

## 2018 CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY SURVEY

POSSIBLE SUCCESS; POSSIBLE CONCERN; REALITY; AND MOVING FORWARD

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## **AUTHORIZATION**

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Social Science Research Center, Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi (“TAMUCC”) and the City of Corpus Christi (“City”) entered into Service Agreement No. 1630 to conduct a Community Survey for the City of Corpus Christi for 2018. Pursuant to a memorandum between Ms. Margie Rose, City Manager, City of Corpus Christi and Mr. Terry Tatum, Executive Vice-President for Finance and Administration Texas A&M University -- Corpus Christi, Dr. Daniel Jorgensen, submits the following deliverable in fulfillment of a formal report summarizing the survey construction, implementation, and the PowerPoint presentation of the data as called for in the said agreement.

## **REPORT OUTLINE:**

1. Summary of Survey Results
2. Scope, Methods and Demographics
3. Findings by Service Categories
  - a. Community Identity and Leadership
  - b. Citizen Involvement, Customer Service and Business Practices
  - c. Neighborhood Services and Appearance
  - d. Condition of Streets
  - e. Parks and Libraries
  - f. City Utility Services
  - g. Public Safety and Security
  - h. Media and Information

Appendix A: Survey Instrument

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Appendix C: Preliminary Data PowerPoint

Appendix D: Question Response Frequency Tabulations -- available by request in electronic form through Ms. Sandra Thaxton, City of Corpus Christi

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## Summary of Survey Results

The 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey was open on the Qualtrics web-based survey platform from May 28, 2018 until June 19, 2018. This was the first time in five years that the City of Corpus Christi had underwritten a community survey. The survey instrument had 82 questions, 49 of those questions asked respondents to provide their opinions regarding community services in eight broad service categories. There were 47 community services questions in common with Corpus Christi Community Surveys conducted in 2013 and 2011 and 35 of those 47 community services questions were in common with national benchmark data obtained from the ETC Institute.

The survey had 1685 respondents who completed at least a portion of the survey instrument. Respondents who either did not identify themselves as a resident of the City of Corpus Christi (203) or responded to fewer than 66% of the questions (473) in the survey instrument, however, were excluded from this analysis.

Two distribution channels were used to recruit respondents to the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey. One channel mailed 10,000 postcards (155 returned to sender) to a random sample of street addresses within the City of Corpus Christi. The postcards invited recipients to complete the web-based survey instrument using a QR code or web link unique to the postcard recipients. This method of recruitment had 328 respondents (3.33% response rate), of which 275 (84%) were able to be used in this report. Data from only this channel is reported as “QR Code Data” throughout this report. It is estimated that there is a 95% probability that the responses in the QR Code Data are within +/-6 points of the opinions seen in the population of the City of Corpus Christi.

A second distribution channel was established, per the client’s request, which allowed for a convenience sample that utilized a web link that could be posted on the City of Corpus Christi web page and other web pages. This distribution channel allowed all those interested to access the same web-based survey instrument via a different link than those who received the postcard QR code and web link. This method of recruitment had 1357 respondents, of which 734 (54%) were able to be used in this report. Responses from both distribution channels were aggregated and are reported as the “Final Data Pool.” **While the collective opinions gained from respondents in the Final Data Pool may have value in pointing out areas of favorability or concern, those opinions are not necessarily representative of the entire resident population. Research has shown that when allowing for a sample of convenience (the second distribution method) in community surveys creates a self-selection bias which typically reflects only the opinion of those either very pleased or very displeased regarding a particular topic.**

The main findings from the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey are:

1. Three broad service areas continue to enjoy some of the highest levels of favorability with no statistical change in their favorability scores:
  - a. Public Safety and Security.
    - i. With favorability scores from both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool matching the national benchmark high favorability score for:
      1. Ambulance response time in your neighborhood.
  - b. City Utility Services.
  - c. Parks and Libraries.

2. A majority of questions in four of the eight broad service areas covered had statistically significant increases in favorability scores:
  - a. Community Identity and Leadership.
    - i. The favorability score was significantly higher than the national benchmark high favorability score for:
      1. How CC (the city) plans for and handles growth.
  - b. Citizen Involvement, Customer Service and Business Practices.
    - i. Favorability scores from both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool exceeded the national benchmark high favorability score for:
      1. The City of Corpus Christi welcomes citizen involvement.
  - c. Neighborhood Services and Appearance.
  - d. Condition of City Streets.
3. The Condition of City Streets continues to have the lowest levels of favorability throughout the city, despite statistically significant increase the favorability scores for all three questions in the area.
  - a. The intensity of this low favorability level is demonstrated with the Final Data Pool favorability score matching the national benchmark low favorability score for:
    - i. The condition of neighborhood streets.
4. Favorability scores on the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey are statistically higher than the national benchmark high favorability scores for:
  - a. How the CC (the city) plans for and handles growth.
  - b. The City of Corpus Christi (the city) welcomes citizen involvement.
  - c. Code enforcement of high weeds in your neighborhood.
  - d. City efforts on litter prevention and clean up in your neighborhood.
5. Although not representative of the community as a whole, the exceptionally low favorability scores in the Final Data Pool suggest that there is segment of the Corpus Christi community that have intensely negative perceptions and opinions towards a majority of community services they receive.
6. Data regarding communication and information channels is also presented in the report. In that data, 68% of respondents stated they use Facebook once a week or more to get information about the City of Corpus Christ, it is by far (2.5 times) the most common social network used to get information about the city.
7. Finally, the report plots composite mean data from the 8 general service areas by zip code and finds that those respondents at the further edges of the city tend to have lower levels of overall favorability than those closer to the city center.

## **SCOPE, METHODS and DEMOGRAPHICS**

### **PROJECT SCOPE**

The objectives of the survey will be the following:

1. Determine general perception of residents across broad areas;
2. Determine overall satisfaction with various aspects of city services by major category;
3. Determine if the overall satisfaction with City services varies geographically throughout the city;
4. Benchmark satisfaction with other larger communities across the nation when possible.

The scope is to be achieved via several deliverables:

- a. The construction of a survey that meets the criteria and objectives of the research project stated above.
- b. Implement a blended sample respondent recruitment strategy using a convenience sample of internet users derived from online web-based links and a probability based sample of 10,000 random Corpus Christi residents using postcards with a QR code link to the survey instrument.
- c. Delivery of a preliminary data report in the form of a PowerPoint presentation.
- d. A formal report to the City Manager.
- e. Data analysis and consultation on data as necessary and as time will allow until the end of the contract period.

### **METHODOLOGY**

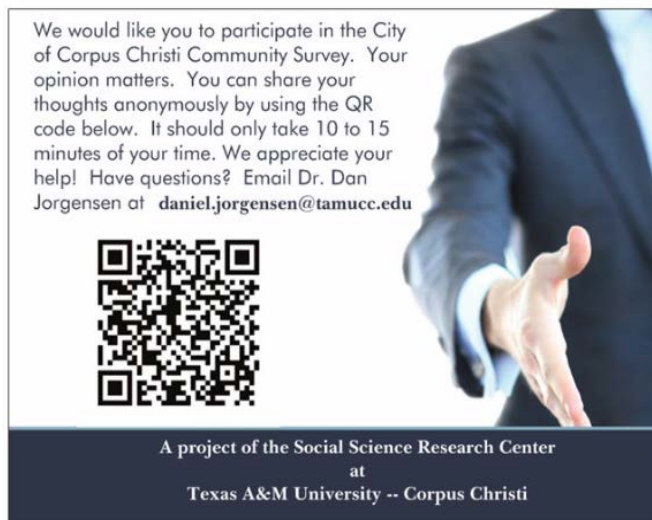
The 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey represents the first time in five years that the City of Corpus Christi has underwritten a community wide survey. The survey instrument had 82 questions, 49 of which were in 8 categories of service area questions along with questions regarding social media usage and demographics. (See Appendix A for Survey Instrument). There were 47 of the 49 community services questions in common with Corpus Christi Community Surveys conducted in 2013 and 2011 and 35 of those 47 questions were in common with national benchmark data obtained from the ETC Institute (See Appendix B for ETC National Benchmark Information).

The rating scale in the survey instrument utilized five choices: “strongly disagree”, “disagree”, “agree”, “strongly agree” and in the case of a non-affirmative response to the first four responses, “don’t know or not sure” could be recorded. By combining the percentage of respondents who selected to “agree” or “strongly agree” to each community services question, a favorability score was created that could be used to compare 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey responses to the previous Corpus Christi Community Surveys and the data for 35 national benchmark data questions that was obtained from the ETC Institute. Additionally, to create a score that could be reported using a geographical framework, a mean aggregate score was developed. For the mean aggregate score, all survey responses to community services questions were assigned a numerical score of 1 for “strongly disagree” to 4 for “strongly agree. Responses of “don’t know or not sure” or left blank were coded as system missing. Data was then aggregated by broad service category and means were graphed by zip code.

The 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey was open from May 28, 2018 until June 19, 2018. Responses were recorded on the Qualtrics on-line survey program. Options were checked in the Qualtrics program that prevented individuals from taking the survey more than once by blocking any IP address attempting to access the survey instrument more than once and to report the data with no identifying information

(anonymously) to the program director. The survey had 1685 respondents who completed at least a portion of the survey instrument. Respondents who either did not identify themselves as a resident of the City of Corpus Christi (203) or responded to fewer than 66% of the questions (473) in the survey instrument, however, were excluded from this analysis.

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The anonymous data was then downloaded into the SPSS statistical analysis program as well as an Excel workbook. Access to the SPSS statistical program and Excel was and is controlled by the Social Science Research Center at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Dr. Dan Jorgensen. Requests for specific frequency distributions and data runs can be made through Ms. Sandra Thaxton, City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Due to the large number of individuals who responded to the survey from some zip codes within the City of Corpus Christi, the data was weighted by zip code to establish a proximal similarity for both the Final Data Pool and the QR Code Data using 2010 U.S. Census data. Table 1, on the next page, reports the weights by zip code:

**Table 1. Respondent Zip Codes, Data Pools, and Weights.**

	Actual Percentage according to 2010 Census	2018 Final Data Pool Survey Responses	Percentage of 2018 Final Data Pool Responses	Weight Applied to 2018 Final Data Pool Survey Responses	2018 QR Response Frequency	Percentage of 2018 QR Code Responses	Weight Applied to 2018 QR Code Responses
1	1.77%	68	6.74%	0.26263676	54	19.64%	0.090138889
2	0.18%	44	4.36%	0.04127727	37	13.45%	0.013378378
4	5.65%	56	5.55%	1.01800893	17	6.18%	0.913970588
5	5.53%	17	1.68%	3.28221765	15	5.45%	1.013833333
7	0.97%	11	1.09%	0.88975455	10	3.64%	0.26675
8	3.95%	13	1.29%	3.06580769	6	2.18%	1.810416667
9	0.96%	16	1.59%	0.6054	11	4.00%	0.24
10	8.65%	67	6.64%	1.30266418	10	3.64%	2.37875
11	9.18%	106	10.51%	0.87383208	19	6.91%	1.328684211
12	11.80%	130	12.88%	0.91586154	34	12.36%	0.954411765
13	12.11%	80	7.93%	1.52737375	5	1.82%	6.6605
14	9.88%	129	12.78%	0.7727845	11	4.00%	2.47
15	12.87%	39	3.87%	3.3297	5	1.82%	7.0785
16	5.08%	18	1.78%	2.84762222	2	0.73%	6.985
18	9.78%	184	18.24%	0.53630543	12	4.36%	2.24125
99	1.66%	31	3.07%	0.54030323	27	9.82%	0.169074074
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>275</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

In Table 2, key demographics resulting from the weighting process are reported for the Final Data Pool and the QR Code Data along with the demographics reported in the 2017 American Communities Survey for the City of Corpus Christi.

**Table 2. Demographics of Weighted Data**

		2018 CC Survey Respondents (weighted data)		2017 American Community Survey Data
Trait	Response Attribute	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data	
Resident	Yes	100%	100%	N/A
Age	Median Age	44 yrs	41 yrs	35 yrs
Gender	Female	63%	64%	51%
Education	Bachelors Degree or higher	52%	44%	21%
Income	Greater than \$60,000	55%	29%	Median household income \$52,154
Ethnicity	Hispanic	34%		62%

Due to the small number of QR Code responses, only the raw data from the Final Data Pool was utilized to report on community services from a geographical perspective. Similarly, only raw data from the Final Data Pool was used to report on social media usage of respondents.

In the following report, data over the eight service area groupings are reported using the following six columns:

1. 2018 Community Survey question.
2. 2018 Community Survey Final Data Pool statistic.
3. 2018 Community Survey QR Code Data statistic.
4. 2013 Community Survey statistic.

5. 2011 Community Survey statistic.
6. National benchmark data Low, Average, and High statistics.

Conclusions drawn from an increase or decrease in specific levels of satisfaction when using the 2018 Community Survey Final Data Pool favorability scores may be biased and are only representative of those individuals who responded to the survey. This data should be triangulated with the QR Code Data; Community Surveys conducted in 2013 and 2011; and national benchmark data from the ETC Institute.







## FINDINGS BY BROAD SERVICE AREA

### COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND LEADERSHIP

Table 3 presents the favorability scores pertaining to community identity and leadership from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey, the 2011 Community Survey and the national benchmark data.

**Table 3. Community Identity and Leadership**

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
Overall quality of life in the City	60%	92%	79%	85%	37%	72%	94%
Overall quality of services provided by the City	42%	85%	59%	72%	32%	67%	93%
Overall value you receive for your city tax dollars	32%	 76%	50%	54%	16%	47%	73%
How CC plans for and handles growth	27%	 75%	31%	45%	23%	40%	63%
City efforts to attract new employers to the community	39%	80%	37%	44%	*	*	*
City efforts to help existing employers grow	40%	83%	41%	46%	*	*	*
City efforts to create a vibrant downtown and bay front	48%	80%	44%	56%	*	*	*
The overall condition of city facilities	42%	80%	54%	70%	41%	73%	92%
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	 At or below national low		 At or above national high

In Table 3, favorability scores for six of the eight questions in the community identity and leadership area were significantly higher (greater than the combined margin of error of 10.5%) than favorability scores for both of the 2013 or 2011 Community Surveys. Those questions were:

1. Overall quality of services provided by the City.
2. Overall value you receive for your city tax dollars.

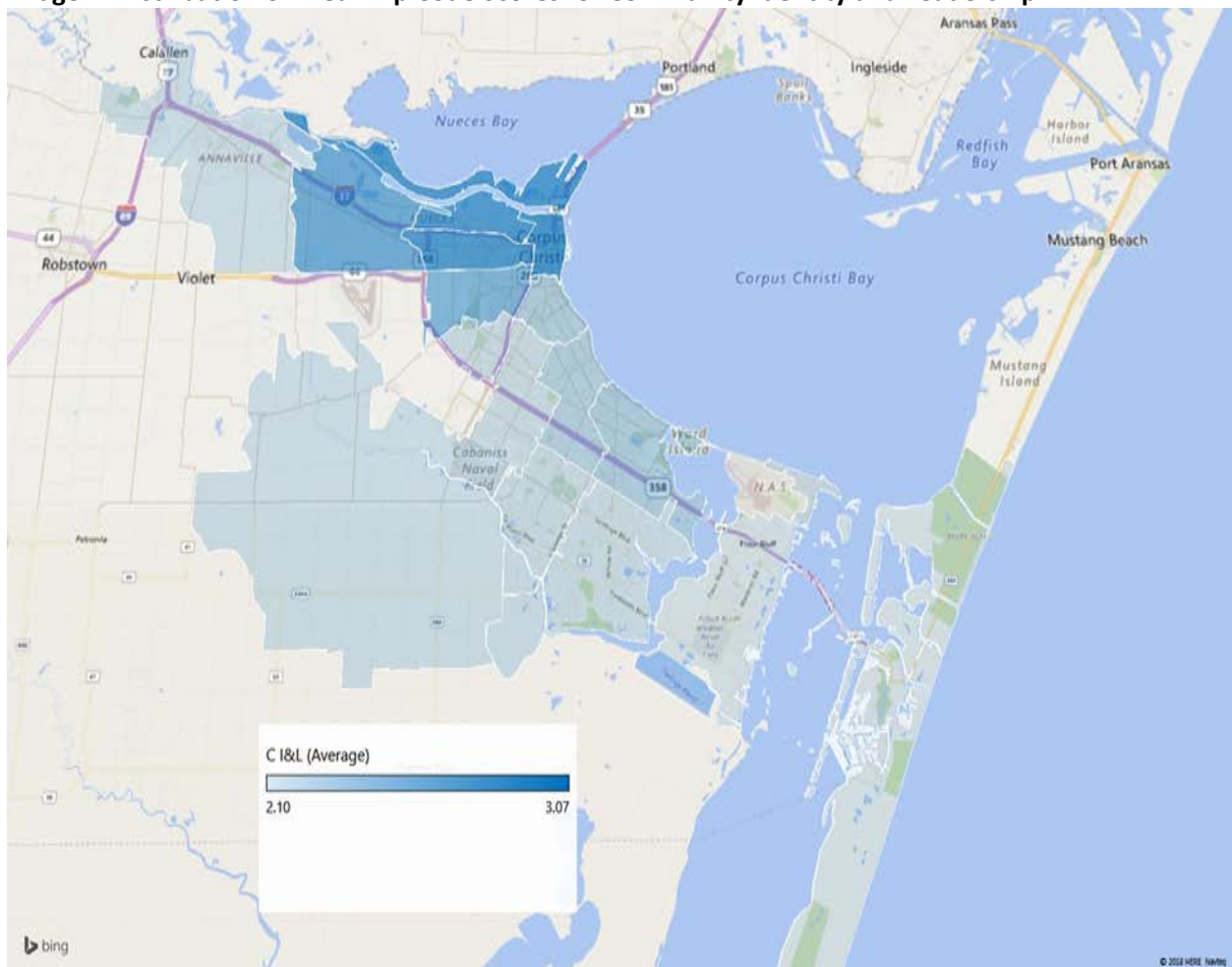
3. How CC plans for and handles growth.
4. City efforts to attract new employers to the community.
5. City efforts to help existing employers grow.
6. City efforts to create a vibrant downtown and bay front.

The favorability score for one question significantly exceeded the national high favorability score:

1. How CC plans for and handles growth.

The mean aggregate scores by zip code for the eight questions in community identity and leadership range from 2.10 to 3.07. In Image 1, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

**Image 1. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for Community Identity and Leadership**



## CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT, CUSTOMER SERVICE AND BUSINESS PRACTICES

Table 4 presents the favorability scores pertaining to citizen involvement, customer service and business practices from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey, the 2011 Community Survey and the national benchmark data.

**Table 4. Citizen Involvement, Customer Service and Business Practices**

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
The City of Corpus Christi welcomes citizen	 54%	 85%	66%	69%	20%	36%	51%
The City of Corpus Christi listens to citizens.	31%	74%	48%	45%	*	*	*
The City of Corpus Christi keeps its citizens informed about matters that affect them.	44%	77%	60%	57%	31%	54%	79%
The City of Corpus Christi resolves complaints & service problems in a timely manner.	37%	81%	55%	52%	*	*	*
Having the City of Corpus Christi Call Center is very helpful in conducting business with the City.	62%	84%	85%	89%	*	*	*
I am satisfied with the ability to do city business on-line, such as paying bills or filing service requests.	78%	91%	80%	69%	*	*	*
City employees are knowledgeable about their work.	59%	 83%	84%	87%	32%	59%	77%
City employees are professional in conducting their work.	64%	 94%	86%	89%	37%	75%	91%
City employees are prompt in getting their work completed.	45%	74%	84%	87%	31%	64%	79%
City employees show a customer service orientation when working.	52%	80%	*	*	*	*	*
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	At or below national low		 At or above national high

In Table 4, favorability scores for five of the nine questions previous asked in the 2013 and 2011 Corpus Christi Community Surveys in the citizen involvement, customer service and business practices area were significantly higher (greater than the combined margin of error of 10.5%) than favorability scores for the previous years. Those questions were:

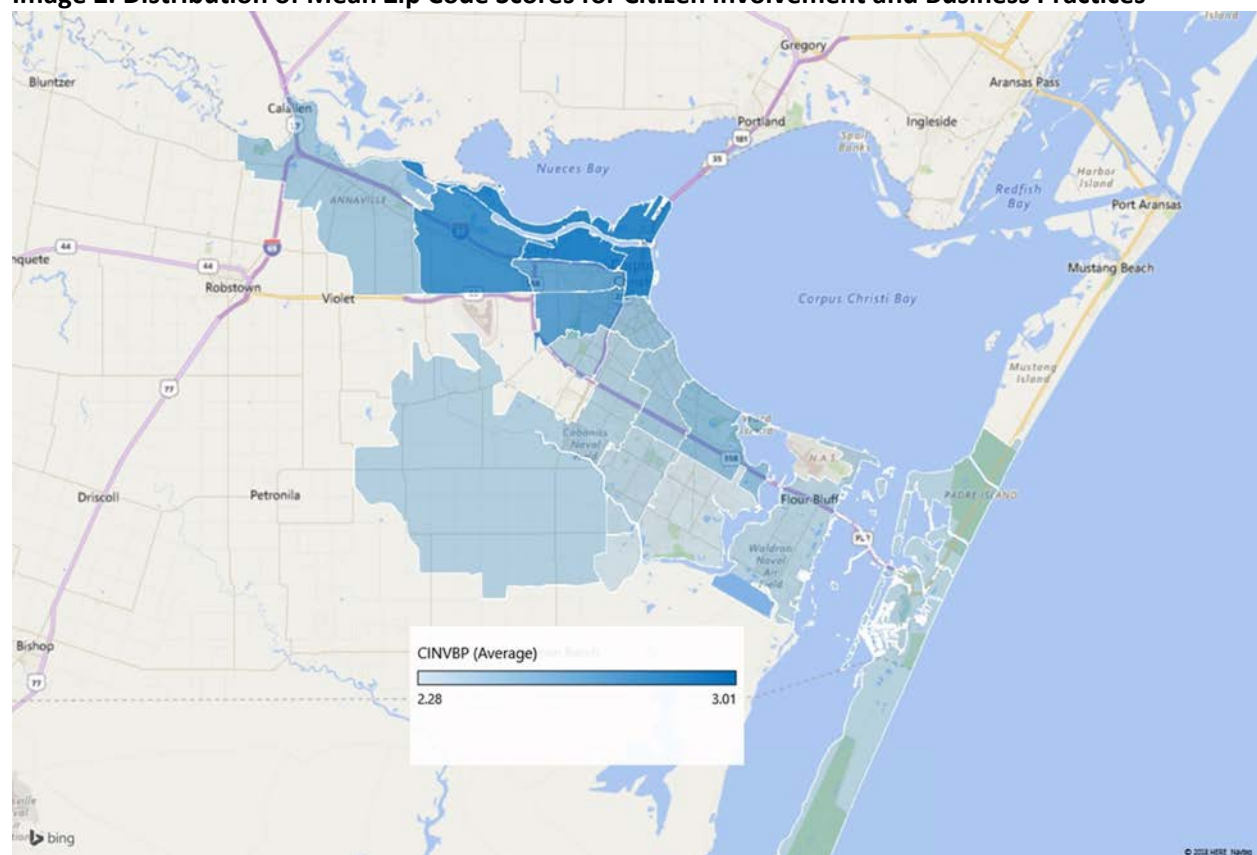
1. The City of Corpus Christi welcomes citizen involvement.
2. The City of Corpus Christi listens to citizens.
3. The City of Corpus Christi keeps its citizens informed about matters that affect them.
4. The City of Corpus Christi resolves complaints & service problems in a timely manner.
5. I am satisfied with the ability to do city business on-line, such as paying bills or filing service requests.
6. City employees show a customer service orientation when working.

Both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool favorability scores exceeded the national benchmark high favorability score for:

1. The City of Corpus Christi (the city) welcomes citizen involvement.

The mean aggregate scores by zip code for the ten questions in citizen involvement, customer service and business practices range from 2.28 to 3.01. In Image 2, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

**Image 2. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for Citizen Involvement and Business Practices**



## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND APPEARANCE

Table 5 presents the favorability scores pertaining to neighborhood services and appearance from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey, the 2011 Community Survey and the national benchmark data.

**Table 5. Neighborhood Services and Appearance**

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
Quality of residential garbage collection in your neighborhood	83%	91%	87%	77%	69%	85%	95%
Quality of residential curbside recycling services in your neighborhood	76%	85%	85%	86%	55%	79%	94%
Quality of brush & bulky collection services in your neighborhood	53%	71%	77%	73%	50%	71%	87%
Effectiveness of animal control services in your neighborhood	53%	83%	57%	50%	33%	55%	78%
Cleanliness of city streets & public areas in your neighborhood	46%	78%	47%	47%	31%	59%	87%
Code enforcement of high weeds in your neighborhood	49%	78%	45%	47%	14%	42%	62%
Code enforcement of dilapidated & vacant buildings in your neighborhood	49%	76%	41%	48%	14%	45%	66%
City efforts on litter prevention and clean up in your neighborhood	45%	79%	50%	50%	13%	43%	64%
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	At or below national low		At or above national high

Table 5 shows that 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey favorability scores exceeded the combined margin of error for five of the eight favorability scores for the 2013 and 2011 Corpus Christi Community Surveys. Those questions were:

1. Effectiveness of animal control services in your neighborhood.
2. Cleanliness of city streets & public areas in your neighborhood.
3. Code enforcement of high weeds in your neighborhood.

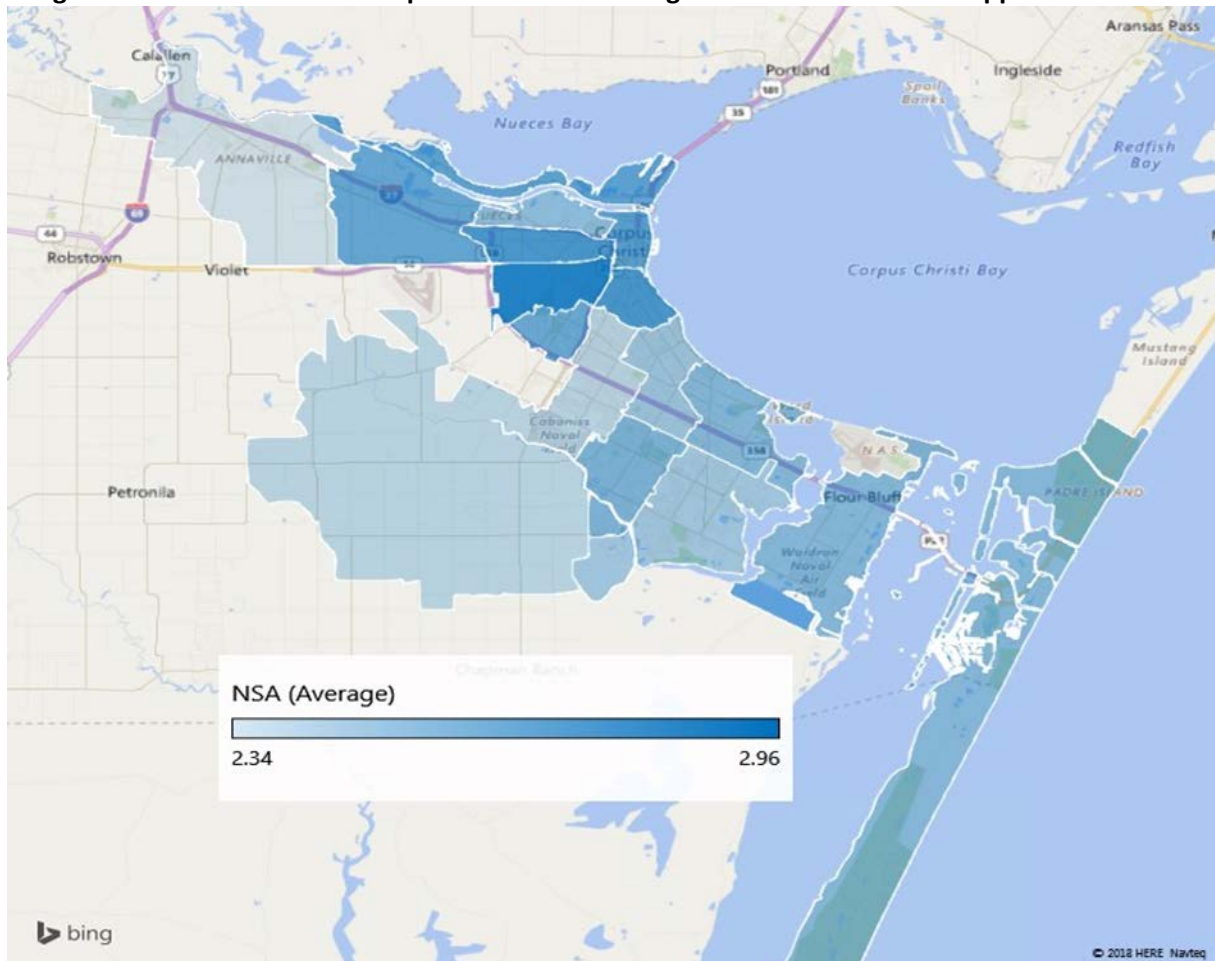
4. Code enforcement of dilapidated & vacant buildings in your neighborhood.
5. City efforts on litter prevention and clean up in your neighborhood.

The QR Code Data favorability scores exceeded the national benchmark high favorability scores by the combine margin of error for two questions in the area of neighborhood services and appearance:

1. Code enforcement of high weeds in your neighborhood.
2. City efforts on litter prevention and clean up in your neighborhood.

The mean aggregate scores by zip code for the eight questions in neighborhood services and appearance range from 2.34 to 2.96. In Image 3, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

**Image 3. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for Neighborhood Services and Appearance**





## CONDITION OF CITY STREETS

Table 6 presents the favorability scores pertaining to the condition of city streets from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey, the 2011 Community Survey and the national benchmark data.

**Table 6. Condition of City Streets**

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
Condition of neighborhood streets	30%	69%	40%	42%	30%	51%	75%
Condition of major city streets	29%	71%	48%	52%	24%	50%	83%
Overall road conditions within the City	24%	68%	27%	33%	*	*	*
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	At or below national low		At or above national high

Table 6 shows that 2018 Corpus Christi Community favorability scores for all three questions exceeded the combined margin of error for all three favorability scores for the 2013 and 2011 Corpus Christi Community Surveys. Those questions were:

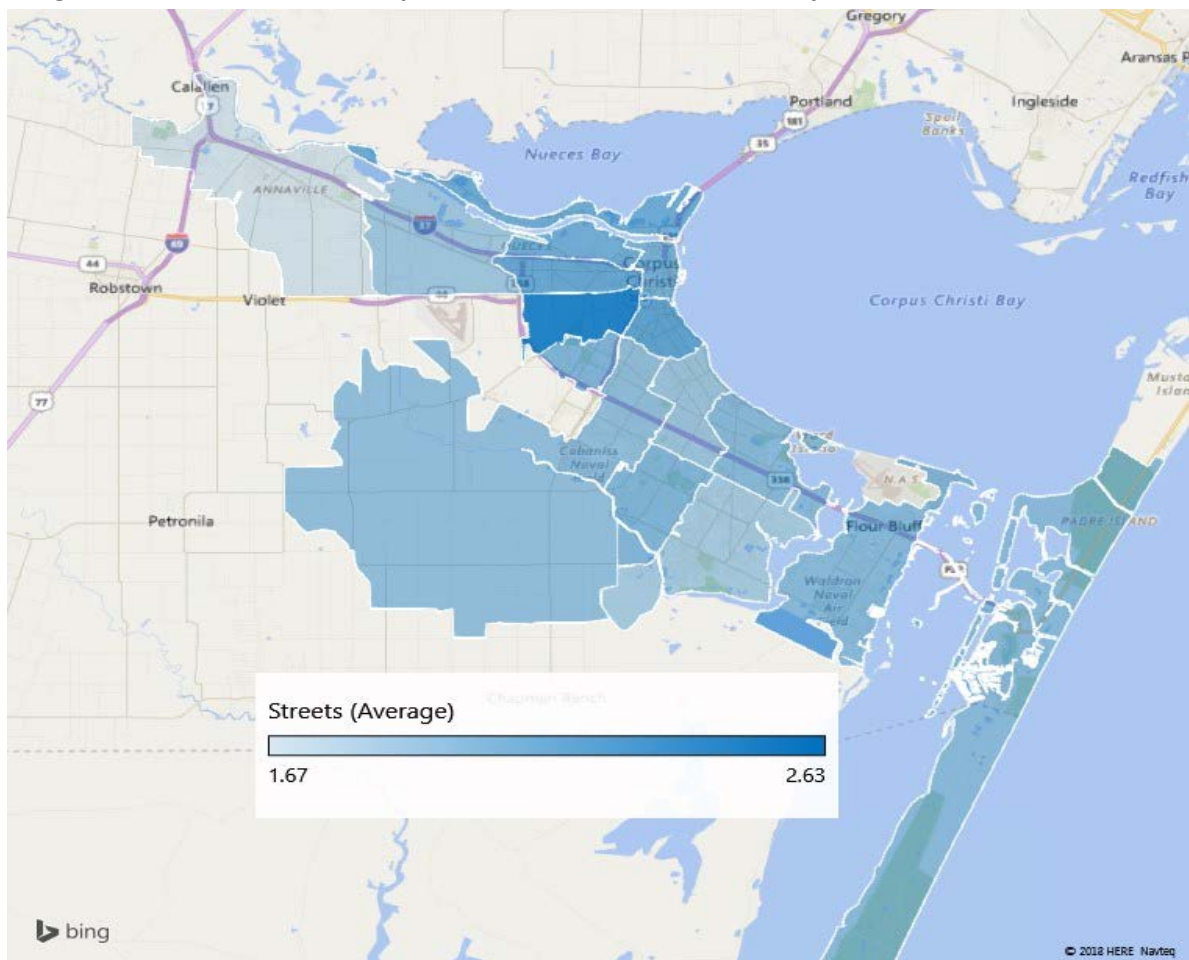
1. Condition of neighborhood streets
2. Condition of major city streets
3. Overall road conditions within the City

Although the favorability scores are higher for the 2018 Community Survey, when compared to other broad service areas in the 2018 data, the condition of city streets has the mean aggregate score of 2.05. The intensity of this low favorability level was demonstrated with the Final Data Pool having extremely low favorability scores for all three questions in this area and matching the national benchmark low favorability score for:

1. The condition of neighborhood streets.

When observed by zip code, the mean aggregate scores for the three questions range from 1.67 to 2.63. In Image 4, on the next page, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

**Image 4. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for Condition of City Streets**





## PARKS AND LIBRARIES

Table 7 presents the favorability score pertaining to parks and libraries from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey, the 2011 Community Survey and the national benchmark data.

**Table 7. Parks and Libraries**

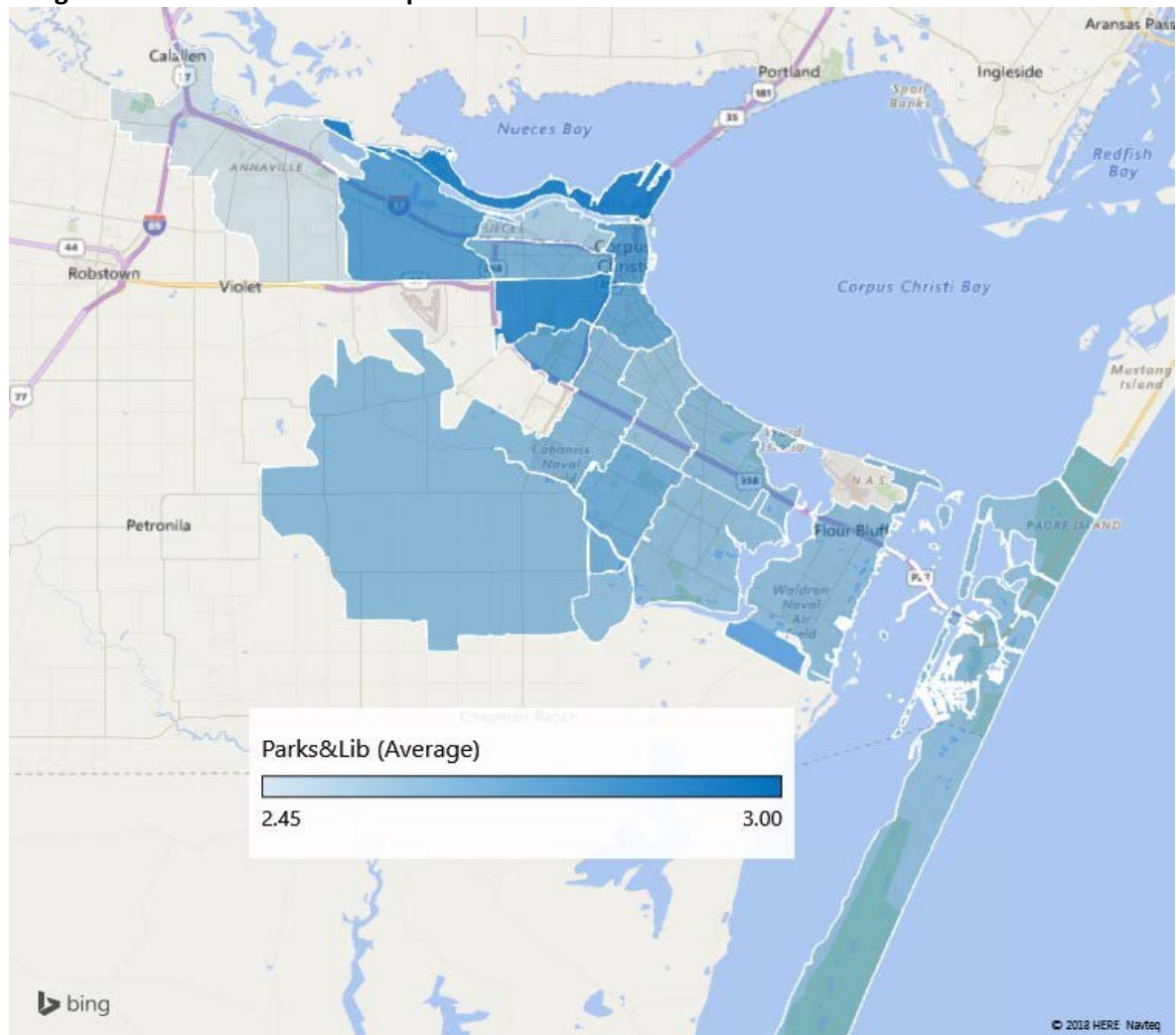
Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
Number and location of city parks	66%	83%	83%	81%	39%	71%	86%
Overall appearance of city parks	54%	87%	61%	73%	49%	73%	93%
Overall quality of parks & recreation services	54%	84%	70%	79%	45%	73%	92%
Overall quality of city libraries	81%	85%	89%	92%	70%	80%	93%
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	At or below national low		At or above national high

With the third highest mean favorability score of 2.70, the area of parks and libraries continued to enjoy a relatively high level of favorability when compared to other broad service areas in the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey Data. Table 7 shows that 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey favorability scores for one of the four questions exceeded the combined margin of error for favorability scores for the 2013 and 2011 Corpus Christi Community Surveys. That question was:

1. Overall appearance of city parks.

The mean aggregate scores by zip code for the four questions in the parks and libraries area range from 2.45 to 3.63. In Image 5, on the next page, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

Image 5. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for Parks and Libraries



## CITY UTILITY SERVICES

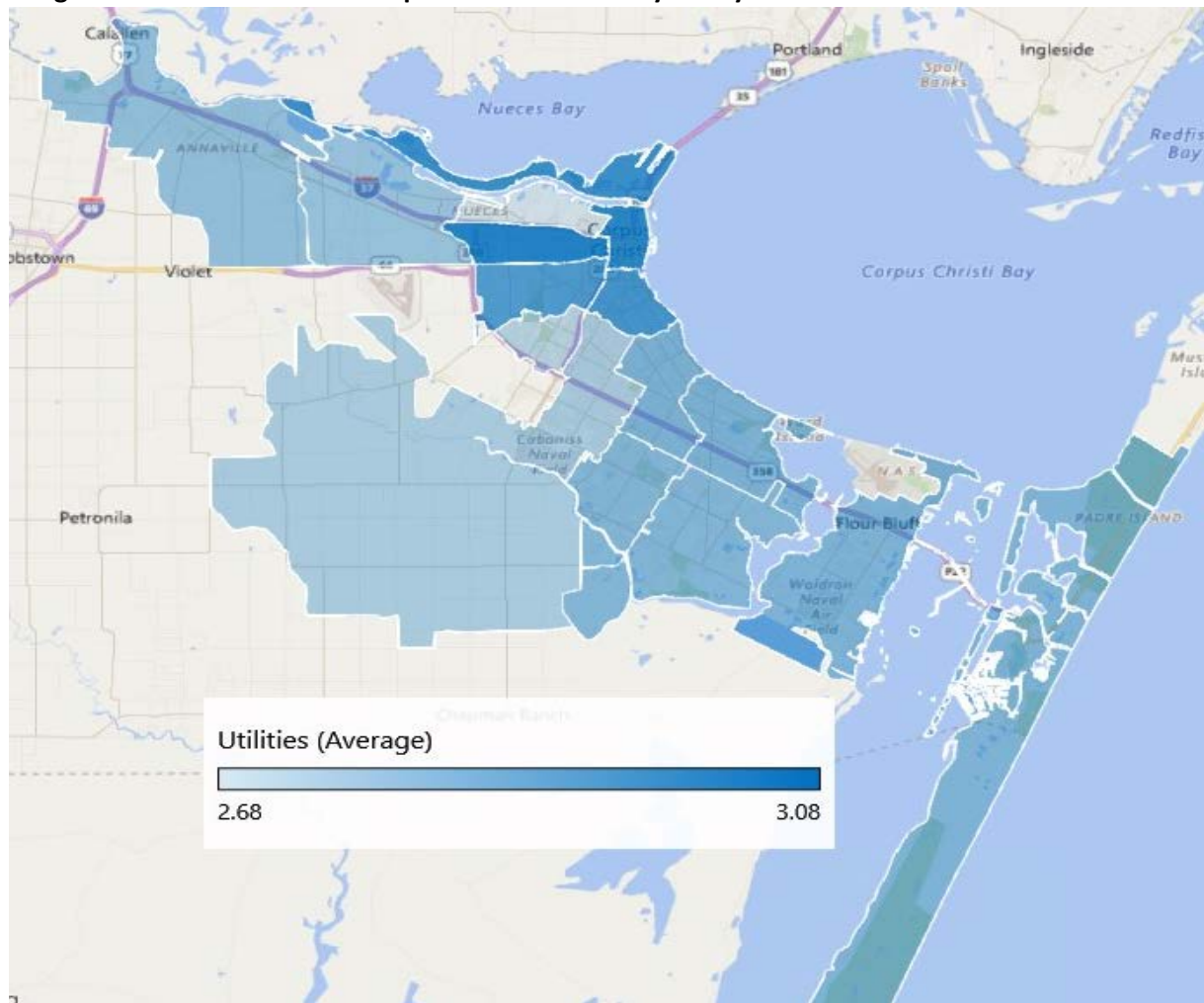
Table 8 presents the favorability scores pertaining to city utility services from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey, the 2011 Community Survey and the national benchmark data.

**Table 8. City Utility Services**

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
The speed of responding to requests for utility service	73%	86%	85%	79%	*	*	*
Ease of making utility payments	82%	84%	88%	85%	*	*	*
Overall quality of waste water services (sanitary sewer) to your home	75%	85%	77%	86%	45%	68%	84%
Overall quality of gas service to your home	91%	87%	83%	91%	*	*	*
Overall quality of water service to your home	66%	85%	82%	81%	55%	77%	95%
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	At or below national low		At or above national high

With the second highest mean favorability score of 2.86, the area of city utility services continued to enjoy a relatively high level of favorability when compared to other broad service areas in the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey Data. Table 8 shows that no 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey favorability scores exceeded previous Corpus Christi Community Surveys of 2013 and 2011 by the combined margin of error. The mean aggregate scores by zip code for the five questions in the city utility services range from 2.68 to 3.08. In Image 6, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

Image 6. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for City Utility Services



## PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

Table 9 presents the favorability scores pertaining to public safety from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey, the 2011 Community Survey and the national benchmark data.

**Table 9. Public Safety and Security**

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
How safe I feel in my neighborhood in the daytime	80%	86%	72.2%	79.0%	72%	87%	98%
How safe I feel in my neighborhood in the evening/night	65%	84%	84%	79%	32%	66%	88%
Fire protection response time in your neighborhood	89%	86%	95%	96%	73%	82%	90%
Ambulance response time in your neighborhood	↑ 87%	↑ 87%	93%	88%	67%	76%	87%
Police emergency response time in my neighborhood	72%	84%	80%	84%	20%	67%	88%
Quality of traffic law enforcement	58%	↑ 79%	73%	79%	28%	56%	73%
Quality of crime prevention efforts	53%	88%	*	*	*	*	*
Overall quality of fire protection services	88%	85%	95%	92%	79%	86%	94%
Overall quality of emergency medical assistance	88%	87%	93%	94%	61%	82%	91%
Overall quality of police services	70%	83%	80%	84%	39%	72%	94%
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	↓ At or below national low		↑ At or above national high

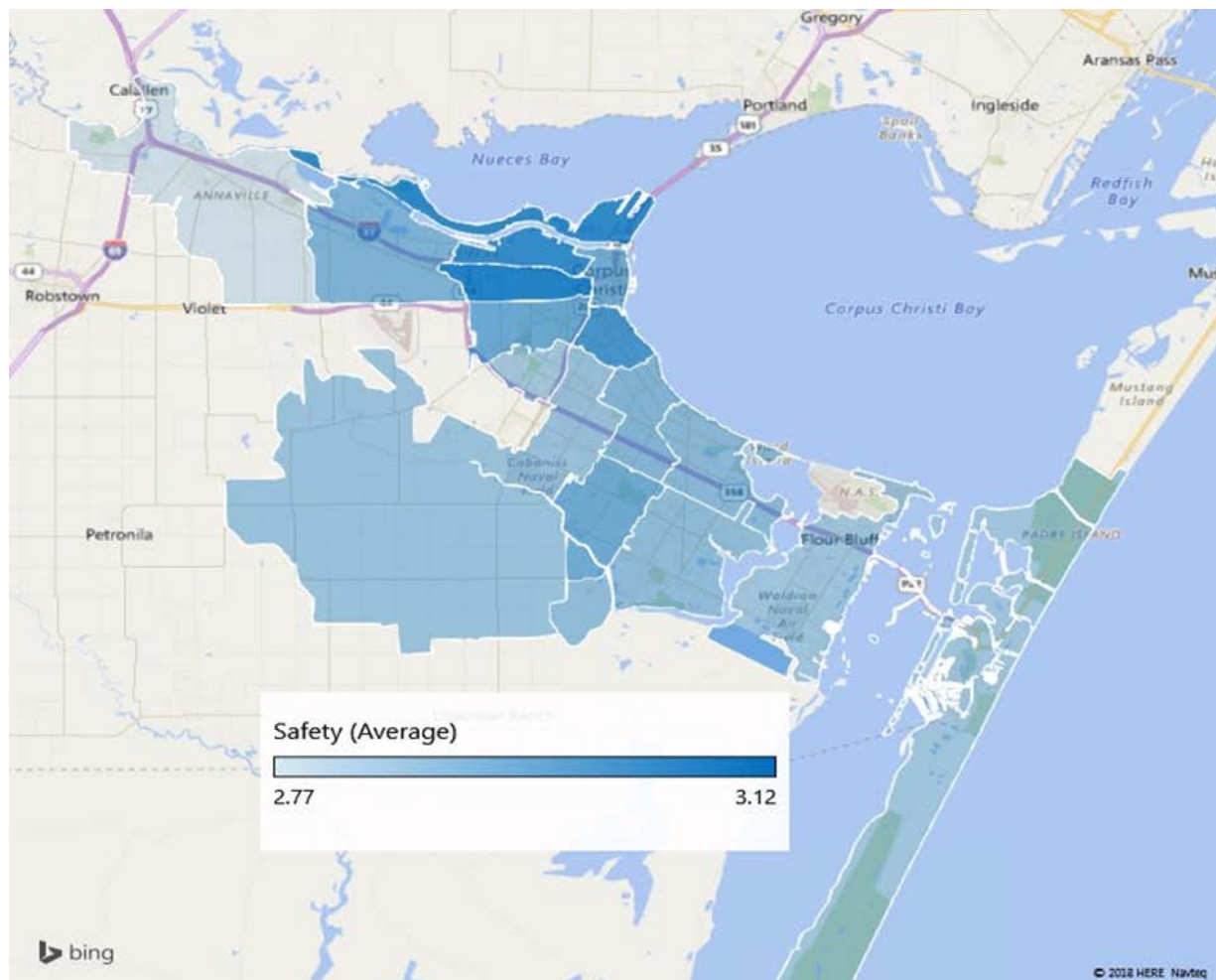
With the highest mean favorability score of 2.94, the area of public safety and security continued to enjoy a high level of favorability when compared to other broad service areas in the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey Data. Table 8 shows that no 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey favorability scores exceeded previous Corpus Christi Community Surveys of 2013 and 211 by the combined margin of error.

Both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool favorability scores exceeded the national benchmark high favorability score for one question:

1. Ambulance response time in your neighborhood.

The mean aggregate scores for the ten questions in the public safety and security area range from 2.77 to 3.12. In Image 7, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

**Image 7. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for Public Safety and Security**





## SOCIAL MEDIA & INFORMATION

Chart 1 presents the data pertaining social media use as reported by Final Data Pool respondents to the 2018 Community Survey. When comparing the data on the media platforms polled, the regular use (daily/weekly) of Facebook is nearly 2.5 times greater than any other media type.

**Chart 1. Social Media Use Among Respondents**

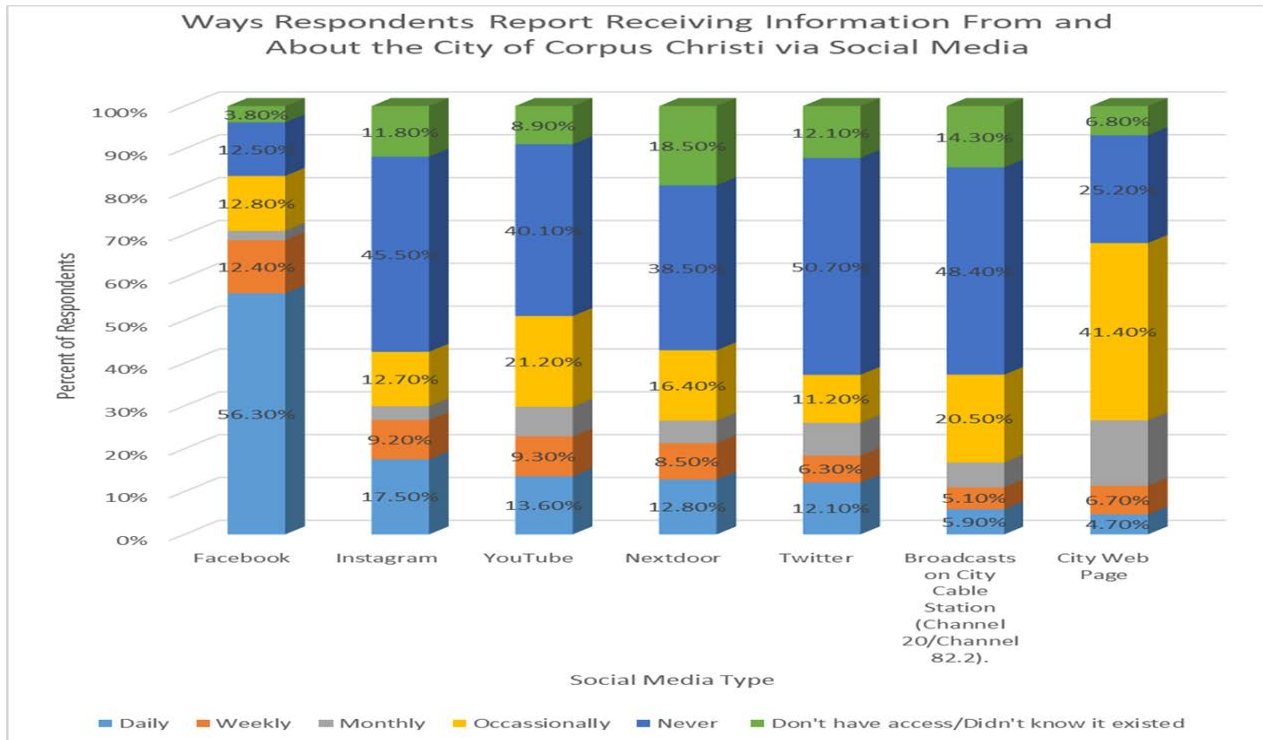


Table 10 presents the favorability scores pertaining to social media and information from the 2018 Community Survey, the 2013 Community Survey. No data exists for the 2011 Community Survey nor the national benchmark data.

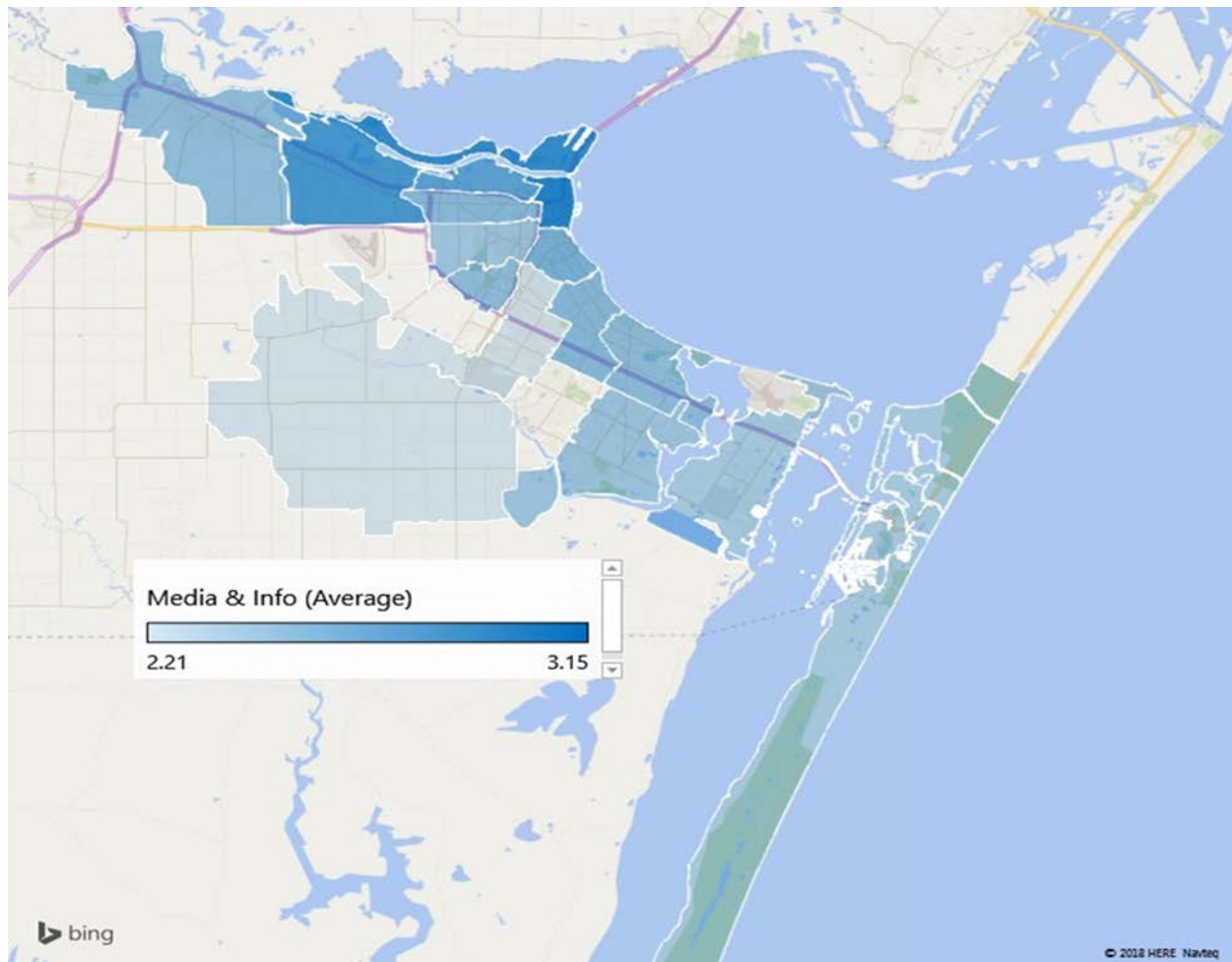
**Table 10. Social Media and Information**

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied		2013 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k		
	Final Data Pool	QR Code Data			Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for one or both previous surveys							
QR Code Data exceeds the margin of error for both previous surveys		95% probability +/- 6.0%	95% probability +/- 4.5%		95% probability +/- 4.5%		
The quality of the information that you receive from the city.	53%	86%	76%	*	*	*	*
* No comparable question	Lowest value over previous surveys			Highest value over previous surveys	At or below national low		At or above national high

Although close, Table 10 shows that the 2018 Community Survey score for the sole question in the table is not significantly greater than the 2013 Community Survey favorability score.

The mean aggregate scores for social media and information range from 2.21 to 3.15. In Image 8, the darker blue the fill, the higher the mean score for the zip code.

**Image 8. Distribution of Mean Zip Code Scores for Media and Information**





## MEAN COMMUNITY SERVICE FAVORABILITY SCORE DISTRIBUTION BY ZIP CODE

The mean aggregated favorability scores for the broad service areas by zip code are presented in Table 11 below.

**Table 11. Distribution of Mean Service Area Scores by Zip Code.**

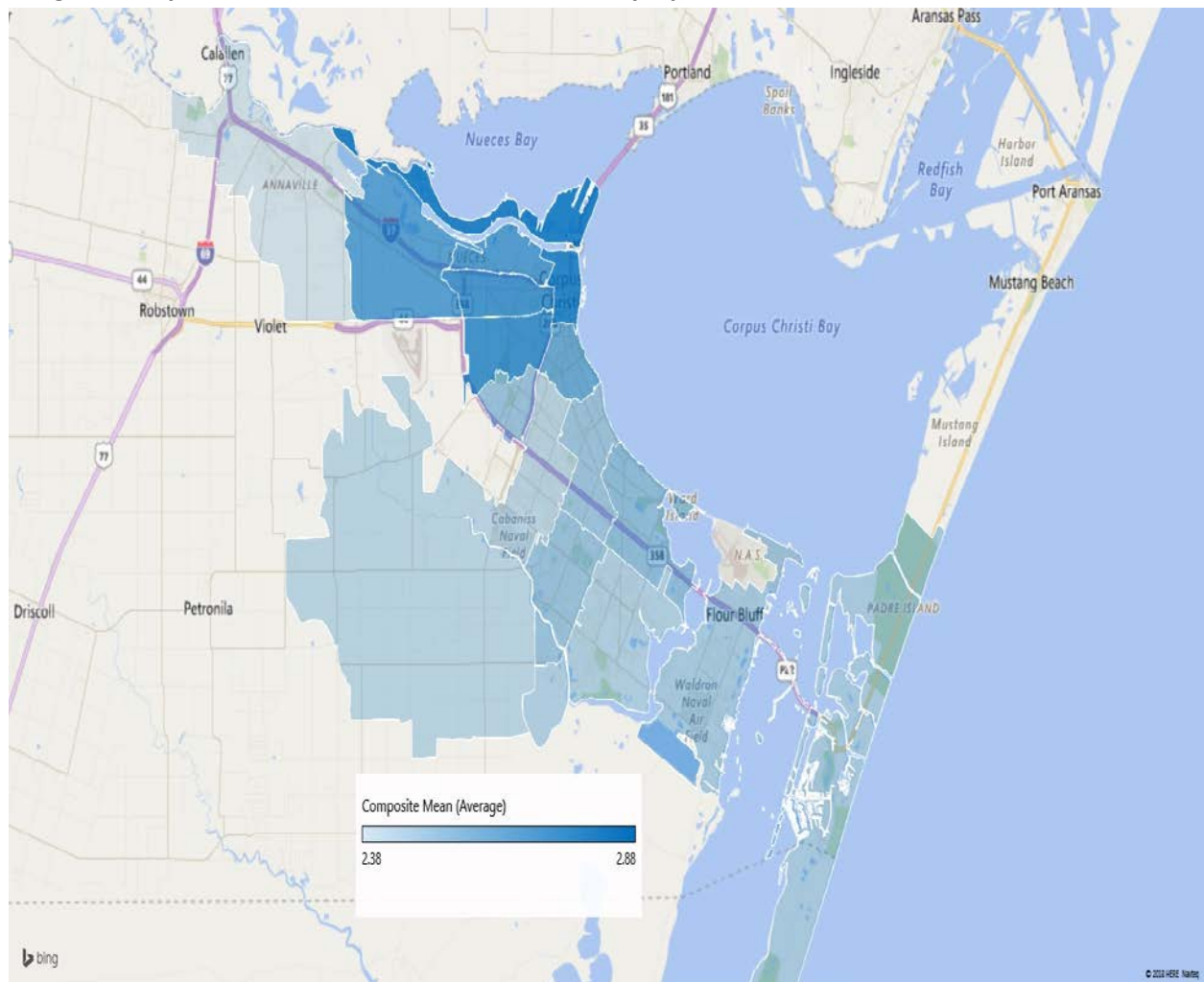
Zip code	Community Identity & Leadership	Citizen Involvement, Customer Service & Business Practices	Neighborhood Services & Appearance	Condition of City Streets	Parks & Libraries	City Utility Services	Public Safety & Security	Social Media & Information
78401	3.07	2.99	2.74	2.09	2.81	3.05	2.94	3.15
78402	3.04	2.97	2.73	2.17	3.00	3.02	3.09	3.05
78404	2.27	2.45	2.81	2.24	2.75	2.99	3.04	2.62
78405	2.63	2.75	2.96	2.63	2.94	2.96	2.96	2.41
78407	3.01	3.01	2.53	2.15	2.52	2.68	3.08	2.82
78408	3.02	2.69	2.80	2.21	2.69	3.08	3.12	2.54
78409	2.79	2.86	2.70	1.88	2.82	2.78	2.92	2.94
78410	2.10	2.40	2.34	1.67	2.45	2.79	2.77	2.50
78411	2.25	2.40	2.48	1.89	2.58	2.84	2.90	2.54
78412	2.29	2.49	2.57	2.00	2.63	2.84	2.89	2.51
78413	2.11	2.30	2.60	2.04	2.71	2.83	2.95	2.42
78414	2.11	2.28	2.46	1.83	2.61	2.83	2.88	2.42
78415	2.10	2.33	2.37	1.95	2.64	2.73	2.85	2.21
78416	2.11	2.34	2.67	2.06	2.75	2.70	2.83	2.50
78418	2.10	2.31	2.57	2.01	2.62	2.84	2.84	2.36

In rank order from highest to lowest city wide scores for the eight broad service areas are:

1. Public Safety & Security 2.94
2. City Utility Services 2.86
3. Parks and Libraries 2.70
4. Neighborhood Services & Appearance 2.62
5. Social Media & Information 2.60
6. Citizen Involvement, Customer Service & Business Practices 2.57
7. Community Identity & Leadership 2.47
8. Condition of City Streets 2.05

Image 9, on the following page, graphs the composite mean for all eight service areas in the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey by zip code.

**Image 9. Composite Mean to All Services Questions by Zip Code**



## CONCLUSIONS

Although the data from the 2018 is not ideal for making critical managerial and personnel decisions due to the amount of time that has passed since the most previous survey and the potential bias resulting from a non-probability sample that lead to self-section, there are some conclusions that can be drawn from using this feedback mechanism:

- A. Three broad service areas continued to enjoy some of the highest levels of favorability with no statistically significant change in their favorability scores:
  - 1. Public Safety and Security, with a mean favorability score of 2.94.
    - a. Favorability scores for both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool matched the national benchmark high favorability score for:
      - i. Ambulance response time in your neighborhood.
  - 2. City Utility Services with a mean favorability score of 2.86.
  - 3. Parks and Libraries with a mean favorability score of 2.70.
- B. Strides have been made in four of the eight broad service areas as a majority of the questions within each service area having favorability score which exceeded favorability scores from previous surveys by the combined margin of error:
  - 1. Community Identity and Leadership.
    - a. The favorability score was significantly higher than the national benchmark high favorability score for:
      - i. How CC (the city) plans for and handles growth.
  - 2. Citizen Involvement, Customer Service and Business Practices.
    - a. Favorability scores from both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool exceeded the national benchmark high favorability score for:
      - i. The City of Corpus Christi welcomes citizen involvement.
  - 3. Neighborhood Services and Appearance.
  - 4. Condition of City Streets.
- C. The Condition of City Streets continues to have the lowest levels of favorability throughout the city despite statistically significant increase the favorability scores for all three questions in the area.
  - 1. The intensity of this opinion is demonstrated with the Final Data Pool favorability score matching the national benchmark low favorability score for:
    - a. The condition of neighborhood streets.
- D. Data regarding communication and information channels is also presented in the report. In that data, 68% of respondents stated they use Facebook once a week or more to get information about the City of Corpus Christ, it is by far (2.5 times) the most common social network used to get information about the city.

- E. Favorability scores on the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey exceeded the national benchmark high favorability scores by the combined margin of error for:
  - 1. How the CC (the city) plans for and handles growth.
  - 2. The City of Corpus Christi (the city) welcomes citizen involvement.
  - 3. Code enforcement of high weeds in your neighborhood.
  - 4. City efforts on litter prevention and clean up in your neighborhood.
  
- F. Although not representative of the community as a whole, the exceptionally low favorability scores in the Final Data Pool suggest that there is segment of the Corpus Christi community that have intensely negative perceptions and opinions towards a majority of community services they receive.
  
- G. Composite mean data from the 8 broad service areas by zip code suggests that those respondents at furthest from the city center tend to have lower levels of overall favorability than those closer to the city center.
  
- H. Community surveys to track changing community demographics; evaluate quality of life within a community and the quality of community services are best when done using a periodic schedule and a rigorous sampling methodology. It is highly recommended that the City adopt a periodic timetable and use rigorous probability sampling methods to assure the data gathered from those surveys is suitable for programing and budget decision-making.

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# Appendix A: Survey Instrument

## City of Corpus Christi Community Survey

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Start of Block: Welcome

Q1 What is your primary language? ¿Cual es tu idioma principal?

- ☐ English (1)
- ☐ Spanish (2)
- ☐ Other (Please enter) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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Greetings from Texas A&M University -- Corpus Christi. This is a survey being conducted by Dr. Daniel Jorgensen, Professor of Public Administration and Dr. Beth Rauhaus, Assistant Professor of Public Administration at Texas A&M University-- Corpus Christi. We are working with the City of Corpus Christi to conduct a Community Survey. The survey is a very important study that gathers information from residents like you to help the City make service improvements and budget decisions.

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Your participation in this survey is voluntary. You may refuse to take part in the survey. You will receive no direct benefits from participating in this survey. However, your responses may help us learn more about individuals understanding and perceptions of city services in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Q4 There are no foreseeable risks involved in participating in this survey other than those encountered in day-to-day life. Your survey answers will be sent to a link at Qualtrics .Com where data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. We will not collect identifying information such as your name or email address. Therefore, your responses will remain anonymous and will be reported to the City only by zip code. No one will be able to identify you or your answers, and no one will know whether or not you participated in the study. If you have questions at any time about the survey or the procedures, you may contact one of the survey supervisors, Dr. Daniel Jorgensen (phone: 361-825-3269/email:

dan.jorgensen@tamucc.edu) or Dr. Beth Rauhaus (phone: 361-825-3286/email beth.rauhaus@tamucc.edu).

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Q5 ELECTRONIC CONSENT: Please select your choice below. You may print a copy of this consent form for your records. Clicking on the “Agree” button indicates that

You have read the above information

You voluntarily agree to participate

You are 18 years of age or older

☐ No (1)

☐ Yes (2)

*Skip To: End of Block If Q5 = No*

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Q6 Which best describes your residency in Corpus Christi?

☐ I don't live in Corpus Christi (1)

☐ I consider myself a part-time resident of Corpus Christi (2)

☐ I consider myself a full-time resident of Corpus Christi (3)

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Q7 What are the last two numbers (784XX) of the zip code where you live in Corpus Christi?

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Thank you, Let's Begin.

End of Block: Welcome

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Start of Block: Community Identity and Leadership

Q9 In this group of questions we are interested in your perception of the City of Corpus Christi in terms of the quality of life in Corpus Christi, the value you receive for your tax dollar, the City's efforts in developing employment opportunities, how you view efforts the City is taking to create a vibrant downtown and bay front as well as maintaining City facilities. All of these things contribute to the identity of the the City of Corpus Christi as a place to live and the leadership shown by the City. Rate the following questions on a scale of one to four, where #1 means very dissatisfied & #4 means very satisfied. Circle #5 only if you don't know or have no opinion on any particular question.

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Q10 What is your overall opinion on the

	Very dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Satisfied (3)	Very Satisfied (4)	Don't know/Have no opinion (5)
quality of life in the City? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
quality of services provided by the City of Corpus Christi? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
value you receive for your city tax dollars & fees? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
how Corpus Christi plans for and handles growth? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City efforts to attract new employers to the community? (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City efforts to help existing employers grow? (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City efforts to create a vibrant downtown & bay front? (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
condition of City facilities? (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Q11 The next series of questions looks at your perceptions of working with the City of Corpus Christi. Using a different scale of one to four where #1 means strongly disagree & #4 means strongly agree, please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (6)	Strongly agree (7)	Don't know/Have no opinion (5)
The City of Corpus Christi welcomes citizen involvement. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The City of Corpus Christi listens to citizens. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The City of Corpus Christi keeps its citizens informed about matters that affect them. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The City of Corpus Christi resolves complaints & service problems in a timely manner. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having the City of Corpus Christi Call Center is very helpful in conducting business with the City. (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the ability to do city business on-line, such as paying bills or	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

filing service requests. (5)

City employees are knowledgeable about their work. (6)

City employees are professional in conducting their work. (7)

City employees are prompt in getting their work completed. (9)

City employees show a customer service orientation when working. (10)

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End of Block: Community Identity and Leadership

Start of Block: Neighborhood Services and Appearances

Q12 On a scale from one to four, rank your satisfaction with the following services that most often involve our neighborhoods. Remember #1 means very dissatisfied & #4 means very satisfied, while #5 means you don't know or have no opinion.

	Very dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Satisfied (3)	Very Satisfied (4)	Don't know/Have no opinion (5)
Quality of residential garbage collection in your neighborhood? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of residential curbside recycling services in your neighborhood? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of brush & bulky collection services in your neighborhood? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effectiveness of animal control services in your neighborhood? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cleanliness of city streets & public areas in your neighborhood? (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Code enforcement of high weeds in your neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(6)					
Code enforcement of dilapidated & vacant buildings in your neighborhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(7)					
City efforts on litter prevention and clean up in your neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(8)					

End of Block: Neighborhood Services and Appearances

Start of Block: Transportation and Street Maintenance

Q13 Using the same scale as the questions about your neighborhood, this set of questions asks about your opinions regarding transportation and street maintenance in Corpus Christi.

	Very dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Satisfied (3)	Very satisfied (4)	Don't know/Have no opinion (5)
Condition of neighborhood streets? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condition of major city streets? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall road conditions within the City? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: Transportation and Street Maintenance

Start of Block: Libraries and Recreation

Q14 Now we would like to know your opinions about the libraries, parks and recreational services in the City of Corpus Christi. On a scale from one to four, rank your satisfaction with the following items. Remember #1 means very dissatisfied & #4 means very satisfied, while #5 means you don't know or have no opinion.

	Very dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Satisfied (3)	Very Satisfied (4)	Don't know/Have no opinion (5)
Number and location of city parks? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall appearance of city parks? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of parks & recreation services? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of city libraries? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: Libraries and Recreation

Start of Block: City Utility Services

Q15 The City of Corpus Christi provides utility services like water, waste water, and natural gas to residents. This set of questions asks about your perception of the utility services you receive at your residence in Corpus Christi.

	Very dissatisfied (2)	Dissatisfied (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very satisfied (6)	Don't know/Have no opinion (8)
The speed of responding to requests for utility service? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ease of making utility payments? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of waste water services (sanitary sewer) to your home? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of gas service to your home? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of water service to your home? (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: City Utility Services

Start of Block: Public Safety and Security

Q16 Fire, emergency medical services and policing are some of the most essential services a city can provide its residents. Using the scale from one to four, rank your satisfaction with the following public safety and security items. Remember #1 means very dissatisfied & #4 means very satisfied, while #5 means you don't know or have no opinion.

	Very dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Satisfied (3)	Very satisfied (4)	Don't know/Have no opinion (5)
How safe I feel in my neighborhood during the day? (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How safe I feel in my neighborhood in the evening/night? (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire protection response time in your neighborhood? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ambulance response time in your neighborhood? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police emergency response time in my neighborhood? (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of traffic law enforcement? (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of crime prevention efforts? (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of fire protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

services? (3)					
Overall quality of emergency medical assistance? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of police services? (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

End of Block: Public Safety and Security

Start of Block: Getting Public Information

Q17 Today people get information from many different sources. The next few questions ask about ways you get information from and about the City of Corpus Christi.

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Q18 In this question we ask you to tell us about how often you get information from the following media sources.

	At least once a day (1)	At least once a week (2)	At least once a month (4)	Occasionally (5)	Never (6)	Don't have access/Didn't know they existed (7)
Facebook (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instagram (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twitter (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nextdoor (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Web Page (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Broadcasts on City Cable Station (Channel 20/Channel 82.2). (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q19 Now let's use the scale where #1 means very dissatisfied & #4 means very satisfied, and #5 means you don't know or have no opinion. Please rank your satisfaction with the quality of the information that you receive from the city.

- ☐ Very dissatisfied (1)
- ☐ Dissatisfied (2)
- ☐ Satisfied (3)
- ☐ Very satisfied (4)
- ☐ Don't know/Have no opinion (5)

End of Block: Getting Public Information

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Start of Block: Demographic Questions

Q20 In order to ensure that our survey includes all groups fairly, our last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

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Q21 What is your gender?

- ☐ Male (1)
- ☐ Female (2)
- ☐ Other (3)



Q22 What is your year of birth? (yyyy)

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Q23 Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

☐ No (1)

☐ Yes (2)

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Q24 Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native (1)

☐ Asian (2)

☐ Black or African American (3)

☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (4)

☐ White (5)

☐ Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_

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Q25 How many people (including yourself) live in your household?

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Q26 What are the ages of those who live in your household (in years)?

- ☐ Person 1 (you) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Person 2 (2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Person 3 (3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Person 4 (4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Person 5 (5) \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ More than 5 people (please add ages with commas in between individuals) (6)  
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Q27 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- ☐ Less than high school degree (1)
  - ☐ High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED) (2)
  - ☐ Some college but no degree (3)
  - ☐ Associate degree in college (2-year) (4)
  - ☐ Bachelor's degree in college (4-year) (5)
  - ☐ Master's degree (6)
  - ☐ Doctoral degree (7)
  - ☐ Professional degree (JD, MD) (8)
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Q28 Information about income is very important to understand. Would you please give your best guess? Please indicate the answer that includes your entire household income in (previous year) before taxes.

- ☐ Less than \$20,000 (1)
  - ☐ \$20,001 - \$40,000 (2)
  - ☐ \$40,001 - \$60,000 (3)
  - ☐ \$60,001 - \$80,000 (4)
  - ☐ Over \$80,001 (5)
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Q29 Your home is?

- ☐ Rented (1)
  - ☐ Owned (2)
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Q30 Thank you for participating in this survey.

**End of Block: Demographic Questions**

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## Appendix B: National Benchmarking Data from ETC Institute

Corpus Christi, TX Citizen Survey Benchmarking Data				
by percentage of respondents who rated the item as a 4 or a 5 on a 5-point scale (excluding "don't knows")				
Area Rated	Corpus Christi 2013 Survey	U.S. Avg. for Population 100K-500K Low	Average	High
<b>Quality of Life</b>				
As a place to live		58%	79%	97%
As a place to raise children		36%	67%	98%
As a place to work		45%	69%	92%
As a place to retire		37%	55%	77%
Overall quality of life in the City		37%	72%	94%
Overall quality of City services provided		32%	67%	93%
Value received for City tax dollars/fees		16%	47%	73%
How well the City is planning for growth		23%	40%	63%
Condition of City facilities		41%	73%	92%
<b>Neighborhood Services and Appearance</b>				
Quality of residential garbage collection		69%	85%	95%
Quality of residential curbside recycling services		55%	79%	94%
Quality of brush and bulky collection services		50%	71%	87%
Effectiveness of animal control services		33%	55%	78%
Cleanliness of city streets and public areas		31%	59%	87%
Code enforcement of high weeds		14%	42%	62%
Code enforcement of dilapidated and vacant buildings		14%	45%	66%
City efforts on litter prevention and cleanup		13%	43%	64%
Code enforcement of abandoned/junk vehicles		13%	31%	41%
<b>Transportation and Street Maintenance</b>				
Overall quality of street repair and maintenance				
Condition of major city streets		24%	50%	83%
Condition of neighborhood streets		30%	51%	75%
Overall condition of sidewalks		20%	48%	73%
Traffic flow on major city streets		15%	41%	65%
<b>Libraries, Recreation &amp; Cultural Services</b>				
Overall quality of city libraries		70%	80%	93%
Number and location of city parks		39%	71%	86%
Overall appearance of city parks		49%	73%	93%
Adequacy of youth athletic programs		25%	54%	80%
Adequacy of adult athletic programs		23%	50%	73%
Quality of outdoor athletic fields		32%	62%	82%
Overall quality of parks and recreation services		45%	73%	92%
<b>City Utility Services</b>				
Taste and quality of local drinking water		51%	63%	85%
Overall quality of water service to your home		55%	77%	95%
Effectiveness of storm water drainage		36%	59%	83%
Overall quality of wastewater services to your home		45%	68%	84%
<b>Public Safety and Security</b>				
Quality of fire protection services		79%	86%	94%
Speed of fire protection response		73%	82%	90%
Speed of emergency medical response		67%	76%	87%
Overall quality of emergency medical assistance		61%	82%	91%
Overall quality of police services		39%	72%	94%
Speed of emergency police response		20%	67%	88%
Quality of traffic law enforcement		28%	56%	73%
How safe I feel in my neighborhood during the day		72%	87%	98%
How safe I feel in my neighborhood at night		32%	66%	88%

How safe I feel walking alone downtown during the day		59%	81%	96%
How safe I feel walking alone downtown at night		25%	46%	71%
How safe I feel in city parks		33%	61%	87%
<b>Customer Service and City Business Practices</b>				
The City Employee was responsive		31%	64%	79%
The City Employee was knowledgeable		32%	59%	77%
The City Employee was courteous		37%	75%	91%
The City of Corpus Christi welcomes citizen involvement		20%	36%	51%
The City of Corpus Christi keeps its citizens informed about matters that affect them		31%	54%	79%

**Communities Included in U.S. Average with Pop. 100,000 - 500,000 that are included in the performance range:**

Columbia, MO  
 Davenport, IA  
 Des Moines, IA  
 Durham (City), NC  
 Durham (County), NC  
 Elgin, IL  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 High Point, NC  
 Independence, MO  
 Kansas City, MO  
 Mesquite, TX  
 Miami, FL  
 Naperville, IL  
 Olathe, KS  
 Overland Park, KS  
 Plano, TX  
 Pueblo, CO  
 Raleigh, NC  
 Round Rock, TX  
 Sterling Heights, MI  
 Tempe, AZ  
 Vancouver, WA  
 Wilmington, NC  
 Wyandotte County, KS



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**2018 CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY SURVEY**

- Things to keep in mind as we review the data:
  - There are two reporting groups for the data
    - QR Code Data (Probability Sample)**
      - Probability sample from a mailing of 10,000 postcards (155 returned to sender) to a random sample of street addresses within the City of Corpus Christi. The postcards invited recipients to complete the web-based survey instrument using a QR code or web link unique to the postcard recipients. This method of recruitment had 328 respondents (3.33% response rate), of which 275 (84%) were able to be used in this report.
      - There is a 95% probability that the actual value in the population is within +/-6 points of the data reported.
    - Final Data Pool (Non-probability sample of convenience)**
      - In this data pool a majority of the respondents utilized a web link that posted on the City of Corpus Christi web page and other web pages to direct them to the survey. This method of recruitment had 1357 respondents, of which 734 (54%) were able to be used in this report. Responses from both distribution channels were aggregated and are reported as the "Final Data Pool."
      - While the collective opinions gained from respondents in the Final Data Pool may have value in pointing out areas of favorability or concern, those opinions are not necessarily representative of the entire resident population.

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**HIGHEST IN FAVORABILITY HAD LITTLE TO NO CHANGE**

- Three broad service areas continued to enjoy some of the highest levels of favorability with no statistically significant change in their favorability scores:
  - Public Safety and Security, mean favorability score of 2.94.
    - Favorability scores for both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool matched the national benchmark high favorability score for:
      - Ambulance response time in your neighborhood.
  - City Utility Services, mean favorability score of 2.86.
  - Parks and Libraries mean favorability score of 2.70.

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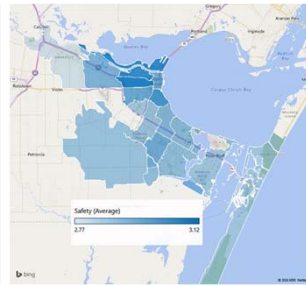
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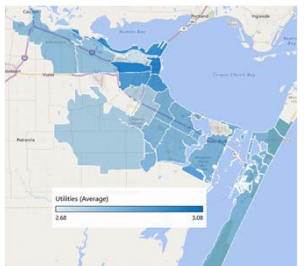
## PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100K - 500K
How safe I feel in my neighborhood in the daytime	Final Data Pool	Q1 Code Data	95% probability of 4.5%	95% probability of 4.5%
How safe I feel in my neighborhood in the nighttime	80%	80%	72-80%	72%
Fire protection response time to your residential address	65%	64%	64%	70%
Police response time to your residential address	87%	87%	92%	88%
Police response time to your commercial address	72%	74%	80%	20%
Quality of traffic law enforcement	58%	79%	79%	20%
Quality of crime prevention efforts	53%	88%	*	*
Overall quality of fire protection services	88%	87%	92%	79%
Overall quality of emergency medical services	88%	87%	94%	67%
Overall quality of police services	70%	83%	88%	38%
* Not comparable question				



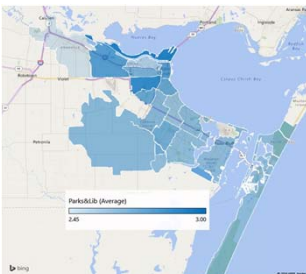
## CITY UTILITY SERVICES

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100K - 500K			
Code book within the margin of error for prior to 2018 survey	Final Data Pool	Q1 Code Data		Low Average High			
Code book exceeds the margin of error for 2018 survey			95% probability of 4.5%	95% probability of 4.5%			
The speed of responding to requests for utility service	73%	88%	83%	79%	*	*	*
Time of making utility payments	82%	84%	88%	88%	*	*	*
Overall quality of waste water services (sanitary sewers) to your home	71%	85%	77%	80%	63%	68%	84%
Overall quality of gas service to your home	91%	87%	83%	91%	*	*	*
Overall quality of water service to your home	88%	85%	82%	83%	53%	77%	95%
No comparable question				Not included in survey			Not included in survey



## PARKS AND LIBRARIES

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable responses (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 100K - 500K			
Q1 Code Book within the margin of error for prior to 2018 survey	Final Data Pool	Q1 Code Data		Low Average High			
Q1 Code Book exceeds the margin of error for 2018 survey			95% probability of 4.5%	95% probability of 4.5%			
Number and location of city parks	60%	83%	83%	83%	39%	72%	80%
Overall appearance of city parks	54%	87%	83%	73%	49%	73%	93%
Overall quality of parks & recreation services	54%	84%	70%	75%	45%	73%	92%
Overall quality of city libraries	81%	83%	89%	92%	70%	85%	93%
* No comparable question	cannot be compared to 2018 survey		highest survey score	not available for this topic			Not above national high



## STRIDES MADE

- Strides have been made in four of the eight broad service areas as a majority of the questions within each service area having favorability scores which exceeded favorability scores from previous surveys by the combined margin or error:

- Community Identity and Leadership.
  - The favorability score was significantly higher than the national benchmark high favorability score for:
    - How CC (the city) plans for and handles growth.
- Citizen Involvement, Customer Service and Business Practices.
  - Favorability scores from both the QR Code Data and the Final Data Pool exceeded the national benchmark high favorability score for:
    - The City of Corpus Christi welcomes citizen involvement.
- Neighborhood Services and Appearance.
- Condition of City Streets.

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## COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND LEADERSHIP

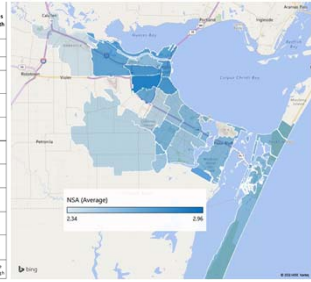
Survey Question	2018-19 Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied	2018-19 Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018-19 Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable Responses (375 Nationalities) for U.S. Cities with Population 100K - 500K
Overall quality of life in the city	62%	62%	70%	65%
Overall quality of services provided by the City	62%	62%	70%	65%
Overall value you receive for your city tax dollars	62%	62%	70%	65%
How CC plans for and handles growth	62%	62%	70%	65%
City efforts to attract new employees to the community	62%	62%	70%	65%
City efforts to help existing employees grow	62%	62%	70%	65%
City efforts to create a vibrant downtown and buy local	62%	62%	70%	65%
The overall condition of city facilities	62%	62%	70%	65%
* No comparable question	62%	62%	70%	65%

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## CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT, CUSTOMER SERVICE AND BUSINESS PRACTICES

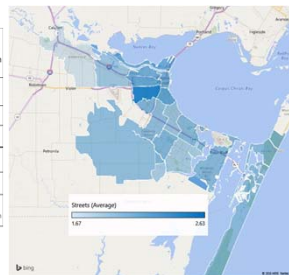
Survey Question	2018-19 Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied	2018-19 Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018-19 Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark Average of Favorable Responses (375 Nationalities) for U.S. Cities with Population 100K - 500K
Overall quality of life in the city	62%	62%	70%	65%
Overall quality of services provided by the City	62%	62%	70%	65%
Overall value you receive for your city tax dollars	62%	62%	70%	65%
How CC plans for and handles growth	62%	62%	70%	65%
City efforts to attract new employees to the community	62%	62%	70%	65%
City efforts to help existing employees grow	62%	62%	70%	65%
City efforts to create a vibrant downtown and buy local	62%	62%	70%	65%
The overall condition of city facilities	62%	62%	70%	65%
* No comparable question	62%	62%	70%	65%

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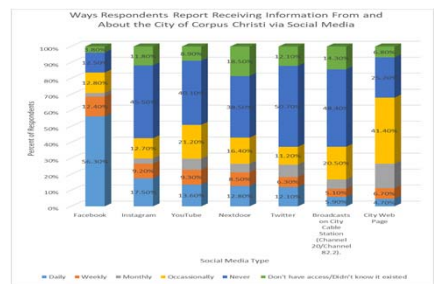
Survey Question	2018 CUE Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied	2013 CUE Survey % of Favorable Responses	2011 CUE Survey % of Favorable Responses	2014 National Benchmark Average of Favorable Responses (3TC Institute for U.S. Cities with Population 100k - 500k)		
	Final Data	QR Code Data		Low	Average	High
QR Code Data within the margin of error for a high versus low survey question		95% probability of < 4.5%	95% probability of < 4.5%			
QR Code Data within the margin of error for a high versus low survey question		95% probability of < 4.5%	95% probability of < 4.5%			
Condition of neighborhood streets	30%	61%	40%	42%	30%	53%
Condition of major city streets	26%	71%	48%	52%	24%	50%
Overall road conditions within the City	24%	68%	27%	38%	*	*

\* No comparable question



- Although the favorability scores are higher for the 2018 Community Survey, when compared to other broad service areas in the 2018 data, the condition of city streets has the mean aggregate score of 2.05.
- The intensity of this low favorability level was demonstrated with the Final Data Pool having extremely low favorability scores for all three questions in this area and matching the national benchmark low favorability score for:
  1. The condition of neighborhood streets.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND INFORMATION

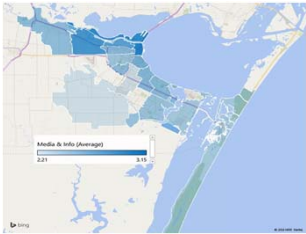


COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- With 68% of respondents stating they use Facebook once a week or more to get information about the City of Corpus Christi, it is by far (2.5 times) the most common social network used to get information about the city.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND INFORMATION

Survey Question	2018 CC Survey % of Satisfied & Very Satisfied	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 CC Survey % of Favorable Responses	2018 National Benchmark (ETC Institute) for U.S. Cities with Population 50K - 50K
On a scale from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest), how satisfied are you with the way the city communicates with you?	55%	60%	70%	60%
On a scale from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest), how satisfied are you with the way the city communicates with you?	55%	60%	70%	60%
The quality of the information that you receive from the city...	55%	60%	70%	60%
* No comparable question				



MEAN COMMUNITY SERVICE FAVORABILITY SCORE BY RANK ORDER

In rank order from highest to lowest city wide scores for the eight broad service areas are:

- 1. Public Safety & Security 2.94
- 2. City Utility Services 2.86
- 3. Parks and Libraries 2.70
- 4. Neighborhood Services & Appearance 2.62
- 5. Social Media & Information 2.60
- 6. Citizen Involvement, Customer Service & Business Practices 2.57
- 7. Community Identity & Leadership 2.47
- 8. Condition of City Streets 2.05

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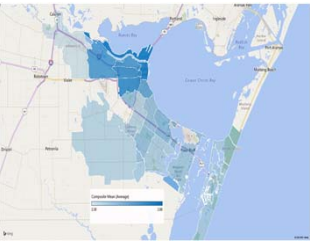
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MEAN COMMUNITY SERVICE FAVORABILITY SCORES COMPOSITE MEAN FAVORABILITY SCORES BY ZIP CODE AND

Zip code	Community Identity & Leadership	Citizen Involvement, Customer Service & Business Practices	Neighborhood Services & Appearance	Condition of City Streets	Parks & Libraries	City Utility Services	Public Safety & Security	Social Media & Information
76401	3.07	2.99	2.74	2.08	2.83	3.05	2.94	3.15
76402	3.06	2.97	2.73	2.17	3.00	3.02	3.09	3.05
76404	2.27	2.45	2.81	2.24	2.75	2.99	3.04	2.62
76405	2.63	2.75	2.96	2.63	2.94	2.96	2.96	2.41
76407	3.01	3.01	2.53	2.15	2.52	2.68	3.08	2.82
76408	3.02	2.89	2.80	2.21	2.69	3.08	3.12	2.54
76409	2.79	2.86	2.70	1.88	2.82	2.79	2.92	2.94
76410	2.50	2.40	2.34	1.67	2.45	2.79	2.77	2.50
76411	2.25	2.40	2.48	1.89	2.58	2.84	2.80	2.54
76412	2.29	2.49	2.57	2.00	2.63	2.84	2.89	2.51
76413	2.11	2.30	2.80	2.04	2.71	2.80	2.95	2.42
76414	2.11	2.28	2.46	1.98	2.61	2.80	2.98	2.42
76415	2.30	2.33	2.37	1.95	2.64	2.73	2.85	2.21
76416	2.11	2.34	2.67	2.06	2.75	2.70	2.83	2.50
76418	2.30	2.31	2.57	2.05	2.62	2.84	2.84	2.36



Composite mean data suggests that those respondents at furthest from the city center tend to have lower levels of overall favorability than those closer to the city center.

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OTHER INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND

Favorability scores on the 2018 Corpus Christi Community Survey exceeded the national benchmark high favorability scores by the combined margin of error for:

- How the CC (the city) plans for and handles growth.
- The City of Corpus Christi (the city) welcomes citizen involvement.
- Code enforcement of high weeds in your neighborhood.
- City efforts on litter prevention and clean up in your neighborhood.

Although not representative of the community as a whole, the exceptionally low favorability scores in the Final Data Pool suggest that there is segment of the Corpus Christi community that have intensely negative perceptions and opinions towards a majority of community services they receive.

Community surveys to track changing community demographics; evaluate quality of life within a community and the quality of community services are best when done using a periodic schedule and a rigorous sampling methodology. It is highly recommended that the City adopt a periodic timetable and use rigorous probability sampling methods to assure the data gathered from those surveys is suitable for programing and budget decision-making.

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- Questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?

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