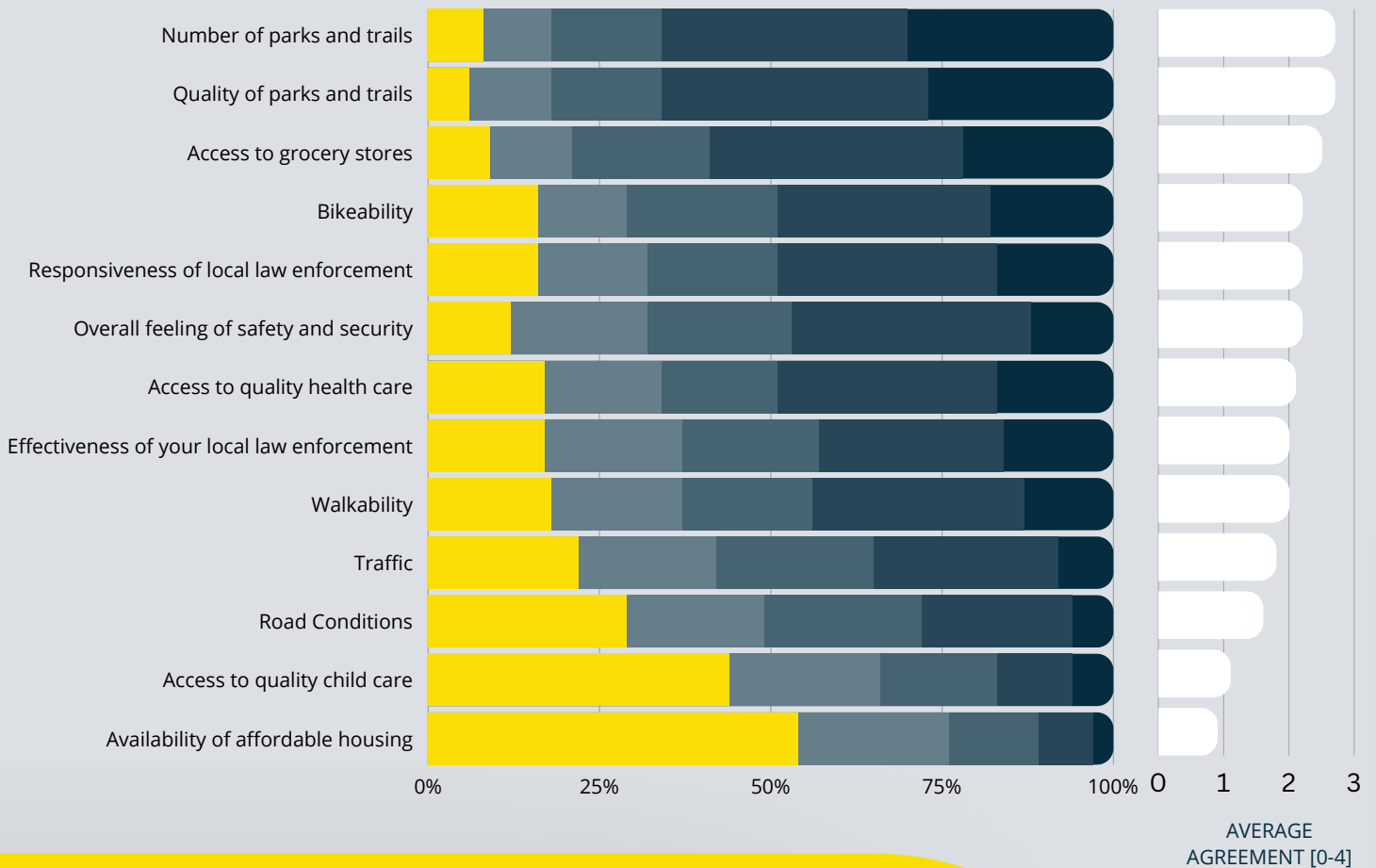


COMMUNITY CONDITIONS

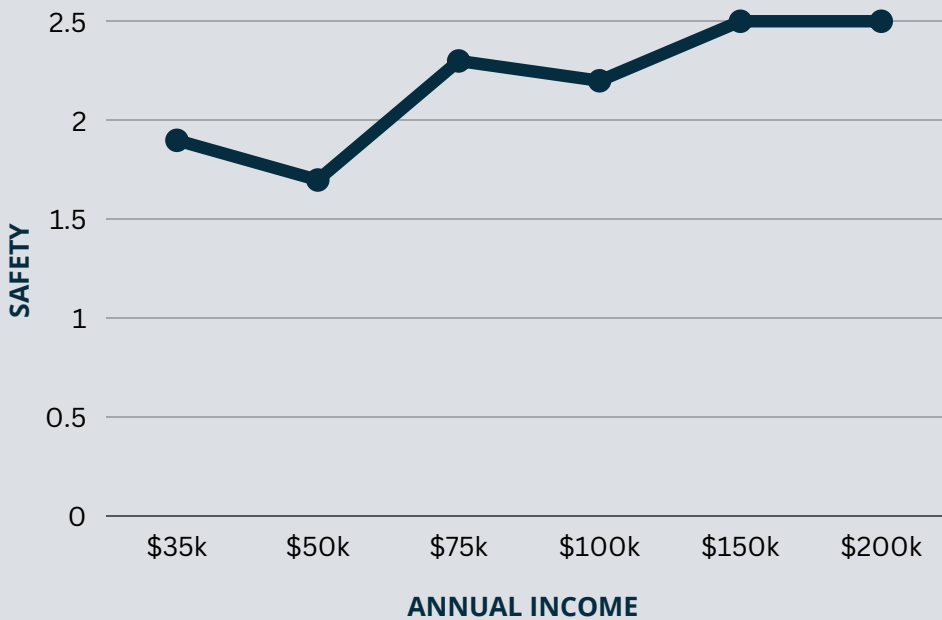


Overall, residents were **most satisfied with the quality and number of parks and least satisfied with housing and child care**. These were significant as 54% of residents reported dissatisfaction with access to quality child care and 44% reported dissatisfaction with availability of affordable housing.

Notably, satisfaction with safety and security changed significantly across the income groups. In general, as income increased, satisfaction with safety and security also increased; however, satisfaction with safety was lower among residents with household incomes between \$35k-\$50k per year than for those with less than \$35k.

A similar trend was observed for these groups in the Quality of Life and Social Capital sections (see pages 23 and 27), indicating there may be an underlying connection contributing to the difficulties experienced by those in the higher income group.

SATISFACTION WITH SAFETY AND SECURITY BY INCOME



People of color reported slightly higher satisfaction with overall conditions. This increase is most notable regarding child care access, bikeability, and walkability when compared to Non-Hispanic White residents.

Residents were also asked if they used parks and trails in Mesa County. **Overall, 87% of residents reported using local parks and trails.** Usage decreased with age - the highest use was observed among adults less than 50 years old (94%).

Trail usage increased with income, with the lowest usage (81%) reported among residents making less than \$35,000 per year.

Men reported higher parks and trails use (90%) than women (84%). **Residents with children reported higher use (95%) than those without children (82%).** Urban areas saw higher use (89%) than rural areas (80%).

Residents opted out of the child care, bikeability, and law enforcement response questions at a higher rate than other questions in this section.



There's a 25% increase in **satisfaction with safety** between the lowest and highest income groups.



Prioritize community efforts to address the least satisfactory overall community conditions - **housing and child care.**

Consider opportunities to increase **accessibility and appeal of parks and trails** to older adults, women, and residents making less than \$35k per year.



"I am pleased to see continued investment in local parks, trail systems, and outdoor recreation facilities and hope to see that continue. But, the biggest issue we face as a community and region is sustainability in the face of increasing resource challenges, especially related to water. We can act now to address these challenges and save ourselves pain and suffering in the future."

Male, 18-39 Years Old