



ATHENS
WELLBEING PROJECT

CIVIC VITALITY

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AWP 3.0



About AWP

The purpose of the Athens Wellbeing Project (AWP) is to provide comprehensive data from a representative sample of households on our unique needs and assets in Athens-Clarke County. Launched in 2016, the AWP is championed by the Athens Area Community Foundation. Three rounds of survey data collection have been completed-- version 1.0 in Fall 2016, version 2.0 in Fall 2018, and version 3.0 in Fall 2021--with the intent of building a longitudinal dataset across time.

AWP data provide information across all domains of life in our community. These include:

- Lifelong Learning
- Health
- Housing
- Community Safety
- Civic Vitality

The AWP is pioneering an unprecedented collaboration of community leaders, using a data collection approach that is representative of our community. The research design and community participation incorporates vulnerable populations providing unique opportunities to understand wellbeing across all groups in our county.

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CIVIC VITALITY IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

8 out of 10 people are registered to vote



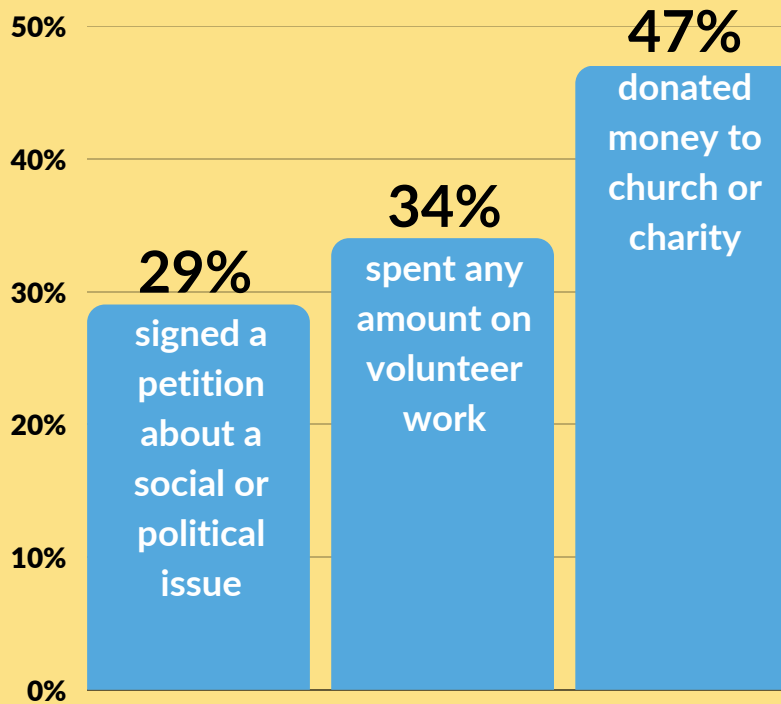
In the last 12 months, 56% of people voted in an election

Within the last 12 months, survey respondents participated in the community by:

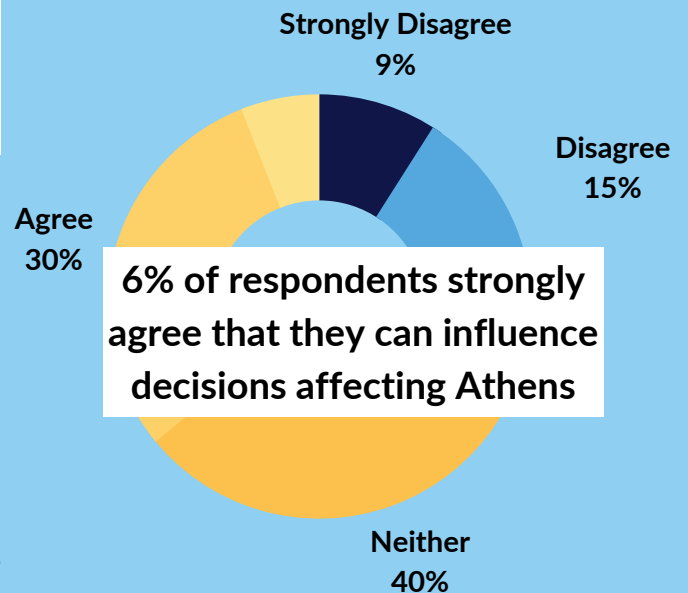
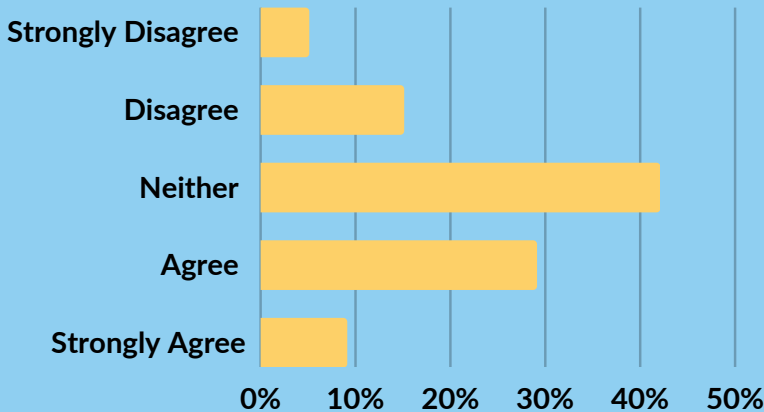
12% attended a protest or demonstration

21% telephoned, wrote a letter or email to, or visited a government official

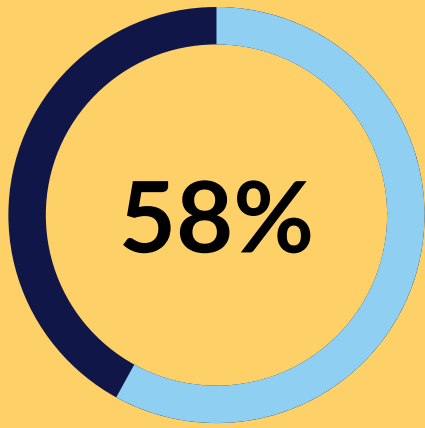
21% attended a meeting about an issue concerning community or school



36% of people agree or strongly agree they put a lot of effort into being part of the Athens community



6% of respondents strongly agree that they can influence decisions affecting Athens

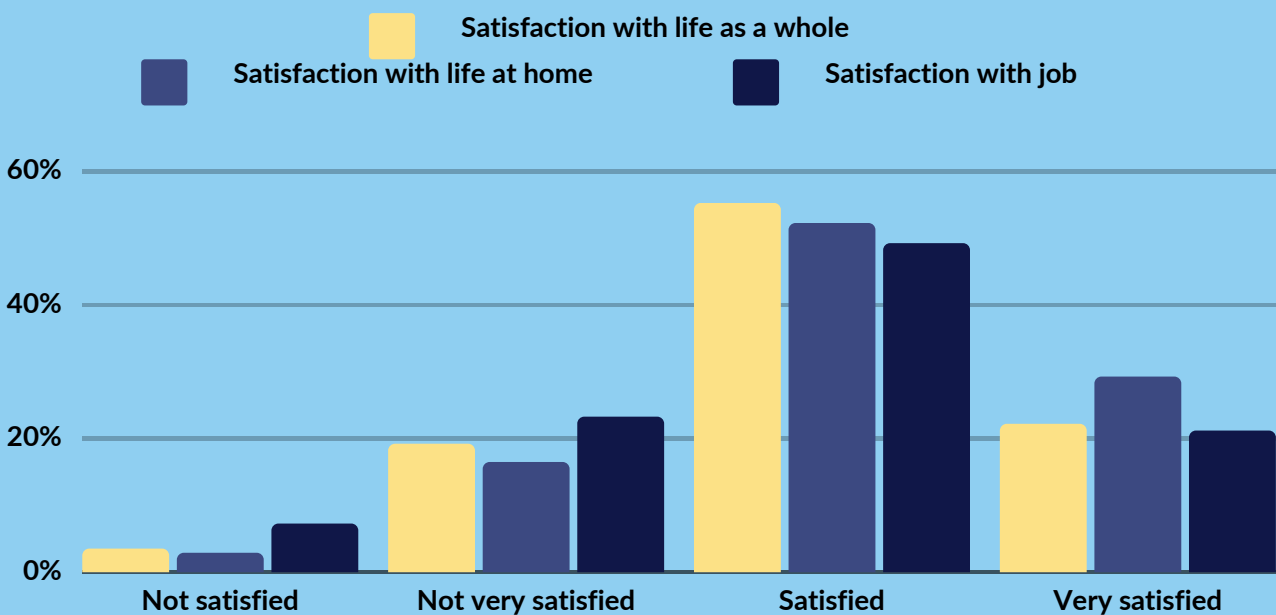
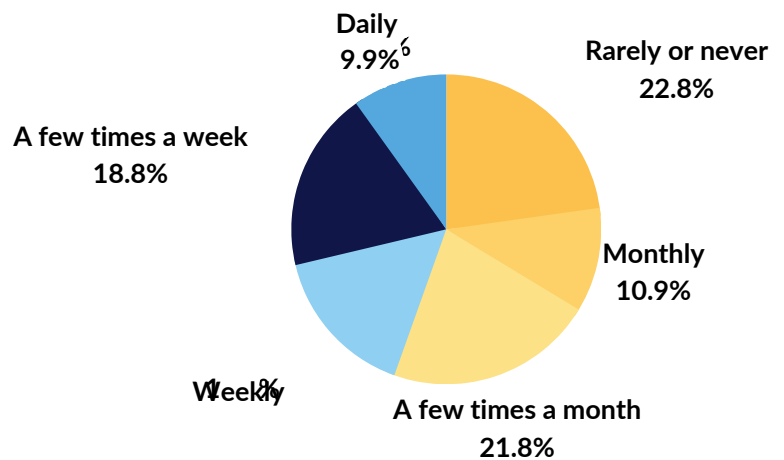


of people consider religion to be an important part of daily life

Of those who consider religion to be an important part of their lives:

- 2.7% say religion provides no guidance in day to day life
- 29% say religion provides some guidance
- 27% say religion provides quite a lot of guidance
- 42% say religion provides a great deal of guidance

Most people meet socially with friends, relatives, or work colleagues at least monthly, but 1 in 5 people rarely or never interact socially with others.



People in ACC are least likely to be satisfied with their job compared to other aspects of life. Overall, at least 50% of respondents are satisfied with their lives as a whole, home life, and job.



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