External Community Survey Results
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- **2,365 total survey respondents**
- Open from July 20 to August 20, 2023
- Promoted the survey through the PDA website, social media, and engagement with the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and 32 community-based organizations.
- Available in 8 languages: English, Russian, Somali, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese,

**Objectives**

- Understand current perceptions of Pike Place Market and what is currently working at the Market.
- Identify what changes would encourage more King County residents to visit the market.
- Identify what frequent visitors would like to see in the Market’s future.
- Understand the demographic characteristics of visitors.

Note: the “n=” on the following pages references the number of survey respondents for each question.
Survey Definitions

“Residents”
Survey respondents who live in King County.

“Downtown Seattle”
Consistent with the Downtown Seattle Association boundaries. The graphic on the right was included in the survey.

“Visitors”
Survey respondents who live outside King County.
Residence and Work

Where do you live? (n=2,365)

- 81% of respondents live in King County.
- In Seattle outside of Downtown: 45%
- In Downtown Seattle: 25%
- In King County outside of Seattle: 11%
- In the US outside of Washington state: 10%
- In Washington state outside of King County: 8%
- Outside of the US: 1%

Do you work in downtown Seattle at least a few times per month? (n=2,365)

- About half of all respondents work in downtown at least a few times per month.
- Works in downtown: 53%
- Does not work in downtown: 47%
Age (n=2,126)

- More than half of respondents are between ages 26 and 45.

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Income (n=2,123)

- 61% of respondents have household incomes of over $100,000.

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Note: Seattle’s median household income was $115,400 in 2022 (U.S. Census Bureau)
Race/Ethnicity and Language

Race/Ethnicity (n=2,116)

- 23% of respondents are BIPOC*

Primary Language at Home (n=2,106)

- 89% of respondents primarily speak English at home.

American Indian or Alaska Native 1%
Asian or Asian American 9%
Hispanic or Latino/a 6%
Middle Eastern or North African 1%
Black or African American 2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0%
White 77%
Multiracial or biracial 4%
Prefer not to say 8%

Note: King County was ~64% white alone in 2021 (U.S. Census Bureau).

*IThis category includes all respondents who self-identified with a race/ethnicity other than “White” and “Prefer not to say.” Respondents could also select multiple race/ethnicity categories.
Questions for Residents and Visitors
Visiting Pike Place Market

In the last 12 months, approximately how often have you visited Pike Place Market? (n=1,757)

- 10% visited More than once per week
- 8% visited Once per week
- 16% visited 2-3 times per month
- 17% visited Once per month
- 41% visited Once or a few times during the past 12 months
- 6% did not visit Pike Place Market in the past 12 months
- 1% visited This is my first time visiting Pike Place Market

• 1/3 of respondents visited the market at least 2-3 times per month
• 41% visited at least once in the last 12 months but less than once per month
The following **three factors** had a disproportionately **negative impact** in respondents’ experience of the Market:

- Parking – **60%**
- Availability of places to sit – **45%**
- Number of people at the Market – **30%**

Perceptions of **public restrooms** are mixed:

- 40% say it positively impacts their experience, while 25% say it negatively impacts their experience.
Visitors: Aspects of the Visit

The following three factors had a disproportionately negative impact in respondents’ experience of the Market:

- Parking – 51%
- Availability of places to sit – 35%
- Public restrooms – 27%

Visitors feel more positively about navigating the Market than residents (47% say it positively impacts their experience vs. 33% of residents).
Questions for Residents Only
Key Survey Takeaways from Residents

• The Market does not feel like a place for locals.
  • There is a desire for more local-oriented programming to cater to residents.
  • Food-related programing could encourage residents to visit more often.
  • King County residents do not view the Market as a service provider, launchpad for new businesses, or a venue to attend events.

• Parking and availability of places to sit are key factors that negatively impact overall experience for both visitors and residents, and there is a desire for Pike Place street to be managed differently.
Residents: Reasons for Visit and Purchase Habits

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Two of the top three reasons why King County residents visit the Market are **food related**.
Residents: Perceptions of Pike Place Market

What do you think of when you think of Pike Place Market (check all that apply)  
\( n=1,752 \)

- **Destination Attraction**: 87%
- **City Market**: 70%
- **Dining Destination**: 66%
- **Arts Community**: 39%
- **Meet the Producer**: 35%
- **Event Location**: 21%
- **Mission-based Service Provider**: 16%
- **Launchpad for New Businesses**: 12%

- Few King County residents see the Market as a place to support small businesses, event location, service provider, or launchpad for new businesses.

- Highlighting these aspects of the Market could be important to reorienting the Market to residents.
Residents: Agreement with Statements

- **Only 23% strongly agree** that the Market serves people who live and work in Seattle, while **68% strongly agree** that it is a place that serves tourists.

- **71% agree or strongly agree** that they feel **welcomed at the Market**.
  - BIPOC and white responses were very similar.

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\( n = 1,768 \)
Residents: Reasons to Visit More

Which of the following would encourage you to visit Pike Place Market or shop at the vendors/merchants more frequently? (check all that apply) n=1,446

- Locals-oriented days or discounts for Seattle residents: 72%
- More food-related events like food fairs and night markets: 65%
- After-work activities like happy hours: 55%
- Pop-up shops: 44%
- More arts and culture events within the Market: 41%
- Increased online presence of vendors, including online shopping opportunities: 13%
- N/A- I don’t want to visit the Market more frequently: 3%

Dedicated programming for residents and food-related events could encourage residents to visit more often.

The open-ended comments under “Other (please specify)” mostly related to managing Pike Pl. differently.
Residents: “Other (please specify)” Responses to Reasons to Visit More

The graphic below includes the top 70 words used in the 971 open responses.
Residents: “Other (please specify)” Responses to Reasons to Visit More

Most of the open responses commented on various aspects of managing Pike Place street differently.

“More seating and common spaces for people - not cars and on-street car parking!”

“Pedestrianize the street with removable bollards for deliveries!”

“Shaded public seating areas. Clean and well-maintained parks. Less cars, more walkable/bikeable areas. Affordable prices. Allowing the public to have visual and physical access to the Puget Sound.”
Questions for Visitors Only
Visitors: Reasons for Visit

Why did you visit/do you typically visit Pike Place Market? (check all that apply) n=406

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**Top reasons** why visitors visit the Market include:
- Food
- Experiencing the atmosphere
- Shopping
Visitors: Purchase Habits

The vast majority of visitors indicated that they *typically purchase something* at the Market.

When you visited/typically visit the Pike Place Market, did/do you purchase something? n=406

- Typically purchase something: 94%
- Typically do not purchase something: 6%
Visitors: Overall Experience

How would you rate your overall experience at Pike Place Market? (n=406)

- 51% of visitors rated their overall visit as very good or excellent.
- 17% of visitors said their visit was okay or poor.
  - Higher rates of “okay” or “poor” came from younger age groups.
  - There were no substantial differences between BIPOC and white, or by various income groups.
Survey Instrument
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   - In King County outside of Seattle
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   - Outside of the US

2. Do you work in downtown Seattle at least a few times per month (see map above)?
   - Yes
   - No

3. In the last 12 months, approximately how often have you visited Pike Place Market?
   - More than once per week
   - Once per week
   - 2-3 times per month
   - Once per month
   - Once or a few times during the past 12 months
   - Did not visit Pike Place Market in the past 12 months
   - This is my first time visiting Pike Place Market
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4. Why do you generally visit Pike Place Market? (check all that apply)

☐ To buy flowers for myself or others.
☐ To access services (e.g., the Market Commons, Neighborhood Health, Child Care & Preschool, Food Bank, Heritage House, or Senior Center).
☐ To attend events.
☐ To buy food items such as groceries for myself or others.
☐ To meander, “people watch,” or visit with no particular purpose in mind.
☐ To eat meals, snacks, or beverages.
☐ To bring out-of-town friends or family when they visit.
☐ To buy retail items for myself or others (i.e., arts & crafts, books, gifts, etc.)

Other (please specify):

5. How much would you agree with each of the following statements?

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6. What do you think of when you think of Pike Place Market (check all that apply)

☐ City Market: a place to shop for goods to bring home.
☐ Dining Destination: a place to enjoy eating and drinking foods and beverages.
☐ Launchpad for New Businesses: where new businesses are introduced.
☐ Destination Attraction: a place for a day trip or leisure excursion to downtown or the waterfront.
☐ Event Location: a place that has interesting events and happenings across the seasons.
☐ Meet the Producer: a place to meet the farmers and crafters who produce our foods, flowers, and handmade goods.
☐ Mission-based Service Provider: a provider of services to the community.
☐ Arts Community: a place to enjoy art galleries, entertainment, and the Craft Market to find one-of-a-kind products.
7. Please rate how much each of the following impacts your experience at Pike Place Market:

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- Afterwork activities like happy hours
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- Pop-up shops
- More arts and culture events within the Market
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Other (please specify):
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