## 2007 Brown County Needs and Assets Assessment

| 1. Gender |  |  |  |  |
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3. Length of Time Living in Brown County

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Don't Live in Brown County | $\square$ | 10.6\% | 63 |
| Less than 5 yrs | $\square$ | 10.3\% | 61 |
| $5-10$ yrs | I | 12.8\% | 76 |
| More than 10 yrs | $\pm 2$ | 50.1\% | 297 |
| Life-Long Resident | $\square$ | 16.2\% | 96 |
|  |  | answered question | 593 |
|  |  | skipped question | 0 |

4. Residence Location

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hamblen Township | $\square$ | 15.7\% | 93 |
| Washington Township | $\square$ | 35.9\% | 213 |
| Van Buren Township | $\square$ | 8.6\% | 51 |
| Jackson Township |  | 26.6\% | 158 |
| Other (please specify) |  | 13.2\% | 78 |
|  |  | answered question | 593 |
|  |  | skipped question | 0 |

## 5. Work Location

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brown County | $\square$ | 51.9\% | 308 |
| Don't Work |  | 21.8\% | 129 |
| Work Elsewhere |  | 26.3\% | 156 |
|  |  | answered question | 593 |
|  |  | skipped question | 0 |


| 6. Housing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Concerned | Somewhat Concerned | Not Concerned | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| Availability of affordable housing | 50.7\% (279) | 31.1\% (171) | 11.1\% (61) | 7.1\% (39) | 1.75 | 550 |
| Quality of available housing | 42.0\% (231) | 32.9\% (181) | 14.5\% (80) | 10.5\% (58) | 1.94 | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | Additional Comments |  | 71 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 43 |

## 7. Health

|  | Concerned | Somewhat Concerned | Not Concerned | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quality of local health services | 30.9\% (170) | 35.5\% (195) | 27.1\% (149) | 6.5\% (36) | 2.09 | 550 |
| Affordability of local health services | 41.5\% (228) | 33.8\% (186) | 16.9\% (93) | 7.8\% (43) | 1.91 | 550 |
| Accessibility of local health services | 32.9\% (181) | 33.5\% (184) | 25.8\% (142) | 7.8\% (43) | 2.09 | 550 |
| Ambulance service levels | 35.6\% (196) | 32.5\% (179) | 23.5\% (129) | 8.4\% (46) | 2.05 | 550 |
| Local hunger levels | 36.4\% (200) | 43.1\% (237) | 10.2\% (56) | 10.4\% (57) | 1.95 | 550 |
| Local health and fitness levels | 36.7\% (202) | 37.8\% (208) | 16.5\% (91) | 8.9\% (49) | 1.98 | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | Additional Comments |  | 68 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 43 |

## 8. Economic Development

|  | Concerned | Somewhat Concerned | Not Concerned | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Availability of better paying jobs | 72.0\% (396) | 19.8\% (109) | 4.7\% (26) | 3.5\% (19) | 1.40 | 550 |
| Career advancement opportunities | 62.9\% (346) | 23.8\% (131) | 8.4\% (46) | 4.9\% (27) | 1.55 | 550 |
| Availability of employees with good work habits | 46.0\% (253) | 34.5\% (190) | 10.7\% (59) | 8.7\% (48) | 1.82 | 550 |
| Diversity of local employer base | 48.2\% (265) | 26.9\% (148) | 13.6\% (75) | 11.3\% (62) | 1.88 | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | Additional Comments |  | 57 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 43 |

## 9. Education and Youth

|  | Concerned | Somewhat Concerned | Not Concerned | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quality of local public schools | 30.7\% (169) | 32.9\% (181) | 28.0\% (154) | 8.4\% (46) | 2.14 | 550 |
| Number of youth continuing education after high school | 42.2\% (232) | 38.2\% (210) | 11.6\% (64) | 8.0\% (44) | 1.85 | 550 |
| Availability of intervention programs for at-risk youth | 47.1\% (259) | 35.5\% (195) | 8.5\% (47) | 8.9\% (49) | 1.79 | 550 |
| Availability of affordable, quality child care | 42.0\% (231) | 31.3\% (172) | 14.0\% (77) | 12.7\% (70) | 1.97 | 550 |
| Quality of educational programs for children with disabilities | 34.0\% (187) | 28.5\% (157) | 18.5\% (102) | 18.9\% (104) | 2.22 | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | Additional Comments |  | 60 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 43 |

## 10. Arts and Leisure

$\left.\begin{array}{r|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline \text { Concerned } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Somewhat } \\ \text { Concerned }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Not } \\ \text { Concerned }\end{array} & \text { No Opinion } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Rating } \\ \text { Average }\end{array} \\ \text { Couns }\end{array}\right\}$
11. Safety and Support Services

|  | Concerned | Somewhat Concerned | Not Concerned | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quality of police department services | 31.5\% (173) | 34.0\% (187) | 26.2\% (144) | 8.4\% (46) | 2.11 | 550 |
| Quality of fire department services | 38.2\% (210) | 34.4\% (189) | 19.5\% (107) | 8.0\% (44) | 1.97 | 550 |
| Local child abuse levels | 39.3\% (216) | 34.9\% (192) | 8.4\% (46) | 17.5\% (96) | 2.04 | 550 |
| Local domestic violence levels | 41.3\% (227) | 34.7\% (191) | 8.2\% (45) | 15.8\% (87) | 1.99 | 550 |
| Local alcohol and drug abuse levels | 53.1\% (292) | 29.6\% (163) | 5.8\% (32) | 11.5\% (63) | 1.76 | 550 |
| Availability of services for the elderly | 39.1\% (215) | 38.2\% (210) | 11.8\% (65) | 10.9\% (60) | 1.95 | 550 |
| Availability of public transportation | 47.6\% (262) | 29.5\% (162) | 14.0\% (77) | 8.9\% (49) | 1.84 | 550 |
| Availability of services for people with physical and/or intellectual disabilities | 35.6\% (196) | 36.9\% (203) | 11.5\% (63) | 16.0\% (88) | 2.08 | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | Additional Comments |  | 54 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 43 |

12. Environment and Infrastructure

|  | Concerned | Somewhat Concerned | Not Concerned | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Effectiveness of sewer and septic systems | 54.7\% (301) | 25.6\% (141) | 11.1\% (61) | 8.5\% (47) | 1.73 | 550 |
| Amount of littering and dumping | 50.7\% (279) | 34.2\% (188) | 9.5\% (52) | 5.6\% (31) | 1.70 | 550 |
| Water quality | 45.9\% (252) | 28.2\% (155) | 18.2\% (100) | 7.7\% (42) | 1.88 | 549 |
| Availability of recycling opportunities | 20.2\% (111) | 29.7\% (163) | 43.5\% (239) | 6.6\% (36) | 2.36 | 549 |
| Availability of Internet and other communication services | 43.5\% (239) | 25.9\% (142) | 20.0\% (110) | 10.6\% (58) | 1.98 | 549 |
| Accessibility of buildings for people with physical limitations | 22.9\% (125) | 41.0\% (224) | 18.6\% (102) | 17.6\% (96) | 2.31 | 547 |
|  |  |  |  | Additional Comments |  | 58 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 550 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 43 |

## 13. Possible Projects

|  | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Very Important | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Expand health support clinic | 48.6\% (255) | 32.4\% (170) | 7.6\% (40) | 11.4\% (60) | 1.82 | 525 |
| Continue development of affordable housing options | 50.7\% (266) | 33.9\% (178) | 7.4\% (39) | 8.0\% (42) | 1.73 | 525 |
| Develop a rural transportation system | 39.6\% (208) | 33.5\% (176) | 19.2\% (101) | 7.6\% (40) | 1.95 | 525 |
| Promote county's environmental aspects | 51.4\% (270) | 33.1\% (174) | 7.8\% (41) | 7.6\% (40) | 1.72 | 525 |
| Continue to support and develop CRC | 53.5\% (281) | 32.2\% (169) | 3.8\% (20) | 10.5\% (55) | 1.71 | 525 |
| Establish a regional arts and culture center | 27.2\% (143) | 37.3\% (196) | 24.4\% (128) | 11.0\% (58) | 2.19 | 525 |
| Enhance efforts to attract visitors | 45.5\% (239) | 34.7\% (182) | 12.2\% (64) | 7.6\% (40) | 1.82 | 525 |
| Establish a regional history center | 25.7\% (135) | 39.8\% (209) | 24.8\% (130) | 9.7\% (51) | 2.18 | 525 |
| Combine City and County offices | 26.5\% (139) | 26.1\% (137) | 25.9\% (136) | 21.5\% (113) | 2.42 | 525 |


| Develop health and fitness initiatives | 30.1\% (158) | 43.2\% (227) | 15.4\% (81) | 11.2\% (59) | 2.08 | 525 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Improve the sewer and water systems | 60.6\% (318) | 25.7\% (135) | 5.0\% (26) | 8.8\% (46) | 1.62 | 525 |
| Develop a fire district | 24.8\% (130) | 16.0\% (84) | 29.3\% (154) | 29.9\% (157) | 2.64 | 525 |
|  |  |  |  | Additional Comments |  | 94 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 525 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 68 |

14. Final Impressions

|  | Agree | Somewhat Agree | Disagree | No Opinion | Rating <br> Average | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Our county is a great place to live | 71.8\% (377) | 21.5\% (113) | 2.7\% (14) | 4.0\% (21) | 1.39 | 525 |
| In general, things are going in the right direction | 27.6\% (145) | 47.6\% (250) | 18.1\% (95) | 6.7\% (35) | 2.04 | 525 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 525 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 68 |

15. If you could change one thing that would make Brown County a better place to live and work, what would it be?

|  | Response <br> Count |
| :---: | ---: |
| answered question | 525 |
| skipped question | 68 |

16. When you think about Brown County, what are three words that come to mind?

## Response Count

