

HOW GOOD IS YOUR NEWS?

Rate the information you are receiving from your local news organization. The aim is to determine both the quality and quantity of the information. Over a four-day period, enter the number of stories for each day in the category that applies. The higher the total score for each category, the higher the quality of the stories in that category. Some categories may have no stories. What news are you missing?

| Name of News Organization | | | | | | | | |
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| Categories | Emergencies and Public Safety | Health | Education | Transportation Systems | Environment and Planning | Economic Development | Civic Information | Political Life |
| Examples | Dangerous Weather, Accidents, Crime | Quality of local hospitals, spread of disease, availability of tests/ treatments | Quality of local schools, public funding, decision-making processes | Road conditions, mass transit, future needs | Quality of air/water, alerts to current/potential hazards | Major issues at local/state level, local employment | Social services, religious and nonprofit groups, libraries | Voting/candidates, major issues, public meetings |
| Day 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Local Stories About This Topic | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories By a Local Journalist | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories With Useful Information | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories with Valuable Context/ Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| Day 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Local Stories About This Topic | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories By a Local Journalist | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories With Useful Information | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories with Valuable Context/ Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| Day 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Local Stories About This Topic | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories By a Local Journalist | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories With Useful Information | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories with Valuable Context/ Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| Day 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Local Stories About This Topic | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories By a Local Journalist | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories With Useful Information | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Stories with Valuable Context/ Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| Grand Total | | | | | | | | |