you.with.your.neighborhood

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How satisfied are you with your neighborhood?

**Scale Terminals:** “Very unsatisfied” to “Very satisfied”

**Years Available:** 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## In.general.how.similar.are.you.to.other.people.you.know

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** In general, how similar are you to other people you know?

**Scale Terminals:** “I am not very similar to other people I know” to “I am very similar to other people I know”

**Notes:** Write-in half values (e.g. 5.5) have been rounded to the next integer (5.5 => 6)

**Years Available:** 2011

## When.making.decisions..are.you.more.likely.to.seek.advice.or.decide.for.yourself

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** When making decisions, are you more likely to see advice or decide for yourself?

**Scale Terminals:** “I tend to seek advice” to “I tend to decide for myself”

**Notes:** Write-in half values (e.g. 5.5) have been rounded to the next integer (5.5 => 6)

**Years Available:** 2011

## How.proud.are.you.to.be.a.Somerville.resident

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How proud are you to be a Somerville resident?

**Scale Terminals:** “Not proud” to “Very proud”

**Years Available:** 2015, 2017

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.availability.of.information.about.city.services

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:** How would you rate the following: The availability of information about city services

**Notes:** This appears in a matrix question

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.availability.of.affordable.housing

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:** How would you rate the following: The availability of affordable housing

**Notes:** This appears in a matrix question

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2011 (written)

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.cost.of.housing

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:** How would you rate the following: The cost of housing

**Notes:** This appears in a matrix question

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2013,2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.overall.quality.of.public.schools

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | How would you rate the following: The overall quality of public schools |
| 2011 (written) | How would you rate the following: The overall quality of public schools in your community |
| 2011 (phone) | 10 (A-P).Q7. Ona scale of 1-5, 1 being very dissatisfied, 5 being very satisfied, please rate your satisfaction with the following City services: [include a Not Applicable, Refused and Don’t Know option that will not be read] [Rotate List]  d. Public schools |

**Notes:**

* This appears in a matrix question
* Former data releases had this as two columns (varying on question text)

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013,2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 (Question and scale terminals vary, see above)

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.beauty.or.physical.setting

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How would you rate the following: The beauty or physical setting

**Notes:**

* This appears in a matrix question. In context, there is an implied “of Somerville.”
* Write-in half values (e.g. 5.5) have been rounded to the next integer (5.5 => 6)
* This was not grouped with the 5-point “How would you rate the following: The beauty or physical setting of Somerville” question from 2013 due to different scales.

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2011

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.beauty.or.physical.setting.of.Somerville

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How would you rate the following: The beauty or physical setting of Somerville

**Notes:**

* This appears in a matrix question.
* Write-in half values (e.g. 3.5) have been rounded to the next integer (3.5 => 4)
* This was not grouped with the 10-point “How would you rate the following: The beauty or physical setting” question from 2011 due to different scales.

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2011, 2013

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.effectiveness.of.the.local.police

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:** How would you rate the following: The effectiveness of local police

**Notes:**

* This appears in a matrix question.
* Write-in half values (e.g. 4.5) have been rounded to the next integer (4.5 => 5)

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2011 (mail), 2013

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..Your.trust.in.the.local.police

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:** How would you rate the following: Your trust in the local police

**Notes:** This appears in a matrix question

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.maintenance.of.streets.and.sidewalks

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | How would you rate the following: The maintenance of streets and sidewalks |
| 2013 | How would you rate the following: The maintenance of streets, sidewalks, and squares |

**Notes:** This appears in a matrix question

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2013,2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 (Question varies, see above)

## How.would.you.rate.the.following..The.availability.of.social.community.events

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Years** | **Question Text** |
| 2021 | How would you rate the following: The availability of social/community events\*  \* such as festivals, remote celebrations, and street fairs |
| 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 | How would you rate the following: The availability of social/community events\*  \* such as festivals, picnics, parades, and street fairs (e.g. SomerStreets) |

**Notes:** This appears in a matrix question

**Scale Terminals:** “Very bad” to “Very good”

**Years Available:** 2013,2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 (Question varies, see above)

## How.safe.do.you.feel.crossing.a.busy.street.in.Somerville

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How safe do you feel crossing a busy street in Somerville?

**Scale Terminals:** “Very unsafe” to “Very safe”

**Years Available:** 2019, 2021

## How.convenient.is.it.for.you.to.get.where.you.want.to.go

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How convenient is it for you to get where you want to go?

**Scale Terminals:** “Very inconvenient” to “Very convenient”

**Years Available:** 2019, 2021

## How.safe.do.you.feel.walking.in.your.neighborhood.at.night

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood at night?

**Scale Terminals:** “Very unsafe” to “Very safe”

**Notes:** In a previous release of the data, 2015 data for this question had the column header “How.safe.do.you.feel.walking.in.your.community.at.night.” However, the wording of the question on the survey was still “neighborhood,” not “community.”

**Years Available:** 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## How.satisfied.are.you.with.the.beauty.or.physical.setting.of.your.neighborhood

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 5

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-5

**Question Text:** How satisfied are you with the beauty or physical setting of your neighborhood?

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Scale Terminals:** “Very unsatisfied” to “Very satisfied”

**Years Available:** 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

## How.satisfied.are.you.with.the.condition.of.your.housing

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How satisfied are you with the condition of your housing?

**Scale Terminals:** “Very unsatisfied” to “Very satisfied”

**Years Available:** 2019, 2021

## In.the.past.year.how.satisfied.were.you.with.your.ability.to.access.city.services

**Data Type:** Integer from 1 to 10

### Survey Question

**Question Type:** Scale of 1-10

**Question Text:** How satisfied are you with the condition of your housing?

**Scale Terminals:** “Very unsatisfied” to “Very satisfied”

**Years Available:** 2021