

Goal 2: Public Safety

Desired Community Condition: Residents feel safe in their neighborhoods, schools and the community.



Indicator: Residents Reporting a Feeling of Safety

Progress Rating: Local Trend: POSITIVE National Comparison: NOT APPLICABLE

Indicator Description

This indicator is the percentage of residents reporting they feel safe. It is derived from responses to questions on citywide surveys about whether respondents felt safe in their neighborhoods at night and during the day. Residents were surveyed in 1999, 2001 and 2003.

Why is this indicator important?

How safe residents feel may influence their behavior. When citizens feel safe, they may be more likely to go out to events and activities. This in turn provides a street presence that can actually increase safety. Conversely, when residents feel unsafe, they may behave the same as when crime is high, staying behind locked doors and limiting their activities and increasing the potential for crime.

Data Sources

City of Albuquerque 1999 Citizens' Perceptions of Community Conditions Survey by Research and Polling, Inc. City of Albuquerque 2001 Citizens' Perceptions of Community Conditions Survey by Research and Polling, Inc. City of Albuquerque 2003 Citizens' Perceptions of Community Conditions Survey by Research and Polling, Inc.

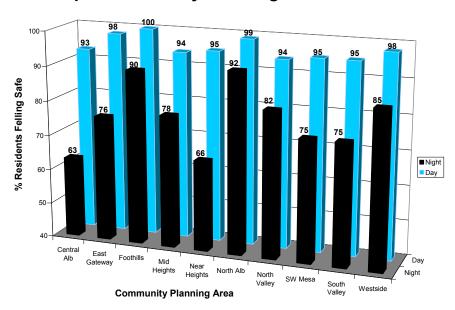
What can we tell from the data?

- In 2003, residents in all Community Planning Areas reported feeling safer by day than by night.
- In 2003, residents in Central Albuquerque and the Near Heights reported feeling the least safe of all the Community Planning Areas at night.
- In seven of the nine Community Planning Areas, residents reported feeling safer at night in 2003 than in previous years.
- In six of the nine Community Planning Areas, residents reported feeling safer during the day in 2003 than in previous years.
- For the City as a whole, residents reported feeling safer in 2003 than in 1999 and 2001.

Percent of Residents Reporting Feeling of Safety by Day and Night for Years 1999, 2001, and 2003

Year	Day	Night
1999	94	71
2001	97	72
2003	98	78

Residents Reporting Feeling of Safety by Day and Night per Community Planning Area for 2003



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