

QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY 2018

INFORMATION ON NEW ZEALAND CITIES

TOPLINE RESULTS FOR PORIRUA CITY

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Introduction

The 2018 Quality of Life survey measures the perceptions of 7,615 residents living in nine participating cities. 583 people completed a survey in Porirua. Conducted by research company Nielsen, the survey is jointly funded by the participant councils. The primary objective of the survey is to measure residents' perceptions across a range of measures that impact on New Zealanders' quality of life.

The Quality of Life survey was originally established in response to growing pressures on urban communities, concern about the impacts of urbanisation and the effect of this on the wellbeing of residents. The results of the survey are used by participating councils to help inform policy and planning responses to population growth and change.

Councils make a significant contribution to the quality of life of their residents through the provision of a wide range of public services including essential infrastructure, sporting and recreational facilities, extensive parks and reserves, cultural events, regulatory services and environmental protection. The Quality of Life survey provides an opportunity for Councils to continue to explore and measure quality of life issues in New Zealand. The following eight city councils and one regional council participated in the 2018 survey:

- Auckland Council
- Hamilton City Council
- Tauranga City Council
- Hutt City Council
- Porirua City Council
- Wellington City Council
- Christchurch City Council
- Dunedin City Council
- Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The survey covers the following topics:

- Overall Quality of life
- Environment (built and natural)
- Housing
- Public transport
- Health and wellbeing
- Crime and safety
- Community, culture and social networks
- Economic wellbeing; and
- Council decision-making processes

A random selection of residents from each Council was made from the electoral roll and residents completed the survey online or via a hardcopy questionnaire. Fieldwork took place from 10 April to 3 June 2018.

This Summary

In 2018, 583 people completed a survey in Porirua – 64% online and 36% on paper. The *margin of error* for Porirua is +/- 4.1% at the 95% confidence interval – this means that we can be 95% sure that the true value lies within this range. The margin of error for the eight cities' total is +/-1.2%.

This summary provides a simple statement of the 'topline' results for Porirua City for 2018 (expressed as %), alongside an average for the eight urban councils participating in this survey (excludes Wellington Regional Council to avoid duplicating areas).

Porirua has participated in the Quality of Life survey since 2004, and depending on the topic, sets of survey data (at two year intervals) have been provided to help assess trends over time.

The 2018 survey employed a sequential mixed-methodology, enabling residents to complete the survey either online or on paper. Residents were encouraged to complete the online survey in the first instance, and were later offered the option of completing a hard copy paper based questionnaire. 62% completed the survey online and 38% completed it on paper. Nearly 30,000 potential residents were randomly selected from the Electoral roll and invited to participate, 2,550 from Porirua. The response rate in 2018 was 31%, similar to the 30% response rate in 2016.

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In some cases, categories and questions have changed and it is not possible to make direct comparisons between years. The notation "n/c" used in some tables means "not comparable" as the category and survey question may have changed slightly or be completely new.

It should also be noted that the number of participating cities has varied over time affecting the participating city total. Each average is calculated as per the number of participating cities in that survey period.

Further Information

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RESULTS

Overall Quality Of Life

This section reports on residents' perceptions of their overall quality of life.

The majority of Porirua residents (82%) felt that they had a positive overall quality of life. This compares to the 2018 eight-city total of 84% and is similar to the Porirua result for 2016.

Quality of Life	Porirua							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Extremely good/ good	90%	92%	91%	94%	84%	84%	84%	82%

Quality of Life	Participating city total							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Extremely good/ good	88%	90%	92%	92%	80%	82%	81%	84%

Good relationships, a positive financial situation and good health/wellbeing were the main reasons why Porirua residents felt they have a positive overall quality of life. These reasons are similar to those given by the other participating cities.

In 2018 31% of Porirua residents felt their quality of life had improved over the past year, similar to the 30% eight-city total.

Built and Natural Environment

This sections reports on residents’ perceptions of their city as a place to live and the state of the natural environment.

Perception of city/local area as a great place to live

Just over seven out of ten (72%) of Porirua residents agree that their city/local area is a great place to live, with 18% who *strongly agree* and 54% who *agree*. This compares with 82% in 2016. The eight-city total in 2018 was 79%, equal to the 79% result in 2016.

Perception of city/local area as a great place to live compared to 12 months earlier

39% of Porirua residents thought the city had become a better place to live in the last 12 months and 16% thought it had become worse. This compares with 29% and 25% respectively for the eight-city total.

Reasons why some residents felt Porirua was a worse place to live than 12 months earlier included perceptions of the high cost of living, increasing crime and more undesirable elements (including gangs/youth loitering). For the other participating cities more traffic and congestion was the most commonly cited reason for negative change, followed by homelessness, a lack of affordable housing and perceptions of increasing crime.

Pride in the look and feel of city/local area

Over four out of ten (45%) of Porirua residents agree that they are proud of the look and feel of the city, with 6% who *strongly agree* and 39% who *agree*. This compares to the eight-city total of 60%.

Pride in the look and feel of the City	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Agree/ strongly agree	67%	55%	53%	55%	52%	49%	58%	45%

Pride in the look and feel of the City	Participating city total							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Agree/ strongly agree	67%	58%	62%	66%	58%	61%	62%	60%

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Perceived environmental problems in the local area

The most common perceived environmental problems in Porirua are graffiti or tagging (72%) and water pollution (69%). While these were the top two issues in 2018 both have seen declines. Perceptions of noise and air pollution have also decreased in Porirua between 2016 and 2018.

Perception of graffiti and pollution	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Year								
Graffiti or tagging	65%	77%	81%	74%	84%	79%	78%	72%
Water pollution	32%	44%	43%	50%	65%	65%	74%	69%
Noise pollution	28%	30%	27%	24%	32%	30%	39%	35%
Air pollution	10%	9%	9%	10%	16%	16%	22%	17%

Perception of graffiti and pollution	Participating city total							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Year								
Graffiti or tagging	54%	70%	76%	68%	61%	57%	55%	51%
Water pollution	26%	40%	37%	46%	43%	44%	51%	54%
Noise pollution	31%	36%	34%	35%	41%	40%	46%	45%
Air pollution	23%	30%	25%	23%	25%	26%	30%	26%

The 2018 survey also asked residents about whether they perceive rubbish or litter on streets to be a problem 72% of residents in Porirua agreed it is a problem compared with 64% for the eight-city total.

Housing

This section reports on residents’ perceptions of housing affordability, access to a suitable dwelling type and location, and warmth of housing in winter. Residents were asked how much they agree or disagree with six statements related to their current housing situation. The first three questions related to affordability and general suitability of their homes, and the subsequent three questions asked them to consider aspects of heating their homes, during the winter months in particular.

These questions were introduced in 2016.

Affordability of housing costs

In 2018, just under of half residents in Porirua (48%) consider their current housing costs to be affordable. This is similar to the eight-city total (47%). There has been very little change between 2016 and 2018 in Porirua and in the other participating cities.

Affordability of housing costs	Agree/Strongly Agree	
	2016	2018
Year		
Porirua	47%	48%
Participating cities total	47%	47%

Suitability of home type

Eight out of ten residents in Porirua (80%) *strongly agreed* or *agreed* the type of home they live in suited their needs and the needs of others in their household. This was similar to the eight-city total (81%).

In Porirua the three most common reasons given for a home not being suitable are: too small, too cold/damp and home in poor condition/needing maintenance. These were also the most common reasons for unsuitability given by other participating cities.

Suitability of home type	Agree/Strongly Agree	
	2016	2018
Year		
Porirua	86%	80%
Participating cities total	83%	81%

Suitability of location of home

Over eight out of ten residents in Porirua and other participating cities *strongly agreed*, or *agreed* that the general area they live in suits their needs and the needs of others in their household.

The most common reasons why an area or neighbourhood is not suitable in Porirua include: lacks a feeling of community, not safe in terms of crime, lack of cafes, bars and restaurants and lack of public transport. Issues were similar for other participating cities.

Suitability of home location	Agree/Strongly Agree	
	2016	2018
Year		
Porirua	89%	84%
Participating cities total	86%	84%

Home has a problem with damp or mould

Over one quarter of Porirua residents (27%) *strongly agree* or *agree*¹ that their home has a problem with damp or mould during the winter months. This was equal to the eight city total and similar to 2016 results.

Home has a problem with damp or mould	Agree/Strongly Agree	
	2016	2018
Year		
Porirua	27%	27%
Participating cities total	26%	27%

Heating system keeps home warm when used

Nearly eight out of ten (79%) of Porirua residents *strongly agree* or *agree* that they are able to heat their home during the winter months using a heating system. This is slightly higher than the previous survey and higher than the eight-city total 76%.

Heating system keeps home warm when used	Agree/Strongly Agree	
	2016	2018
Year		
Porirua	76%	79%
Participating cities total	73%	76%

¹ 19% agree and 8% strongly agree.

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Can afford to heat home properly

Nearly seven out of ten (67%) of Porirua residents *strongly agree* or *agree* that they can afford to properly heat their home during winter, similar to the eight-city total 66%.

Can afford to heat home properly	Agree/Strongly Agree	
	2016	2018
Year		
Porirua	67%	67%
Participating cities total	64%	66%

Approximately one-fifth (22%) of Porirua residents *strongly disagreed* or *disagreed* that they could afford to heat their home properly during winter, similar to the eight-city total 20%.

Transport

This section details residents' use and perceptions of public transport. For the purposes of this survey, public transport refers to ferries, trains and buses including school buses. It excludes taxis.

Frequency of use of public transport

Approximately one quarter (26%) of Porirua residents are regular users of public transport (twice or more times per week). This compares to the 2018 participating city total of 21%. Patterns of use in 2018 are largely similar to 2016 both locally and for participating cities.

Frequency Public Transport Used	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Year								
Regularly (2 or more times/ week)	n/c	31%	26%	19%	28%	32%	29%	26%
Often (once/wk or 2-3 times/ month)	n/c	9%	11.5%	8%	9%	8%	11%	10%
Irregularly (once a month or less than once a month)	n/c	32%	36%	34%	34%	33%	32%	28%
Did not use	n/c	24%	25%	39%	29%	27%	27%	35%

Frequency Public Transport Used	Participating city total							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Year								
Regularly (2 or more times/ week)	n/c	21%	19%	19%	20%	21%	21%	21%
Often (once/wk or 2-3 times/ month)	n/c	9%	8%	8%	10%	10%	10%	11%
Irregularly (once a month or less than once a month)	n/c	26%	31%	34%	33%	33%	29%	30%
Did not use	n/c	34%	40%	39%	36%	34%	37%	36%

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Perceptions of public transport

Porirua residents' perceptions of public transport are less positive in 2018 than two years earlier, particularly perceptions of affordability which have decreased from 53% to 41% between 2016 and 2018. Affordability is also an issue for the other participating cities.

Perceptions of public transport Agree / Strongly agree	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Affordable	69%	66%	55%	47%	45%	43%	53%	41%
Safe	81%	82%	78%	78%	75%	79%	82%	77%
Ease of access to	n/c	n/c	82%	84%	83%	81%	83%	75%
Reliable	n/c	n/c	65%	59%	55%	61%	64%	56%
Frequent	n/c	n/c	71%	70%	64%	64%	69%	64%

Perceptions of public transport Agree./ Strongly agree	Participating city total							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Affordable	69%	57%	53%	47%	46%	43%	47%	45%
Safe	71.5%	73%	72%	75%	75%	73%	74%	73%
Ease of access to	n/c	n/c	64%	69%	73%	71%	70%	68%
Reliable	n/c	n/c	51%	53%	48%	47%	50%	48%
Frequent	n/c	n/c	49%	57%	56%	53%	55%	55%

Health and Wellbeing

This section explores residents' perceptions and behaviour regarding their general health, physical activity and emotional wellbeing.

Overall health

In 2018, most Porirua residents (80%) rated their overall health positively. This is similar to the eight-city total 80%.

Overall health	Porirua							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Excellent/ very good/ good	87%	93%	87%	86%	84%	82%	81%	80%

Overall health	Participating city total							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Excellent/ very good/ good	88%	90%	87%	89%	82%	81%	82%	79%

Frequency of doing physical activity in the past week

Over one third (35%) of Porirua residents report exercising at least five days per week compared with 50% in 2016. The other participating cities also saw a decline from 45% in 2016 to 39% in 2018. The number of Porirua residents exercising 1-2 times per week doubled from 11% in 2016 to 23% in 2018.

Frequency of Doing Physical Activity	Porirua							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
5+ days/week	n/c	57%	50%	52%	48%	47%	50%	35%
3-4 days/week	n/c	24%	23%	27%	29%	29%	32%	31%
1-2 day per week	n/c	13%	16%	15%	17%	18%	11%	23%
No form of exercise	n/c	6%	10%	6%	6%	6%	6%	11%

Frequency of Doing Physical Activity	Participating city total							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
5+ days/week	n/c	56%	49%	52%	48%	46%	45%	39%
3-4 days/week	n/c	23%	26%	27%	27%	29%	29%	29%
1-2 day per week	n/c	13%	15%	13%	19%	19%	18%	20%
No form of exercise	n/c	7%	9%	8%	7%	7%	8%	11%

Stress

Residents were asked how often during the past 12 months they had experienced stress that had had a negative effect on them. 19% of Porirua residents report feeling some stress *always* or *most of the time* (20% for the 2018 participating city total). Conversely, 31% of Porirua residents report *never* or *rarely* feeling stress, similar to the 29% eight-city total.

Felt some stress with a negative effect	Porirua							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Always/most of the time	12%	9%	8%	8%	15%	16%	15%	19%

Felt some stress with a negative effect	Participating city total							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Always/most of the time	15%	10%	8%	9%	18%	17%	17%	20%

Availability of support

Over nine in ten (93%) of residents from Porirua feel they have someone to rely on for help if faced with physical injury or illness, or if in need of support during an emotionally difficult time. This compares with 94% for the 2018 eight-city total.

Availability of support	Porirua							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Have someone to turn to	95%	n/c	98%	96%	92%	93%	93%	93%

Availability of support	Participating city total							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Have someone to turn to	%	n/c	98%	97%	91%	92%	90%	94%

WHO 5 wellbeing index

The WHO 5 is a measure of emotional wellbeing. Residents are asked to rate the extent to which each of the five wellbeing indicators has been present or absent in their lives over the previous two week period, on a six point scale ranging from ‘all of the time’ to ‘at no time’. The questions were:

- I have felt cheerful and in good spirits
- I have felt calm and relaxed
- I have felt active and vigorous
- I woke up feeling fresh and rested
- My daily life has been filled with things that interest me

The WHO 5 is scored out of 25 with 0 being the lowest level of emotional wellbeing. Scores below 13 are considered indicative of poor emotional wellbeing and may indicate a risk of poor mental health.

- 27% of Porirua residents scored below 13 compared with 30% for the participating cities total. This is a new question so there is no comparative data for previous years.

Crime and Safety

This section details residents' perceptions of problems in their city or local area in the last twelve months, as well as their sense of safety in their homes, neighbourhoods and city centres.

Perception about Crime and Safety Issue as a problem	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Dangerous driving ²	65%	65%	69%	62%	67%	64%	66%	67%
Theft or damage to cars	39%	63%	64%	59%	72%	69%	70%	66%
Alcohol or drugs	n/c	n/c	n/c	58%	73%	71%	69%	67%
Feel unsafe around some people ³	33%	49%	52%	50%	60%	65%	58%	60%
Vandalism	41%	52%	54%	49%	61%	63%	73%	57%
People begging in the street	na	na	na	na	na	56% ⁴	54%	59%

Perceptions of Issues in local area in the last 12 months

The most commonly perceived crime issues by Porirua residents over the last twelve months are dangerous driving and drugs and alcohol (67% for each). Perceptions about people begging being a problem in Porirua have fluctuated since the question was introduced in 2014 (varying between 54% and 59%) but has increased from 33% in 2014 to 54% in 2018 for the eight-city total.

² Includes drink-driving and speeding.

³ Due to their attitude or appearance.

⁴ Big problem (22%) or bit of a problem 34%.

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Perception about Crime and Safety Issue as a problem	Participating city total							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Dangerous driving ¹	62%	74%	73%	75%	67%	65%	67%	66%
Theft or damage to cars	39%	63%	62%	60%	59%	55%	61%	55%
Alcohol or drugs	n/c	n/c	n/c	65%	59%	55%	60%	52%
Feel unsafe around some people ¹	28%	49%	50%	48%	45%	45%	51%	46%
Vandalism	33%	54%	53%	49%	47%	49%	51%	41%
People begging in the street	na	na	na	na	na	33%	45%	54%

People sleeping rough in the street/in vehicles

4-% of residents in Porirua perceive people sleeping rough in the street/in vehicles to have been a problem in the last 12 months, compared with 48% for the eight-city total. This is a new question in the 2018 survey so no comparative data is available for previous years.

Sense of safety

Residents were asked to rate their general feelings of safety when considering four different circumstances: in their own home after dark; walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark; in their city centre during the day; and in their city centre after dark.

Sense of Safety (very safe/fairly safe)	Porirua							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
In home after dark	88%	95%	93%	95%	91%	89%	93%	92%
Walking alone in local neighbourhood after dark	n/c	66%	63%	72%	63%	61%	68%	62%
In City Centre after dark	66%	49%	50%	53%	42%	31%	38%	34%
In City Centre during day	n/c	94%	93.5%	93%	89%	87%	87%	90%

Sense of Safety (very safe/fairly safe)	Participating city total							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
In home after dark	88%	91%	93%	94%	90%	89%	89%	92%
Walking alone in local neighbourhood after dark	n/c	61%	59%	69%	58%	59%	63%	65%
In City Centre after dark	76%	50%	49%	54%	42%	43%	40%	48%
In City Centre during day	n/c	92%	93%	95%	91%	91%	88%	91%

Perceptions of safety at home after dark and in the city centre during the day remain high in Porirua and in the other participating cities. Approximately two thirds of residents in Porirua and other participating cities feel safe walking alone in their neighbourhood at night. Residents feel the least safe in their city centres at night.

Community, Culture and Social Networks

This section reports on questions relating to social participation and engagement with others. Areas covered include residents' perceptions of a sense of community within their local area, their participation in social networks and groups, their contact with others in their neighbourhood, and whether they have experienced feelings of isolation in the last 12 months. The section also provides results on residents' perceptions of the impact of increased ethnic and cultural diversity on their city, and perceptions of their local arts scene.

Sense of community experienced

58% of Porirua residents *agree* or *strongly agree* that they experience a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood (52% for the 2018 eight-city total).

Felt sense of community in local neighbourhood	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Agree/ strongly agree	66%	67%	60%	65%	63%	56%	64%	58%

Felt sense of community in local neighbourhood	Participating city total								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Agree/ strongly agree		61%	56%	53.5%	60%	53%	53%	58%	52%

In 2018, just over three quarters (76%) of Porirua residents consider it is important to feel a sense of community with the people in their neighbourhood, compared with 71% for the eight-city total.

Participation in social networks and groups

The most popular social networks for Porirua residents are online communities such as Facebook or Twitter. Participation in online communities has grown from 36% in 2008 to 57% in 2018. The participating cities total has also shown an increase during the same period from 31% in 2008 to 54% in 2018.

Clubs and societies (e.g. sports clubs, poetry groups, book clubs) are the second most popular social network in Porirua at 35% participation, followed by professional/work networks at 25% and faith-based group/church communities (23%). Participation in the latter has declined from 36% in 2006 to 23% in 2018.

Most common social networks	Porirua								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Online community e.g. Facebook/twitter...		n/c	n/c	36%	48%	44%	47%	44%	57%
Church or spiritual group		n/c	36%	36%	36%	22%	26%	26%	23%

Note: trends data is not provided for other common social networks as the 2018 survey altered the categories e.g. combined sports groups into clubs and societies, whereas previously they had been separate.

Contact with people in the neighbourhood

Most people in Porirua had some kind of positive contact with people in their neighbourhood in the last 12 months, such as saying hello (64%), visiting or asking small favours (47%) or strong positive contacts such as close friendships (26%). This was similar to the contact experiences for the other participant cities.

7% of Porirua residents had no contact with people in their neighbourhood, which is the same as the eight-city total. 15% of Porirua residents had negative contact compared with the 16% eight-city total.

Frequency of feeling isolated

67% of Porirua residents *rarely* or *never* felt isolated over the past twelve months. This is similar to the 2018 eight-city total 65%.

Feeling of isolation or loneliness	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Rarely / never	81%	84%	84%	81%	73%	72%	71%	67%

Feeling of isolation or loneliness	Participating city total							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Rarely / never	82%	82%	83%	82%	65%	68%	68%	65%

Trust

More than six out of ten (63%) of Porirua residents say you can trust people, with 8% saying people can almost always be trusted and 55% saying people can usually be trusted. This is similar to the results from the eight participating cities (64%).

Impact of greater cultural diversity

Nearly six out of ten (58%) Porirua residents consider their city to be a better place to live due to the increasing cultural diversity in their local area. This is similar to the 2018 eight-city total of 57%.

Perceived impact of cultural diversity on City	Porirua							
	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Made City a better place/ much better place	n/c	64%	56%	64%	57%	58%	63%	58%

Perceived impact of cultural diversity on City	Participating city total							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Made City a better place/ much better place	n/c	58%	59%	62%	52%	57%	56%	57%

Culturally rich and diverse arts scene

Between 2016 and 2018 there was a significant decrease in the number of residents in Porirua and in the other participating cities who perceive their city to have a culturally rich and diverse arts scene. Porirua decreased 15% during this period and the eight-city total decreased by 26%.

Perception that Porirua has a culturally rich and diverse arts scene	Porirua							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Agree/ strongly agree	79%	80%	76%	81%	72%	66%	67%	51%

Perception that the city has a culturally rich and diverse arts scene	Participating city total							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Agree/ strongly agree	70%	72%	69%	75%	47%	45%	66%	40%

Economic Wellbeing

This section reports on residents’ employment status, their perceptions of work/life balance, and their ability to cover costs of everyday needs.

Employment Status

Just over half (51%) of Porirua residents are employed full time (for 30 hours or more per week) and 14% are in part-time work and 19% of Porirua residents are not in paid employment and not looking for work. 9% of residents not in paid employment are looking for work. In 2018 Porirua had greater numbers not in paid employment but looking for work, compared to the eight city total.

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Work Status	Porirua							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
30 or more hours/week	n/c	60%	56%	53%	57%	55%	58%	51%
Part-time (less than 30 hrs/wk)	n/c	18%	18%	20%	13%	17%	17%	14%
Not in paid employment and not looking for work	n/c	17%	21%	17%	17%	16%	17%	19%
Not in paid employment but looking	n/c	4%	5%	9%	8%	7%	5%	9%

Work Status	Participating city total							
Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
30 or more hours/week	n/c	52%	54%	52%	52%	53%	54%	55%
Part-time (less than 30 hrs/wk)	n/c	21%	21%	20%	16%	17%	15%	16%
Not in paid employment and not looking for work	n/c	22%	21%	20%	20%	19%	20%	19%
Not in paid employment but looking	n/c	4%	4%	8%	6%	6%	6%	5%

Balance between work and other aspects of life

Over six in ten (64%) of Porirua residents are satisfied with the balance of work and other aspects of their life. This compares to the eight-city total 60%. There has been little change between 2016 and 2018.

Work/ Life Balance	Porirua								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Very Satisfied/ Satisfied		68%	78%	76%	82%	61%	64%	65%	64%

Work/ Life Balance	Participating city total								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Very Satisfied/ Satisfied		65%	75%	76%	79%	61%	60%	61%	60%

Ability to cover costs of everyday needs

46% of Porirua residents feel they have *more than enough* or *enough* money to cover the costs of their everyday needs (10% and 36% respectively). 29% of Porirua residents say they have *just enough money* and 19% say they *have not enough money*. There are only small differences between Porirua and the 2018 eight-city total.

Ability to Cover Costs of Everyday Needs	Porirua								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
More than enough		n/c	20%	15.5%	14%	11%	11%	8%	10%
Enough		n/c	35%	38%	38%	32%	31%	38%	36%
Just enough		n/c	33%	33%	33%	30%	35%	32%	29%
Not enough		n/c	12%	12.5%	14%	23%	20%	17%	19%

Ability to Cover Costs of Everyday Needs	Participating city total							
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
More than enough	n/c	11%	13%	14%	12%	10%	9%	11%
Enough	n/c	40%	37%	36%	29%	30%	31%	34%
Just enough	n/c	36%	36%	36%	33%	36%	35%	34%
Not enough	n/c	12%	13%	13%	22%	20%	19%	16%

Council Processes

This section details residents’ perceptions of their local council, including their confidence in council decision-making and their perception of how much influence the public has on council decision-making.

Confidence in Council decision-making

Nearly four out of ten (38%) of Porirua residents have confidence that the Council makes decisions in the best interests of their city. This is a 9% decrease on the 2016 survey. The eight-city total has also decreased by 7% between 2016 and 2018.

Confidence in Council Decision-Making	Porirua								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Agree/ strongly agree		52%	48%	51.5%	56%	47%	53%	47%	38%

Confidence in Council Decision-Making	Participating city total								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Agree/ strongly agree		49%	42%	44%	53%	36%	40%	39%	32%

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Perception of public's influence on Council decision-making

Four out of ten (41%) of Porirua residents say the public has influence on the decisions the Council makes. This is similar to the 2016 survey result and 6% higher than the eight-city total 34%.

Perception of Public's Influence on Council Decision-Making	Porirua								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Some influence/ large influence		55%	63%	68%	66%	50%	47%	42%	41%

Perception of Public's Influence on Council Decision-Making	Participating city total (%)								
	Year	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Some influence/ large influence		53%	55%	59%	62%	37%	40%	40%	34%

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