

ACTIVITY 5.1: Assessing My Community

1. Use the following score card to assess your community's strengths and weaknesses. Determine if you 'Strongly Agree', 'Somewhat Agree', 'Somewhat Disagree' or 'Strongly Disagree' with each statement.

CATEGORY	STRONGLY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
I feel a strong sense of belonging in our community.				
I feel that our community is safe.				
We have plenty of parks and green spaces and they are well kept.				
Our community has enough recreation facilities and recreation programs.				
Access to community programs and services is not an issue.				
Our community has increased alternative methods of transportation, including public transit, carpooling or bike lanes.				
Poverty and food security (availability and access to nutritious food) is not a problem in our community.				
Our community does a good job in celebrating its history and culture through festivals, museums and galleries.				
Internet connections are fast and reliable in our community.				
Our local government is successful in promoting tourism and attracting visitors.				
Affordable housing is not a problem in our community.				
I am confident I will find a job that interests me in our community.				
I am planning to stay to live and work in our community after school.				
I have a great deal of trust in our police.				
I have a great deal of trust in our local government politicians.				

2. Calculate your community's score by calculating the totals for each response below.

Strongly Agree	Number of responses _____	x 4	_____
Somewhat Agree	Number of responses _____	x 3	_____
Somewhat Disagree	Number of responses _____	x 2	_____
Strongly Disagree	Number of responses _____	x 1	_____

Your local government score (out of 60): _____

3. What are your local government's main **strengths** and **weaknesses**? Identify three of each.