



Summary

In early fall of 2022, the City of Ridgecrest placed a survey link on social media pages and website.

The survey contained the below questions and a comment field:

Rate the following Quality of Life activities in Ridgecrest from 1-4:

(1- Poor, 2-Fair, 3-Good, 4-Excellent)

- Social activities to meet new people (church events, social clubs)
- Outdoor Activities (hiking, biking, off-roading, OHV)
- Entertainment (movies, theater, dining, nightclubs)
- Community Events (Parade of 1000 Flags, Petroglyph Festival)
- Recreation Programs (softball, baseball, basketball, tennis, community pool)
- Access to good internet speed

Rate how important each reason is to your decision to live in Ridgecrest from 1-4:

(1- Not Important, 2-Somewhat Important, 3-Important, 4-Very Important)

- Employment Opportunities
- Affordability of Housing (cost of living)
- Safety and Security, Quality of Healthcare,
- Quality of Life Activities, Quality Schools
- Small Town Feel (Sense of Community)
- Access to Suitable Shopping
- Close to Family and Friends
- Desert Environment (weather, dark skies)

Do you or your significant other work at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake as a DOD employee or contractor and have lived in Ridgecrest for less than 5 years?
(yes or no)

If Yes, will the overall Quality of Life affect your decision to stay in the City of Ridgecrest? (yes or no)

Results

As of Nov. 1, 2022

1,261 surveys were completed.

87% of the respondents entered a written comment.

48% said they or their significant other work at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake and have lived in Ridgecrest less than 5 years.

88% when asked if the overall Quality of Life would affect their decision to stay in the City of Ridgecrest, said **yes**.

Top Reasons to live in Ridgecrest

(ranked as Important or Very Important by % of respondents)

86% of respondents: Employment Opportunities

84% of respondents: Affordability of Housing (cost of living)

78% of respondents: Safety and Security (effective police and fire department response)

71% of respondents: Quality of Health Care

70% of respondents: Quality of Life Activities

66% of respondents: Quality Schools

55% of respondents: Small Town Feel (Sense of Community)

Rating Quality of Life activities:

87% of respondents rated Entertainment as poor to fair (49% rated as poor)

79% of respondents rated Social activities to meet new people as poor to fair (38% rated as poor)

75% of respondents rated Recreation Programs (softball, baseball, basketball, tennis, community pool) as poor to fair (31% rated as poor)

70% of respondents rated Access to good internet speed as poor to fair (36% rated as poor)

61% of respondents rated Community Events (Parade of 1000 Flags, Petroglyph Festival, etc.) as poor to fair (17% rated as poor)

74% of respondents felt Outdoor Activities (hiking, biking, off-roading, OHV) was good to excellent

