



Allegan County, MI

Comparisons by Geographic Subgroups

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Summary

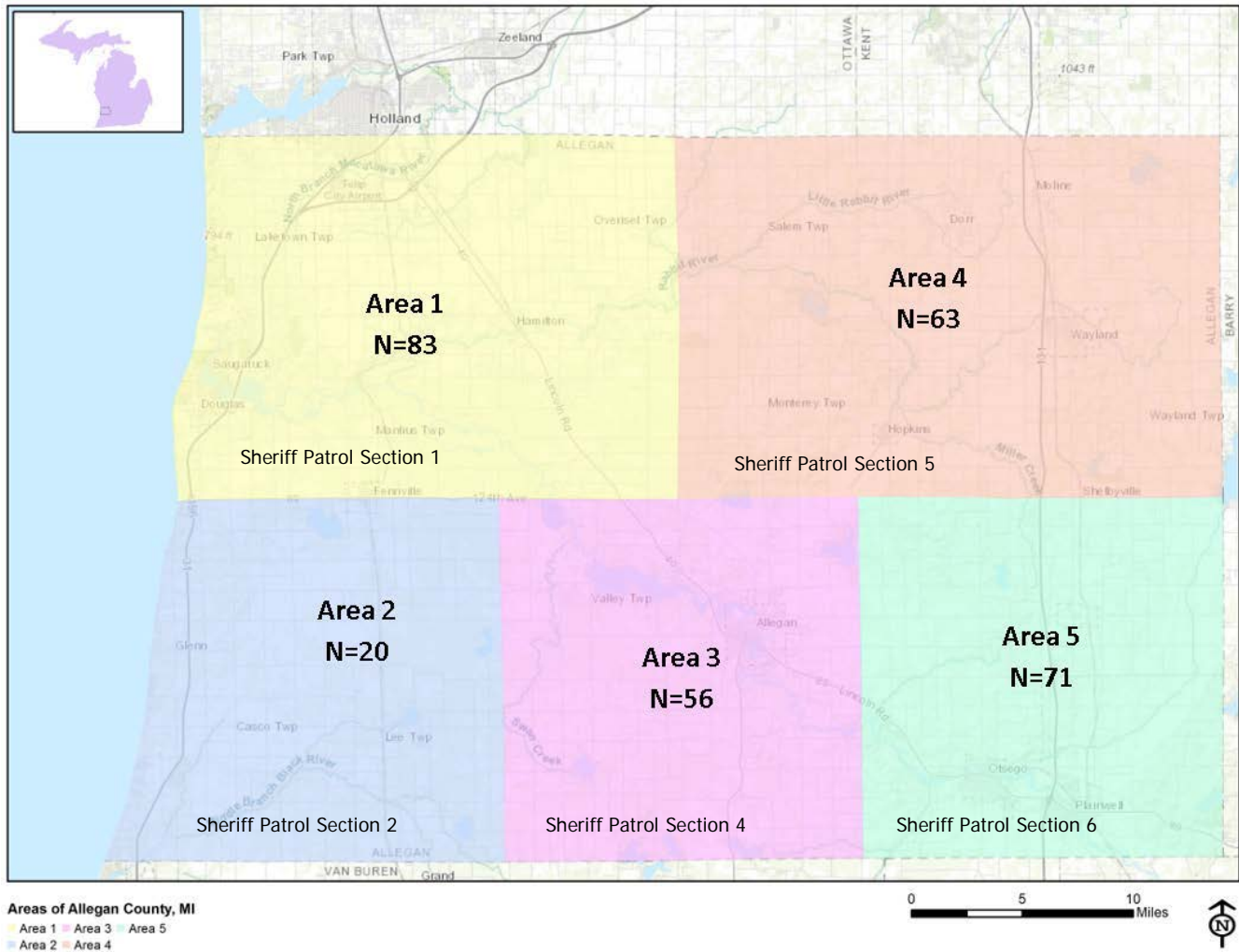
The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. Communities conducting The NCS can choose from a number of optional services to customize the reporting of survey results. Allegan County’s Comparisons by Geographic Subgroups is part of a larger project for the County and additional reports are available under separate cover. This report discusses differences in opinion of survey respondents by geographic subarea.

Five geographic areas were tracked for comparison and the number of completed surveys for each are in the figure below.

Figure 1: Geographic Areas

Geographic Subarea	Number of Completed Surveys
Area 1	83
Area 2	20
Area 3	56
Area 4	63
Area 5	71

Figure 2: Map of Geographic Areas



Understanding the Tables

For most of the questions, one number appears for each question. Responses have been summarized to show only the proportion of respondents giving a certain answer; for example, the percent of respondents who rated the quality of life as “excellent” or “good,” or the percent of respondents who participated in an activity at least once. It should be noted that when a table that does include all responses (not a single number) for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the common practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

The subgroup comparison tables contain the crosstabulations of survey questions by geographic subarea (Sheriff Patrol Section). Chi-square or ANOVA tests of significance were applied to these breakdowns of survey questions. A “p-value” of 0.05 or less indicates that there is less than a 5% probability that differences observed between groups are due to chance; or in other words, a greater than 95% probability that the differences observed in the selected categories of the sample represent “real” differences among those populations. As subgroups vary in size and each group (and each comparison to another group) has a unique margin of error, statistical testing is used to determine whether differences between subgroups are statistically significant. Statistical testing was not performed on multiple response questions.

Each column in the following tables is labeled with a letter for each subgroup being compared. The “Overall” column, which shows the ratings for all respondents, also has a column designation of “(A)”, but no statistical tests were done for the overall rating.

For each pair of subgroup ratings within a row (a single question item) that has a statistically significant difference, an uppercase letter denoting significance is shown in the cell with the larger column proportion. The letter denotes the subgroup with the smaller column proportion from which it is statistically different. Subgroups that have no uppercase letter denotation in their column and that are also not referred to in any other column were not statistically different.

For example, in Table 1 below, respondents in Area 3 (C) gave significantly lower ratings to Allegan County as a place to live than respondents in Areas 1 (A), 2 (B), 4 (D) and 5 (E). As another example, residents who lived in Area 1 (A) were significantly more likely to award excellent or good ratings to the County as a place to retire than those who lived in Area 2 (B), Area 3 (C), or Area 5 (E); however, the rating given by residents living in Area 4 (D) was not statistically different from the Area 1 rating, as indicated by the absence of the letter “D” in the Area 1 column.

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Table 1: Community Characteristics - General

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
The overall quality of life in Allegan County	85% C	81%	63%	76%	77%	77%
Overall image or reputation of Allegan County	48% C	49%	28%	44%	47%	44%
Allegan County as a place to live	82% C	79% C	57%	77% C	81% C	76%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	86% C	75% C	55%	96% B C	88% C	83%
Allegan County as a place to raise children	80% C	70%	59%	77% C	84% C	76%
Allegan County as a place to retire	71% B C E	41%	50%	64%	53%	59%
Overall appearance of Allegan County	76% B E	51%	62%	64%	56%	64%

Table 2: Community Characteristics - Safety

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County	88% B E	61%	81% B	76%	75%	79%
In your neighborhood during the day	96% B	78%	92% B	93% B	97% B	93%
In Allegan County's downtown/commercial areas during the day	95% B	80%	95%	91%	93%	92%

Table 3: Community Characteristics - Mobility

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	87% C	90% C	62%	77% C	79% C	79%
Traffic flow on major streets	76%	94% C E	66%	75%	72%	75%
Ease of public parking	77%	78%	63%	65%	67%	70%
Ease of travel by car in Allegan County	83%	79%	79%	87%	83%	83%
Ease of travel by public transportation in Allegan County	26%	0%	23%	37% B	33% B	28%

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	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Ease of travel by bicycle in Allegan County	38%	55%	52%	55% E	35%	46%
Ease of walking in Allegan County	59% E	65%	56%	62% E	40%	56%
Availability of paths and walking trails	53% D	66% D	47%	36%	42%	47%

Table 4: Community Characteristics - Natural Environment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Quality of overall natural environment in Allegan County	87% C E	84%	71%	77%	72%	79%
Air quality	87% C E	81% E	68%	86% C E	59%	77%
Cleanliness of Allegan County	78% B E	50%	62%	64%	61%	66%

Table 5: Community Characteristics - Built Environment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Overall "built environment" of Allegan County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	55%	63%	39%	57%	45%	51%
Public places where people want to spend time	56% B	30%	46%	58% B E	40%	49%
Variety of housing options	45% C	23%	25%	63% A B C E	37%	42%
Availability of affordable quality housing	33%	23%	19%	58% A B C E	29%	35%
Overall quality of new development in Allegan County	59% B C	28%	35%	45%	49%	46%

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Table 6: Community Characteristics - Economy

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Overall economic health of Allegan County	45%	23%	38%	52% B E	32%	41%
Allegan County as a place to work	52%	33%	49%	54%	50%	50%
Allegan County as a place to visit	70%	67%	57%	57%	55%	61%
Employment opportunities	29%	22%	26%	56% A B C E	28%	35%
Shopping opportunities	37%	29%	25%	37%	42%	35%
Cost of living in Allegan County	64% B C	32%	18%	58% B C	49% C	49%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Allegan County	65% B	28%	49%	54% B	51%	54%
Vibrant downtown/commercial areas	52% B C E	10%	30%	40% B	34% B	38%

Table 7: Community Characteristics - Recreation and Wellness

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County	52% B	24%	38%	47%	36%	42%
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	40%	29%	29%	29%	27%	31%
Recreational opportunities	74% C D E	77% C D E	40%	46%	35%	53%
Availability of affordable quality food	53%	44%	49%	61%	62%	56%
Availability of affordable quality health care	43%	27%	35%	54% B C E	33%	41%
Availability of preventive health services	34%	17%	37%	51% B E	30%	36%
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	36%	20%	24%	36%	20%	29%

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Table 8: Community Characteristics - Education and Enrichment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	46% B	11%	38% B	50% B	43% B	42%
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	51% C	21%	24%	53% C	44%	43%
K-12 education	79% B C	23%	48%	65% B	73% B C	65%
Adult educational opportunities	32%	30%	28%	48%	53% C	41%
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	36%	21%	31%	46%	40%	37%
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	69%	47%	78% B	79% B	64%	70%

Table 9: Community Characteristics - Community Engagement

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good, very/somewhat safe)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	54% B C	17%	25%	42% B	38%	40%
Opportunities to volunteer	68% B	32%	52%	51%	58%	56%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	63% B C D	16%	33%	40%	66% B C D	49%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	72% B C D E	25%	44%	40%	47%	51%
Neighborliness of residents in Allegan County	66% B C	40%	33%	54% C	56% C	54%

Table 10: Governance - General

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Allegan County	71% B	18%	54% B	65% B	55% B	59%
The value of services for the taxes paid to Allegan County	54% B C	30%	23%	45% C	43%	42%
The overall direction that Allegan County is taking	64% B C	25%	30%	57% B C	56% B C	51%

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	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	(A)
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
The job Allegan County government does at welcoming resident involvement	44% B	5%	23%	56% B C	39% B	40%
Overall confidence in Allegan County government	59% B C	25%	29%	55% B C	42%	46%
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	65% B C E	25%	29%	60% B C	46%	50%
Being honest	59% B C E	12%	37%	59% B C E	37%	47%
Treating all residents fairly	56% B C	15%	29%	54% B C	48% B	46%
Overall customer service by Allegan County employees (Sheriff, receptionists, planners, etc.)	84% B C	56%	52%	69%	71%	70%
The Federal Government	34%	14%	51% A B D E	22%	27%	31%

Table 11: Governance - Safety

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	(A)
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Sheriff services	89% B D	55%	75%	71%	76%	76%
Fire services	92% E	85%	78%	92% C E	78%	86%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	92% B	68%	81%	88% B	78%	84%
Crime prevention	71%	57%	82% E	84% B E	61%	73%
Fire prevention and fire education	87% B C E	58%	55%	84% B C E	57%	72%
Animal control	67% C	46%	31%	53%	59% C	55%
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	69% C D E	55% D	32%	27%	34%	42%

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Table 12: Governance - Mobility

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Traffic enforcement	67% C	55%	37%	62% C	61% C	58%
Street repair	40% B C E	3%	20%	33% B	22%	28%
Street lighting	52%	33%	38%	46%	41%	44%
Snow removal	52%	61%	41%	49%	53%	50%
Traffic signal timing	79% C D E	66%	49%	62% E	43%	60%
Bus or transit services	56% D E	38%	39%	23%	22%	35%

Table 13: Governance - Natural Environment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Garbage collection	81% C	74%	64%	82% C	83% C	78%
Recycling	77% C	53%	51%	66%	74% C	68%
Drinking water	78% C E	57%	54%	67%	54%	64%
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	68% C	70% C	37%	56%	53%	58%
Allegan County open space	75%	75%	61%	62%	60%	66%

Table 14: Governance - Built Environment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Storm drainage	69% C	53%	38%	57%	55%	57%
Sewer services	85% C	70%	56%	70%	65%	70%
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	77% C	60%	54%	74% C	63%	68%
Utility billing	77% E	57%	63%	74%	58%	68%

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	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Land use, planning and zoning	55% C	68% C	17%	56% C	40%	49%
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	60% B C D E	15%	18%	27%	37%	36%
Cable television	48% D	48% D	52% D	12%	40% D	38%

Table 15: Governance - Economy

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Economic development	41% B	4%	19%	47% B C	51% B C	38%

Table 16: Governance - Recreation and Wellness

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
County parks	77% E	85% E	82% E	76% E	58%	74%
Recreation programs or classes	42%	84% A E	48%	76% A E	40%	54%
Recreation centers or facilities	53%	69%	39%	71% C E	40%	54%
Health services	47% B	20%	40%	54% B	46%	45%

Table 17: Governance - Education and Enrichment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Public library services	72%	76%	92% A	77%	93% A D	82%

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Table 18: Governance - Community Engagement

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., excellent/good)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Public information services	68% C	50%	38%	54%	48%	53%

Table 19: Participation General

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Sense of community	62% C	41%	45%	74% B C E	56%	59%
Recommend living in Allegan County to someone who asks	88%	79%	75%	81%	80%	82%
Remain in Allegan County for the next five years	86%	83%	91%	92% E	80%	87%
Contacted the County of Allegan County (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	34%	34%	28%	24%	38%	32%

Table 20: Participation - Safety

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Was NOT the victim of a crime	93% B	61%	86% B	91% B	86% B	87%
Did NOT report a crime	90% B C	53%	75% B	82% B	83% B	81%
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	32%	27%	38%	31%	36%	33%

Table 21: Participation - Mobility

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Walked or biked instead of driving	34%	25%	41%	25%	41% D	33%
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	44% B	21%	51% B D	31%	42%	39%
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	9% D	3%	4%	0%	3%	4%

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Table 22: Participation - Natural Environment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Recycle at home	90%	66%	80%	79%	74%	80%
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	76%	88%	75%	93%	89%	84%
Made efforts to conserve water	75%	63%	84%	63%	71%	72%

Table 23: Participation - Built Environment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
NOT under housing cost stress	81%	62%	71%	80%	79%	77%
Did NOT observe a code violation	68%	67%	65%	64%	58%	64%

Table 24: Participation - Economy

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Allegan County	91%	88%	95%	90%	99%	93%
Economy will have positive impact on income	31%	21%	28%	33%	36%	31%
Work in Allegan County	36%	38%	53%	44%	45%	43%

Table 25: Participation - Recreation and Wellness

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Used Allegan County recreation centers or their services	48%	36%	44%	38%	46%	43%
Visited a neighborhood park or County park	78%	77%	73%	73%	73%	75%
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	83%	54%	85%	69%	66%	74%
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	B D E		B E			
Reported being in "very good" or "excellent" health	79%	72%	73%	81%	68%	76%
	60%	69%	46%	57%	46%	55%

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Table 26: Participation - Education and Enrichment

	Geographic Subarea					Overall (A)
	Area 1 (A)	Area 2 (B)	Area 3 (C)	Area 4 (D)	Area 5 (E)	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)						
Used Allegan County public libraries or their services	38%	55%	70% A	59% A	59% A	55%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Allegan County	52% B E	26%	44%	48% B	35%	44%
Attended a County-sponsored event	36% B	8%	39% B	33% B	40% B	34%

Table 27: Participation - Community Engagement

	Geographic Subarea					Overall (A)
	Area 1 (A)	Area 2 (B)	Area 3 (C)	Area 4 (D)	Area 5 (E)	
Percent rating positively (e.g., always/sometimes, more than once a month, yes)						
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	19%	8%	21%	9%	15%	15%
Contacted Allegan County elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	16%	7%	18%	8%	15%	13%
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Allegan County	33% B	8%	37% B D	20%	39% B D	29%
Participated in a club	19%	14%	25%	24%	32%	24%
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	93% B C	76%	79%	96% B C	90% B	89%
Done a favor for a neighbor	87% E	73%	82%	81%	71%	80%
Attended a local public meeting	28% E	11%	17%	20%	13%	20%
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	14% D E	14%	14% D E	3%	2%	9%
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	78%	97% A D E	93% A D E	70%	73%	79%
Vote in local elections	94% E	89%	92%	87%	81%	88%

Table 28: Community Focus Areas

	Geographic Subarea					Overall (A)
	Area 1 (A)	Area 2 (B)	Area 3 (C)	Area 4 (D)	Area 5 (E)	
Percent rating positively (e.g., essential/very important)						
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County	85%	91%	77%	91% C	88%	86%
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	74%	60%	68%	71%	69%	70%
Quality of overall natural environment in Allegan County	78%	86%	66%	75%	78%	76%
Overall "built environment" of Allegan County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	61%	64%	52%	55%	54%	57%

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	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent rating positively (e.g., essential/very important)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County	72%	75%	79% D	60%	77% D	71%
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	75%	73%	80%	70%	84%	77%
Overall economic health of Allegan County	84%	84%	78%	86%	89%	84%
Sense of community	62%	72%	79% A	66%	72%	69%

Table 29: Resident Sentiment Toward Restoring Tax Limitation

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
Percent "strongly support" or "somewhat support"	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
In 1965, Allegan County voters established a tax limitation of 5.7 mills for County services. Due to State tax formulas, in 2019 the limitation has been reduced to 4.54 mills. Please indicate whether you would support or oppose restoring the tax limitation to 5.7 mills if the County were to use the additional funds to maintain or expand public services and reduce public debt? (The additional yearly cost to taxpayers would be up to \$57.97 for a home with market value of \$100,000).	68% D	70% D	75% D	40%	60% D	60%

Table 30: Prioritization of Additional Tax Funds

	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
If you support restoring the tax limitation to 5.7 mills, please indicate how you would prioritize the use of the additional funds: (Percent rating positively, e.g., "high priority" or "medium priority").	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
Improve public safety (add Deputies)	66%	74%	71%	86% A	81%	75%
Restore/expand bus transportation	64% D	80% D	58% D	27%	56% D	54%
Maintain service levels at the County medical care facility for older adults (Dumont complex)	89% D	77% D	81% D	48%	88% D	76%
Reduce public employee pension debt	40%	61%	40%	46%	59%	47%

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Table 31: Degree of Issues in Allegan County

How much of a problem, if at all, do you think these issues are in Allegan County? (Percent rating as "major problem" or "moderate problem").	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1 (A)	Area 2 (B)	Area 3 (C)	Area 4 (D)	Area 5 (E)	(A)
Animal problems (animals running at large, barking dogs)	16%	39% A D	26%	16%	26%	22%
Traffic problems (e.g., residential speeding, aggressive drivers)	32%	19%	33%	37%	52% A B C	36%
School safety (e.g., bullying, fighting, or weapons)	43%	36%	59%	52%	64% A	52%
Child abuse and child sexual assault	57%	32%	55%	64% B	64% B	58%
Domestic violence (adult)	56%	36%	52%	59%	60%	55%
Sexual assault/rape (adult)	42%	30%	39%	45%	60%	44%
Elder abuse and financial crimes against the elderly	43%	32%	33%	33%	52%	39%
Driving under the influence (i.e., alcohol or drugs)	77% B	41%	61%	74% B	63%	68%
Underage drinking	71%	75%	64%	72%	59%	68%
Drug abuse (e.g., manufacture, sale, or use of illegal/prescription drugs)	83%	93%	87%	80%	86%	84%

Table 32: Aspects of Child Care in Allegan County

Please rate each of the following aspects of child care in Allegan County: (Percent rating positively, e.g., "excellent" or "good").	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1 (A)	Area 2 (B)	Area 3 (C)	Area 4 (D)	Area 5 (E)	(A)
High quality, affordable infant care	24%	23%	28%	15%	28%	23%
High quality, affordable toddler/preschool care	21%	23%	26%	36%	36%	30%
Child care that meets my regular scheduling needs	25%	16%	10%	46%	40%	32%
Child care that meets my irregular scheduling needs (e.g., during school breaks or evenings/weekends)	26%	0%	0%	14%	33% B C	20%
Resources to support families with young children (prenatal-5 years old)	20%	0%	4%	44% B C	41% B C	27%

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Table 33: Sources of County Information

Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the County government and its activities, events and services: (Percent rating as "major source" or "minor source").	Geographic Subarea					Overall
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(A)
County communications via U.S. mail	80% B	56%	80% B	79% B	72%	76%
Local newspapers	75% D	70% D	61% D	42%	76% D	64%
County website (allegancounty.org)	72%	79%	63%	61%	82% C D	71%
County email notifications	58%	70%	58%	51%	62%	58%
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)	51%	60%	64%	56%	70% A	60%
Talking with County officials or County staff, or attending public meetings	64%	50%	60%	51%	65%	59%
Word of mouth	81%	65%	70%	73%	82%	76%