ABBOTTSFORD SECURITY SURVEY RESULTS

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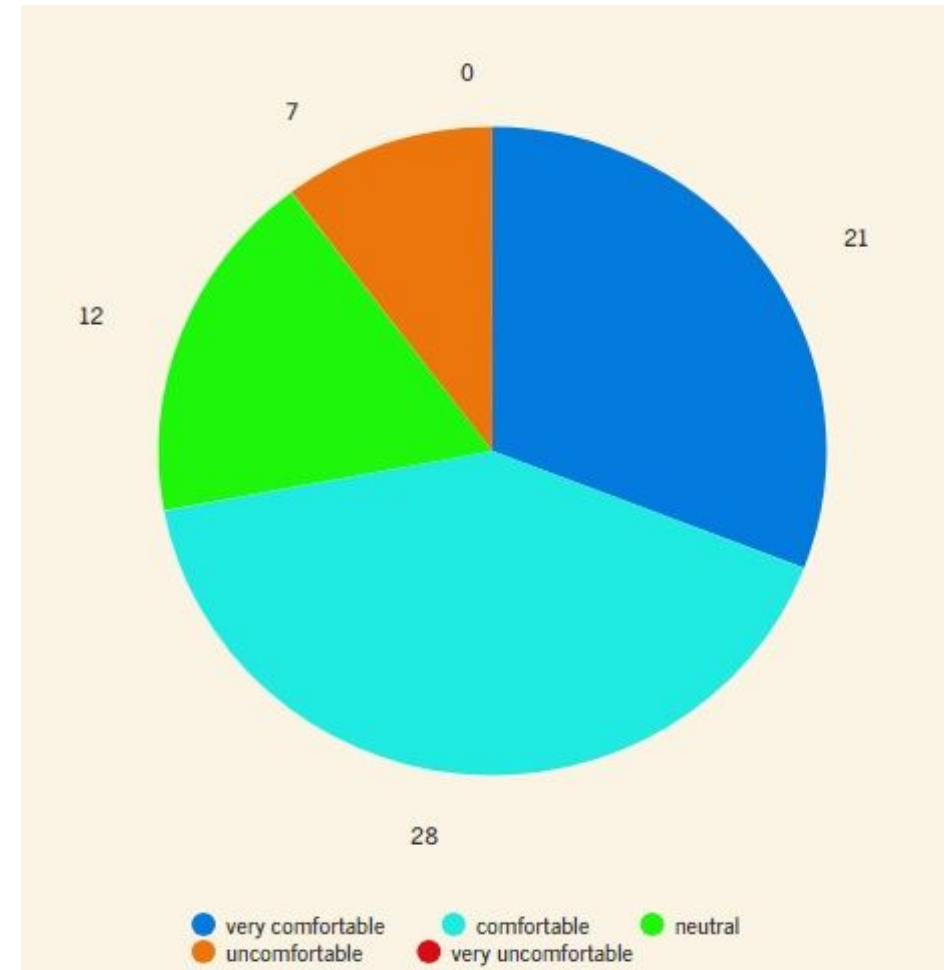Breck Walker
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Survey Highlights

- 69 residents responded to the survey.

- Not everyone answered all the questions.

    - The question regarding comfort / discomfort with the security environment received the most responses (68).

    - Access Control as a security priority received the fewest responses (61).

    - Most questions / options received 66 responses.

- Respondents are comfortable or very comfortable with the security environment.

- Access Control and Incident Tracking are the top two potential security enhancements supported by survey respondents.

- Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property ranked as the top two concerns of survey respondents.

- Specific topics receiving the most comments are Gates, Information-Sharing, Homeowner Responsibility and the Security Environment.

- General comments address the security environment and neighborhood hazards.

Q1: Rate your level of comfort with Abbottsford's general security environment.
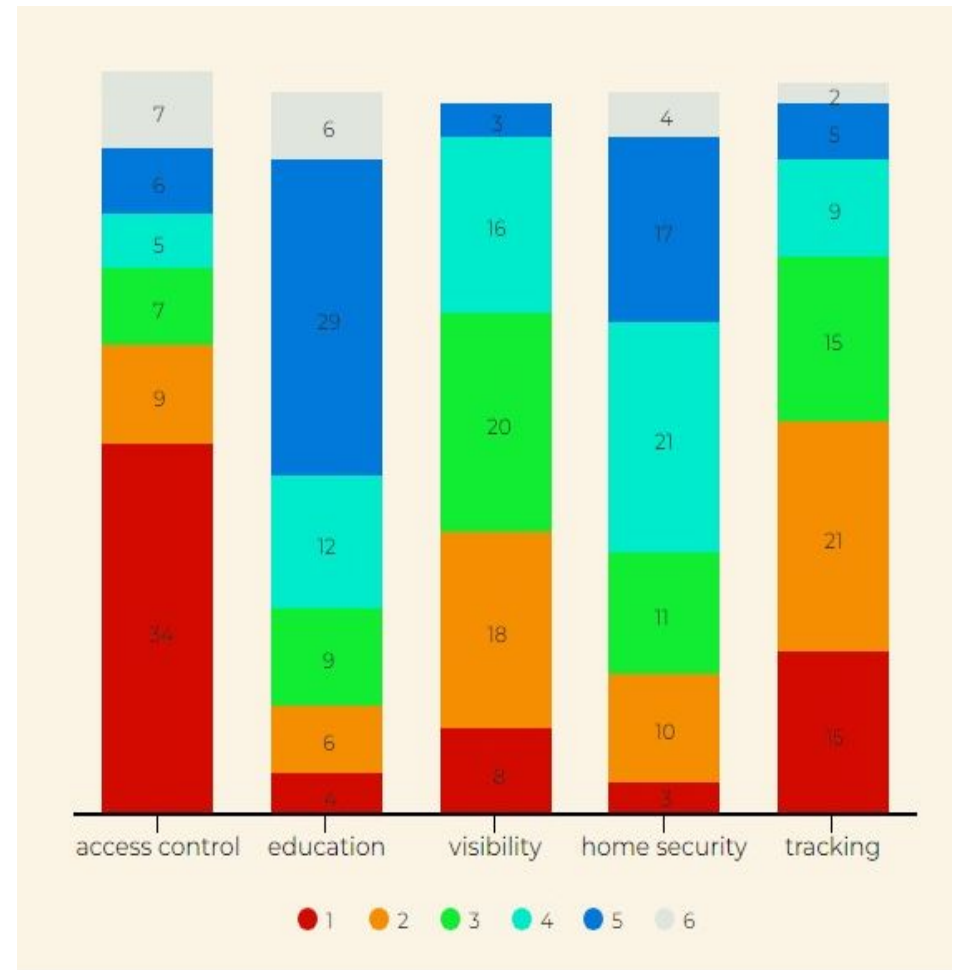
- 68 responses were received.

- The overwhelming majority – 49 (72%) – are either comfortable (28 residents – 41%) or very comfortable (21 residents – 31%).

- 7 residents (10%) are uncomfortable.

- 12 residents (18%) are neutral.*

- No residents reported being very uncomfortable.

* One resident commented, "I responded 'neutral' to my comfort with the security environment, but it's probably better stated as neutral trending toward uncomfortable."

Q2: What are your priorities for ensuring Abbottsford's security? Please assign a sequential number to each option, with 1 being your top priority and 6 being your lowest priority.[*]

- Not all residents gave a ranking to every option. A breakdown by option shows: Access Control (61), Education (66), Visibility (65), Home Security (66), and Tracking (65).

- **ACCESS CONTROL** is the top priority of more than half the respondents for ensuring neighborhood security: 34 of 61 respondents (56%). Nine respondents ranked Access Control second. *Note that this option is an outlier in terms of the number of respondents overall who ranked it and it received the greatest number of "other" ratings – 7 (11%) gave it a ranking of 6.*

- **TRACKING** ranks second, with 36 of 65 respondents (55%) rating it their top (15) or second (21) priority.

- **VISIBILITY** ranks third, with 26 of 65 respondents (43%) rating it their top (8) or second (18) priority.

- **EDUCATION** and **HOME SECURITY** ranked at the bottom of the priorities, possibly indicating that residents think they're already doing enough or that residents aren't embracing personal ownership.
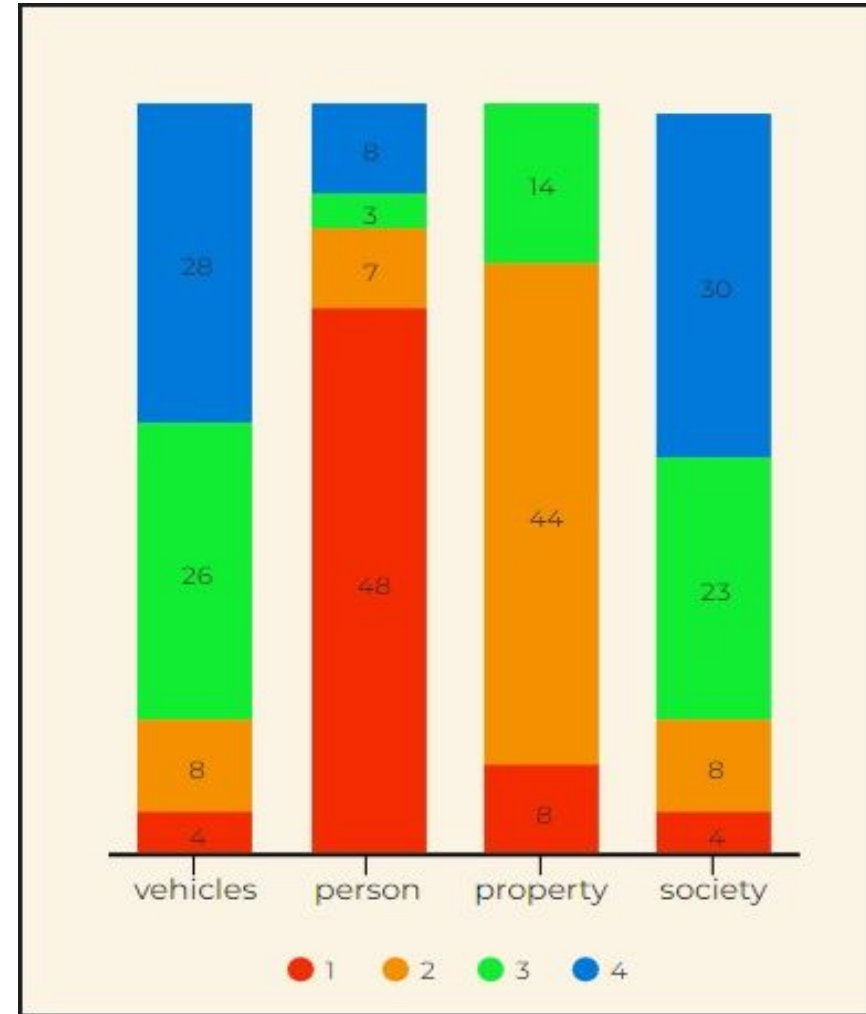

[*] A rating of 6 ("other") provided an opportunity for respondents to provide a different priority. Although some priorities received rankings of 6, no one provided any suggestions.

Q3: Please number in sequential order the categories of crime – Motor Vehicle Crimes, Crimes Against Persons, Against Property, Against Society – from greatest to least concern to you. Assign 1 to the category of greatest concern and 4 to the category of least concern.

- **CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** (eg., murder, assault, robbery, stalking, sexual assault, kidnapping) is the greatest concern of survey respondents, with 48 out of 66 respondents (73%) ranking it #1. Only 7 respondents (11%) ranked Crimes Against Persons as their second concern.

- **CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** (eg., burglary, vandalism/destruction of property, larceny/theft, arson) was close behind, with 44 out of 66 respondents (67%) ranking it their second concern. Only 8 (12%) ranked Crimes Against Property as their greatest concern.

- **MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMES** and **CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY*** fell substantially below Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property in terms of respondents' concerns and are virtually even in their 3rd place and 4th place rankings.

* One respondent did not rate Crimes Against Society, noting that s/he didn't understand the meaning of the term.

Summary of Residents' Comments

- **29 residents provided comments**. Some comments addressed more than one topic.

- **Gates: 5 Pro. 4 Con.**

    - Gate with a guard. (3)

    - We have been down this road before. No gates. (2)

    - Entrance is too accessible.

    - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. card reader access; 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. manned gatekeeper.

    - Too many issues with security gates and legitimate contractors/deliveries.

    - Frequent malfunctions are the norm with even the best gates; so a guard is needed, too.

    - Very few folks want the hassle of dealing with the gate daily.

    - I am not worried about crime and oppose to any attempt to make Abbottsford a gated community.

- **Security Guard at Entry (does not include the gate/guard combo): 1 Pro. 2 Con.**

    - I hope this is not a push to have some type of rent-a-cop.

- **Keep Us Informed of Actual Crimes in the Neighborhood.**

    - Homeowners want to know exactly what kind of criminal activity has actually occurred in Abbottsford.

    - Transparency from the start could be helpful in keeping homeowners calm and better informed about our community's security.

    - I'd encourage us to share notices of any problems so we have a good understanding of the level of concern we should / shouldn't have.

    - I'm curious to know how many crimes have been committed in Abbottsford. How many break-ins (vehicle or homes) in the past 10 years? How many incidents of crime has Abbottsford experienced and when? In other words, what is the true vs perceived crime problem in Abbottsford.

Summary of Residents' Comments (cont)

- **Homeowner Responsibility**

  - Have more neighbors light their alleys and front doors.

  - We had a police officer advise us that some alleys are too dark.

  - Each residence needs to take care of its own security with a security system. Each resident needs to protect his/her own property.

  - We should stress that security is the individual homeowner's responsibility. The role of the HOA should be to assist the homeowner in that regard.

  - Solicitors coming into neighborhoods is a nationwide problem. It can easily be solved by simply not opening your door to strangers.

  - We should continue to look out for each other and let our neighbors and Cody know when we will be out-of-town.

- **Security Environment**

  - I have not had a problem with crime in the neighborhood; however, many neighbors seem to be concerned.

  - We are new to the neighborhood and I feel very safe here.

  - We feel very safe in the Abbottsford neighborhood.

  - As long as there are lots of dog walkers, workers of all sorts, Cody, etc. I don't worry too much.

  - Abbottsford should take a crime prevention position. Let's not have murder or rape be the cause of Abbottsford taking-up crime prevention.

  - More than anything, we would not like to see Abbottsford react with fear when we have experienced or heard of only a couple of events, not even ones in our own complex.

  - Over the past few years, we've had a few solicitors come door-to-door, usually in the evening. No one is on-site to call and I'm never sure what the best alternative is except the police. I don't have a fix, but I recommend we not allow non-residents to walk in Abbottsford if possible.

- **General Comments**

  - My biggest fear in this neighborhood is getting hit by a car, whether driven by a neighbor, vendor, or contractor.

  - Too many residents park outside their garages, including on the main streets. This practice disturbs the appearance of our community at times can present a driving hazard.

  - I appreciate having Cody around. He is always quick to respond.

CRIMECAST REPORT
CAP Index, Inc.
June 7, 2023

About the CAP Index Scoring System

- The CAP Index Scoring System uses forecasting techniques that combine demographic and business statistics with crime and loss data to calculate crime risk.

- "Social Disorganization Theory," which asserts that **higher degrees of social discord in a neighborhood correlate with higher levels of crime**, is the foundation of the Scoring System.

- The CAP Index Score **is not** based solely on incident data. Approximately **300 socio-demographic indicators** are considered, encompassing Education, Transit, Household Income, Housing, Population, Police Statistics, Business, Industry Crime & Loss, and Client Crime & Loss. Race, religion and gender are not included in the data.

- Scoring methodologies account for the fact that perpetrators often travel varying distances to commit crimes (the "journey to crime") depending on the target. They also consider the nature and attractiveness of different types of targets for different types of crime.

- CAP Index Scores range from 0 to 2000, with 0 representing the lowest risk and 2000 the highest risk. 100 is the National Average.

0-99	100-199	200-399	400-799	800-2000
Below Average Risk	Moderate Risk	Mildly Elevated Risk	Moderately Elevated Risk	Substantially Elevated Risk

- The resulting CRIMECAST Report indicates the likelihood of crime and loss occurring at a particular address. 112 Abbottsford was used for our report.
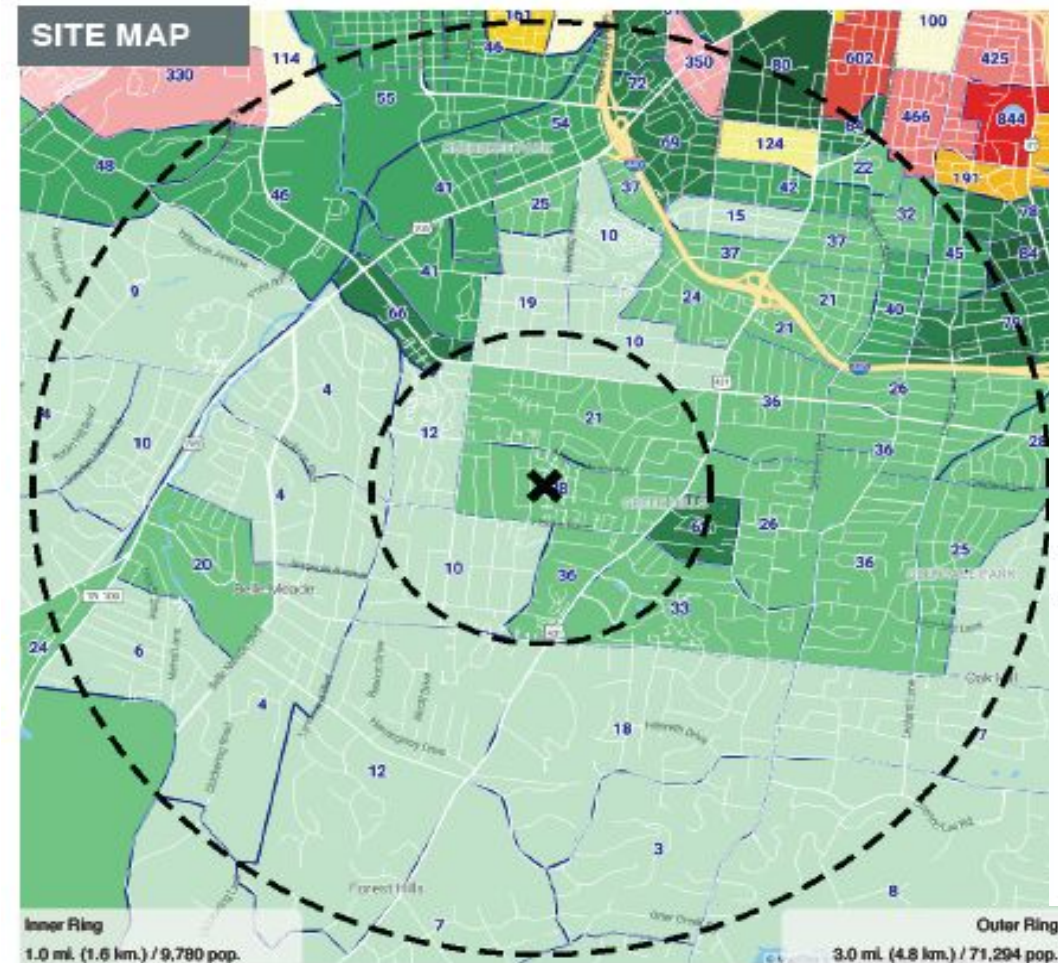
CRIMECAST REPORT FOR ABBOTTSFORD: 3-MILE SITE MAP

- This map shows the Crime Risk Scores by census tract. The "X" is 112 Abbottsford.

- The inner circle covers a 1-mile radius around 112 Abbottsford. The larger circle covers a 3-mile radius.

- The CAP Index Scoring System assigns a numeric risk score and a corresponding risk shading to each tract.

- With a score of 38, Abbottsford's risk of crime is substantially below the National Average, as are each of the census tracts within a 1-mile radius of the neighborhood.

- The overwhelming majority of tracts within the 3-mile radius are also well below the National Average.

- Based on the 3-mile radius, Abbottsford's score is 128, meaning it is slightly above the National Average. This is because the three areas shaded yellow and pink bleed into that radius and adversely impact our score.

- Within the 3-mile radius, Crimes Against Property are the greatest threat. Averaging the scores for Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft reveals a CAP Index Score of almost 4x the National Average. Scores for Crimes Against Persons – Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault – reveal a score that is consistent with the National Average.

THIS SITE'S CAP INDEX® SCORE:

128

THE CRIME RISK AT THIS SITE IS 1.28 TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 100.

CAP SCORE SCALE

2000
800
400
200
128
100
0

SITE MAP

Inner Ring
1.0 mi. (1.6 km.) / 9,780 pop.

Outer Ring
3.0 mi. (4.8 km.) / 71,294 pop.

Creation Date: June 07, 2023
Database Year: 2023

CRIMECAST REPORT FOR ABBOTTSFORD: 6-MILE SITE MAP

- Enlarging the 3-mile Site Map to 6 miles reveals the census tracts with greatest risk of crime occurring. They are to the North and Northeast of Abbottsford.

- The inner circle covers a 2-mile radius around 112 Abbottsford. The larger circle covers a 6-mile radius.

- The red census tracts are potentially where the "journey to crime" that impacts Abbottsford originates.

- The red census tracts drive Abbottsford's CAP Index Score up.

- The areas within the 6-mile radius that have the greatest risk of crime occurring are: (1) North of Abbottsford in the census tract at 12:00 to 12:30 position with a Crime Index Score of 1161, or 11.6 times the National Average; (2) Northeast of Abbottsford in the 2:00 position with a score of 1649, or 16.4 times the National Average.

- Major surface arteries (Harding Road, Hillsboro Pike) as well as interstates (I-65, I-40, I-440) run through the 6-mile radius and the areas of greatest risk of crime occurring. They likely facilitate ingress to and egress from the 1 mile and 2 mile radius around Abbottsford.

- Within the 6-mile radius, as with the 3-mile radius, Crimes Against Property are the greatest threat. Averaging the scores for Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft reveals a CAP Index Score of 5x the National Average. Averaging scores for Crimes Against Persons – Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault – reveals a score that is 3x the National Average.

THIS SITE'S CAP INDEX® SCORE:

389

THE CRIME RISK AT THIS SITE IS 3.89 TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 100.

CAP SCORE SCALE

- 2000
- 800
- 400
- 389
- 200
- 100
- 0

SITE MAP

Inner Ring
2.0 mi. (3.2 km.) / 33,371 pop.

Outer Ring
6.0 mi. (9.7 km.) / 239,291 pop.