

2025 Hendricks County Community Needs Assessment

DATA SUPPLEMENT



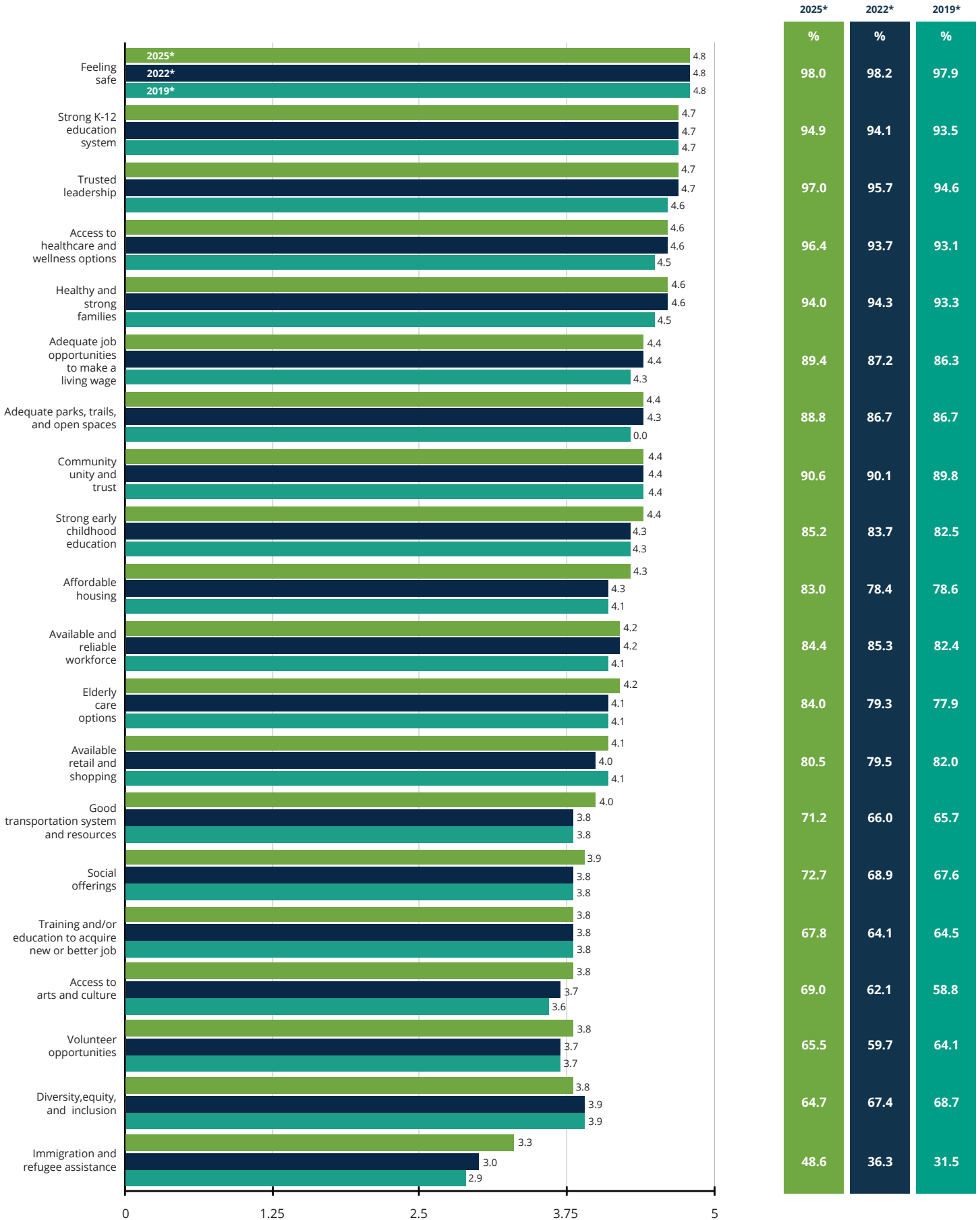
Assessment Methodology

The data presented in this supplement was provided by the Hendricks County Community Foundation representing data collected for their 2025 Hendricks County Community Needs Assessment—an update to the 2019 and 2022 Community Needs Assessments. The Needs Assessment was distributed widely throughout Hendricks County (Indiana) with 1,880 completed surveys.

In 2024, the population of Hendricks County was estimated as 190,629 (U.S. Census). For this dataset, 1,880 surveys were received from Hendricks County residents resulting in a confidence level of 99% with a 3% margin of error for the data reflecting the views of Hendricks County residents as a whole. A summary of the survey can be found on the last page.

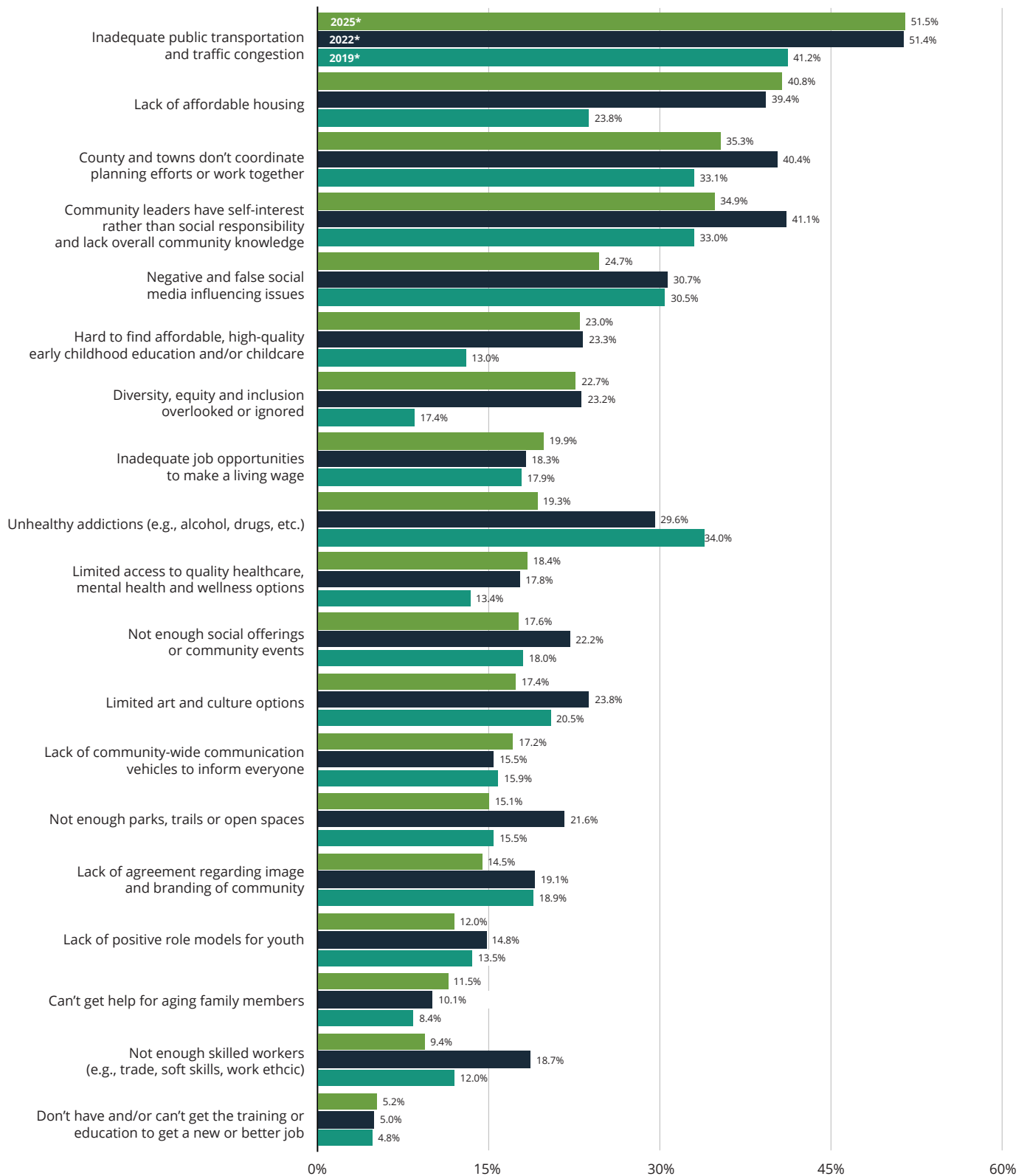
Community Assets

Ranked by weighted average on a 5-point scale.



*Percentage of respondents who ranked the asset as important or very important.

Community Issues and Needs



Summary of Assessment Update

The data presented in this report are a follow-up to the 2019 and 2022 Hendricks County Community Needs Assessments. You can read more about the past two Assessments on our website, hendrickscountycf.org, or by scanning the QR code to the right.

The questions remained the same in this 2025 survey.



In simple terms, the participants in this survey accurately reflect the population of Hendricks County and its key demographic groups, so its findings can be projected across the actual population with a great deal of confidence. The methodology is consistent with the standards used by demographers, social scientists, and grantmaking organizations.

In 2019, a major concern was the low response rate from people of color—4.5%. In 2022, the percentage rose to 12%. In 2025, that number rose again to 17% falling short of the 20% as outlined in the Census. While this gap does not weaken the statistical validity of the survey's findings, it does indicate a need to further engage people of color in our community.

Additional notable data points from 2019 to 2025:

- Assets remained largely unchanged from 2019 to 2022 to 2025, though there are minor shifts
- “Lack of affordable housing” jumped 4 spots to the number 2 need
- “Effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACE’s)” and “Hard to find affordable, high-quality early childhood education or childcare” both jumped 2 spots from 2022 and 10 from 2019
- “Lack of community-wide communication vehicles to inform everyone” and “Unhealthy addictions” both dropped 8 spots on the list of issues since 2019
- We asked clarifying questions regarding some of the issues in the original list. Here are the results:
 - o Issue 1: Traffic (72%) v. Public transportation (28%)
 - o Issue 2: Leaders are self-interested (66%) v. Leaders lack knowledge (34%)
 - o Issue 8: Childcare (72%) v. Early childhood education (28%)
 - o Issue 16: Mental health (55%) v. Wellness (26%) v. Healthcare (19%)

