

Fort Lauderdale July – September 2025 Neighbor Survey

Introduction

Hi there! Thank you for choosing to share your thoughts with us.

Fort Lauderdale is running this survey to hear from residents like you about quality of life in the City. Your answers help us know where to focus and how to plan for the future.

Thank you for taking the time to share what you think.

- 1. Do you live or work within the limits of Fort Lauderdale?**
 - a. I live here
 - b. I work here
 - c. None of the above

General Satisfaction

Let's start with some questions about the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale. For each question, please choose the rating that best matches your answer.

- 2. How is the overall quality of life in Fort Lauderdale?**
(1) Poor to (5) Excellent
- 3. How likely are you to recommend Fort Lauderdale as a place to live?**
(1) Very Unlikely to (5) Very Likely
- 4. How likely are you to be living in Fort Lauderdale 5 years from now?**
(1) Very Unlikely to (5) Very Likely

Community Characteristics

First section down! The following questions will cover different parts of life in Fort Lauderdale. For each question, please choose the rating that best matches your experience.

(1) Poor to (5) Excellent

- 5. Sense of community among residents**
- 6. Acceptance of residents of all backgrounds**
- 7. Ability for residents to give input to the City of Fort Lauderdale**
- 8. Overall quality of services provided by Fort Lauderdale**
- 9. Quality of customer service provided by City employees**
- 10. Availability of affordable housing**
- 11. Availability of jobs that pay a living wage**
- 12. Efforts to address homelessness**

If the response is rated as (1) Poor or (2) Below Average, the following question will be provided.

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12.1 What is the most important thing you think Fort Lauderdale can do to address homelessness?

- a. Create more affordable housing for low-income households
- b. Offer case management
- c. Offer safe parking locations for those living out of their vehicles
- d. Provide more shelter beds such as “Pallet” shelters or repurposing a hotel
- e. Expand partnerships with nonprofits and houses of worship
- f. Expand the homeless outreach team
- g. Other: _____

13. Access to quality education

14. Availability of a variety of art and cultural events

15. Quality of parks and recreational amenities

If the response is rated as (1) Poor or (2) Below Average, the following question will be provided.

15.1 What is the most important thing you think Fort Lauderdale can do to improve the quality of parks and recreational amenities?

- a. Offer additional types of programs and classes
- b. Improve restroom maintenance and cleanliness
- c. Expand the hours of availability for parks and amenities
- d. Increase the investment in sustainable practices (solar, drought-tolerant landscaping, recycling, etc.)
- e. Enhance safety with improved security and accessibility measures such as lighting, cameras, or increased patrols
- f. Enhance current parks and walking/biking trails and paths
- g. Improve quality or quantity of City-hosted events
- h. Other: _____

16. Ease of getting around by public transportation

17. Sense of overall safety

If the response is rated as (1) Poor or (2) Below Average, the following question will be provided.

17.1 What is the most important thing you think Fort Lauderdale can do to improve your sense of overall safety?

- a. Develop or improve crime prevention initiatives
- b. Increase the number of streetlights
- c. Put more police officers on patrol
- d. Reform police department practices
- e. Reduce homelessness
- f. Improve response times from the Police Department
- g. Improve response times from the Fire Rescue Department
- h. Other: _____

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18. Overall cleanliness and maintenance

19. Maintenance of City streets, sidewalks, and infrastructure

20. Quality of waste and recycling services

21. What is the #1 thing you think Fort Lauderdale government does well?

Please pick one quality or topic to write about.

22. What is the #1 thing you think Fort Lauderdale could do to improve its services?

Please pick one quality or topic to write about.

23. How would you rate traffic in Fort Lauderdale?

(1) Poor to (5) Excellent

24. How would you rate the reliability and quality of drinking water in Fort Lauderdale?

(1) Poor to (5) Excellent

25. How would you rate the reliability of sanitary sewer services to your home?

(1) Poor to (5) Excellent

26. How would you rate Fort Lauderdale's prevention of and resilience to flooding?

(1) Poor to (5) Excellent

27. Do you feel that you have a quality public park or recreational offering near your home?

- a. Yes
- b. No

28. How do you prefer to receive information and news from the City?

- a. Social media (i.e., X, Instagram, Facebook, Nextdoor)
- b. City website
- c. FLTV or City's YouTube channel
- d. FTL Connect Magazine
- e. Printed flyers and newsletters
- f. Email
- g. Text (SMS) alerts
- h. Other: _____

About You

A few final questions!

To make sure we're hearing from all resident groups that make up Fort Lauderdale, we have a few questions about who you are.

30. In what year were you born? _____

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31. Which of the following do you identify as?

- a. Male
- b. Female
- c. Prefer to self-describe

If “c. Prefer to self-describe” is selected, the following question will be provided.

31.1 Please state the gender you identify as: _____

32. Which one of these statements best describes your current situation?

- a. Full-time employed
- b. Part-time employed
- c. Unemployed
- d. Student
- e. Apprentice/intern
- f. In retirement or early retirement
- g. Permanently disabled
- h. Fulfilling domestic tasks or looking after children/family
- i. Prefer not to say
- j. Other: _____

33. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Prefer not to say

34. What is your race?

Select all that apply

- a. White
- b. Black or African American
- c. American Indian or Alaska Native
- d. Asian
- e. Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, or other Pacific Islander
- f. Prefer not to say
- g. Other: _____

35. Is your home:

- a. Owned by you or someone in your household, with or without a mortgage or loan
- b. Rented
- c. Occupied without payment of rent
- d. Prefer not to say

36. What is your home zip code? _____

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37. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- a. Less than a high school diploma
- b. High school graduate or GED
- c. Some college but no degree
- d. Associate's degree in college
- e. Bachelor's degree (For example: BA, AB, BS)
- f. Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MBA)
- g. Professional School Degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
- h. Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)
- i. Prefer not to say

38. Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household at least half of the time?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Prefer not to say

39. Which category best represents your household's total income over the past year?

- a. \$14,999 or less
- b. \$15,000-\$29,999
- c. \$30,000-\$49,999
- d. \$50,000-\$74,999
- e. \$75,000-\$99,999
- f. \$100,000-\$124,999
- g. \$125,000-\$149,999
- h. \$150,000-\$199,999
- i. \$200,000-\$299,999
- j. \$300,000 or more
- k. Prefer not to say

40. What is the primary language spoken in your home?

Select all that apply

- a. English
- b. Spanish
- c. Creole
- d. Other: _____

41. Can we count on you for regular feedback?

If so, please enter your email below. We'll use it to send you surveys in the future but never to identify your survey submission. If not, go ahead and submit.

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You're all done!

Thank you so much for taking the time to fill out this survey. We value your thoughts and look forward to reviewing your feedback.

If you have any questions about this survey and would like to reach out to the City's Office of Management and Budget, please call 954-828-5015 or email strategyandinnovation@fortlauderdale.gov.