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About this Report

As part of its participation in The National Community Survey™, Allegan County conducted a mailed survey of 1,700 residents. Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households in mid-November 2019 and data were collected through early January (see the report, *The National Community Survey: Community Livability Report, Allegan County, MI, 2019*). The results from this main survey effort represent the most robust estimate of your residents' opinions.

After the above data collection period was underway, the County made available a web-based survey to its residents through a link on the County's website. Visitors to the site were able to complete the survey from December 20, 2019 to January 13, 2020 and 532 surveys were received. This report contains the results of this opt-in administration of the web-based survey. These data were not collected through a random sample and it is unknown who in the community was aware of link on the County's website; therefore, a level of confidence in the representativeness of the sample cannot be estimated. However, to reduce bias where possible, these data were weighted to match the demographic characteristics of the 2010 Census and 2017 American Community Survey estimates for adults in Allegan County. The results of the weighting scheme for the opt-in survey are presented in the following table.

Table 1: Allegan County, MI 2019 Weighting Table

Characteristic	Population Norm	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
Housing			
Rent home	18%	11%	16%
Own home	82%	89%	84%
Detached unit*	88%	91%	88%
Attached unit*	12%	9%	12%
Race and Ethnicity			
White	95%	92%	93%
Not white	5%	8%	7%
Not Hispanic	94%	97%	98%
Hispanic	6%	3%	2%
Sex and Age			
Female	51%	71%	49%
Male	49%	29%	51%
18-34 years of age	26%	15%	22%
35-54 years of age	35%	41%	35%
55+ years of age	39%	44%	42%
Females 18-34	13%	12%	11%
Females 35-54	17%	30%	18%
Females 55+	20%	29%	21%
Males 18-34	13%	5%	12%
Males 35-54	18%	12%	19%
Males 55+	19%	11%	21%
Geographic Subarea			
Area 1	28%	19%	29%
Area 2	11%	8%	8%
Area 3	16%	30%	16%
Area 4	25%	18%	25%
Area 5	21%	25%	21%

Figure 1: Geographic Areas

Geographic Subarea	Number of Completed Surveys
Area 1	99
Area 2	41
Area 3	161
Area 4	96
Area 5	135

Complete Survey Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Responses excluding “don’t know”

Table 2: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Allegan County:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Allegan County as a place to live	15%	N=79	61%	N=322	19%	N=103	5%	N=26	100%	N=530
Your neighborhood as a place to live	32%	N=158	49%	N=244	15%	N=76	4%	N=21	100%	N=499
Allegan County as a place to raise children	18%	N=82	57%	N=265	23%	N=105	3%	N=12	100%	N=463
Allegan County as a place to work	10%	N=45	46%	N=201	30%	N=129	13%	N=58	100%	N=433
Allegan County as a place to visit	18%	N=86	45%	N=219	30%	N=148	7%	N=36	100%	N=489
Allegan County as a place to retire	16%	N=74	44%	N=201	30%	N=137	10%	N=47	100%	N=459
The overall quality of life in Allegan County	9%	N=46	61%	N=301	27%	N=131	3%	N=16	100%	N=494

Table 3: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Allegan County as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County	16%	N=81	60%	N=297	20%	N=98	5%	N=23	100%	N=499
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	21%	N=101	54%	N=254	18%	N=87	6%	N=28	100%	N=470
Quality of overall natural environment in Allegan County	29%	N=135	57%	N=269	12%	N=56	2%	N=9	100%	N=469
Overall "built environment" of Allegan County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	6%	N=26	42%	N=196	38%	N=178	14%	N=65	100%	N=465
Health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County	5%	N=24	36%	N=159	43%	N=190	16%	N=73	100%	N=445
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	4%	N=19	37%	N=161	41%	N=181	18%	N=79	100%	N=439
Overall economic health of Allegan County	3%	N=11	33%	N=143	49%	N=213	16%	N=72	100%	N=439
Sense of community	13%	N=58	42%	N=193	34%	N=155	11%	N=50	100%	N=456
Overall image or reputation of Allegan County	4%	N=18	33%	N=151	39%	N=180	24%	N=110	100%	N=459

Table 4: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recommend living in Allegan County to someone who asks	28%	N=138	53%	N=257	13%	N=65	5%	N=26	100%	N=486
Remain in Allegan County for the next five years	63%	N=288	25%	N=115	7%	N=30	5%	N=22	100%	N=456

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Table 5: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	63%	N=295	25%	N=116	7%	N=31	4%	N=18	1%	N=6	100%	N=466
In Allegan County's downtown/commercial areas during the day	60%	N=260	30%	N=131	7%	N=30	2%	N=7	1%	N=3	100%	N=432
In your neighborhood at night	46%	N=213	38%	N=176	9%	N=40	6%	N=28	2%	N=8	100%	N=464
In Allegan County's downtown/commercial areas at night	29%	N=116	45%	N=182	17%	N=70	7%	N=30	1%	N=6	100%	N=403

Table 6: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Allegan County as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	12%	N=60	59%	N=281	22%	N=106	7%	N=32	100%	N=479
Ease of public parking	14%	N=60	49%	N=212	28%	N=119	9%	N=40	100%	N=430
Ease of travel by car in Allegan County	23%	N=103	59%	N=266	16%	N=73	2%	N=9	100%	N=451
Ease of travel by public transportation in Allegan County	4%	N=11	12%	N=35	18%	N=53	66%	N=190	100%	N=289
Ease of travel by bicycle in Allegan County	11%	N=34	35%	N=110	29%	N=92	25%	N=80	100%	N=316
Ease of walking in Allegan County	13%	N=52	40%	N=162	29%	N=115	18%	N=72	100%	N=401
Availability of paths and walking trails	8%	N=30	33%	N=121	35%	N=128	25%	N=91	100%	N=370
Air quality	23%	N=99	57%	N=248	18%	N=76	2%	N=9	100%	N=433
Cleanliness of Allegan County	8%	N=37	52%	N=235	33%	N=146	7%	N=31	100%	N=449
Overall appearance of Allegan County	8%	N=37	54%	N=242	33%	N=148	5%	N=21	100%	N=447
Public places where people want to spend time	8%	N=32	49%	N=207	35%	N=146	9%	N=38	100%	N=422
Variety of housing options	4%	N=18	30%	N=121	36%	N=143	29%	N=114	100%	N=396
Availability of affordable quality housing	4%	N=13	25%	N=93	39%	N=144	33%	N=121	100%	N=371
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	6%	N=26	29%	N=118	35%	N=141	29%	N=115	100%	N=400
Recreational opportunities	14%	N=59	38%	N=160	32%	N=134	15%	N=63	100%	N=417
Availability of affordable quality food	11%	N=49	38%	N=167	36%	N=156	15%	N=67	100%	N=440
Availability of affordable quality health care	6%	N=24	33%	N=133	35%	N=139	26%	N=104	100%	N=401
Availability of preventive health services	7%	N=26	36%	N=141	34%	N=131	24%	N=92	100%	N=390
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	3%	N=11	18%	N=57	30%	N=95	49%	N=155	100%	N=319

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Table 7: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Allegan County as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	5%	N=12	24%	N=63	36%	N=93	36%	N=92	100%	N=260
K-12 education	18%	N=62	52%	N=183	26%	N=92	4%	N=15	100%	N=352
Adult educational opportunities	3%	N=9	32%	N=90	34%	N=93	31%	N=86	100%	N=278
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	6%	N=23	29%	N=107	41%	N=149	24%	N=88	100%	N=367
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	22%	N=79	58%	N=207	17%	N=60	3%	N=10	100%	N=356
Employment opportunities	6%	N=21	34%	N=125	41%	N=149	20%	N=72	100%	N=368
Shopping opportunities	4%	N=16	28%	N=115	40%	N=164	28%	N=115	100%	N=410
Cost of living in Allegan County	10%	N=40	42%	N=174	37%	N=155	11%	N=47	100%	N=416
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Allegan County	6%	N=24	51%	N=210	35%	N=144	8%	N=33	100%	N=410
Vibrant downtown/commercial areas	3%	N=11	34%	N=134	46%	N=182	18%	N=73	100%	N=399
Overall quality of new development in Allegan County	5%	N=17	36%	N=128	43%	N=152	17%	N=59	100%	N=355
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	4%	N=17	41%	N=156	38%	N=143	17%	N=65	100%	N=381
Opportunities to volunteer	13%	N=45	49%	N=173	32%	N=111	6%	N=21	100%	N=350
Opportunities to participate in community matters	8%	N=27	46%	N=157	33%	N=115	13%	N=45	100%	N=343
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	8%	N=28	32%	N=118	34%	N=124	26%	N=96	100%	N=366
Neighborliness of residents in Allegan County	10%	N=40	45%	N=178	36%	N=142	10%	N=39	100%	N=398

Table 8: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	34%	N=145	66%	N=284	100%	N=429
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	20%	N=85	80%	N=344	100%	N=428
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Allegan County (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	40%	N=169	60%	N=254	100%	N=423
Household member was a victim of a crime in Allegan County	89%	N=381	11%	N=45	100%	N=426
Reported a crime to law enforcement in Allegan County	76%	N=324	24%	N=102	100%	N=426
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	64%	N=274	36%	N=152	100%	N=426
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	63%	N=266	37%	N=155	100%	N=421
Contacted the County of Allegan County (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	61%	N=256	39%	N=167	100%	N=422
Contacted Allegan County elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	76%	N=325	24%	N=101	100%	N=426

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Table 9: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Allegan County?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Allegan County recreation centers or their services	5%	N=19	9%	N=39	35%	N=148	51%	N=212	100%	N=418
Visited a neighborhood park or County park	10%	N=42	21%	N=84	49%	N=201	20%	N=83	100%	N=409
Used Allegan County public libraries or their services	6%	N=26	19%	N=77	33%	N=135	42%	N=174	100%	N=412
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Allegan County	8%	N=31	22%	N=92	17%	N=70	53%	N=217	100%	N=410
Attended a County-sponsored event	0%	N=1	3%	N=13	41%	N=171	55%	N=227	100%	N=411
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	1%	N=4	1%	N=4	5%	N=20	93%	N=384	100%	N=412
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	10%	N=42	14%	N=57	21%	N=87	54%	N=223	100%	N=410
Walked or biked instead of driving	5%	N=20	10%	N=41	20%	N=83	65%	N=267	100%	N=411
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Allegan County	5%	N=22	12%	N=49	28%	N=115	55%	N=226	100%	N=411
Participated in a club	4%	N=15	10%	N=40	16%	N=65	71%	N=290	100%	N=409
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	20%	N=81	32%	N=130	35%	N=144	13%	N=54	100%	N=410
Done a favor for a neighbor	9%	N=38	24%	N=98	46%	N=187	21%	N=84	100%	N=407

Table 10: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like County Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=4	7%	N=29	29%	N=116	63%	N=259	100%	N=408
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	2%	N=6	3%	N=13	11%	N=46	84%	N=341	100%	N=407

Table 11: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided in your community, keeping in mind that services may not be provided by Allegan County government:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Sheriff services	25%	N=93	49%	N=180	19%	N=69	7%	N=26	100%	N=368
Fire services	37%	N=127	48%	N=166	12%	N=42	2%	N=7	100%	N=342
Ambulance or emergency medical services	27%	N=86	54%	N=173	15%	N=46	4%	N=14	100%	N=319
Crime prevention	11%	N=36	53%	N=170	23%	N=73	13%	N=42	100%	N=320
Fire prevention and fire education	24%	N=67	49%	N=139	21%	N=60	6%	N=17	100%	N=284
Traffic enforcement	11%	N=40	49%	N=171	25%	N=89	14%	N=50	100%	N=351
Street repair	5%	N=20	18%	N=71	37%	N=141	39%	N=150	100%	N=382
Street lighting	6%	N=24	38%	N=143	34%	N=126	21%	N=78	100%	N=371
Snow removal	10%	N=38	46%	N=180	31%	N=121	14%	N=55	100%	N=394

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided in your community, keeping in mind that services may not be provided by Allegan County government:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic signal timing	8%	N=29	52%	N=185	29%	N=102	11%	N=38	100%	N=355
Bus or transit services	3%	N=6	11%	N=21	20%	N=39	66%	N=125	100%	N=190
Garbage collection	17%	N=63	52%	N=188	25%	N=92	6%	N=22	100%	N=366
Recycling	13%	N=45	39%	N=130	23%	N=78	24%	N=82	100%	N=334
Storm drainage	8%	N=26	48%	N=149	30%	N=93	13%	N=41	100%	N=310
Drinking water	21%	N=72	49%	N=168	23%	N=79	8%	N=28	100%	N=347
Sewer services	14%	N=32	53%	N=125	24%	N=57	9%	N=22	100%	N=237
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	20%	N=75	51%	N=195	24%	N=93	6%	N=23	100%	N=386
Utility billing	11%	N=40	50%	N=187	31%	N=116	8%	N=29	100%	N=372
County parks	14%	N=47	59%	N=204	23%	N=78	5%	N=16	100%	N=344
Recreation programs or classes	7%	N=13	35%	N=65	34%	N=63	25%	N=46	100%	N=187
Recreation centers or facilities	8%	N=17	37%	N=80	37%	N=80	19%	N=40	100%	N=217
Land use, planning and zoning	3%	N=9	37%	N=95	38%	N=97	22%	N=55	100%	N=256
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	4%	N=11	27%	N=74	40%	N=113	29%	N=83	100%	N=280
Animal control	8%	N=23	36%	N=99	34%	N=93	21%	N=56	100%	N=271
Economic development	5%	N=13	36%	N=106	43%	N=125	16%	N=48	100%	N=293
Health services	5%	N=16	39%	N=125	36%	N=116	20%	N=65	100%	N=322
Public library services	34%	N=107	44%	N=139	18%	N=55	4%	N=13	100%	N=314
Public information services	7%	N=18	38%	N=102	38%	N=101	17%	N=47	100%	N=268
Cable television	6%	N=18	25%	N=76	28%	N=86	41%	N=125	100%	N=305
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	9%	N=23	37%	N=92	40%	N=100	14%	N=34	100%	N=249
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	8%	N=23	55%	N=168	26%	N=79	11%	N=32	100%	N=303
Allegan County open space	10%	N=31	61%	N=181	22%	N=64	7%	N=21	100%	N=297
Overall customer service by Allegan County employees (Sheriff, receptionists, planners, etc.)	17%	N=55	54%	N=175	20%	N=64	9%	N=30	100%	N=324
Internet/broadband services	5%	N=17	24%	N=90	24%	N=88	47%	N=174	100%	N=370
Mental health and addiction services	3%	N=7	17%	N=39	29%	N=70	51%	N=122	100%	N=239
Allegan County Public Health (e.g. well/septic permits, immunizations)	6%	N=17	39%	N=101	40%	N=104	15%	N=38	100%	N=259
Supportive services for seniors	12%	N=27	35%	N=78	32%	N=72	21%	N=48	100%	N=224
Recreational programs for youth (under age 18)	6%	N=12	29%	N=62	37%	N=80	29%	N=62	100%	N=216
Recreational programs for adults (ages 18-59)	2%	N=5	15%	N=32	41%	N=88	41%	N=87	100%	N=213
Recreational programs for older adults (ages 60 and older)	4%	N=7	20%	N=36	33%	N=59	42%	N=74	100%	N=177

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Table 12: Question 11

Based on your understanding of the services provided by each of the following entities, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Your local government (City or Township)	11%	N=38	47%	N=165	29%	N=101	14%	N=50	100%	N=354
Allegan County	7%	N=23	55%	N=186	28%	N=95	11%	N=36	100%	N=341
The Federal Government	4%	N=15	26%	N=90	38%	N=129	31%	N=107	100%	N=341

Table 13: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Allegan County government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Allegan County	6%	N=20	36%	N=123	39%	N=134	19%	N=67	100%	N=344
The overall direction that Allegan County is taking	6%	N=19	43%	N=138	36%	N=118	15%	N=48	100%	N=323
The job Allegan County government does at welcoming resident involvement	4%	N=11	21%	N=55	42%	N=111	33%	N=88	100%	N=265
Overall confidence in Allegan County government	4%	N=12	37%	N=123	40%	N=134	19%	N=63	100%	N=332
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	5%	N=15	42%	N=138	36%	N=116	17%	N=57	100%	N=327
Being honest	7%	N=19	41%	N=118	36%	N=103	16%	N=46	100%	N=286
Treating all residents fairly	8%	N=24	37%	N=107	32%	N=93	22%	N=64	100%	N=288

Table 14: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Allegan County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County	44%	N=162	40%	N=147	14%	N=52	2%	N=7	100%	N=368
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	27%	N=98	50%	N=183	20%	N=73	3%	N=11	100%	N=365
Quality of overall natural environment in Allegan County	33%	N=119	46%	N=166	19%	N=70	3%	N=10	100%	N=365
Overall "built environment" of Allegan County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	22%	N=80	45%	N=165	29%	N=107	3%	N=12	100%	N=364
Health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County	33%	N=118	47%	N=169	19%	N=67	2%	N=7	100%	N=361
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	40%	N=145	39%	N=141	18%	N=64	3%	N=11	100%	N=361
Overall economic health of Allegan County	42%	N=152	48%	N=174	10%	N=35	1%	N=4	100%	N=365
Sense of community	24%	N=87	49%	N=179	24%	N=88	3%	N=12	100%	N=365

Table 15: Question 14

In 1965, Allegan County voters established a tax limitation of 5.7 mills for County services...xx	Percent	Number
Strongly support	29%	N=91
Somewhat support	43%	N=137
Somewhat oppose	10%	N=32
Strongly oppose	18%	N=56
Total	100%	N=317

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Table 16: Question 15

If you support restoring the tax limitation to 5.7 mills, please indicate how you would prioritize the use of the additional funds:	High priority		Medium priority		Low priority		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Improve public safety (add Deputies): If you support restoring the tax limitation to 5.7 mills, please indicate how you would prioritize the use of the additional funds:	39%	N=108	37%	N=102	25%	N=69	100%	N=279
Restore/expand bus transportation	32%	N=91	28%	N=81	40%	N=114	100%	N=285
Maintain service levels at the County medical care facility for older adults (Dumont complex)	33%	N=91	47%	N=130	21%	N=57	100%	N=278
Reduce public employee pension debt	21%	N=53	38%	N=97	41%	N=106	100%	N=256

Table 17: Question 16

How much of a problem, if at all, do you think these issues are in Allegan County?	Major problem		Moderate problem		Minor problem		Not a problem		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Animal problems (animals running at large, barking dogs)	8%	N=26	21%	N=67	47%	N=150	24%	N=78	100%	N=320
Traffic problems (e.g., residential speeding, aggressive drivers)	13%	N=43	33%	N=108	39%	N=128	15%	N=48	100%	N=327
School safety (e.g., bullying, fighting, or weapons)	21%	N=58	39%	N=107	30%	N=80	10%	N=27	100%	N=272
Child abuse and child sexual assault	29%	N=71	47%	N=113	20%	N=48	4%	N=10	100%	N=244
Domestic violence (adult)	32%	N=79	46%	N=113	20%	N=48	1%	N=3	100%	N=243
Sexual assault/rape (adult)	22%	N=49	41%	N=92	30%	N=67	7%	N=14	100%	N=222
Elder abuse and financial crimes against the elderly	20%	N=43	39%	N=86	33%	N=73	7%	N=16	100%	N=217
Driving under the influence (i.e., alcohol or drugs)	30%	N=86	46%	N=132	23%	N=67	1%	N=2	100%	N=286
Underage drinking	23%	N=65	46%	N=129	29%	N=80	2%	N=6	100%	N=279
Drug abuse (e.g., manufacture, sale, or use of illegal/prescription drugs)	50%	N=151	39%	N=117	10%	N=30	1%	N=2	100%	N=300

Table 18: Question 17

Please rate each of the following aspects of child care in Allegan County:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
High quality, affordable infant care	3%	N=4	16%	N=25	40%	N=62	42%	N=65	100%	N=156
High quality, affordable toddler/preschool care	5%	N=8	27%	N=45	38%	N=63	31%	N=52	100%	N=167
Child care that meets my regular scheduling needs	2%	N=3	20%	N=27	43%	N=57	35%	N=46	100%	N=133
Child care that meets my irregular scheduling needs (e.g., during school breaks or evenings/weekends)	2%	N=3	14%	N=18	33%	N=43	51%	N=66	100%	N=129
Resources to support families with young children (prenatal-5 years old)	11%	N=18	17%	N=28	32%	N=53	39%	N=64	100%	N=164

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Table 19: Question 18

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:	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N
County communications via U.S. mail	31%	N=108	44%	N=151	25%	N=87	100%	N=347
Local newspapers	33%	N=114	40%	N=139	26%	N=91	100%	N=344
County website (allegancounty.org)	43%	N=148	41%	N=141	16%	N=56	100%	N=345
County email notifications	29%	N=100	35%	N=122	36%	N=123	100%	N=345
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)	53%	N=183	27%	N=93	20%	N=70	100%	N=347
Talking with County officials or County staff, or attending public meetings	26%	N=92	44%	N=151	30%	N=103	100%	N=346
Word of mouth	37%	N=128	40%	N=138	23%	N=81	100%	N=347

Table 20: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N
Recycle at home	12%	N=42	11%	N=40	15%	N=51	26%	N=89	36%	N=127	100%	N=350
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Allegan County	0%	N=0	6%	N=20	30%	N=103	52%	N=180	13%	N=44	100%	N=347
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	4%	N=14	25%	N=88	41%	N=142	22%	N=78	7%	N=26	100%	N=347
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=6	17%	N=58	41%	N=143	28%	N=98	12%	N=41	100%	N=348
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	5%	N=18	13%	N=44	19%	N=67	30%	N=103	33%	N=115	100%	N=347
Vote in local elections	4%	N=15	2%	N=7	4%	N=13	23%	N=79	67%	N=233	100%	N=348

Table 21: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	11%	N=40
Very good	39%	N=136
Good	38%	N=135
Fair	9%	N=31
Poor	3%	N=11
Total	100%	N=352

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Table 22: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	11%	N= 39
Somewhat positive	24%	N= 84
Neutral	47%	N= 165
Somewhat negative	13%	N= 47
Very negative	4%	N= 13
Total	100%	N= 347

Table 23: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	64%	N= 224
Working part time for pay	13%	N= 47
Unemployed, looking for paid work	2%	N= 6
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	4%	N= 14
Fully retired	17%	N= 61
Total	100%	N= 352

Table 24: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Allegan County?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	52%	N= 175
Yes, from home	6%	N= 19
No	43%	N= 143
Total	100%	N= 336

Table 25: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Allegan County?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	5%	N= 17
2 to 5 years	11%	N= 37
6 to 10 years	10%	N= 34
11 to 20 years	17%	N= 60
More than 20 years	57%	N= 196
Total	100%	N= 345

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Table 26: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	83%	N=367
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	10%	N=43
Mobile home	6%	N=25
Other	2%	N=8
Total	100%	N=444

Table 27: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	18%	N=78
Owned	82%	N=358
Total	100%	N=437

Table 28: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	7%	N=22
\$300 to \$599 per month	22%	N=69
\$600 to \$999 per month	27%	N=85
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	28%	N=90
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	12%	N=36
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=14
Total	100%	N=316

Table 29: Question D10

Please indicate how many people in each age range live in your household	Mean	Count
Average number of each per household		
Number of children age 0-5	.30	N=532
Number of children age 6-17	.54	N=532
Number of adults age 18 or older	2.10	N=532
Total persons in household	2.94	N=532

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Table 30: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	75%	N=258
Yes	25%	N=87
Total	100%	N=345

Table 31: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	10%	N=34
\$25,000 to \$37,499	9%	N=29
\$37,500 to \$49,999	12%	N=42
\$50,000 to \$61,999	15%	N=51
\$62,000 to \$99,999	24%	N=80
\$100,000 to \$149,999	17%	N=57
\$150,000 or more	12%	N=41
Total	100%	N=335

Table 32: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	98%	N=337
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	2%	N=8
Total	100%	N=346

Table 33: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	N=12
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	1%	N=4
Black or African American	1%	N=4
White	95%	N=328
Other	5%	N=16

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

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Table 34: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18-24 years	7%	N=38
25-34 years	15%	N=80
35-44 years	19%	N=99
45-54 years	16%	N=86
55-59 years	27%	N=141
60-64 years	13%	N=68
65-74 years	3%	N=18
75 years or older	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=531

Table 35: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	51%	N=228
Male	49%	N=218
Total	100%	N=446

Table 36: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	78%	N=270
Land line	10%	N=34
Both	13%	N=44
Total	100%	N=348

Table 37: Question D18

What is the highest grade of school or year of college that you have completed?	Percent	Number
Grade school	1%	N=2
High school degree or GED	22%	N=76
Some college/Associate's degree	31%	N=108
Bachelor's degree	24%	N=84
Post-bachelor's degree/Graduate degree	21%	N=73
Total	100%	N=343

Responses including “don’t know”

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

Table 38: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Allegan County:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Allegan County as a place to live	15%	N=79	61%	N=322	19%	N=103	5%	N=26	0%	N=1	100%	N=531
Your neighborhood as a place to live	32%	N=158	49%	N=244	15%	N=76	4%	N=21	0%	N=0	100%	N=499
Allegan County as a place to raise children	16%	N=82	53%	N=265	21%	N=105	2%	N=12	7%	N=33	100%	N=497
Allegan County as a place to work	9%	N=45	40%	N=201	26%	N=129	12%	N=58	13%	N=64	100%	N=496
Allegan County as a place to visit	17%	N=86	44%	N=219	30%	N=148	7%	N=36	2%	N=9	100%	N=498
Allegan County as a place to retire	15%	N=74	41%	N=201	28%	N=137	9%	N=47	8%	N=38	100%	N=496
The overall quality of life in Allegan County	9%	N=46	61%	N=301	26%	N=131	3%	N=16	0%	N=2	100%	N=496

Table 39: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Allegan County as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County	16%	N=81	59%	N=297	20%	N=98	5%	N=23	0%	N=1	100%	N=500
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	21%	N=101	54%	N=254	18%	N=87	6%	N=28	0%	N=0	100%	N=470
Quality of overall natural environment in Allegan County	29%	N=135	57%	N=269	12%	N=56	2%	N=9	0%	N=1	100%	N=470
Overall "built environment" of Allegan County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	6%	N=26	42%	N=196	38%	N=178	14%	N=65	1%	N=3	100%	N=468
Health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County	5%	N=24	34%	N=159	40%	N=190	15%	N=73	5%	N=24	100%	N=469
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	4%	N=19	34%	N=161	39%	N=181	17%	N=79	6%	N=29	100%	N=469
Overall economic health of Allegan County	2%	N=11	31%	N=143	46%	N=213	15%	N=72	6%	N=30	100%	N=469
Sense of community	12%	N=58	41%	N=193	33%	N=155	11%	N=50	3%	N=12	100%	N=468
Overall image or reputation of Allegan County	4%	N=18	32%	N=151	38%	N=180	23%	N=110	2%	N=10	100%	N=469

Table 40: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recommend living in Allegan County to someone who asks	28%	N=138	52%	N=257	13%	N=65	5%	N=26	1%	N=4	100%	N=490
Remain in Allegan County for the next five years	62%	N=288	25%	N=115	6%	N=30	5%	N=22	2%	N=11	100%	N=467

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Table 41: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	63%	N=295	25%	N=116	7%	N=31	4%	N=18	1%	N=6	0%	N=2	100%	N=468
In Allegan County's downtown/commercial areas during the day	56%	N=260	28%	N=131	6%	N=30	2%	N=7	1%	N=3	8%	N=35	100%	N=467
In your neighborhood at night	46%	N=213	38%	N=176	9%	N=40	6%	N=28	2%	N=8	1%	N=2	100%	N=466
In Allegan County's downtown/commercial areas at night	25%	N=116	39%	N=182	15%	N=70	6%	N=30	1%	N=6	14%	N=65	100%	N=468

Table 42: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Allegan County as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	12%	N=60	58%	N=281	22%	N=106	7%	N=32	1%	N=3	100%	N=482
Ease of public parking	13%	N=60	47%	N=212	26%	N=119	9%	N=40	5%	N=23	100%	N=453
Ease of travel by car in Allegan County	23%	N=103	58%	N=266	16%	N=73	2%	N=9	1%	N=4	100%	N=455
Ease of travel by public transportation in Allegan County	2%	N=11	8%	N=35	12%	N=53	42%	N=190	36%	N=165	100%	N=454
Ease of travel by bicycle in Allegan County	8%	N=34	24%	N=110	20%	N=92	18%	N=80	30%	N=137	100%	N=453
Ease of walking in Allegan County	11%	N=52	36%	N=162	25%	N=115	16%	N=72	12%	N=52	100%	N=453
Availability of paths and walking trails	7%	N=30	27%	N=121	28%	N=128	20%	N=91	18%	N=83	100%	N=453
Air quality	22%	N=99	55%	N=248	17%	N=76	2%	N=9	4%	N=19	100%	N=453
Cleanliness of Allegan County	8%	N=37	52%	N=235	32%	N=146	7%	N=31	1%	N=5	100%	N=453
Overall appearance of Allegan County	8%	N=37	54%	N=242	33%	N=148	5%	N=21	1%	N=3	100%	N=451
Public places where people want to spend time	7%	N=32	46%	N=207	32%	N=146	8%	N=38	7%	N=31	100%	N=452
Variety of housing options	4%	N=18	27%	N=121	32%	N=143	25%	N=114	12%	N=54	100%	N=450
Availability of affordable quality housing	3%	N=13	21%	N=93	32%	N=144	27%	N=121	17%	N=78	100%	N=449
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	6%	N=26	26%	N=118	32%	N=141	26%	N=115	10%	N=46	100%	N=446
Recreational opportunities	13%	N=59	36%	N=160	30%	N=134	14%	N=63	7%	N=30	100%	N=446
Availability of affordable quality food	11%	N=49	37%	N=167	35%	N=156	15%	N=67	2%	N=9	100%	N=448
Availability of affordable quality health care	5%	N=24	30%	N=133	31%	N=139	23%	N=104	11%	N=49	100%	N=450
Availability of preventive health services	6%	N=26	31%	N=141	29%	N=131	21%	N=92	13%	N=59	100%	N=449
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	2%	N=11	13%	N=57	21%	N=95	34%	N=155	29%	N=132	100%	N=450

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Table 43: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Allegan County as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	3%	N=12	14%	N=63	21%	N=93	21%	N=92	41%	N=180	100%	N=440
K-12 education	15%	N=62	43%	N=183	22%	N=92	4%	N=15	16%	N=68	100%	N=420
Adult educational opportunities	2%	N=9	21%	N=90	22%	N=93	20%	N=86	34%	N=145	100%	N=423
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	6%	N=23	25%	N=107	35%	N=149	21%	N=88	13%	N=57	100%	N=424
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	19%	N=79	49%	N=207	14%	N=60	2%	N=10	16%	N=68	100%	N=424
Employment opportunities	5%	N=21	30%	N=125	35%	N=149	17%	N=72	13%	N=56	100%	N=424
Shopping opportunities	4%	N=16	27%	N=115	39%	N=164	27%	N=115	3%	N=14	100%	N=423
Cost of living in Allegan County	9%	N=40	41%	N=174	37%	N=155	11%	N=47	2%	N=8	100%	N=424
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Allegan County	6%	N=24	50%	N=210	34%	N=144	8%	N=33	2%	N=9	100%	N=420
Vibrant downtown/commercial areas	3%	N=11	32%	N=134	43%	N=182	17%	N=73	5%	N=21	100%	N=420
Overall quality of new development in Allegan County	4%	N=17	30%	N=128	36%	N=152	14%	N=59	15%	N=65	100%	N=419
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	4%	N=17	37%	N=156	34%	N=143	15%	N=65	10%	N=42	100%	N=423
Opportunities to volunteer	11%	N=45	41%	N=173	26%	N=111	5%	N=21	17%	N=72	100%	N=423
Opportunities to participate in community matters	6%	N=27	37%	N=157	27%	N=115	11%	N=45	19%	N=80	100%	N=423
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	7%	N=28	28%	N=118	29%	N=124	23%	N=96	13%	N=57	100%	N=423
Neighborliness of residents in Allegan County	10%	N=40	42%	N=178	34%	N=142	9%	N=39	6%	N=25	100%	N=423

Table 44: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	34%	N=145	66%	N=284	100%	N=429
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	20%	N=85	80%	N=344	100%	N=428
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Allegan County (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	40%	N=169	60%	N=254	100%	N=423
Household member was a victim of a crime in Allegan County	89%	N=381	11%	N=45	100%	N=426
Reported a crime to law enforcement in Allegan County	76%	N=324	24%	N=102	100%	N=426
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	64%	N=274	36%	N=152	100%	N=426
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	63%	N=266	37%	N=155	100%	N=421
Contacted the County of Allegan County (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	61%	N=256	39%	N=167	100%	N=422
Contacted Allegan County elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	76%	N=325	24%	N=101	100%	N=426

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Table 45: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Allegan County?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Allegan County recreation centers or their services	5%	N=19	9%	N=39	35%	N=148	51%	N=212	100%	N=418
Visited a neighborhood park or County park	10%	N=42	21%	N=84	49%	N=201	20%	N=83	100%	N=409
Used Allegan County public libraries or their services	6%	N=26	19%	N=77	33%	N=135	42%	N=174	100%	N=412
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Allegan County	8%	N=31	22%	N=92	17%	N=70	53%	N=217	100%	N=410
Attended a County-sponsored event	0%	N=1	3%	N=13	41%	N=171	55%	N=227	100%	N=411
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	1%	N=4	1%	N=4	5%	N=20	93%	N=384	100%	N=412
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	10%	N=42	14%	N=57	21%	N=87	54%	N=223	100%	N=410
Walked or biked instead of driving	5%	N=20	10%	N=41	20%	N=83	65%	N=267	100%	N=411
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Allegan County	5%	N=22	12%	N=49	28%	N=115	55%	N=226	100%	N=411
Participated in a club	4%	N=15	10%	N=40	16%	N=65	71%	N=290	100%	N=409
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	20%	N=81	32%	N=130	35%	N=144	13%	N=54	100%	N=410
Done a favor for a neighbor	9%	N=38	24%	N=98	46%	N=187	21%	N=84	100%	N=407

Table 46: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like County Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	1%	N=4	7%	N=29	29%	N=116	63%	N=259	100%	N=408
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	2%	N=6	3%	N=13	11%	N=46	84%	N=341	100%	N=407

Table 47: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided in your community, keeping in mind that services may not be provided by Allegan County government:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Sheriff services	23%	N=93	45%	N=180	17%	N=69	7%	N=26	8%	N=33	100%	N=401
Fire services	32%	N=127	42%	N=166	11%	N=42	2%	N=7	13%	N=52	100%	N=394
Ambulance or emergency medical services	22%	N=86	44%	N=173	12%	N=46	4%	N=14	19%	N=77	100%	N=396
Crime prevention	9%	N=36	43%	N=170	18%	N=73	11%	N=42	19%	N=76	100%	N=396
Fire prevention and fire education	17%	N=67	35%	N=139	15%	N=60	4%	N=17	28%	N=112	100%	N=396
Traffic enforcement	10%	N=40	43%	N=171	23%	N=89	13%	N=50	11%	N=44	100%	N=395
Street repair	5%	N=20	18%	N=71	36%	N=141	38%	N=150	4%	N=14	100%	N=396
Street lighting	6%	N=24	36%	N=143	32%	N=126	20%	N=78	6%	N=25	100%	N=397
Snow removal	10%	N=38	45%	N=180	30%	N=121	14%	N=55	1%	N=3	100%	N=397

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services provided in your community, keeping in mind that services may not be provided by Allegan County government:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic signal timing	7%	N=29	47%	N=185	26%	N=102	10%	N=38	10%	N=41	100%	N=396
Bus or transit services	1%	N=6	5%	N=21	10%	N=39	31%	N=125	52%	N=206	100%	N=397
Garbage collection	16%	N=63	47%	N=188	23%	N=92	6%	N=22	8%	N=31	100%	N=397
Recycling	11%	N=45	33%	N=130	20%	N=78	21%	N=82	16%	N=63	100%	N=397
Storm drainage	7%	N=26	38%	N=149	24%	N=93	10%	N=41	22%	N=86	100%	N=395
Drinking water	18%	N=72	42%	N=168	20%	N=79	7%	N=28	13%	N=50	100%	N=397
Sewer services	8%	N=32	32%	N=125	14%	N=57	6%	N=22	40%	N=159	100%	N=395
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	19%	N=75	49%	N=195	23%	N=93	6%	N=23	3%	N=10	100%	N=396
Utility billing	10%	N=40	47%	N=187	29%	N=116	7%	N=29	6%	N=24	100%	N=396
County parks	12%	N=47	51%	N=204	20%	N=78	4%	N=16	13%	N=52	100%	N=396
Recreation programs or classes	3%	N=13	17%	N=65	16%	N=63	12%	N=46	53%	N=207	100%	N=394
Recreation centers or facilities	4%	N=17	20%	N=80	20%	N=80	10%	N=40	45%	N=176	100%	N=394
Land use, planning and zoning	2%	N=9	24%	N=95	25%	N=97	14%	N=55	35%	N=136	100%	N=392
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	3%	N=11	19%	N=74	29%	N=113	21%	N=83	29%	N=113	100%	N=393
Animal control	6%	N=23	25%	N=99	24%	N=93	14%	N=56	31%	N=122	100%	N=393
Economic development	3%	N=13	27%	N=106	32%	N=125	12%	N=48	26%	N=100	100%	N=393
Health services	4%	N=16	32%	N=125	29%	N=116	17%	N=65	18%	N=71	100%	N=394
Public library services	27%	N=107	35%	N=139	14%	N=55	3%	N=13	20%	N=79	100%	N=393
Public information services	5%	N=18	26%	N=102	26%	N=101	12%	N=47	32%	N=125	100%	N=393
Cable television	5%	N=18	19%	N=76	22%	N=86	32%	N=125	22%	N=86	100%	N=390
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	6%	N=23	24%	N=92	26%	N=100	9%	N=34	36%	N=142	100%	N=391
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	6%	N=23	43%	N=168	20%	N=79	8%	N=32	23%	N=89	100%	N=392
Allegan County open space	8%	N=31	46%	N=181	16%	N=64	5%	N=21	24%	N=93	100%	N=390
Overall customer service by Allegan County employees (Sheriff, receptionists, planners, etc.)	14%	N=55	45%	N=175	16%	N=64	8%	N=30	18%	N=69	100%	N=393
Internet/broadband services	4%	N=17	23%	N=90	22%	N=88	44%	N=174	6%	N=24	100%	N=393
Mental health and addiction services	2%	N=7	10%	N=39	18%	N=70	31%	N=122	38%	N=150	100%	N=389
Allegan County Public Health (e.g. well/septic permits, immunizations)	4%	N=17	26%	N=101	26%	N=104	10%	N=38	34%	N=133	100%	N=393
Supportive services for seniors	7%	N=27	20%	N=78	18%	N=72	12%	N=48	43%	N=168	100%	N=392
Recreational programs for youth (under age 18)	3%	N=12	16%	N=62	20%	N=80	16%	N=62	45%	N=177	100%	N=393
Recreational programs for adults (ages 18-59)	1%	N=5	8%	N=32	22%	N=88	22%	N=87	46%	N=181	100%	N=393
Recreational programs for older adults (ages 60 and older)	2%	N=7	9%	N=36	15%	N=59	19%	N=74	55%	N=216	100%	N=393

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Table 48: Question 11

Based on your understanding of the services provided by each of the following entities, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Your local government (City or Township)	10%	N=38	44%	N=165	27%	N=101	13%	N=50	6%	N=23	100%	N=377
Allegan County	6%	N=23	50%	N=186	26%	N=95	10%	N=36	8%	N=30	100%	N=371
The Federal Government	4%	N=15	24%	N=90	35%	N=129	29%	N=107	8%	N=31	100%	N=372

Table 49: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Allegan County government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Allegan County	5%	N=20	33%	N=123	36%	N=134	18%	N=67	7%	N=28	100%	N=372
The overall direction that Allegan County is taking	5%	N=19	37%	N=138	32%	N=118	13%	N=48	13%	N=47	100%	N=369
The job Allegan County government does at welcoming resident involvement	3%	N=11	15%	N=55	30%	N=111	24%	N=88	29%	N=106	100%	N=371
Overall confidence in Allegan County government	3%	N=12	33%	N=123	36%	N=134	17%	N=63	10%	N=38	100%	N=370
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	4%	N=15	37%	N=138	31%	N=116	15%	N=57	13%	N=47	100%	N=374
Being honest	5%	N=19	32%	N=118	28%	N=103	12%	N=46	23%	N=84	100%	N=370
Treating all residents fairly	6%	N=24	29%	N=107	25%	N=93	17%	N=64	23%	N=84	100%	N=373

Table 50: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Allegan County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County	44%	N=162	40%	N=147	14%	N=52	2%	N=7	100%	N=368
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	27%	N=98	50%	N=183	20%	N=73	3%	N=11	100%	N=365
Quality of overall natural environment in Allegan County	33%	N=119	46%	N=166	19%	N=70	3%	N=10	100%	N=365
Overall "built environment" of Allegan County (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	22%	N=80	45%	N=165	29%	N=107	3%	N=12	100%	N=364
Health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County	33%	N=118	47%	N=169	19%	N=67	2%	N=7	100%	N=361
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	40%	N=145	39%	N=141	18%	N=64	3%	N=11	100%	N=361
Overall economic health of Allegan County	42%	N=152	48%	N=174	10%	N=35	1%	N=4	100%	N=365
Sense of community	24%	N=87	49%	N=179	24%	N=88	3%	N=12	100%	N=365

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Table 51: Question 14

In 1965, Allegan County voters established a tax limitation of 5.7 mills for County services...xx	Percent	Number
Strongly support	26%	N=91
Somewhat support	39%	N=137
Somewhat oppose	9%	N=32
Strongly oppose	16%	N=56
Don't know	10%	N=35
Total	100%	N=352

Table 52: Question 15

If you support restoring the tax limitation to 5.7 mills, please indicate how you would prioritize the use of the additional funds:	High priority		Medium priority		Low priority		Don't know		Total	
Improve public safety (add Deputies):If you support restoring the tax limitation to 5 7 mills, please indicate how you would prioritize the use of the additional funds:	34%	N=108	33%	N=102	22%	N=69	11%	N=33	100%	N=312
Restore/expand bus transportation	29%	N=91	26%	N=81	36%	N=114	9%	N=30	100%	N=315
Maintain service levels at the County medical care facility for older adults (Dumont complex)	29%	N=91	41%	N=130	18%	N=57	12%	N=37	100%	N=315
Reduce public employee pension debt	17%	N=53	31%	N=97	34%	N=106	18%	N=58	100%	N=314

Table 53: Question 16

How much of a problem, if at all, do you think these issues are in Allegan County?	Major problem		Moderate problem		Minor problem		Not a problem		Don't know		Total	
Animal problems (animals running at large, barking dogs)	8%	N=26	19%	N=67	44%	N=150	23%	N=78	6%	N=22	100%	N=342
Traffic problems (e.g., residential speeding, aggressive drivers)	12%	N=43	32%	N=108	38%	N=128	14%	N=48	5%	N=15	100%	N=342
School safety (e.g., bullying, fighting, or weapons)	17%	N=58	31%	N=107	24%	N=80	8%	N=27	20%	N=69	100%	N=341
Child abuse and child sexual assault	21%	N=71	33%	N=113	14%	N=48	3%	N=10	29%	N=99	100%	N=342
Domestic violence (adult)	23%	N=79	33%	N=113	14%	N=48	1%	N=3	29%	N=99	100%	N=342
Sexual assault/rape (adult)	14%	N=49	27%	N=92	20%	N=67	4%	N=14	35%	N=119	100%	N=342
Elder abuse and financial crimes against the elderly	13%	N=43	25%	N=86	21%	N=73	5%	N=16	37%	N=125	100%	N=342
Driving under the influence (i.e., alcohol or drugs)	25%	N=86	38%	N=132	19%	N=67	1%	N=2	16%	N=56	100%	N=342
Underage drinking	19%	N=65	38%	N=129	23%	N=80	2%	N=6	19%	N=63	100%	N=342
Drug abuse (e.g., manufacture, sale, or use of illegal/prescription drugs)	44%	N=151	34%	N=117	9%	N=30	1%	N=2	12%	N=42	100%	N=342

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Table 54: Question 17

Please rate each of the following aspects of child care in Allegan County:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
High quality, affordable infant care	1%	N=4	7%	N=25	18%	N=62	19%	N=65	55%	N=190	100%	N=346
High quality, affordable toddler/preschool care	2%	N=8	13%	N=45	18%	N=63	15%	N=52	52%	N=181	100%	N=348
Child care that meets my regular scheduling needs	1%	N=3	8%	N=27	16%	N=57	13%	N=46	62%	N=213	100%	N=345
Child care that meets my irregular scheduling needs (e.g., during school breaks or evenings/weekends)	1%	N=3	5%	N=18	12%	N=43	19%	N=66	63%	N=218	100%	N=347
Resources to support families with young children (prenatal-5 years old)	5%	N=18	8%	N=28	15%	N=53	18%	N=64	53%	N=184	100%	N=348

Table 55: Question 18

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:	Major source		Minor source		Not a source		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
County communications via U.S. mail	31%	N=108	44%	N=151	25%	N=87	100%	N=347
Local newspapers	33%	N=114	40%	N=139	26%	N=91	100%	N=344
County website (allegancounty.org)	43%	N=148	41%	N=141	16%	N=56	100%	N=345
County email notifications	29%	N=100	35%	N=122	36%	N=123	100%	N=345
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)	53%	N=183	27%	N=93	20%	N=70	100%	N=347
Talking with County officials or County staff, or attending public meetings	26%	N=92	44%	N=151	30%	N=103	100%	N=346
Word of mouth	37%	N=128	40%	N=138	23%	N=81	100%	N=347

Table 56: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recycle at home	12%	N=42	11%	N=40	15%	N=51	26%	N=89	36%	N=127	100%	N=350
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Allegan County	0%	N=0	6%	N=20	30%	N=103	52%	N=180	13%	N=44	100%	N=347
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	4%	N=14	25%	N=88	41%	N=142	22%	N=78	7%	N=26	100%	N=347
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=6	17%	N=58	41%	N=143	28%	N=98	12%	N=41	100%	N=348
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	5%	N=18	13%	N=44	19%	N=67	30%	N=103	33%	N=115	100%	N=347
Vote in local elections	4%	N=15	2%	N=7	4%	N=13	23%	N=79	67%	N=233	100%	N=348

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Table 57: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	11%	N=40
Very good	39%	N=136
Good	38%	N=135
Fair	9%	N=31
Poor	3%	N=11
Total	100%	N=352

Table 58: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent	Number
Very positive	11%	N=39
Somewhat positive	24%	N=84
Neutral	47%	N=165
Somewhat negative	13%	N=47
Very negative	4%	N=13
Total	100%	N=347

Table 59: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	64%	N=224
Working part time for pay	13%	N=47
Unemployed, looking for paid work	2%	N=6
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	4%	N=14
Fully retired	17%	N=61
Total	100%	N=352

Table 60: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Allegan County?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	52%	N=175
Yes, from home	6%	N=19
No	43%	N=143
Total	100%	N=336

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Table 61: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Allegan County?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	5%	N=17
2 to 5 years	11%	N=37
6 to 10 years	10%	N=34
11 to 20 years	17%	N=60
More than 20 years	57%	N=196
Total	100%	N=345

Table 62: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	83%	N=367
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	10%	N=43
Mobile home	6%	N=25
Other	2%	N=8
Total	100%	N=444

Table 63: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	18%	N=78
Owned	82%	N=358
Total	100%	N=437

Table 64: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	7%	N=22
\$300 to \$599 per month	22%	N=69
\$600 to \$999 per month	27%	N=85
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	28%	N=90
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	12%	N=36
\$2,500 or more per month	5%	N=14
Total	100%	N=316

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Table 65: Question D10

Please indicate how many people in each age range live in your household Average number of each per household	Mean	Count
Number of children age 0-5	.30	N=532
Number of children age 6-17	.54	N=532
Number of adults age 18 or older	2.10	N=532
Total persons in household	2.94	N=532

Table 66: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	75%	N=258
Yes	25%	N=87
Total	100%	N=345

Table 67: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	10%	N=34
\$25,000 to \$37,499	9%	N=29
\$37,500 to \$49,999	12%	N=42
\$50,000 to \$61,999	15%	N=51
\$62,000 to \$99,999	24%	N=80
\$100,000 to \$149,999	17%	N=57
\$150,000 or more	12%	N=41
Total	100%	N=335

Table 68: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	98%	N=337
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	2%	N=8
Total	100%	N=346

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Table 69: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	N=12
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	1%	N=4
Black or African American	1%	N=4
White	95%	N=328
Other	5%	N=16

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 70: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18-24 years	7%	N=38
25-34 years	15%	N=80
35-44 years	19%	N=99
45-54 years	16%	N=86
55-59 years	27%	N=141
60-64 years	13%	N=68
65-74 years	3%	N=18
75 years or older	0%	N=0
Total	100%	N=531

Table 71: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	51%	N=228
Male	49%	N=218
Total	100%	N=446

Table 72: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	78%	N=270
Land line	10%	N=34
Both	13%	N=44
Total	100%	N=348

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Table 73: Question D18

What is the highest grade of school or year of college that you have completed?	Percent	Number
Grade school	1%	N=2
High school degree or GED	22%	N=76
Some college/Associate's degree	31%	N=108
Bachelor's degree	24%	N=84
Post-bachelor's degree/Graduate degree	21%	N=73
Total	100%	N=343