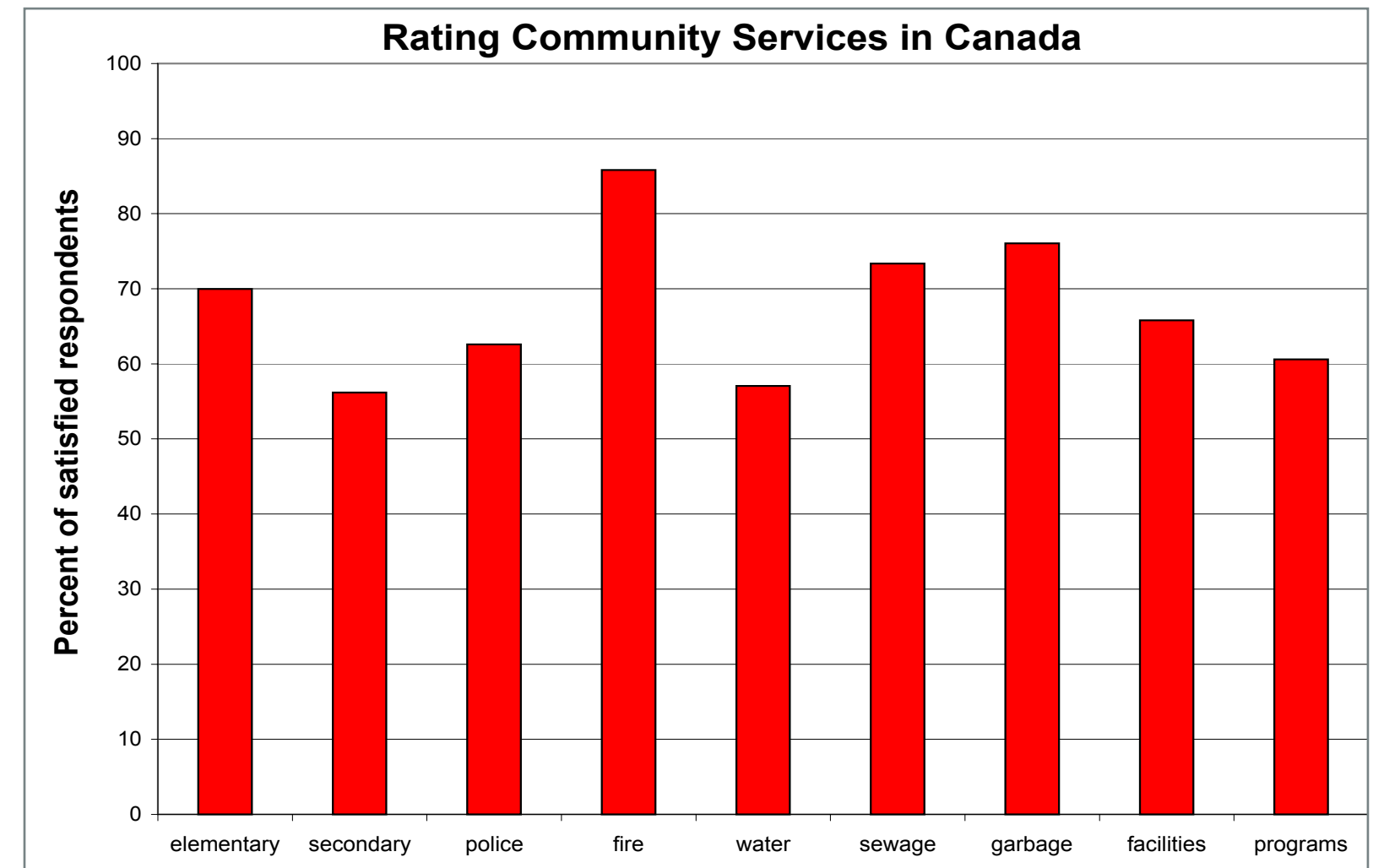


# RURAL MATTERS

## Services Matter

Rural Canadian services that provide social support to communities continue to undergo change. NRE research shows that bureaucratic services have seen the greatest decline, while market services have experienced the greatest increase. Findings from the research also show that rural voluntary organisations are in difficulty since they are expected to take over when services are cut.

At the same time these volunteer groups are facing considerable pressure as a result of migration and fiscal cutbacks. When the 3rd sector is unable to take over, the community must endure the loss.



The NRE communities reported highest satisfaction with fire protection, garbage disposal and elementary education in 2001. They were least satisfied with the water supply and secondary education.

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