

Appendix B: Benchmark Comparisons

Comparison Data

NRC’s database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in surveys from over 500 communities whose residents evaluated the same kinds of topics on The National Citizen Survey™. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each community; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant. The communities in the database represent a wide geographic and population range. The City of American Canyon chose to have comparisons made to the entire database and a subset of similar jurisdictions from a custom database. This subset was composed of jurisdictions within the following states AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, NC, OR, SC, VA, WA and with a population between 12,000 and 37,000 residents.

Interpreting the Results

Ratings are compared when there are at least five communities in which a similar question was asked. Where comparisons are available, four columns are provided in the table. The first column is American Canyon’s “percent positive.” The percent positive is the combination of the top two most positive response options (i.e., “excellent” and “good,” “very safe” and “somewhat safe,” “essential” and “very important,” etc.), or, in the case of resident behaviors/participation, the percent positive represents the proportion of respondents indicating “yes” or participating in an activity at least once a month. The second column is the rank assigned to American Canyon’s rating among communities where a similar question was asked. The third column is the number of communities that asked a similar question. The final column shows the comparison of American Canyon’s rating to the benchmark.

In that final column, American Canyon’s results are noted as being “higher” than the benchmark, “lower” than the benchmark or “similar” to the benchmark, meaning that the average rating given by American Canyon residents is statistically similar to or different (greater or lesser) than the benchmark. More extreme differences are noted as “much higher” or “much lower.”

Benchmark Database Characteristics	
Region	Percent
New England	3%
Middle Atlantic	5%
East North Central	15%
West North Central	13%
South Atlantic	22%
East South Central	3%
West South Central	7%
Mountain	16%
Pacific	16%
Population	Percent
Less than 10,000	10%
10,000 to 24,999	22%
25,000 to 49,999	23%
50,000 to 99,999	22%
100,000 or more	23%

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Table 65: Community Characteristics General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
The overall quality of life in American Canyon	78%	216	375	Similar
Overall image or reputation of American Canyon	71%	170	287	Similar
American Canyon as a place to live	88%	139	327	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	86%	92	254	Similar
American Canyon as a place to raise children	86%	126	319	Similar
American Canyon as a place to retire	66%	130	303	Similar
Overall appearance of American Canyon	71%	156	299	Similar

Table 66: Community Characteristics by Facet

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark	
Safety	Overall feeling of safety in American Canyon	85%	96	200	Similar
	In your neighborhood during the day	95%	162	290	Similar
	In American Canyon's downtown/commercial area during the day	90%	157	245	Similar
	Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	68%	83	118	Similar
	Availability of paths and walking trails	71%	94	252	Similar
	Ease of walking in American Canyon	65%	119	240	Similar
	Ease of travel by bicycle in American Canyon	58%	99	244	Similar
Mobility	Ease of travel by public transportation in American Canyon	42%	55	110	Similar
	Ease of travel by car in American Canyon	46%	221	241	Lower
	Traffic flow on major streets	26%	269	283	Lower
Natural Environment	Quality of overall natural environment in American Canyon	79%	97	227	Similar
	Cleanliness of American Canyon	76%	117	218	Similar
Built Environment	Overall "built environment" of American Canyon (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	55%	73	113	Similar
	Overall quality of new development in American Canyon	42%	191	233	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality housing	38%	184	245	Similar
	Variety of housing options	49%	162	223	Similar
	Public places where people want to spend time	57%	69	105	Similar
	Overall economic health of American Canyon	58%	68	118	Similar
	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	19%	99	104	Much lower
	Overall quality of business and service establishments in American Canyon	40%	197	218	Lower
	Cost of living in American Canyon	34%	74	111	Similar
	Shopping opportunities	24%	219	243	Much lower
Economy	Employment opportunities	17%	233	256	Lower
	American Canyon as a place to visit	44%	103	124	Lower
	American Canyon as a place to work	42%	261	296	Lower
	Health and wellness opportunities in American Canyon	52%	99	115	Lower
	Availability of affordable quality food	47%	165	179	Lower
Recreation and Wellness	Recreational opportunities	58%	164	251	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Education and Enrichment	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	67%	61	109	Similar
	Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	58%	82	112	Similar
	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	28%	223	242	Lower
	Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	52%	95	209	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	43%	183	207	Lower
	Neighborliness of American Canyon	60%	55	107	Similar
Community Engagement	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	71%	53	235	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	53%	151	217	Similar
	Opportunities to volunteer	52%	192	213	Lower

Table 67: Governance General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of American Canyon	74%	166	367	Similar
Overall customer service by American Canyon employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	75%	155	303	Similar
Value of services for the taxes paid to American Canyon	52%	179	336	Similar
Overall direction that American Canyon is taking	61%	140	270	Similar
Job American Canyon government does at welcoming citizen involvement	57%	81	256	Similar
Overall confidence in American Canyon government	51%	59	113	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	54%	55	112	Similar
Being honest	59%	48	110	Similar
Treating all residents fairly	62%	28	112	Similar

Table 68: Governance by Facet

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark	
Safety	Police/Sheriff services	88%	88	357	Similar
	Fire services	95%	103	292	Similar
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	95%	90	289	Similar
	Crime prevention	77%	98	294	Similar
	Fire prevention and education	83%	90	235	Similar
	Animal control	61%	151	279	Similar
	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	59%	122	229	Similar
	Traffic enforcement	64%	169	313	Similar
	Street repair	48%	201	356	Similar
	Street cleaning	65%	113	258	Similar
	Street lighting	62%	108	259	Similar
	Sidewalk maintenance	58%	106	262	Similar
	Traffic signal timing	42%	161	203	Similar
Mobility	Bus or transit services	57%	70	177	Similar
	Garbage collection	86%	141	290	Similar
	Recycling	86%	108	300	Similar
Natural Environment	Yard waste pick-up	86%	48	218	Similar
	Drinking water	61%	199	275	Similar

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Built Environment	Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	65%	61	210	Similar
	American Canyon open space	67%	40	110	Similar
	Storm drainage	72%	64	301	Similar
	Sewer services	77%	116	264	Similar
	Utility billing	73%	33	102	Similar
	Land use, planning and zoning	47%	128	243	Similar
	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	47%	166	298	Similar
	Economic development	46%	114	231	Similar
	City parks	80%	159	267	Similar
	Recreation and Wellness	Recreation programs or classes	69%	157	275
	Recreation centers or facilities	68%	122	226	Similar
Education and Enrichment	City-sponsored special events	59%	76	118	Similar
	Public library services	74%	228	281	Similar

Table 69: Participation General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	65%	142	255	Similar
Recommend living in American Canyon to someone who asks	90%	99	226	Similar
Remain in American Canyon for the next five years	90%	44	222	Similar
Contacted American Canyon (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	43%	155	259	Similar

Table 70: Participation by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Safety	Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	52%	9	99	Higher
	Did NOT report a crime to the police	78%	56	108	Similar
	Household member was NOT a victim of a crime	88%	134	220	Similar
Mobility	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	37%	84	105	Similar
	Walked or biked instead of driving	62%	32	109	Similar
Natural Environment	Made efforts to conserve water	98%	1	101	Higher
	Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	83%	10	101	Similar
	Recycle at home	98%	5	207	Higher
Built Environment	Did NOT observe a code violation or other hazard in American Canyon	46%	70	101	Similar
	NOT experiencing housing costs stress	48%	197	204	Lower
Economy	Purchase goods or services from a business located in American Canyon	95%	78	105	Similar
	Economy will have positive impact on income	36%	29	206	Similar
	Work inside boundaries of American Canyon	19%	103	105	Much lower
	Used American Canyon recreation centers or their services	54%	121	190	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Visited a neighborhood park or City park	84%	122	222	Similar
	Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	91%	4	102	Similar

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	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark	
Education and Enrichment	Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	86%	39	103	Similar
	In very good to excellent health	61%	66	104	Similar
	Used American Canyon public libraries or their services	61%	135	194	Similar
	Attended City-sponsored event	41%	90	107	Lower
	Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	14%	90	98	Similar
	Contacted American Canyon elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	14%	70	105	Similar
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in American Canyon	33%	161	213	Similar
	Participated in a club	22%	144	188	Similar
	Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	92%	41	105	Similar
	Done a favor for a neighbor	77%	82	101	Similar
	Attended a local public meeting	13%	202	213	Similar
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	16%	159	177	Lower
	Community Engagement	Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	90%	29	104
	Vote in local elections	78%	125	206	Similar

Communities included in national comparisons

The communities included in American Canyon's comparisons are listed on the following pages along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

Adams County, CO.....	441,603	Bay City city, MI.....	34,932
Airway Heights city, WA	6,114	Baytown city, TX.....	71,802
Albany city, OR	50,158	Bedford city, TX	46,979
Albemarle County, VA.....	98,970	Bedford town, MA	13,320
Albert Lea city, MN.....	18,016	Bellevue city, WA	122,363
Algonquin village, IL.....	30,046	Bellingham city, WA	80,885
Aliso Viejo city, CA	47,823	Beltrami County, MN	44,442
Altoona city, IA	14,541	Benbrook city, TX.....	21,234
American Canyon city, CA.....	19,454	Bend city, OR.....	76,639
Ames city, IA	58,965	Benicia city, CA	26,997
Andover CDP, MA.....	8,762	Bettendorf city, IA.....	33,217
Ankeny city, IA	45,582	Billings city, MT.....	104,170
Ann Arbor city, MI.....	113,934	Blaine city, MN.....	57,186
Annapolis city, MD	38,394	Bloomfield Hills city, MI	3,869
Apple Valley town, CA	69,135	Bloomington city, MN	82,893
Arapahoe County, CO.....	572,003	Blue Springs city, MO	52,575
Arkansas City city, AR.....	366	Boise City city, ID	205,671
Arlington city, TX	365,438	Boone County, KY	118,811
Arlington County, VA	207,627	Boulder city, CO.....	97,385
Arvada city, CO	106,433	Bowling Green city, KY	58,067
Asheville city, NC	83,393	Brentwood city, MO.....	8,055
Ashland city, OR	20,078	Brentwood city, TN	37,060
Ashland town, VA.....	7,225	Brighton city, CO.....	33,352
Auburn city, AL	53,380	Bristol city, TN.....	26,702
Auburn city, WA.....	70,180	Broken Arrow city, OK	98,850
Augusta CCD, GA	134,777	Brookfield city, WI	37,920
Aurora city, CO	325,078	Brookline CDP, MA	58,732
Austin city, TX	790,390	Broomfield city, CO	55,889
Bainbridge Island city, WA.....	23,025	Brownsburg town, IN	21,285
Baltimore city, MD.....	620,961	Bryan city, TX.....	76,201
Battle Creek city, MI.....	52,347	Burien city, WA.....	33,313

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Burleson city, TX.....	36,690	Dorchester County, MD	32,618
Cabarrus County, NC.....	178,011	Dothan city, AL.....	65,496
Cambridge city, MA.....	105,162	Douglas County, CO.....	285,465
Canton city, SD.....	3,057	Dover city, NH.....	29,987
Cape Coral city, FL.....	154,305	Dublin city, CA.....	46,036
Cape Girardeau city, MO.....	37,941	Duluth city, MN.....	86,265
Carlisle borough, PA.....	18,682	Duncanville city, TX.....	38,524
Carlsbad city, CA.....	105,328	Durham city, NC.....	228,330
Cartersville city, GA.....	19,731	Eagle town, CO.....	6,508
Cary town, NC.....	135,234	East Baton Rouge Parish, LA.....	440,171
Casa Grande city, AZ.....	48,571	East Grand Forks city, MN.....	8,601
Casper city, WY.....	55,316	East Lansing city, MI.....	48,579
Castine town, ME.....	1,366	Eau Claire city, WI.....	65,883
Castle Pines North city, CO.....	10,360	Eden Prairie city, MN.....	60,797
Castle Rock town, CO.....	48,231	Edgerton city, KS.....	1,671
Centennial city, CO.....	100,377	Edina city, MN.....	47,941
Centralia city, IL.....	13,032	Edmond city, OK.....	81,405
Chambersburg borough, PA.....	20,268	Edmonds city, WA.....	39,709
Chandler city, AZ.....	236,123	El Cerrito city, CA.....	23,549
Chanhausen city, MN.....	22,952	El Dorado County, CA.....	181,058
Chapel Hill town, NC.....	57,233	El Paso city, TX.....	649,121
Charlotte city, NC.....	731,424	Elk Grove city, CA.....	153,015
Charlotte County, FL.....	159,978	Elk River city, MN.....	22,974
Charlottesville city, VA.....	43,475	Elko New Market city, MN.....	4,110
Chattanooga city, TN.....	167,674	Elmhurst city, IL.....	44,121
Chesterfield County, VA.....	316,236	Encinitas city, CA.....	59,518
Chippewa Falls city, WI.....	13,661	Englewood city, CO.....	30,255
Citrus Heights city, CA.....	83,301	Erie town, CO.....	18,135
Clackamas County, OR.....	375,992	Escambia County, FL.....	297,619
Clarendon Hills village, IL.....	8,427	Estes Park town, CO.....	5,858
Clayton city, MO.....	15,939	Fairview town, TX.....	7,248
Clearwater city, FL.....	107,685	Farmington Hills city, MI.....	79,740
Cleveland Heights city, OH.....	46,121	Fayetteville city, NC.....	200,564
Clive city, IA.....	15,447	Fishers town, IN.....	76,794
Clovis city, CA.....	95,631	Flagstaff city, AZ.....	65,870
College Park city, MD.....	30,413	Flower Mound town, TX.....	64,669
College Station city, TX.....	93,857	Forest Grove city, OR.....	21,083
Colleyville city, TX.....	22,807	Fort Collins city, CO.....	143,986
Collinsville city, IL.....	25,579	Fort Smith city, AR.....	86,209
Columbia city, MO.....	108,500	Fort Worth city, TX.....	741,206
Columbia city, SC.....	129,272	Fountain Hills town, AZ.....	22,489
Columbus city, WI.....	4,991	Franklin city, TN.....	62,487
Commerce City city, CO.....	45,913	Fredericksburg city, VA.....	24,286
Concord city, CA.....	122,067	Fremont city, CA.....	214,089
Concord town, MA.....	17,668	Friendswood city, TX.....	35,805
Cookeville city, TN.....	30,435	Fruita city, CO.....	12,646
Coon Rapids city, MN.....	61,476	Gahanna city, OH.....	33,248
Copperas Cove city, TX.....	32,032	Gaithersburg city, MD.....	59,933
Coronado city, CA.....	18,912	Galveston city, TX.....	47,743
Corvallis city, OR.....	54,462	Gardner city, KS.....	19,123
Creve Coeur city, MO.....	17,833	Geneva city, NY.....	13,261
Cross Roads town, TX.....	1,563	Georgetown city, TX.....	47,400
Crystal Lake city, IL.....	40,743	Germantown city, TN.....	38,844
Dade City city, FL.....	6,437	Gilbert town, AZ.....	208,453
Dakota County, MN.....	398,552	Gillette city, WY.....	29,087
Dallas city, OR.....	14,583	Glendora city, CA.....	50,073
Dallas city, TX.....	1,197,816	Globe city, AZ.....	7,532
Danville city, KY.....	16,218	Golden Valley city, MN.....	20,371
Dardenne Prairie city, MO.....	11,494	Goodyear city, AZ.....	65,275
Davenport city, IA.....	99,685	Grafton village, WI.....	11,459
Davidson town, NC.....	10,944	Grand Blanc city, MI.....	8,276
Decatur city, GA.....	19,335	Grand Island city, NE.....	48,520
Del Mar city, CA.....	4,161	Grass Valley city, CA.....	12,860
Delray Beach city, FL.....	60,522	Greeley city, CO.....	92,889
Denison city, TX.....	22,682	Green Valley CDP, AZ.....	21,391
Denton city, TX.....	113,383	Greenwood Village city, CO.....	13,925
Denver city, CO.....	600,158	Greer city, SC.....	25,515
Derby city, KS.....	22,158	Guilford County, NC.....	488,406
Des Peres city, MO.....	8,373	Gunnison County, CO.....	15,324
Destin city, FL.....	12,305	Gurnee village, IL.....	31,295

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Hailey city, ID.....	7,960	League City city, TX.....	83,560
Haines Borough, AK.....	2,508	Lee's Summit city, MO.....	91,364
Hallandale Beach city, FL.....	37,113	Lehi city, UT.....	47,407
Hamilton city, OH.....	62,477	Lenexa city, KS.....	48,190
Hanover County, VA.....	99,863	Lewis County, NY.....	27,087
Harrisonburg city, VA.....	48,914	Lincoln city, NE.....	258,379
Harrisonville city, MO.....	10,019	Lindsborg city, KS.....	3,458
Hayward city, CA.....	144,186	Littleton city, CO.....	41,737
Henderson city, NV.....	257,729	Livermore city, CA.....	80,968
Herndon town, VA.....	23,292	Lombard village, IL.....	43,165
High Point city, NC.....	104,371	Lone Tree city, CO.....	10,218
Highland Park city, IL.....	29,763	Longmont city, CO.....	86,270
Highlands Ranch CDP, CO.....	96,713	Longview city, TX.....	80,455
Hillsborough town, NC.....	6,087	Los Alamos County, NM.....	17,950
Holland city, MI.....	33,051	Louisville city, CO.....	18,376
Honolulu County, HI.....	953,207	Lynchburg city, VA.....	75,568
Hooksett town, NH.....	13,451	Lynnwood city, WA.....	35,836
Hopkins city, MN.....	17,591	Madison city, WI.....	233,209
Hopkinton town, MA.....	14,925	Mankato city, MN.....	39,309
Hoquiam city, WA.....	8,726	Maple Grove city, MN.....	61,567
Hudson city, OH.....	22,262	Maple Valley city, WA.....	22,684
Hudson town, CO.....	2,356	Maricopa County, AZ.....	3,817,117
Hudsonville city, MI.....	7,116	Maryland Heights city, MO.....	27,472
Huntersville town, NC.....	46,773	Matthews town, NC.....	27,198
Hurst city, TX.....	37,337	McAllen city, TX.....	129,877
Hutchinson city, MN.....	14,178	McDonough city, GA.....	22,084
Hutto city, TX.....	14,698	McKinney city, TX.....	131,117
Hyattsville city, MD.....	17,557	McMinnville city, OR.....	32,187
Independence city, MO.....	116,830	Medford city, OR.....	74,907
Indian Trail town, NC.....	33,518	Menlo Park city, CA.....	32,026
Indianola city, IA.....	14,782	Mercer Island city, WA.....	22,699
Iowa City city, IA.....	67,862	Meridian charter township, MI.....	39,688
Issaquah city, WA.....	30,434	Meridian city, ID.....	75,092
Jackson County, MI.....	160,248	Merriam city, KS.....	11,003
James City County, VA.....	67,009	Mesa County, CO.....	146,723
Jefferson City city, MO.....	43,079	Miami Beach city, FL.....	87,779
Jefferson County, CO.....	534,543	Miami city, FL.....	399,457
Jefferson County, NY.....	116,229	Midland city, MI.....	41,863
Jerome city, ID.....	10,890	Milford city, DE.....	9,559
Johnson City city, TN.....	63,152	Milton city, GA.....	32,661
Johnston city, IA.....	17,278	Minneapolis city, MN.....	382,578
Jupiter town, FL.....	55,156	Mission Viejo city, CA.....	93,305
Kalamazoo city, MI.....	74,262	Modesto city, CA.....	201,165
Kansas City city, KS.....	145,786	Monterey city, CA.....	27,810
Kansas City city, MO.....	459,787	Montgomery County, VA.....	94,392
Keizer city, OR.....	36,478	Monument town, CO.....	5,530
Kenmore city, WA.....	20,460	Mooresville town, NC.....	32,711
Kennedale city, TX.....	6,763	Morristown city, TN.....	29,137
Kennett Square borough, PA.....	6,072	Morrisville town, NC.....	18,576
Kettering city, OH.....	56,163	Moscow city, ID.....	23,800
Key West city, FL.....	24,649	Mountain Village town, CO.....	1,320
King County, WA.....	1,931,249	Mountlake Terrace city, WA.....	19,909
Kirkland city, WA.....	48,787	Muscatine city, IA.....	22,886
La Mesa city, CA.....	57,065	Naperville city, IL.....	141,853
La Plata town, MD.....	8,753	Needham CDP, MA.....	28,886
La Porte city, TX.....	33,800	New Braunfels city, TX.....	57,740
La Vista city, NE.....	15,758	New Brighton city, MN.....	21,456
Lafayette city, CO.....	24,453	New Hanover County, NC.....	202,667
Laguna Beach city, CA.....	22,723	New Orleans city, LA.....	343,829
Laguna Hills city, CA.....	30,344	New Smyrna Beach city, FL.....	22,464
Laguna Niguel city, CA.....	62,979	Newberg city, OR.....	22,068
Lake Oswego city, OR.....	36,619	Newport Beach city, CA.....	85,186
Lake Zurich village, IL.....	19,631	Newport News city, VA.....	180,719
Lakeville city, MN.....	55,954	Newton city, IA.....	15,254
Lakewood city, CO.....	142,980	Noblesville city, IN.....	51,969
Lane County, OR.....	351,715	Nogales city, AZ.....	20,837
Larimer County, CO.....	299,630	Norfolk city, VA.....	242,803
Las Cruces city, NM.....	97,618	Northglenn city, CO.....	35,789
Las Vegas city, NV.....	583,756	Novato city, CA.....	51,904
Lawrence city, KS.....	87,643	Novi city, MI.....	55,224

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O'Fallon city, IL.....	28,281	Rolla city, MO.....	19,559
O'Fallon city, MO.....	79,329	Roselle village, IL.....	22,763
Oak Park village, IL.....	51,878	Roswell city, GA.....	88,346
Oakland Park city, FL.....	41,363	Round Rock city, TX.....	99,887
Oakley city, CA.....	35,432	Royal Oak city, MI.....	57,236
Ogdensburg city, NY.....	11,128	Saco city, ME.....	18,482
Oklahoma City city, OK.....	579,999	Sahuarita town, AZ.....	25,259
Olathe city, KS.....	125,872	Sammamish city, WA.....	45,780
Old Town city, ME.....	7,840	San Anselmo town, CA.....	12,336
Olmsted County, MN.....	144,248	San Antonio city, TX.....	1,327,407
Orland Park village, IL.....	56,767	San Carlos city, CA.....	28,406
Oshkosh city, WI.....	66,083	San Diego city, CA.....	1,307,402
Otsego County, MI.....	24,164	San Francisco city, CA.....	805,235
Overland Park city, KS.....	173,372	San Jose city, CA.....	945,942
Oviedo city, FL.....	33,342	San Juan County, NM.....	130,044
Paducah city, KY.....	25,024	San Marcos city, CA.....	83,781
Palm Coast city, FL.....	75,180	San Marcos city, TX.....	44,894
Palo Alto city, CA.....	64,403	San Rafael city, CA.....	57,713
Papillion city, NE.....	18,894	Sandy Springs city, GA.....	93,853
Park City city, UT.....	7,558	Sanford city, FL.....	53,570
Parker town, CO.....	45,297	Sangamon County, IL.....	197,465
Parkland city, FL.....	23,962	Santa Clarita city, CA.....	176,320
Pasadena city, CA.....	137,122	Santa Fe County, NM.....	144,170
Pasco city, WA.....	59,781	Santa Monica city, CA.....	89,736
Pasco County, FL.....	464,697	Sarasota County, FL.....	379,448
Pearland city, TX.....	91,252	Savage city, MN.....	26,911
Peoria city, AZ.....	154,065	Scarborough CDP, ME.....	4,403
Peoria city, IL.....	115,007	Schaumburg village, IL.....	74,227
Peoria County, IL.....	186,494	Scott County, MN.....	129,928
Petoskey city, MI.....	5,670	Scottsdale city, AZ.....	217,385
Pflugerville city, TX.....	46,936	Seaside city, CA.....	33,025
Phoenix city, AZ.....	1,445,632	SeaTac city, WA.....	26,909
Pinal County, AZ.....	375,770	Sevierville city, TN.....	14,807
Pinehurst village, NC.....	13,124	Shawnee city, KS.....	62,209
Piqua city, OH.....	20,522	Sheboygan city, WI.....	49,288
Pitkin County, CO.....	17,148	Shoreview city, MN.....	25,043
Platte City city, MO.....	4,691	Shorewood city, MN.....	7,307
Plymouth city, MN.....	70,576	Shorewood village, IL.....	15,615
Pocatello city, ID.....	54,255	Shorewood village, WI.....	13,162
Polk County, IA.....	430,640	Sioux Center city, IA.....	7,048
Port Huron city, MI.....	30,184	Sioux Falls city, SD.....	153,888
Port Orange city, FL.....	56,048	Skokie village, IL.....	64,784
Portland city, OR.....	583,776	Snellville city, GA.....	18,242
Post Falls city, ID.....	27,574	Snowmass Village town, CO.....	2,826
Prince William County, VA.....	402,002	South Kingstown town, RI.....	30,639
Prior Lake city, MN.....	22,796	South Lake Tahoe city, CA.....	21,403
Provo city, UT.....	112,488	South Portland city, ME.....	25,002
Pueblo city, CO.....	106,595	Southborough town, MA.....	9,767
Purcellville town, VA.....	7,727	Southlake city, TX.....	26,575
Queen Creek town, AZ.....	26,361	Sparks city, NV.....	90,264
Radnor township, PA.....	31,531	Spokane Valley city, WA.....	89,755
Ramsey city, MN.....	23,668	Spring Hill city, KS.....	5,437
Rapid City city, SD.....	67,956	Springboro city, OH.....	17,409
Raymore city, MO.....	19,206	Springfield city, MO.....	159,498
Redmond city, WA.....	54,144	Springfield city, OR.....	59,403
Rehoboth Beach city, DE.....	1,327	Springville city, UT.....	29,466
Reno city, NV.....	225,221	St. Charles city, IL.....	32,974
Reston CDP, VA.....	58,404	St. Cloud city, FL.....	35,183
Richmond city, CA.....	103,701	St. Cloud city, MN.....	65,842
Richmond Heights city, MO.....	8,603	St. Joseph city, MO.....	76,780
Rifle city, CO.....	9,172	St. Louis County, MN.....	200,226
River Falls city, WI.....	15,000	St. Louis Park city, MN.....	45,250
Riverdale city, UT.....	8,426	Stallings town, NC.....	13,831
Riverside city, CA.....	303,871	State College borough, PA.....	42,034
Riverside city, MO.....	2,937	Steamboat Springs city, CO.....	12,088
Rochester Hills city, MI.....	70,995	Sterling Heights city, MI.....	129,699
Rock Hill city, SC.....	66,154	Sugar Grove village, IL.....	8,997
Rockford city, IL.....	152,871	Sugar Land city, TX.....	78,817
Rockville city, MD.....	61,209	Summit city, NJ.....	21,457
Rogers city, MN.....	8,597	Summit County, UT.....	36,324

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Sunnyvale city, CA	140,081	Wauwatosa city, WI	46,396
Surprise city, AZ	117,517	Waverly city, IA	9,874
Suwanee city, GA	15,355	Weddington town, NC	9,459
Tacoma city, WA	198,397	Wentzville city, MO	29,070
Takoma Park city, MD	16,715	West Carrollton city, OH	13,143
Tamarac city, FL	60,427	West Chester borough, PA	18,461
Temecula city, CA	100,097	West Des Moines city, IA	56,609
Tempe city, AZ	161,719	West Richland city, WA	11,811
Temple city, TX	66,102	Westerville city, OH	36,120
The Woodlands CDP, TX	93,847	Westlake town, TX	992
Thornton city, CO	118,772	Westminster city, CO	106,114
Thousand Oaks city, CA	126,683	Weston town, MA	11,261
Tigard city, OR	48,035	Wheat Ridge city, CO	30,166
Tracy city, CA	82,922	White House city, TN	10,255
Tualatin city, OR	26,054	Wichita city, KS	382,368
Tulsa city, OK	391,906	Williamsburg city, VA	14,068
Twin Falls city, ID	44,125	Wilmington city, NC	106,476
Tyler city, TX	96,900	Wilsonville city, OR	19,509
Umatilla city, OR	6,906	Winchester city, VA	26,203
Upper Arlington city, OH	33,771	Windsor town, CO	18,644
Urbandale city, IA	39,463	Windsor town, CT	29,044
Vail town, CO	5,305	Winnetka village, IL	12,187
Vancouver city, WA	161,791	Winston-Salem city, NC	229,617
Vestavia Hills city, AL	34,033	Winter Garden city, FL	34,568
Victoria city, MN	7,345	Woodbury city, MN	61,961
Virginia Beach city, VA	437,994	Woodland city, CA	55,468
Wake Forest town, NC	30,117	Woodland city, WA	5,509
Walnut Creek city, CA	64,173	Wrentham town, MA	10,955
Washington County, MN	238,136	Yakima city, WA	91,067
Washoe County, NV	421,407	York County, VA	65,464
Watauga city, TX	23,497	Yorktown town, IN	9,405

American Canyon Custom Benchmark Comparisons (by State and Population)

Table 71: Community Characteristics General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
The overall quality of life in American Canyon	78%	21	35	Similar
Overall image or reputation of American Canyon	71%	21	35	Similar
American Canyon as a place to live	88%	16	35	Similar
Your neighborhood as a place to live	86%	14	35	Similar
American Canyon as a place to raise children	86%	16	35	Similar
American Canyon as a place to retire	66%	20	35	Similar
Overall appearance of American Canyon	71%	20	35	Similar

Table 72: Community Characteristics by Facet

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall feeling of safety in American Canyon	85%	8	13	Similar
In your neighborhood during the day	95%	27	35	Similar
In American Canyon's downtown/commercial area during the day	90%	29	35	Similar
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	68%	10	13	Similar
Availability of paths and walking trails	71%	16	33	Similar
Ease of walking in American Canyon	65%	23	35	Similar
Ease of travel by bicycle in American Canyon	58%	22	35	Similar
Ease of travel by public transportation in American Canyon	42%	10	16	Similar
Ease of travel by car in American Canyon	46%	31	35	Lower
Mobility				
Traffic flow on major streets	26%	32	35	Lower

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		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Natural Environment	Quality of overall natural environment in American Canyon	79%	19	35	Similar
	Cleanliness of American Canyon	76%	20	35	Similar
	Overall "built environment" of American Canyon (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	55%	8	13	Similar
Built Environment	Overall quality of new development in American Canyon	42%	30	35	Similar
	Availability of affordable quality housing	38%	23	35	Similar
	Variety of housing options	49%	25	34	Similar
	Public places where people want to spend time	57%	9	13	Similar
	Overall economic health of American Canyon	58%	8	13	Similar
	Vibrant downtown/commercial area	19%	12	13	Much lower
	Overall quality of business and service establishments in American Canyon	40%	30	35	Lower
	Cost of living in American Canyon	34%	8	13	Similar
	Shopping opportunities	24%	27	35	Lower
	Employment opportunities	17%	26	33	Similar
Economy	American Canyon as a place to visit	44%	11	13	Lower
	American Canyon as a place to work	42%	28	35	Lower
	Health and wellness opportunities in American Canyon	52%	11	13	Lower
	Availability of affordable quality food	47%	28	31	Lower
	Recreational opportunities	58%	25	35	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	67%	9	13	Similar
	Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	58%	9	13	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	28%	30	34	Lower
	Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	52%	13	34	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	43%	32	35	Lower
Community Engagement	Neighborliness of American Canyon	60%	8	13	Similar
	Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	71%	12	34	Similar
	Opportunities to participate in community matters	53%	26	35	Similar
	Opportunities to volunteer	52%	29	35	Lower

Table 73: Governance General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of American Canyon	74%	17	35	Similar
Overall customer service by American Canyon employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	75%	26	35	Similar
Value of services for the taxes paid to American Canyon	52%	23	35	Similar
Overall direction that American Canyon is taking	61%	19	35	Similar
Job American Canyon government does at welcoming citizen involvement	57%	14	35	Similar
Overall confidence in American Canyon government	51%	8	13	Similar
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	54%	8	13	Similar
Being honest	59%	8	13	Similar
Treating all residents fairly	62%	4	13	Similar

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Table 74: Governance by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
	Police/Sheriff services	88%	4	35	Similar
	Fire services	95%	13	33	Similar
	Ambulance or emergency medical services	95%	11	33	Similar
	Crime prevention	77%	11	35	Similar
	Fire prevention and education	83%	12	34	Similar
	Animal control	61%	15	31	Similar
Safety	Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	59%	12	35	Similar
	Traffic enforcement	64%	16	35	Similar
	Street repair	48%	22	35	Similar
	Street cleaning	65%	19	34	Similar
	Street lighting	62%	11	34	Similar
Mobility	Sidewalk maintenance	58%	14	34	Similar
	Traffic signal timing	42%	28	33	Similar
	Bus or transit services	57%	15	31	Similar
	Garbage collection	86%	21	34	Similar
	Recycling	86%	16	35	Similar
	Yard waste pick-up	86%	11	30	Similar
	Drinking water	61%	27	32	Similar
Natural Environment	Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	65%	13	34	Similar
	American Canyon open space	67%	7	14	Similar
	Storm drainage	72%	8	35	Similar
	Sewer services	77%	23	33	Similar
	Utility billing	73%	4	12	Similar
	Land use, planning and zoning	47%	18	35	Similar
Built Environment	Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	47%	15	34	Similar
Economy	Economic development	46%	14	33	Similar
	City parks	80%	28	35	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Recreation programs or classes	69%	26	35	Similar
	Recreation centers or facilities	68%	21	34	Similar
Education and Enrichment	City-sponsored special events	59%	10	13	Similar
	Public library services	74%	28	33	Similar

Table 75: Participation General

	Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	65%	23	35	Similar
Recommend living in American Canyon to someone who asks	90%	18	35	Similar
Remain in American Canyon for the next five years	90%	8	35	Similar
Contacted American Canyon (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	43%	24	35	Similar

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Table 76: Participation by Facet

		Percent positive	Rank	Number of communities in comparison	Comparison to benchmark
	Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	52%	1	13	Higher
	Did NOT report a crime to the police	78%	7	13	Similar
Safety	Household member was NOT a victim of a crime	88%	25	35	Similar
	Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	37%	12	13	Lower
Mobility	Walked or biked instead of driving	62%	8	13	Similar
	Made efforts to conserve water	98%	1	13	Higher
Natural Environment	Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	83%	2	13	Similar
	Recycle at home	98%	2	35	Similar
	Did NOT observe a code violation or other hazard in American Canyon	46%	11	13	Lower
Built Environment	NOT experiencing housing costs stress	48%	33	35	Lower
	Purchase goods or services from a business located in American Canyon	95%	11	13	Similar
	Economy will have positive impact on income	36%	5	35	Similar
Economy	Work inside boundaries of American Canyon	19%	12	13	Much lower
	Used American Canyon recreation centers or their services	54%	20	33	Similar
	Visited a neighborhood park or City park	84%	25	35	Similar
	Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	91%	3	13	Similar
Recreation and Wellness	Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	86%	7	13	Similar
	In very good to excellent health	61%	10	13	Similar
	Used American Canyon public libraries or their services	61%	27	33	Similar
Education and Enrichment	Attended City-sponsored event	41%	10	13	Lower
	Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	14%	13	13	Lower
	Contacted American Canyon elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	14%	7	13	Similar
	Volunteered your time to some group/activity in American Canyon	33%	24	35	Similar
	Participated in a club	22%	21	34	Similar
	Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	92%	7	13	Similar
	Done a favor for a neighbor	77%	10	13	Similar
	Attended a local public meeting	13%	31	35	Lower
	Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	16%	26	29	Lower
Community Engagement	Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	90%	2	13	Similar
	Vote in local elections	78%	27	35	Similar

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Communities included in American Canyon's Custom comparisons

The communities included in American Canyon's custom comparisons are listed below along with their population according to the 2010 Census.

American Canyon city, CA.....	19,454	Lynnwood city, WA	35,836
Ashland city, OR	20,078	McMinnville city, OR	32,187
Bainbridge Island city, WA.....	23,025	Menlo Park city, CA	32,026
Benicia city, CA	26,997	Monterey city, CA.....	27,810
Brighton city, CO.....	33,352	Mooresville town, NC.....	32,711
Coronado city, CA	18,912	Morrisville town, NC	18,576
Destin city, FL.....	12,305	Mountlake Terrace city, WA	19,909
El Cerrito city, CA.....	23,549	Oviedo city, FL.....	33,342
Englewood city, CO	30,255	Post Falls city, ID	27,574
Erie town, CO	18,135	Sahuarita town, AZ	25,259
Fredericksburg city, VA.....	24,286	Seaside city, CA	33,025
Greer city, SC	25,515	South Lake Tahoe city, CA	21,403
Gunnison County, CO	15,324	Tualatin city, OR	26,054
Issaquah city, WA	30,434	Williamsburg city, VA.....	14,068
Kenmore city, WA	20,460	Wilsonville city, OR.....	19,509
Key West city, FL	24,649	Windsor town, CO.....	18,644
Lafayette city, CO	24,453	Winter Garden city, FL.....	34,568
Laguna Beach city, CA.....	22,723		