



Community Survey Results December 2025

Executive Summary

The Neligh City Community Survey highlights active involvement from residents and stakeholders, including the Neligh Economic Development organization, which demonstrates our commitment and will play a key role in spearheading the upcoming new strategic plan.

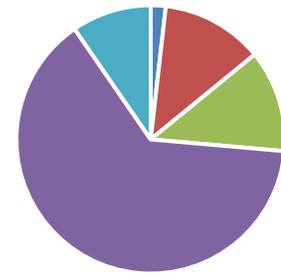
Feedback reveals strong community pride and a desire for ongoing improvements in infrastructure, housing options, business growth, and quality-of-life services. Residents appreciate the small-town vibe but also see opportunities to enhance services, communication, and long-term planning.

These results are intended to guide the City Council in decision-making, strategic planning, and fostering open communication with the community.

How long have you lived in Neligh?

Total Responses: 114

- Less than 1 year: 2 (1.8%)
- 1-5 years: 14 (12.3%)
- 6-10 years: 14 (12.3%)
- Over 10 years: 73 (64.0%)
- I don't live in Neligh, but I work or visit regularly: 11 (9.6%)

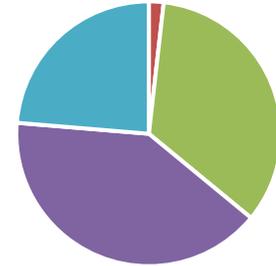


■ <1 yr. ■ 1-5 yr. ■ 6-10 yr. ■ 10 + yr. ■ Non Resident

What is your age group?

Total Responses: 114

- Under 18: 0 (0.0%)
- 18-24: 2 (1.8%)
- 25-44: 39 (34.2%)
- 45-64: 46 (40.4%)
- 65+: 27 (23.7%)

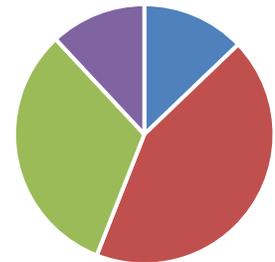


■ Under 18 ■ 18-24 ■ 25-44
■ 45-64 ■ 65+

Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of life in Neligh?

Total Responses: 114

- Very satisfied: 16 (14.0%)
- Satisfied: 47 (41.2%)
- Neutral: 35 (30.7%)
- Dissatisfied: 13 (11.4%)
- Very dissatisfied: 3 (2.6%)

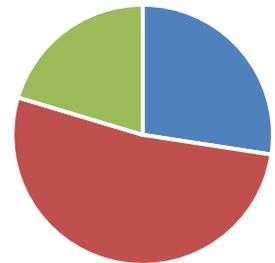


■ Very ■ Satisfied
■ Neutral ■ Dissatisfied

Please rate Public Safety in Neligh

Total Responses: 114

- 31 (27.2%) Excellent
- 59 (51.8%) Good
- 23 (20.2%) Fair
- 0 (0.0%) Poor
- 1 (0.9%) Unsure

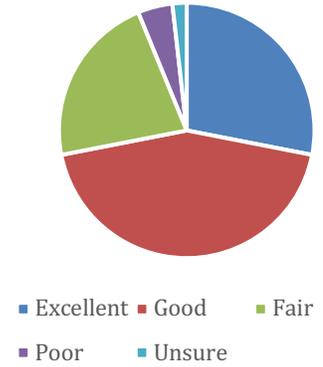


■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Fair
■ Poor ■ Unsure

Please rate parks and outdoor spaces in Neligh

Total Responses: 114

- 32 (28.1%) Excellent
- 50 (43.9%) Good
- 25 (21.9%) Fair
- 5 (4.4%) Poor
- 2 (1.8%) Unsure



Please rate schools and educational resources in Neligh

Total Responses: 114

- 10 (8.8%) Excellent
- 39 (34.2%) Good
- 37 (32.5%) Fair
- 18 (15.8%) Poor
- 10 (8.8%) Unsure



Please rate health care access in Neligh

Total Responses: 114

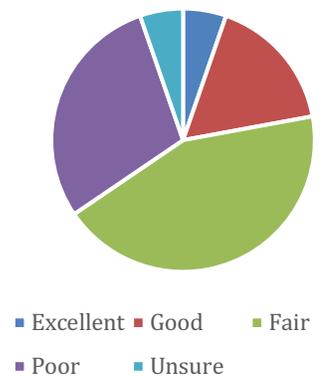
- 44 (38.6%) Excellent
- 43 (37.7%) Good
- 22 (19.3%) Fair
- 3 (2.6%) Poor
- 2 (1.8%) Unsure



Please rate housing options in Neligh

Total Responses: 113

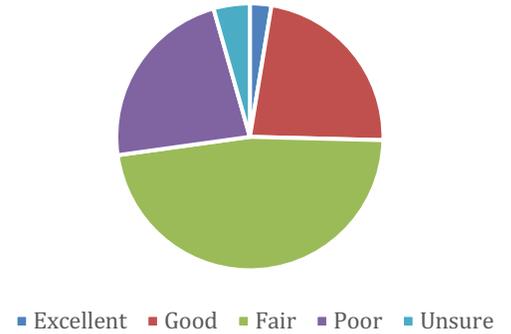
- 6 (5.3%) Excellent
- 19 (16.8%) Good
- 49 (43.4%) Fair
- 33 (29.2%) Poor
- 6 (5.3%) Unsure



Please rate job opportunities in Neligh

Total Responses: 114

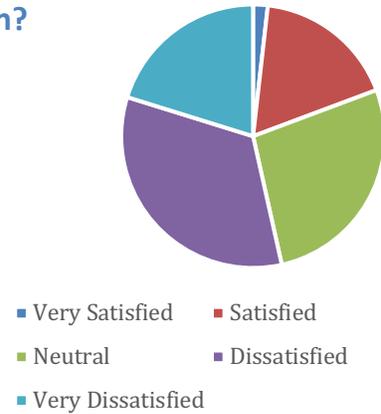
- 3 (2.6%) Excellent
- 26 (22.8%) Good
- 54 (47.4%) Fair
- 26 (22.8%) Poor
- 5 (4.4%) Unsure



How satisfied are you with street maintenance in Neligh?

Total Responses: 114

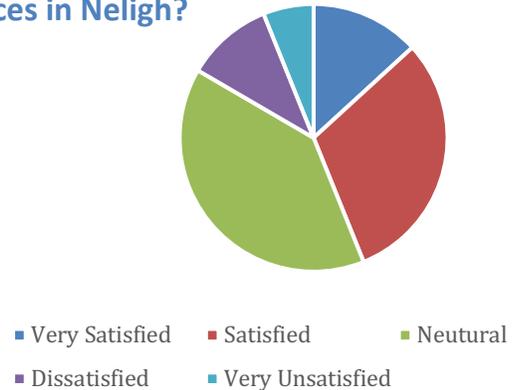
- 2 (1.8%) Very satisfied
- 20 (17.5%) Satisfied
- 31 (27.2%) Neutral
- 38 (33.3%) Dissatisfied
- 23 (20.2%) Very dissatisfied



How satisfied are you with electric and utility services in Neligh?

Total Responses: 114

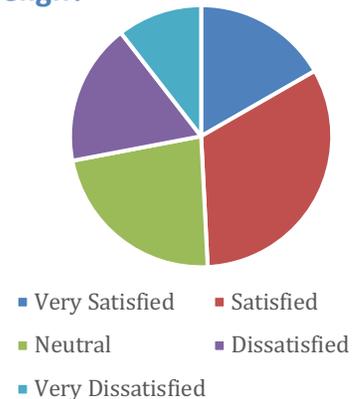
- 15 (13.2%) Very satisfied
- 35 (30.7%) Satisfied
- 45 (39.5%) Neutral
- 12 (10.5%) Dissatisfied
- 7 (6.1%) Very dissatisfied



How satisfied are you with trash and recycling services in Neligh?

Total Responses: 114

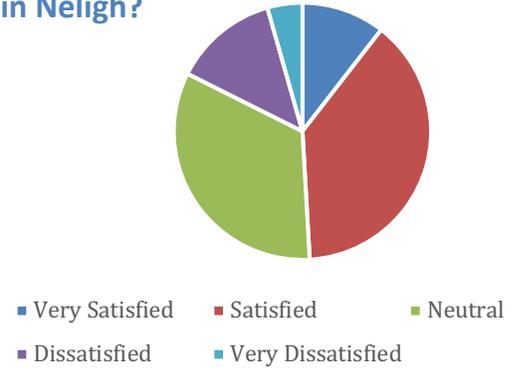
- 19 (16.7%) Very satisfied
- 37 (32.5%) Satisfied
- 26 (22.8%) Neutral
- 20 (17.5%) Dissatisfied
- 12 (10.5%) Very dissatisfied



How satisfied are you with water and sewer services in Neligh?

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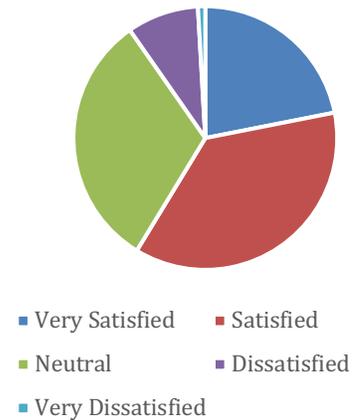
- 12 (10.5%) Very satisfied
- 44 (38.6%) Satisfied
- 38 (33.3%) Neutral
- 15 (13.2%) Dissatisfied
- 5 (4.4%) Very dissatisfied



How satisfied are you with city communication - website, Code Red, and social media in Neligh?

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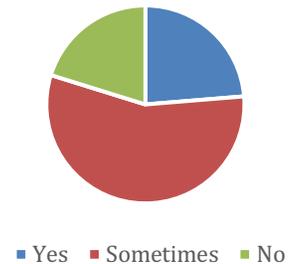
- 25 (21.9%) Very satisfied
- 42 (36.8%) Satisfied
- 36 (31.6%) Neutral
- 10 (8.8%) Dissatisfied
- 1 (0.9%) Very dissatisfied



Do you feel well informed about events, services, and initiatives in Neligh?

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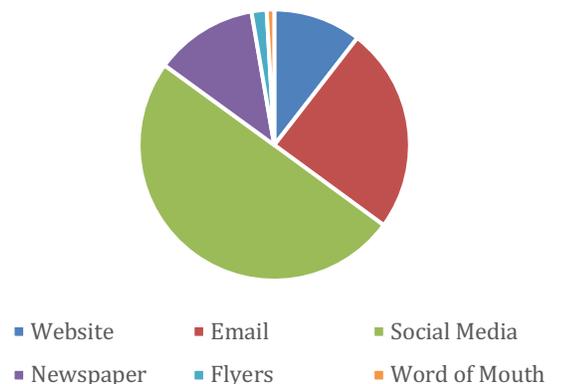
- 27 (23.7%) Yes
- 64 (56.1%) Sometimes
- 23 (20.2%) No



What is your preferred way to receive updates from the City of Neligh?

Total Responses: 114

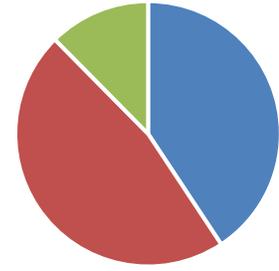
- Website - neligh.org: 12 (10.5%)
- Email newsletter: 28 (24.6%)
- Social media: 57 (50.0%)
- Newspaper: 14 (12.3%)
- Flyers or posters around town: 2 (1.8%)
- Word of mouth: 1 (0.9%)



Have you visited neligh.org in the past 6 months?

Total Responses: 113

- 46 (40.7%) Yes
- 53 (46.9%) No
- 14 (12.4%) I wasn't aware of the website

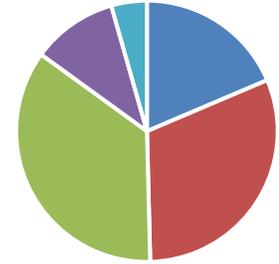


■ Yes ■ No ■ Unaware of website

How likely are you to recommend Neligh as a great place to live, work, or visit?

Total Responses: 113

- 21 (18.6%) Very likely
- 35 (31.0%) Likely
- 40 (35.4%) Neutral
- 12 (10.6%) Unlikely
- 5 (4.4%) Very unlikely



■ Very Likely ■ Likely ■ Neutral
■ Unlikely ■ Very Unlikely

What do you value most about living in or near Neligh?

- Small town feel
- Smaller community, less crime, and traffic
- Quality people and more opportunities for involvement
- The people!
- Community
- Close to work and family
- Low cost of living
- Friendly, safe
- Quiet, peaceful, family
- Safety, community
- Peace and quiet
- Having a school, grocery store, pool, post office, banks, hospital, and businesses in town
- Proximity to family, access to basic amenities and services, friendly community
- The small community with places to get everything you need
- We have a pool, a great park, nice library, baseball ball program and a coffee shop! hopefully our small town will have a theater too
- The hospital, the county seat, the school
- Great people, many amenities, safety, job opportunities
- Close community atmosphere and walkability
- The small town feel and the friendly people
- Good hospitals, doctors, small town life but close enough to get to a city in a couple of hours. Great emergency responders. Always activities going on if you want to participate. A great park!
- I value the close knit community and feel like I know my neighbors

What information or features would you like to see added or improved on the city website?

- Community calendar
- Business Hours
- More information about event and updates for events has they get closer or changes are made
- Updated information. A lot of old articles and old sources
- Very user unfriendly
- Poor information. When closed due to weather, swimming lessons signup/info, lap swim availability. Economic development/chamber updates.
- Keeping it updated more often
- Needs to be updated, information is outdated
- I don't use the website
- Consistent updates. Reminders of recycling pick up. More community events updates, I don't always go on FB
- Goals or mission and steps completed to accomplish this
- I think it's informative as is
- The information is good but could be updated more frequently
- Introduce new people in town and get them involved
- It is very unorganized in my opinion. Too much information on too many pages.
- Need to update regularly the people that work for the city of Neligh. Job title, name, picture & salary they are being paid. Also need to know if they are full time, part time or seasonal.
- Didn't know they had a website
- I would like to find easy accessible information for city hours, post office hours, compactor hours, library hours, and all other public office hours on the website in an easy place to find.
- Updated hours for the compactor, more things going on in Neligh
- Lots of info to keep updated

What are the top three priorities you believe the City of Neligh should focus on in the next five years?

- Streets
- Business Attraction Affordable housing options Increase in apartment style housing Better park equipment for the kids
- Some streets need fixing, housing, clean up some lots especially for those who aren't able to do it for themselves!
- Streets Trash prices Clean up around town
- Streets, housing, more restaurants
- The youth
- Garbage, utility affordability, employee accountability
- Working together with business Incentives to bring in new businesses Housing
- Paved streets are getting bad, they need to budget for patching or replacing existing paving soon. clean up hilltop autos junk yard. Its and eye sore to the city.

- Park upgrades (more covered grand stands) Try to bring in 1 or 2 more restaurants (different than what there is now) Get rid of Neligh bags and go all trash cans
- Street improvements Sidewalk Improvements Recycling would be easier done like in other towns- clean all items all placed in one bag and the In sorted by workers/jail workers
- Streets improvements Sidewalk improvements Recycling improvements
- Road/sidewalk maintenance weekly recycle pickup Lower electric and trash rates
- Dog park, streets, and affordable housing
- Revitalize downtown. Remove junky homes. Social events for adults.
- Housing School bond Diversity
- Jobs Housing affordable getting young adults that are moving home involved in the community
- Create housing options to bring families to Neligh. Create good jobs that interest families that will stay. Continue to improve the lifestyle and yet make it affordable w taxes and utilities as so forth to entice and encourage young families to be able to afford to live in Neligh.
- Continue putting pressure on abandoned houses to be cleaned up or tore down. More improvements and things to do in the park like a splash pad, park items, etc. More grants of assistance to help ppl improve housing options to bring more families to Neligh.
- Creating a place for teens to hang out. There is no place and no entertainment available for kids/families outside of school activities. Focus on bringing in new business and bring more people into town. Better communication (in Spanish and English) about events that are happening and ways to get involved in town. How can people find out about board and service opportunities?
- Trimming low branches of the trees overhanging the streets Cleaning up abandoned houses
- Affordable trash pick up. All the cars in yards that don't move. Streets falling apart.
- Affordable housing. Jobs. More small businesses.
- Updating parks and park equipment along with the pool.
- Lowering property tax Fixing city streets Why are you charging for trash bags when you ALSO charge for trash services? Doesn't make since as a new resident in the high cost of living town

Is there anything else you would like to share about your experiences or ideas for Neligh?

- I love hearing the City Council meetings, but can't hear it very well! I don't know if the presenters don't have a microphone or what? We are very fortunate with all we have here in Neligh.
- There are great people who live and work in Neligh that make this place a reason to live here
- There are so many ordinances, rules, and regulations. It cost triple to live in Neligh than surrounding communities.
- Please force owners of abandoned houses to take care of the property.

- Great to see businesses like the coffee shop, boutiques open up. Would love to see incentives for restaurants and business growth. Worry that long term we will continue to see population decline if we don't have work opportunities that interest people.
- Splash pad in the park, improve the streets.
- I am proud to live in Neligh
- Neligh has potential! Move toward progress.
- Continue to try to improve and expand Neligh. Doing a great job of clearing the lots and cleaning things up!! Now to add housing options or even job options to have ppl want to move to Neligh. Add a splash pad to the park. Compare trash, utilities, taxes to area towns to be comparable and enticing for ppl to want to move to Neligh. What are the reasons that we can implement in Neligh to keep them living in our town?
- Public access is great. Parks are wonderful. The library is a great resource, although small and cramped. Dial a ride is a great service to this town also.
- Everyone at the city is doing a great job – keep it up! The city looks great.
- We need more restaurants.
- Expand area or purchase land to grow our community
- No, I appreciate all we have, but mostly appreciate the generosity and kindness of our community members
- Require “nuisance” run down house owners to rehab & then sell or rent, or have property torn down and sell the lot.
- The cost of living in Neligh with utilities and rent you can't hardly make ends meet by working there
- Growing up and being raised in this small town was the best
- Less employees
- Building codes in the town can easily be described as HOA style codes. So it make it very difficult to do anything here. People understand codes are for public safety. But several of these go well past public safety. We must remember we are in an farming community not a big city. So in the restriction of garage sizes, green space, or other things, you're just preventing people from moving into and building in this town.
- Neligh is a very cliquish town. Everyone wants someone else to do something but when you do then no one shows up. It's very frustrating.
- More people and or businesses get involved with helping events! Everyone should be encouraged to help with whatever and whenever without being asked! Bring back the ministerial where all Churches work together to bring back unity not division
- Why do we have so many obstacles at the city office, when we are simply trying to improve what we have?
- Allow bigger business to move in, but that requires good housing to accommodate
- I think it would be great if we could not get charged twice for trash... when people from out of town can come to our compactor and just get charged once while we are the residents of Neligh and getting charged multiple times
- Trucks parking in the turning lane by Cubby's and getting something to eat. Accident waiting to happen.

**** This report includes only a subset of comments to keep the document's length manageable.****