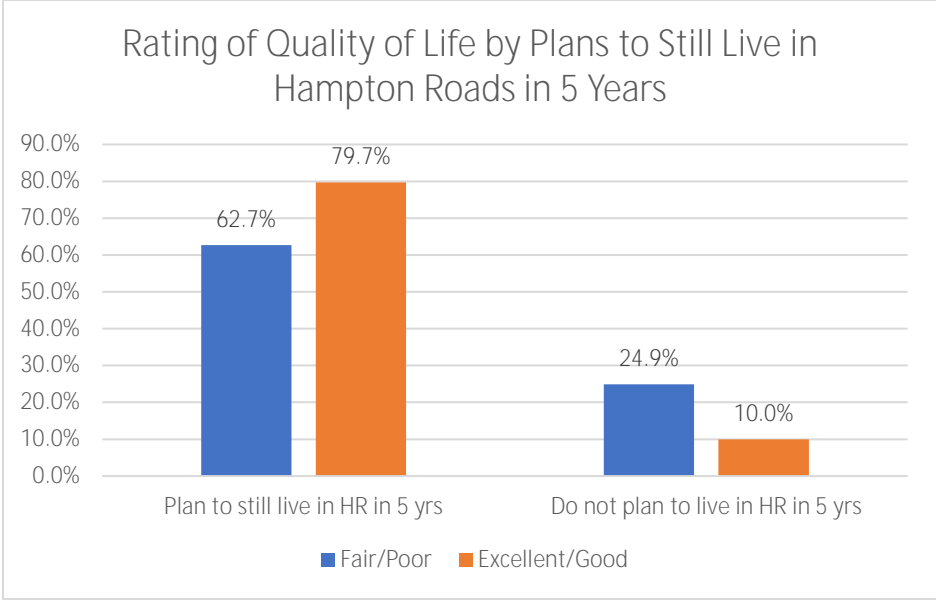


About half of Suffolk resident rated the quality of their city as good or excellent while well under half of residents in Newport News (44.2%) and Portsmouth (35.1%) rated the quality of life that highly.

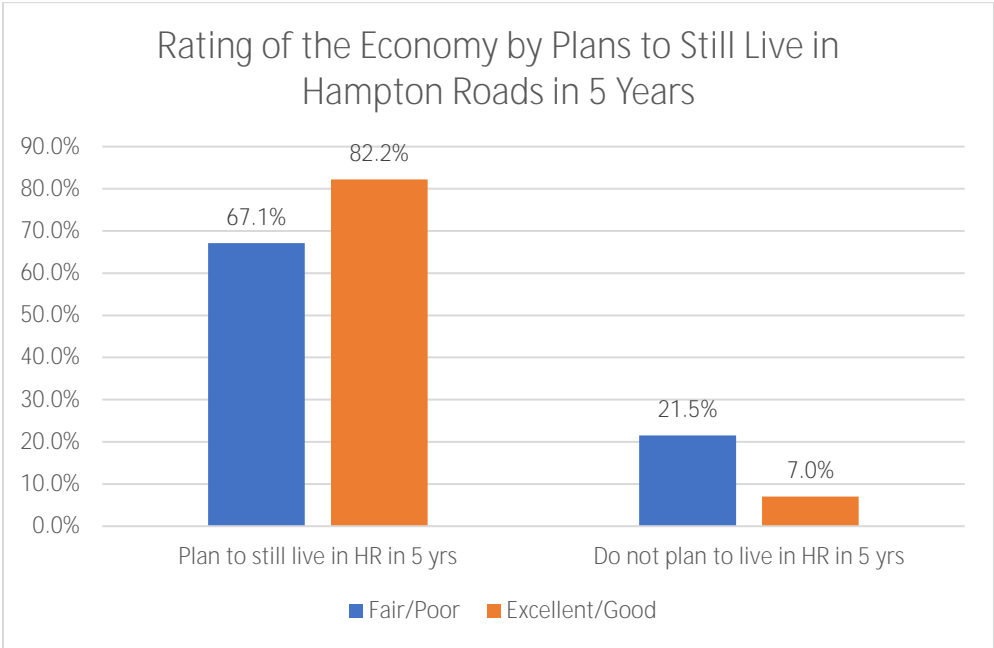


Plans to Leave Hampton Roads

Respondents were asked how long they have lived in Hampton Roads. The responses ranged from less than a year to 91 years with an average of 27.6 years. Respondents were also asked if they plan to still live in Hampton Roads five years from now. Most respondents (73.1%) indicated that they still plan to live in the region while 15.5% do not plan to still be living in Hampton Roads in five years and 11.4% were unsure. Those who indicated that they were unsure or do not plan to still live in the region five years from now were asked what city/state they were most likely to move to. Responses were varied but some of the most frequently mentioned locations included: Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Maryland/Washington D.C., another part of Virginia, and even international locations.



Results were similar when looking at the economy, with 67.1% of those who rated the economy as fair or poor planning to stay but 82.2% of those who rated it as excellent or good planning to stay. Only 7% of those who rate the economy favorably (good or excellent) plan to leave the region in the next five years, while more than one in five (21.5%) of those who rate the area as poor or fair plan to leave. Those who plan to leave are also younger (39 average age) than those who plan to stay (47.5 average age) and those who are unsure (43.5 average age).



The Life in Hampton Roads Data report and press releases will be placed on the Social Science Research Center website as they are released (<http://www.odu.edu/al/centers/ssrc>). Follow-up questions about the 2023 Life in Hampton Roads survey should be addressed to:

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