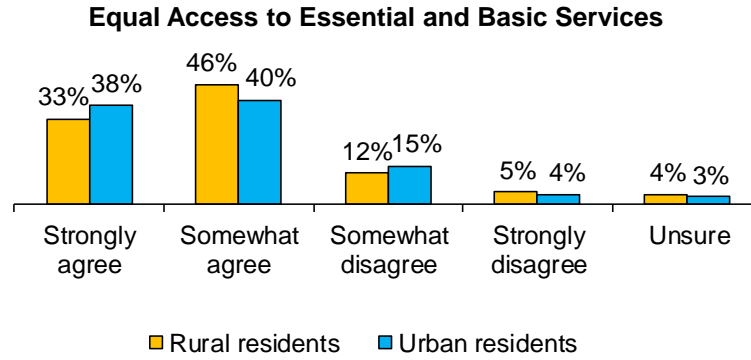
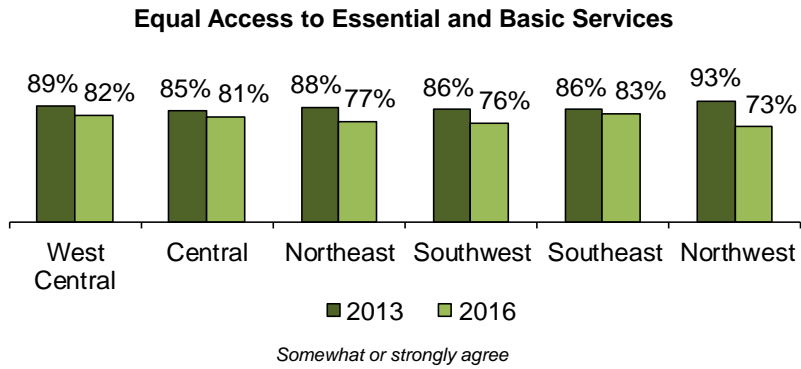


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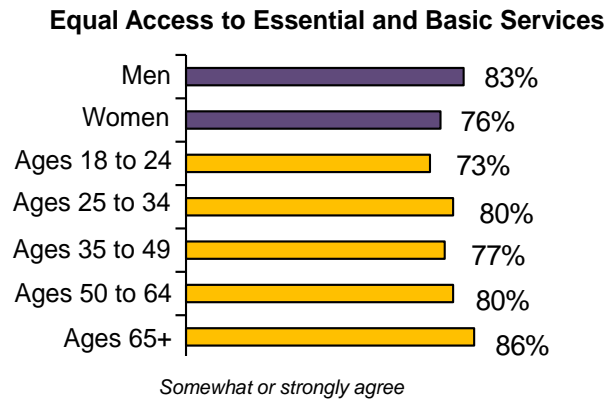
About four in five rural residents (79%) believe that their community offers equal access to essential services, while 17 percent do not.



Residents in Central Minnesota are the most satisfied with community service offerings. Those in the Northwest had the most significant decline in service satisfaction since 2013 (down 20%).



Women and those ages 25 to 24 are the least likely to agree that all sectors within their rural community are equally served.

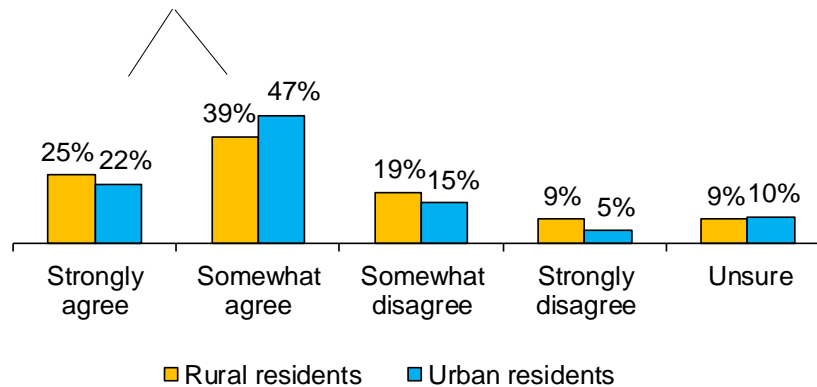


Internet Access

Nearly two-thirds (64%) feel their community does an agreeable job at improving access to the internet. Twenty-eight percent disagree. Urban area residents are slightly more likely to feel internet access has improved.

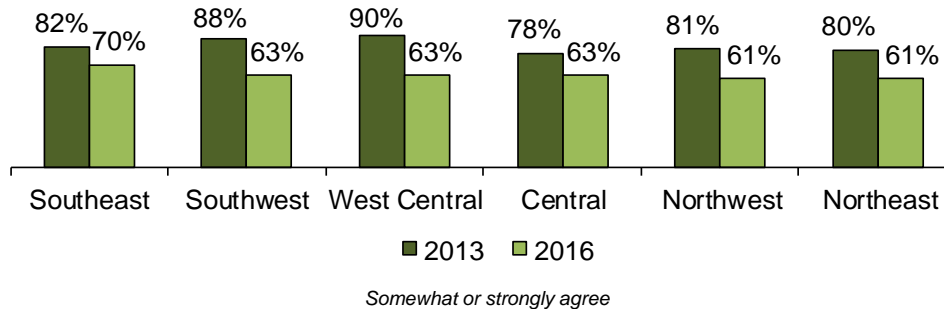
Community Does a Good Job Improving Access to the Internet

64% Rural vs. 68% Urban



Again, rural residents overall, regardless of region, are less likely than those surveyed in 2013 to feel satisfied with improved internet access in their area, with the West Central and Southwest regions displaying the sharpest declines (27% and 25% respectively).

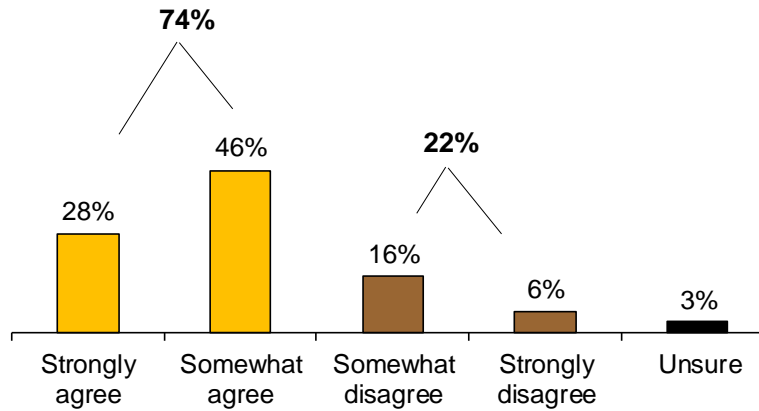
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Housing

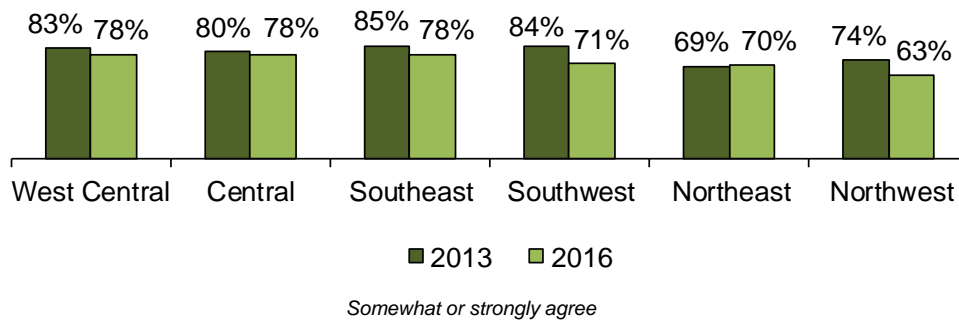
While about three-quarters (74%) of rural Minnesotans agree that there is sufficient housing in their community, 22 percent are concerned about adequate availability.

Community Does a Good Job Providing Adequate Housing



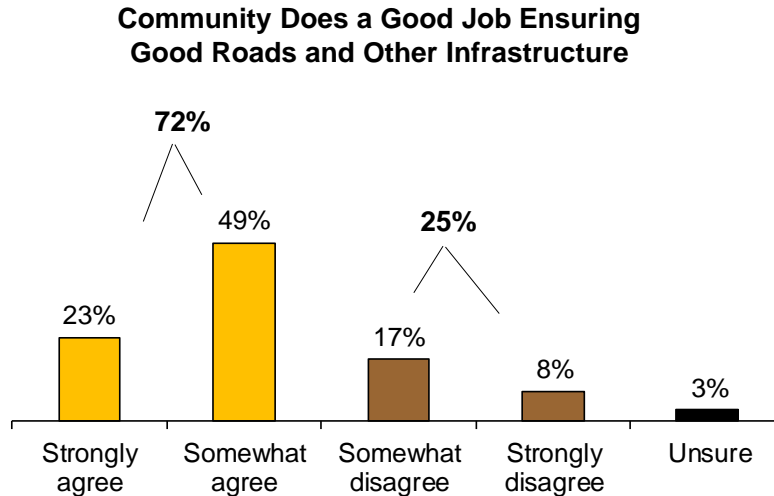
Those in Central Minnesota and the Southeast are the most likely to feel positive about adequate housing in their community. Those in the Southwest region showed the largest decline in housing satisfaction from 2013 findings (down 13%).

Adequate Housing for Residents

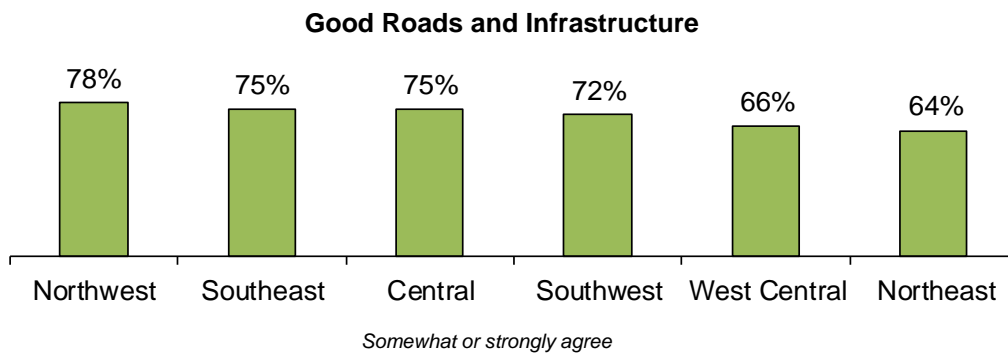


Roads and Transportation

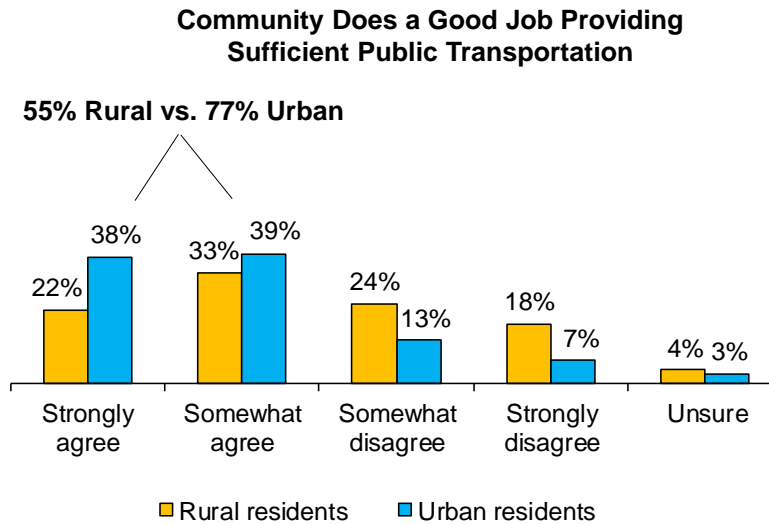
While 72 percent of rural Minnesotans agree that their community ensures good roads and other infrastructure, a quarter of those surveyed expressed concern about such.



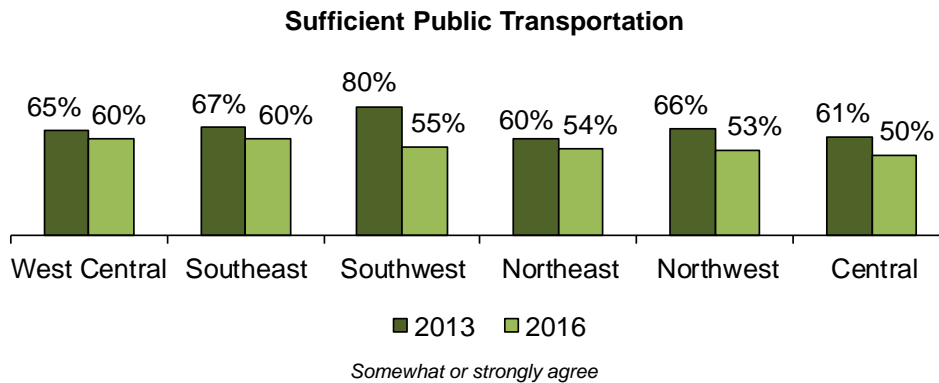
While those in the Northwest, Southeast and Central regions are the most likely to feel positive about road infrastructure in their community, West Central and Northeast residents are the most likely to disagree.



Public transportation is a concern for more than two in five rural Minnesotans. While just over half (55%) agree that their community provides adequate transportation opportunities such as buses and trains, 42 percent do not feel that this is the case. Urban area residents are much more likely than those in rural Minnesota (77% urban, 55% rural) to feel they have access to adequate transportation options.



Rural residents overall, regardless of region, are less likely than those surveyed in 2013 to feel satisfied with public transportation options, with those in the Southwest showing the steepest decline in satisfaction (down 25%).



Caring for the Elderly

Most (83%) rural residents say that they have confidence in their community's ability to provide services for the elderly, while 11 percent do not agree.

Community Does a Good Job Caring for the Elderly

